

Old-Time Champions to Box at Turkey Stag To-morrow

Capt. Douglas Jones and Bob McKinley to be Among Features at Famous Event This Year. Finest Ring Ever in North Land Now Erected at Parish Hall. Everything All Set for a Wonderful Time.

Everything is all set now for the Charity Turkey Stag in the St. Anthony parish hall, Timmins, tomorrow (Friday) night. Arrangements for the occasion have been perfected under the skilled direction of "Lap" Laprairie. A really wonderful ring has been erected in the parish hall for the boxing and wrestling features. This ring is undoubtedly the best ever put up in the parish hall. It has been built by Martin and Caron and is fourteen feet square inside the ropes. It is up-to-the-minute in every way, and is so elevated that the shortest man in the farthest part of the hall will be able to see all moves without trouble. The cards will be enjoyed first tomorrow night, and there will be an expert system for clearing the hall of chairs and tables.

In the boxing, one special number will be a bout between two noted old-time champions—Bob McKinley, champion of the Yorkshire Fusiliers in 1891, and the Yorkshire Fusiliers in 1891, and Capt. Doug. Jones, contender of the heavyweight championship of the West Coast of England in 1893. This will be a number long to be recalled. The other boxing and wrestling features will also be specially attractive, particularly

the Cornish wrestling. Marquis of Queensberry rules will be followed which means that the bouts will be lively. J. W. Faithful will be the referee. The crowd present are asked in the name of good sportsmanship to refrain from smoking during the boxing and wrestling, so as to give the contenders the fairest chance.

The stage for the display of turkeys is all ready and the display of fine birds will itself be worth the price of admission. Another feature is a new refreshment booth constructed in the northeast corner of the hall where refreshments will be available any time during the evening, free.

The programme includes carol singing by the Cornish choir of fifty male voices, and many other features of special interest. The programmes were issued this week and are probably the finest ever issued for a similar event. They were printed at the office of The Porcupine Advance, so naturally are a fine sample of the printer's art, while the material in them, humorous and informative, together with details of the numbers for the evening, made them simply remarkable souvenirs of the memorable Turkey Stag for 1928.

SETTLERS MAY BE PAID IN FULL TO DECEMBER 20

Will be Nice Christmas Gift if Plans of Mr. A. F. Kenning, M.P.P., are Successful.

Mr. A. F. Kenning, M.P.P., has given very noteworthy time, effort and talent to assisting in working out the plans to give assistance to the settlers who are suffering hardship this season through the fact that crops could not be harvested last summer on account of the unusual amount of rain in the North Land. Graveling operations have been in progress for some days now and the work thus provided in this district is naturally of particular value to the settlers at this time. In addition it should not be forgotten that the work now being done is going to be of the greatest value in the way of improving the roads and specifically in providing good opportunity to have them in first-class shape early in the spring. The work now done is thus of double value, even treble value.

The settlers have shown the right spirit in their difficulties. They have not sought relief and have made it plain that charity is not what they want. All they have asked is that they be given some way to earn enough to tide them over until the next crop. The Government has been prompt and effective in providing just this sort of assistance. The purchase of railroad ties is one form of this sort of help, and the work of graveling is even more helpful.

At present Mr. Kenning is busy trying to make matters a little easier for the settlers by urging on the Government the desirability of planning so that the settlers may all be paid for their work at graveling and other roadwork right up to date, the cheques to be here for distribution by Dec. 20th. The Government has given this idea a very sympathetic reception and it is likely the plan will be carried through. A wire received this week by Mr. Kenning from C. H. Fullerton, in charge of the Northern Development Dept., was to the effect that the plan would have full consideration and would be carried through if possible.

It may seem like a small matter to some, but to the settlers in most cases it will mean a real Christmas or otherwise. Although the amounts due the settlers for the work to date is not large in individual cases, still in view of the season they have passed through, the money will be very welcome to them. It will mean a big thing for them this Christmas and will be well worth any extra trouble it may be to the Department.

