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The withdrawal of the Hollinger Baseball club from the Temiskaming Baseball league is regretted by many. The people of Timmins have a certain natural pride in their mine and they like to see the word "Hollinger" on a baseball uniform or a hockey sweater. They like to feel too that the men in the big mine's offices and those in charge of departments are helping to keep sport on a good basis in Timmins.

There have been times when not only players but whole clubs have turned down the mine in its efforts to give the people of the town good sport. It is no great wonder that Hollinger approaches sport very warily these days.

But last year's Hollinger Baseball club was surely as fine an organization as any mine could wish to have. The team was not one of championship calibre yet it had good support from the people of the town.

Much as Timmins people may regret it, the mine has apparently decided that it does not wish to operate a team under its own name. That does not mean that the valuable co-operation of Hollinger is lost. General opinion of those who have been associated with sport in Timmins for many years is that a properly organized local club would be received sympathetically at the mine. If this is so, then it's up to local men to get together and talk it all over.

Ten Team League Indicated for Softball in Porcupine

Carlo Cattarello Heads Association This Year, with Ed Reid as Vice-President and Zig Ostrowski Secretary-Treasurer. May be Six Entries from Timmins Alone.

Softball in the Porcupine got away on Friday night to just about the same kind of start it had last year. Eight applications for entries were received and there is a good possibility that two more may try to get in within the next week. Coniarum, Friedmans, Neta, Dome, McIntyre, Tuxis Grades, Timmins Juniors and the Y.F.P.A. were represented at the annual meeting and asked that they be allowed to play. Schumacher may be in; they'll decide within a week.

Carlo Cattarello, of South Porcupine, perhaps the best all-round athlete the Porcupine has yet produced, heads the association this year. As his vice-president, is Ed Reid, who held the presidency last year. Zig Ostrowski is secretary-treasurer in place of Les Thompson who was transferred during the winter. A representative from each team completes the executive committee.

The usual \$10 entry fee seems to be indicated and the warning was given

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Who'll Step Into the Breach to Help Timmins Baseball?

Excellent Chance to Field Good T. B. L. Senior Team Here if Timmins Men Form Club to Sponsor Game. Other Porcupine Teams Offer Concessions.

Although Hollinger mine has definitely dissociated itself from baseball to the extent that Hollinger Baseball Club will no longer operate in the Temiskaming Baseball League, all hope has not yet been given up of having a Timmins team in the six-team league.

There is the basis of a good team as any in the T.B.L. in town right now and it's understood that provision can easily be made for the additional men needed to field a first-class team.

All that's lacking is an organization. Here's a real opportunity for Timmins men who like to see good ball played in a good league.

Lots of Fans Here

The fans like the game. Baseball drew bigger crowds at the local ball park last year than in any other park in the Porcupine. They supported a losing team well. How much better would they stay with a winning team?

If Timmins men let the opportunity pass this year to keep T.B.L. senior ball alive, it will make recovery difficult.

A Fair Proposition

It's just a question whether or not a Timmins club could make a sufficient amount of money during the season to stand three trips down to Kirkland Lake. Granting that there would be a great deal of additional local interest in the game if ToTurn, Wright-Hargreaves and Lake Shore teams appeared on the local diamond once during the regular schedule, it's possible that an extra \$450 would be taken in at the gate. Given a couple of rainy or cold Wednesdays, the club might end the season a little in the hole.

If the diet of games with McIntyre and Porcupine proved as interesting to ball fans as it did last year, then a local club should be able to end up on the back side of the ledger for the two other teams of the district are willing to let a Timmins or Hollinger entry play only with district teams, disregarding the interlocking part of the proposed schedule. They would continue with the idea themselves, of course. Last year the Hollinger club lost a little money, it is understood, but then they had trips to make to Iroquois Falls which would not be necessary this year. And they had a lot of poor gates when Abitibi came over here.

Right Softball Prospects

Ten teams in a single softball schedule is two or four teams too many. The game in the Porcupine doesn't seem to work out well unless the heavy end of the schedule is carried over the week-ends, making the practical maximum four games a week, with perhaps another during the week. None of the mine teams find it convenient to play at times other than the week-end and certainly the fans don't appreciate evening games during the week.

