

Art Exhibition

Oils Etchings Prints

Mr. Remus has again succeeded in bringing to Timmins a collection of Fine Art. Last year so many people expressed appreciation at the opportunity to view truly fine paintings that an even larger collection is displayed this year. The beauty of the Canadian rural scene is captured by the brush of such prominent painters as Manly Macdonald and J. W. Beatty. Varied subjects by other noted artists complement the showing of oils. These works range from \$15 to \$225. A number of etchings of unusual merit will, we feel sure, draw your favourable comment. "Ann Hatheway's Cottage" by the talented Maria Eaton will, no doubt, find favour as it has in English circles. Framed etchings are priced from \$2.50. A great number of popular-priced Prints round out the showing in an infinite number of subjects—quaint, old-world scenes, small floral studies, marines, snowscapes, landscapes and tranquil rural scenes. All will hold your interest. Whether you are interested in buying or not you are cordially invited to view this unusual collection.

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Disastrous Fire by Explosion of Coal Oil

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 ward Ash, Thomas H. Richards and Fred Jackson, used all their efforts without avail.

Firemen Respond Quickly
 The five deaths occurred in an almost inconceivably short time. It could not have been more than a minute from the time the stove exploded that a passerby ran to the corner of Maple and Sixth and pulled Box 15. That was at 7:25 o'clock. A minute and a half later, the fire truck, well loaded with regulars, was at the fire. Flames were shooting out of the doors and windows of the downstairs ten or fifteen feet. Fire Chief Borland said afterwards. The heat was so intense that close approach to the place was impossible.

Hoist Ladder to Rear Window
 Immediately after a water line had been laid, a ladder was hoisted up to the rear window and the bodies of the three children taken from the smoke and fire-filled house. They were removed to the home next door of M. L. Studor where medical attention and resuscitation was at once begun. As soon as Fire Chief Borland had learned there were children in the building, he telephoned "central" to end "four or five doctors" down to the address immediately. The response of the medical men was prompt. Coroner Dr. H. L. Minthorn was also called and was there in a few minutes.

Fire Out in 10 Minutes
 The fire was out in ten minutes from the time the firemen were called. Even at that the whole inside of the front room is charred and blackened. The table on which the baby died and the remains of the feather pillow on which his mother had laid him only a few minutes before were still to be seen. The stove near the corner, its lid blown off, contained charred slabs of wood which smelled of coal oil.

Police Make Enquiries
 The can in which the coal oil had

been contained had been blown out almost flat. That and other things that may be useful to the coroner's jury that will be impelled to inquire into the deaths, are now in the possession of the police. Chief Ralph Paul, Detective Sergeant Leo Gagnon, Sergeant Olson, and Constables Gariepy and Downey responded to the alarm, effectively controlled the crowd that gathered within a few moments, made inquiries of eye-witnesses, and gathered the bits of mute evidence of the tragedy.

Came Here Six Years Ago
 The Charbonneau family had come to Timmins six years ago from Cobalt and had lived first of all on Sixth avenue, moving to the Elm street north home four years ago. They had had seven children, the eldest of whom died as a baby. The couple had been married in Cobalt 12 years ago. The mother, formerly Aurise Poisson, is well known both here and in the silver town. Mr. Charbonneau went to Cobalt some years ago from Point Gatineau, Quebec, near Ottawa. His mother, Mrs. Godfroy Charbonneau, still lives there. Mr. and Mrs. Henri Poisson, father and mother of Mrs. Arthur Charbonneau, came here from Cobalt a few years after their daughter. Four daughters, aunts of the dead children, live here: Ruby (Mrs. Walsh), Rebecca, Fernande, Gertrude, and Clarice (Mrs. Al Smith). Two sons, uncles of the children, Emery and Ovide, are also here.

More details appear elsewhere in today's Advance.

Sale of Meat at the Public Market Here

Several Settlers had Meat on Sale Here Saturday.

