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## MRS. SAM. BIRCE PASSES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Was for Many Years a Helpful and Esteemed Resident of the Porcupine. Death of Mrs. Birce Greatly Regretted

Mrs. Sam Birce, for many years a helpful and highly-esteemed resident of the Porcupine district, died at her home in Connaught on Sunday evening, Dec. 30th, at 6 p.m. The late Mrs. Birce made hosts of friends in the Porcupine during her long residence here and there will be very general and sincere regret at her death. She had been ill for the past two years but her illness was borne with such courage and cheerfulness that only those in the immediate family circle realized how serious was the illness.

The late Mrs. Birce was born in Baysville, MacLean township, Muskoka district, Ontario, in 1873. In 1912 she was married to Mr. Sam Birce and shortly after the couple came to the Porcupine, taking up residence on Connaught Hill, South Porcupine, fifteen years ago. For the past eight years the family have resided at Connaught where they have won the highest esteem and regard of all. At both South Porcupine and Connaught Mrs. Birce took an active and very helpful part in church work and her generous services were of the greatest value as well as an inspiration to others. In Sunday School work Mrs. Birce gave services of especial helpfulness. Through her efforts the Sunday School at Connaught was established and she was the first superintendent there of the Sunday School, maintaining her interest and effort even after ill-health had overtaken her. A wife, mother, churchworker, neighbour and good citizen, Mrs. Birce was one of the particularly valuable pioneers of this part of the North and her death is a distinct loss to the community.

In addition to the bereaved husband, two daughters, Laura M., and Bertha E., and one son, Charlie W., survive and to these and to the other near relatives and friends the deepest sympathy of all will be extended in their bereavement. One sister lives at the Birce home at Connaught while there are also three step-sisters, one in Oregon, one in Quebec Province, and one at Baysville, Ont. A brother of the late Mrs. Birce resides in Vancouver, B.C., where he took up residence after some years' good service overseas for King and Country. Mrs. W. J. Tierney, of Iroquois Falls, is a niece of the late Mrs. Birce.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, Jan. 1st, service being held at the church at Connaught, and the funeral then driving to South Porcupine where further service was held and interment made at the South Porcupine cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hulton and Rev. Mr. Farmer. Despite the severe weather the funeral was largely attended, many turning out in the bitter cold to do honour to the good woman who had been so highly esteemed in life. The profusion of floral tokens also testified to the deep regret at the death of Mrs. Birce and the sympathy felt for the family and friends in their bereavement.

## Asking Fish Ladders for Mattagami River

A conference to consider and deal with matters concerning the game fish situation in the province of Ontario is to be held in the Parliament buildings, Toronto, beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 9th, 1929, at 10 a.m. This conference has been called by the committee appointed by the Government in the matter. The sportsmen in this district have been asked to send representatives to this conference in Toronto, and it is likely that Mr. J. D. Brady will represent the Timmins fishermen and nature-lovers for the occasion, as a delegate from the Rod and Gun Club. Among the recommendations that Mr. Brady will emphasize will be the installing of fish ladders in the Mattagami river. Old-timers will remember when the Mattagami had lots of fish. The loss of the fish in the river in this area is due to the fact that the fish can not get up the river during the spawning season. This is due to the dams on the river. Fish ladders would overcome this difficulty. In other streams the fish ladders are used with success. For years past The Advance has advocated the installation of fish ladders in the Mattagami river as a means of preserving the fish in this river. Mr. Brady has studied the situation very fully and he will place the case fully and effectively before the meeting at Toronto. On previous occasions when representations were made to the authorities at Toronto in regard to the fish situation in this area, emphasis was made in regard to the need for a game warden for the Porcupine, measures for prevention of such things as the dynamiting of fish, and the installation of fish ladders. The appointment some time ago of Mr. R. Edlestone as game warden for this area has assisted very materially in the conservation of fish and game in this area. In a quiet but very effective way, the game warden has seen to the enforcement of the laws that make for conservation of fish and game and he has done a noteworthy good work in educating people generally to the principles and practices that make for conservation of fish and game. The Government is taking a keen interest in plans for the preservation of fish and game in the province and it is hoped that much advantage will accrue from the conference on Jan. 9th. Any who have any personal recommendations to make should write Prof. W. J. K. Harkness, secretary Game Fish Committee, Parliament buildings, Toronto, or see Mr. Brady and have him present any helpful ideas at the conference.

