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EXPECT TO START JUNE 1 ON EXTENSION TO ROUYN

Tenders Called for Now. Hoped to Have Work Completed by December 1st.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Advance will be found an advertisement calling for tenders for the railway branch that will link the T. & N. O. with the Rouyn camp. At Toronto last week the Premier, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, announced that it was expected that the work will be well in progress by June 1 and that the extension will be completed and ready for operation by December 1. The government is prepared to spend \$1,000,000 on the enterprise. The extension will be built from the Swastika branch of the Nipissing Central line. Twenty-seven miles of right-of-way in the Province of Quebec are involved. Very satisfactory arrangements with Quebec for the purchase of this land by Ontario have only recently been reached.

"The governments of both provinces," said Premier Ferguson, "realize the advantage, not only to the respective provinces, but to the Dominion as a whole, of linking together the vast valuable mineral area which stretches across the Northern section of Ontario and Quebec. It was hoped, he said, to impress the financial world with the opportunities of investment.

Mr. Ferguson intimated that sufficient steel for the extension was now on the ground, and that ties, too were available in large quantities. One of the main questions that had to be dealt with was that of food supplies for both men and horses.

At North Bay last week, Mr. Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Commission, is quoted as saying that even if the complete construction was not completed by December 1st, the railway would be running into Rouyn in any event next winter. All the steel, track, cars, dynamite and other supplies are already at the scene of operations, having been taken there before the difficulties arose with the Province of Quebec in the matter. The line from Taschereau into the Rouyn camp, it is said will enable the T. & N. O. to make greater speed on building the road for supplies can be taken in over it and contractors will be able to work from both ends.

SIX SOFTBALL TEAMS TO BE IN THIS YEAR'S LEAGUE

Officers Elected for Timmins Softball League, and Season Starting with Interest and Much Enthusiasm.

The annual meeting of the Timmins Softball Association was held on Friday evening, April 22nd. Last year's operations were reviewed, and the financial statement for 1926 was presented and adopted.

The following officers were elected for 1927. Hon. Presidents:—Mayor E. L. Longmore, Messrs. A. F. Brigham, R. J. Ennis, John Knox, A. F. Kenning, M.L.A., Robt. Dye, C. G. Williams, A. Borland, Sr., H. J. Marshall, S. Bucovetsky, A. A. McIlhargey, Rev. Fr. Theriault and Rev. J. D. Parks. President—W. G. Smith. 1st Vice-President—S. C. Platus. 2nd Vice-President—J. D. Brady. Secretary—J. R. Walker. Treasurer—J. M. Belanger. Last year's president occupied the chair for the opening of the meeting, Mr. A. W. Pickering acting as secretary. Immediately after the election of officers, Mr. McIlhargey called on the new president, Mr. W. G. Smith, to conduct the rest of the business of the meeting.

New by-laws are to be drawn up and presented to the next meeting of the executive committee.

The following six teams are to comprise the Timmins Softball Association for this year:—Hollinger Recreation Club, A. S. D., K. of C., Arrow Amateur Athletic Association, Taxis, and Bankers.

Some discussion took place regarding players' certificates and the limitation of team membership. This year players do not have to be members of any club they sign up with.

The Timmins Softball Association had a very successful year last season, and with an early start made this year and the fact that the interest in Softball is growing every year should make this better still.

Schedules will be drawn up later, when the season opens and will be published in The Advance.

Mr. J. A. Walsh returned last week from Toronto where he attended the sessions of the Ontario Educational Association convention as a representative of the Timmins Separate School Board.

MEMBER ASKED TO URGE APPOINTMENT GAME WARDEN

At a meeting of the Conservative Association executive last week a resolution was passed asking the local member, Mr. A. F. Kenning, to urge upon the Government the necessity for the appointment of a game warden for this Porcupine district. Comment was made on the desirability of the conservation of fish and game, and the good work along lines like this being done by the Porcupine Rod & Gun Club. Without a game warden, however, the work of the Rod & Gun Club would be greatly handicapped. A game warden was generally recognized as an essential for this district. The present game warden for this territory lives in Cochrane but has such an area to look after that he has no chance to do the work. The Porcupine alone should have a game warden. The matter of a bird sanctuary here was also referred to by Mr. Raiche and others.

