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TIMMINS, ONTARIO

Competition is in progress at the curling rink for the Timmins trophy.

Born—In Timmins on Wednesday, Jan. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fiddler—a son.

Mr. J. E. Grasset was called to Barrie this week owing to the death of his mother, who passed away on Tuesday.

B. V. Harrison, general manager of the Canada Northern Power Co., and F. W. B. Cadman, also of the head office staff of the company, were up to Timmins this week from New Liskeard on company business.

All will regret that Mr. J. W. Faithful is on the sick list and all wish him the earliest possible recovery.

The next meeting of St. Matthew's Social Club will be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 15th, in the church hall at 8 p.m.

The second weekly hike of the Ski Club has been set for Friday evening at 8 p.m. from the Rex Parlour. The new ski jump was used this week and found satisfactory.

Mrs. L. Barnes and her two little boys, Eric and Freddie, have gone to spend a few weeks with friends in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Born—In Timmins, Ont., on Wednesday, January 2nd, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Monahan—a son (Kenneth Ernest Walter).

There were two candidates for the mayoralty of Englehart this year, but Mayor Weeks was re-elected on Monday of this week, defeating D. Korman by a good majority.

W. Charbonneau, who was elected mayor of Halleybury to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Pipe last year, was re-elected on Monday by a large majority as mayor for 1929.

The Caledonians are holding an "At Home" for members and friends on Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 8.30 p.m. at the Hollinger hall. Ladies are asked to bring refreshments.

Don't forget the dance under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion on Monday, Jan. 14th, in the Windsor Hall, 6 Cedar street, south.

Mr. W. Nicholson, manager of the Gamble Robinson, Timmins, Limited, left this week for Ottawa, Ont., to attend the annual convention of the staffs of the company.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tripp, of New York City, N.Y., one of the early pioneers of Schumacher, Ont., has returned to the North and is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Burns. The many friends of Mrs. Tripp in this part of the North will very gladly welcome her back to the district.

Rev. Fr. G. LaForest spent last Sunday in Cochrane where he conducted the services at the Catholic church there, Rev. Fr. Laroque being ill with the prevalent influenza.

The death of Mr. B. J. Gilligan, of Ottawa, father of Mr. Ed. Gilligan, of Timmins, took place on Wednesday, Jan. 9th, at home. The late Mr. Gilligan was formerly of Timmins and is well known in this district.

The All-Britain Social Club will hold a whist drive and dance next Tuesday evening in the Hollinger hall. Everybody made welcome. There will be good prizes, and refreshments will be served during the evening.

Friends and acquaintances of Mrs. S. L. Lees will regret to hear of her misfortune in falling on Thursday last and sustaining injuries to her right ankle. All will wish her a quick and complete recovery.

Friends in Timmins and district will deeply regret to learn of the death of Mrs. P. Barry at Cochrane on Monday morning. She had been ill for seven or eight months with heart trouble and recently contracting the influenza she succumbed to this disease. The late Mrs. Barry was only 27 years of age and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her, and there will be very general sympathy with those bereaved.

The North Bay Nugget last week says:—"Miss Caroline Knight, Timmins, who visited friends and relatives in North Bay and Feronia during the Christmas holidays, has returned home."

Mr. U. L. Acton, for many years a popular resident of Timmins, but recently district representative for Kirkland Lake and area for the McColl-Frontenac Oil Co. was a visitor to Timmins last week, renewing acquaintances here and being heartily greeted by old friends.

Edgar Adshead, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Adshead, of Halleybury, was hit by a motor car last week, but apparently escaped serious injury. The little lad passed behind a coal car and came in front of the motor car, the driver having no chance to avoid the accident.

Rev. H. J. L. Wooley, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., known and admired for his bright historical sketches of Northern Ontario, as well as for his service as a minister of the United Church, died at Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday in his 48th year. He had held charges as minister at Utterson, Richards Landing and other places in Canada. He was born in Canada but educated in the United States, also holding pastorates at Chicago, New Haven and Vanderbilt, before returning to Canada.

