

Few Reductions Made by Court of Revision Here

Afternoon Session, However, Did Make Some Decreases. General Run of Appeals Not Supported by Council's Court of Revision. Not a Large Number of Appeals.

More people had luck with getting their assessments reduced at the Thursday afternoon session of the Court of Revision than at the morning part of the affair.

The biggest reduction made was that to the Oddfellows hall at 56 Spruce street north, owned by the Timmins Building Company.

Other reductions granted were to Geo. S. Drew, \$250 on a building at 7 Cedar street north; D. Dionise, \$100 on a building at 160 Birch street south; E. Everard, \$100 on a building at 43 Tamarack street; Imperial Oil Company, business assessment reduced from 75 per cent. to 60 per cent.

Four corrections asked by the assessor took another \$300 off the roll. One business assessment was written off because the business is not operating; one new business was added; two pieces of land in Mountjoy were added in a transfer of land from the Crown to private ownership.

Appeals were made in the afternoon session but were refused to Maria Boby, on buildings at 11 Ninth avenue and 165 Maple street north; Mrs. J. S. Ellies on land and buildings at 36 Second avenue and 41 Third avenue; John Graboski on land at 3 Birch street north; S. Kusik, on a building at 60 Toke street; K. Luoma on buildings at 102 Balsam street south, on which the assessment has not been raised but merely equalized between two houses on the same lot; L. Levert, on a building at 204 Mountjoy street; Mutual Life, on business tax at 25 Fourth avenue; Mayfair Dress Shop, at 15 Pine street south, on business; J. Panchuk on a building at 172 Spruce street south; Frank Petroski, on a building at 72 Tamarack street; Fred Southan, on a building at 49 Lakeshore road; J. R. Todd, on land at 3 Third avenue; Wm. Tieder, on a building at 42 Wilson avenue; A. R. Hubert, on a building on Main avenue; and Alex Veiling, on a building at 44 Wilson avenue.

Change of ownership from A. P. Desriche to Mutual Life of a business in the Gordon Block was granted. Taken as a whole, this year's Court of Revision did not make as much change in the roll as is usual. Fewer persons made applications for a change and fewer corrections for errors were necessary.

Good Wishes from Rev. Fr. Theriault

I wish to offer to my parishioners and to all the people of Timmins and district my sincere wishes for prosperity and happiness at Christmas and in the New Year.

Charles E. Theriault, P.P., St. Anthony's Church, Timmins, Ont.

J'offre a tous mes paroissiens et a la population de Timmins en general, mes meilleurs vœux de bonheur et de prosperite a l'occasion des fetes de Noel et du Nouvel An.

Chas. E. Theriault, Ptre, Cure.

Immense Amount of Mail at Post Office

Christmas Rush Now on. Special Service Being Given for Convenience of the Public

With the number of bags of mail arriving at the Timmins post office increasing every day and the trains running late due to the Christmas rush, the postal service here is strained to the limit to keep up with the work.

To-night's train is expected to be late but the mail will all be worked sometime before midnight. To-morrow (Christmas Eve) the mail will be worked as soon as it arrives and box holders will be able to get parcels delivered at the wicket. General delivery will not be open from Tuesday evening until Thursday morning.

Incoming mail reached a total of 146 bags on Thursday night and increased steadily up to Saturday. Outgoing parcel mail alone took 125 bags on Friday. It is not expected that the Christmas rush this year will equal other years at the local post office, since the "paper days," Wednesday and Thursday, do not coincide with Christmas, as they have in some previous years. On one recent Christmas Eve Postmaster E. H. King and his staff had 280 bags of mail to sort.

Christmas Greetings from Local Member

Porquiss Junction, December 21st, 1935

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins. Sir:—I wish to insert in your valuable paper a message to all the citizens of the District of Cochrane.

I wish to extend to them the compliments of the season and in so doing I sincerely hope that the coming year will be a most happy and prosperous one for all. Yours very truly, John Rowlandson, M.L.A.

110,000 Pounds Turkey for Porcupine This Year

Scarcity of Fowl and Price Alike Fail to Affect Quantity Used Here. Also Much Special Beef, Veal, Pork to be Used.

