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It states that the real rush to Porcupine started with the Hollinger, McIntyre and Dome finds, all of which were made within a few days of one another. This is absolutely not the truth. The whole truth and nothing but the truth is the real rush started with the Scottish-Ontario and the Dome, and just let me state that Dome was found four months before Hollinger or McIntyre, and this is the very reason why Dome and Dome Extension, both staked by the Edwards interests did not have to buy up a lot of adjoining properties staked by different prospectors, like the Hollinger and McIntyre had to do. George Bannerman and Tom Geddes also had all the claims they wanted staked before the rush began that brought Ben Hollinger and dozens before him to Porcupine, and I can swear that the first gold to Haileybury that started the rush from May 12th to Sept. 1909, there was only Geo. and Tom and J. S. Wilson, H. A. Preston, F. Campbell, Geo. Burns, Gilbert Rhault in the country, and I am sure we did a thousand days work before George went out with the gold. Hundreds of dynamite blasts were fired by us but they did not attract any other prospectors to us. To these seven men belong the credit of cleaning out the Porcupine river of logs and brush and hanging trees weeks before the rush began. Another mention in this new book is that there were many pessimists who could see no great future for the new camp, and that even Hollinger was refused by a leading mining company after a careful examination of the property. No such thing happened at Dome, and it was not turned down. This book says "To Noah Timmins belongs the credit of leading the camp into production." This is another mistake. The credit belongs to W. S. Edwards and his partners, who grubstaked the first party into Porcupine, and who staked the Dome and Extension—Upon Mr. Edwards' arrival at Dome he took a few good looks at the gold plastered all over the Dome and far from it, and he paid each one of the stakers one thousand dollars each, right there on the spot, and next morning he was off to make a deal and send in a gang of workmen and arrange for a mill, and from that the Dome went ahead by leaps and bounds and those behind it had just as much if not more faith in it than N. Timmins had in Hollinger. Just as soon as possible a mill was erected at the Dome and a certain party has several photos of the first machinery coming into camp for Dome. The first buildings were put up by the seven men who started the rush. Golden City then started, followed by South Porcupine and all close to the finds that started the prospectors coming. One good look at the mining recorder's books at Haileybury, 1909, will prove who were the only ones recording claims during the summer and weeks before such rush began. If one could now see the daily papers of Sept., Oct., Nov., of 1909, they would find a different story of Porcupine than they will read in this book just put out by the Mines Dept. Who is there who can say Mr. W. S. Edwards did not have great faith in Porcupine when he hired several men in March, 1909, to prospect there and at good salaries and a large interest in stakings? He supplied them with everything needed at great cost and also had each man's life insured and when he came to Porcupine before Hollinger was staked or Noah Timmins arrived, he paid his men five thousand dollars and a few hours later was off to arrange for machinery and more men. H. A. Preston was left in charge to watch Dome and its gold. 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NOTICE---REMEMBRANCE DAY

Friday, November 11th, being set aside by act of parliament as a public holiday throughout the Dominion, I would ask all loyal citizens to duly observe the same, and to take part in the Memorial Services to be held at the Cenotaph in the morning.