HER LATEST PORTRAIT



Her Majesty, Queen Victoria of Spain, in a new and hitherto unpublished portrait. She is seen in court dress.

## Report of the District Children's Aid Society

The following is the monthly report of the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society for the month of December, as presented by the superintendent, Mr. A. G. Carson:

Applications for children, 2; children involved during month (apart from Shelter), 53; complaints received, 17; investigations made, 21; office interviews, 16; interviews out of office, 10; mail received, 54; mail sent out, 59; court attendance, 6; wards visited, 3; children admitted to Shelter, not wards, 5; children cared for in Shelter, 26; children cared for out of Shelter, 2; children made wards of Society, 3; investigations made under the unmarried Parents' Act, 3.

Even a cursory glance at the above will show the large amount of good work being accomplished by the Society in the district.

## OPERATOR'S LICENSES FOR 1929 ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Automobile Drivers Can Secure New Permits. Fees, \$1.00 for Operators and \$2.00 for Chauffeurs.

Drivers of automobiles may now secure their licenses for 1929. And they should do so, as the 1928 permits are now of no further use, except in the way of making it easier to secure the 1929 brand. Those having 1928 licenses may secure the 1929 permits without further examination. An operator's license for 1929 may be secured by the presentation of the 1928 card and the payment of the \$1.00 fee. The chauffeur's license requires the presentation of the 1928 card and the payment of a \$2.00 fee. In each case the presentation of the 1928 license card is essential. In case of the loss of the 1928 card a duplicate may be secured, but only from the Department. The 1929 permits for drivers and chauffeurs may be secured from the local issuer of licenses, who in the case of Timmins is Chief of Police L. McLaughlin. It should be remembered that no one can drive a motor vehicle without a license. Also, each driver now must have a 1929 permit. Then, it is well to note that the possession of a 1928 card is not essential, except in the case of new drivers. The latter, of course, have to take an examination as to ability to handle a car. Drivers, with 1928 permits, do not need to take the examination, provided they have the 1928 card. The permits this year are on hand much earlier than usual and drivers should make a note of this. The fact that the 1929 permits are ready as soon as the year opens takes away any excuse for not having the proper papers right away.

## TWO FIRE CALLS TO SAME PLACE EARLY ON MONDAY

The firemen had two early morning calls to M. Ansara's building corner of Cedar and Third avenue on Monday morning of this week. The first call was about 4:45 a.m., the fire being in the basement under the store. The basement, which is used for candy-making purposes was filled with smoke and the blaze on this account was very difficult one to locate and battle. However, the firemen put up their usual good fight and soon were able to get the fire out. Apparently however the blaze worked its way up along the rafters and reached the next storey. It was noticed and the firemen returned and again put out the blaze, there time making doubly sure that there was no more fire or chance of fire in the building. Some damage was done by the smoke and water. The loss is covered by insurance.

The Cobalt section of The Northern News last week says:—"A. S. Stevens returned last week to the Hayden Mine, Timmins, after spending a few days with Mrs. Hattie Stevens and family."

## New Year's Message from Mr. E. L. Longmore, Mayor 1927-28

### Mayor Longmore Expresses Thanks and Appreciation for the Co-Operation and Support of Council, Officials and the Public, and Extends to All the Heartiest Good Wishes for a Happy New Year.

From Mr. E. L. Longmore, mayor of Timmins for 1927 and 1928. The Advance has received the following open letter to the citizens of the town. In this letter Mayor Longmore expresses his appreciation for the good work of the council during the past year, the loyalty and co-operation of the town officials and employees, and the general public support given to mayor and council in their efforts to serve the public. The good wishes of Mayor Longmore will be very heartily reciprocated by all thoughtful citizens who feel that the town owes Mr. Longmore a debt of gratitude for the excellent services given as mayor of the town during the past two years, and also for the capable and generous services he has given to the welfare of Timmins during the ten years he has served on the council board. Few men have given so much time, talent and effort to the best interests of this town. The excellent position of town affairs at the present time is ample proof of the success of Mayor Longmore's efforts and the undoubted talent that he has brought to

bear for the furtherance of the municipality. The people of Timmins will sincerely respond to Mayor Longmore's good wishes by hoping for him the very best that this year, and the years to come may give.

