

Loss of \$130,000 in Fire at Cochrane Last Week

Word was received here last Thursday of a very serious fire at Cochrane, the loss being estimated at \$130,000.00. No particulars were available here and the daily newspapers carried only brief reference to the fire. In some of the dailies it was suggested that the fire was being investigated by the authorities with a view to discovering the cause and finding out if some outside agency had brought this loss on the company.

The Cochrane Northland Post last week made the following reference to the fire under the heading: "Disastrous Fire at National Grocers". The local fire brigade were called out about five-thirty a.m. on Thursday morning during the worst storm of the season, to fight a fire in the main warehouse and office building of the National Grocers. Though the firemen responded very promptly as usual,

the fire had got such a start before it was noticed, that it was impossible to save the building. The whole east end of the building, where the offices were situated, was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived there, and though they did all that was humanly possible to save the remaining portion of the building, they were not able to prevent it from burning. The strong wind and the smoke from the burning goods added to the difficulties of the firemen and the town has every reason to be proud of the way they worked. Mr. Harry Austin, local manager of the National Grocers, very thoughtfully furnished coffee to the firemen after they had been working on the fire for some time, which was greatly appreciated.

The total loss will probably be around \$130,000.00. While this fire was terrible enough and will be regretted by the whole community, it is well to remember that even including the loss suffered in this fire, the total fire loss in Cochrane since the general conflagration of 1916, will still be comparatively small and if averaged over the thirteen years since that disaster, will compare quite favourably with the fire losses of other towns.

SUDBURY HAS QUITE A FEW VOLUNTARY VAGRANTS NOW

At the Sudbury police court recently there seem to be quite a few "voluntary vagrants," that is, men who claim they are unable to work and wish a home for a time at least. Jail is the only place available to send them. Last week two men who had no work and no place for shelter or food asked for a term at Burwash. Blind as the result of consuming poison alcohol last year, William Patterson, age 62, appeared in Sudbury Police Court Thursday morning as a voluntary vagrant. Commenting on the case, Crown Attorney McKessock said it was pitiable to think there was no place but Burwash for a man of Patterson's years and condition. He stated that overtures had been made to the Provincial Government on the man's behalf but they replied saying there was no institution to which he could be sent. The unfortunate man was given a term of three months.

SKETCHES OF PLAYERS ON THE IROQUOIS FALLS TEAM

Particulars About the Members of the Team Holding the Championship of Northern Ontario.

Hockey fans will be interested in the following sketches of the players in the Eskimos, the champion hockey team of Northern Ontario for 1929.— DAVE KERR, goal. Kerr broke in with the Eskimos three seasons ago when he starred with the Falls Juniors in their play-off with Owen Sound O. H. A. champions. He came to Iroquois Falls from Toronto Canoe Club Juniors, where he had already earned a considerable reputation for himself as a net minder of unusual ability. He played with the Falls Juniors last season, and although still eligible for lower company, stepped up to the seniors this season, turning in some brilliant performances.

"RIP" POWERS. One of the "old brigade," Powers has been kept out of active hockey for the past six weeks with a broken thumb. He has been in Iroquois Falls for the past eight years, scintillating between the posts for the Falls seniors in the days when the North Country took their hockey seriously. He hails from Haileybury originally.

STUART EVANS. Although still young in years, "Stew" has earned an enviable reputation as a defence player. In fact he has been one of the stars on the Eskie tribe this season, his shooting and checking being particularly brilliant. He graduated from the school leagues of Ottawa, going to Kapuskasing last year where he participated in town league games. This is his first season with Iroquois Falls.

"SHING" HUGGINS. A former team mate of Dave Kerr with the Toronto Canoe Club Juniors. Huggins is another player still eligible for junior ranks, stepping up to the seniors when the Falls Juniors were eliminated. He starred with the junior Eskimos last season and is a defenceman of rare ability.

TOMMY CIBULSKI. Hailing from Renfrew many years ago, Tommy has spent the past eight years of his life around the Iroquois Falls arena, having played with every senior team in the paper town during that time. He was a star with the Falls team which went in hunt of the Allan Cup in 1923 and again in 1924 when eliminated by Sault Greyhounds. He is a real old timer, his experience balancing the natural impetuosity of the younger players. He cavorts at centre ice.

BURNS FRASER. Holds down the regular wing assignment and has had many years' experience in roaming up and down the right boards. He comes from Westmeath and performed for a number of years in the Ottawa Valley League with Pembroke and other towns. He has been in Iroquois Falls for nine years.

JOE CHIRCOSKI. Sudbury is given credit for developing Joe, having played with the old Sudbury Cub Wolves in the days of Steve Yankoski, the Wright Brothers, Queenville and others. He has played left wing for many a strong Iroquois Falls senior sextette, migrating to the paper town nine years ago. He is well known by all hockey fans in the North Country.

AUGUSTIN TROTTIER. Alternates with CIBULSKI at centre and is one of the real home-brews on the team. He learned all about hockey on the frozen ponds around Ansonville, a mile outside Iroquois Falls. He has always played in Iroquois Falls subbing on last year's junior aggregation.

JACK PENDER. Learned his hockey in Parry Sound but was for two years a member of the Coniston base ball team, being chosen as the most effective twirler in the Nickel Belt. He played junior with Iroquois Falls last season. He is a fast and tricky skater, alternating at right wing.

HUBERT WILSON. Packs one of the most wicked shots in the N. O. H. A., his sizzling drives having earned him the reputation of a second Babe Dye. He hails from Ottawa and starred with the Baby Eskies last year.

"TOGO" WIMPERIS. Playing his third season with Iroquois Falls, Wimperis has shown great improvement this year, having developed a tidy burst of speed. He alternates on the forward line. He is another product of the Ottawa City League.

E. LITTLE. Mr. Little manages the boys and although never having played hockey himself, knows how to keep them on their toes. He is well known as a ball player, having performed in the Nickel Belt many times. He is plant electrical engineer with the Abitibi Power and Paper Company at Iroquois Falls and takes a keen interest in all sports.

FRED MAGURN. As a coach Mr. Magurn has earned a reputation for himself in Iroquois Falls. He originally hails from Ottawa but played hockey with the Falls many years ago and is one of the old residents of the town.

Ladies' Bowling League Scores for Week of Mar. 7

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Discussion of the new hymnal now being compiled featured the session of the Temiskaming Presbytery of the United Church at Haileybury last week. As a result of a report made by the special committee of the presbytery which has been considering the omission of certain well-known tunes and hymns extensively used in the church, from the new book, presbytery decided to communicate with the committee of the general council handling the subject and ascertain on what principle these words and music have been rejected. The presbytery's committee was given power to prepare a suitable list for presentation to the next meeting of presbytery which will be held in Cobalt in May and this will be discussed before presbytery sends in its final findings to the general council.

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