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Thinking It Over

Dear Comrades and Citizens:—We have heard much about this new (or old) plan of making Timmins beautiful. We have seen the gravel heap at the station transformed from an eyesore to a thing of beauty, except for the "concrete slab" which seems out of place in the scenic effect. We have again heard the saying that it would be impossible to make anything out of that particular spot, yet in three years, the park has become into being and has been a tribute to the hard and earnest work that was necessary, to say nothing of the cost. Then again, there have been all the criticism levelled at the War Memorial, and it has been generally admitted that this does in no way fill the effect desired. Instead of being revered, it is ridiculed, and used as a children's run-around on summer days. Mention has been made of the beautiful Memorial Park now nearing completion at Cochrane. It has been told that through the generosity of the citizens in giving trees, plants and shrubs, others giving gravel and muck, some giving lawn seed, the cost of the Memorial Park has been kept at a minimum, and instead of running into the thousands it will only cost a few hundred, and a stone memorial erected as well. Included in the scheme was the building of a bridge, the grading of lake banks and the seeding of these banks, the planting of the shrub and plant beds, the gravelling and making of the pathways. The labour was done on a relief basis, and also some of the citizens helping out to complete the work. If that can be accomplished in a small town like Cochrane which has been hit very hard by the depression, what can be accomplished in Timmins, with the same spirit behind it all. In thinking the matter over and taking into regard what has been done at the station here, I claim it can be done. In the first place there is the stretch of cyanide from the Hollinger office to the subway. This is already covered in an unsightly

manner with dump piles of rubbish and manure, the "1933 eyesore." Why not ask the help of the Hollinger and the town, to convert this into a park, and then ask the citizens to donate the shrubs, trees, etc. The scheme could be extended to include the beautiful laid-out grounds at the Hollinger Mine and end at a newly-erected memorial on the present site. There are enough unemployed returned soldiers to do the job in preparation for its completion next summer. The Legion in Timmins can get the desired memorial for around \$1,500. It's a suggestion worth thinking about, more especially when one reads so much about "Beautifying Timmins."

Maintain the Interest

With the injection of some new blood into the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion it is found that a new era of interest is being maintained. New members are enrolling weekly, but it is regrettable that there are several of the old original members still not going further than just contemplating coming back into the branch. It was with keen regard that at the last meeting of the branch several of these members were present. To stimulate and maintain this interest the new committee workers here outlined a programme for the season and intend to be on the go all summer. With enjoyable social gatherings of a high standard and with events in which the general public can assist it is hoped to make the Canadian Legion a decided asset to the town. There is also another objective, and that is to enrol every veteran in the camp into the ranks of the Legion. At the meeting at which the Cochrane visitors were present one member of that branch spoke on "What it means to be a Legionnaire," and gave some very striking examples of what he considered the essential points of the organization. "In seeking for comradeship, there was no other place but the local branch of the Legion," he told his hearers. "There was no such thing as selfishness in a branch of the Legion; all were in it to help one another. "Service" was its motto, and he had yet to see a branch which was not giving its share of service to help the chap down and out." These are helpful hints and should be used in securing that prospect you may have in view. With the thought of having all veterans in the district in the Timmins branch, the idea was expressed that as far as possible the Legion here be kept in the limelight and that activities be confined to being of usefulness to the town and district. The first of these activities will be the cleaning up of the veterans graves at the Timmins cemetery. Several of the unemployed will be engaged at this work, and when this has been done the relatives and friends will be invited to attend with the Legion at a Decoration Day service when the result of the work will be viewed by all. Another community event will be the Drumhead Service at the athletic grounds. With the interest in community affairs being maintained by the Legion, the wish is expressed that returned soldiers will in like manner take an interest in the Timmins branch and as a result the membership should slowly but surely mount.

Branch Doings for June

Spring Stagette, Saturday, May 27th in the Oddfellows' hall. Admission, a Legion relief fund donation ticket. An event to help boost up the relief fund, to help assist those in outside local territory. Come, bring the family, and take home a ham or a chicken.

Monday, June 5th—Final mixed social for season. Ladies are asked to bring the "eats" One of the best nights yet is promised all.

Farade on Wednesday, June 7th at 7.15 p.m. to meet the Earl of Bessborough and the Countess of Bessborough. Legion will form guard of honour, and immediately following will file into Empire hotel dining hall and officially welcome their honorary president. The Earl of Bessborough will reply, and the Legion members will then parade back to the hall. This welcome in the Empire hotel will be for Legion and Auxiliary members only.

June 12th, commencement of Conklin's All-Canadian Shows. A week of fun and thrills at the athletic grounds. Watch for the big posters and other advertising.

Dates in June will be announced for the other attractions, but keep the Week of Wonders well before you. It is to be held from August 21 to August 26 in the skating rink.