GEORGE S. DREW, Mayor of the Town of Timmins

To Start Infantry School at Timmins

First Period of Training will Commence on January 2nd, 1933, at Timmins Under Auspices of Algonquin Regiment. A despatch this week from Sudbury says that a provisional school of training will be opened at Timmins, commencing January 2 next, according to authority contained in the regimental orders issued from Haileybury by Lt.-Col. George E. Cole, commanding the Algonquin regiment. The school will be conducted in two sections. Part one is for a period of six weeks, commencing January 2, and immediately upon expiration the second part will commence and continue for three weeks, and officers will not be eligible to attend the three weeks' school. Announcement is also made that at the annual inspection of signal sections and the classification of signallers of the N.P.A.M., training in 1931, the Algonquin regiment signal section ranked 24th in all infantry units of the N.P.A.M. Certificate announcements are that Second Lieutenants C. E. Buchart and S. A. H. Cressey, of Sudbury, receive partial qualification for infantry lieutenants and decorations are awarded Major R. H. Hall, of the colonial auxiliary forces officers' decoration and colonial auxiliary forces long service medal, while award has been made to Major Don Cameron, M.C., of the colonial auxiliary forces' officers' decoration. Attachments are chaplain and honorary captain, P. F. Bull, C.C.S., general list, and taken on strength to be second lieutenants are A. R. Herbert, G. J. Charlebois, C. H. McInnis, and S. L. E. Tuddenham. Retirement is made known of Second Lieutenant D. A. McLellan, D.C.M., with his full rank. A hundred and twenty-five members and their wives gathered recently at the Kirkland Lake curling rink to honour E. W. Todd and Mrs. Todd, previous to their departure from Kirkland Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Todd were presented with a handsome silver tray. Mr. Todd, who was formerly provincial geologist, has recently been geologist at the Lake Shore Mine. Mr. and Mrs. Todd are taking up residence in Toronto.

Deplores Bank Balance

SIR CLAUD SCHUSTER Accountant-General of Great Britain, has \$422,000,000 standing in his name and he thinks his bank balance too high. Unfortunately not a cent is his own. The money constitutes the funds of the High Court.

Sale of Poppies is Very Necessary Now

All Profits go to the Legion Relief Fund. Fund will have Many Calls This Winter. Buy a Poppy. To-day (Thursday) is Poppy Day for Timmins. If you haven't bought a poppy to-day do so at once. Some poppies will be on sale to-morrow for the convenience of any missed to-day. Every poppy sold helps the returned soldiers who make them. In addition all profits from the sale of poppies goes to the Legion relief fund, which will have more calls than ever before. With the additional calls on the relief fund there is need for extra receipts. Buy a Poppy! Every little helps! Lady Perley, who is the wife of Right Honourable Sir George Perley, who is the Convener of Tag Day for the City of Ottawa, has shown her keen interest in the Canadian Legion Poppy Day campaign work. She is to be seen daily at headquarters Ottawa, where her zeal is an inspiration to the other workers. "It has never before been so necessary," Lady Perley said "to raise funds for disabled soldiers and their dependents. I am confident that the people of Canada, particularly the women, will respond as generously this year as they have in other years. We must consider the sale of poppies this year will bring relief to a great many needy and disabled veterans. It is my opinion that no effort can be too great. Although it is a well-known fact, it is a fact that should be stressed, that the entire proceeds of the monies contributed by the public for poppies, are spent for relief and other essential assistance to ex-service men and women. I greatly admire the two-fold objective that is issued by Legion Dominion Headquarters—Remembrance of the glorious dead and practical assistance to the living." A lady much above the usual size was trying to board a train. A passenger who was waiting to get off, began to laugh at her futile efforts. "If you were half a man, you'd help me on this train," snapped the portly lady. The passenger retorted, "Madam, if you were half a lady you wouldn't need any help."

Suits Against Cobalt Dismissed at Toronto

Word from Cobalt last week was to the effect that George Mitchell, K.C., who acted for the municipality in the case, has learned from Toronto that settlement by consent has been reached in the actions brought by the Toronto Hospital for Consumptives against the town of Cobalt, and involving approximately \$900, the cost of maintaining in Weston Sanatorium two men who had claimed to be residents of Cobalt. The actions have been dismissed, without costs. Mr. Mitchell made a trip to the city recently in this matter, and while there had a conversation with one of the patients, named Maruska, who had been employed formerly at Silver Centre. The other man, Vainio by name, has disappeared, and his present whereabouts are unknown. The municipality pleaded neither man was legally a resident of Cobalt.

TREASURER'S SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES IN ARREARS DISTRICT OF COCHRANE, TOWNSHIP OF CALVERT

Table with columns: Name and Address, Lot or Concession, Years, Arrears, Costs, Total. Lists various land parcels and their owners in the Township of Calvert, District of Cochrane.