Another matter dealt with was the question of fire insurance rates. On the suggestion of Mr. A. C. White, Mr. Kenning is to take up the question with the Fire Marshal's Department to see if anything can be done to decrease fire insurance rates in this North Land, or to discover if any plans to this end may be worked out.

This is Canadian Forest Week, requested to be observed throughout the Dominion as a time when special thought and attention is given to the problem of forest conservation.



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Adjutant Crowe is preparing for the annual Self-Denial Fund collection to secure the finances necessary to carry on the good work of the Army. Everyone knows the beneficial effect of the Army's endeavours and there should be very general and generous response to the annual appeal.

In a letter sent out under the heading, "Help Life's Wounded," Adjutant Crowe put the case for the Self-Denial Fund. "Again you will have an opportunity of showing your practical sympathy and interest for the weak and suffering by contributing to the Annual Self-Denial Fund," he says. "The many agencies at work can only be maintained by a continual giving on our part. No one wants to see such a Christ-like work discontinued for want of funds; such is possible for want of the necessary. A donation to the Army is an investment in a practical effort to make the world better. Kindly make yours as large as possible, because it will help us continue our world-wide operations."

MARCH GOLD SHAREHOLDERS ENDORSE PLAN TO GO AHEAD

At the recent general meeting of the shareholders of the March Gold Mines it was decided to back up the suggestion of the directors that sufficient money be secured to continue the sinking of the shaft. Efforts to raise the necessary finances will accordingly be made at once. The March Mines company is financed by a group in Buffalo, most of them in the municipal service there and several of them on the Buffalo police force. The property accordingly has been humorously referred to as the policeman's mine. The property is in Deloro township. A mill was installed upon the property last year, but development was found to be behind the mill stage and the mill was closed down to permit of undivided attention to development. Some time ago it was necessary to discontinue the development work on account of finances. The directors believe they have a mine all right, and that further development will prove this fully. Hence, their desire to proceed with the work on the property to prove it up.

FURTHER HONOURS WON BY "NORTHWOODS RONA"

In recent issues of The Advance reference has been made to the high standing of "Northwoods Rona," at the big dog shows in important cities in the South. This beautiful Crocker Spaniel, owned by Mr. John Massie, Timmins, has been sweeping the boards at all the shows attended, winging the full number of points possible at each. She is now well on the way to a championship, one of the rare honours in dogdom. At Buffalo last week, "Northwoods Rona" won "winners and best opposite sex"—an honour rarely achieved in such an important dog show. The judges have commented in enthusiastic terms on "Northwoods Rona," and this beautiful lady is bringing honour right along to herself, her owner and to her native town of Timmins.

BOY DIES FOLLOWING ACCIDENT ON RAILWAY

The death occurred on Thursday night of Morris Quinlan, of Powassan, the young lad whose right leg was slit open from the middle of the thigh to the knee cap early Tuesday morning in jumping off the C.N.R. passenger train before it came to a stop at the North Bay depot. He was apparently badly shocked and did not seem to rally despite a transfusion of blood noon Wednesday.

The remains were conveyed to Powassan Thursday where the funeral took place at 9 o'clock Saturday morning from the residence of his parents. Interment was made in the Roman Catholic cemetery of that place. The deceased was the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Quinlan of Powassan. He lived during the most of his life in Powassan where he was attending school. Besides his parents, he is survived by several brothers and sisters.

Looking out of a window last week and seeing the snow coming down, a local man sighed and said:—"Well, well! Christmas will soon be here again!"

REMEMBER MEMBERSHIP IN TIMMINS GOLF CLUB

All membership dues for the Timmins Golf Club for 1927 must be in by the end of this week. Members having lockers in previous years, and those wishing lockers this year, should include the locker rental of two dollars with their membership cheque of \$35.00 for men, or \$12.50 for ladies.

COBALT KIWANIS STAGE SUCCESSFUL MUSICAL PLAY.

Under the direction of Mrs. Rosalind Barrett a very successful musical play was presented last week at Cobalt by amateurs of the Silver Town under the auspices of the Cobalt Kiwanis Club. "The Merry Widowers," as the event was named, proved most enjoyable and was presented in very attractive way. The Barrett Baby Duo proved a specially popular feature. The event was in the nature of a farewell performance for Mrs. Barrett, the family moving to the south. Mrs. Barrett was presented with a handsome bouquet of roses.

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