One possibility suggests itself if there is a six or eight team league. A double header could be played in Timmins while another double header could be played at Schumacher. Possibilities of Schumacher having three home teams - McIntyre, Coniarum and Schumacher Town—seem good. That would make it possible to have at least one home team in action every double header.

Another suggestion that has been made is to split the league into two sections "A" and "B", each of which would play independent schedules, winners to play off for the championship of the Porcupine. Still another has it that teams could be graded into Seniors and Intermediates, winners to be declared separately and playoffs to be at the option of the winning clubs.

The enthusiasm of the teams should be gratifying to those who have worked hard to put softball back on the map. This year's president, Carlo Cattarello, may be relied upon to continue the fine executive work of Ed Reid, last year's president, and in Zig Ostrowski the association has a secretary who proved his efficiency in the Commercial hockey league.

New Soccer Talent?

Soccer gossip has it that Dome will be strengthened this year by three or four good players from over time. The lads are due to arrive at the mine about the middle of May, it's said. Maybe the Dome, with that needed youth on the team, will be able once more to oust McIntyre from its place at the top of the football heap. But then maybe McIntyre has some more players on the way too. All in all, it looks as if soccer is due for a further comeback this season.

Out at Dome they encourage juvenile soccer successfully and have three teams every year. The big difficulty that presents itself annually is that the three or four who graduate from juvenile every year make only one junior team. And they haven't any competition yet.

Bowlers Getting Anxious

Bowlers are talking but that's all it amounts to yet. The greens at St. Matthew's are said to have wintered well, as far as can be seen yet, and the bowlers are looking forward to a big season. With the completion of the Dome's new football field, the men out there may take up seriously the question of laying out a bowling green. Competition so close at hand would be welcome to the local club.

No!

What, you haven't been in swimming yet?

Gambles -- Advance to Playoff To-night

Wind-up of Season of Commercial Bowling This (Monday) Evening.

Gambles and The Advance start in the playoffs for the silverware this evening.

Starting last Friday with the odds against them the printers got back to form and took all four points from the T. & N. O., to win out by three points.

The first game was a walk-away for the printers, with a majority of 277 pins. The second totalled a win for the rail-roads by one pin, but the recount gave it to the printers by nine pins. The third was also close with a twenty pin majority for the printers.

Gambles and The Power had a practice together and the former got in some good scores which nearly equalled the printers' total.

The electricians finally got their first point in the cup series by winning their last game of the season.

The cup finals tonight and Friday should see some close games. Gambles have come back strong in the cup series, and only conceded two points. They also took all four points from The Advance the last time they met.

Annual May Day Dance of Daughters of the Empire

The annual May Day dance of Timmins Golden Chapter, I.O.D.E. will be held at the Riverside Pavilion on Friday evening of this week, May 1st. Dancing at 10 p.m. The event is always popular and attractive and this year promises to be even more than usually pleasing and successful. No effort has been spared in making arrangements to have the event the best yet. Gordon Archibald's orchestra will furnish the music for the evening and all other features of the evening will also be up to the best standards.

BOWL ALONG



For the second time this season The Advance bowlers are in the finals. Their opponents are Gambles, the cup holders.

The printers might have a chance if Grant doesn't go out for a tie.

Too bad you had that blow in the last game, for the tie was right there.

There were also two other right with you, but likewise the eggs got the best of them.

Army was all in his glory at the fourth frame and saw two points in his grasp, but he didn't count on a comeback by his opponent, to trim him up by 153 pins.

Joe and Alfie were having lots of fun trying to beat each other and they both were good! Oh! yes!

It's a long time since Alfie has turned in a good score! Will he come back in the playoffs?

Uncle Ray and Farmer Fred were in fine form last Friday, and coupled with

a bit of luck, turned in their best games of the season.

All members are requested to attend the final game on Friday for the meeting, as the grand wind-up will take place on Saturday.

It has been decided that the players will draw for a team, and play will start at 7.30 sharp, Saturday, after which all will adjourn for the banquet.

Name of the Camel Proved Somewhat Disappointing

The weekly bulletin of the Timmins Kiwanis Club this week had this one: Charles Pierce travelled from Cairo to take a look at the Pyramids and felt sure that he had reached a place where nothing savoring of Western civilization would disturb the "Arabian Nights" atmosphere.

He was delighted when he was hoisted to a camel's back by a picturesque Arab, but he had a rude awakening.

"What is your camel's name?" he asked the Arab.

