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## The Canadian Legion in the Porcupine

By Timmins Branch Correspondent.

**Hurray! There Was No War!**  
At last the fact has been brought to light. It has taken sixteen years to discover but nevertheless according to scientists, doctors and others it is so. The ruling was made in an interview with a Star Weekly reporter. It proves he says that there was a man from this locality, a Belgian, who, wishing to help in quelling the German invasion into his home land, enlisted in the 150th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces and eventually arrived at Valcartier camp. There he was inoculated, poison set in, and the arm became paralyzed, and he received his discharge, working as a shell inspector, and eventually doing gardening and other odd jobs to keep himself and his family. Recently his condition was brought before the authorities and he was admitted to Christie Street hospital. Here he was given an electrical treatment and was eventually discharged and according to the report labelled as a "miracle cure." In fact, his condition to-day is worse than ever before. The diagnosis of his case by the medical authorities is that this man was not really paralyzed at all; he only thought he was; and that by the marvellous effects of electricity they have knocked the sub-conscious mind away, and now the arm can move. Yes it does, like a plate of loose jelly. Hence, after all this, the patriotic citizen without pension, cannot work and soon will be on the verge of starvation, all through his sub-conscious mind. Very nice! but thank God there is the Canadian Legion! Another case is one of a man who they eventually "knocked" into believing he is really someone else. He will get no pension unless the Legion will take up his case. But I have forgotten; this must be my sub-conscious mind guiding this pen, just as it has made yours truly wear an appliance for 14 years, which according to their magic is not on me at all. I was never at the war, or there never was a war; in fact, I'm so twisted up that it is hard to know whether I'm in my right mind or otherwise. Anyone who wishes to go in hiding or forget his past life would do well to pay Christie Street a visit. In fact, I'm sub-conscious! The Canadian Legion will take good care that no more are branded as having a sub-conscious mind as another dodge to prevent the granting of pensions to men who are rightfully entitled to them.

**Drumhead Service on Sunday**  
The annual drumhead service will be held on Sunday, June 26th. The parade will fall in at the Oddfellows' hall, Spruce street, Timmins and march around the town to the athletic field. Here a religious service will be held with the district clergy taking part. After the service the route will be along Pine to Third, Third to Spruce, halt at the park for the placing of a wreath on the memorial tablet, and thence to the Oddfellows' hall where the parade will be dismissed. All patriotic organizations are requested to march with the veterans. The Legion Bugle Band and the Timmins' Citizens' Band will also be in the line-up. Last year this annual drumhead service was a gigantic success and it hoped that the turnout this year will surpass that record.

**Watch for Picnic News**  
On Sunday, July 3rd, the District Zone Picnic is to be held near Cochrane. President Austin Neame is keeping in close touch with the sponsors of this event. In the meantime it would be a good plan if you own a car to arrange to take a party, or register your car at the president's office to take someone along. It is understood that the roads will all be plainly marked so that motorists will have no difficulty in finding the lake where this great event will be held. The following branches will take part:—Kapuskasung, Hearst, Cochrane, Iroquois Falls and Timmins. The Cochrane branch are in charge of all arrangements. Watch this letter for full particulars as soon as received.

**Our Pension Adjuster**  
During his visit to Timmins your correspondent had a long interview with Comrade H. Wyse, the Northern Ontario pension adjuster. The men of the North should feel proud that they can now place their pension trouble in such capable hands. In all phases of the pension act and its administration, its amendments and everything pertaining to returned soldiers' affairs, Mr. Wyse proved to have at his finger-tips. He explained how cases are built up for presentation to the Board of Pensions Commission. This takes a great deal of patience and perseverance, and also entails a great deal of work, but to our representative, it comes natural, as he seems to delight in doing the best possible in the interests of the returned soldiers. Some of the local cases did not appear to have much of a claim, but Comrade Wyse assured me they were the kind he liked. The more he had to build up a case the better he likes it if the case is a worthy one. During his tour he interviewed over 300 men, and of these he holds out great hope of being able to secure an adjustment of the pension or having a pension granted. It was too bad that he could not find time on this visit to address the branch as all would have been well repaid by his words. Comrade Wyse expects to be here again in the fall and will then be persuaded to address one of our meetings.

