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This week I will start out to give the members an account of what the Ontario Service Bureaux did in the month of February.

Sixty-one major pension adjustments is the glorious record of the Ontario Service Bureaux for February involving the payment of approximately \$26,780.00 in Retroactive Pension to disabled comrades and dependents, widows and orphans. Every one of these adjustments was secured by direct representation to the Board of Pension Commissioners. The varied type and nature of the adjustments are indicated as follows:

G.S.W.—13; Bronchitis—11; Dependents (parents, widows and orphans)—8; Varicose Veins, Hernia & D.A.H.—3 each; Myocarditis, T.B., Neurasthenia and V.D.H.—2 each; Gastritis, Otitis media, Arthritis, Trench feet, Emphysema, Myopia, Nephritis, Gastric Ulcer, Cystitis, Myalgia, Pyorrhea and Thrombo Angitis Obliterans—1 each.

The establishment of pension entitlement for a disabled comrade means security for the future and further gives him the great benefit of free medical treatment, with hospitalization if required with full Department compensation for his pensionable condition. For the widow it means removal of financial worry and for the orphan adequate care, education, and a chance in life.

In addition to above successes, many minor adjustments were obtained such as Departmental Treatment—Relief—Compensation—Transportation—War Veterans' Allowance—Canteen Fund Relief, etc., which are too numerous to record.

The magnitude of the task confronting the Adjustment Officers will be realized by the following statistics covering February operations of the Bureaux at Toronto, Windsor and London:

Active cases on hand, 2712; Interviews, 1586; Letters written, 1912; Documents copied, 694; Clinical Exams arranged, 179.

Cases which are prepared by the Legion's Adjustment Officers, but which are not admitted to pension by the B. C. are referred to the Pension Tribunal. The sound work done on many of these cases is reflected in the favourable decisions obtained by the Pension Advocates of the Government Veterans Bureau but for which the Legion takes no credit.

The Adjustment Officers desire to express their sincere appreciation to Legion Branch Secretaries and Officials for their splendid co-operation, which has been a material factor in the success achieved.

I would invite your very careful attention to the February report of the Ontario Service Bureaux, which will be found on page three of the Duckboard. It sets a new high record for successful pension adjustments for all time. In spite of the increasing difficulties, the tremendous pressure of work, and the necessity of more careful preparation than ever under the new system of dealing with pension cases, the record of sixty-one major pension adjustments demonstrates the real meaning of Legion service to the disabled, the widows and dependents. The Legion has reason to feel proud of its adjustment officers and of the work they are doing. A record such as is possible for February is worth broadcasting to every war veteran in and out of the Legion, for it forms the most potent ammunition for use in a membership campaign. It is a great work the service bureaus are doing. Long may it continue.

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Tuxis Win First of T.B.A.A. Play-Offs

Games in Each of the Three Sections Won on Friday Last by the Tuxis. Some Fine Hockey. Other Games Friday This Week.

The Timmins Boys' Athletic Association held their first games in the play-offs last Friday evening at the Timmins skating rink before a good attendance, the three games being in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. The teams in the first game were as follows:—

High School Juniors—goal, Davis; defence, Phillips and Hogarth; centre, Sullivan; wings, Cook and Heath; spares, Moore and Villeneuve.

Tuxis Juniors—goal, Craig; defence, Morrison and Twaddle; centre, Tomkinson; wings, Darling and Thompson; spares, Bennett, Marshall and Robertson, Burton (goalie).

Referee, W. Arundel.
 Result Tuxis 5, High School 2.

This was a lively battle. The Tuxis opened the attack, but the High School Juniors' defence held. The play went from end to end. Rushes by Thompson and Tomkinson featured the first period, while the work of Heath, Hogarth and Sullivan attracted attention. Twaddle worked his way through alone for the first counter and came close to doing it again. Checking by Thompson delighted the crowd. The period ended—Tuxis 1 up.

