

South Porcupine Staging Big Carnival Friday Night

Children's Carnival on Saturday Afternoon. Maple Leafs Whitewash the Eskimo Cubs. New Cup for Curlers at South Porcupine. Other News from South Porcupine Correspondent.

South Porcupine, March 4th. Special to The Advance.
On Friday evening, Iroquois Falls Juniors played the Maple Leaf Club of South Porcupine in an exhibition hockey. The Cub Eskimos wore a coat of whitewash, the Iroquois 4-0 for the Maple Leafs. Sir... will handled the game well. So... Porcupine got one penalty. Sampson; the Club Eskimos got five, being over-zealous in the last period to change the big cipher they were facing. The visiting lads occasionally forgot their hockey etiquette and received their penalties then. Three of the Maple Leaf goals were scored by Catarallo and one by George Johns. The goals by Catarallo were the result of splendid assists given by his teammates. For one of them Ray Sampson was coming up from the defence on a rush and got sandwiched by the Eskimo defence but Catarallo made quick use of the opportunity and had the puck into their citadel before they knew where it was. Tony Sampson was in goal for two periods and MacDougall for one, both lads giving a good account of themselves for the Maple Leafs. The fortitude of the other alternates their team-mates claim is also worthy of special mention. The teams lined-up:—Iroquois Falls Juniors—Goal, "Shorty" Walsh; defence, L. Porter, S. Porter; centre, "Flat" Walsh; wings, Judd, V. Sutton; alternates, Laroche, and Larocque. Maple Leaf Club—Goal, T. Sampson; defence, Johnson and R. Sampson; centre, Catarallo; wings, Doran and Michaelson; alternates, H. McInnis, H. Martin, C. McCaffrey and S. Stovell.
At the curling rink tonight O. M.

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Henderson's rink won a decided victory over the rink of W. Brooks, the final count being 17-7 in the final play for the Pillsworth Memorial Cup. The victorious crew consisted of O. M. Henderson, skip, H. M. Wilson, vice-skip, D. McLellan, second, F. C. Evans, lead, while their opponents were: W. Brooks, skip, E. J. Mason, vice-skip, Dr. Barry, second, and Jim Howard, lead. The next excitement will be the series of games for the possession of the Sky Cup. Mr. S. Sky has just returned from Toronto with this new trophy and today presented it to F. C. Evans, president of the Curling Club. It is a beauty, standing about twenty inches high, surmounted by the figure of a curler in action.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor have moved into the house at the Dome, vacated by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rowe.
Mrs. Barry returned last night from Brantford bringing with her the five children of her sister, the late Mrs. Pamfin. There are twins, ten years old, and twins four years old, and a winsome little girl of eight years. Having been so sadly bereft of their mother they will make their home with Dr. and Mrs. Barry for the present.

This week the Catholics of St. Joachim's Church are holding a Retreat. There was a council meeting on Tuesday evening of last week when mostly routine business was attended to. Monday night was the regular night but everyone was to the Falls for the hockey game.
After gaining a decisive victory of 8-0 over the Nickel Belt Club on their home ice the Eskimos were defeated 4-1 in their return game at Sudbury giving Iroquois Falls the round of a score of 9-4. The Eskimos meet the Intermediate O.H.A. champions on Thursday, March 7th, and Saturday afternoon, March 9th. These games are later than first planned owing to the number of play-offs required in the O.H.A. Mr. A. S. Fuller, of Boston, arrived in camp last evening.
Mr. Eric Ronald has gone to Gravenhurst where Mrs. Ronald is visiting her parents.
Mrs. H. M. Martin is intending to open a tea-room in the former McKinley block shortly. Besides the regular meals she will serve light lunches at all hours.
On Thursday evening last Mr. and Mrs. Don Eames entertained a number of young people at their home at the Dome Extension as a farewell for Miss Marita Arbour.
Mr. Mickey Splayne has been the guest of his friend, Mr. John Fell, Jr. Mr. J. Stovell, superintendent of the Dome Mines, and Mrs. Stovell, are visiting their former home at Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Mr. W. Brimblecombe was up from Toronto for the week-end and Mrs. Brimblecombe and little daughter returned to the city with him after a