JUNIOR HOCKEY TICKETS SELLING WELL IN TOWN

The sale of the membership tickets for the Timmins Junior Hockey Club is progressing satisfactorily. Although it is a busy season attempt is being made to get in touch with all the hockey fans so as to give them opportunity to join the growing throng of members. This year it is planned to finance the season in Junior hockey by the sale of membership tickets, instead of asking donations from merchants and others. With fair support from the hockey fans the plan will provide ample funds. Any who have been missed and want to be on the list of members, should see P. T. Molesley or other members of the committee and add their dollar to the list of members.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO FEATURE BAND CONCERT

Chorus of Thirty Voices Expected for Carol Singing at Event on Sunday Evening at Goldfields.

A special feature at the band concert in the Goldfields theatre on Sunday evening, Dec. 16th, after the church services, will be the carol singing by a chorus of thirty voices. The Cornish people are supplying this choir, and the ladies and gentlemen in it are all effective singers with a special talent for carol singing. Each year in Timmins the carol singing of the Cornish people has been enjoyed at Christmastide, and the feature at the Goldfields Sunday evening will no doubt be greatly appreciated.

In addition to the carol singing it is expected to have a special programme of instrumental and vocal numbers of special attraction. One instrumental duet, for instance is confidently expected to make especial appeal and to prove particularly popular. It was intended to have the evening a special Cornish Night, but this was not practical on account of the Cornish Social Club having an event of their own the following week, but the carol singers are promised for the band concert event, thirty strong.

Of course, there will be selections by the band under Bandmaster A. Wilford. The concert will open with a hymn selection played by the band followed by a march, and with other interesting band numbers to be given during the evening.

LANCASHIRE SOCIAL CLUB EVENT ON FRIDAY, DEC. 21

The Lancashire Social Club will hold an open dance on Friday evening, Dec. 21st, after the children's Christmas Tree. The dance will be from 10 to 1.30.

Parents are again reminded to have their children at the Hollinger hall early for the Christmas Tree event, as supper will commence at six sharp. All ladies are requested to bring lots of refreshments, both for the kiddies and for the dance afterwards.

BRITISH CHANCELLOR ENGAGED



Lord Hallsham, Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, has announced his engagement to Hon. Mrs. Clive Lawrence, well known lawyer.

RESERVED SEAT PLAN FOR CANTATA, "QUEEN ESTHER"

Will Open on Monday of Next Week. Cantata Will be One of the Most Notable Musical Events.

All those who have had the privilege of attending any of the practices for the cantata "Queen Esther" to be given in the Goldfields theatre on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week, Dec. 19th and 20th, will agree that the event promises to be one of the most outstanding of musical treats. Under the direction of Mr. Jas. Geils the cast and choruses in the cantata have achieved a rare measure of excellence. There are fifteen soloists in the cast, with a number of large choruses, including choruses of children that are especially pleasing. The soloists included—Miss Allen, James Cowan, G. A. Reid, J. T. Hefferman, Mrs. Stonehouse, Miss Goomey, Mrs. White, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wightman, Wilson Thompson, A. J. Downie, Mr. Stewart, W. D. Forrester, Alex. Kincaid and P. Molesky. The parts taken by these artists are exceptionally well done, and there is very general agreement that the choruses are remarkably effective. With the complete array of costumes, the scenic and other effects, and the theme of the cantata, the event on Wednesday and Thursday next at the Goldfields should draw a full house on each occasion. No lover of music should miss the cantata, "Queen Esther." It will be found to be of unusual interest and very cleverly presented. Last week The Advance gave a list of the characters represented and a synopsis of the cantata. The beautiful music portrays the story of Esther, the orphaned Jewish girl who becomes Queen of Persia. It depicts the plots against her and her kinsfolk and her brave loyalty to her people and to her faith. The triumph of the right and the confusion of the conspirators are pictured by the music in appealing way.