The second period saw the High School start applying the pressure. Darling stick-handling his way through and passed to Tomkinson, Thompson doing the trick on the rebound, making it two for Tuxis. The High School put up a valiant battle and Cook on a pass from Phillips scored the first for the High School.

The third period started with Cook attacking and Tomkinson relieving in a spectacular rush down centre ice. After some clever combination work between Thompson and Darling, the former was able to score again, making it three to one. The H.S. came back strong but were able to get only one more counter, the Tuxis adding two more to their string, the final count being 5 to 2.

Intermediate Game
 The intermediate game brought out even better hockey than the youngsters, and the spectators settled down for the evening. Teams—

Tuxis—goal, Colborne; defence, Jack Gauthier and Dunn; centre, McFadden; wings, Kennedy and Pond; spares, Orr, McKinnon and V. Wallingford.

Holy Name—goal, Boissonault; defence, Wadsworth and Baderski; centre, Lacombe; wings, Lejambe and Renaud; spares, Guinard, Gauthier, Robertson and Auger.

Referee, Pete Hackett.
 Result, Tuxis 3, Holy Name 1.

Tuxis commenced to apply pressure right away, and Kennedy sent in a hot one for Boissonault to handle. Baderski rushed through on the left, and the puck was brought back to mid-ice, where some fast play surged back and forward, neither team appearing to have much advantage. Pond made a good rush but lost to Wadsworth, and Kennedy got through again. Holy Name attacked in triple combination. Tuxis kept threatening, Jack Gauthier, McFadden and Vivian Wallingford all rushing in turn. Orr broke through alone and made first counter. Renaud scored for the Holy Name after clever work.

In the second period, Pond scored for the Tuxis. The work of Renaud, Pond, Auger, Wadsworth, Jack Gauthier and Wallingford featured this stanza.

The final session saw a change in tactics, Lacombe and Lejambe leading spectacular raids. With only a couple of minutes gone, McFadden and his wingers sailed for the Holy Name goal. Kennedy split the defence, passing neatly to Pond, who made no mistake with the shot. This ended the scoring for the game, but both teams travelled the rest of the match in high gear, attack and counter attack keeping the crowd on their toes. The work of the goalies was good, had to be good, and the same with the defence men. The Holy Name lads made repeated strong attacks but had no luck. It was a good game to watch.

Senior Game
 The crowd by this time had assumed a good size and the reason was apparent when the senior teams clashed. If the hockey had been good in the two games played, it was superexcellent in the final engagement, which was between the Holy Name team and the Tuxis, of the Senior Division.

The line-ups were:—
 Holy Name—goal, Romaldi; defence, McLauchlan and Lukum; centre, Kemball; wings, Tokio and Moran; spares, Walsh, S. Walsh and Boissonault.

Tuxis—goal, Lejambe; defence, Vic Mullen and Ray Wallingford; centre, Charlie Wallingford, wings, Jack and George Wallingford; spare, Garth Porter.

Referee, W. G. Burnes.
 Result, Tuxis 4, Holy Name 2.

Although short in numbers, the Tuxis boys did not spare themselves, and Mullen started off with a dangerous rush. Charlie Wallingford broke through and tested Romaldi with the first shot of the game. Fast mid-ice play followed until Tokio and Moran broke through with Lukum, who had started at centre. Kemball rushed and Ray Wallingford got a trip to the box. Tuxis bored in just the same and Lukum relieved well. Tokio broke through on the right, but lost the puck when doing nicely. Mullen made the first score for the Tuxis, and this roused

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Lukum and Tokio to special effort. Ray Wallingford and Jack Wallingford played fine hockey. Mullen and Porter likewise. McLauchlan made some effective rushes but had no luck in this. The period ended 1-0 for Tuxis.

