

South Porcupine Arena Now Open for Skating and Hockey

Porcupine Hockey Club Up to Strength, with Dr. L. Hudson as Coach. Prospects Good for the Year. Ford Car Went 65 Miles per Hour on South Porcupine Road. Anniversary Services at South Porcupine Anglican Church.

South Porcupine, Nov. 26th, 1929. Special to The Advance.

Dr. J. Barry is on a holiday in Toronto and other southern points. Dr. Hinzman is looking after his practice during his absence.

Their many friends here will sincerely sympathize with Mr. Lawrence Thomas, a former resident in the loss of his young wife at Ottawa on October 19th. Mrs. Thomas was much loved by all who know her here and her untimely demise is sincerely regretted. Her husband and two small children, a boy and a girl, mourn her loss. She was the daughter of Mr. Stewart Leach, of Stark's Corners, and was twenty-six years old. The funeral took place at Shawville, Quebec.

Mr. George Humphrys, of Kirkland Lake, spent the week-end in town. Miss Martha Schmelze, of Toronto, is visiting at her home here.

The pupils of the High School are practising for their annual Christmas concert.

Born—On Wednesday, November 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hocking—a daughter.

Rev. J. C. Cochrane, Superintendent of Missions, from North Bay, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilson last week when he was up for the Schumacher anniversary.

Mr. N. J. Pullus has arrived at the Dome to take the position of master mechanic. He has had a wide experience, coming now from Los Angeles, also having been in Korea and various other parts of the globe.

The bridge clubs met at the home of Mrs. D. McLellan on Thursday last. Mrs. E. J. Rapsey and Mrs. McLellan being joint hostesses. Mrs. F. Clark and Mrs. W. Wilson carried off the consolation prizes, while Mesdames Laforest and Bessette won first honours. For this week Mrs. D. Frood of Connaught will entertain the down-town club at the home of Mrs. M. Smith, and Mrs. W. Johns will entertain the Hill club at her home at the Dome.

Last week we had the name of Mrs. McLean's guest at the Dome wrong. It should have been Mrs. D. MacDonald, of Calgary. She will visit for some time

among friends in Porcupine and Timmins.

Born—On Thursday, November 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laporte—a son.

In the police court on Thursday last one speeder, whom the police said was speeding in a Ford car and tearing up the roadway at sixty miles an hour, paid \$25 and costs. Another speeder not quite so speedy paid \$10 and costs. One man convicted of keeping liquor for sale was sentenced to a three-months jail term. Another for the same offence paid a fine of two hundred dollars. A man was also fined for consuming liquor in a public place.

The Porcupine arena opened for the season on Tuesday, November 26th. Porcupine Goldfields band was in attendance and the ice was in excellent shape. A number of season tickets both for families and individuals have already been sold. The long season for which the Porcupine arena is open makes the buying of a season ticket a very profitable investment. The Porcupine rink is possibly the greatest asset we have for the young people of the community. Healthy, clean and admirably managed it is a boon alike to young and old. Visiting parties from other parts of the camp are always welcome and courteously treated.

The Porcupine Hockey Club had its first real work out on the ice at the arena from seven to eight on Tuesday evening. The boys are fortunate in being able to secure Dr. L. Hudson as coach. Knowing his experience in hockey and having realized his ability to help them out in many a tight place last year they have full confidence in him. With the exception of Baxter and Gilmour, last year's team is practically intact, and there are several more very likely looking additions. One old-timer's remark after seeing Tuesday's work-out was, "The best aggregation I've seen step on that ice."

A schedule of games is being arranged. There will most likely be some league games before Christmas. Several from here were up to Cochrane on jury duty on Tuesday, among them being T. E. Cahill, A. Ewing, W. Skinner and F. Hepburn.

