

## "Queen Esther" Considered A Genuine Musical Treat

Those Enjoying the Event Last Night Class it a High-Class Presentation. Timmins Choral Society Given Great Praise for Outstanding Work in Cantata. No Music Lover Should Miss This Event at the Goldfields This Evening.

All who were present at the presentation last night of the cantata, "Queen Esther," presented in the Goldfields Theatre by the Timmins Choral Society are agreed that it was an event of outstanding interest and attraction to music-lovers and that the only disappointment was the fact that the cantata was not greeted with the crowded house that it deserved. All who missed the cantata last night missed a genuine musical treat. That is almost unanimously conceded. The people fortunately have another opportunity to hear this attractive cantata and it is sincerely to be hoped the attendance will be very large, to offset the small crowd at the theatre last evening. From every viewpoint, it is desirable that the patronage this evening should be very large, indeed. The Timmins Choral Society and its capable leader deserve very hearty support and encouragement. They have given a large amount of time and talent to the preparation of this cantata. They have spent money for the necessary music, settings, costumes, etc. Those who heard the cantata last night are enthusiastic as to its clever and effective presentation. It was a delight to music-lovers. The musical play itself is one full of the greatest interest and with innumerable fine pieces of music. The choir and the soloists alike do their part about perfectly. The effect is one that reflects the highest credit on the members of the Timmins Choral Society and on the outstanding talent of Mr. Jas. Gells as a director, conductor and instructor. Last night's production of the cantata was a remarkably fine one. If any money were to be made from the event a worthy cause will benefit, namely the Children's Aid. In any case the members of the Choral Society will make nothing out of it. Mr. Gells and his effective band of singers are giving their time and talent free. In case the event is not a success financially the members of the choir will be faced with the necessity of making up the deficit. By presenting such a musical gem in so capable a way they have done the town and district a distinct service. Surely, then, they should be rewarded with a full house this evening.

While a fuller report will be given of the event in the next issue of The Advance it may be permissible here and now to remark on the number of good voices in the choir and the very apparent evidence of good direction. The dramatic talent of the singers is also worthy of note as well as the costumes and scenic effects. The story of the cantata is very clearly brought out by the able presentation given and the interest will not lag from beginning to end. The choruses are among the other features worthy of special mention, the large groups of child voices winning especial favour. The solo parts are all well taken. Miss Allen, as "Queen Esther," delighted all with her remarkably clear, sweet soprano. Mrs. Stonehouse, was another singer who won very particular popular approval. A. J. Downie, in the part of the beggar, took the role in very effective way. Others coming in for special notes of approval and appreciation were James Cowan, as Ahaseurus; G. A. Reid, as Haman; J. T. Heffernan, as Mordecai; Miss Goomey, Mrs. Cretney, Mrs. White, Mrs. Wightman, Wilson Thompson, Mr. Stewart, W. D. Forrester, A. Kincaid, P. Molecki.

However the event must be seen to be fully appreciated, and all music-lovers should make a special point of attending the event to-night.

An orchestra of special talent adds to the pleasure of the evening.

Mrs. E. M. Condie, Children's Aid matron, who has been ill the past few days with the prevalent influenza, is now well on the way to complete recovery.

### ON RADIO COMMISSION



Augustin Frigon, General Director of Technical Education for the Province of Quebec, who is one of the new Radio Commissioners appointed by the Federal Government to inquire into the present condition of radio reception and transmission in the Dominion.

### RESULTS OF V.O.N. TAG DAY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

Total Contributions of \$374.23 From Last Saturday's Collection for Victorian Order Nurses

The receipts from the Victorian Order of Nurses tag day last Saturday exceeded all expectations and the committee is pleased at the result and very grateful to the public for the generous support given. The receipts from the street tagging on Saturday totalled \$288.23, while collection made in the business section reached another \$86.00, with some further contributions more than probable. The total on Saturday from the tag sale and collection made was \$374.23, and further contributions are also assured, so the V.O.N. will be able to carry on with a good heart in its good work. To the other contributions must also be added the recent donation of \$500.00 from the town council. In commenting on the receipts from the tag day one of the officers of the V.O.N. in Timmins says:—"This exceeded our most sanguine expectations, as it was thought that the inclement weather and the many calls made of late upon the public generosity would be a severe handicap on the V.O.N. tag day. Indeed, at the last meeting of the committee some were doubtful if any amount worth while could be gathered at this time in view of all the circumstances and the lateness in the year."

