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**SPORTS IN THE SOUTH SHOULD GIVE THE NORTH A FAIR CHANCE.**

The Advance is not seeking to make any alibi for the South Porcupine hockey team. Those clever and gallant hockey players need no alibi. They acquitted themselves well, and accomplished more in the South than anyone would believe possible under the circumstances. They did better and went further than any other group of North Land sportsmen ever stacking up against the handicaps of competition in provincial or national sports in the South. But it is apparent that they did not receive a fair deal. It is equally apparent that in hockey in previous years and in football in other years, competition for honours in the South is so manipulated that North Land teams are so handicapped as to have but little real chance. The wonder is that the South Porcupine lads made so brave a showing. They had to play five strenuous games in about as many days, and the teams they met were practically fresh. The contests in which the South Porcupine lads figured in the South were so strenuous and gruelling that one a week would be enough for the ordinary team. There was no proper time for rest or recuperation between the contests. Surely, the hockey authorities could arrange the finals so that the teams from the North would not be so unfairly handicapped. It would be good business to make such arrangements in future years. The games in which South Porcupine took part certainly caught the popular fancy. The Porcupine boys were a striking drawing card for the hockey fans. Fairness and the true spirit of sport suggests the removal of the handicap under which the Northerners have suffered in sports for years past. The North has shown this year beyond question that it can present greatness in sport, and that teams from this land are foemen worthy of the best the South can produce. It is against the spirit of sport to load the dice. Let the hockey authorities arrange the finals so that the elimination games in the South may be played off in good time, and the North not expected to play at the rate of a game a day to stay in the honours. The teams from the North start out with one handicap when they make the long wearisome journey to the South. They encounter further handicap when they face ice of a type with which they have no opportunity to familiarize themselves. Add to these handicaps the flock of games stacked up before them, and all sportsmen will agree it is too much. This year, South Porcupine was forced to enter a sort of relay race, in which they had to make the full course against a succession of relieving teams. Surely, matters could be arranged on a fairer basis than this. It is up to the authorities to see to it in the future.

**GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER**

Runaway horses are an oddity in this motor age, but a worse animal is here,—the runaway motorist.

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The Toronto Star in a recent issue complains that Canadians do not live to as great an age as the citizens of some European countries. People in this country should live longer. The Star claims. Some of them have lived long enough. (Names may be secured at this office.)

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The annual parade has commenced again! Cripples who have capitalized their injuries and beggars who have made a profession of poverty are once more flocking into this district, the majority of them sooner or later reaching Timmins. The Porcupine has unfortunately achieved a reputation for generosity and charity that has made the district a mark for these beggars, most of whom are frauds in one way or another and utterly unworthy of kindness. If Timmins had all the money that these travelling beggars collect in this town each year it would go a long way to supporting the poor that may legitimately be placed as a burden on the town's generosity. It should be remembered that all of these travelling mendicants have to make a journey of five hundred miles or more to reach this part of the North Land. This suggests that they have more or less capital to start. Indeed, investigation in the past has shown that some of these professional beggars are well-to-do. Timmins has to support its own unfortunate. Why is it that towns in the South turn their poor adrift to beg their way? Or, do they? Is it not the fact that practically all these travelling beggars are at the game not to live, but as an easy means of living? Some of them pretend to sell lace or whatnot, but in effect the tribe are simply beggars. Every year they flock here, and each year The Advance wonders why Timmins and the Porcupine should be expected to enrich this brood of beggars. Timmins for years past has had a heavy burden in its own relief work for actual residents of the town. There are few here who are not kindly-disposed and charitably-inclined. That appears to be the trouble. Advantage is being taken of the kindness of the people by people who make a profession of being poor. In fairness to all it would be well to send a few of the professional cripples and the permanent beggars to jail. This would give Timmins a different reputation among the travelling mendicants, and the town would save money accordingly, and so have more for the many honest calls that may be fairly made.

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The Northern Miner has entered its fourteenth year of useful service, and is to be congratulated on the fact and on its excellence as a mining journal. It is a good mining newspaper,—one of the best published anywhere,—and this is a matter for congratulation for the North Land which The Northern Miner serves particularly.

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In its last issue The New Liskeard Speaker gives an illustration of how a humourism may be turned aside and the occasion made for interesting information to be passed to the people. In a recent issue, The Speaker, in discussing light and power rates, suggested that there was necessarily a difference between city and "backwoods." The Haileyburian seized on that word, "backwoods," humorously affecting tears and sorrow that The Speaker, one of the great advocates of the North Land, should term this country the "backwoods." In an amusing editorial, The Haileyburian presented a case that appeared to be a poser for The Speaker to answer. The Speaker last week, however, proved equal to the occasion. In a bright little article, The Speaker makes it plain that it used the right word. Naturally it costs more to carry light and power lines through bush country or "backwoods." The Speaker points out. Then it shows that one line of the power system serving that part of Temiskaming is over 475 miles long and over 90 per cent. of this stretch passes through bush or "backwoods." The system includes 743 miles of wires, and of this mileage a large percentage of the lines carrying the power has necessarily to be carried through the bush country. The Speaker naively asks what is incorrect about the word "backwoods," and what other word would properly express the meaning to which there seems no adequate answer. In this case "backwoods" is no term of reproach, but simply the right word in the right place.

