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**Matters Dealt with by Tisdale Council**

Meeting Held on Tuesday Evening Considered a Number of Important Questions.

South Porcupine, Ont., May 29th, 1935. Special to The Advance.

A regular meeting was held on Tuesday evening with reeve and councillors all present. Much correspondence was read and dealt with and a lot of business accomplished.

The ball grounds are to be fixed for lacrosse players.

At Gold Centre the foreman is to drain Railway avenue, and a dam for fire supply was discussed. A creek on the McIntyre property could be utilized for this, provided permission is obtained first from the company.

Sidewalks are to be made in Gold Centre. On Centre avenue and Third street on one side, and on Second street on both sides.

One sidewalk is to be constructed on First avenue, altogether providing Gold Centre with 1,700 feet of sidewalks. Work will be commenced immediately.

Extension of Third avenue to High School, Schumacher, is also to have a sidewalk.

A storm sewer will be put across the public school grounds at Schumacher.

Council will proceed with work at South Porcupine ball grounds under a committee comprised of the reeve and Councillors Helmer and Harper.

Repairs are to be made on Springs road and Gold Centre lane.

A septic tank is to be placed on the Huot property after the engineer has collected data for proper place, etc.

Engineer it to approach people having logging sleighs, wagon boxes and other articles cluttering up the streets; these obstacles are to be removed at once, and if not done within three days police will order it.

The sanitary inspector (Chief McIntyre) is asked to have manure in all lanes and rubbish and manure on the east end of Bruce avenue from Crawford to the lake, removed at once and also to warn people having horses and cattle in barns within the settlement of South Porcupine to keep manure and refuse cleaned away regularly and often during the summer.

A proper meter is to be purchased immediately for the pumping station in Shaw township.

The police force is to be equipped with new uniforms. Tenders and samples to be called for.

Reeve C. V. Gallagher wishes to extend thanks to all the good citizens of South Porcupine and Schumacher, not-

ably both fire departments and the different societies, for so fittingly observing and co-operating in the celebration of Their Majesties' Silver Jubilee. He expressed his appreciation at this meeting, calling Chief Smith to the platform to thank him for his good work on the township's Empire float, saying that while in Toronto he heard from two different parties of the very wonderful part that Tisdale had taken in the celebration in the North.

**Insurance Loan Bill Blocked at Ottawa**

Proposal to Reduce Interest Rate on Policy Loans "Talked Out" in the House

At Ottawa on Tuesday the device of "talking it out" was resorted to by members of the House of Commons to prevent the passage of a bill, sponsored by George Coote, U.F.A. member for MacLeod, Alberta, to fix interest rates on loans by insurance companies at five per cent. Originally the bill fixed the rate at four per cent., but the banking committee altered the rate to five per cent. Even at five per cent. the fixing of the rate was considered as discriminatory and injurious. A number of the leading weekly newspapers of the Dominion made special campaign against the bill, realizing that the loaning of money on policies was a side issue for insurance companies and that to encourage it was not in the general interests of the policyholders whose chief benefit from insurance rests in protection. Further it was recognized that the insurance companies having planned their business and sold their policies on the promise of a six per cent. interest rate on loans would be seriously handicapped should the bill pass. In view of the fact that a large percentage of the profits made by the insurance companies goes to policyholders in one form or another, any loss in this matter of rates would naturally prejudice the policyholders. In other words, the lower rates of interest would be at the expense of the policyholders who did not need loans.

The bill provoked considerable discussion in the House this week. The chief supporters of Mr. Coote in the matter of the bill were T. L. Church, M.P., and Geo. Arthurs, M.P., Parry Sound. Against the bill were many leading men in both the Liberal and the Conservative party. Frank White, M.P., of London, spoke on the bill until after the private members' hour had expired and the bill was automatically dropped for the present.

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**Sees Importance of the Mining Industry**

Comment on Hon. W. A. Gordon's Plans for Geological Surveys.