The letter from Mayor Longmore follows:—  
To the Citizens of the Town of Timmins:

On behalf of the 1928 Council of the Town of Timmins I wish to extend to all "Best Wishes" for the New Year, and to express appreciation of the confidence and support given us during our term of office.

Personally I wish to especially thank the members of the Council and the town employees for their loyalty and co-operation, and to gratefully acknowledge the support of all those who by their advice and constructive criticism, assisted so materially in carrying on the business of the Town of Timmins. Again wishing all the Happiest of New Years,

Yours sincerely,  
E. L. LONGMORE

## EXAMINATION CLAUSE IN EFFECT FOR ALL MINERS

### All Underground Workers to be Examined for Silicosis. Certificates Necessary for Employment Underground

Announcement was made at Toronto this week that the new "silicosis" section of the Ontario Mining Act had been proclaimed by order-in-council from January 1st, 1929. Under this section every workman employed underground in any mine in Ontario must be examined for silicosis at least once a year and also every applicant for work underground, unless already in possession of certificate that he is free from tuberculosis of the respiratory organs. Workmen who have not the required certificates are not to be employed underground. All workmen employed underground, according to the section, must undergo the medical examination before July 1st at latest.

The silicosis section of the Mining Act was enacted at the last session of the Legislature as an amendment to the Act, but was left subject to proclamation by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. This proclamation has now been made on the recommendation of Hon. Wm. Finlayson, acting Minister of Mines. In view of the carrying on for some time past in the mines in the Porcupine of the work of medical examination and plans to combat silicosis, and the fact that the mines have in most cases found places other than underground, for men found to be touched with silicosis, the effect of the proclamation here will not affect the conditions to any great extent. The work carried on against silicosis has already protected the workman against the danger sought to be guarded against and the result has been achieved with the minimum of inconvenience or loss.

The examination of underground workers at the mines under the section referred to, is to be made by a medical officer appointed under the Workmen's Compensation Act, who will furnish a certificate to each worker found free of the disease. This certificate is good for twelve months, which means that each underground miner must have an examination at least once a year, to be eligible for employment underground. A similar certificate is required in any ore or rock crushing operations at surface, except where the ore or rock is crushed in water or a chemical solution and kept constantly in a wet or moistened condition.

There are some exemptions permitted on the authority of the chief inspector of mines. The chief inspector may allow exemption in cases where the mines concerned do not contain silica in quantities likely to produce silicosis, or which for any other good and sufficient reason he feels should be exempt. The provisions do not apply to workmen employed underground for less than eighty hours in any one calendar week.

The Workmen's Compensation Act already contains provisions for benefits to sufferers from silicosis, and a large amount has been paid out under this classification in the last two years or so. It is understood that a scale of compensation is now being worked out by the Compensation Board for further dealing with silicosis sufferers in the future and regulation governing the operation of this scale on behalf of miners with silicosis are likely to be introduced shortly.

## LADIES' NIGHT, JAN. 5th, AT LANCASHIRE SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday, Jan. 5th, will be Ladies' Night at the Lancashire Social Club in the Hollinger Recreation hall. The ladies say that they are going to give all a good time. There will be novelty dances, with prizes, and many other attractive features. Refreshments will be served during the evening, and Tommy Stephens and his classy orchestra will provide good music, and lots of it, for the occasion. The event will be an invitation affair, and all are advised to secure their invitations as soon as possible, so as to be sure of enjoying this pleasant event.

## GET TOGETHER MEETING OF KIWANIS ON MONDAY

### Luncheon This Week Proved Interesting and Lively. New President Makes Hit With Apt Address.

Monday's luncheon of the Kiwanis Club took the form of a get-together meeting, there being no regular speaker of the day. The meeting was a complete success, the gathering being noteworthy for its interesting and helpful features. Mr. C. G. Keddie, president for 1928, occupied the chair for the last time for his term of office. Mr. W. Rinn, the new president, to take over the meeting on Monday next.