### SONS OF ENGLAND TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREE, DEC. 24

The Christmas Tree for the children of members of the Goldfields Lodge, No. 367, Sons of England Benefit Society, Timmins, will be held on Christmas Eve, Monday next, Dec. 24th, in the Hollinger hall. The S.O.E. have kindly invited all the children at the Shelter to be their guests for the evening. A very pleasant evening is expected by all at this event. After the event for the children there will be a dance for the older folks and a real old English Christmastide event is to be enjoyed.

### N.O.H.A. Referees for 1929 Hockey Season

The board of referees for the 1929 season as appointed by the N.O.H.A. executive is as follows:—  
North Bay—L. McDivitt, H. J. Reynolds and E. H. Bunyan.  
Soo—J. H. Woodruff, R. E. Chisholm and V. Greer.  
Sudbury—Ian Gordon, S. Rothschild, W. Duncan and D. R. Mitchell.  
Halleybury—Terry Smith and F. Austin.  
New Liskeard—R. B. Grills and J. A. Wilder.  
Iroquois Falls—C. F. Magurn and P. J. Fahey.  
South Porcupine—H. Burke.  
Timmins—Charles Roach, James Scully and W. D. McIntyre.  
Schumacher—D. W. Briden.  
Cobalt—V. Hylands and F. Baillie.  
Chapleau—R. W. Stone.  
Rouyn—Geo. Duncan.  
Kapuskasig—Ken Buchan.  
These men have been notified of their appointment and asked to advise the secretary, W. A. Thompson, if they will be available for duty during the course of the season.  
Clubs are reminded that it devolves upon them to agree on the appointment of officials. In the event of two clubs failing to agree on an official the home club is required to so notify the secretary at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the game.

### REV. DR. ENDICOTT SPEAKS ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Ex-Moderator of the United Church of Canada on Tour of the North Land

On Wednesday evening of this week Rev. Dr. Endicott, ex-Moderator of the United Church of Canada, visited Timmins on his present tour of the North Land and in the United Church here spoke interestingly and informatively of the progress of the church's mission work in foreign fields. Rev. Dr. Endicott is an eloquent speaker and has just returned from an extended tour that embraced a large portion of the world, and it was regrettable that the busy season, counter attractions on the same evening and other causes prevented his being greeted with a full house. His address was full of interest and information and it was evident that he knew his subject in very complete way. He touched particularly on the foreign mission work of the church in such countries as China, India, Africa and Korea. He had been a missionary himself in China and he knew the country, the people and conditions in that land. Some of his children were born in China while he was stationed there. He had great faith, he said, in the ultimate success of missionary work in China. Some people were discouraged by the recent difficulties in China, but he felt sure that missions in that oriental country would soon be prospering and progressing more than ever before. While on duty in China he had been stoned by the people there and his church had been burned, but that did not alter his belief in the people nor shake his faith in the ultimate advance of the work of the church in China. He had found the Chinese people admirable in many ways, and though agitators had played on the lack of knowledge of some of the people this was but a passing phase and great advance and better conditions were in the comparatively near future for China and her people.  
Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of the Schumacher United Church, and Rev. Mr. Moddie, of South Porcupine, were among those attending the meeting to hear the address of Rev. Dr. Endicott.

### CHRISTMAS TREE EVENTS THE ORDER OF THESE DAYS

Christmas Trees events are the fashion these days and they are a fashion that are greatly enjoyed by the youngsters fortunate enough to participate. The various schools, churches and other organizations are each holding these happy events with lots of good things to eat, Christmas Trees, concerts, games etc., etc. The United Church this week had a couple of these events, one on Monday evening for the larger pupils of the Sunday School, and one on Tuesday evening for the younger scholars. Both were greatly enjoyed. The Tuesday evening event was featured by a Christmas Tree and a present for every youngster, with a most realistic Santa Claus. The Christmas events of the other churches have been equally satisfactory and pleasing. The schools have also had their Christmas entertainments that as usual were most pleasing and enjoyable. Indeed, there have been so many of them that only the youngsters have been able to remember them all.

Owing to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Kennedy, being called out of town last week, the services at the United Church, Schumacher, on Sunday were conducted by Mr. J. Higginbotham, of Timmins, whose services were highly appreciated. His evening subject was "The Incarnation."

