

VIPOND CONSOLIDATED DECLARES FIRST DIVIDEND

Disbursement of Three per Cent. to be Made on April 15th to Shareholders.

At a meeting of the directors of the Vipond Consolidated Mines, Limited, held at Toronto on Monday, the initial dividend was declared. The dividend is for a disbursement of three per cent., payable April 15th, to shareholders of record April 1st. The books will be closed from April 1st to April 15th, both days inclusive. All who hold shares of the Vipond stock, but have not had the formal transfers registered, should see that the stock is made out in their names on the books of the company. If you hold any Vipond stock, see that it is put in your name at an early date so that there will be no question about your receiving the dividend in the usual way when it is paid. Having the proper transfer made now will save inconvenience at the time of the paying of the dividend. Now is a good time to look after the matter.

The dividend of 3 per cent. does not come as a surprise, though some expected that a 5 per cent. dividend might be paid. The directors have no doubt studied the matter carefully and have set the dividend at the figure that they consider best. Looking to the future, it is easy to see that increase can be made in the dividend if conditions warrant, while the figure now set is one that no doubt it is believed can be consistently maintained. As one writer in a Toronto paper points out the Vipond has been making good progress in the development of its property. The workings have now reached to a depth of more than 1,200 feet and ore reserves as of July 31 last were officially estimated at \$4,475,000. They have been increased since. The acquisition of the Porcupine Crown and Thompson-Krist adds to the company's potentialities. In December, 8,206 tons of ore were mined and bullion to the value of \$50,300 were shipped. The average recovery was \$0.86 per ton.

REPORT INCORRECT IN REGARD TO SALE OF CLAIMS

Mr. Digby Grimston informs The Advance that the report last week relative to the sale of claims made by him was incorrect both in effect and in details. In fact, there was no more truth to the report than the one fact that a deal had been under consideration. Mr. Grimston is certain of the value of his claims and is quite ready to hold them until a satisfactory deal is obtainable. The reports by ill-informed people as to deals that are not made are of no particular value in any way and rather tend to delay the transfer of good properties. Accordingly the ill-informed type of report should be discouraged.

KEELEY SILVER PAYS DIVIDENDS AND BONUS

A despatch from Toronto on Monday says:—
"Co-incident with the recent rise in the price of bar silver which has risen about 3 cents over the low level of last year, directors of the Keeley Silver Mines, Ltd., have declared the regular dividend of 3 per cent. and an additional 4 per cent. The dividend is payable March 15th, to shareholders of record February 28th. The books of the company will be closed from March 1 to March 15. The ore reserves of the Keeley Mines have been greatly increased and production is running at the rate of 125,000 ounces per month. The ore on the Keeley Mine is the richest of any other silver mine in Canada. The stock rose to 1.06 as compared with 1.61 at the close on Saturday."

NORTH BAY DESPATCH CEASES PUBLICATION

The North Bay Despatch, the oldest paper in North Bay, has ceased publication after being issued continuously for over 35 years. The plant has been sold by Mr. G. H. Newton, the editor and proprietor, to Mr. Melville Gibson, for fourteen years an employee of The Sudbury Star, who will continue the business simply as a job printing plant. The discontinuance of The Despatch is another evidence of the fact that modern conditions are all against the publishing of more than one newspaper to cover the one field. Merchants and the public alike no doubt find The Nugget sufficient for the field. Further newspapers simply mean added cost to the advertisers without compensating returns. If the advertisers refuse to carry this added cost, the other newspaper is naturally crowded out. The people generally are recognizing the fact that one strong newspaper gives better service than two indifferent ones. The whole modern tendency is for the strong newspaper to crowd out the weaker ones. This fact has been proved in scores of towns and small cities during the past few years.



J. BRUCE WALKER

Director of European emigration for Canada, reports that the call for 14,000 men for Canadian farms has been received very favourably in Great Britain, and efforts will be made to bring them to Canada this year.

BIG MOCCASIN DANCE AT THE RINK NEXT WEDNESDAY

Special Music by the Big Brunswick Panatrophe for the Dancing. Good Prizes for the Occasion

Announcement is made this week of a grand Moccasin Dance to be given at the Timmins Rink on Wednesday evening of next week, Feb. 9th. In the past these moccasin dances at the Timmins skating rink have been particularly enjoyable events. The one Wednesday evening next promises to be even more successful than those in the past. There will be special music for the occasion, this feature being furnished by the big new Brunswick Panatrophe, which furnishes music especially good for dancing. It may be noted by the way that the Panatrophe recently installed is very popular and much appreciated.

For the Moccasin Dance there will be some good prizes and other features will add to the evening's interest.