The sale of meat at the Timmins farmers' market continues, despite the cold weather. It was believed that after the first of November the stalls would be closed for the winter but several vendors were anxious to continue selling so arrangements have been made to keep the market open just as long as vendors and buyers want to use it.

One woman at Saturday's market sold 90 pounds of blood sausage, almost all of two hogs and a good quantity of other meat. Two other vendors had sold out by noon. A fourth remained until early afternoon, when buyers became scarce.

So cold was it at the outdoor market on Saturday that the caretaker found some wood and lighted a fire so that the farmers could get warm once in a while.

Refrigeration presents no difficulties these days at the open-air markets.

Huntingdon Gleamer:—Members of the Holiness church in Suffolk, Va., were amazed one morning to find their church gone. It was standing in its place the day before with no sign that anything out of the ordinary would happen to it over night. Next morning it had disappeared with no clue as to what had happened to it. Members of the congregation, who are searching for it, declare its disappearance was the "devil's work" in which they are right, more than likely.

Eleven Deaths in Fires in Timmins

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 to get out of the burning house with two of his five children, while Mrs. Clouthier also made her escape with her baby in her arms. Mr. Clouthier returned to rescue the other two children but could not reach them through the flames then sweeping the house. He had to be dragged from the burning house and was found to be badly burned about the face and hands, but later recovered. Father, mother and the three children saved were all hurried to St. Mary's hospital for treatment.

The fire at the Reid block on Sunday evening, June 12th, at 11:50 p.m., was the next fire to cause loss of life. The only wonder in this case was that more lives were not taken. The fire apparently started in the lower part of the building, but before the alarm was given the whole place seemed in flames. Many in apartments in the block had narrow escapes. Wm. Oke, a popular old-time resident of the camp, died from suffocation in his room. Miss Mary Mekeown, a popular and highly-esteemed member of the Moneta school teaching staff, also met death as a result of the fire at the Reid block. She fell from the window of her apartment on the third storey, either fainting or being overcome by smoke while seeking to escape from the building. In her fall she struck the pavement beneath and suffered fatal injuries. She died on the following Thursday morning, living over three days in St. Mary's hospital after the terrible injuries received in the fall.

The next loss of life by fire was on Aug. 31st, 1928, when Henry Langlad was suffocated by smoke from a fire at his home at 75 Bannerman avenue. Someone passing the house heard groans and on investigation found a fire in progress in the house. A speedy response was made by the fire brigade who found Henry Langlad, fully dressed on the floor of the house. Attempt was made at resuscitation, but all efforts to revive the man were vain. This fire was thought to have started from a cigarette stub setting fire to some curtains. Langlad being overcome by the smoke before he realized there was danger. Langlad was 27 years of age and was a barber by trade, being at the time of his death in the employ of A. Belanger.

About 9:30 in the morning on Jan. 15th, 1929, fire was discovered in the upstairs section of the King Edward Cafe and a number of the occupants of the rooms had narrow escapes from the burning building. Miss Georgina Laporte, of South Porcupine, who had stayed at the hotel overnight after attending a hockey match here was suffocated by smoke on the stairway while apparently attempting to get away from the burning building. The fire appeared to have started from the second storey but the origin of the blaze was never definitely settled. Two others in the building at the time of the fire had to be taken to the hospital for treatment for burns and injuries sustained while escaping from the building.

The fire on Saturday evening, Nov. 7th, 1936, will be long and regretfully remembered as the most tragic fire in the history of Timmins, taking as it did, the lives of five dear little children.

While the record of Timmins—eleven lives lost in fires in 20 years—is a remarkable one in comparison to other Northern towns, it is only fair to say that the toll of life taken would have been much greater had it not been for the great work done by the Timmins fire brigade. In looking up in the files of The Advance particulars of the fires referred to in this article, more than once was the heading encountered "Children Rescued from Burning Building," "Firemen Saved Lives," or headings of similar import.

Huntingdon Gleamer:—Since the establishment of the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison, in 1891, 397 human lives have been snuffed out in it, five of them women. Every one of these victims has paid the supreme penalty for murder, 240 of them since Lewis E. Lawes has served as warden of the prison. Lawes is a bitter opponent of capital punishment.