NORTHERN ONTARIO BOOK IN EMPIRE REFERENCE SERIES

Eighty-page Booklet Contains Much Information About the North. Unfortunately Some Errors and Omissions

Under the auspices of the Ontario Government "The Northern Ontario Ready Reference" booklet has been issued as a part of the British Empire Series. This British Empire Series is designed as an economic factor in the scheme of intercommunication. The Heaton Compilation System, Toronto, publishes the British Empire Series. As reason for the series the publishers give the following four axioms:—
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4—In concise language there is only one best way to tell a truth. Once properly prepared with illustrations and good maps, information is improved and revised year after year; uniform provincial information can be reprinted in a Dominion book.

The Northern Ontario Ready Reference book is well printed on good paper with an attractive cover in brown and gold, and carrying the Ontario coat of arms. It has received a number of very flattering references in the newspapers of the North Land, most of whom apparently did not give the booklet more than a cursory glance. The Advance has glanced over the little volume and while admitting its usefulness, regrets that a number of errors and omissions spoil its prestige. To be truly useful a reference work like this must be absolutely correct. This booklet classes Sudbury as a city; gives the population of Schumacher as 600, when it is easily six times that figure; notes the population of Porcupine Junction at 1,100, while a tenth of that figure would be closer the mark. Omits the town town of Ansonville altogether, and does not mention Connaught; the T. & N. O. is credited with having a branch from Timmins to Island Falls. It may be that The Advance has happened upon all the slips made in the booklet, but it is unfortunate that there should be any such slips. It is to be hoped that in future issues these errors will be rectified.

There are, on the other hand, many good features about this booklet. It is clear and compact and well-arranged and contains a mass of useful information. Historical notes, population, nationalities, climate, hunting, fishing, travel and resorts, agriculture, fisheries, forests and woods, fur farming, mining, waterpowers, descriptions of cities, towns and villages, and land settlement, with complete descriptions of agricultural districts are among the matters covered. The maps include a map of Canada, a skeleton map of the Province a map of the Ferguson Highway and the Government Railway, a double-page map of Northern Ontario and a map showing the resources of the North Land. Special features are treated with illustrated pages.
A department of the booklet that may be given unqualified praise is the feature, "Where to Find it." Here references are given to Government reports and reliable authorities for complete information on scores of subjects
visit with her sister, Mrs. C. McInnis. Quite a number from here were guests at the luncheon bridge given by Mrs. (Dr.) Day at Connaught last Saturday. Mrs. T. Lang won first prize and Mrs. S. Sky, second. The afternoon was very cleverly planned for the enjoyment of all.
A number of the young people of the camp were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fell, Dome Mines, on Saturday evening last.
A monster carnival is being held in the skating rink on Friday evening, March 8th. Porcupine Goldfields band will be in attendance. There will be prizes for ladies' and gentlemen's comic costumes, also ladies' and gentlemen's fancy costumes. A special feature will be the hockey players' puck-carrying race, open only to members of the Porcupine Hockey Club. The puck will be placed on the ice a short distance from where the skater starts. He will be timed from the time he gets the puck until he circles the rink and brings it back to where he started from. The puck must not be more than three feet away from the player's stick at any time during the course. The feat will be tried one at a time. Stop watches will be used for the timing. Two good prizes are being given for this.
On Saturday afternoon at 2.30 p.m., the children's carnival will be held with prizes for best fancy costume, boys and girls, also best comic costume, boys and girls. The admission for Saturday is only fifteen cents. See the big posters for further particulars.
Any news items for the Porcupine Advance during the next two weeks may be phoned to phone 34, South Porcupine.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE ABITIBI POWER & PAPER

Financial Report for Year Indicates Earnings from Operations to be \$7,280,936 for Year.