Dancing will commence at 9 p.m., and all attending will find the event throughout a very pleasant one.

MOUNTED POLICE BRINGS PRISONER FROM FAR NORTH

Difficult Trip Made in Weather 40 Below Part of the Two Months' Journal.

What may aptly be termed one of the epics of the Far North is told about in the following despatch received this week from Island Falls:—

One of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police staff, Office Trulove, reached Island Falls last week, bringing with him an Indian prisoner from Attawapisket some two hundred miles beyond Moose Factory. The trip throughout was made by dog team, and occupied nearly two months. The constable left from Moose Factory on December 5 to take his man and, he eventually arrived at Island Falls, taking the prisoner to Cohran on Thursday's train, where he handed him over for safe keeping. He had to keep the prisoner handcuffed to himself practically throughout the entire trip, and, at nights, when camping on the trail, with no secure place to lock the prisoner, he had to have him chained to his leg while resting for the trip the following day. The prisoner, an Indian of about fifty years, is of a wild disposition, having never been out from the North Country. While evading arrest, he fired three shots at the constable, but luckily for the constable he had taken a different trail to what the Indian expected, as he was waiting in ambush in the bush with a shot gun. The trip was made in weather about 40 below zero, but the constable braved the cold blasts and with the aid of the dogs, the only means of transportation, came through the 400 miles in fine shape. This was the first time that the prisoner had ever been out where modern transportation exists, and he was very much interested when the local train pulled into the depot at Island Falls. Constable Trulove is very popular with Indians of the far north. He took charge of the Moose Factory district last August, being the first R.C.M.P. to be stationed there. He intends returning to Moose Factory in three weeks' time.

His hosts of friends here will regret to learn that Mr. D. Loughrin, of the Hollinger office staff, is ill in hospital at Montreal. Good wishes for his early and complete recovery and return to Timmins will be many and sincere.

Timmins Curlers Make Good Showing at the Big Bonspeil

Great Interest in First Bonspeil Put On by the Northern Ontario Curling Association. Event at Haileybury This Week. Results Received This Morning.

In the big bonspeil which has been in progress at Haileybury this week, and ends tonight with a big smoker in the Hotel Haileybury, the following are the rinks drawn in the first competition, the McKellar Cup, as furnished by one of the members of a rink from Timmins attending the bonspeil at Haileybury.

Sutherland St. Thomas, vs. Caldwell, Haileybury.

Kaine, Sturgeon Falls, vs. Williams New Liskeard.

Nicholson, Chapleau, vs. Herbert, Haileybury.

Kilpatrick, Sudbury, vs. Clark, Haileybury.

Lee, North Bay, vs. Hartman, New Liskeard.

Godfrey, Chapleau, vs. Gordon, Haileybury.

Murdoch, Englehart, vs. Fairlie, Haileybury.

McCracken, Timmins, vs. Meaford, Haileybury.

Buchanan, Englehart, vs. Gould, Haileybury.

Solomon, Timmins, vs. Adair, New Liskeard.

Foley, Sudbury, vs. Binkley, New Liskeard.

McKellar, Sault Ste Marie, vs. Piekard, Haileybury.

Lang, Timmins, vs. Thompson, Haileybury.

Martin, Sudbury, vs. Smith, Haileybury.

McCamus, New Liskeard, vs. Baxter, Little Current.

Woods, New Liskeard, vs. winner McCamus-Baxter game.

Wallace, North Bay, vs. McKnight, New Liskeard.

Dowset, Sudbury, vs. Montgomery, New Liskeard.

Carmichael, Sudbury, vs. Stephenson, New Liskeard.

Snyder, North Bay, vs. Haentsehel, Haileybury.

Francis, Timmins, vs. Dunbar, Haileybury.

Paterson, Englehart, vs. Gibson, Haileybury.

Howie, Haileybury, vs. Austin, Sturgeon Falls.

Cowie, Sault Ste Marie, vs. McMillan, New Liskeard.

In the first big bonspeil of the Northern Ontario Curling Association 47 rinks are competing. Four rinks went down from Timmins for the event, skipped by Messrs I. Solomon,

A. W. Lang, F. Francis and W. McCracken. Messrs Solomon and Lang are representatives from the Timmins Club on the representative body of the newly organized Northern Ontario Curling Association.

The rinks from Timmins are:—

E. H. Hill, Geo. Cole, G. H. Gauthier, A. W. Lang, skip.

R. H. Hall, Geo. Lake, John Watt, Wm. McCracken, skip.

H. N. Jackson, J. R. Todd, W. Ecclestone, I. A. Solomon, skip.

Joe Amm, P. M. Gordon, S. A. Caldwell, R. F. Francis, skip.