In the current issue of The Canadian Mining Journal there is the following comment on Hon. W. A. Gordon's programme of geological surveys:—

"An interesting turn to national and political thought was evident in a speech recently made in the House of Commons by the Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Mines for the Dominion. Mr. Gordon rose during the discussion of the money which will be expended under the new Public Works Construction Act, and he went on to explain an item of \$1,000,000 for geological surveys and investigations in the Northwest Territories and elsewhere in Canada. The Minister explained that under the proposed scheme, 180 geological parties would be sent into the field in all parts of Canada. He was not quite sure of the distribution of these various parties, but outlined an approximation of their probable allocation to the various provinces. This was as follows: Nova Scotia, 12; New Brunswick, 4; Quebec, 15; Ontario, 30; Northern Manitoba, 20; Saskatchewan, 40; Alberta, 8; British Columbia, 20; Northwest Territories, 10; and the Yukon, 5. Even if this distribution is not strictly adhered to, it will be seen that the Dominion of Canada is going to be very intensively covered by officers of the Geological Survey during the next twelve months.

The idea is a laudable one and it indicates very definitely the Government's opinion of the national importance of mining. It is also important because it provides employment for a large number of university students and also for junior engineers, not to mention ordinary labour. It will also, of course, serve to focus public attention upon mining and its importance and then there is the further point that there is not the slightest doubt that a very great deal of valuable information will be gathered by the various parties.

"On the other hand, however, it is not any use to blink at the fact that the proposal has some practical difficulties. Geological parties, to be effective, must be in the charge of one experienced geologist, and one cannot avoid the impression that it is going to be somewhat difficult to pick up the requisite number of qualified men to direct the activities of the various parties. No particulars are to hand regarding the details of

operations. Possibly the present officers of the Geological Survey are going to be given a number of these parties to supervise and direct, the individual parties being under the charge of junior geologists. In any case, however, some very careful planning and organization will be necessary to avoid a lot of wasted effort.

"With these somewhat slight qualifications, we congratulate the members of the Government and particularly the Hon. W. A. Gordon upon their foresight and initiative. They are proposing and carrying into effect a most practical scheme that may lead to increased national economic expansion and there is probably no item in the long list provided for under the new Public Works Construction Act which is likely to return a higher interest on the investment."

**BREWERS IN FOOTBALL IN KIRKLAND LAKE CIRCLES**

The following is from the sports page of The Northern News of Kirkland Lake:—"Although it faces a deficit of over one hundred dollars the executive handling football in Kirkland Lake this year is buckling down to the task of putting the sport back on its feet and with a four-team line-up for the season looks for keen competition. Dominion Brewers is to be the name of the town team this season. Pitted against it will be squads from Teck-Hughes, Lake Shore and Wright-Hargreaves. The schedule which should be released soon will provide for not only regular meets between the teams but also those special attraction tidbits like international matches. "The Scots Against The Rest" and so on, which give flavour to the sport."

**Salvation Army Tag Day Better than Last Year**

The Salvation Army tag day on Tuesday was a success again, the total taken in being \$170, which is \$9.00 more than last year. The ladies doing the tagging carried through the work in a very faithful and effective way. At Schumacher and South Porcupine the tag day held on Thursday of last week realized \$94, which is also slightly better than last year. From present indications and with the success of the tag days, the objective of \$1,000 for Timmins will likely be reached, though Major Hillier is still busy making the collections for the annual Self-Denial fund. This fund is taken up each year by the Salvation Army to maintain the various rescue and social service works of the Army.

**New Names Now for Trains on T. & N. O.**

Former "Toronto Train" is Now Called the "Porcupine Train" Both Ways. New Timetables Issued.

Four trains running on the T. & N. O. now bear names, in addition to the numbers and nicknames by which they have been known for a number of years.

Train No. 47, northbound from Toronto is now "The Porcupine", as is No. 46, southbound from Timmins to Toronto. These trains were originally called the "Cobalt Special" and later the "Toronto train."

"The Kirkland" is the new name for the newly-scheduled local that operates Monday, Wednesday, Friday between North Bay and Timmins. The southbound local, operating from Timmins to North Bay on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, is now called "The Sudbury."

New timetables, bearing the changes recently announced by the railway, have been issued with the above names of trains noted at the top of the column.

**New Dates for Moosonee**

Announcement is also made that the train to Moosonee will operate from Fraserdale to Moosonee on June 5th, June 19th, July 3rd, and July 17th, with return trains on June 8th, June 20th, July 4th and July 18th. Fraserdale is nearly 70 miles north of Cochrane, near the Abitibi Canyon power site, and is reached by a semi-weekly service on a mixed train.