Despatches from Montreal this week indicate that for the year ended December 31, 1928, the financial statement of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company Limited, shows earnings from operations at \$7,380,936. Comparisons with statements of previous years are necessarily inadequate, owing to the fact that January, 1928, the company acquired through exchange of stocks the ownership of Spanish River and other companies, so that last year represents the first year of operations of the amalgamated companies. There is also to be considered the chaotic condition of the newsprint industry, especially during the last half of the year.
Operating profits for the year, after income tax, amounted to \$7,380,936, as compared with \$4,213,489 in the preceding year. Deduction of interest at \$2,818,108 and depreciation at \$1,716,814, left net profit for the year of \$2,846,014, as compared with \$2,904,574 in 1927. Preferred dividends paid amounted to \$1,529,325, leaving a balance of \$1,316,716.
Payment of common dividends at \$2,255,416, plus \$179,436 common dividends on shares of subsidiary companies outstanding but since redeemed, left an apparent adverse balance on the year's operations of \$1,118,136. It is shown, however, that the balance at credit of surplus as at December 31, 1927, was \$59,719,007, which included undistributed profits of companies now consolidated of \$16,801,767 with the addition of \$544,520 for surplus arising from adjustment of logs inventory, there is a profit and loss balance in the current report of \$59,145,391.
Working capital position shows an excess of current assets over current liabilities of \$12,097,188. The working capital of the old company at the end of the previous year was \$3,761,489.

In his remarks to shareholders, President Alexander Smith says in part "The year 1928 was one of serious overproduction in the newsprint industry, accompanied by destructive competition, unwarranted price cutting, and a general condition of demoralization, which culminated in the last half of the year in price quotations so low as to threaten the welfare of publisher and manufacturer alike. The company's production was less than 64 percent of its capacity, and net receipts for paper bore no relation to current contract prices. Under the leadership of the Premiers of Ontario and Quebec, a serious programme of stabilization is now under way with excellent prospects of success. With the stimulus of low prices, consumption of newsprint paper is increasing, and your directors look to the future with complete confidence in your company's ability to meet all competitive conditions that may arise.

from agricultural data to uses of woods, from education to honey and from camps and canoe trips to highways, copper, hospitals and sawmills. Most of the directions under "Where to Find it" are to Government booklets or reports.
Much of the information used in the booklet was gathered from Government sources and so in most instances may be taken as authentic. As a sample of the comprehensiveness with which topics are treated reference may be made to the paragraphs on mining. In regard to the dates and localities of the first commercial workings of the chief mineral deposits in Northern Ontario, the booklet gives the following:—Copper, 1846, Bruce Mines; Cobalt, 1904, Cobalt; Gold, 1908-9, Porcupine; 1912, Kirkland Lake; 1925, Red Lake; Iron, 1899, Helen Mines; Nickel, 1886, Sudbury; Silver, 1869, Silver Islet; Silver, 1903-4, Cobalt. "Prior to 1908," the booklet says, "gold was found and worked at many points from Lake of the Woods to Hastings District. The first permanent gold discovery was made in 1908 on the northeast shore of Porcupine Lake. The great rush came in 1909. The Hollinger, McIntyre and Dome Mines were all discovered within a few days of each other."
Land settlement and living conditions are fully dealt with by the booklet. Crown Lands regulations are reviewed, assistance to settlers mentioned, and a list of distances from Toronto to the various towns of the North are given. Education, social welfare, and other features are touched upon. Special space is given to the land available for settlement in each district. In Cochrane district the list shows 48 townships open for settlement in whole or part. In none of them is it indicated that free grant lands can be obtained at date of publication. The Matheson Agency of the Crown Lands Dept. is given, with J. A. Hough, Matheson, as agent, and the following townships opened in whole or in part for settlement:—Beatty, Benoit, Bond, Bowman, Calvert, Carr, Clergue, Currie, Dundonald, Evelyn, German, Hislop, Matheson, McCart, Mountjoy, Playfair, Stock, Taylor, Walker.
Probably the "Northern Ontario Ready Reference" book will prove of great benefit just as it is, with the minor mistakes referred to, but of course it would be much more valuable if it were absolutely accurate. It might be well to have someone acquainted fully with the North run carefully through the booklet, making the necessary corrections. Perhaps, the Northern Ontario Associated Boards might do this for the good of the country, if asked to do so. The future editions of the book could be corrected, and the present issue might carry an "errata" slip, calling attention to the necessary corrections.



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