

HOPE FOR GOOD ROADS IN AREA THIS YEAR

Odd, Old Pistol Found in Garden in Townsite

Brass-Butted Weapon of Small Size and Unusual Design. Believed to be of 1860 Vintage. Mystery of How it Came to be in Timmins Garden.

A solid brass-butted pistol of peculiar design was turned up in a local garden here on Friday when Ralph Doling, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Doling, 55 Messinas avenue, was looking around to see what had lain under the snow all winter.

Highly ornamented with scroll work, the heavy little five-inch, single-shot pistol looked like a piece of old metal in the ground. Ralph told The Advance on Saturday. The lad did a good job of polishing it up and soon had even the hammer in working condition.

The probable age of the pistol excited comment from all to whom it was shown. Estimates ranged from 100 to 300 years. Perhaps Sieur d'Iberville lost it when he was through this part of the country in the 17th century, one young man remarked.

A hasty search through encyclopedias revealed nothing that looked at all like the little weapon. Its barrel measures just two and a half inches. Obviously hand-tooled, it looks like the predecessor of the modern automatic revolver all right but at the same time its simple mechanism and crude shape seemed to place it 'way back in history.

Gunsmith Estimates Age
Arthur Gervais, gunsmith, of 111 Pine street, north, cleared up the mystery quickly. One glance at the weapon placed it about the year 1860 in Mr. Gervais' mind. He pointed out its main characteristics: breech loading, rim firing. Probably not many pistols of its type were made, for Mr. Gervais, in all his experience in dealing with the history of rifles, pistols, shotguns and revolvers, had seen only one other that remotely resembled it. His own collection of weapons has in it about 300, ranging from the old flint-fired, straight-handled duelling pistols, to the more modern equipment of army officers. He has guns from the early pioneering days, six shooters such as Buffalo Bill carried. Firearms are his hobby; he fondles them as a collector of Chinese jade touches his precious pieces. And more, he knows their history, can tell what led to the development of any piece and why it was discarded.

Find Is Still a Mystery
Ralph Doling's find still remains a mystery. Possibly the little weapon was a family heirloom brought to the North in recent years, lost in moving. Perhaps it is a relic of earlier times of the Hudson's Bay Company and the fur traders. It must have lain in the ground of Hollinger townsite for many years, for its 38-calibre barrel is now rusted beyond use. Its trigger action is stiffened so that it no longer works.

The only visible clue to the maker of the pistol is engraved on the top of the barrel where the words "Co., Brooklyn, N.Y." can be deciphered. The hammer projects about half an inch above the barrel and is slotted to act as the rear sight. The front sight is of some white metal, probably steel. Engraved in the brass, just in front of the trigger, is the figure of a dog's head.

It was the habit, reference books say, in pioneering days of this continent, for many gentlemen to carry a small single-shot pistol for self protection. This relic may be one carried many years ago for that purpose. The weapons were accurate only at very short range, almost in hand-to-hand combat. The one shot had to do the trick.

May Re-organize the Abitibi, Says Report

United States Capital May Take Over Abitibi Power and Paper Co.

Re-organization of the Abitibi Power and Paper Company is again predicted from Toronto. It is stated this morning that arrangements are being made by United States capital for placing at least some units of the big company under new management.

Abitibi earnings for the past year are said to be about \$1,200,000, compared with \$1,000,000 for the previous year.

Oddfellows Attend Service on Sunday

Seventy Members at Annual Church Parade to Schumacher Church Yesterday.

Seventy members of the I.O.O.F. lodges of Timmins and South Porcupine, together with visiting brothers, attended church service last night at Trinity United Church, Schumacher. Rev. Murray Tait chose as his text, "Do you know thy neighbour?" and remarked that it was through such organizations as the I.O.O.F. that the friendly spirit of Christianity is fostered.

During the service Ron Jones, Timmins singer, rendered a tenor solo.

Railway Travel to be Less Expensive

T. & N. O. Fares to be Cut 13 Percent as Railways Announce Reductions.

Railway travel is to be less costly in Canada after June 1st, according to the announcement on Saturday of the Canadian Passenger Association, in which all the railways of Canada are represented.

