

**NOTICE**

An Annual Meeting of the Workers' Co-Operative Boarding House Ltd., will be held in  
**FINNISH HALL**  
50 Fourth Avenue, Timmins, on  
**May 21st, 1933**  
Commencing at 10 a.m.

Board of Directors  
18p

**Legion Smoker Was a Notable Success**

A Large Attendance Enjoys an Evening of Good Music and Songs. Artists Given Highest Appreciation for Their Work. Very Enjoyable Evening.

There have been several smokers held by the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion in the past, but none ever reached the high standard of the one held on Monday evening of this week, in the Oddfellows' hall. The event was the first to be given under the auspices of the newly-elected entertainment committee, who endeavoured to set a new mark in this respect. They succeeded beyond their own expectations and were congratulated upon the excellent programme provided.

With James Cowan in the chair the evening opened with the usual Legion honours.

Chas. Roberts, tenor soloist with two very well rendered selections brought forth well merited applause, his choice of solos being very appropriate.

Percy Harris, whose fine baritone voice has been heard before in these circles, made a decided hit with the solo, "The Miner," for which he received a very insistent encore, responding with "Asleep in the Deep."

Then came the big treat of the evening, this being Mr. Victor, with his piano accordion selections. Mr. Victor opened with the solo, "A Rose of No Man's Land." This was given with splendid technique and the applause was loud and prolonged for his rendition of this popular war song. Then followed a series of jazz and marches, including the Sailor's Hornpipe, which took Harry Nicholls off his chair, and the latter went through the dance. Mr. Victor was asked as a special favour to play again and obliged with "Operatic Gems," and the "Allies National Airs," this latter number concluding with "Rule Britannia," and once more the audience voiced its appreciation in an uncertain manner.

Walter Avery, in comic songs of the pleasing kind, was exceptionally good and had to repeat twice during the evening.

Another big treat for music-lovers was the singing of the Heffernan Quartette, Messrs Geils, Dodge, Heffernan and Cowan. They sang the "Border Ballad" in stirring style and after receiving prolonged applause responded with another very pleasing and effectively-rendered number.

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style of putting over songs of a lighter vein, and proved himself an addition merit to the other Legion talent.

A Bellamy, always a popular artist rendered two very pleasing selections which were highly appreciated.

The programme then entered into free and easy style and several of the old-timers gave a good account of themselves. These included Harry Nicholls, A. Pearce, F. Curtis, W. Ealey Rowe.

W. A. Devine at the piano helped materially during the evening.

Refreshments and smokes were served during the evening.

It was asked as a popular favour to repeat the evening again in the very near future, but it is doubtful if this can be arranged this season as all other nights are booked up.

It is the intention, however, to open the fall season with another big programme. All attending were more than satisfied with the entertainment provided, and in closing a vote of thanks was extended the visiting artists for their good work.

**T. & N. O. COMMISSIONERS ON ANNUAL TRIP OF INSPECTION**

Last week the T. & N. O. Railway Commission visited Timmins on their annual trip of inspection over the line. The commission make frequent inspections of the line, but once a year at least they make a comprehensive inspection tour during which every part of the main line and branches is inspected and a complete general survey made. On the inspection trip last week the party included:—Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Commission; Lt.-Col. L. T. Martin, vice-chairman; W. H. Maund, secretary-treasurer; and a number of the heads of the various departments of the railway.

The commission found the line and business in good shape and were hopeful for improved conditions of trade and business not only for the North but for the country generally.

**FINNISH CHURCH BAZAAR GIVEN GOOD PATRONAGE**

The second annual bazaar of the Timmins Finnish United Church, held on Thursday of last week, was well attended and proved a success. The ladies of the church made a very creditable showing of fancy work, baking and other articles for sale, the Finnish coffee bread being especially popular and finding very ready sale.

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**Urged Attention to Canada's Native Art**

Capt. E. Page Gaston in Lecture and Art Exhibition at High School Please Large Crowds. Points out Value and Pleasure of "Collecting."

There was a large attendance at the Timmins high and vocational school on Saturday evening for the art exhibition and lectures on "Art Collecting for Pleasure and Profit," by Capt. E. Page Gaston, F.R.G.S., of the Museum Galleries, London, England. The display of art was a notable one, and delighted all present. The lecture was much enjoyed and appreciated.

