

The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine
By the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Chicken Stag held on March 8th was well attended by many comrades and supporters of the Legion. The bugle band made the rounds of the town and Schumacher in a truck, kindly loaned by the Pioneer Stores. The buglers treated the patrons in the hall, with a grand march which was well rendered, up their return. "Bingo," "The Football game" of "Chickens for Kickers" were quite busy the whole evening, and the other games were well patronized. The chickens were of the first order and many expressions of pleasure regarding the high quality of the birds were heard by satisfied patrons. The entertainment committee, the executive and the comrades who assisted to make the night a success deserve the thanks of the Post for their unselfish work for the good of the Legion. The Post as a

whole can think themselves lucky to have men who give hours of steady work for the good of the Post. As one of our patrons remarked coming up the steps, "that it was the best yet he had seen," having got three chickens for seventy-five cents. As it was his first Legion event, I told him that our style always changed for the better, and the more he patronized our events the better he would like them. I noticed some of our honorary members "Carrying home the Chickens." One smilingly remarked, that I had "let him in" for twenty-five cents, but he would rather not disclose what it cost him "to get out." Another of our good members remarked that if he was not broke he was badly bent, but it was all for a good cause. This event was a pleasant success from all sides. Let's hope it will be the forerunner of

many successful events for the Legion. The following comrades handed in application forms, namely: Wm. H. Houle, and B. Pearce. We still keep growing slowly but surely. I have great pleasure in stating that we have three more good citizens of Timmins with us as honorary members, namely, H. E. Montgomery, Esq., J.P. Leo, Mascioli, Esq., and George Jopson, Esq. We are proud to have these gentlemen with us, and our list of twenty will soon be full, in fact I hope to have it complete next week.

The comrades will be pleased to learn that we are one of the strongest Posts in the North, and we can also compete with many of the Posts in the South for having such a good lot of paid-up members.

The provincial command state that we are to be congratulated on the strong position we are in at present. The 2nd vice-president says he hopes to be with us sometime during the summer, so we can all look forward to the visit of Col. F. J. Picking, V.D., 2nd provincial vice-president, Ontario Command, Provincial Secretary A. Shields, Esq., J.P., also sends his kind regards to all the members of the Post and also adds his congratulations. So it appears that someone else besides the "singing miners" from Timmins, can let them know down in the South, that Timmins is on the map in more ways than one.

Just a little reminder about the masquerade ball on March 17th, in the McIntyre hall. This will be a real event put on by the same comrades who were responsible for the Chicken Stag, and who have pulled off many interesting events in the past. We also have the assistance of the "Ladies of the Auxiliary". The prizes will be of the first order. So everyone keep the day (St. Patrick's) the date, March 17th, and the hall, The McIntyre, in mind and spend the anniversary of "Ould Oireland" with the Timmins Post of the Canadian Legion.

Vimy Night will soon be here now, and it will be a "real night." Everyone knows now what "real nights" put on by the Legion are, and I hope to be able to give the details next week. So everyone just ring that date on the calendar, "April 9th, for a "Real Vimy Night."

We are getting along nicely with clearing up our books, and any Schumacher comrades that want to pay their dues, can drop into the McIntyre hall on March 17th, as I will have stamps on hand on that night, also application forms. Several of the comrades will receive statements for the current quarter. The statements are a little early by a few days, but as we have to have all in to Toronto by April 1st, I feel sure the comrades will forgive me being a few days ahead of time with the statements.

The next general meeting will be on Monday, March 24th, and any comrade who cannot be present on that date to be initiated, kindly send in for special form, which will save names of comrades who are unable to be present being called out by

—The Secretary-Treasurer.

SOME COMMENTS ON MINING CONVENTION IN TORONTO

Toy Train Holds Interest of Mining Men. Gowganda Affected by Chinese Attitude. Prospecting for Copper in E.C.

Comments on the mining men of Canada and their convention at the Royal York last week in Toronto will be of general interest. One article from The Mail and Empire on Friday last is as follows:—

"A toy train was perhaps the most interesting thing in the Royal York Hotel yesterday.

"Hundreds of prominent mining men and engineers attending the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy convention gazed all day yesterday at the little engine pulling its empty cars around a tiny steel track.

"But it wasn't just a childish interest in a toy. The fascination lay in the fact that the train ran only when a beam of light extending between two instruments was broken. A sign invited the spectator to place his hand in the beam of light that played between two photo-electric cells at the edge of the exhibit. And his reward was to see the little train spin upon its track.

"Of more than human sensitivity, the photo-electric cell, known as the Westinghouse electric eye and manufactured by the Canadian Westinghouse Company, has many possibilities for application in industry. Among those that have been tested are: the sorting of materials according to colour, size, shape, etc.; counting items where mass production requires speed and where articles are too light to deflect a mechanical counter; controlling lights by turning on and off artificial lights depending upon the intensity of natural light; detecting smoke for fire protection; recording smoke for saving coal; indicating position, e.g., safety devices indicating position of doors, such as elevators, or moving cars through dangerous places, or for scanning material."

