

## Disastrous Fire at South Porcupine, Saturday Night

Well-Equipped Garage of G. W. Rayner, at South End, Destroyed by Fire. Mr. Rayner a Heavy Loser. Firemen Did Excellent Work. Adjoining Places Saved.

South Porcupine, Ont., June 21st. Special to The Advance.

A disastrous fire visited South Porcupine on Saturday, June 18th, when the well-equipped garage of G. W. Rayner, on Bruce avenue, quickly went up in smoke. The alarm was sounded at two minutes to twelve but in spite of an amazingly quick response by the firemen long before one o'clock the building and contents were a mass of smouldering ruins. Mr. Rayner, in company with H. Gallinger, of Golden City, had been at the garage as late as twenty minutes to twelve and there was then no signs of anything wrong. He had just reached his home and was standing on the verandah talking to Mrs. Rayner when the alarm was sounded. The fire was discovered and the alarm given by Messrs Cecil Storm, (employee of the garage) and Allan Sheppard. Night Policeman Brooks was also quickly on the scene and so was Chief McInnis. The gathering crowd had to be kept well back owing to the danger of gasoline explosions. The fire evidently started in the new addition at the back as flames seemed to be bursting from there almost as soon as the alarm was in. The origin of the fire is a mystery but owing to the rapidity with which it spread it is surmised that there must have been some kind of an explosion. Mr. Rayner's loss will be very heavy as the insurance carried is not by any means adequate to replace the building, let alone the expensive pumps and other up-to-date apparatus with which it was equipped. The two

large gas tanks at the front are little injured, one being practically intact, the other having the glass portion at the top broken by the heat. These tanks contained 500 gallons of gasoline at the time, so the seriousness of the results can be imagined had the fire by any means reached them. Luckily Mr. Rayner's new Hudson was pluckily taken out by Allan Sheppard, though the flames were then almost enveloping it. Another of Mr. Rayner's own cars, a Ford, was burned. It being Saturday night, all the cars which had been in the garage for repair had been taken out by their owners for Sunday. The office addition was badly scorched but the books are saved. The residence of the late Bert Strain was also rather scorched, but it was also saved by the firemen. Luckily there was not much wind so that the difficult task of controlling the fire was not made harder. The whole community sympathize with Mr. Rayner in this loss just at the beginning of the season. As soon as pumps can be adjusted he will continue to sell oil and gas to the public while cleaning up the debris left by the fire and getting things into some kind of shape again.

### PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF SCOTTISH FOOTBALL TEAM

Mayor to Welcome Visitors at the Band Stand. Team Will be Brought from Porcupis Junction by Motors.

The programme for the entertainment of the touring Scottish Football team has been laid out and subject to possible slight variation will be as follows:—

The Scottish Football team will be met at Porcupis Junction and brought to Timmins by motor cars. A number of motor cars have volunteered for this service. They will arrive at Timmins about 4 p.m., and will be officially welcomed here by Mayor E. L. Longmore. It is expected that the Timmins Citizens' Band will be in attendance for the reception.

The football match commences at 6 p.m. on July 1st. The Timmins Citizens' Band will be in attendance at the game.

For the evening the Scottish team will be the guests of the Canadian Legion at their National Costume dance in the McIntyre hall, Schumacher.

On Saturday morning it is intended to take the visitors on a trip through the mines, arrangements being now under way with the idea of having some of them see the Hollinger and some the McIntyre.

Saturday afternoon golf matches have been arranged by the Timmins Golf Club for the golfers with the visitors.

On Saturday evening it is planned to have a Community Dance on the pavement, with this feature under the joint auspices of the Football Club and the Timmins Citizens' Band, an orchestra from the latter to furnish the music for the occasion. For this event tags will be sold.

The Scottish Football team will leave here on Sunday, July 3rd, on the noon train for the south.

The Sudbury Star aptly sums up the situation in these words:—"Liquor stores are pretty well distributed in the centres of population, but considerable suffering is reported in the outlying districts."

### S. A. MUSICAL EVENT AT ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Programme on Saturday Event an Excellent One and Much Enjoyed. Interesting and Original Numbers.

The Timmins Salvation Army held its anniversary services during the week-end, and a special feature of the birthday observance was the musical programme given in the Army hall on Saturday evening. This programme was one of the highest musical interest and excellence and roused very general appreciation from all in attendance. G. A. Macdonald presided for the occasion, and after some stories and humour, referred in high praise to the good work, social, moral and religious, accomplished by the Salvation Army in over 80 countries of the world and in over 50 different languages. He expressed the general regret at the expected departure of Adjutant and Mrs. Crowe and Lieut. Patterson who have done such fine work in Timmins and earned the esteem and regard of all by their splendid citizenship and high character.

Almost any item on the programme was worth several times the small admission fee charged for the event. Every number on the programme was specially appreciated on merit and the whole evening was a delightful one for all who enjoy good music.

Specially attractive were the instrumental trios by Mr. J. Newman, Lieut. Patterson and Mr. W. H. Kearney. Mr. Kearney played the piano in his usual talented way; Lieut. Patterson furnished excellent cornet music; and Mr. Newman alternated on the 'cello and the Japanese fiddle. The combination made a very attractive one, and the several selections by the two found much deserved favour. Mr. Newman in solo work on the 'cello and on the Japanese fiddle (a one-stringed instrument from which he brought very fine music) also made a decided hit. A pleasing recitation well given by Mr. Newman was also a very popular number.

The Army was equally fortunate in the vocal soloists for the evening. Miss Mills delighted all with her fine voice and her sympathetic presentation of pleasing solos. She won very enthusiastic applause. Miss Rosina Mair was equally popular, her sweet voice and gifted presentation of several numbers pleasing all. In "Smilin' Through" she won especial applause. Mr. W. Trollope won very insistent encore by his sympathetic interpretation of the solo, "Hymns of the Old Choir." He was equally well received and encored on his second appearance on the programme.

Violin solos by Sam Katz and Willie Shub, pupils of Mr. Birrell Bell, won very hearty applause and approval, and showed decided talent on the part of these young violinists.

Reference was made during the evening to the fact that the vocalists were from Schumacher and the instrumental artists from Timmins. A variation from this, however, showed striking talent produced by South

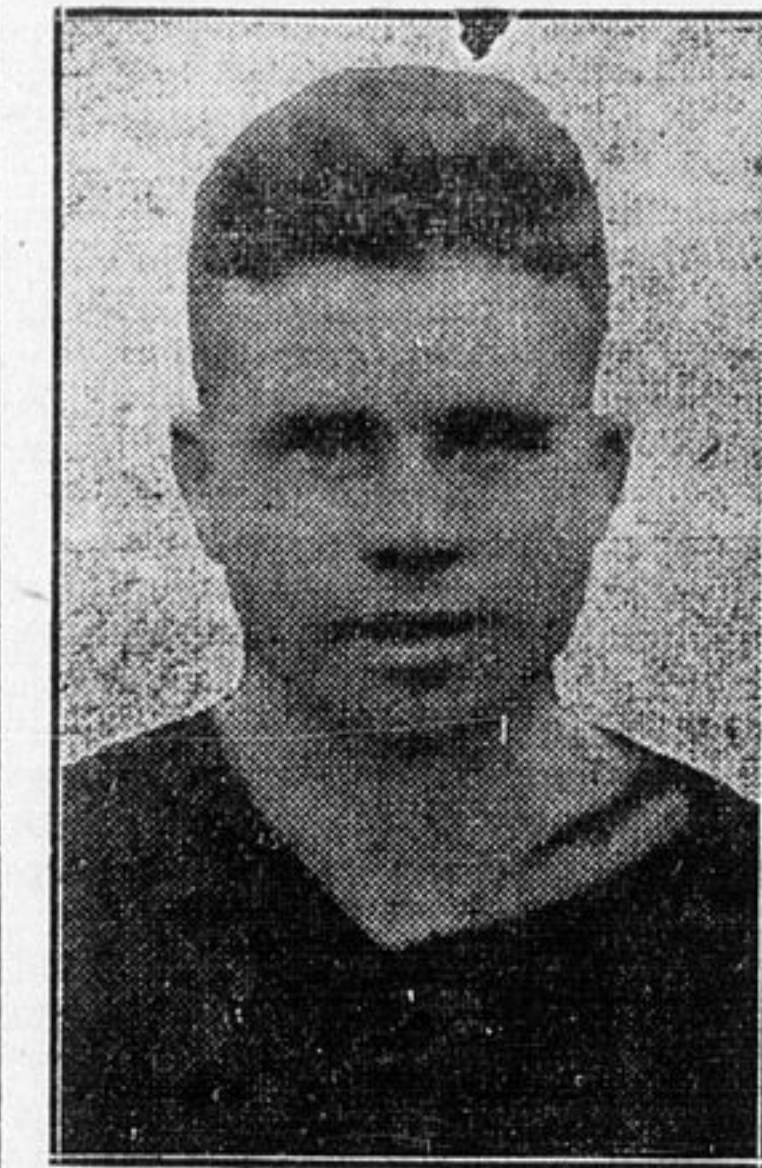
Porcupine. It is not too much to say that the gifted piano duet by Misses Valarie Rapsey and Bessie Mansfield, of South Porcupine, was one of the outstanding numbers on the programme. This skilfully presented number was very warmly applauded. Valuable assistance to the success of the vocal numbers was given by Mr. Geo. Hale, and Mr. W. H. Kearney as piano accompanists. For the two young violinists, Mr. J. McFadden played the piano accompaniments in very talented way.

Adjutant Crowe took occasion before the singing of "God Save the King," to thank the capable artists who had so generously contributed to the excellent programme.

### ANSONVILLE LITERARY SOCIETY NETS ABOUT \$200

Mr. R. LeHeup, superintendent of the district Children's Aid, was in Ansonville last week, acting as chairman at a very pleasing and well-conducted concert given by the Ansonville Good Times Literary Society. The event was a very cleverly arranged event and conducted with rare skill. About \$200.00 will be added to the funds of the district C. A. S. by this happy event, for which all concerned deserve the very highest of credit.

### SCOTTISH FOOTBALL TEAM TO VISIT TIMMINS



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