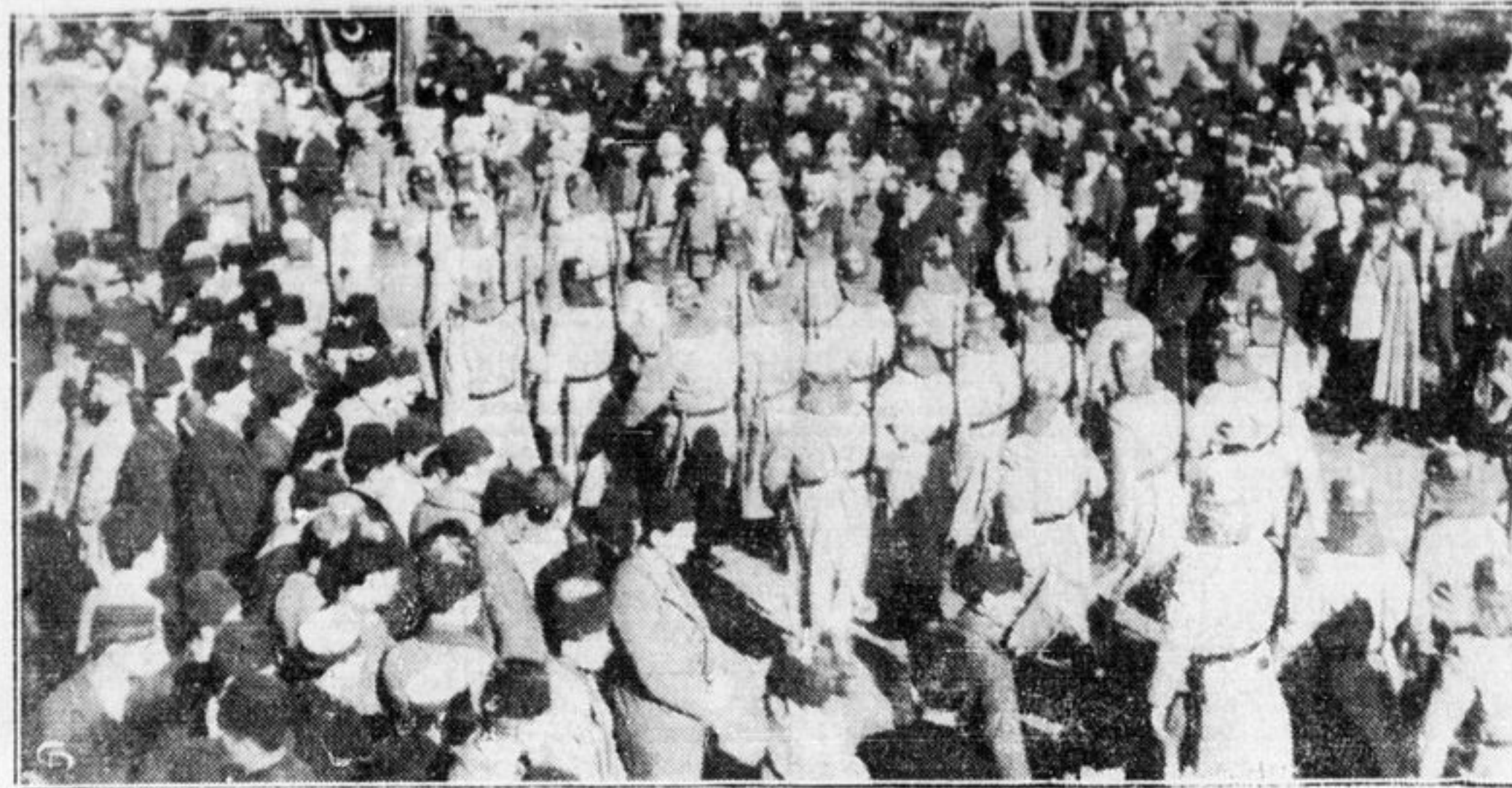
The new fares will apply on the T. & N. O. on the same date as on all other railways, June 1st. The difference in cost on first-class tickets will be about 13 per cent, it has been predicted, and this will be a return to pre-war rates.

To get the benefit of return trip fares, it will no longer be necessary to limit a visit to 30 days, but return privileges will last for six months after the sale of the ticket.

Those who make transcontinental trips where tourist sleeping car rates are offered will find the new costs a good deal lower, for ordinary day coach tickets will entitle the holder to sleeping accommodation in tourist cars on payment of the berth fare for that class. As the system works now, an additional charge is levied for tourist car transportation, aside from berth charges.

Reductions are also to be made in the costs of standard parlour car and standard sleeping car fares.