Tickets are now on sale for the event. The plan of reserved seats will open at Molesley & Ball's drug store on Monday morning of next week, Dec. 17th, at 9 a.m. Tickets now sold may be exchanged for the reserved seat tickets on Monday.

Hope King Will be Out of Danger by Christmas

According to despatches received today over the private wire of the Hon. L. Gibson Co. brokerage office, His Majesty King George stands a good chance to recover from the pleurisy which has kept him in bed for the past three weeks, with his life despaired of at times.

An operation was performed, ribs cut, and the lung drained, and doctors believe that the King will be out of danger by Christmas.

LADIES' AUXILIARY HOLD ENJOYABLE WHIST DRIVE

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion held a very pleasant whist drive at the home of Mrs. Cornell, Schumacher, on Wednesday evening this week. Mrs. W. A. Devine won first prize and Mrs. Forrester the consolation prize. Refreshments were served and the many present had a very pleasant evening.

Considerable "Flu," but of Mild Type, in North

There are many cases of influenza at present in the North Land, but fortunately they appear to be of mild type. Timmins has its quota of mild influenza at present while the disease in more epidemic form is reported from Cobalt, New Liskeard, Haileybury, Kirkland Lake, Cochrane and Kapuskasing. In all the towns named the disease appears to be of very mild type. Even in Cobalt and New Liskeard where the schools have been closed the cases do not appear to be of severe type. The closing of the schools in these towns was taken chiefly as a precautionary measure to minimize the chances of further spread of the disease. Dr. W. J. Bell, deputy minister of health for Ontario, was in Timmins and other Northern towns last week, and on his return to Toronto was interviewed by newspapermen there. He said that the disease in the North Land was not virulent but that it was very contagious. He suggested precautions against crowds as the disease is carried by the breath, and through sneezing and coughing.

"There is quite an outbreak of the disease in Northern Ontario but for that matter there are many cases in Toronto and Hamilton," stated Dr. Bell. "There is no cause for alarm but common sense must be used. When persons feel the flu coming on they should go home and go to bed and stay there until they have recovered. The danger is that pneumonia or something else might follow if a chill is suffered."

Don't forget the Girls' Club sale of Christmas gifts. Basement of the United Church, Saturday, Dec. 15th. Afternoon tea.

VICTORIAN ORDER NURSES TAG DAY ON SATURDAY

Public Collection for Funds for Order. Deferred on Account of Other Campaigns, to be Held Saturday.

A meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses was held on Monday evening and at this meeting the society decided to hold their tag day on Saturday of this week, Dec. 15th. It had been planned to hold the tag day on Nov. 17th, but it was found that this might conflict with the campaign of another organization already having its drive under way, so the V. O. N. tag day was deferred to a later date. At the meeting on Monday it was decided to proceed with the tag day on Saturday of this week. The V. O. N. has been doing an excellent work in town and is deserving of all possible support. Those doing the tagging on Saturday should be given a good reception and as generous a donation as possible in return for the tags offered. The Victorian Order of Nurses is planned with the idea of providing efficient nursing service in the towns where the Order is established. Where people can pay the small charges made by the V. O. N. they are expected to do so. In cases where only a part of the fee can be paid, this is accepted and the service given. Where people can not pay at all the nursing service is still available. By this method people who need a nurse's services find their self-respect maintained and they have the satisfaction of knowing that they have paid whatever they could of the cost. Such a service, of course must have voluntary donations or other outside funds to support it, and it is for this purpose the tag day is being held on Saturday.

At the meeting Monday evening it was learned that the latest news received in regard to the Victorian Order nurse regularly stationed here, Miss Elliott, who has been away on account of illness, is that she is convalescing now with her relatives.

Miss Stevens, who has been relieving for Miss Elliott, and who has won general favour for the interest, effort and talent she has given to the service here, reported a very busy month during November.