The Arab replied, "Greta Garbo."

Readers' Digest:—Happy is the mosquito that can pass the screen test.

Local Marathoners Seem to be Bashful

Legion and Conklin's Still Ask Entries in 12 Mile Run for Local Athletes.

Where are all these good runners who have set records in the Porcupine? Unless some of them make up their minds soon to take part in the 12-mile marathon here during the week of May 25th, plans already announced by the Legion and Conklin's Shows may be scrapped.

The prizes offered are well worth while—\$50 value for first, \$25 value for second and \$10 value for third. Aside from that there's a real chance to settle the old argument about who is the best marathoner in the camp. Even if there aren't any Paavo Nurmi's around, there are at least a good number of his nationality who have made names for themselves in local sport. They should hand in their names to-day or tomorrow to W. A. Devine, telephone 962, or to A. Neame at the Mines Rescue Station.

The race will probably start at the ball park and will take the main road from Timmins to South Porcupine and back again, approximately 12 miles.

Baseball and football players ought to be thinking about getting into trim these days. Here's a real opportunity to do the training and win some fame at the same time.

Noranda Baseball Prospects Bright

May Ask Admission to Southern Group of Temiskaming Baseball League.

Noranda wants to get into the Temiskaming Baseball League, according to a dispatch from the copper mining town last week. They can field a team that will hold its own with any team in the Kirkland Lake group, "Fawny" Oumet, secretary-treasurer of the ball club there, believes.

With more than a dozen players on hand who have appeared in Ottawa Valley and O.B.A.A. senior ball, with a new park under construction and baseball fever stirring the fans, Noranda wants grouping.

At the annual meeting of the T.B.L. here a week ago Saturday, the Noranda situation was discussed. The town had been invited to send a representative or at least a letter. Neither materialized but even at that, it was left to the discretion of the Kirkland Lake group if they want to play off with Noranda for the southern group championship. The same situation existed here in regard to Iroquois Falls.

Noranda, the general consensus of opinion appeared to be, is just a little too far away for baseball. It's a 163-mile trip from here and though that jump may be possible in hockey, baseball is not yet as prosperous as the winter game.

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'Chief's Night' Made Great Hit at Legion

Members and Friends of the Legion Treated to Another Concert of High Standard.

Those in attendance at the Legion hall on Saturday were again treated to another successful smoker. A. Borland, sr., had charge of the event and as is the usual custom of these special smokers, had to secure his own talent. It was fully in line with the previous ones held this year and maintained the high standard set. Comrade Borland confined his programme to the vocalists of the branch and several gifted outside artists. It would be impossible to do full justice to those contributing as each and every one on the long list were in top form and ready to please.

A. Borland, opened the event with a few remarks and hoped all would be pleased with the talent he had provided. The spontaneous vocal closing of the evening showed they had more than enjoyed the event, and "The chief's" smile spoke more feelingly than any words.

Mayor J. P. Bartleman addressed the members during the course of the night. George Nippers acted as the master of ceremonies, assisting the host very materially. "Scotty" Wilson acted as pianist for the evening in very capable manner. W. A. Devine assisted.

The artists on the programme were as follows:—Comrades Stewart, A. Belamy, W. Avery, W. Ashton, F.

O'Rourke, T. Johnson, W. Docton, F. Curtis and W. Carr—all members of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion. Assisting artists were C. Roberts and Fred Taylor, vocal duet; these artists also sang individual solos later in the evening; T. Nixon, in his funny tricks; Ted Jones, baritone soloist. Every artist received insistent encores and the fine order kept by the present spoke fittingly of the entertainment they were receiving. It was another milestone reached and T. Parsons will have to get busy if he's going to pass the Chief.

Cobalt Sued by Lawyer Alleging Illegal Seizure

The town of Cobalt has been named defendant in an action for damages instituted against the municipality by George Mitchell, K.C., who is claiming \$10,000 from the corporation for alleged illegal and unlawful seizure or distress of his goods and chattels to satisfy taxes the town asserts is owing by the lawyer. The writ was issued late Wednesday last week, in the office of the local registrar of the supreme court, Halleybury, and in it the plaintiff asks also for an injunction to restrain further activities in the matter meantime by the town. Spring sittings of the supreme court for Temiskaming concluded about ten years ago at Halleybury, and if the case goes to trial it probably cannot come up for hearing until late next fall.

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