The opening exchanges in the second period saw no material advantages to either side, but the spectators were getting plenty of thrills from the speedy play put up by both teams. Holy Name were the first to make a real attack, Lukum leading, but Charlie Wallingford turned the tide the other way. Lukum, Kemball and Lejambe, and McLauchlan and Stan Walsh did fine combination work for the Holy Name team. Stan Walsh eventually slipped a nice pass to Boissonault who put the teams on even terms with a clever shot. Geo. Wallingford, Ray Wallingford, Porter and McLauchlan figured specially in this period. Ray Wallingford's brilliant solo effort won a neat goal for Tuxis, making it 2 to 1.

In the final spasm both teams started off at a fast clip and it became a question as to how long they could keep it up. Although Tuxis were two men short, they were certainly having their share of the mid-ice play, and the game suffered none from a spectator's point of view. Lukum robbed Mullen neatly and went the length of

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At the smoker Monday the following comrades came forward with applications:—W. A. Patterson, A. Satendresse, H. Hoffman, B. Sky, E. C. Silphins; this makes five more good members for Timmins branch.

Nominations for officers and executive for Timmins branch for 1931 so far are Comrade Neame, for president; Comrades Bellamy, Jamieson, A. Odgers, for 1st. vice-president; Comrades Forrester, G. S. Drew, W. Devine, for 2nd vice-president; Comrades Graves, Scobell, Parsons, Webber, Nippers, Paquette, T. Johnson, Jas. Cowan, A. C. Brown, O. McCann, H. S. Herman, for executive. There is still one more meeting for nominations and that will be the general meeting held on March 9th. After that nominations for 1931 will close and the names put forward for ballot. Ballot papers will then be posted to all members in good standing which should be in the mail bag the 12th March.

At the smoker the remainder of the fire goods were auctioned off to the members present, bidding being very brisk and the goods went on record time.

After the auction, rations were issued and singing was next in order. After a few community songs, Comrade McMullen gave a real old Yorkshire song which showed that he can still get much good talent amongst our new members. Comrade Devine presided at the piano. We next had a story by a comrade which brought tears to the eyes of all present. Comrade Pat Cherry next gave a selection on the flute, which earned well-merited applause. The selection was "Killarney." Comrade Webber was chairman for the entertainment. Next we had a song by Paddy Rowe, followed by community singing. Comrade Forrester then gave a vocal solo. Comrade Nichols then gave a story. A visitor by the name of Comrade Spence delighted the gathering by a song, followed by a pianoforte solo by Comrade Devine.

In the nominations that were turned down after the meeting, Feb. 23rd, it might be stated that if these comrades who put in the nominations wish to nominate any of those comrades again this can be done at the next general meeting March 9th, or if they are unable to be present they can send in their nominations with any comrade who will be present on that date.

A change on the programme Monday was another song by Comrade McMullen which received much applause. Next we had a story by the same comrade who wishes to remain incognito. Another song by Comrade Spence brought the happy evening to close.

The Legion has the McIntyre hall booked for a dance on March 17th, but as no particulars are to date, I will have to give them next week.

—The Secretary-Treasurer.

Attractive Programme to Feature N.O.H.A. Smoker

As announced in The Advance last week, the annual smoker of the N.O. F.A. will be held on Saturday, March 14th, in the S.O.E. hall, Third avenue, Timmins. The football boys are now all ready for the big night, and we hear that some undisciplined talent in the entertaining line will be on hand. Well it will be a good place to show whether they make better footballers than singers or whatever is their line of entertaining, but one thing is certain that all attending will have a real enjoyable night. A special invitation has been extended to the footballers at Kirkland Lake and all the local boys, and it is expected that all will take the opportunity of meeting socially with their opponents of the field.

There will be a voluntary collection taken at the door, and as one of the committee in charge says, "nickels and dimes will be returned." This is to defray expenses of the evening only. A buffet luncheon will be served with all the required decorations to make it palatable to the most fastidious taste. Don't forget your music and voices, and remember the date is Saturday, March 14th, in the S.O.E. hall at 8.00 p.m.