TURKISH TROOPS ON MARCH AS TREATY BROKEN



This picture of modern Turkish soldiers on the march was taken several years ago, when Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's fighters were moving along the Greek border, while Greece was in the throes of serious internal contention. Late dispatches state that the soldiers of Turkey are again on the march; into the demilitarized zone on both sides of the famous, Dardanelles States. This region was demilitarized by the treaty of Lausanne.

Have You Nominated a Carnival Candidate Yet?

Schumacher Lions to Award Valuable Prizes to Leading Candidates for Honour of Carnival Queen. Read the Rules of the Contest and Then Enter Nominations.

Do you know somebody who'd make a good Queen of the Carnival? Of course you do. Then why not nominate her for the honour, to be given on June 23rd by the Schumacher Lions Club. Along with the honour goes a diamond ring, and to the two ladies-in-waiting, wrist watches.

The Lions are choosing the Queen by the highest number of votes turned in for the young lady. The ladies-in-waiting will be those having the second and third highest number of votes.

A good start of 2500 votes is given for filling out the nomination coupon appearing in to-day's Advance. Additional votes may be obtained through selling tickets for the big draw being staged by the Lions Club on June 23rd, the summer carnival day, and by using another coupon that will be published in the Advance from now until June 17th.

Simple Rules

1. Any young lady is eligible—regardless of the town in which she lives.
2. Nominations must be made on an official blank appearing in to-day's Porcupine Advance and in the issue of April 30th.
3. All nominations must have the personal signature of the contestant.
4. Nominations close on May 1st at 6:00 p.m., and must be in the hands of J. A. Hawkins, Box 93, Schumacher, by that time.
5. Votes may be secured in three ways: (a) The nomination blank entitles the contestant to 2500 votes. (b) For every ticket to the Schumacher Lions Carnival and Street Dance sold, a contestant is entitled to 500 votes. (c) When a book of six tickets is sold, the contestant is entitled to an additional 500 votes, provided the receipts are accompanied by the special coupon printed in to-day's Advance. This coupon will be published in every issue of The Advance until June 17th.
6. Contest closes at noon on June 22nd.

Nominate your candidate now!

Conklin's Shows to be at Timmins Week of May 25

Conklin's Shows will be in Timmins this year a little earlier than usual, the Canadian Legion has announced. They have chosen the week of May 25th for the big attraction. To be held as usual in the ball park, the shows are reported this year to be even better than in previous seasons.

Days will be Warmer Says Weatherman

Forecast Some More Rains, but they will Help Clear up Affairs.

To-day is just the first of a few "generally warm, fair to moderate" days the North may expect this week, the weatherman said this morning. Showers may occur but these will be welcomed not only in town to clean up sidewalks and roads, but also in the bush, to melt the snow.

Timmins got a real surprise over the week-end when, in the period of 24 hours ending at seven o'clock Sunday morning, two inches of snow fell. Most of this has since disappeared.

Temperatures have been: Thursday, max. 34, min. 13; Friday, max. 45, min. 15; Saturday, max. 36, min. 23; Sunday, max. 38, min. 24; last night's minimum 27, eight o'clock this morning 37.

Scouts and Guides Attend St. Matthew's

Large Number Boy Scouts and Girl Guides at Annual Church Parade.

A large number of the members and officers of St. Matthew's troop of Boy Scouts and Pack of Cubs, together with a representation from No. 6 Timmins Troop and Girl Guides and Brownies, attended service yesterday morning in St. Matthew's Church. Proper ceremonies attended the bringing into the church of troop, pack and company flags.

Rev. Canon Cushing chose as his text, "Honour all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honour the King." He showed how Scouts and Guides assist in spreading obedience to this command throughout Canada and the Empire.

Subscriptions to be Left at Local Banks

Donations for Moose River Rescue Fund Accepted at all Bank Branches.

Chartered banks in Timmins are not doing a rushing business accepting subscriptions to the Nova Scotia miners' rescue fund, for those who helped to get Alfred Scadding and Dr. Robertson out of the Moose River gold mine. This is probably because the people did not know about it. After this announcement it may be different.

To date, the only Timmins bank that has been handed any funds is the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch on Pine street. Smith and Elston contributed \$25 to be forwarded to the central fund and the staff of the London Life office here contributed another \$25.

McGill Students to Study Mining Here

Twenty Young Men from Montreal in Summer Mining School in Porcupine.

Twenty students of McGill University, Montreal, arrived in Timmins last night to take part in the summer mining school of the faculty of science. They will spend the next two weeks doing field work here and learning how the big mines operate. The group is in charge of Professor McBride and O. N. Brown.