The anniversary services in St. Paul's Anglican church were well attended on Sunday last. Rev. Archdeacon Woodall taking the service. Mrs. Barry sang very appropriately "Abide with Us." The Women's Auxiliary held a pleasant session at the home of Mrs. Percy Richards, Dome Mines, on Monday, when work was planned for their tea and sale of Christmas novelties to be held on Saturday, December 14th. No article is to be priced above \$2.00 and many suitable Christmas gifts will be on sale.

Mr. F. Fawnes, of Montreal, visited his sister, Mrs. W. Cliff, in town while on route home from Rouyn.

There was a short session of the township council of Tisdale on Monday evening. Mostly routine business was done, and several tax cases considered. Of the 1929 taxes more have been paid during the year than in many former years leaving considerably less in the way of arrears for another year. There has also been a very satisfactory paying-out of old arrears. A grant of \$50 was made toward the Turkey Charity Stag being held in Timmins as this St. George's day considers the poor of Tisdale in its distribution of charity.

COBALT MAN GETS \$89.50 FOR WATCH AND CHAIN LOST

A man, who claimed that he had been thrown out of a Lang street house in Cobalt by a woman with a poker in her hand, got judgment against the lady in Division Court at Cobalt on Friday of last week when he sued for \$89.50 which was the value he placed on a watch and chain he claimed had disappeared in the general mix-up. The plaintiff was Leo Bowen, and he sued Mrs. Albina Landry, who told Judge Hayward she had wrapped up the time-piece and its chain with "an old shirt and an old pair of shoes" and had thrown them through the store door on to the sidewalk as Bowen was passing. Bowen was drunk at the time, Mrs. Landry said, and she did not know if he saw the parcel. But Chief of Police Stromberg told the court that when he went to the store on the following day, the watch and chain were then in the cash register. Mrs. Landry had shown the articles to him, he swore to W. A. Gordon, appearing for Bowen, and had put them back in the register.

There is a change in the time of the Toronto train leaving the city, the departure from Toronto being at 9:45 instead of 9:05 p.m., though the train reaches Timmins at 5:35 p.m. as before. No. 47 making faster time and thus picking up the extra 40 minutes on the way.

CRITICIZES INFORMATION ABOUT THE BARREN LANDS

But Unfortunately Does Not Say What Was Wrong With It. Thinks Lot of Nonsense Written About McAlpine Party Affair.

This week The Advance has received the following letter, which is gladly published, though it is impossible not to regret that the writer, while affecting superior knowledge of the Barren Lands does not give some of that information, or at the very least indicate what is wrong with the information, and certainly does not wish false impressions created about the country to the far North, but this newspaper is desirous of publishing any information that seems reasonable and illuminative and that comes from a man who knows the country. Mr. Duncan did not appear to make any extravagant claims for his own knowledge of the country in question, but he did assert that he had spent several months in Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan and had flown several times over the place where the missing party was believed to be located. However, here is the letter:

Timmins, Ont., Nov. 24th, 1929
To the Editor of
The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—Returning from one of my prospecting trips, I have just come across your edition of the 31st ult., in which an article appeared referring to one Jack Duncan interviewed at Sudbury and giving your readers such an interesting (?) but false account of his experiences up in the Barren Lands.

You evidently have been misinformed in this case and I presume the article originated in a Sudbury paper.

It is remarkable, indeed, to see how easily certain newspapers accept for granted the tales of certain so-called prospectors whose knowledge of prospecting, and in this case of the Barren Lands, is just limited to these very words in print.

The man referred to may be a good hockey player, but whatever he knows about prospecting and the Barren Lands he learned during last summer in the thickly-wooded country of Northern Saskatchewan south of 56.

I consider, with scores of others that enough nonsense is being printed concerning the McAlpine party without adding to it in the way herein referred to.

Yours very truly,
R. HANSEN.