—W. A. Devine

Handicapping Plan of Provincial Golf

Ontario Golf Association Announces Inauguration of a Provincial Handicapping System, to be in Effect this Season.

Golfers in the North will be interested in the following letter from the Ontario Golf Association, the Timmins Golf Club being one of the members of the provincial association:—

The following letter was prepared by the President of the Association for publication in the "Canadian Golfer."

The Ontario Golf Association takes this opportunity of announcing the inauguration of a Provincial Handicapping system, which will be put into effect during the coming golfing season. The system is generally recognized by all golf associations on this continent and the actual application varies only in rather unimportant details.

As a first step in obtaining uniform handicaps throughout the Province, the Association is rating member club courses, giving consideration to the "playing" or "shot" distance of the hole, (not the yardage of the score card) the topography of the hole, and the character, number and location of traps, bunkers and natural hazards. It is not the intention of the Association to ask individual clubs to change their par to agree with the association's rating. Some twenty courses in the Toronto district have been already rated by the Association's Parring Committee, composed of Messrs George S. Lyon, George L. Robinson, R. M. Gray and the secretary of the Association, Mr. W. J. Thompson. To obtain uniformity of rating throughout, this Parring Committee is working jointly with the following sub-committees in the various districts; Messrs E. C. Gould, G. W. Wigle, and A. A. Adams, in the Hamilton District; Dr. W. J. Brown and Mr. C. Ross Somerville, in the London District; Mr. J. Gill Gardner (Brookville) in the Eastern District; Messrs G. A. Macdonald and Robert Henderson, in the Peterborough District; Dr. Lou Hudson (Timmins) in the Northern District; Mr. Malcolm Cochran, in the Port Arthur District, and Mr. A. C. Bethune, in the Ottawa District. With this organization, the Association will complete the rating of most of the Association courses before the actual golfing season opens.

Handicaps will be awarded on the average of the player's best three rounds in competition. To avoid freak rounds, any score more than two strokes below the next lowest score will, however, be ignored. Handicaps of 6 and under will be awarded by direct

action of the Provincial Association only and based on the player's tournament record. Handicaps of 10 and under will be obtained from results in tournaments recognized by the Provincial Association. Handicaps of 11 and up will be obtained in rounds of 18 holes of three attested scores made in tournaments or in Club competitions on any courses parred by the Provincial Association. These handicaps of 11 and up may be revised at any time by submitting additional certified score cards to the Secretary of the Association, 57 Queen Street West, Toronto, through the secretary of the member's club. To provide for incidental expenses, a fee of \$1.00 will be charged by the Association for the issue of a provincial handicap card.

The attached handicap table will be used in estimating the player's actual handicap. This table is recognized as the Canadian Handicap table and has already been adopted by the Province of Quebec Golf Association. To provide an example: the player's average three best scores duly attested in competition is 82, the course rating is 70—a handicap of 11 will be awarded by the Association.

In addition to the regular tournaments recognized by the Ontario Golf Association, there will be held several handicap field days in the various districts referred to above for the purpose of revising handicaps. These field days will be held for the most part in the afternoon during the week and entries in the larger districts will be forwarded by the club secretary to the Association, so that the draw may be made in time to appear in the press the day before the event. The Association will charge an entrance fee of \$1.50 for these events, 50 cents of which will be paid the club as a green fee and the balance will go toward prizes and Association expenses.

By adopting this handicapping system, the Association is of the opinion that it will not only stimulate interest in competitive golf and establish a uniform basis of handicapping throughout the Province, but will encourage greater patronage of our clubs at a time when this is so desired. After this system has become generally adopted, it is the intention of the Golf Associations to permit only those holding a provincial handicap to enter R. C. G. A. and Provincial titular events.

We have in the Province nearly two hundred golf clubs, sixty of which are members of the Ontario Golf Association, and we are anxious to receive further applications for membership, so that the Association can be of increased value to the large number of golfers throughout the province.

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For nearly two hours in Haileybury police court last Friday afternoon Magistrate Atkinson, two King's Counsel and one other lawyer not yet attained to that legal eminence, struggled to get at the facts surrounding the temporary absence from its home town of "Sport" sleigh dog owned by S. Guignard, and alleged to have been stolen by Gerard Trudel of Haileybury, and Isadore Heroux of St. Eugene de Guigues. The charge against Heroux was dismissed by the bench, but was sustained against Trudel, who was bound over to keep the peace for a year on condition he pays the costs of the case, amounting to \$60.45. "Sport" disappeared on March 4 and was recovered by Provincial Constable Allsopp on April 29 at the Heroux place, and after the officer had travelled 110 miles by car and had enlisted the aid of Constable Lafreniere of Guigues, Quebec provincial officer. J. A. Legris appeared for Heroux, George Mitchell, K.C., defended Trudel, and Crown Attorney F. L. Smiley, K.C., prosecuted.

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