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MINING ACCIDENTS IN ONTARIO DURING 1927

Official Report Shows Percentage of Fatalities the Lowest in Ten Years.

The official report on the mining accidents in Ontario during 1927, as issued by the provincial Dept. of Mines, is to hand, and shows that the percentage of fatal accidents for last year was the lowest, in proportion to the number of men employed, that has obtained since the year 1918. In that year the percentage was .21, the same as last year. Previous to 1918, the lowest percentage of fatalities was in 1915 when it was .151, the lowest on record in the province. The table of fatal accidents published in the report includes those occurring in metallurgical works, quarries, and gravel, clay and sand pits.

"During the year 1927 at the mines, metallurgical works, quarries, clay, sand and gravel pits regulated by the Mining Act," says the report, "there were 2,477 accidents reported to the Department of Mines up to January 15th, 1928. Thirty-three of these accidents resulted in the death of 33 men. This is an increase over the previous year of one man killed. The report, however, shows a rate of 2.1 fatal accidents per 1000 men employed, which is a lower rate than any preceding year since 1918. There were 153 non-fatal accidents per thousand men employed, which shows a decrease of 8 from 1926. The rate of accidents followed by infection decreased from 11 per cent. in 1926 to 8.3 per cent. in 1927."

Of the thirty-three deaths, 19 were underground and 4 at surface at the mines, while there were 3 at the metallurgical works, and 7 at the quarries and gravel, sand and clay pits.

Of the non-fatal accidents, there were 1,554 underground, 471 on surface at the mines, 130 at the metal-

lurgical works, 228 at the quarries and 61 at the gravel, sand and clay pits.

The report gives the Workmen's Compensation rates for silver, gold and other mines and for quarries, etc.

The chief inspector of mines for Ontario is Mr. T. F. Sutherland, Toronto; and the local inspectors are: G. E. Cole, Timmins; D. G. Sinclair, Sudbury; J. G. McMillan, Cobalt; and A. R. Webster, Toronto.

By months the fatalities occurred as follows:—January, 3; February, 5; March, 2; April, 1; May, 2; June, 0; July, 4; August, 4; September, 2; October, 2; November, 7; December, 1. November, it will be noted was the most unfortunate month last year.

The chief causes of the fatalities are given as follows:—fall of ground, 26 per cent.; run of ore or rock 17.4; shaft accidents, 21.3; surface accidents, 21.7; explosives, 4.3; and miscellaneous, underground, 8.69.

In 1927 the 33 deaths occurred with 13,311 persons employed at the producing mines and 2,000 at the non-producing mines.

By occupations, the men killed are classed as follows:—labourers, 10; miners, 4; superintendents, 1; cage-tenders, 1; sealers, 5; mechanics, 1; lumbermen, 1; shovellers, 2; locomotive drivers, electricians, foremen, crane operators, 1 each; shaftmen and trammers, 2 each.

By nationality, the fatalities are listed as follows:—English-speaking, 14; Finn, 4; Ukrainian, 2; Jugo-Slav, 2; Austrian 4; Russian, 1; Italian, 2; French-Canadian, 1; Czecho-Slovak, 1; Danish, 1; French-American, 1.

There were seven fatalities in the Porcupine mines, as follows:—Hollinger, 4; McIntyre, 1; Dome, 1; Furness, 1.

The non-fatal accidents are taken up in detail in the report, statistics of various types being given.

There were four prosecutions before Magistrate Atkinson at Timmins for breaches of the mining act, three for being under the influence of liquor on mining property and the other for failure to guard the entrance into a place where blasting was being done.

The report deals at some length with the organizations formed at the McIntyre for the prevention of infection after accidents, and other safety measures. Considerable space is also given to the collapse of the workings at the Worthington Mine near Sudbury.

A summarized account is given of each fatal accident at the mines. The four killed at the Hollinger were:—Eugene Chartier, 42, with wife and 10 children living in Timmins, was hit on head and shoulders by a steel launder used in pouring cement. Injured Jan. 21st and died on the 26th. John Murphy, 27 years, married, three

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PLANTATION SINGERS TO BE HERE ON TUESDAY 15

Last and Likely to be the Best of Lyceum Series Under Auspices of Kiwanis.

Tuesday, May 15th, is the date of the last of the series of lyceum concerts sponsored for the season by the Kiwanis Club. There is every reason to believe that the event on the 15th will be one of the very best, if not the best, of the series, and all of them have been good and much appreciated here.