Reference was made by President Keddie to the meeting of the Trustee of the Ontario-Quebec-Maritimes District, to be held at Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, on January 7th. In view of the fact that Dr. Lee Honey, the Trustee, finds it impossible to attend, Mr. Karl Eyre will be his deputy for the meeting.

Mr. W. Rinn, the incoming president, made a hit with a brief address. He expressed appreciation for the honour he felt had been conferred by his election. He particularly asked the fullest support and co-operation of all to make 1929 a successful year. He felt that there was much good community work in town to do, and the Kiwanis could do it, if the necessary thought, effort and co-operation was given. He closed with a couple of particularly apt quotations from the Kiwanis book. He urged that all should strive by efforts at service so that it might truly be said not only "as a jolly good bunch of fellows, we," but also, "as they have served you now and then, have helped along their fellow men."

A feature of the meeting was a bunch of good stories and brief speeches by members, including—Wils. Lang, Arch. Gilles, Dr. Honey, W. O. Langdon, C. G. Williams, Karl Eyre, Jos. Weston, and others. These were all good. Kiwanian C. G. Williams was present for the last time before his removal from town and there were many regretful references to the loss to the club by his leaving town.

The committee chairmen for the year are as follows:—  
Publicity—J. E. Sullivan.  
Attendance—Gordon Splet.  
Business Standards—D. Ostrosser.  
Classification and Membership—Harry Jackson.

Finance—Geo. N. Ross.  
Goodwill—Reg. Smith.  
House—"Chip" Ball.  
Interclub Relations—A. W. Lang.  
Kiwanis Education—Rev. J. D. Parks.  
Music—C. G. Keddie.  
Programme—V. Woodbury.  
Public Affairs—E. H. King.  
Playgrounds—J. E. Newton.  
Reception—R. E. Dye.  
Underprivileged Child—Dr. H. H. Moore.  
Sports—Geo. Lake.  
Vocational Guidance—Karl Eyre.  
Secretary—J. R. Walker.

## SOUTH PORCUPINE SCOUT PARTY A HAPPY AFFAIR

### High School Students Also Enjoy Happy Time. Other South Porcupine Items of News

South Porcupine, Dec. 31st, 1928. Special to The Advance.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and little daughter, Mary, of Cochrane, spent Christmas with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brinton, of Commercial avenue.

Mrs. Donald Frood, of Connaught, has been a guest of Mrs. F. Dowzer for the festive season.

Mrs. A. Bucovetsky and daughter, Annie, are holidaying in Toronto.

Messrs Ed. Gallai, Giovanna Fantini, Angelo, and a number of other men from here left this week to work at the Abana Mine, Quebec.

We were reminded that we made no mention of the Scouts' party or the junior group of young people here. The High School "At Home" took the form of a hockey party first when the High School pupils attended the Kirkland-Porcupine hockey match in a body, then later went to the assembly hall of the High School for "eats" and a social half-hour. The Scouts' entertainment was a skating party, then a bean supper given by the troop committee to the First South Porcupine Scouts at the Blue Bird Tea Room. Mrs. H. M. Martin knows exactly how to fix up beans and brown bread for hungry boys and the lads did ample justice to the viands.

Marshall Hamilton, being ill with the "flu" last week, and this week, is hoping that his "Advance" customers are receiving their papers all right from the other boys and will be on the job himself next week.

The citizens of South Porcupine regret very much to hear of the death at Connaught on Sunday, December 30th, of Mrs. Sam Birce. Mr. and Mrs. Birce were former residents here and we extend to the stricken family our sincere sympathy.

## WINNERS AT WHIST DRIVE ALL-BRITAIN SOCIAL CLUB

The All-Britain Social Club held a whist drive and dance on Thursday evening last. The prize winners at cards were:—ladies, first, Mrs. L. Bound; second, Mrs. J. Hallam; consolation, Mrs. N. Shone; gentlemen, first, W. Sangster; second, W. Carroll; consolation, W. Wilkinson. There will be two whist drives in January, dates of which will be announced.