Capt. E. Page Gaston gave many helpful hints to his audiences on the cultivation of a true taste in art, as well as a sense of market values. He also emphasized the desirability for more attention and consideration to Canadian art. "Your artists are doing wonderful work," he said, "and for your own sakes as well as for theirs and for the sake of art itself, Canadian artists deserve your best thought and support."

There is nothing, the lecturer said, that will enable life more fully than a cultivation of a taste for the rare and the beautiful; it will keep one's interest in life alert, will refresh the tired business or professional man or woman, and add an occasional monetary profit to following this hobby of collecting. The average boy begins collecting stamps, fossils and other things at any early age and thus he learns at first hand some of the wonders of the world in which he lives. One of the most valuable stamps in the world was found by a schoolboy in a garret. King George and Queen Mary are keen collectors and the Prince of Wales has recently developed this as a hobby also.

One does not need to be wealthy to be a collector, the lecturer said, for some of the best connoisseurs are poor, or moderately poor, people. The lecturer knew of a working man in London who spends his odd coppers and sixpences in picking up odd lots of old prints and makes a fine profit at it, as well as adding to his own collection. Captain Gaston told of an English doctor who paid three shillings at a country sale for what proved to be a unique piece of Greek sculpture which he sold to a museum for \$10,000. A collector in an old shop in Paris paid fifty cents for a sketch by Raphael for which he would have willingly paid twenty thousand times as much, if necessary.

The lecturer came across a dust-covered picture in Ireland, pushed away in a warehouse, which he sold for nearly a thousand guineas for the delighted owner, who had no idea that he possessed such a treasure; and the lecturer recounted other profitable experiences which he has enjoyed in his travels. He added that he would be pleased to advise without charge any of his hearers who might have objects of possible value and rarity.

Capt. Gaston urged the people of Timmins and district, and other parts of Canada, to give particular attention and interest to the preservation of the old Hudson Bay trading posts, the forts and blockhouses, and like memorials of early times in the Dominion. These, he pointed out, would be of priceless value to posterity. Capt. Gaston referred to several historic buildings he had helped to save in this way. He appealed to the King to have the old kirk at Alloway (scene of "Tam o' Shanter") preserved as an ancient monument. He had also succeeded in the preservation of the early home of Oliver Goldsmith in Ireland. To this may be added a plea for the preservation of the story and the landmarks of the North so that the true historic background of this country may be kept for posterity.

There was never, said Capt. Gaston, so intelligent an interest in real art as to-day. Many ancient arts and handicrafts are being revived as change from this over-mechanized age. Capt. Gaston gave great credit to G. J. Howell, of the Museum Galleries, London, Eng., for reviving the intricate and costly art of pure stipple engraving.

Mentioning that the Old Country stood supreme to-day in mezzotint and steel productions of old masters, Capt. Gaston said that many old prints of this description had increased in value thousands of times, and many collectors purchase modern reproductions of this class not alone for their beauty and rarity but also as an investment.

The lecturer illustrated by means of lantern slides and a collection of signed artists' proofs some of the things which collectors might wisely acquire in this direction. He expressed the hope that as a result of the gathering Saturday night steps might be taken for the establishment of a worthy art collection for Timmins as a part of his plan for establishing a chain of art galleries throughout Canada in the places where they do not already exist. Capt. Gaston, after the lecture, expressed the opinion that an art museum for Timmins might well be established in the public library rooms here. He believed that many citizens would contribute generously to such a place and that it would prove of pleasure and profit to this and succeeding generations.

Teck township, which includes Kirkland Lake, has been able to reduce its tax rate this year, and though, like Timmins, the reduction is not a very large one; it is certainly creditable to have a reduction at all these days. The reduction is from one to two mills, which is a little better than the Timmins tax rate. The 1933 Teck township tax rates are:—S.S. No. 2 (Kirkland Lake public school supporters), 57.8 mills, as against 58.8 mills last year. S.S. No. 1 (Swastika), 69.3 mills, as against 71.3 mills last year. S.S. No. 2 (separate school supporters), 75.7 mills, as against 77.4 mills last year.

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Refreshments were served and a dance enjoyed before the end of the pleasant evening. The McIntyre orchestra providing the best of music.

