

An Announcement To My North Country Friends

In the opening of branch offices in Cobalt, Kirkland Lake and Timmins, connected with Toronto by direct leased wire, an ambition which I have cherished for years is being realized. It seems to me like coming back home again.

Although circumstances have prevented me from spending very much time in the North during the last ten years, I shall always look back on the ten previous years I did spend there with a great deal of pleasure. They represented some of the most eventful years of my life. Friendships formed during that time have proven lasting and sincere, while the knowledge of North Country conditions I was able to obtain during that sojourn has been of very great value to me.

It is something of a far cry from the little office I opened in Timmins almost twelve years ago—with only myself as proprietor and staff—to the organization of which I have the privilege of being the head to-day. And this is not said—I believe my North Country friends will understand—with any intention of being egotistical. Quite the contrary, as a matter of fact.

The growth of our organization, I fully understand, has been due partly to the experience I was able to gain in the North, partly to a sincere desire to be of service, partly to the fact that we have been able to render a service, and finally to the splendidly capable and loyal staff I have been fortunate enough to be able to recruit. For, after all, once a business gets beyond the one-man stage, responsibilities must, of necessity, be delegated to some one else.

I believe we will be in a position, with our offices located in the three principal mining districts of the North, to render a real service to you. While I cannot promise my personal attention to your orders or your requests for information. I can assure you that "H. L. G." will be sitting at the other end of the wire, ready to adjust, in absolute fairness, any complaints which can possibly arise. Each one of our managers will be so instructed.

Service in the Timmins office will begin on Monday, January 3rd. In Kirkland Lake and in Cobalt on or about January 10th. Temporary premises will be occupied in Cobalt and Kirkland Lake until such time as new buildings which and Kirkland Lake until such time as new building which will be under construction very soon after this announcement appears, are completed.

I solicit your business on a basis, first, of the knowledge which many of you have of my business record; second on the reputation our firm has acquired for fair dealing with its clients; and finally because we can give you a service which I feel sure will compare favourably with any you have been able to secure anywhere. Each member of our organization, in Toronto as well as in the North, is anxious to serve you. I am sure they can do so satisfactorily.

Sincerely,

Homer L. Gibson

Timmins and District Notes

Mr. Walter Ecclestone left last week to spend Christmas at his home in Bracebridge.

Mr. H. E. Montgomery, town clerk and treasurer, spent Christmas at his home in Haileybury.

Municipally speaking put "Happy" in the new year for Timmins for 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wolno left last week to spend the Christmas holidays at Mrs. Wolno's home in Montreal.

Mr. W. Blais, town clerk, of Rouyn, Que., spent Christmas with friends in Timmins.

Miss Beatrice McCracken is home from Queen's University for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. A. Audet and daughter passed Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Rochefort, and other friends.

Mr. Lloyd Harris spent Christmas at Haileybury, returning to Timmins on Monday night.

Mr. L. S. Newton, now at Rouyn, is home for the Christmas holidays and is being warmly welcomed back to the old town by hosts of friends here.

The next band concert will be held in the Goldfields Theatre after the church services on Sunday evening, Jan. 16th.

Mr. C. G. Pirie, of The Advance staff, is spending the Christmas holidays at Silver Centre and Ottawa.

There was a specially good crowd at the Goldfields on Christmas Night, and the show also a specially good one.

An editorial note in The Globe on Saturday last said:—"The winner of the Timmins whiskerino contest looks like a character in grand opera."

Miss M. A. McDermott, of Sturgeon Falls, Ont., is visiting her sister, Nurse McDermott, and Mrs. D. D. Chisholm.

The Salvation Army band and carol singers visited different parts of the town on Christmas Eve, furnishing pleasing Christmas music for the occasion.

The annual dog races at Cochrane will be held on New Year's Day as usual, and will be over the same course as in past years, around Commando Lake.

A bean supper, euchre and dance, is to be held for the Ladies of the Orient, Tribesmen and Sheiks, in the I.O.O.F. hall on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Owing to the holiday season, there will be no band concert on Sunday evening next. The next band concert will be on Sunday evening, Jan. 9th, 1927, after the church services.

The March Gold Mines last week shipped its first gold bullion, the value of the shipment being understood to be around ten thousand dollars.

Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hunt—a daughter (still-born).

Merchants generally report last week as an unusually good business week, even for this time of the year. Some found it like the week-before-Christmas in years gone by when specially good business was done in the few days just before Christmas. In any event this year's Christmas week about made a new record for business and sales.

The Haileyburian last week says: "The shareholders of the Haileybury Curling Club Limited received a Christmas box this week in the form of 6% on each share of stock subscribed for. This is the first dividend to be paid by the club since the erection of the new building following the fire of 1922, and came at a particularly happy time."