AFRICAN EXPLORER



An exploration of the Zimbabwe ruins in South Rhodesia will be made by Miss Gertrude Caton-Thompson (above), brilliant Englishwoman. She believes these ruins are the site of King Solomon's mines.

## New Year Ushered in by Pleasing Events

Three very enjoyable dance events were held in Timmins on New Year's Eve, when hundreds of dancers joined in merriment to see the old year out and the new year come in, and at every event the death of 1928 and the birth of 1929 was observed in time-honoured fashion.

There was a large attendance present at a dance event held in the Masonic Hall here under the joint auspices of the ASD, Club and the Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion. Novelty features predominated on the programme and the evening was one of revelry from start until finish.

The Ramblers Club held a dance event in the Oddfellows' Hall, with an extra large crowd in attendance, and the spirit of the evening reigning supreme.

The Caledonian Society observed Hogmanay Night in time-honoured fashion with a large crowd in attendance. The new year was piped in by Piper Macdonald, while all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

## IROQUOIS FALLS SENIORS WIN AGAIN IN HOCKEY

### South Porcupine Lost Out in Lively Game. Score 2 to 1. Falls Won in Last Eight Minutes

Iroquois Falls Senior Hockey team won again last night from South Porcupine, the score at the end being 2 to 1. Until the last few minutes of the game South Porcupine seemed to have the game on ice, the Porcupine boys leading by one goal and the Falls being unable to score. In the last eight minutes, however, the Falls scored two goals, winning the game.

In the first period there was no scoring on either side. In the second period Porcupine scored, Jemmett putting the rubber in the nets on a pass from Spence. In the third stanza Porcupine held its lead until about eight minutes from the end. Then the Falls scored from a mishap in front of the nets. The second goal by Iroquois Falls was made by Fraser. The play was fast and clean and the crowd enjoyed the snappy contest. There were many from Timmins and Schumacher at South Porcupine for the game. This gives Iroquois Falls the lead of the league.

The Porcupine line-up:—goal, Baxter; defence, Mill and Fell; forwards, Proulx, Jemmett, Spence; subs, McCutcheon, Cook, Gagnon.  
Iroquois Falls:—goal, Powers; defence, Evans and Huggins; forwards, Cybulski, Fraser and Chircoski; subs, Trotter, Pender, Wimpers.

## ENQUIRY FROM LONDON REGARDING "QUEEN ESTHER"

Mr. Jas. Geils some days ago received a letter from a gentleman in London, Ont., asking a great many questions in regard to the recent presentation here of the cantata, "Queen Esther." The gentleman is the director of a choir at London, Ont., and is planning a presentation in that city of the pleasing cantata, "Queen Esther." From reports in The Advance he had learned of the striking success from a musical viewpoint of the cantata here, and he was naturally anxious to secure all possible details that might assist to the successful outcome of the projected event at London. The enquiry is a noteworthy illustration of the distance that The Advance covers in a few days with its news and views of the Porcupine Camp. It also indicates the well-merited publicity won by the presentation here of the cantata, "Queen Esther," which is admitted by all who heard it to be the very finest musical event of its kind ever presented in this North Land.

John Watson, for twenty-four years a resident of Haileybury, died in the Ontario hospital, Toronto, last week after an illness extending over two or three years. He was born in Ireland seventy-eight years ago. He was a carpenter by trade. A daughter and five sons, all in Haileybury, survive. The late Mr. Watson was well known and highly regarded by wide circles of friends.

## HOLLINGER RECREATION F.C. HOLD ENJOYABLE BANQUET

### Interesting and Helpful Addresses, Excellent Menu, and General Good Time at Event on Saturday Night

A very enjoyable banquet was given in the Kingston hotel on Saturday last by the Hollinger Recreation Football Club, there being a large attendance and all having a very pleasant time. After the banquet all were invited to a dance in the Hollinger Recreation hall, also given by the club, and greatly enjoyed by all attending. The menu at the banquet was an excellent one and reflected high credit on the Kingston hotel. The splendid repast, served in fine way, was greatly enjoyed by everyone. The menu included:—relishes, pickles, beets; soup, Consomme a la Julienne; entrees; Chateau cheese with crackers; choice roast young turkey, au chou, and apple sauce; vegetables, buttered asparagus, green peas, mashed and boiled potatoes; dessert, plum pudding with caramel sauce, apple pie, jelly with whipped cream; tea, coffee, milk.