In reply The Advance would repeat that if there was any misinformation Mr. Hansen has unfortunately failed to specify the false data. Even if the writer's apparently most awesome fears were true and the interview originated with a Sudbury paper that would be no detriment as the Sudbury paper has a rather extended reputation for fairness and accuracy. As a matter of fact the interview was widely published being carried by various press agencies and published in a comparatively large number of newspapers, all in good faith. No one would be prejudiced by the fact that Mr. Duncan was a hockey player. Apparently Mr. Duncan did know something about the Barren Lands from an airship's point of view, which was the point of view that was of most interest in this particular matter. The Advance agrees with the writer of the letter that there has been a lot of nonsense and worse written about the McAlpine party, and it has not all been inspired by newspapers. Nevertheless The Advance has a curiosity to know wherein the statements by Mr. Duncan, hockey player, or prospector, or both, were at fault. Was he wrong in thinking that the armen might encounter serious difficulties? Was he at fault in suspecting that their food supply would not last more than five weeks? Was he mis-stating the case when he suggested that the Barren Lands were treeless, barren? Or in stating that the moss was wet? Or that the cariboo were plentiful but uncertain as to location? Or that the country is an immense one? Or that the snow freezes hard? Or what not? The public and most of the newspapers are anxious only for the facts. They would like to hear about the Barren Lands country.

SHORTAGE OF SMALL GAME INCREASES WOLF MENACE

Many Animals Hungry in Bush Around Metagami This Year. Some Nature Notes by M. U. Bates, of Metagami.

Very frequently The Advance has published letters and articles by Mr. M. U. Bates, of Metagami. It is not always possible to agree with his views on all matters, but he is always interesting and makes a point of knowing what he is talking about and talking about what he knows. In the current issue of Rod and Gun Mr. Bates refers to the killing of deer and moose by wolves, to the shortage of small game this year and to other matters of interest. Mr. Bates "Throughout a great part of the North country the blueberry crop was a failure the past season. A lot of our animals as well as the upland game birds will be affected by this unexpected shortage of food. It is not generally known that blueberries form an important part of the fox's ration during the late summer. During the past few weeks I have observed foxes which have become so hungry as to venture right into the settlement to forage for scraps around the settlers' houses. The same condition has been observed amongst our black bears, several of them having ventured right into our

towns, and in some instances interfered with the traffic on the streets. One big black fellow in the district where the writer lives foraged for over a week at a pile of garbage and scraps thrown from the railroad dining cars. He was seen daily for over a week, but a few days before the big game season opened some instinct apparently warning him of danger, he left for parts unknown. Another big fellow who came to the writer's notice displayed a partiality for red paint. I painted a boat late one evening, and a day or so later went out to give it a second coat. The boat was lying partly across a portage trail which the bear, apparently, had been in the habit of using. The fresh re-paint evidently attracted him, for he ate several mouthfuls of wood saturated with the paint, and just about ruined the boat. A couple more did the same thing with two of my canoes, only in the latter case both canoes were wrecked beyond repair. With the almost entire absence of blueberries this summer, the bears will doubtless be ravenous when they emerge from their dens in the spring, and trappers and fire rangers will have many such like crimes to chalk against these black prowlers.

"Lovers of the outdoors will be glad to learn that the ruffed grouse are now doing a good come-back. About five years ago, as is generally known amongst outdoorsmen, some epidemic overtook the grouse and practically annihilated them. Their recovery while slow was steady, each season seeing an increasing number in the woods. Their numbers this year would appear to justify another open season on them at an early date, the attitude amongst sportsmen being that it is as well to take a reasonable bag of them now as to wait till they have become so numerous as to be again depleted by a recurring epidemic. Which may be good logic.