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One of Four Defendants in Complicated Case at Cobalt

Cobalt, Nov. 9.—(Special to The Advance)—Fourth defendant to be charged following the multiple accident near Ste. Therese's separate school here in the evening of October 17, when Florindo Zanin, Cobalt hockey player, suffered a broken leg and the horse he was driving was killed, Clarence Vinkle, of Kirkland Lake, was convicted on Saturday by Magistrate Atkinson of a charge of failing to return to the scene of an accident and fined \$50 and costs. His license was suspended for 60 days. A charge of having been drunk in charge of a car was withdrawn by Crown Attorney Robinson.

The case had several unusual features. Vinkle swore, and his 15-year-old son corroborated him, that the boy was driving at the time the car ran into the bakery rig in charge of Zanin, but the bench held that, under section 11 of the Highway Traffic Act, the owner was responsible in the circumstances. Then, Leo Lemire, garage owner, and Lionel Fauvelle, 14 years of age, who testified to having seen a car strike the wagon, had not seen the driver, but Lemire had noted the make of the car and shortly afterwards Provincial Constable R. O. Stromberg located Vinkle at North Cobalt.

Vinkle's car, found there and then also, had been damaged in front and on it were found traces of red and yellow paint corresponding to the colours of the baker's rig. Lemire and Fauvelle both swore the car had not stopped after hitting the rig but both Vinkles claimed it had, the boy saying he pulled up in six feet, while the father declared he got out and looked at the wagon, which, he said, was not damaged. Crown witnesses, whose testimony the magistrate said he had no hesitancy in accepting, swore the horse bolted and the rig turned over.

Magistrate Atkinson criticized defendant sharply in giving his verdict, declaring that to him the worst feature of the case was Vinkle's bringing his son to court to perjure himself to clear the father from the charge. The bench suggested to the Crown Attorney that action might be taken with regard to Gordon Vinkle's driving. After this accident, it is alleged the horse stopped and subsequently was run into a short distance down the street, allegedly by a car driven by William Conroy, who is on bail to appear at Temiskaming General Sessions next month on a charge of criminal negligence. In this second mishap, Zanin was hurt and the horse killed. Two other minor charges arising out of the same series of events have been disposed of already.

New Road Plan Now Promised for North

Programme Now Being Prepared for Ontario Cabinet, it is Reported.

That the persistent demand for attention to the roads in the North has had effect is fully proven by reports from Toronto. It is evident that the proposal coming from New Liskeard that the North boycott the South until such time as the North receives a fair deal has had its effect on the business interests of the South. The South apparently is awake now to the fact that the North has a genuine grievance and does not intend to take it meekly. From an article in last Friday's Mail and Empire it would appear that Hon. Mr. Hepburn is roused over the matter and that immediate action is to be taken to meet some of the needs of the North. The article in Friday's Mail and Empire is as follows:—

"In order to mend some of the political fences in Northern Ontario and to satisfy the Liberal members from that part of the province, the Hepburn Government is preparing to embark on a roads improvement campaign in various sections of the North country. The construction of new roads and the betterment of existing ones will be independent of the programme now underway of building new arteries into the mining areas.

"Lack of good roads has long been a sore point with citizens of the North and much of the recent talk of secession is reported to have sprung from this situation. The balancing of the budget has been the primary objective of the Government but once that has been accomplished, the cabinet will loosen up in its expenditures. The Dominion Government will co-operate with the province in sharing the cost and this matter will likely be discussed when Premier Hepburn and Chester Walters, chief watchdog of the treasury, attend the inter-provincial conference at Ottawa on December 9.

"Several Liberal members of the Legislature from Northern Ontario have discussed the situation with Hon. T. B. McQuesten and urged on the minister the necessity of putting a works programme into effect in the North. W. G. Nixon, Liberal member for Temiskaming, was at Queen's Park yesterday and expressed confidence that a roads programme would be started before long.