**Kiwanis Club Delighted With "Irish Day" Meeting**

**Speaker of the Day was Rev. Fr. O'Gorman Who Spoke with Eloquence and Informingly of St. Patrick and Ireland. Irish Songs Featured. Large Attendance and Happy Meeting.**

Monday's meeting of the Kiwanis Club was very largely attended and well worthy of the attendance and more. It was an "Irish Day," and proved one of the most interesting and delightful meetings yet held by the popular club. Clay pipes, with green ribbons, with shamrocks and other Irish favours were at every place at the table. Every member present with a green tie was fined ten cents, but this did not bring in much money at that. There were Irish choruses, Irish songs, Irish jokes, and a right-down good old Irish happy time for all. Mr. Jas. Geils made a hit with his singing of "Off to Philadelphia," and in response to the encore gave "Little Irish Girl." Mr. J. T. Heffernan pleased the gathering with his singing of "Killarney" and won very hearty encore, responding with "Mother Machree." The crowd was delighted with Mr. Wilson Thompson's clever presentation of "Paddy McGinty's Goat." Mr. Karl Eyre made a hit with his bundle of Irish stories. He also gave an interesting report for the Committee on Vocational Guidance.

The visitors for the day were: Messrs Albert Taylor, T. A. Kelly, J. T. Heffernan, Jas. Geils, Wilson Thompson, and Messrs. Boblett and Paton, of the Gamble-Robinson Co., of Minneapolis.

The speaker for the day was Rev. Fr. O'Gorman and his brilliant address proved a veritable mine of information as well as a source of keen pleasure, featuring, as it did, history, poetry, wit and humour. After making reference to the fact that the Irish and Scottish were from the same Gaelic race, he mentioned recent addresses to the Kiwanis Club on the bagpipes and Burns. He was going to follow suit and speak especially on the Irish pipes and the popular Irish poet, Thos. Moore. He showed how ancient and beloved were the pipes in Ireland, and read an illuminating paragraph from a Gaelic novel by Canon O'Leary recording the powerful effects on the hearers of the Irish pipes played by a piper who knew the fairy music. Rev. Fr. O'Gorman gave a brief review of the life of Thomas Moore, one of the outstanding poets of Ireland, the land that had been aptly described as the "land of song." Unlike Burns, who

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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.t

NAVIGABLE Waters Protection Act.

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins

Dear Sir:—I desire to sincerely thank each and every one who so cheerfully and heartily assisted this year in making the Porcupine Dog Races and Winter Carnival a success. Especially I desire to thank Mr. Troldford and the girls of the Porcupine Ski Club, who performed the difficult task of tagging, their efforts assisted materially in financing our event; the judges and starters; the Porcupine Power Co., for the loan of the rope; the town engineer's department; the police; Marshall-Ecclestone, Ltd., who so kindly offered valuable space in their window for the display of the prizes; the press; the band; Hill, Clark & Francis, for the erection of the score board; Roy A. Dew, for the accommodation for the secretary's offices; the merchants and business interests of the town, who so generously donated valuable prizes for the different events; the reporters who gave us valuable information as to the condition and treatment of the dogs at different points along the course of the speed race, and also the general public, who turned out in such large numbers, thus contributing to the success of the day's events. Particularly do the committee wish to heartily thank the president, Mr. Sundberg, and all the members of the Porcupine Ski Club, for their generous co-operation, both in the ski events and the carnival at the rink. Finally I would like to add a word of appreciation for the untiring efforts of our good secretary, W. H. Wilson.

It is rather pleasing to note that while this winter event did not take place last year, on account of the early spring break-up, the interest and enthusiasm exhibited by the citizens of the Porcupine District this year, in the big winter feature of the season, appears to be as great as ever, and I wish to say that if for no other reason than offering the boys and girls an opportunity for a gala day's outing during the winter, this winter event should be continued.

It is the hope of myself and the committee to arrange, with the energetic members of the Porcupine Ski Club, for a bigger and better winter programme for next year.

Dr. J. A. McInnis,  
President, Porcupine Dog Race and Winter Carnival.