Stores Will be Open Evenings Next Week

As is the usual custom in town, all the stores will be open evenings next week for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

Curling Club to Extend Privileges of the Rink

At the meeting of the Timmins Curling Club shareholders on Monday evening approval was given to the by-law providing that playing privileges may be extended to non-shareholders of the club on the payment of an annual fee of \$35.00 and on other terms and conditions set out in the said by-law. The by-law was finally passed and now it will be possible for those not shareholders of the company to enjoy the privileges of the rink under the conditions stipulated. Until the passing of this by-law playing privileges at the rink were restricted to those who were shareholders in the company.

Mr. Geo. B. Gibson at The Timmins Garage

Announcement is made this week of the appointment of Mr. Geo. B. Gibson as general manager in charge of the sales and service at the Timmins Garage. The steady growth of the business of the Timmins Garage has made necessary an increase to the personnel of the executive of the business, and in Mr. Gibson they have secured a man of wide and successful experience. Mr. Gibson was in charge of the sales and service for Oliver Blais, Cobalt, for seven and a half years, filling the position with noteworthy success and ability. He is well-known throughout the North and will be welcomed to the business life of Timmins. Mr. Gibson, who is a brother of Mr. Ray Gibson, of Haileybury, well-known and popular in Timmins and other parts of the North Land, arrived in Timmins this week to take up his new duties. Mr. Jos. Berini will continue in charge of the repair department of the Timmins Garage, and Mr. C. W. Hodgins in charge of the car sales department, so the public are assured of a continuance of the fine service that has made a name for this garage and salesrooms.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER HERE DONATES \$25 TO THE C.A.S.

One of the generous donations made last week to the Children's Aid Society was a cheque for \$25.00 from the Northern Lights Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Timmins. The Royal Arch Masons always remember a number of worthy causes around Christmas time, and on this occasion they kindly passed over the generous contribution noted to the work for the children of the district.

No Truth in Report About Laying-off Hundreds at Mine

Official Denial Given to Reports Recently Injuring Conditions here. "Absolutely Untrue," says President N. A. Timmins. Everything Going Along Well at the Big Mines in Camp.

"Absolutely untrue," is the way President N. A. Timmins characterizes the rumors that there are to be wholesale reductions in the staffs at the Hollinger Mine.

For some days past there have been persistent rumours circulated to the effect that it was contemplated to reduce the number of men employed at the Hollinger by hundreds. One report said "nine hundred," another gave the number at "five hundred," and a third, and later one placed the figure at "two hundred." The rumours were persistent and insistent and the result was naturally bad for business and most disquieting to the town, causing unnecessary and unfounded anxiety and discontent.

Enquiry at the mine here showed that no one there knew of any grounds for such reports. It was stated emphatically by one official that no change in policy at the mine was planned so far as he knew, and he was in position to

hear of any contemplated changes. In the absence of Mr. Brigham, general manager, who is in Montreal, attending the meeting of shareholders there this week, a wire was sent to Montreal and elicited reply from Mr. N. A. Timmins, president of the Hollinger. Mr. Timmins had not heard the rumour, but characterized it as "absolutely untrue."

From this it may be taken as an absolute fact that the reports are without foundation or truth. The rumours are no doubt originated in the minds of those with ulterior purposes of one sort or another to serve. No attention should be paid to such stories. Every effort should be made to discourage them as bad for the town and for all others concerned. Any material changes in policy at the big mine will be duly announced in official way and those seeking to spread harmful and untrue stories for wrong purposes should be discountenanced.

FIRST SENIOR HOCKEY OF SEASON ON TUESDAY NEXT

South Porcupine to Play at Iroquois Falls, Special Train from Timmins, Leaving Here at 5.45 p.m.

The first senior N.O.H.A. hockey of the season will be at Iroquois Falls on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 18th, when the South Porcupine team will try conclusions with the Paper Town team. This season South Porcupine is said to have a particularly able team and there is special interest all through the district. It is expected that a large number will go from Timmins and Schumacher to see this opening hockey game. This will be quite convenient as a special train will run from here, leaving Timmins at 5.45 p.m., and returning after the game. There is a reduced fare of \$2.00 for the round trip. Word from South Porcupine is to the effect that this season they have really the makings of two good hockey teams, and everything is set for a good showing in hockey this season. The new coach, Stan Burgoyne, is on the job and is well pleased with the material he finds at South Porcupine.