This Christmas season will see about 110,000 pounds of turkey consumed in the Porcupine area by its 25,000 people. The Advance has learned from a survey of incoming turkey shipments from the west. Other places may have a turkey shortage, but apparently the eight to ten cents a pound rise in price has not deterred Timmins people from ordering almost as much turkey as they did last year, when the total consumed hit an all time high of 120,000 pounds.

These 55 tons of birds represent almost the cream of the Western Canada "crop," which is about 50 per cent. less this year than last. The quality of the majority of turkeys sold in Timmins is government graded "A," some of the lower priced birds are "B," while a few of the "C" grade have found their way in.

The constantly increasing demand for food in the Porcupine will be made up this year by the sale of larger quantities of chickens, ducks and geese, where the rise in price, although varying from three to five cents a pound, has not affected buying to any great extent. Fine special Christmas beef, veal and pork is also expected to increase in volume this year.

Many Canadian centres have been complaining about the failure of the supply to meet the demand but it would appear that the Porcupine district is well provided for.

Work for the doctors! Money for the Western farmers! Happiness in the homes! That's what Christmas dinners in the Porcupine mean.

Christmas Weather May be Less Severe

This is the Message To-day from the Local Weatherman. Has the Touch of Christmas Goodwill.

Christmas weather will be somewhat milder than the sub-zero weather of the past few days, the weatherman predicted this morning. Late Saturday the north wind shifted around to the southeast and it has been coming from that direction since that time. Snow, to help make it an old-fashioned Christmas, will probably begin falling some time late to-day, he said.

The past few days have set up something of a record for the present winter. Saturday night holds the record with 25 degrees below zero by the government-tested thermometers at the Hollinger. For four days, the temperature has not gone above zero. The record shows: Thursday, max. 9, min. 7; Friday, max. 12 below, min. 18 below; Saturday, max. 11 below, min. 25 below; Sunday, max. 4 below, min. 21 below; last night's minimum, 20 below; this morning at eight o'clock, 14 below.

The only precipitation of the period was on Thursday when a quarter of an inch of snow fell.

Dr. I. T. Brill is spending Christmas week with his parents in North Bay.

Jews Here Observe the Feasts of Lights

Religious Celebration for Eight Days in Remembrance of Recapture of the Holy Temple.

Dating away back to early times, a religious celebration of the Jewish people is now being observed in Timmins as in the rest of the world. It is the Feast of Lights, a remembrance of the day when Juda Maccabeus, for whom the Maccabees are named, recaptured the Temple of the Jews from a Syrian king who had set up there an idol of Zeus. Maccabeus re-dedicated the place to the worship of God.

When the temple was captured, only one cruse of holy oil remained to light the sanctuary. More oil was prepared and as each day passed, more holy oil was made until at the eighth day the temple was once again properly lighted.

To-day the ceremony of lighting the lamps, one by one, is carried through the eight days. Beginning on Friday, a single candle was lighted in the Timmins synagogue; at the end of that day, a second one was lighted; on the second day of the feast, three candles were lighted; and so it will continue until the eighth day when there will be, in all, 44 candles to light the place of worship.

Thus do the Jewish people remember the day when their religion became free from the tyranny of an ancient oppressor.

Christmas Comes to the Porcupine

(By P. M. S., South Porcupine)

Bare leafless branches lift gaunt hands to heaven. Still, dark and motionless—etched on a wintry sky Stand pine and spruce trees, giant sentinels. Skies overhead are grey and dull. Over a dead earth Soundless and songless, sinks the soft snow. Stiffened and lifeless, winding waters lie.

Christmas has come to the Porcupine.

Gold in the rocks below, gold in the skies, Golden the beams from homestead windows shine. Gold in the glint of sunlight on the snow. Gold in the glory of the sinking sun Gleaming reflected radiance on the earth. Gold in our hard old hearts, friends, yours and mine.

Christmas has come to the Porcupine.

No Turkeys This Year in the Turkey Stag Hamper

Because of High Price of Fowl, Roasts of Beef Being Substituted. Though \$1,100 Netted for Baskets, Demand so Great that Only Immediate District can be Served.

So large was the list turned in to the committee of the Royal Order of Moose who have been in charge of the handling of the Turkey Stag that no Christmas baskets will be sent out of the Porcupine this year. The churches and various charitable organizations of the district prepared a list of families who are in need of help and it has been found that the proceeds of the Stag—\$1100—will have to be stretched to the limit to take care of those in town. In previous years it has been possible to help some of the less fortunate settlers of the area.