### Canadian Legion First Christmas Tree Here

The Timmins Post of the Canadian Legion held their first Christmas Tree at the Hollinger hall on Wednesday evening of this week, Dec. 19th. Altogether there were about one hundred children present, a goodly number of parents and members of the Post being also present. The Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion assisted at the function en bloc. The success of the Tree was due very much to the good work of these ladies who spent much time in the decorating of the Tree and supplying a good variety and abundance of cakes and cookies. With the addition of a bountiful supply of ice cream, the children were well catered for. Santa Claus arrived in royal state at 7.30 p.m. being dressed in full regalia. He at once commenced to distribute the toys and baskets of fruit and candies to the eager happy youngsters. After one and all bidding Santa Claus good night and a merry Christmas, they set to a great feast of "eats" candies and ice cream. Much fun was caused by the youngsters with their sparklers, the lights being turned out, and the sparklers making quite an illuminating effect.

Mrs. Neame's good work at the piano playing nursery rhymes etc., was greatly appreciated, the children joining in the games. Comrade Crewell made himself very effective among the youngsters with his guitar and mandolin. Comrade A. Pearce also added to their amusement with his rollicking songs. Miss Bronnie Meredith's two pianoforte selections were well presented and greatly appreciated and received hearty applause from all.

Altogether the evening was one to be remembered and its success speaks well for future Christmas Tree events under the auspices of the Legion here, and the Post aims through increasing their membership to double the number of children for next year's event, so a hearty invitation is extended to all ex-service men to join this young Post now.

### FARMERS OF VILLE MARIE MAKE USE OF ADVERTISING

The Temiskaming Clover Seed Growers Association, of Ville Marie, Quebec, not only see the advantage of farmers selling as directly as possible to the consumers, but they also realize the advantage of advertising in getting in touch with customers. In another column of this issue of The Advance will be found an advertisement by this association of farmers pointing out the saving entailed by buying direct from the farmers. They offer to supply direct the needs in all lines of farm products, such as hay, oats, barley, peas, fresh pork, etc.

### MESSRS WILLIAMS AND EMERY BANQUETTED HERE

Old-Timers of the Mining Industry Show Honour to Two Old-Timers Leaving Here Soon

On Saturday evening at the Empire hotel, Timmins, a farewell banquet was tendered Messrs. C. G. Williams and V. H. Emery, who are leaving the camp after long residence here. The banquet was tendered by the old-timers of the mines of the immediate district. There were about fifty present, all in mucking clothes and the evening was a notable success in every way. The menu was one that did highest credit to the Empire hotel, while the service and the delicious viands provided were worthy of special commendation. Mr. A. F. Brigham, general manager of the Hollinger Gold Mines, occupied the chair and made an ideal chairman and toastmaster. There was a long list of speakers, including Mayor E. L. Longmore, J. Knox, Dr. H. H. Moore, D. E. Keeley, J. W. Fogg and a host of others. All spoke in highest terms of Messrs. Williams and Emery, as mining men, citizens, and good fellows. Sincere tributes were paid to their high qualities and their services to the community. Both the guests of honour of the evening were much touched by the tributes of the evening and found difficulty in making adequate reply. They thanked the friends for the appreciation shown and expressed the regret felt at the severance of the bonds of friendship and goodfellowship that had been enjoyed so long in Timmins. Mr. W. H. Wilson presided at the piano for the evening, and provided a generous supply of good music. There were the old-time popular songs sung by the gathering and many other features of interest. The gathering was a very enjoyable one, marred only by the thought of the early departure of the two guests of honour who are leaving so soon to take up residence in Toronto.

There are a large number of attractive Christmas windows in town this year. Indeed, anyone with an eye for the artistic, and all who are looking for suggestions for the season's gifts would find it a pleasure and a benefit to make a round of the shop windows this week in town.

## Charity Turkey Stag Once More Proves Great Success

Over 800 in Attendance. Paid Admissions Slightly Larger Than Last Year. Wrestling and Boxing Delight the Crowds. Carol Singing Another Feature. Everybody Enjoyed the Big Time Friday Night.

### ON RADIO COMMISSION



C. A. Bowman, editor of the Ottawa Citizen, who is one of the members of the Radio Commission, appointed by the Government to inquire into the conditions of broadcasting and reception in the Dominion.

### SOUTH PORCUPINE PEOPLE ASK DAMAGES OF COMPANY

Floods Said to be Caused by Logs Piled in River, and Over \$15,000 Asked

Several reference have been made in The Advance to the claims made in regard to the causes of the severe floods at South Porcupine last spring. Hon. Wm. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, has been quoted as saying it was an "act of providence," but many at South Porcupine who suffered loss and damage did not say the same. There have been repeated suggestions that suits for damages would be entered, so the following despatch from Toronto on Tuesday should be read with interest.