Another item from the same paper on the same date relates to the effect of Chinese opinion on Gowganda silver, and reads as follows:—

"Gowganda, once known as the town of the silver sidewalks, has been shorn of much of its romantic glory, and part of that gets back to the fact that the modern Chinese want to trade in gold instead of in the silver coins which were the pride of their ancestors.

"That is part of the message which Angus Campbell, manager of the Castle-Trethewey Silver Mine, has for the members of the Canadian Mining and Metallurgical Institute, now in session.

"There was a time, back in the old days when Gowganda first became a spot on the silver map of the world, when miners and prospectors used to boast that they could stride down the streets of Gowganda and thread upon veins of raw silver. But, according to Mr. Campbell, the silver sidewalk of Gowganda is non-existent, though it may have been a civic pride of the early days.

"Mr. Campbell retains much of his enthusiasm for the possibilities of the district, that is, in the long run, but not at present when the Chinese are knocking down the price of silver bars by their talk of going in for gold instead of silver. The Hindu also gets some of the blame, for India came out a few days ago with the announcement of a duty of 10 cents an ounce against silver.

"Ontario's northland still has its silver, but in the lack of silver sidewalks, it takes funds to explore and develop. In the meantime, China and India have knocked the price of silver down to around 50 cents an ounce, and until that situation rights itself and the price of silver soars once more, Mr. Campbell believes that it will be just as well not to attempt further developments."

The final item from Friday's Mail and Empire is as follows:—

"Early prospecting for copper in the area surrounding Nimpkish Lake on northern Vancouver Island, was urged by H. C. Gunning yesterday at the annual convention of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy at the Royal York Hotel.

"Discovery of important rich copper deposits in this district has resulted in 200 mineral claims having been staked in a comparatively small area in the last two years, and at least two groups have promising surface showings, Mr. Gunning said.

"The district, from a mining viewpoint, is very accessible. Boats from Vancouver call at Englewood, in Beaver cove four times a day, and the journey can be made from Englewood into the copper district in one day.

"The growth of the Gowganda silver area was the subject of a paper given by Angus Campbell, manager of the Castle-Trethewey Mines. Although the market for silver was at its worst, mine operating conditions in this district were better than ever, he said.

"Progress in late years in narrowing the range of necessary risks in mining was outlined by D. C. Sinclair, chief inspector of mines for Ontario. With experience the Ontario mining regulations had been revised from time to time to protect the workmen, and a general revision of the Ontario Mining Act, based on careful survey of mining operations, was at present in progress, Mr. Sinclair said.

"Mr. Sinclair particularly stressed the necessity of frequent inspection of hoisting ropes. The rope must be shortened every six months to change the position of the points of greatest wear, he said, and sections of the rope must be submitted to a reliable testing laboratory for a breaking test.

"A motion-picture of the Turner Valley oil field was shown through the

LEGION'S FIRST CHICKEN STAG PROVES BIG SUCCESS

Good Crowd Attended Event on Saturday Evening. Neat Sum Netted for the Relief Fund of the Timmins Post of the Legion.

The Chicken Stag held by the Timmins Post of the Canadian Legion on Saturday in the Oddfellows' hall marks another of the successes of this organization in Timmins. There was lots of fun all night and the lucky winners at the various booths took home one or more of the birds.

Credit is due to the entertainment committee as a whole for their untiring work in connection with the event and also to the executive members and other assistants.

"The Army Card Game," in charge of Comrade Nippers and Keates, turned out a very good surplus and was kept busy all night, the game attracting much attention.

"The Golf Ball Game" under the supervision of the president, Austin Neame, was the medical profession's favourite game and created a great deal of fun.

"Bingo" was the big favourite of the crowd. This booth was in charge of Comrade Joe Ormston, assisted by Dave Maxwell and George Starling, a happy trio. This booth held the record for sales.

"The Merry-go-Round" proved to be fast and furious, the patrons having a long ride for their money. Comrades Curtis and Devine were the engineers and made things hum, when business was brisk. This booth took second place in the financial honours.

"Slow but Sure," under the direction of Comrades McMillan and Bellamy, was not in a very strategic position, and so did not have the rush of business anticipated, but nevertheless, they did their bit and helped towards the success.

"Kicker's Delight" was not the record-breaker as some thought, there evidently being no kickers in the Legion. James Cowan in clown attire made a big hit in this game, assisted by Archie Pearce. When the little fellow took Jimmie's challenge to put the ball in for a chicken, no one was more surprised than Jimmie to see the ball go in. This was the only chicken won at this game, the Football Game netting a very good profit for the Relief Fund.

A word must be said about the work of the secretary of the Legion, Comrade A. E. Mortimer, who took in the

courtesy of the Canadian Pacific Railway, to a large group of the delegates in the concert hall of the hotel during the afternoon.