The first game of hockey this season in this camp will be at South Porcupine on Friday evening of next week, Dec. 21st, when Kirkland Lake will play South End in the N.O.H.A. series. This is expected to be a very interesting match as Kirkland Lake is setting much store by its team and expects to make a good showing Kirkland Lake will back their team up in special shape. It is understood that there will be a special train come up from Kirkland Lake for the game. The fans in Timmins and Schumacher will find both train and the bus service very convenient for getting to the game, so there should be a big crowd from this end of the camp at South Porcupine next Friday.

QUEEN'S SCHOOL OF MINING APPOINTS FRASER REID

Fraser D. Reid, a graduate of Queen's School of Mining of 1904, has been appointed by the trustees as a member of the board to succeed the late Colonel R. E. Kent. Since his graduation Mr. Reid has been residing in Cobalt, having been assayer for the Canadian Carborundum Company, with whom he had been employed for 21 years, being now general manager of the Conlagas Mines.

NEW CANADIAN SENATOR



Hon. Walter E. Foster, Saint John, N.B. who has been appointed to the Senate in succession to the late Hon. G. G. King.

T. & N. O. BUYS 22,500 TIES FROM 53 SETTLERS

People's Railway Doing Good Work in Helping the Settlers Who Have Had Crop Losses this Year.

The T. & N. O. Railway Commission were in town yesterday (Wednesday) on one of their regular trips of inspection of the line. To the Advance Mr. Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the commission, gave the very pleasing information that in the past couple of weeks the T. & N. O. had purchased no less than 22,500 ties from 53 individual settlers. It will be recalled that when the attention of the Government was called to the hardship and difficulties suffered this year by the settlers in the North Land through inability to harvest the crops on account of the continued rains, Premier Ferguson had given prompt assurance that everything practical would be done to remedy the situation and assist the settlers to the limit. The premier was ready to defer to the openly expressed idea of the settlers that it was not charity they wished but a chance to make enough money now and during the winter to tide them over until next season. With this idea in view it was felt that the best assistance would be in the form of winter road work, especially in the line of graveling. In the meantime, however, it was announced that as another form of help the T. & N. O. would purchase \$75,000 or \$100,000 worth of railroad ties this winter from the settlers. The purchases would be made direct and in such a way as to bring the most direct benefit to the settlers concerned. Mr. Lee's statement shows with what promptness and effectiveness the plan is being worked out. At present the railway has three men going up and down the line buying ties. Any settlers, even though he has only a few ties can dispose of them at good price if he can get them to the tracks, any place. If a settler has a few ties, even though they are in the bush, he can get an advance on them just the same as in former years a jobber could do. The T. & N. O. tie inspector will inspect the ties and the financing will then be arranged. The railway, Mr. Lee pointed out, would use the settlers as well as ever the big jobbers were used in the matter. The ties bring 80 cents each, so it is easy to see that the proposition is a good one for the settler from all standpoints. The fact that 22,500 ties have already been purchased from 53 settlers means more the more it is studied. It means that material benefit is going to accrue to a large number of settlers and the tie purchase plan is going to be of much more advantage to the country, generally than was first thought by most people.

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR BY LADIES OF CHURCH OF NATIVITY

There was a good attendance at the bazaar held last Wednesday and Thursday in the basement of the church under the auspices of the ladies of the Altar Society of the Church of the Nativity. The various booths were well stocked with a very fine array of attractive articles, and these found ready sale. A special feature of the event was the hot supper served on the evening of the second day. This was very largely patronized and found very general favour. The bazaar throughout proved a good success and the crowds attending were well pleased with the regular and special features of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnstone, of Toronto, were Timmins visitors this week.