**DEATH OF MRS. N. ANSARA ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK**

Wide circles of friends and acquaintances in the town and district will regret to learn of the death on Tuesday of this week of Mrs. N. Ansara, widow of the late Nicholas Ansara for many years a business man in the North. To the bereaved family the sympathy of all will be extended. The funeral will take place on Saturday, May 6th, service being held at St. Matthew's Anglican church.

**S. Melzer Fatally Injured in Accident**

Well-Known Prospector Dies from Injuries Received in Blasting Accident while at Work on H. L. Warren's Claims in Whitesides.

Sydney Melzer, a well-known and popular prospector of the district, met death last week following a blasting accident on H. L. Warren's claims in Whitesides township. Shortly after noon on Friday last Mr. Melzer and his partner were engaged in blasting holes on surface. Mr. Warren being occupied in taking some samples from a vein on another part of the property, a short distance from the scene of the accident. Just after the blast went off Mr. Warren heard shouting and hurrying back he found there had been an accident and that Mr. Melzer was badly injured. He gave first aid so far as possible, and leaving the injured man's mate in charge, Mr. Warren hurried off for help. The property is about 26 miles from Timmins, and this distance was made by Mr. Warren in record time. On the way out he sent back further help to the injured man and on arrival here tried to get medical help out by airship. This was impossible, however, but Dr. Murtagh made the trip out to Whitesides, together with others to assist. Mr. Melzer lived about thirteen hours, but all efforts to save his life were unavailing. Just how the accident occurred will probably never be known—whether a short fuse or some defects in the powder or what other cause.

The late Sydney Melzer was an Englishman, 41 years of age, and single. He had been in this camp for 5 or 6 years and had many friends here who mourn his death. Mr. Warren had the body brought out to Timmins and wired a brother of the dead man in Philadelphia. No trouble or expense was spared in the arrangements to help the injured man and to care for him after his death. The funeral took place on Wednesday, service being held in the Anglican church and interment being made at Timmins cemetery.

**McIntyre First Aid Teams Show Talent**

Excellent Exhibition of First-Aid Work Given by Five Teams from McIntyre Mine in Contest for Cups Given by McIntyre.

There was a large attendance at the McIntyre Recreation hall on Friday evening last for the First Aid contest between five teams from the McIntyre. All present were more than pleased with the interest and real value of the evening. The hall was nicely decorated for the occasion, safely first and first aid mottoes being included in the decorations. The exhibition of first aid, the first of its kind to be held publicly in the camp, was arranged and organized by E. Howard, who for 22 years has been an enthusiast in first aid work and who has many medals and other decorations from the St. John Ambulance Brigade for his proficiency. The McIntyre presented a handsome silver cup for the winning team in the contest Friday, with smaller silver cups for the members of the winning team.

Mr. Stratford, of the safety first department of the McIntyre, in introducing the competition, explained the aim and purpose of first aid work and thanked the associations and orders that had given it such generous support. Its purpose was to save life and lessen suffering in case of illness or accident, pending the arrival of medical help.

The judges in the competition were Dr. Robson and Dr. Styles. The work for the teams included the care for a man who had fallen from a ladder, due to a broken rung, and was lying bleeding from a cut on the forehead and suffering from a broken collar bone and broken thigh bone. The way in which each of the teams handled the situation was most interesting and pleasing. The winning team in addition to their other treatment helped the patient by giving him a cigarette to smoke after he regained consciousness. A fractured forearm in another patient, as well as fractured jaws, injured kneecaps, etc., were also skillfully attended to. The one "patient" acted in the ladder accident for the five teams, and also deserved special recognition for the tiring part he took so patiently.

Previous to the work at the hall there had been an oral examination at the mine. The total marks obtainable were 600, with No. 5 team securing 535; No. 4 team, 517; No. 3 team, 500; No. 2 team, 461; and No. 1 team, 384. The winning team comprised A. Bateman, captain; D. Bennett, R. Ferguson and T. Court. They were unusually good.

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**Horticultural Soc'y Advocates Flowers**

Secretary of Timmins Horticultural Society Quotes Earl of Bessborough in Reference to Horticulture. Lecture on Horticulture on June 20th.