No Turkey This Year There will be no turkeys in the baskets. Turkey is much higher in price this year than it was last, so various sized roasts of beef, four, seven and 10 pounds, will be substituted for the fowl. Good wholesome foods, with candies and nuts for the kiddies, will be included—but no toys.

Deliveries will probably be made direct from a number of local stores, in order to save the cost of transportation which in previous years amounted to \$25 or \$30.

Two hundred and thirty-five baskets were sent out last year. Somewhere between 225 and 250 will be sent again this Christmas. Deliveries will begin to-morrow morning and may have to be continued on Christmas morning.

Liquor Store Open a Couple of Nights

Extra Staffs at Brewery Warehouse and Liquor Store to Look After Christmas Rush.

Special arrangements have been made in both Timmins places where the liquid kind of Christmas cheer is to be obtained. The Ontario Liquor Control board store is to be open to-night and to-morrow night until 10 p.m. in order to give the public a good opportunity to fill their requirements.

At the brewer's warehouse, the eight o'clock closing hour will be observed on Monday and Tuesday but any orders telephoned in by eight o'clock on Christmas Eve will be delivered some time the same night. Extra staff has been engaged to handle what is expected to be an unprecedented rush. Sales for the three days before Christmas are expected to top the \$25,000 record set by thirty Porcupine citizens last year.

Santa Claus Pays Sunday Night Visit to Timmins

Santa Claus paid a number of pre-Christmas visits in Timmins last night. Just to do a little sample checking up on boys and girls. He was very much surprised in some houses he visited rather late in the evening to find some of them still not in bed. The jolly old Christmas visitor looks as fit as ever and the years seem to hang lightly on his shoulders.

He had left his reindeer out at South Porcupine, he told an Advance reporter, because traffic was a bit too heavy in the Timmins area. Landings are hard to make here, he said, and most chimneys are a wee bit too narrow for his girth. So he's taken to using the front door!

Provincial Police Search Bush for Man

Game Warden Assists in the Hunt for Man Wanted in Connection with Stabbing at South End.

Provincial police constables and the game warden combined forces last week to go on a man hunt far back of Night-hawk Lake where it was believed the Finn had taken refuge who stabbed a companion at South Porcupine earlier in the week.

The search proved unsuccessful and although the officers spent the greater part of two days on the trail they could find no trace of the man who is said to be slightly unbalanced mentally. He served a jail term in his native land for having stabbed his brother.

Pleasing Concert by the Timmins Citizens' Band

The concert given over the local radio station yesterday from 5.30 p.m. to six o'clock by the Timmins Citizens' Band was a most enjoyable one. Christmas carols and Christmas music of all kinds were played during the half-hour period. Members of the Licens Club sang a number of the well-known hymns. The concert was played in St. Anthony's parish hall.

Christmas Message from the Ministers

"Joy to the world the Lord is come: The Saviour promised long."

Joy is the spirit of Christmas. Christmas changes dull, drab December into the most joyous and gladdest month of the year. A new life with new regenerative forces entered the realms of humanity with the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. The great event was announced to the shepherds by an angel of the Lord in terms of joy. "Behold I bring you tidings of great joy; for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour." A weary world, grey with age, tired of itself, decaying and ready to vanish away, was revived with a new hope. A new inspiration and a new courage came to men to fill their hearts with the prospect, however far distant, of a new heaven and a new earth. Divine Love is still working towards that glorious vision of the future. It was not without deep insight that the early church fixed the Christmas Festival at that season of the year when the sun turns back upon her path, and the days begin to lengthen and brighten, and a nature is filled with the glad promise of a renewal. That gospel for all people, given to the ancient world was given for all time. It is the message for the world to-day. Christ is still the hope of the world, the source of all true life and light of men, the secret of all peace and joy. "This is the day the Lord has made, we will be glad and rejoice in it."

J. E. Woodall, Chairman, Porcupine Ministerial Association South Porcupine, Dec. 21st, 1935.

Fourteen Fire Calls Here Since Thursday

Two Hundred Dollars Damage Last Night on Spruce Street. Fire Caught from Blow Torch.