**Novelty Dance and Draw**  
To-morrow (Friday), June 24th, in the Hollinger Recreation hall, we are holding a Grand Novelty Dance and the prize draw for the relief fund. All those who have donated towards this special appeal would do well to be in attendance to take home their prizes. The draw will be made at 12 p.m. in the Hollinger hall, to-morrow night. Hoping to be a winner, sub-consciously.  
—W. A. Devine

### Haileybury Man Was Kept Busy Dodging Bush Fires

The Haileyburian last week says:—"Forest fires in the Northern Quebec mining districts last week gave T. J. O'Shaughnessy of Haileybury, in charge of a party for the Nipissing, a strenuous time in reaching safety, according to reports in the daily press late in the week. It is stated that they were almost trapped by the flames and had to make a wild dash for safety reaching a clearing on the property of the Treadwell-Yukon by a narrow margin. Even there they were not safe, as the flames reached the small clearing just behind the party, leaped to the other side and swept on, fanned by a high wind. Property of the Hollinger, Nipissing, Mining Corporation and Dome was lost or damaged. Mr. O'Shaughnessy notified his wife here when he reached safety at Amos, after the loss of his outfit in the fires. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy went to the northern town to spend a few days there with her husband before he returns to his field work in the outlying district. Some rain fell towards the end of the week and the situation is considerably improved in that section. So far no reports have been received of any lives being lost, although there was great alarm felt at the time the flames were at their height."

### Good Progress Being Made on the Ashley Mill

Structural steel workers left Toronto recently to work on the steel framework of the mill Mining Corporation is building on the Ashley Gold property in Bannockburn Township. Their work will take only a short time. The mill is well up to the schedule which calls for a start in production this fall.

Underground work continues at a rapid rate and latest reports are that 800 feet of drifting has already been done on the bottom level, 500 feet. While officials have made no announcement as to ore values, it is understood that the bottom level is shaping up better than the upper three, particularly in point of proportion of ore to waste found in drifting. Drifting is proceeding on all levels to prepare the mine for production.

At Cobalt the Corporation is doing remarkably well with the work of cleaning up high grade ore under the bed of Cobalt Lake. The first venture in breaking into the lake has produced a substantial amount of silver and the operation is proving highly profitable. Preparations are now being made to break through at several other points to take out known blocks of good ore.

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## About the Sale of Lots at Moosonee

Tendency of Many is Towards Adverse Criticism of the Procedure at Recent Sale, but There are Other Opinions.

As noted in The Advance last week there has been general tendency to criticize the means and methods used in connection with the recent public auction of lots at Moosonee. This auction was under the auspices of the T. & N. O. which owns the townsite, and much of the criticism is levelled at the railway. None of the lots were sold at the auction, the prices offered being all below the reserve bids. In considering the matter there are two things that should not be lost sight of. One of these is the fact that the railway would naturally desire to secure a fair price for all the lots sold. What else would the railway be expected to do? It would be folly for the railway to give these lots away, or even to part with them for sacrifice prices. Those who suggest that the prices asked for the lots through the reserve bids were too high are simply begging the question. If the reserve bids were too high, then no one has any valid objection, as the T. & N. O. has only defeated its own ends and will have the lots on its own hands. Of course, the T. & N. O. has nothing to worry about in that regard, because it is in better position than anyone else as to the value of the lots at Moosonee. To say that there is nothing at Moosonee to warrant the prices asked is equally beside the point. If that were the case then the railway would certainly be doing a good turn for all concerned if it held the lots back from the public. The second point that should be noted is that the railway company in bound so far as it is possible to do so to protect the public from any undue speculation in the Moosonee town lots. There would be little of advantage to anyone but the speculators, if lots were sold too cheaply so as to allow the said speculators the chance to dispose of the properties later at a greatly-enhanced price. The business men and others who may desire to acquire land at Moosonee to erect business buildings or residences may still do so at what the T. & N. O. considers a fair price. As a matter of fact there have been a large number of sales of this kind since the auction sale was discontinued because the people present apparently resired to get the land much cheaper than the T. & N. O. was willing to accept.

