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## Dr. Harrison President of Canadian Legion Post Here

Other Officers Elected. The Canadian Legion's First Meeting in Timmins. An Unqualified Success. "Full House" at the Town Hall. Interesting Addresses by Messrs G. S. Drew, Geo. Cole, T. Fellows, and Austin Neame and Others.

A splendid gathering of Ex-Service men and returned veterans assembled at the town hall, Timmins, on Sunday afternoon, February 13th, the occasion being the first meeting in Timmins of the newly-formed local Post of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League. The specific reasons for this meeting were for the purpose of explaining the aims and objects of the Canadian Legion, to enroll new members, and to elect officers for the year. The town hall was well filled at the opening of the meeting, considerably over one hundred being present. Mr. Austin Neame occupied the chair, and without loss of time commenced the meeting, all present standing in silence for a few moments in memory of our fallen comrades.

A letter from Mr. E. L. Longmore, the Mayor of Timmins, was read, and, while regretting that a previous engagement prevented his attending in person, he had asked Mr. George Drew, as the senior councillor, to represent the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of Timmins. Mr. Longmore also expressed his sincere good wishes for the welfare of the Ex-Service men, more especially of those in this town and neighbourhood, and hoped that the meeting would be a successful one. As one of the audience was heard to express it, there can be no doubt that the letter of the Mayor was a "Happy" augury for the future of the Legion and of this local branch in particular. It may be here remarked that there was an occupant of the lower regions of the town hall, whose interruptions were sometimes amusing.

Mr. Austin Neame then asked Mr. George Drew to address the meeting. Upon rising, Mr. Drew was accorded a splendid ovation, a well-merited tribute to his good work for the Town of Timmins and his personal popularity, especially with the returned men. Even the before-mentioned occupant of the lower regions recognized the voice of Mr. Drew, and joined in with "atta boy, George!" Mr. Drew gave a brief outline of the history of the local branch of the G.W.V.A., now defunct, of which he was a member, and assured the gathering that the sympathy and good wishes of the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Timmins were all for the Ex-Service men of this Town, and prophesied, in view of such a large and undoubtedly enthusiastic meeting, that at last we should be successful in forming a strong and lasting branch of the Canadian Legion here in this Camp.

Mr. Geo. E. Cole, the executive member and representative of the Canadian Legion for Northern Ontario, in an able manner, outlined the benefits to be derived from the Legion, gave a very interesting account of the previous Legion Conference at Winnipeg, and instanced cases where the Legion had successfully dealt with pension cases. Mr. Cole voiced his regret at being absent from the inauguration meeting at Schumacher and promised he would do his best to firmly establish the newly formed Post. He was delighted and pleasantly surprised to find such a large and representative gathering of Ex-Service men and in his opinion it gave every evidence that the Branch would be a very strong and virile one indeed. Mr. Cole impressed all by his well-reasoned speech and his undoubted experience and knowledge of the constitution of the Legion will be a great help to this Post.

Mr. T. Fellows, speaking for Mr. G. A. Macdonald, the Editor of the Porcupine Advance, who was unable to be present, said that the Legion could always rely on the support and sympathetic understanding of The Advance to all ex-Service men of this

town and neighbourhood, as indeed it was the duty of the public press to support all clubs and associations that work for the good of the community, as they believed and hoped the Legion would.

With the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of Timmins in sympathy with our aims and objects, with the help of the press and of the "powers that be" in this community behind us, we should lose no time in going ahead to make this a really strong and efficient Post of the Canadian Legion.

Mr. Austin Neame who has worked so hard and well to start the Legion in this district, and who was very evidently gratified and pleased to see such a large and truly representative gathering of Ex-Service men present to reward his efforts, gave an interesting and inspiring address, his very evident rhetorical ability and delivery commanding respect and keen attention.

The election of officers for 1927 was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

- President—Dr Harrison
- 1st Vice-President—H. C. Garner
- 2nd Vice-Pres.—Austin E. Neame
- Treasurer—John Callum
- Secretary—G. G. Cameron
- Executive—T. Fellows, J. Jenkyn, J. A. McDonald, H. Miller, H. Stroud.

The president-elect, Dr. Harrison, who upon taking over the chair, was greeted with long and continued applause, expressed his gratitude and pleasure at the honour accorded him, and hoped that he would receive the support and help so necessary in this, the first year of the Branch.

A very large proportion indeed of those present filled in the membership forms, and paid their fees, which together with the previous admission, will undoubtedly make this one of the strongest, if not the strongest branch of the Legion in Ontario in proportion to the population. It is very evident that soon the local Legion numbers will be in the hundreds, there now being very nearly one hundred applications in or promised at the time of writing.

The next meeting of this Post will be held at the McIntyre Recreation hall, Schumacher, on Sunday, February 27th, at 2.30 p.m. All members and Ex-Service men are earnestly invited to attend.

A most successful and enjoyable meeting closed in the usual way with the singing of "God Save the King." —T.F.



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### TALK AGAIN THAT C.P.R. MAY BUILD TO ROUYN

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a reference to the improved railway service to Rouyn. Through a change in the T.&N.O. time table the Rouyn branch has been much advantaged. In the past week or two several have mentioned the improved service. But all are not satisfied in the matter. There is talk of the C.P.R. building to Rouyn,—or rather a revival of this talk—and the report is being joyously acclaimed by many as a great thing for Rouyn. One correspondent writes as follows:—

"A factor of very great concern to transportation for the Rouyn mining field is taking shape. The first intimation of this came with the appearance in Rouyn of a crew of men employed in making a further survey of a possible route over which to extend the C.P.R. from Anglier to Rouyn. The distance is only 50 miles, and it would give to Rouyn a direct outlet to the south in the shortest possible route to the larger centres of population.

