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THE ADVANCE WISHES TO ONE AND ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

A Merry Christmas! This greeting is now universal, and to the vast majority of men, woman and children of the world, it is much more than a formal greeting. It is a sincere and heart-felt wish for the happiness of others. The Christmas season knows no boundaries, races, creeds, sects, sections or classes. It is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. It is the world's recognition of the fact that the happiness of those around is the greatest contentment to self and that contributing to the joys of giving and receiving, of renewing old friendships and making new ones, and of bringing happiness to others, is the highest form of joy in this old world. There is nothing new that may be said about Christmas, but the old saying has an increasing meaning, an added charm, and a more sincere expression:—"A Merry Christmas to All!"

FIRST IN TIMMINS AND IN THE PORCUPINE CAMP

The first discovery of gold in the Porcupine was made by the Indians. The first discovery by Canadian prospectors was made before 1906. The first discovery of gold in Timmins that brought the camp to the forefront was made in 1909 by Benny Hollinger and Alex Gillies.

The first gold discoveries in the camp to receive special attention were made by Geo. Bannerman, those made by J. Wilson, H. A. Preston, Campbell and others adding to the attention and resulting in the first Porcupine "rush."

The first brick building in the camp was the Bank of Toronto at South Porcupine, erected by a Scotsman because there were so many other Scotsmen coming to the camp.

The first automobile in the camp was brought in by Jack Dalton, who never has been able to sleep since. It was not an Essex. As they called it both "Henry" and "Lizzie" by turns, it must have been a Middlesex.

The first prospector to come into the camp on faith and remain here on the same terms was Geo. Bannerman.

The first resident of the district was Mr. Jos. Moore, who was here before any of the other oldest pioneers.

The first store in Timmins was conducted by Mr. Chas. Pierce. Mr. Sam Bucovetsky was in business here a few minutes after Mr. Pierce.

The first building in Timmins was the log structure erected for post office purposes by the late H. Peters. It was built on the lot now occupied by Mr. Jos. Ellies for store purposes.

The first brick building in Timmins was the Reed block. Now there are literally scores of brick buildings.

The first lot in the townsite of Timmins was sold by auction in the fall of 1911. Counting backwards from the other end, the first lot was sold last week. The difference in prices for the two firsts would have bought many lots in 1911.

The first dog race was held in Porcupine in 1916.

The first parish priest for Timmins was Rev. Fr. Theriault, who was placed in charge when the parish was formed in 1912. In 1900 the district was visited by travelling priests, and later this district was added to the parish served by the priests residing in Kelso.

The first Anglican church was established at Porcupine in 1911.

The Presbyterian church was first opened in Timmins by Mr. Ofhan, an undergraduate of Princeton University.

And last, but still first, the first newspaper in Timmins was The Porcupine Advance, like Johnny Walker, still going strong.

A very Merry Christmas to everybody.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A merry Christmas to one and all and everybody!

"Who in thunder is this Ruth Elder that they are talking so much about in the daily papers these days?" asks a reader. Oh, she is a pretty plane girl in the United States!

One settler living about six miles from Timmins emphasizes the idea that the bona-fide settlers do not object to the Provincial Land Tax referred to on so many recent occasions in The Advance. "What we object to," he says "is the fact that we are not in a position to pay this tax, or even to get along without paying taxes. We would be glad to pay the Provincial Land Tax or any other tax imposed, provided the Government would live up to its moral obligation to supply us with roads." This settler has no proper road between his farm and town. A road has been constructed part of the way, while the balance of the distance is simply a clearing through the bush that the settler made himself. This settler is in no different position to the majority of settlers. If the settler is to be given a fair chance, and if the country is to be developed, an extended campaign of road-making will be necessary. Without roads to and from town and market, the settler is practically helpless. This particular settler is inclined to resent the idea of anything approaching charity for the settler. The Advance agrees with this idea. No matter what may be done for the settler, this country can not fairly consider it as charity. It is not favours that are sought for the settlers, but fair play. There is but one thing that the settler should be given, and that is a fair show. Without roads, the handicaps for the settler are so heavy as to make the winning of the race impossible. Roads are the one great need, but until the roads are supplied it would appear to be hopeless, as well as most unfair, to expect the settler to pay Provincial Land Tax or any other sort of tax.