The following are the results of the games played to date in the bonspeil:

Sudbury Brewing Cup

McCracken, Timmins, won from McKnight, New Liskeard.

Lang, Timmins, won from Hartman, New Liskeard.

Bronson, lost to Clark.

President's Cup

Bronson lost to McKnight, New Liskeard.

Carmichael, Sudbury, won from Lang, Timmins.

McCracken, Timmins, lost to Williams, New Liskeard.

Solomon, Timmins, lost to Clark, Haileybury.

Diamond Jubilee Cup

Solomon, Timmins, won from Gibson, Haileybury.

Bronson won from Piekard, Haileybury.

Lang, Timmins, lost to Hartman, New Liskeard.

McKellar Cup

McCracken, Timmins, won from Meagher, Haileybury.

Solomon, Timmins, won from Adair, Haileybury.

Lang, Timmins, lost to Thompson, New Liskeard.

Bronson lost to Dunbar, Haileybury.

McCracken, Timmins, won from Murdoch, Englehart.

The McKellar Cup is presented by the Sault Ste. Marie Curling Club, and is to be held by the winning rink for one year. The Timmins rink winning the cup is skipped by W. McCracken, with John Watt as vice, R. H. Hall as second and Geo. Lake as lead. In addition to the McKellar Cup for first prize there are four individual prizes consisting of 4 mahogany mantle clocks, presented by F. R. Gibson, Haileybury.

NORTH BAY LOSES ITS FIRST WOMAN RESIDENT

Mrs. Amelia Parks, the first white woman to reside at North Bay, died at her home in the city on Sunday evening, aged 87. She came to North Bay with her husband in 1882, and at one time the couple had a deed and farmed on the present site of the city of North Bay. Mr. Parks died in 1902. At the time of her death, Mrs. Parks was one of the largest property holders in North Bay. The late Mrs. Parks is survived by ten children, a number of grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Another old resident of North Bay also passed away on Friday last in the person of Mrs. S. Lauzon, who lacked only five months of reaching the century mark. She had lived nearly twenty years at North Bay. Two sons, three daughters, fifty-three grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren and twenty-one great-great-grandchildren survive.

Sudbury Cub Wolves have defaulted the balance of their home games to North Bay.

HOLLINGER STOCK MAKES NEW RECORD IN EXCHANGE

A despatch from Toronto on Wednesday this week says:—
"The Hollinger Canada's premier gold mine, came into its own yesterday as leader of a general upward revisioning of prices on the mining board. From a previous close of \$20.50 the stock advanced to a new high for all time at \$22.75, being a gain of \$2.25 on the day and \$1.75 over the previous high level established some weeks ago."

A petition is being circulated in town this week to be sent to Ottawa, asking for a new post office at Timmins. The petition is being very largely signed. Indeed, it is difficult to understand how anyone with the opportunity to sign could refuse with any thought of the advantage of the town in mind. For years past the local post office has been too small and too smelly for a town as important as Timmins. It is to be hoped that the petition will have effect and result in a proper post office for Timmins.



JHONNY SHEPPARD of Detroit Cougars, is a very clever stickhandler and uses the poke check to perfection.

TAX NOTICES FOR 1926 WILL BE OUT NEXT WEEK

Penalties for Non-Payment of Taxes. Will Total Ten Per Cent. After May 1st.

The tax notices for the 1926 taxes will be out next week. The notices this time are in improved form. The 1926 taxes are payable in two instalments. A penalty of five per cent. will be added to the first instalment if not paid on or before March 1st, and five per cent. on the second instalment after April 15th. In addition there will be a further penalty of five per cent. on all taxes unpaid by May 1st, making ten per cent. in all. The notices for public school supporters are on white paper and for separate school supporters on blue paper.

The 1926 council failed to collect any taxes for the year, so the 1926 taxes already well overdue. The additional time to March 1st for the first instalment and April 15th for the second instalment should be sufficient time to allow all to attend to their taxes. The ratepayers should make special note of the dates so as not to have the penalties added.

UNITED STATES INTERESTS ENTER KAMISKOTIA AREA

Prospecting Rush Still in Progress with the Whole Area Rapidly Being Staked Up.

The latest report in regard to the Kamiskotia copper-gold field is that United States financial and mining interests have entered the field and have secured several options representing considerable money outlays during the coming year or so.

The presence of the T. & N.O. surveyors in the district mapping out a line from Timmins to the new field has naturally had a noteworthy effect. The activity of the surveyors is taken as evidence that the T. & N.O. Railway will provide railway facilities just the minute that it is shown that the field is going to go ahead. The general opinion is that the spring will show work sufficiently advanced on several properties, especially on the claims held by the Hollinger interests, to warrant the fullest confidence in the new district. Reports coming from the area are to the effect that the diamond drill cores on the claims held by the Hollinger interests are proving rich even beyond expectations and that large bodies of high-grade copper-gold ore are indicated by the work.