After the goodly feast had been duly honoured, Mr. J. Thomas, toastmaster for the evening, asked for the usual honour to the King. Mr. S. Wheeler, manager of the club, was called upon for the opening speech of the evening. He referred to the fact that while in other years the annual banquet had been a "stag" affair, this year they had the pleasure and honour of the company of the ladies, who in reality were of great service in the progress and popularity of football in this district, and to whose interest and help so much of the success of football was due. Referring to the presence of officials of the N.O.F.A. and the P.D.F.L., Mr. Wheeler spoke in praise of the good work done by these officers and their value to football. Mr. Morgan, president of the N.O.F.A., had been a hard worker for football and was always on the job, while the N.O.F.A. secretary also was praised for his valuable services. Mr. James Cowan, president of the P.D.F.L., and Mr. Duxfield, past president, also came in for special well-merited commendation from Mr. Wheeler, who also referred to the fairness and competence of F. J. Hornby in the reports of matches in The Advance. Thanks were also expressed to the Advance for the support given to football and sports generally.

Mr. Wheeler thought the McIntyre team the best that the Holly Recs had encountered in the past season. The matches were always closely contested and a fine sporting spirit shown. Next year he promised the McIntyre team to have to go still stronger to hold their honours from the Holly Recs. In closing Mr. Wheeler proposed a toast to the ladies and other visitors, this being responded to with enthusiasm.

In responding to the call upon him, Mr. Duxfield thanked Mr. Wheeler for the good words for the McIntyre team, and hoped that a particularly good brand of football would be put up in the coming season. The players and teams were already talking about the various trophies and he thought it would be difficult at this time to tell which would be the winning teams.

Mr. Morgan, president of the N.O.F.A. proposed a toast to the press. The local press had done everything possible to encourage and assist good sport and was largely responsible for the high standard of football here, he thought.

In responding to the toast, F. J. Hornby referred to the difficulty of pleasing all parties concerned, but said that there was always earnest desire for the best interests of the sport at all times.

W. H. Wilson favoured the gathering with the latest and liveliest in pianoforte music and won very hearty applause and appreciation.

Mr. Jas. Cowan proposed the toast to the Hollinger Recreation Football Club, admitting that the club had been his old love in years past and would be his new love next season. He had always worked hard for the boys while connected with the team, and would do so again. He had always found them true sports and a good bunch to work for.

Mr. Robson in replying for the team, spoke in regard to the cups and trophies. He hoped to see the same bunch of boys in uniform next year.

Mr. Thomas on behalf of the club and those interested in football in the town and district, thanked Mr. Wheeler for the way he had managed the Holly Recs. F.C. team during the past season. Mr. Wheeler had worked hard for the team, which was what would be expected, as all had heard of Mr. Wheeler's earnest efforts for the Lancashire F.C. before coming to the Hollinger Recreation F.C. Mr. Thomas also took occasion to express the appreciation felt for the good work of Messrs Geo. Ritchie and J. Geddes for the H.R.F.C. during the past season.

Mr. W. H. Wilson thanked the Hollinger Recreation Football Club for the good spirit of co-operation shown to the N.O.F.A. The invitation given officials of the N.O.F.A. to the banquet was one of the evidences of the kindly feeling existing, and while thanking the club for this, he also took opportunity to point out that the success of football in the North depended upon the fostering and extension of this good spirit of co-operation and interest.

The gathering dispersed after thanks had been extended to Mrs. Mercier of the Kingston hotel for the excellent menu and service provided for the occasion. Mrs. Mercier replied by saying that she was glad to know that all were pleased and hoped to have the pleasure of catering again to the Hollinger Recreation Football Club.

After the conclusion of the banquet, the dance at the Hollinger Recreation hall was enjoyed, there being a good crowd and a very pleasant time for all.