## Strenuous Objection to Use of Waterfronts for Booming

### Settler Condemns Agreement Made by Ontario Government with Booming Association. Settlers' Right of Access to Farms Prejudiced. Not Fair to Pioneers Along Mattagami River. Hon. Mr. Finlayson Should Have Safeguarded Settlers' Rights, Says Letter

The following letter was received this week by The Advance for publication:—

The Editor, The Porcupine Advance: From time to time there have appeared references in the columns of your paper to the interest shown by the Hon. W. Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests, in the settlement of the North. The hon. minister has voiced his appreciation of the settlers and his admiration of their work not once but many times. It therefore comes as somewhat of a shock to find this pseudo-supporter of the settlers lending all his personal efforts and the powers of his office to further a scheme which he was bound to know would hamper settlement and place an undue burden on the settlers themselves. This, however, the hon. minister has done, and it shows how little reliance can be placed on the statements of a politician out for the sole purpose of keeping his own end up.

By what appears to be a piece of objectionable political jobbery, the Mattagami Booming Co. was given certain rights on the Mattagami river which enabled them to use the waterfronts of adjacent farms for log-booming purposes. It did not worry the hon. minister a whit, nor the booming

company neither, that, by doing so, they effectively shut off settlers from what in many instances is their only means of communication with the outside. A policy of "hush-hush" was followed throughout the entire negotiations; publicity was shunned like the plague, and none of the settlers concerned knew the scheme was going through until they found their lands blocked.

In July, in response to a complaint to the Department of Lands and Forests, the statement was forthcoming from the deputy minister that no authority had been given the booming company to extend booms along the water front of my farm; yet, in March, four months before, as I later found out, the booming company had been furtively handed a license of occupation from the same department giving them this actual right without my knowledge. Such hard-faced mis-statement of facts is certainly a cynical commentary on the methods employed by our government officials. And presumably my rights as a settler were not even thought of in the whole shoddy transaction.

Long before the Fesserton people were on the river the department had sold these farms and the settlers used the river, as it was, and still is in many cases, the only means of access to their lots. Now this line of communication is blocked by booms to the hardship of men and women who are giving yeoman service in the opening up of the country.

Mr. Finlayson, in a letter, says the lumber companies must not be hampered in their work as they are developing the country. But can skinning the timber off the country be called development? Is not the settler's work of immeasurably greater good to the country in that he leaves it in better shape than when he found it? But then he, of course, does not represent big money.

Another point: Why did the Government ignore Mr. Kenning, our local member, when they handed out this hole-and-corner charter? Had they asked an expression of opinion from him instead of going over his head they might have got an earful of hard facts against such an ill-considered action. Possibly this is just what the hon. minister did not want.

It would be interesting to get the inside facts of the whole tawdry transaction. That there is more in it than meets the eye is evidenced by the fact that for a yearly rental of but fifty dollars, the booming company acquires control of a stretch of waterway of over thirty miles and by doing so dispossesses over a hundred settlers of their legal rights. This is the action of our hon. minister, the man who is such a friend of the settler that he does not hesitate to exercise the powers of his office to grab the main advantage of many a settler—his waterfront—and hand it over to the greedy paw of a private company, so that this concern's coffers may be swelled. And all for the enrichment of the provincial revenue to the dazzling sum of fifty dollars a year. Again I wonder.

The private company concerned, The Fesserton Timber Co. (controlling the booming company) has been more of a handicap than anything else to this district. The first thing they did when they started operating here was apparently to try to beat wages down to the semi-starvation level; and they haven't anything to boast of in the way of wages paid to-day. Previous to their coming here settlers and lumbermen got on very amicably. Each seemed to see the other's viewpoint and acted accordingly. But with the advent of the Fesserton outfit the old-time selfish over-riding attitude of the lumbermen blazed out. Often in recent years the Mattagami river has had the appearance of being a mere private adjunct of the Fesserton sawmill, and others used it just by the good nature of this concern, where and when the latter was pleased to allow them to do so.

First and last a shoddy business and a shoddy crowd from the hon. minister downwards, and the more the general public gets to know of actions of this nature, the more easily can political blab-blah and other matters be discounted.

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### NO ROOM FOR DISLOYAL MEN IN THE TOWN OF LISKEARD

In commenting on an article in a Toronto newspaper where a naturalized Finn now living in Sudbury was quoted as telling about a bunch of "Red" leaders being dumped down at New Liskeard by the British Government, The New Liskeard Speaker last week says:—

"If Finns who were too 'Red' to be allowed to live in Finland outside the prisons were dumped into New Liskeard by the British Government, it is quite certain they were dumped out of the frying-pan into the fire. Do any of our people remember a bunch of Finns being landed here in 1919? We doubt it. A town which sent so many men to the Great War, and so many Englishmen to the war that the Sons of England Lodge had to suspend regular meetings, there being so few left, is not a healthy place for disloyalists. If they were brought here they soon disappeared."

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