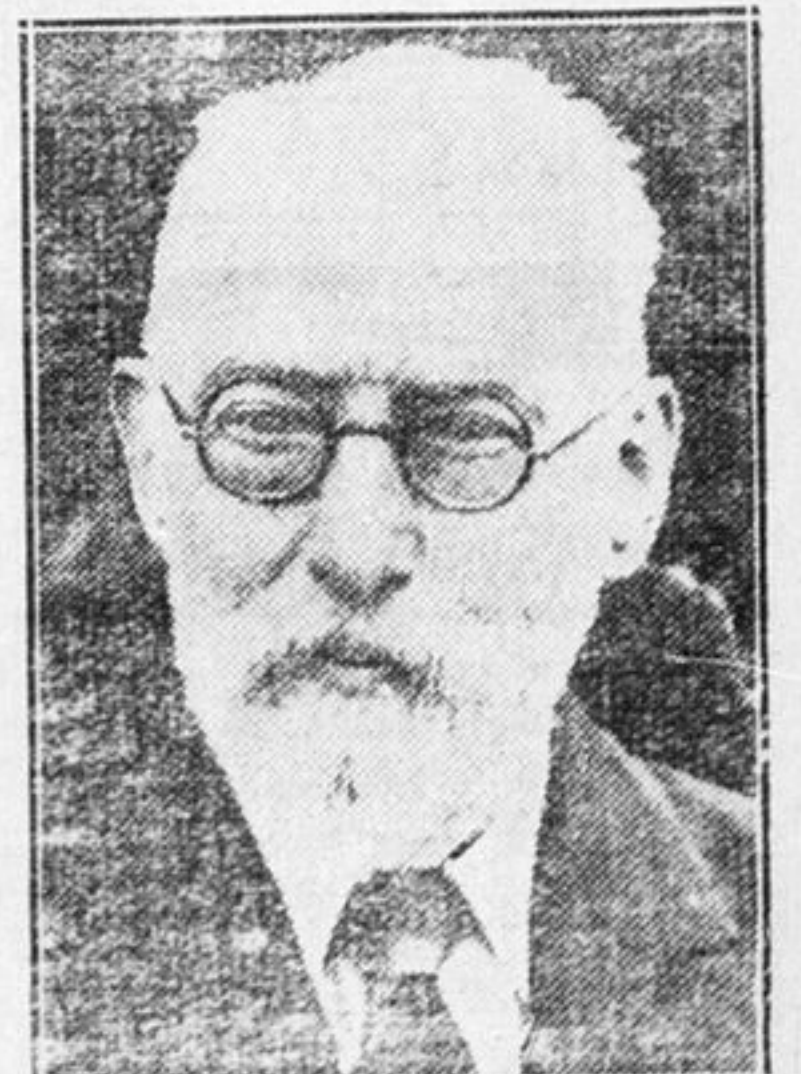
The event for May 15th is the noted quartette known as the Plantation Singers. One review of the Plantation Singers says:—

"Opening with a plantation scene, this male quartette, organized and coached by Robert Jackson, of Kansas City, offers a musical production that is decidedly out of the ordinary. Stage settings and appropriate costumes are used to advantage in the first part of the programme, while the latter half is devoted to negro spirituals, southern songs and plantation melodies. Many humorous diversions are introduced.

"With a wealth and variety of programme material, the Plantation Singers immediately convince their hearers that they are genuine artists who thoroughly enjoy every phase of their work. Their apparently limitless repertoire includes many of the old favorites such as 'Roll, Jordan, Roll' and 'Wing Low, Sweet Charlot,' as well as scores of tuneful melodies that, although not generally familiar, are sure to linger long because of their rhythmic excellence. Many of their songs have been taken in crude state and harmonized by the best of modern composers.

"The Plantation Singers, notable for their close harmony, are the result of the vision and training of Robert Jackson, one of the outstanding musicians of the coloured race. Mr. Jackson is a graduate of the University and head of the music department in Kansas City, Kansas. He is a native Kentuckian and a nephew of the late John H. Jackson, President of Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Missouri. He is an authority on negro folklore and negro music at its best. A man of education himself, it is only natural that he should select as Plantation Singers men of more than ordinary training. Each member of this company is either a high school or a college graduate. All have had valuable experience on the concert stage.

The Timmins Kiwanis Club deserve credit and appreciation for bringing to Timmins high-class entertainments like the concerts in this series. Music-lovers are sure to find the Plantation Singers of especial interest. The proceeds from the concerts in the series go to the Kiwanis Club fund for underprivileged children.



DR. W. T. WITLEY, D.D.

of Droitwich, England, who has been appointed Minute Clerk to the World Baptist Conference at Toronto in June. He afterwards goes to New Zealand and Australia in connection with other big conferences.

DATES OF DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATIONS THIS YEAR

Middle School Exams. Start on June 18th, Upper School on Same Date, Lower on June 22nd, and H.S. Entrance, June 25

Announcement is made of the dates of the annual departmental examinations for this year. These examinations are held at the Timmins High School for this town and immediate district, Schumacher and South Porcupine also being H.S. Entrance examination centres.

The Middle school examinations commence on June 18th, with literature and composition as the subjects; June 19, physics and British history; June 20, algebra, ancient history and music; June 21, French authors and French composition; June 22, geometry and chemistry; June 25, Latin authors and Latin composition; June 26, French literature, arithmetic and French composition; June 27, first year agriculture and second year agriculture; June 28, German authors and German composition; June 29, Spanish authors and Spanish composition; July 3, Greek authors and Greek composition.

The time table for the Upper school departmental examinations is as follows: June 18, literature and composition; June 19, problems and history; June 20, (in the morning), algebra; June 21, French authors and French composition; June 22, geometry and chemistry; June 25, Latin authors and Latin composition; June 26, zoology and physics; June 27, trigonometry and botany; June 28, German authors and German composition; June 29, Spanish authors and Spanish composition; July 3, Greek authors and Greek composition.

Lower school departmental examinations are as follows: June 22, first year agriculture and second year agriculture; June 25, physiography, English grammar and Latin grammar; June 26, arithmetic and history; June 27, art and zoology; June 28, French grammar, botany and geography.

English and French model examinations will be as follows: June 27, English composition, English spelling and English grammar; June 28, French grammar and geography; June 29, arithmetic and French composition.

High school entrance examinations will be written on the following dates: June 25, English grammar, writing and history; June 26, English composition, English spelling and English literature; June 27, arithmetic and geography; June 28, French grammar, French spelling and French composition; June 29, French literature.

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