"Responsibility for the damaging floods at South Porcupine last spring is charged to blocking of the Porcupine River with piles of logs by the T. S. Woollings Company of Englehart, Ont. and Connaught Station, by a group of nearly 30 residents of the town whose claims for damages aggregate more than \$15,000.

"J. L. Cohen, Toronto lawyer, has been retained to press the joint suit of the complainants, who have just completed organizing into one group and have instructed Mr. Cohen to proceed immediately. It is alleged that the company piled logs at narrow points on the river, at rapids, and at outlets of the river. The lumber was placed on the ice, but when the water began to rise, it is asserted, the logs prevented proper flow of river. The lumber should have been placed on the ice at broader parts of the river, it is said. Reports of government tend to support these contentions, according to Mr. Cohen."

The sale of membership tickets for the Timmins Junior Hockey Club is proceeding satisfactorily. As the club this year intends to finance solely on the receipts from membership, and not to appeal to the merchants and others for donations, all hockey fans should get in line for membership tickets. With all helping the full amount will easily be secured by the plan adopted.

The sixth annual Charity Turkey Stag, held in the St. Anthony's parish hall on Friday evening last was, perhaps, the most enjoyable of all the successes of the wonderful series of events conducted yearly by Mr. A. Laprairie. The attendance was slightly in excess of last year, about 800 being present. All had a wonderful time. There was great fun at the cards, bridge, 500, cribbage and euchre being played, and a turkey being given as a prize for each table, with the pack of cards as a second prize.

The carol singing by the Cornish Wrestling Club, under the leadership of Mr. Stan Johns was one of the big features of the evening. Despite the smoke and the heat, the carol-singers sang well and often and their fine voices were heard to advantage and much appreciated.

The game of "Gimme" as usual brought heaps of excitement and fun and turkeys to the lucky ones.

The wrestling bouts were a new feature that delighted all, the crowd giving great interest and enthusiasm to these bouts. In the lightweight class W. Hooper, Oldpound, Cornwall, and H. Trevanna, Butte City, Mont., gave a fine exhibition of the Cornish style of wrestling. In the exhibition of hitches by Jan Brewer, St. Denis, Cornwall, and Tom Venner, Oldpound, the crowd felt they got full value for their money. In the heavyweight class, for the Geo. Pitcher trophy, S. Hooper and M. Ford put up a thrilling exhibition, the former winning on points.

The boxing proved equally popular. Jack Faithful refereed in very effective way. The flyweight bout between Lefty Trumble and Frenchy Maurice was a lively affair with Lefty having the distinct edge on his opponent. It was good to watch. In the light heavyweight class, Arthur Leonard, of Timmins, and Geo. Taylor of Saskatchewan, gave a nice exhibition, but Leonard was too skilled and quick for the bigger man from the West. But it was good to watch. The outstanding bout of the evening was the bout between two old-timers of the ring—Capt. Doug. Jones, contender for the heavyweight championship of the West Coast of England in 1891—one man in the crowd beat the referee to the date in the commencement saying it was 1855—and Bob McKinley, champion of the Yorkshire Fusiliers in 1891. These two gave the crowd lots of fun, but at the same time it was easy to see that they both were talented old-timers and had un-

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### CURLING RINK TO OPEN ON SATURDAY, DEC. 22ND

The Timmins curling rink will be open on Saturday of this week for curling. This will be good news for all the curlers in town who have been looking forward to the opening. For a few days last week it was feared that it might not be possible to have ice by Christmas this year, but the change in weather dispelled this fear.

### LANCASHIRE SOCIAL CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE, DEC. 21

The Lancashire Social Club are holding their Christmas Tree tomorrow (Friday) evening in the Hollinger Recreation hall and a very happy time is expected. The Christmas Tree will have a present for all the youngsters and there will also be lots of good things to eat. The children at the Shelter have been invited as guests of the club for the evening. After the children's party there will be a dance for the grown-ups, from 10 to 1.30. Everybody will have a good time tomorrow evening.

## Christmas Wishes from Chairman of T. & N. O.

The following kindly Christmas message was received over the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway's Telegraph Service from Mr. Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Commission:—

North Bay, Dec. 18  
Editor The Advance,  
Timmins, Ont.  
I wish you and all readers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May the happy and cordial relationship continue.  
GEO. W. LEE.  
Mr. Lee's good wishes are fully reciprocated by both The Advance and its readers.  
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the People's Railway and to the People Themselves.

## A Christmas Thought from Charles Dickens

"I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round—apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys."