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ACTIVITY EXPECTED IN WHITESIDES TOWNSHIP

Radiore Survey to be Made by Federated Mines on Union Mine and Warren Claims

A new company has just been incorporated under a Dominion charter with a capitalization of \$10,000,000, and to be known as the Federated Mines, Limited. The purpose of the organization is to consolidate several properties among which will be the old Union Mining Corporation property in Whitesides township, and also the Warren claims in the same area. The new company is at present mapping out an extended programme of exploration and development work and it is to be expected that it will mean noteworthy mining activity in the Whitesides district. Among the plans it is understood that a "Radiore" survey is contemplated in the spring.

As noted in a recent issue of The Advance, considerable work was done on the Union Mining Corporation property with some encouraging results. The cost of doing work years ago was about prohibitive because of the expense entailed in building roads and for similar expenses that will not be necessary now. The Warren claims are also understood to be very promising, and prospects appear good for a renewal of work in Whitesides. According to reports the situation is further much improved by the fact that excellent copper showings have been uncovered on the Union Mining property.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT TRINITY UNITED CHURCH.

Announcement is made this week of a Christmas concert to be given in the Trinity United Church, Schumacher, on Thursday evening of next week, Dec. 15th, commencing at 8 p.m. There will be a programme of special interest and excellence, including the cantata, "The Nativity of Christ." All will find this Christmas concert a particularly pleasing one.

The pipe organ in St. Paul's church, Haileybury, installed in 1924, is now entirely free from debt, thanks to a generous donation of \$200.00 given recently by one who desires to remain anonymous. Mrs. S. Atkinson, of Haileybury, who has been the organist at the St. Paul's church for years, has taken a special interest in the fund for the organ, and to her efforts is credited the success reached.

COMING GAMES IN THE LADIES' BOWLING LEAGUE

Special interest is being evidenced in the Ladies' Bowling League, the first game of which was played on Thursday evening of last week. The following are the balance of the games for the first half of the schedule:—

Dec. 8—N.B.B.O. vs. Ramblers, and Pioneers vs. Kiwanees, at 7 p.m. Moose vs. A.S.D., and T.B.C. vs. Ladies' Aid, at 9 p.m.

Dec. 15—Moose vs. Ramblers, and Pioneers vs. Ladies' Aid, at 7 p.m. N.B.B.O. vs. A.S.D., and Kiwanees vs. T.B.C., at 9 p.m.

Jan. 5—N.B.B.O. vs. Kiwanees, and A.S.D. vs. Ladies' Aid, at 7 p.m. T.B.C. vs. Moose, and Ramblers vs. Pioneers, at 9 p.m.

Jan. 12—N.B.B.O. vs. T.B.C., and Ramblers vs. Kiwanees, at 7 p.m. Moose vs. Ladies' Aid, and A.S.D. vs. T.B.C., at 9 p.m.

Jan. 19—Kiwanees vs. Moose, and N.B.B.O. vs. Ladies' Aid, at 7 p.m. A.S.D. vs. Pioneers, and Ramblers vs. T.B.C., at 9 p.m.

Jan. 26—T.B.C. vs. N.B.B.O., and Ramblers vs. Ladies' Aid, at 7 p.m. Moose vs. Pioneers, and A.S.D. vs. Kiwanees, at 9 p.m.

SAYS OFFER MADE TO BUY TEMISKAMING PHONE CO.

Last week The Advance made reference to the reports relative to the Bell Telephone Co. entering this North Land. The reference was chiefly to reports that negotiations were under way for the purchase by the Bell Co. of the Porcupine Power & Telephone Co.'s telephone business here. In connection with the rumours and reports, The Haileyburian last week says:—

"Information from a reliable source this week is to the effect that an offer was received by the Temiskaming Telephone Company Limited, with head office at New Liskeard, from the Bell Telephone Company for the purchase of the entire plant and business of the former concern. Representatives of the Bell Company were in the district looking over the situation before the offer was made. The opportunity of a disposal of their plant and equipment was quite definitely turned down by the Temiskaming Telephone Co. They will continue in the business for the present. The amount of the offer was not made public, but it is understood that it was far in excess of the assessed value of the property at the various points in the North Country where the company is doing business."

You can't stop people from thinking—but can you start them.

Claims Misunderstanding of the Provincial Land Tax

New Liskeard Speaker Explains Some of the Provisions of the Act Not Generally Known. Designed to Prevent Abuse of the Law. Settlers are Well Protected.

In view of the proceedings at the Mountjoy Conservative Association meeting, as reported in The Advance last week, the following from the last issue of The New Liskeard Speaker will certainly be of interest. If The Speaker is correct, then practically all the Mountjoy township people will be exempt from the Provincial Land tax. In such an event, their interview with Mr. A. F. Kenning will make this plain. However, it may be noted that an effort has been made to have bona fide settlers in Mountjoy pay this Provincial Land tax. At least one man has actually paid the tax, though the understanding of The Speaker of the provisions of the legislation would place him as exempt. Practically all holding land in Mountjoy are bona fide settlers in the fullest sense of the term. If The Speaker has the case as accurately as The Speaker usually presents its facts, then everybody will be contented. The Speaker seldom speaks without a thorough knowledge of its subject and seldom indeed does it make any statement without being as sure as it is possible to be of the correctness of its contentions.

In its reference to the matter, The Speaker says:—
"It appears that some of the people who reside in the unorganized townships believe that the above named act was passed in the hope that it might induce them to organize their townships. A better understanding of the act would convince them that they are wrong in the conclusions they have arrived at."

"However, we have to say that we have for many years favoured organization where there was a sufficient population, for the reason that organized townships have advantages which more than overcome any extra taxes which may have to be paid, that is, if the electors elect the right kind of council boards."

"The chief advantage the people of the organized townships have is in getting an equal share of Government money as under the Colonization Roads Act. Under this Act in organized townships every road obtains a share of money to be expended thereon, if the Council is willing. It would be hard to make provision for assisting each road in the unorganized township."

"The Ontario Government has increased the grants to Northern Ontario steadily until now they are voting five million dollars every year for roads, bridges and other public works in this part of the Province. The amount seems to be steadily increasing and it was felt for some years that there are many properties in Northern Ontario that should pay some taxes so that the Province will be getting at least part of the expenditure. It has been found that many large industries such as pulp mills have been escaping taxation altogether. In addition to this many large summer resort properties, which are owned purely for pleasure, have not been making any contribution to the public expense. There are also some corporations and persons who secured large blocks of land years ago, and which they are holding for speculative purposes, and these have also been escaping taxation. In order to meet these cases the Provincial Land Tax Act has been passed which provides for the payment of a small tax to the Province on properties in unorganized townships. The tax does not apply to any properties situated in an organized township, as in such cases the properties are already paying taxes to the municipality. A further provision is that where the property is situated in a school section where there is no organized township but taxes are actually being paid to the school section, the Provincial Land Tax is cut in half."

"An important provision in the Act gives authority for exempting a bona fide settler who is actually living on and working his lands. This means that no settler who is engaged in farming on his own lands pays anything under this tax."

"The amount of the tax is ten mills or 1 per cent. of the assessed value of the property in unorganized townships, and five mills or one-half per cent. of the assessed value on lands that are situated in a school section but not in an organized municipality."

"All a bona fide settler living on his land and making improvements has to do is to fill in a form which will be sent on application to Mr. Ryan, the Government Tax Collector, have a Clergyman, Justice of the Peace or Police Magistrate certify that it is correct, and forward the same to the Minister of Lands, and exemption will be allowed."

"When the public understand this tax it will be realized that it is a fair one, as it provides for a reasonable contribution from those who are able to pay and does not force any contribution from settlers who are actually clearing land and improving the country."

"This Act was not passed until 1924. It should have been passed many years ago. In the organized townships of Muskoka, Parry Sound, Nipissing, etc., all summer hotels and cottages have been taxed for many

years, while in some cases commodious summer homes and hotels lying adjacent to homes of the same class in unorganized townships were exempt from taxation until the passing of this Act three years ago.

"None but the Ministers, the Members of the Legislature and the officials know what it means to look after the roads of that great region lying between the Quebec boundary on the east and the Manitoba boundary on the west, and north and south for over two hundred miles. Everywhere the cry is: "Give us roads."

"How can a Government go on expending without increasing the revenue? This tax on property as herein stated will at least help to increase the revenue while at the same time it will not affect actual farmers in unorganized townships."

"There are summer hotels and cottages scattered all along the way from the shores and islands of Georgian Bay to Kenora near the Manitoba boundary which were not taxed until three years ago, because they were in unorganized territory. And who can better afford to pay these taxes than the wealthy people who occupy these summer homes? The summer cottages in the organized townships are taxed to the limit. We have heard of some slight complaints in Muskoka on the ground that as the tourists did not use the highways, but used the boats for transportation, they ought not to be taxed, but the township councils laughed and collected the money."

"How long did it take your wife to learn to drive?"
"It will be ten years in December."

Sudbury's Mayor, Town Council, Public and Separate School Board Trustees, are all elected by acclamation for the 1928 term. Charles Bibby, now completing his second term on the council board, ascends to the chief magistrate's position without a contest, while out of a list of 17 nominees for council, only six were qualified at the closing hour, as follows:—David Drybrough, Adelard Lafrance, D. W. Jessup, J. L. Robert, James Newburn and Peter Fenton.

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