Member for Riding Not a 'Four-Flusher'

Jos. A. Bradette, M.P. Objects to Use of Word, and Armand LaVergne Gracefully Withdraws the Name, Deputy Speaker to Visit North. Things are not always dull and dry in Hansard, the official report of the debates in the House of Commons at Ottawa. For instance last week there was a page or two of Hansard that will be of special local interest to the people of this constituency, dealing as it does with the standing of Jos. A. Bradette, M.P. for this riding. Mr. Bradette had been thoughtlessly referred to as a "four-flusher" and he did not think the title deserved or a proper one to be bandied about in parliament. He took effective means to have the matter cleared up. This is the way the incident is dealt with in Hansard, Nov. 2nd, 1932, pages 811 and 812:— PRIVILEGE—MR. BRADETTE On the orders of the day: MR. J. A. BRADETTE (North Temiskaming):—I rise to a question of personal privilege. In unrevised Hansard of October 31st, at page 781, while the Deputy Speaker was addressing the house I interrupted with the remark:—"I would like the hon. gentleman to come and see conditions in my constituency." The hon. member replied:—"Mr. LaVergne: I will go whenever my hon. friend invites me. I call his bluff right now because I never was afraid of a four-flusher. I want that word "four-flusher" to be retracted. It is not parliamentary. I should like a ruling. MR. SPEAKER: I cannot see that the words complained of are unparliamentary or that the hon. member who uses them could be properly asked to retract them. MR. BRADETTE: I take objection. I do not understand such a ruling. This was a personal reflection on a member of the house. There is certainly some rule that forbids the use of such an epithet. MR. SPEAKER: For one reason, the hon. member was present in the house when the words were used, and having heard them and made no objection at the time, it is too late now to object. MR. BRADETTE: I did not know that the words were used by the Deputy Speaker until this morning. If I had heard the words I would certainly have objected at the time. Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh. MR. BRADETTE: You can laugh, but no hon. member should be called a four-flusher. MR. SPEAKER: I have no definition of the word "four-flusher." Hansard shows that the hon. member was in the house and speaking just about the very time the words he refers to were used, and consequently without doubt he heard the words, and not having objected at the time, it is too late to object now. MR. BRADETTE: I did not hear the words at the time, Mr. Speaker, and surely my word should be as good as anyone else's in such a personal matter. If I had heard the words I would have objected at the time. MR. SPEAKER: If the hon. member did not hear them, that is his misfortune. MR. E. R. E. CHEVRIER (Ottawa): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, with all deference to you and the decision which you are called upon to give, may I humbly submit that this house is guided very much by precedents, and it is good for the dignity of the house that no word such as that complained of can be found to have been used under the rules of the house. On different occasions the meaning of words has been interpreted and a decision given whether they were unparliamentary or not, but I think it is a very good thing for the dignity of this house that the words in question were never the subject of interpretation by the Speaker. MR. BRADETTE: May I suggest, sir, that, if you are unable at the moment to come to a decision whether the words complained of are unparliamentary or not, and more particularly having been spoken by the hon. member who did speak them, you take time to consider the matter and later give your decision? This house is guided by precedents, and unless these words be banned under the rules of the house any other member may use the same words, and in my humble judgment the words are derogatory of the dignity of the house and of the hon. gentleman who used them. MR. ARMOND LAVERGNE: There was a lot of noise the other night, we must all admit, and probably my hon. friend from North Temiskaming (Mr. Bradette) did not hear me. I meant no reflection on his character at all, and I gracefully withdrew the words complained of. At the same time I am ready to accept the hon. gentleman's challenge at any time. MR. BRADETTE: Then I invite my hon. friend to come by the first train tonight. MR. SPEAKER: Order. The hon. member having withdrawn the words there is nothing further to be said. The doctor's little daughter had strayed into his surgery and was watching wild-eyed as he tested the heart and lungs of a patient. Suddenly she spoke, "Getting any new stations daddy?" —Exchange

TIMMINS LODGE I.O.O.F. NO 459 Meets every Tuesday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, Spruce Street, North. Visiting brethren requested to attend. S. LAWLEY H. M. MOORE, Noble Grand Box 1311 Rec. Sec. 14-28

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