Answer to correspondent.—"Why is Chicago called the Windy City?" After its present mayor, Laddie.

If the provincial police have the situation at Windsor, Ontario, all cleaned up, they might start now to clean up on the cowardly murderer of Inspector Constable at Cochrane last year.

If the murderer of Inspector Constable should happen to read "Merry Christmas" or anything like that, in The Advance, he will know that it is not meant for him.

The Federal police of the United States are said to be very closely watching Bigbill, mayor of Chicago. If he eats goose for Christmas they intend to arrest him for cannibalism.

A member of the public school board claims that The Advance made a mistake last week in announcing that the schools in Timmins would close on Dec. 21st, for the Christmas holidays. The proper date for closing, he says, is Dec. 22nd. As the schools do not re-open until a day later than The Advance suggested last week it would appear to be a 50-50 break anyway, but in any case The Advance is ready to leave the question to a vote of the school pupils and the teachers as to which is the proper date for closing,—the 21st or the 22nd. The Advance would not be surprised if the vote were unanimous for the date announced by The Advance.

Everybody seems to be asking if there is any talk about the municipal elections this year, but no one seems to be talking or hearing any talk. This would indicate that the general feeling is one of satisfaction with the present mayor and council. They have given excellent service during the past year, and it would appear that in appreciation for the services given, and for the advantage of the town, the present municipal heads might profitably be given another year in office.

It is not too broad a statement to say that the whole civilized world has been shocked and appalled by the fiendish killing of little Marion Parker, of Los Angeles. The child was kidnapped and held for ransom. Notes written by the girl to her father, begging him to take her away from her captors, were heart-touching in their pathos. The distracted father agreed to pay the ransom demanded. He dispensed with the assistance of the police and followed to the letter the instructions of the kidnapper as to the way to pay the ransom money. The child was brought to him in a motor car. He saw his little girl before he paid the money to the kidnapper. After the ransom had been handed over, the father was left alone with his recovered child, only to discover that the youngster was dead, and in addition had been horribly mutilated. A crime of this sort seems incredible in its senselessness and horror. It cannot be dismissed easily by saying that it is the work of an insane person. This type of insanity is more aptly described by the biblical term, "possessed of devils." Crimes of this sort are a temptation to civilization to restore the use of torture to the purposes of the law. It seems a senseless thing that only the innocent and the inoffensive should suffer so horribly, while all sorts of tenderness and consideration are accorded the fiends who so horribly transgress the law while "possessed of devils."

This week The Advance issues the largest newspaper ever issued in this part of the North Land. Thirty-two pages of interesting news and views makes up the Christmas issue of The Advance. The Advance hopes that everybody will like this issue. It would appear to be an acceptable issue to send to friends in and out of the district. In any event, The Advance wishes everybody a Merry Christmas.

The financial statement of the town of Timmins published in full on another page of this issue shows that the municipality is in sound position. A noteworthy surplus is shown, and this is not the usual position for North Land municipalities. A study of the statement will show that affairs have been well conducted during the past year and that the town's administration has been economical and efficient. Next year some reduction in taxation should be possible and a still better position occupied by the town at the end of 1928.

This being the Christmas season it is impossible to use the proper language in referring to the service at the local post office. One lady having to lick seventy stamps to put on one parcel because the branch post office opened on Cedar street had only one-cent stamps in stock is one sample of the sort of complaints made. The location of the branch post office opened on the postmaster's authority was a great inconvenience to the public. The fact that the arrangements were not advertised added to the inconvenience. The matter should be left to another issue. "Something ought to be done about it."