It may be noted that The Cochrane Northland Post devotes two columns of editorial space to condemnation of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission in connection with the sale of the Moosonee lots, or rather because there was no sale of lots at the public auction. The T. & N. O. Railway Commission, however, does not seem to be unduly worried over the criticism. The sale of lots apparently has not been stopped. There are still buyers for many lots and the development of the townsite is proceeding. The speculators have been left out in the cold, as it were, but any who really want to buy lots for their own use may still do so at what the railway evidently considers as fair prices. There may be some grounds for the idea that the reserve bids were kept at too high a figure, but that is a matter of opinion. If the T. & N. O. can proceed to sell many of the lots for the figures placed on them by the reserve bids, then the railway will certainly be generally considered as proving its point in the matter.

In contrast to the criticism in The Cochrane Northland Post the following restrained and carefully considered editorial from The New Liskeard Speaker is worthy of special note.

The New Liskeard Speaker says:—"The party of prospective buyers who attended the auction sale of town lots in the embryo town of Moosonee last Friday did not obtain an answer to a question submitted to the auctioneer concerning taxes, and hence no sales were made. It is said that the auctioneer had no authority to answer questions. His duty was to offer the lots for sale. A lot was bid up to \$500, but this lot had a reserved bid at a higher figure.

"The site consists of 200 acres of flat land, and naturally, with past experiences in the purchasing of lots in new town sites, men who speculate want to have something more than a vague idea of where the main business streets will be.

"We of New Liskeard, have had some experience. When the first business places were established here they were all on the north side of the river. Today they are all on the south side of the river.

"Then, in the matter of taxes Englehart's experience was not satisfactory, inasmuch as for a long time the land held by the Commission was not subject to taxation, and this made it hard for those who had bought lots at the sale.

"In Moosonee the Commission has placed a reserved bid of from \$500 to \$750 on certain lots. Now, if these valuable lots are to be exempt from taxation one cannot be surprised if speculators do not buy.

"Temiskaming has had a great deal of experience in buying lots and mining property, and at the present time those who have money for investment are very cautious about where they intend to place it.

"Of course, we do not for one moment suggest that it was a mistake to hold this sale. Had it not been held then there might come charges for favoritism which lots are sold. This cannot be said now. The Commission may sell to any one at any time, and we expect this course will be pursued.

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As Usual the Canadian Chautauquas This Year will Feature Musical Programmes of Particular Excellence and Attraction.

The Canadian Chautauquas will be at Timmins on July 11th to 15th, both days inclusive. As usual, the programmes will have special appeal for music-lovers. One programme, that of the "Artist" Trio, will be of very particular appeal to those who find delight in music.

The artists' trio includes:—Hugo Brandt, pianist; Leola Aikman, coloratura soprano; and Vladimir Lenski, violinist. A press notice on this trio is worth reproduction here. This notice reads:—

Hugo Brandt is a "genius"—this is the report we have received both from Europe and the larger centres of this continent. Hugo Brandt is also a noted composer. He is that remarkable person who can be described as a perfect accompanist and at the same time a superb soloist. Mr. Brandt will play some of his own compositions, particularly those which have delighted audiences in Paris, London and New York.

Vladimir Lenski has been described by the London, Paris and Berlin dailies as a "miracle". He is indeed the Master Violinist—the Wizard Virtuoso. He is a great genius, a rare and pleasing artist, and will cause audiences to experience the thrills of supreme delight that the weird, passionate tones of the violin awakens. If one could imagine the gigantic technique of Paganini, the dazzling brilliancy of Wilhelmj, the great breadth and depth of pure, powerful singing tone produced by Sarasate or Joachim, and the appealing, lamentful, tender, touching temperament of Weiniawski all combined in one, you would have an adequate conception of what the playing of Vladimir Lenski is like.

Leola Aikman, coloratura soprano, it is impossible to exaggerate this talented young artist. Her appearances everywhere have evoked the most widespread and uniform admiration. She is richly endowed with youth, good looks and an attractive stage personality. The range of her voice is practically unlimited; it is rich and of crystal purity. Miss Aikman sings in five languages. She is equally at home either in coloratura or dramatic musical literature. Dr. E. V. Ghidoni, of Rome, Italy, writes of her:

"As soon as Miss Aikman started to sing a placid wave of the sweetest melody inundated the soul of everyone present. She has a genuine silver throat, and into her song she puts so much of her tender soul. If she, when singing Bishop's "Lo Hear the Gentle Lark" had uttered, "Lo Hear the Nightingale," it would have been most appropriate, for she is a Nightingale, indeed."

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