Improved service to Rouyn and Noranda is also in operation now. It is now possible to leave Timmins at 1:15 p.m., reach Swastika at 4:50, depart for Noranda at 5:00 and arrive there at 7:30. Coming from Noranda to Timmins, the train leaves there at 8:50 a.m., reaching Swastika at 11:15 a.m., and departing from Swastika at 1:05 p.m., arriving here on the 4:45 p.m. Connections to or from the locals, now known as "The Kirkland" and "The Sudbury" can also be made almost as conveniently.

**DeSantis Gold Mining Company to Reorganize**

According to an announcement made at Toronto this week, the DeSantis Gold Mining Company will hold a special general meeting in Timmins June 4th, when shareholders will be asked to approve a by-law to change

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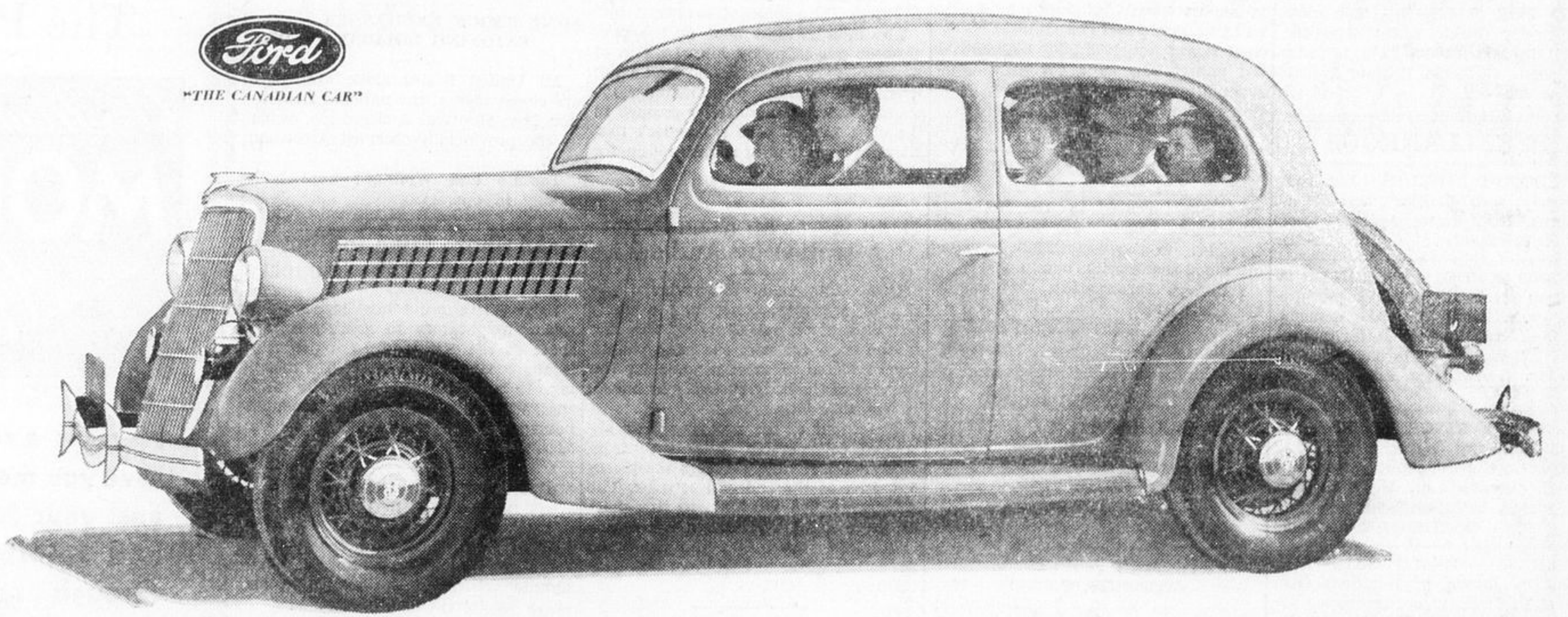
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the capital structure from 4,000,000 to 2,400,000 shares by cancelling 1,600,000 shares, and then increase the stock to 3,000,000 shares of \$1 par value. Shareholders to receive one new share for each two old shares. It also is planned to change the name of the company to DeSantis Porcupine Mines, Ltd. The capital reorganization will provide the treasury with sufficient shares to enable financing for further exploration work and to sink a new

three-compartment shaft. If results from proposed work justify it is also planned to install a mill on the mine property.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—Now that the send-a-dime letter racket seems to be about played out why not revive that other jolly way of getting rich quick, namely the Spanish prisoner swindle.

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