It has long since been recognized that the natural outlet of this northern mining field is either south or west. Despite this, the only railway so far provided is a branch of the C.N.R. which runs straight north for nearly 50 miles. The travellers to the district, as well as freight, has to be taken around three sides of a square to reach its destination. The round-about course actually adds a good one full day to the time required to reach Rouyn.

"Should the C.P.R. actually decide to extend from Anglier to Rouyn it would mean that travellers could leave Montreal or Toronto in the evening and arrive at Rouyn shortly after noon on the following day.

"The belief is widespread that such a branch would eliminate the present C.N.R. branch to a large extent in general transportation to and from Rouyn. It represents a situation which has been invited by those who sponsored and arranged the peculiar circumstances under which the Mackenzie King Government and C.N.R. representatives secured Canadian Government guarantees for building a line which obviously is not conducive to maximum progress, but remains to be paid for by the people of Canada."

### CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH NEAR COCHRANE

Mother Drawing Water from Spring Nearby When She Noticed House Was Afire. Attempts to Rescue Children Fail

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a brief reference to a tragedy at Hunt last week when two children were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the home of a settler at Hunt, near Cochrane. This week more details of the tragedy are available. One correspondent at Cochrane writes:—

Two children lost their lives as the result of a fire which broke out about one o'clock on Thursday afternoon in a farmhouse near Hunt, 12 miles west of Cochrane, on the National Transcontinental Railway.

The victims of the fire, Helen and Gordon Canning, aged two years and six months, respectively, were left in bed while their mother was away from the house for a few minutes to fill a pail of water from a stream which flows within a hundred yards of the Canning doorstep. It is thought that either the little girl got out of bed and commenced playing with the stove or the stovepipes became overheated and set fire to the surrounding walls.

Glancing up from the stream where she was lifting the water, Mrs. Canning saw smoke issuing from the doorway, and a moment later the whole structure was aflame.

Remembering her children, she made a frantic endeavor to enter the doorway but was driven back by a rush of smoke and flames. Almost simultaneously, a glimpse of the tragedy was caught by neighbors across the road, and a man named Welsh arrived on the scene. He attempted to enter the house on his hands and knees and rescue the burning children. He got as far as the body of little Helen, where she had fallen and was lying unconscious half way to the door. Her body was covered with burns, and she died three hours later. The baby Gordon perished where he lay in his bed.

The Canning family came to the North Land three years ago from Buckingham, Quebec. In addition to

children and home, they lost their entire belongings in the fire. Mr. Canning was absent cutting wood in the bush when the tragedy occurred.

### DEATH OF MRS. A. ROBERTSON OF SESKINIKA, LAST WEEK

Mrs. Grace Robertson, wife of A. R. Robertson, of the Bennett Mines, Sesekinika, passed away at the Kirkland Lake Hospital, Saturday, February 5, at the age of 22 years. Mrs. Robertson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watts, Dane, Ontario, where she had been a resident for seven years, and was highly respected by all. Mrs. Robertson is survived by her husband, Mr. A. R. Robertson, two children, Grace, aged three and an infant, born January 27, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Watts, two sisters, Mabel, of Montreal and Bertha, at home, and two brothers, Jack at Monteith and Frank at home. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on February 7 from the

Kirkland Lake United church to the Kirkland cemetery, Rev. J. F. Anderson officiating, assisted by Mr. A. A. Vincent. The pallbearers were as follows: C. Sorenson, V. Swan, P. Tagliamonte, R. E. McFarlane, A. Rooney, E. W. Bryson and A. A. Vincent.

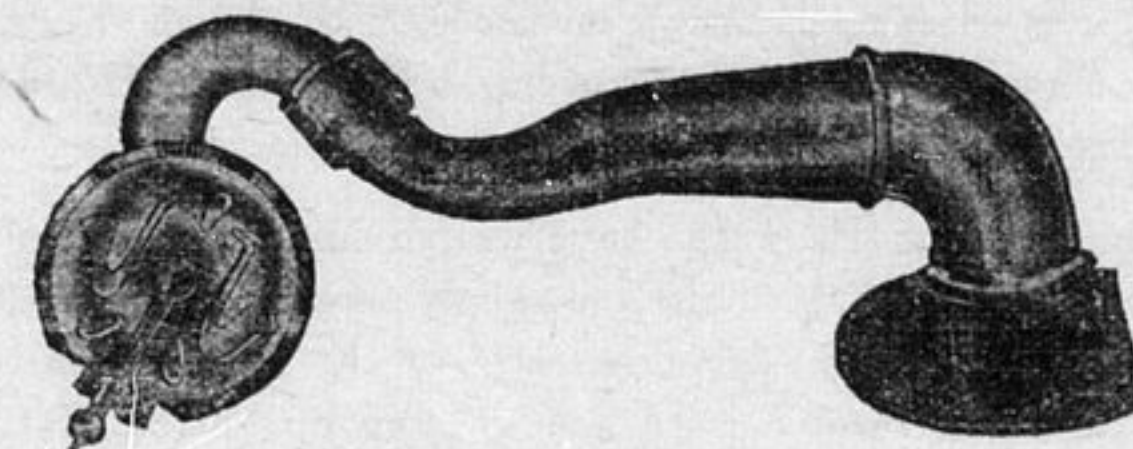
The Pas (Manitoba) Herald tells about a coloured gentleman whose doctor said to him:—"Yes, Sam you have quite a bad cough, but it will go away soon." And Sam replied:—"Ah knows that, Doc., but what worries me is will Ah go with it."

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