The following letter from the secretary of the Timmins Horticultural Society explains itself and is well worth reading and heeding from its first word to its last:—

Timmins, Ont., April 30th, 1933

To the Editor of The Porcupine Advance

Dear Sir:—I understand we are to have His Excellency, the Right Honourable, The Earl of Bessborough, P.C., G.C.M.G., Governor-General of Canada and Her Excellency The Countess of Bessborough visit Timmins in the near future, and it will no doubt interest your readers to know that both are Patrons of the Ontario Horticultural Association of which the Timmins Horticultural Society is part. I am quoting parts from the address of His Excellency to the twenty-sixth annual convention of the above association:—

"I see that the item just before I came in is headed "A More Beautiful Canada." I hope I did not interrupt Mr. Nunwick's discourse upon the question. I have come with the hope and desire that I may, as far as in me lies, help bring about that most happy consummation of a more beautiful Canada, and when I see the great number which has gathered here to attend this annual convention, I feel that the success of your Association is already most fully assured. You will, perhaps, expect me to say one or two words on the subject of horticulture which interests you all so much. It always seems to me, as one who has dwelt always in city offices, that when a man on a summer's evening returns home from his work—it be it in office, in factory or in store—and is probably tired, and even perhaps, harassed, if business is not going well, there is no more perfect recreation and relaxation than is found in his own garden. So that when many of us, who may be in these days tired, worried, or even discouraged by the troubles of the world which oppress us so threateningly these anxious times, what can be more pleasant than to turn aside for a brief moment from what we will say, the problems of the gold standard, of unemployment, or war debts, or reparations, all the anxieties of this post-war world, and devote our thoughts, if even for fleeting moments, to the beauty of the garden and how to cultivate it. But much as we all love the garden for its own sake and for the unending pleasure and interest it gives us, we do, I feel sure, remember that horticulture is also a very valuable feature of the national life; both from the material point of view as well as from the aesthetic aspect, its development undoubtedly adds to the richness and wealth of the nation. Its material value I don't propose to stress. We are all of us, perhaps, human nature being what it is, too much inclined at times to dwell upon material aspects, in times of prosperity, and perhaps even more in times of economic depression. But surely there can be nothing better for the character than to devote some part of our time at any rate to a cultivation of the appreciation of the beautiful, and where can we do so with greater benefit and with greater pleasure to ourselves than in the study of horticulture? The people of this great city of Toronto are devoting, as I know, more and more attention as the years go on to the cultivation of the arts, to music, to paintings, to the drama. Now the garden, properly regarded, is not only an art, it is a science and it is also an industry, and I do seriously hope that its appeal will be responded to more and more in this country as the years go by. And accordingly, as Patron of your Association—a distinction of which I am very proud—I welcome this opportunity most sincerely of being amongst so many fervent horticulturists and of wishing you from my heart the greatest possible success in your endeavours to advance the cause of what Rudyard Kipling calls

"The Glory of the Garden."

Mr. John F. Clark, Official Lecturer

Horticulture, will be with us Tuesday, June 20th. Do not miss this, there is no charge for admission. Mr. Clark has been at the service of 210 societies during the course of the past year, for judging, demonstrations and lectures, all lectures being open to the public. This instruction reaches out to a wide field. In addition, he also addressed many service clubs, public schools, collegiate institutes and agricultural classes throughout the province.

Now is the time for all of you to join the Timmins Horticultural Society. Membership costs only One Dollar and every new member will be given 25 gladioli bulbs free. Membership also entitles you to enter as many exhibits as you wish at the annual exhibition in September at no further cost. We hope all merchants and all other friends who wish to donate toward the expenses of the society will do so as soon as possible so that the prize list may be distributed early this year as this is an important advantage to everyone.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the society in the town hall on Monday, May 8th, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Help to beautify your home town.

Yours Sincerely,  
Alfred E. Taylor,  
Secretary-Treasurer

Timmins Horticultural Society.

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**SURPRISE PARTY IN HONOUR OF MRS. SPINKS ON MAY 1ST**

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spinks, 78 Way Avenue, on May 1st, in honour of Mrs. Spinks' birthday. An address was read by Mrs. Lucien Groulx and a bouquet of roses was presented to Mrs. Spinks by Mrs. Conrad Charette. Also Mr. Lucien Groulx presented Mrs. Spinks with a rocking chair and a purse of money on behalf of her many friends who were present to prove the esteem they held for her. A delicious lunch was served during the evening. A pleasant time was passed by all in dancing, singing, etc., music being furnished by Babe Groulx's orchestra. Over fifty