"R. M. Smith, deputy minister of highways, is reported to be engaged in working out a roads programme which will be submitted to cabinet by Mr. McQuesten.

"Although the talk of secession from Old Ontario that has drifted down from the North has been discounted by the Government, it is no secret that Premier Hepburn and his colleagues are anxious to kill off the secession movement as effectively and as quickly as possible. The only sure way of doing



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this, it is believed, is to give the North the thing they want most of all—good roads."

Neighbours Mourn the Loss of Children

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 Well-mannered, lively and obedient; they won the hearts of all those in the district who knew them.

On Saturday evening, the kiddies were sent to bed early, as usual. The twins and Patsy were asleep in the upstairs bedroom before 7:20. Kate, the two-year-old was downstairs; the baby had been laid on a pillow on a table in the sitting room. Reginald, 11 years old, had been out playing with his chums and had returned to the house a little while after seven.

Front Stove Not Used All Day

The family had used the kitchen range all day to warm the house, one of the relatives told The Advance the next day. The range had been allowed to go out and the father had started the fire in the living room Quebec heater. Mrs. Charbonneau, seeing that her family was in for the evening left to do some shopping at the corner store, half a block away.

Then the front of the house began to cool. The fire had apparently gone out. A can of coal oil was handy and the father threw some of this on the stubborn wet slabs, already a little charred from the first start of the fire. Nothing happened for a few seconds. Then with a roar, the gases that had been formed from the oil exploded, throwing fire all over the room.

Father Attempted Rescue
 The frantic father, no doubt somewhat dazed by the suddenness of the fire, thought first of all of his children and forced back from the place where the explosion had taken place, tried to get up the stairway to the three sleeping girls. His clothing caught fire and he had to run from the home.

Reginald, the eleven-year-old had been out on the street playing, one of his young friends told The Advance yesterday. Whether he was in the house or not at the time of the explosion appears to be in doubt. Relatives say that he was just half way up the staircase, which leads from the main front room to the upstairs when the stove exploded. They say he tried to get to the baby on the table and finding he couldn't do that, tried to get upstairs to the twins. He too had to leave. Another version has it that Reginald was not in the house at the time but was just about to go home to bed.

"Always Used Coal Oil"
 "They always use coal oil to start the fire," one of the relatives said yesterday. "We can't understand how it happened. There was only a little coal oil in the can."

When the firemen arrived, Mr. Charbonneau was running from the house, his clothing ablaze. Captain James Morton grasped him, rolled him in an

overcoat and put out the flames.

Was Not Gasoline
 When Chief Borland was allowed to see the injured man yesterday at the hospital, the Chief asked how the fire had started. "He said he was putting coal oil in the fire to make it burn up quickly. It went up. That's all he knows," said the Chief. Mr. Charbonneau was certain the liquid he used was not gasoline. There was none of that in the house. A sample of what is supposed to be coal oil from the same lot sold to Mr. Charbonneau is now in the possession of the police.

"It didn't last more than ten minutes," said Chief Alex Borland yesterday. "The bodies were all out ten minutes after we got the alarm."

The five were taken to the home of Mrs. Studor next door where doctors and first aid men work over them for more than an hour and a half.

Mrs. Studor had been a neighbour of the Charbonneaus for four months, she told The Advance. She did all she could to help in the resuscitation efforts and was troubled mainly by the number of people who crowded around the

door of her home trying to watch the doctors work. She knew all the children well, she said, and like everyone else in the neighbourhood, she was nearly prostrated with grief.

More details appear elsewhere in today's Advance.

Weather Now to be Milder, with Snow

At Least, That is What the Weatherman Says This Morning.

"Cloudy with snow. Somewhat milder," was the weatherman's forecast for the Porcupine's next day or so.

Temperatures hit new lows this weekend. On Saturday the mercury went to four degrees above zero. Other temperatures: Thursday max. 30, min. 16; Friday max. 35, min.; Saturday min. 4; Sunday max. 24, min. 5; eight o'clock this morning 25.

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