BEAUTIFUL PLAY WELL PRESENTED ON SUNDAY

Young Lady Has Hands Rather Badly Burned When Gauze Wings Take Fire

Sunday evening the New Empire theatre was packed to the doors for the play presented by ten gifted artists under the direction of Mrs. Goulet the event being for the fund for the new piano at St. Charles separate school. The play was a French one from the Old Breton, and was entitled "The Heart of Suzer." It was presented in most gifted way and the big audience was delighted. So favourably was this play received that there is an insistent request for its presentation again after the New Year. It was exceptionally well done and most interesting and impressive. The stage settings were also very noteworthy.

One regrettable accident occurred during the evening. Miss R. Labrosse, who had charmed the audience in her presentation of the part of an angel and whose sweet singing had impressed all, was backing off the stage when on of her wings came in contact with a candle on the table. The wing was of gauze and took fire instantly. Mrs. Goulet and Mr. Paul Gauthier smothered the flames with their hands and hurried Miss Labrosse outside where the snow assisted in stopping of the fire. Miss Labrosse, however, was burned about the hands and back, and is still in the hospital. For a day or two she suffered severely, but is now making very rapid recovery and will not suffer any permanent injury from the accident. Mrs. Goulet, Mr. Paul Gauthier, Mr. Kehoe and others were also burned about the hands in rescuing Miss Labrosse, but fortunately their injuries are not serious. The incident was so well handled that the audience was not endangered, and the play was completed as soon as Miss Labrosse received attention.

EMPIRE THEATRE BUYS SCHUMACHER THEATRE

The Northern Empire Theatres, Limited, has purchased the Maple Leaf theatre at Schumacher and will take possession on Jan. 1st, 1928.

Amateur Palmist—You are going to have trouble with a tall, dark woman. Mr. Meekly—I've had it. I married her.

FIRST HALF BASKETBALL RESULTS IN A DOUBLE TIE

Holly Rees. and High School A Teams Tie in First Half and Tie Again in Play-offs.

When the first half of the basketball league was finished, the Holly Rees. and the High School "A" were tied. It was decided to play home and home games, with goals to count. The first game took place in the High School gym. on Dec. 16. The High School came out on top with a score of 32-18, thus giving them a 14 point lead. The game was quite slow in comparison with some of the others but the play was worth watching.

The line-ups were:
Holly Rees.—Webb, Roberts, Studor, McLean, Mair, Morin and Ray.
High School—Leng, Davis, Dainton, Cameron and Cavency.
Referee, H. Chittenden; scorer, H. Wallingford; timekeeper, B. Johnson.
The second game was at the Holly Rec. hall on Dec. 20. After a hard and fast match, the Rees. held down the league by making up their 14 point deficit. They won the game with the score 43-29.

The line-ups were:
Holly Rees.—Webb, Roberts, Studor, McLean, Mair, Morin and Ray.
High School—Leng, Davis, Dainton, Cavency, Cameron (no subs).
Referee, Harry Boyd; scorer, H. Chittenden; timekeeper, B. Johnson.
The total points for both teams now being the same, two home and home games with goals to count will be played after the opening of high school. The fact that the two fastest teams in the league are playing will assure games that no lover of good sport can afford to miss. See these games, sure!

STOLE CASE SCOTCH WITHOUT ENTERING STORE

Without entering the store, an ingenious thief at Pembroke this week stole a complete case of Scotch from the Ontario Liquor Board store. In preparation for the holiday rush, liquor boxes were piled high around the walls of the building inside. The cases went up to the windows, but the windows were protected by iron bars. The thief, however, was not deterred by the bars. He broke the glass on the one window, and reaching in, stole bottle by bottle till he had the full case. Thus were patience and perseverance awarded.

ADVERTISE YOUR WANTS HERE!

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Three-roomed apartment, unfurnished, \$25. per month. Apply to 30 First avenue. 51p

APARTMENT FOR RENT—Three large rooms with water, sink and toilet installed. Apply to 85 1/2 First Avenue or A. Fournier, P.O. Box 62, Schumacher, Ont. 51 t.f.