Among the attractive Christmas cards received was one by Mr. J. Harry Smith, Press Representative of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is an artistically designed card, bearing a picture in colours of a locomotive under steam. The card bears the message:—"May your Christmas Run be a continuous Joy Ride, and your journey through the coming year be cheerful and prosperous."

Five residents of Cochrane, whose names have not been given out, were arrested this week and are being held for further investigation. It is said that a large quantity of goods, some supposed to be part of the merchandise stolen recently from the Cochrane store of Perkus & Co., has been recovered, and the arrests are in this connection, and the arrests are in this connection. Provincial Officers Page, of Cochrane, and Craik, of South Porcupine, made the arrests and are carrying on the investigation which is expected to be more or less sensational when it is made public.

Mrs. J. Ash announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Violet McCallum, 17 Tisdale avenue, Timmins, to Mr. Madolph Taylor, of St. Dennis, Cornwall, the wedding to take place early in the spring.

Bernard Clive, aged 23, attempted to hold up and rob Joseph Vanier, a barber, at North Bay on Monday night. Mr. Vanier put up a battle and succeeded, with the aid of some passersby, in holding Clive until the police arrived. Tuesday Clive was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

At the annual meeting of the Sudbury Board of Health recently it was ruled that in futures, garbage collectors must preserve all empty bottles, so that the town may get the benefits from the proceeds of the sale of these. Sudbury will no doubt be able to knock off two or five mills from the tax rate next year with the amount secured from the sale of "dead soldiers."

Mr. B. E. Martin, now office manager of the Spruce Falls Pulp & Paper Co., was in town for Christmas and on Tuesday left again for Kapuskasing to reside, being accompanied by Mrs. Martin and family. Mr. Martin and family have been esteemed residents of Timmins since the early days and all will regret their removal while wishing them the very best in their new home. Tuesday morning a number of the members of the local Kiwanis Club, of which Mr. Martin has been a valued member, were at the station to see them off and to wish them the best of luck.

EVENT IN HONOUR OF MISS CHARLOTTE DUFRESNE

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dufresne, where a large number of friends were received in honour of their daughter, Charlotte. Attractive music was furnished for the occasion by the Strollers' orchestra, and dancing was much enjoyed until the early morning hours. Among the guests were:—Misses A. LaSalle, A. Roberge, M. Bouchard, A. Guilbeault, B. Courtemanche, I. Millette, E. Poitras, B. Pigeau, S. Delgaudice, M. Delgaudice, Miss Poirier and Miss Brown, and Messrs L. Gratton, G. Charlebois, R. Courtemanche, R. Charlebois, E. LaSalle, G. Martin, O. Cote, J. P. Bouchard, P. Piche, L. Maltais, L. Lamothe, E. Ayotte, R. Giguere, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hammond, and many others.



TY ARBOUR
Formerly a Hamilton and Edmonton player, who is now putting up a good game at left wing for the Detroit Cougars.

COBALT MAN WINS PRIZE FOR NAMING PRODUCT

One of the most interesting campaigns ever held in Canada to select a name for a new product has just been completed by Sheet Metal Products Co., of Canada, Ltd., in Toronto. This firm invented a splendid new stovepipe which is extremely easy to put in and has three locks in each section which prevent it bulging and make it very rigid. A name was wanted for this product and a contest was held among Canadian hardware merchants. Contest ran from April 24th and ended November 30th, and the lucky winners of the prize money were:
1.—C. M. Farrow, c-o G. & A. Gardiner Ltd., Sarnia, Ont.
2.—W. R. Findlay, Travelling Salesman for Northern Canada Supply Co., Cobalt Ont.
3.—Laz. L. Brisette, c-o J. O. Paquette Hardware, 790 St. Catharine Street East, Montreal, P.Q.
4.—Walter Klink, Hardware Merchant, Elmira, Ont.
The name selected was Self Made Pipe, which also embodies the principal letters, SMP., used by this firm.

Mr C. R. Murdock left on Tuesday to take Mrs. Murdock to the Home-wood Sanitarium at Guelph for special treatment. Mrs. Murdock, who has been ill for some time, has not been improving as rapidly as desired, and it is hoped that the specialists at the Guelph sanitarium will be able to assist to more speedy recovery. All will sincerely wish Mrs. Murdock early and complete return to health and to Timmins.

To the Electors of the Town of Timmins:—

Having allowed my name to stand for Councillor for the coming year, I hereby solicit your support.

If elected, I will do my best for the interests of the Town and all the people living within its borders.

Yours Sincerely,
W. H. (Bill) PRITCHARD

To the Electors of Timmins:—

I am a candidate for the 1927 Council of the Town of Timmins, and ask your vote and support, promising if elected to give my best to further the interests of the town.

H. A. MORIN.

To the Electors of Timmins:—

Having been urged to be a candidate for the Council for 1927, I ask your vote and support. In case I am elected I will devote my time and effort to work for the best interests of the town.

Wishing all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I am,

Yours Respectfully,
ART. CARSON