With the temperature well below zero and big fires burning in every home; with pipes getting frozen and having to be thawed out, the Timmins Fire Department has done a roaring business within the past few days. They've answered 14 calls since Thursday afternoon.

Two hundred dollars' damage was done last night at 111 Spruce street south when a fire got well away in a partition. Only fast and efficient work on the part of the brigade prevented it from assuming major proportions. Two lines of hose were laid and the big chemical tank emptied before it could be controlled. The fire had been caused by the thawing of frozen pipes through the use of a blow torch—at best a dangerous practice.

No damage was done in the other 13 alarms since all were for chimneys except one. On Thursday calls were answered to 22 Hollinger avenue; 83 Hollinger avenue; 72 First avenue; 541 Fifth avenue; 58 Avenue road, and 9 First avenue. On Friday chimneys blazed at 47 Hollinger avenue, 66 Birch street south, 64 Mountjoy street and 86 Balsam street south. Saturday's lone alarm was at 111 Spruce street south. Yesterday a call was answered to 122 Spruce street north. Early this morning the vicinity of Pine street north and Second avenue was investigated when there appeared to be more than the normal amount of smoke hanging around.

Two Shifts Off for Most at Hollinger

Christmas Holidays Arranged to Give Two Days off for All Underground. Full Day for Mill Men.

All underground workers at the Hollinger will get two shifts off this week. Mining will stop at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon and will not be recommenced until three o'clock Thursday afternoon. This means that the afternoon shift men get to-morrow and Christmas Day off work, while the day shift men get Christmas and Thursday free.

The mill will close down from eight o'clock Christmas morning until eight o'clock the following morning, giving all mill workers a shift off. There is sufficient ore in the passes to allow the extra day's shutdown underground but it was not until this morning that the total tonnage available was figured accurately.

"Star of Bethlehem" at the United Church

The Timmins United church was filled to the doors last night for the evening service when a moving story of the birth of Christ was excellently portrayed. Reproductions of famous illustrations; special Christmas music; beautiful tableaux and other unusual features made the service a remarkable active worship. It will long be remembered by those who attended as one of the most beautiful scenes of its kind. The portrayal was made possible through the C.G.I.T. of the United church together with the choir and a number of members of the congregation.

About 1000 Unemployed Here This Christmas!

Closing Down of Roadwork the Chief Cause. Influx of Transients Another Reason. Smaller Mines Reducing Staffs for Winter. Little Bush Work Being Done.

There are between 500 and 1000 men in the Porcupine for whom Christmas will not be a merry event at all. They have no work—no chance of a job. Most of them have been going about from house to house asking employment of any kind. Some have walked 40 miles into the bush with the hope of getting a job only to be turned back.

Several causes contribute to the bad condition—it's worse right now than it has been for some years in the Porcupine. First on the list is the closing down of all road work. Where last winter some 400 men were provided with work every other week on the back road, the main road, the Ferguson highway and the Swastika-Matacheewan road; this year there is not a thing moving. The second big reason is the closing down this fall of a number of smaller mines of the district. Favour laid off 60 men a short time ago because they ran into trouble with the frost and had to stop much surface work. Two Ramore properties stopped operations. North, east, south and west, small mines have reduced staffs to a minimum in many cases.

Bush Work Slow Bush work is a good deal slower than last year. At least two companies who did a large amount of cutting last winter are doing little or none this year. The town is taking no men from the local employment office—they have their troubles in providing some kind of work for those who are getting relief. Last year they had a number of men on for short periods at wages. The last cause of the trouble is the

influx of unemployed from other parts of the province. They have absolutely no chance of obtaining work in their home towns, they say, and think it's worth while looking around the North at least. The large majority of them are forced to return as best they can, disappointed.

Timmins homes do not provide much employment. Shovelling snow, carrying out ashes, splitting wood and similar chores do not offer much to a hungry, unemployed man. But some citizens of Timmins might help out a little during the Christmas season. Willing workers can be had for the asking by telephoning the Employment Service of Canada office here.

The domestic help situation is better. Almost all available girls have some sort of work these days. The demand for extra help in the homes at Christmas has as usual taken up the surplus.

Mayor R. Richardson Grooms the Citizens

To the Citizens of Timmins:

On behalf of myself and the 1935 Council I wish at this time to extend to the people of our wonderful Town of Timmins our very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely, R. Richardson, Mayor.