To-day, the young engineers visited McIntyre, group "A" being instructed in surface operations and group "B" going underground. To-morrow the groups will be reversed. On Wednesday and Thursday they will see the Hollinger, on Friday the Coniarium, Saturday, Sunday and next Monday have been set aside as field days, when an instructor from the university will give practical geology lectures.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday will be spent at the Dome, Thursday at Buffalo-Ankerite, Friday at Pamour and Saturday at Paymaster.

On completion of the summer school, it is likely that some of the students will remain to take positions in the local mines. Others plan on going to Noranda.

Those in charge of the school have chartered a Dalton bus to take them to and from the mines while they are in town.

Four Men Charged with Assaulting D. Merchoff

This morning D. Merchoff laid charges of assault against G. Vartulnik, Peter Antonica, Geo. S. Spoglou and Nick Rosu, following a dispute last night at the corner of Elm and Kimberley. The complainant says that he was on his way home when the four attacked him. More than one of the contestants were sporting beautiful black eyes this morning. The cases are likely to be the kind that will take up much time of the court in discovering just what happened and why.

Badminton Club Dance Successful Event Friday

The dance on Friday evening at the Porcupine Badminton Club was one of the most successful the club has had this season. A large number of members and their friends turned out and enjoyed a fine evening's entertainment. Gordon Archibald and his orchestra supplied the music.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the St. Matthew's Men's club will be held in the church hall this evening. A good programme has been arranged for the occasion.

Delegation from Here Interviews the Premier

Representatives of Councils and Board of Trade Arrange Interview with Some Difficulty, but Given Kindly and Sympathetic Hearing by Premier Hepburn. Plan for Helping North in Matter of Roads.

T. & N. O. Buses May Start About May 15

Likely to Run at First from Pamour to South Porcupine.

T. & N. O. buses may begin operating in the Porcupine about May 15th, according to reliable information.

It is understood that the exact extent of the railway company's operations in motor transportation has not yet been decided but that the local service will at first be from Pamour to South Porcupine at least.

School Fire Drills Make Good Records

Tests at Several Schools in Town Show Quick Clearing of Schools.

An early morning box alarm from the Reed block on Saturday gave the fire department a run. Smoke hanging heavily over the building made it appear to a passer-by that the place was afire. It was discovered that smoke from the chimney had been beaten down to the roof but everything else was normal.

On the same day at 4:10 p.m., a call was answered to 3 Birch street north, for a chimney fire.

Fire drills have been held at all but one school, with the following results: Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Mattagami school, 585 pupils clear of the building in 70 seconds; 3:05 p.m., High and Vocational school, 700 students out of the building in 63 seconds; Friday, 2:00 p.m., Central school, 760 pupils, out in 61 seconds; Moneta, 2:15 p.m., 585 pupils, out in 59 1/2 seconds; St. Charles, 3:05 p.m., 710 pupils out in 61 seconds; Holy Family, 2:30 p.m., 548 pupils, out in 52 seconds.

Winners of Prizes in the Badminton Bridge Tourney

The bridge tournament at the Porcupine Badminton Club, completed last week, was the last of the series played during the club's season. Mrs. W. S. Jamieson and Mrs. H. G. Skavlen were the winners, with Mr. Cooper and Mr. Wooley second and Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnston third. The lucky number prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. Horace Laidlaw. High for the evening was taken by Mr. Cooper and Mr. Wooley, while Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Clark had the low.

Constable Warner, R.C.M.P. Succeeds Constable Smith

Constable Warner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police arrived in Timmins last week and will be permanently attached to the local detachment. He takes the place left vacant by the transfer of Constable Smith to the R.C.M.P. maritime aerial patrol where he is now an observer. Constable Warner was previously stationed at Toronto.

Inspector Mercer of Toronto has completed inspection on Northern Ontario R.C.M.P. posts. He arrived in Timmins on the late train Thursday and departed for Toronto on Friday at noon.

Lions Hope to Have 1938 Convention in Timmins

Timmins Lions to Make Extended Campaign to Secure Regular Provincial Meeting. Have Motion Pictures of Timmins and Other Publicity for the Purpose. Pictures Shown Thursday Night.

Motion pictures of Timmins, the churches, schools, the crowds watching a ski jumping contest in the winter, the big diesel plough clearing the roads of a heavy snowfall and rolling them into a smooth hard surface; this is some of the preparatory work being done by Timmins Lions in order to help them convince the Ontario organization to hold its annual convention here in 1938.