FOR RENT—Four-roomed house with water and lights. Apply to O. L. Evans, 80 First Ave., or phone 688J2 or 313. -51t.f.

HOUSE TO RENT—Rents for \$20 per month. Water and light installed. English speaking preferred. Apply to 48 Middleton Ave. -51p

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

FARM FOR SALE IN MOUNT-JOY TWP.—142 acres, 40 cleared and in hay; house and stable; good river frontage; lots of lagging and other timber; team of horses and implements included. Apply c-o Duff, Advance Office. -51-52p

T. MARLEAU HAS FOR SALE—at his new address, 16 1/2 Bruce ave., South Porcupine,—5 houses at \$500 each; easy payments. Vacant lots, Business premises, Boarding House (furnished), Mining Claims, Large Safe, Electric Stove. Store for rent. Call or write. -50-51p

ROOMS

FOR RENT—2 partly-furnished rooms suitable for light housekeeping. Also furnished room for rent. All conveniences. Hot and cold water; toilet and bath. Apply to 11 Elm street, north. -47p.

FOR RENT—One large furnished room with two single beds. Would rent to one or two gentlemen, with board if desired. In private home with all conveniences. Apply to 3 Elm St. South. 47-48p.

NOTICE

FOR SALE FOR BOARD AND RENT—If not claimed within 30 days—1 Spring and Fall Coat, 1 Man's Suit, 1 Mackinaw. Mrs. J. O. Gagne, Ansonville, Ont. -51

FOR SALE FOR BOARD AND RENT—If not claimed within 30 days—1 Trunk, 1 Winter Coat, 1 Wool Mackinaw. Mrs. J. O. Gagne, Ansonville, Ont. -51

LOST

LOST OR STRAYED—White male Persian cat. Finder please return to 2 Elm street north or phone 42j or 225. 51p

LOST—One large sleigh dog, short-haired, with white collar. Answering to name of "Prince." Finder please return to 306 Cedar street south, or write P.O. Box 1132, Timmins. 51p

LOST—Two police dogs, male and female, answering to the names of Laddie and Lassie. Anyone found harbouring these dogs after this notice will be prosecuted. Finder please return to Alex Munro, 165 Pine St. South, or write P.O. Box 809 and receive reward. -51p.

NOMINATION MEETING

Township of Whitney

The nomination for Reeve and Councillors for the above township will be held in the township hall, Porcupine, on Monday, December 26th, 1927, between the hours of 12 noon and 1 p.m.

In the event of an election polls will be held on Monday, January 2nd, 1928.

J. M. NICOLSON, Clerk

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between us, the undersigned Karl Eyre and Oscar Robertson, of the Town of Timmins, in the District of Cochrane, carrying on business of Poster Advertising under the firm name of The Northland Poster Service in the Town of Timmins will be dissolved by mutual consent on the 31st day of December, 1927 so far as regards the said Oscar Robertson, who retires from the said firm.

The business will be carried on from and after the 1st day of January, 1928 by the said Karl Eyre and Mary Catherine Eyre, both of the Town of Timmins.

All claims against the said partnership carried on by the said Oscar Robertson and Karl Eyre are to be presented to the said Karl Eyre, in care of Box 970, Timmins, Ontario.

Dated at Timmins, Ontario, this 14th day of December, 1927.

Witness:—Dean Kester.
Karl Eyre,
Oscar Robertson,
Mary Catherine Eyre.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

PIANO FOR SALE—Apply to 69 Fourth Ave. -51p.

FOR SALE—Two nice large collie dogs; good for sleigh dogs. Apply to 3 Elm St. South. 47-48p.

FOR SALE—Orthophonic victrolas at \$115.00. Terms, \$10 cash and \$9 monthly. Apply at J. T. Hefferman, 46 Third Ave. -47t.f.