Schumacher Santa Claus at Schumacher School

Nearly a Thousand Young Folks Delighted by Valuable Christmas Presents Given by F. W. Schumacher, Columbus, Ohio, After Whom Town of Schumacher is Named.

Should Inspire the Desire for Peace

At this holy season of the year our Christian training bids us not only rejoice in our heritage but furthermore to extend to our neighbours without exception the right hand of fellowship. The Brotherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man should inspire among all peoples not merely the desire for peace but feelings of benevolence. In this community we have citizens of many races. That we all may live together in harmony during the coming year is the sincere wish of The Pastor and Assistants of Nativity Church.

Special Greetings Over T. & N. O. Wires

Christmas Greetings at Low Rates to Any Part of the North or the Wider World

Special arrangements have been made by the T. & N. O. Telegraphs this year for the delivery of Christmas greetings in all parts of the North and through an arrangement with world-wide telegraphic and cable services to have greetings delivered anywhere in the world.

Low rates apply for local deliveries and on Northland services. Suggested wordings make the choice of greeting easy. Special forms for the Christmas telegrams will be used, having at the top a typical Northern Christmas scene. Telegraphed greetings will be delivered on Christmas morning or earlier, the local branch of the T. & N. O. Telegraphs advises.

Cheque Postdated and so Charge Fails

Lloyd F. Schwoob Freed Last Week at Kirkland Lake Court on a Fraud Charge.

Lloyd H. Schwoob, who was taken off the train some days ago, on his way from Timmins to Ottawa, and sidetracked at Kirkland Lake to stand trial on a charge of alleged fraud in connection with a cheque given to H. H. Boyd, druggist, at Kirkland Lake, was acquitted last week when he came before Magistrate Atkinson in Kirkland Lake police court. It developed that the cheque was postdated and that the accused had asked Mr. Boyd to hold the cheque for a few days until Schwoob could arrange its payment. The cheque was held for several days and then turned in to the bank where it was found that there were not funds to meet it. Magistrate Atkinson held that the circumstances left a doubt as to the intention to defraud and so the case was dismissed.

Schumacher's own private Santa Claus got busy on Thursday night and decorated three big trees in the Schumacher public school assembly room with more than a thousand gifts. Skis, sleighs, dolls, drums, horns, books, purses, sweaters, cameras, toy cars, toy dishes, toy sewing machines, big three-wheeled scooters, wagons—what a joy to any child's heart! And on top of that, a thousand bottles of Christmas candies were piled here, there and all over the place.

What excitement there was as the hundreds of pupils of the Schumacher public school came there with their parents finding the presents that bore their names!

F. W. Schumacher, for whom the town was named and who at one time owned most of the land on which the prosperous place is now, plays Santa Claus every year to Schumacher children—he's done it every year since 1916, when the one-roomed school had somewhere about 10 pupils. Throughout the 20 years of his generous giving, Schumacher's school population has grown steadily until this year, with the students at the new high school to be added to the list, the total reaches nearly a thousand.

A Real Community Night Thursday night was a real community event in Schumacher. Every parent in town as well as lots of men and women whose children have grown up, came to see the great bright Christmas trees; heard a group of the girl pupils sing Christmas carols brightly, with a good alto section, and in a real Christmas spirit.

Mr. Schumacher has not attended his Christmas party for some time. He is still a frequent visitor to the Porcupine but he has not lived here since before the Schumacher mine was sold to the Hollinger. Even far away in his Columbus, Ohio, home, he must have been able to feel a warm glow last Thursday evening as those hundreds of children—whose parents are of all nationalities and all creeds—found once again that their favourite Santa Claus had remembered them.

The gifts were distributed on Friday morning, the last day of school until the new year. The gifts for the high school students—skis, purses and books—were also on display on Thursday evening and were distributed early on Friday.

Next Issue The Advance on Monday, Dec. 30th

To allow holidays for the staff The Porcupine Advance will not issue again until next Monday, December 30th. The usual Thursday edition this week will be omitted. Advertisers, correspondents and others are asked to note the fact that the usual Thursday issue is dropped for this one week only, so that all the staff may have a chance for holidays.

Merry Christmas to all.