The prospectors are doing their part, the whole area being gradually staked up and the work of staking being carried farther and farther afield. Godfrey and Loveland townships are coming in for particularly favourable attention, while there is also special activity in Robb township. Not only is work being carried on for copper-gold prospects, but some fine stakings for gold alone are also reported.

The Kamiskotia area has escaped the over-booming that has injured so many new camps. In the spring, however, it is believed that there will be further increase of activities and that considerable capital will be attracted to the field. There is a general feeling that this year will see great developments in Kamiskotia and that these developments will mean progress and advancement also for the town of Timmins.

A stove in the home of Mr. A. Dabons, Cobalt, exploded one day last week. The stove was completely wrecked, but little damage done otherwise. There was no one in the room at the time of the explosion. Apparently the water-jacket in the stove froze up during the night, this causing the explosion after the stove was lighted in the morning.

MR H.M. STEVEN PASSES AWAY IN TORONTO SUNDAY

Former Popular Head of Hollinger Engineering Staff Succumbs to Pneumonia

There will be the very deepest regret and sincere sorrow here at the death in Toronto on Sunday, Jan. 30th, of Mr. Hugh McGregor Steven, in his 37th year. Death was due to pneumonia. The last illness was of short duration, the late Mr. Steven being ill only a week or two.

For several years the late Hugh M. Steven was mine engineer for the Hollinger, and he was one of the most popular members of the Hollinger staff. A thorough gentleman and a perfect good fellow, in the best sense of the words, he had innumerable friends here, and his death will come as a decided shock to them.

The late Hugh M. Steven came to Timmins in 1911 and was on the Hollinger staff until after the outbreak of the war. He went overseas with the Canadian Engineers as a lieutenant in 1915 and won promotion overseas to the rank of major. In 1919 he returned to the Hollinger where he took up his duties as mine engineer holding the position until last year when he resigned to go to Toronto.

The funeral was held from the home of his parents in Toronto, burial being made at Hamilton, Ont. The funeral was private, but the large number of beautiful floral tributes testified to the regard in which the deceased was held by wide circles of friends and the deep sympathy felt with the family in their bereavement.

ROUYN ASKING TO BE INCORPORATED AS TOWN

The village of Rouyn, Quebec, is asking by private bill in the Quebec Legislature this session that the camp be given the status of a regular town. Among the provisions in the bill asking for incorporation, there are provisions requesting that there be six wards, unless additional land is annexed, and power to annex neighboring land with the consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. It is asked that the municipality may grant to any industry or commerce wishing to establish there a commutation of taxes for a period of five years, but such commutation shall not be lower than 25 per cent. of the real value and furthermore the ratepayers must approve of the by-laws granting the commutation.

DEATH OF MR. J. VALIQUETTE ON SUNDAY MORNING

Unnumbered friends in the town and district will regret to know of the death of Mr. Joseph Valiquette, the sad event taking place at the hospital here on Sunday morning, Jan. 30th. The late Mr. Valiquette was for a great many years an esteemed resident of Timmins. He was one of the prospectors of the district and was also interested in the general development of the country, having many interests in the town and district. At the time of death, he was 50 years of age. He was unmarried. He was born near Buckingham, Que., and the remains were shipped to Buckingham Junction for burial at his old home. Death was due to typhoid fever. The funeral here was largely attended and there were many beautiful floral tributes. The late Mr. Valiquette was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Timmins members turned out in a body to pay their last respects to him.

VICTORIAN ORDER DOING GOOD WORK IN TIMMINS

Reports for Months of November and December Show Steady Progress in the Usefulness of the Work Here

On Monday evening the regular monthly meeting of the Timmins Victorian Order of Nurses committee was held in the Empire Hotel Grill Room, with the president, Mr. P. Dougall in the chair.

Miss Elliott, the V.O.N. nurse here presented her report for the month of December, and also her annual report for the work done in 1926. This covered only two months, the nurse coming here in November, but the report showed steady progress and indicated the great usefulness of the work, and the benefit to the town. Miss Elliott's office is in the town hall, upstairs and calls may be left for her at Phone 121.

Plans for a campaign for further funds to carry on the work were discussed, but definite action in this line was deferred until next meeting, the third Monday in February. One of the proposals favoured was a Tag Day, the whole town to be thoroughly covered.

The next regular meeting of the town council is scheduled for Monday afternoon, Feb. 14th, at 4 p.m.



THE HESITATION WALTZ —Doyle in the Philadelphia Record.