PERSIAN KITTENS FOR SALE—Apply to 29 Middleton avenue or P.O. Box 1314, Timmins, Ont. 50p

FOR SALE—One Electric Cooking Range. Apply to 98 Fourth avenue, Schumacher. -51p

FOR SALE—100 Fat Barred Rocks, April Roosters. Will sell live weight. Please write W. V. Cragg, New Liskeard, and send crates. 51

FOR SALE—Lyric model gramophone and radio combined. In perfect condition. Apply to rear of 17 Maple street south. 51-p

PIANO FOR SALE—Martin-Orme; in excellent condition. Very cheap. Apply to M. Smith at the Fire Hall, Timmins -51p

FOR SALE—Good horse hay and cow hay from \$12.00 to \$17.00 per ton. straw at \$10.00 per ton. Also fresh pork weighing around a hundred pounds each at 15 1/2c. per pound. Apply to R. J. Bennett, Uno Uark, Ont. 51-52p

FOR SALE—STOCK BIRDS—S. C. Reds, cock and two hens; Light Brahmans, cock and two hens; Red Caps, cock and two hens; White Rocks, cockerel and three hens; Black Minorcas, cockerel and three hens; Partridge Wyandottes, cock and three pullets; Buff Orpington, one good hen; Black Langshans, cock and four hens; Black Langshans, cockerel and five pullets; Silver Leghorns, cockerel and six pullets; White Orpington, cockerels; Ancona, cockerels; Leghorns, cockerels. All of the above birds are pure-bred and in good condition. Address Ideal Poultry, 304 Royce avenue, West Toronto. -51

HELP WANTED

WANTED—Maid General. Apply 42 Tamarack street -51-52p

GIRL WANTED—for general housework. Apply to Mrs. D. E. Keeley, Schumacher. -51

FIRST-CLASS BREAD SALESMAN WANTED AT ONCE—Apply to The Iroquois Falls Bakery. 51

EXPERIENCED KITCHEN GIRL WANTED—Apply to Windsor Hotel, Cedar St. -51p

TWO FINN GIRLS WANT DAY WORK—Call at 68 Third avenue. -51-52p

GIRL WANTED FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK—Steady position. Apply to 6 Elm St. South. 51-

WOOD FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dry or Green Birch, 16 inch, \$5.00 per cord in 3 cord loads only. Apply to P.O. Box 71, Timmins, Ont. -50-52p

NEW TRANSFER—13 Spruce street. Stove wood for sale. For transfer service or for stove wood, phone 647. J. Lalapme. -46-47p.t.f.

STOVE WOOD FOR SALE—Reasonable price. Also four-foot wood for furnace. Apply to H. Charlebois, 104 Cedar St. North, Phone 419W. 41t.f.

PHONE YOUR ORDERS FOR STOVE-WOOD and slabs to S. B. Rawlinson, The Half-Way, 55 Wilson Ave., Phone 477W, P.O. Box 174, Timmins. -45t.f.

LEQ ROY—WOOD DEALER—All kinds of wood, any length. Wood-sawing by load or cord by new machine. Also dealer in hay and oats. Delivered to any part of town. Prices reasonable. 79 First Ave. or phone 279W2. -42t.f.

MISCELLANEOUS

COLD STORAGE FOR CARS. Apply to B. F. Lennan, No. 60, corner of Elm and Broadway 46

LINING OF FUR COATS AND REMODELING OF FURS. Apply to 114 Elm St. South. 43-47p.

ALL KINDS OF MACHINE EMBROIDERING done at reasonable prices. Apply to Miss Nicoletta De Luca, 204 Birch street south, Timmins. -49-51p

FRENCH POLISHING—Furniture Renovating and General Repairing done. Our Mr. Keen will call and carry out all work to order at the home. First-class workmanship and satisfaction guaranteed. Charges moderate. Orders to Box 104, Schumacher, or C. W. Pennie, Main street, Schumacher. McDonald & Keen, Bagpipe Makers and Artistic Wood Workers. 43-47p.t.f.