A delegation from here will go to Ottawa this June to the convention and will extend a cordial invitation to the clubs to choose Timmins as their convention city two years from now. Dr. M. J. Kelly made the pictures and showed the Lions on Thursday night a number of other films, one of them a Charlie Chaplin comedy.

A visitor of the meeting was Joe Sloan. He too brought some movies.

Last week a delegation from this district interviewed Premier Hepburn at Toronto in regard to the bad condition of local roads and the need for immediate improvement in the general interests, and were given encouraging and sympathetic consideration by the premier. The delegation consisted of Reeve C. V. Gallagher, of the Township of Tisdale, Dr. E. A. P. Day, representing the Timmins town council, and W. O. Langdon, president of Timmins Board of Trade. Premier Hepburn agreed with the delegates as to the need for better roads and explained his plan to have extended work carried on in the active mining areas to supply the need for roads and to provide employment. He hoped to have the Dominion Government enter such a plan with the province on a 50-50 basis, in preference to continuing work on the Trans-Canada highway.

Dr. Day and Mr. Langdon had originally intended to take the question up at length with Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests and of Northern Development, but as Mr. Heenan was ill an interview could not be secured. It was decided then to take the question up direct with the premier. As Premier Hepburn was leaving this week for Ottawa to confer with the Dominion Government in regard to expenditures for public works and financing the same, it was necessary to have the interview on Friday. The delegates had considerable difficulty in securing an interview with Premier Hepburn, but once in touch with the premier their troubles were at an end. The premier gave them a very sympathetic and understanding interview. He agreed that the Porcupine area on account of its importance in the general scheme of affairs should have proper road facilities, and said that he hoped to make arrangements at Ottawa so that proper roads would be available for the people of this area. His idea was that roads near proven mining areas should be given preference over work on the Trans-Canada highway, being of more immediate need and value. If the premier is successful in securing Dominion co-operation on his road programme—and he has a logical and strong case—Timmins and district should have proper roads made available this summer.

Many Old-timers at Funeral on Friday

Thos. Desaulniers, One of the Pioneers of the Porcupine, Laid to Rest Last Week.

A large number of the men and women who were in the Porcupine in the early days, as well as those who have come in more recent years, were present at the Church of the Nativity on Friday when the funeral service for Thomas Desaulniers was held. Father Theriault, a friend of long standing of Mr. Desaulniers, officiated.

Five of the pall-bearers, Paul Patry, Geo. Cousineau, Baptiste Charette, Paul Charette, and C. Millette were here in 1911 when Mr. Desaulniers came up from Cobalt. The other, Dave O'Dell, had known him for many years. Many floral and spiritual offerings were sent by friends of the family.

Burial was at the Timmins Roman Catholic cemetery.

Another Issue of Stock Over-subscribed in City

First Issue of Mineral Estates Limited All Taken up at \$1, and Special Block of Stock Over-Subscribed at \$2.50 Diamond Drilling Now in Progress in Mountjoy Township.

Another issue of Mineral Estates stock has been oversubscribed in Toronto. The Advance learned last week from R. Franklin Stibbard, vice-president and resident manager of the company that at present controls a wide band of property from Timmins to Bristol Township totalling 15,000 acres.

Of the 300,000 shares at which the company is capitalized, 100,000 have been issued for properties. Another 20,000 have been designated as bonus shares. The first issue of 50,000 shares at \$1.00 each was oversubscribed and last week another issue, of 25,000 shares at \$2.50, was also oversubscribed so that pro rating will have to precede allotment.

This leaves the company in a strong financial position, capable of taking care of the immediate development of areas chosen for diamond drill and surface exploration. Before any underground work is undertaken or production considered at all, Mineral Estates will probably develop into a holding company for the shares of a number of

mining units in the five townships into which the land held and optioned extends.

Grab samples and channel samples have been taken from a group of claims under option in northeastern Carleton but results have not yet been learned.

Diamond drilling continues in the west part of Mountjoy.

Stock Quotations Coming Hour Earlier These Days

The Toronto Stock Exchange quotations began coming through this morning an hour ahead of their usual time, so far as Timmins is concerned. Toronto and the larger centres of Canada adopted daylight saving time Sunday morning at two o'clock.

Timmins stock brokers were open for business an hour earlier on account of the change but will be able to close somewhat earlier in the afternoon.

Rides the Favourite



WAYNE (LUCY) WRIGHT
The horse he is slated to ride—Brevity—in the Kentucky Derby, is a favourite. The jockey is Wayne (Lucy) Wright.