"The varying hare, on the other hand, is doing a very slow come back, there being very few signs of them as yet in the northern woods. The absence of the varying hare is another condition which very strongly affects our hooped big game. With the wolverravenous as a result of the absence of their legitimate food, a heavy toll is taken of our hooped game all through the period of this rabbit shortage. Just a day or two ago a hunter told me of seeing where a pack of four or five wolves were hot on the trail of two galloping moose. Even if they did not succeed in killing these moose they would harass them so badly as to make them non-breeders, or non-producers if bred. At another point near by the carcasses of two splendid bulls with their horns still on and in good condition and one fully grown cow moose were found, all three killed by wolves, and all lying within the space of a few yards. Cases such as these are all good arguments in favour of an increased wolf bounty. We opine if a few of our legislators could each year adjourn from their offices for a few days in the woods such helpful and needed legislation would not be so tardy. Since beginning this short article reports have reached me of the unwonted activities of wolves in the moose grounds. With few deer and no rabbits available for sustenance the moose is the wolf's next legitimate prey. Let us hope that the moose won't be left to go the way of our deer."

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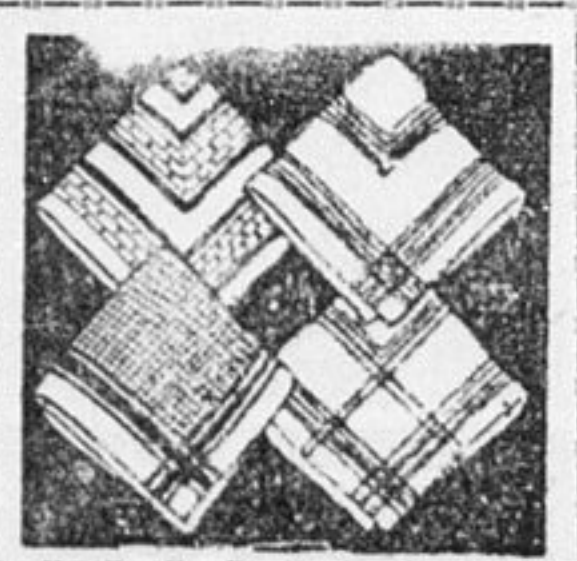
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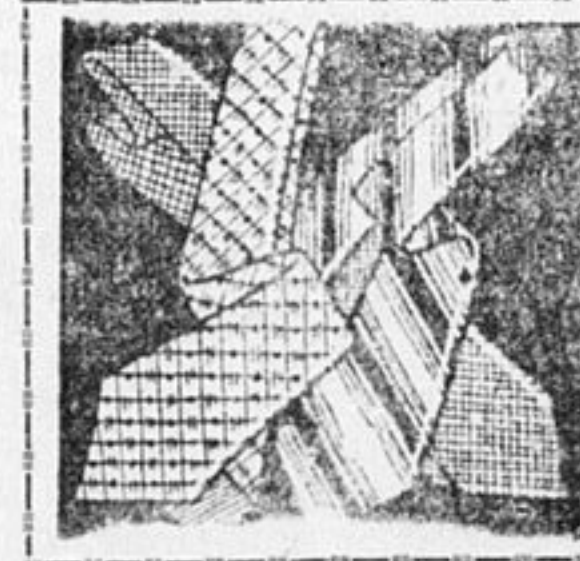
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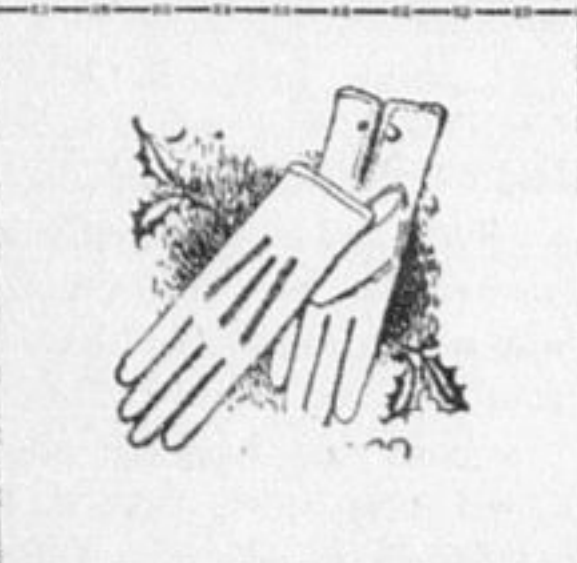


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