"The convention closes tonight following the annual banquet of the institute in the Royal York Hotel.

cash at the door, combining business with pleasure he held his post until the very end. Comrade Forrester in full charge of the event was a busy man all evening.

The Timmins Post wishes to thank all who attended their first Chicken Stag, and a nice surplus will be added to the Relief Fund as a result.

FIRE DESTROYED OFFICE AT ROUYN MINE PROPERTY

Despatches last week from Cobalt say that the office at the Arntfield property in Rouyn was completely destroyed by fire one day recently, according to men from that mine who are spending a few days at their homes in Cobalt. Overheated stove pipes is believed to have been the cause of the blaze, which wiped out the log building in a short time. With the building its contents went up in smoke, these latter including all of the clothing, except what they were wearing at the time, of Hugh and Jack Armstrong, William Lee and Robert Furlong, who had been sleeping in the office. Some records and other articles also were lost, it being impossible to save anything when the fire was noticed. The building was insured for \$300, while the value of the other property destroyed, and which was not covered by insurance, would be approximately \$600, it is stated. Lumber is on the ground and a new office will be erected at once.

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A class for the training of Mining Prospectors will be held under the auspices of the Ontario Department of Mines in the Town Hall, Matheson, beginning March 20th and continuing for eight days. Tuition will be in elementary chemistry and geology, and particular attention will be paid to mineral spotting.

The Class will be under the direction of Dr. E. M. Burwash, who will also give a number of evening lectures illustrated by lantern slides in Central Public School.

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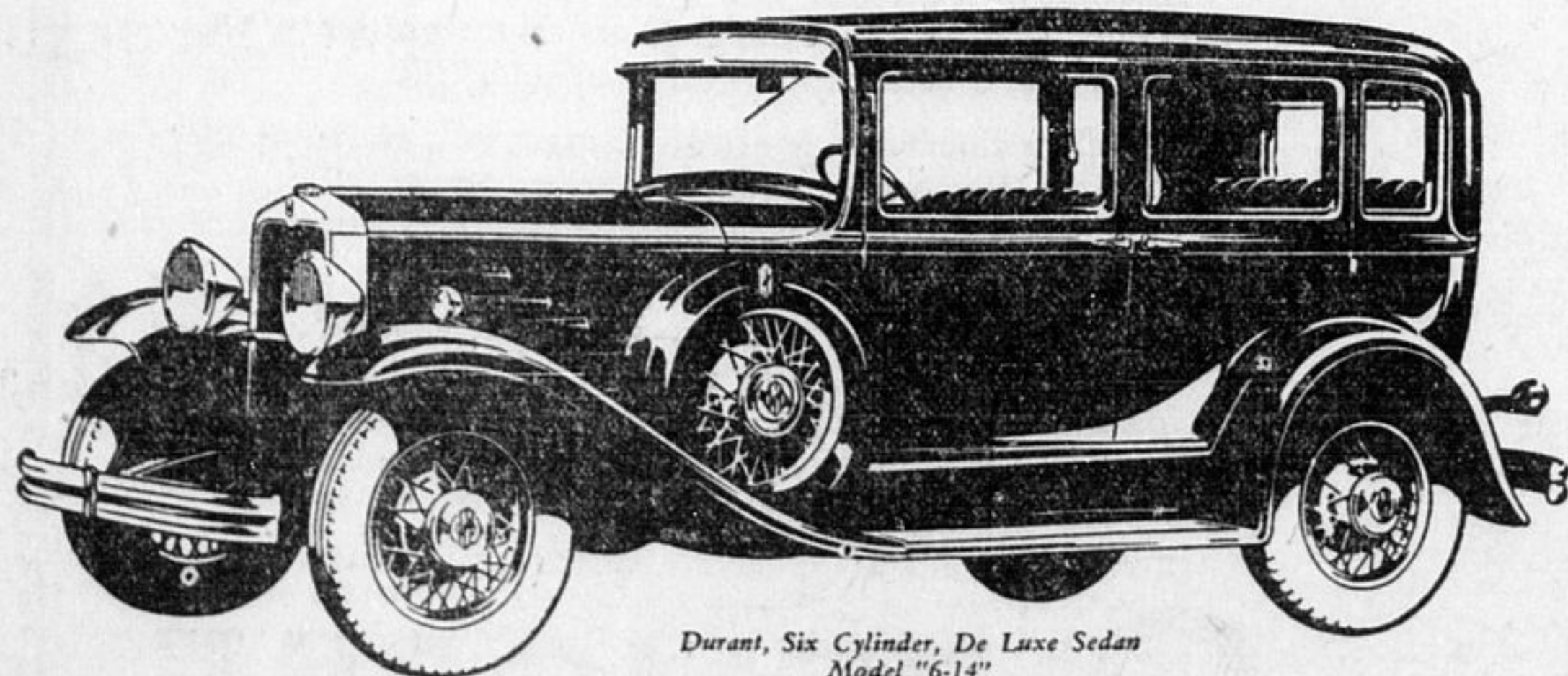
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