There will be very general sympathy extended to Mrs. J. Massie, who was called to Toronto this week owing to the death of her father.

was in his life as well as in his song, the poet of the people, Moore was a university man, and his appeal in his own day was chiefly to the people of culture. He had not known Gaelic himself, but had taken the old Irish airs and set new words for them, songs from the heart and to the heart. These songs he had played and sung himself, and it was in England that he first found audiences that gave him the greatest appreciation. With the passage of time the people had taken up his poetry and to-day he was a people's poet, and probably the most widely known and admired of all Ireland's gifted poets. Rev. Fr. O'Gorman showed how Ireland's proportion of poets was very great indeed, but he pointed out that the nation too had many men of practical genius and wide vision. He instanced President Cosgrove and the Governor-General of Ireland, both of whom he had met, as samples of Ireland's great men of practical acumen, large breadth of vision, high talent and large democratic spirit.

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PROPERTIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One corner lot in good location; cash or terms. Cheap for quiet sale. Apply to Mrs. Wm. Bates, Gen. Delivery, Timmins. -11-13p

FOR SALE—A warm comfortable dwelling house and lot. The house is 14 feet by 24 feet and the kitchen is 12 feet by 14 feet. The lot is 110 by 36 and the soil is well suited for gardening. It is situated in the Gold Centre Townsite, about one mile east of Schumacher beside the T. & N. O. Ry. in the Township of Tisdale. For further particulars apply to V. McFadden, Box 376, Schumacher, or to the above-mentioned party on the premises in Gold Centre. -12-14p

MISCELLANEOUS

AUTO REPAIRING—By first-class mechanic. Phone 609J or call at 156 Elm St. South. -12-13p

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

PLASTERING, KALSOMINING and Patching. Prompt service and the best of work. Apply F. W. Harrison, 4 Wilcox street. -11-14p

FURRIERS—Chokers made to order; spring coats cleaned and trimmed. Also remodelling and repairing. Expert workmanship. Apply to 12 Balsam St. North, between Third Ave. and Fourth Ave. 10-13p

ROOMS

FOR RENT—Single and double bedrooms. Also rooms suitable for living-rooms. Have modern conveniences and all in first-class condition. Apply to 72 Third Avenue or phone 586J. -11-13

NURSING

PRACTICAL NURSE OPEN FOR ENGAGEMENT. Could stay whole or part time. Experienced in maternity cases. Apply to Mrs. A. Jones, 17 Kimberley avenue south. -12p

WANTED TO RENT.

WANTED—Two furnished light housekeeping rooms. Phone 482W. -12

WANTED TO RENT—A House with 9 rooms, water and toilet, wanted. Address P.O. Box 1291, Timmins. -11-12p

WANTED TO RENT—House furnished or unfurnished. Central location. Three or four bedrooms. About April 1st. Apply to Box L.M., Advance Office, Timmins. -12

NOTICE

NOTICE—My wife having left my bed and board, I will no longer be responsible for any debts contracted in my name after March 10th, 1928.—W. H. Pike, South Porcupine.

SONS OF ENGLAND—A general meeting will be held at Town hall on Saturday, March 24th, at 7:30 p.m., to form the Sons of England Lodge. All Englishmen interested are invited to attend.

-12- A. P. JENNINGS, Secy.

THE RELIABLE DAIRY, SOUTH PORCUPINE, is now able to supply you with whipping cream, table cream, buttermilk as well as sweet milk. Do not think because you are not one of our daily customers that you cannot get cream. Just place your order with our driver or at 68 Strachan Ave. for best service.—T. E. Cahill, prop. -12-14p.

IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELIZABETH COOK WATSON, beloved wife of the late John D. McCrae, Booking Clerk, Carlisle Station, and dearly loved daughter of the late Walter Watson, Tailor and Clothier, Hamilton street, Carlisle, Scotland, and of Mrs. Watson, First avenue, Schumacher, and loving mother of John and Walter McCrae.

In the morning evening we will remember thee.

**FOR RENT**

FOR RENT—Five-roomed house; good location. Apply to 204 Spruce St. North. -11p

FOR RENT—Two-roomed shack at 125 Commercial Ave. Apply T. A. Maedonald, Homer Gibson Bldg. -11-13-

SEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE TO RENT—At 206 Cedar St. South. Water and lights. Apply to 205 Pine St. South. -1p.t.f.

TO RENT—Two-roomed house to rent at 48 Middleton avenue; water and light installed; apply J. Johnson, 40 Way avenue, near High School. 5t.f.

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RADIO—Short wave receivers for British and foreign broadcasts. Anyone can build them. All parts furnished. Also can supply a three-tube receiver complete, \$47.50 M. J. Caveney, Sandy Falls. -11-12-

FURNITURE FOR SALE—Dining room suite, bedroom suite, 1 bed complete, with springs, etc., 2 Chiffoniers, Victrola, refrigerator, electric washing machine, bookcase, kitchen table, etc., etc. At 103 Birch street, south.

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FOR SALE—Chicken coop and chickens. Chicken coop is 8 feet by 16 feet and is very modern building, with glass cloth and canvas frontage. Chickens are Hollywood strain leghorns and O.A.C