

# South Porcupine Post Office Rushed Nowadays

## Growth of the Town Adds to Difficulties of Giving Perfect Service at Post Office. Various Events at South Porcupine. Other Items of News from South Porcupine and the Dome

South Porcupine, Ont., Dec. 19, 1936. (Special to The Advance)—The community Christmas tree is up opposite the township office, aglow with lights, looking quite festive and making us feel that now Christmas is really only a few days away. Our storekeepers are decorating their windows, too, with symbols of the happy season, and Santa Claus in effigy is to be seen in many of them. The post office is doing the largest business in years, the mail handled both coming in and going out being the heaviest. South Porcupine has never known.

Our post office staff is being rushed off its feet and would beg the general public to be patient as sometimes when the crush in the office is greatest the wickets must be closed to permit sorting of more mail. Courtesy, however, is marked on both sides of the wicket, but the strain is great. Owing to the great increase in the population of South End our post office is being taxed to its fullest capacity. This spring is to see changes that will accommodate the

general public in a more fitting manner.

Golden City has outgrown its accommodation. Last year the school children's concert, the one great event of the year, was held in the town hall, and the audience squeezed in somehow. This year it simply can't be done, and Golden City will not have a community concert at Christmas. On Tuesday next, parents will be admitted to the schoolhouse and a Christmas concert is to be given by the pupils in a smaller way.

On Friday afternoon a Christmas treat was given to the Catechism classes of the Roman Catholic Church. Under the supervision of Miss A. Sullivan and Mrs. J. Cunningham, each child was presented with a gift of good things. At the Dome the classes there had the same treat, with Mrs. P. Cole and Miss Margaret Edwards doing the honours.

Mr. Bruce Stovel is home from McGill University to spend Christmas at the Dome.

On Monday (21st) the United Church Sunday School is staging a Christmas

concert in the church. This is always well worth attending. The Christmas story will be told, and the usual variety of entertainment from all ages and sizes of children. A good crowd is expected, so it may be as well to go early. It will start promptly at 7.30 p.m. The same concert is to be given on Tuesday night at the Dome.

Don't forget the High School commencement exercises on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m.

Miss Janet Dye of McGill University is spending Christmas with her parents at the Dome Mines.

Mr. J. D. McCarthy left on Friday to spend Christmas in Toronto.

Mrs. Brinton and daughter, Mrs. F. Brown, are leaving on Monday for Du-parquet, where Mrs. Brinton will stay for a week.

Mrs. John Hurley is leaving on Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Moshule, in Toronto.

Mr. Crawford Smythe is in hospital, doing well after appendix operation.

Mr. Jack Burke, of Dome Extension, left on Friday to spend Christmas in Ottawa.

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### Dr. Russell Tells Lions of Sanitarium

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should never be forgotten. Mr. Stock spoke of the Prince of Wales in his service in the Great War. In his capacity as an ambassador of the Empire, his ability to make friends for the Empire as well as for himself. He had undoubtedly done more than any other living man to bind the Empire into a solid whole. He was the greatest Prince of Wales the Empire had ever known. Mr. Stock said, but as a King he had failed. This, however, should not be held against the former king, because the qualities needed for the two positions were so different. The very attributes that made him a "Prince Charming" more or less unfitted him for the responsibilities of the throne. That, however, was not the fault of the former king but of circumstances. Mr. Stock paid tribute to the democracy and power that made it possible for the Empire to stand up and tell a king that the woman of his choice was not of such type as the people would permit to be their queen. Mr. Stock thought the present days would stand out in history. He believed the abdication of the king one of the most momentous issues of history, because it touched so closely the hearts of so many millions of people. He felt that the granting of an annuity to the former king was a gesture that did credit to the people of the Empire, though at the same time it should be admitted that the former king with his 25 years of service had fully earned it. He believed the people owed the former king much, and that in view of his service they owed him kindly thoughts above all else. Pity, not condemnation, was the feeling that he had for the man who had given up a great position for a woman.

Porcupine Male Quartette, including Messrs. Wilson Thomson, Keith Henderson, Welsh and Harris, sang Christmas carols in a way that delighted all in the club. They had to respond to several encores, and Wilson Thomson was forced to respond to the popular demand and give that old favourite song, "Paddy McGinty's Goat," before he was allowed to resume his seat.

Jack Grady won a unique ash tray as a club prize. This ash tray was donated by Chas. Brown of the Ankerite. The base of the ash tray is made of a square of different kinds of rock, several specimens being in evidence. Three diamond drill cores form the supports of the tray, the bowl being arranged on top of them. The trophy is one that is so unusual as to be greatly prized.

### Extra Concert Given by Moneta School

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felt by all who enjoyed the entertainment last week. The costumes deserve special mention, being particularly attractive and cleverly designed. Costumes, scenic effects and lighting arrangements were specially good and added to the success of the concert. The music was another feature that was especially enjoyed by all.

The chief feature of the concert was the presentation of the cantata, "In Christmas Land." As the title suggests, this cantata was a particularly reasonable one, and the youngsters presented it with a rare appreciation of its meaning and beauty. The story of the cantata dealt with a group of children who had planned a trip to Christmas Land by aeroplane. Storms intervened, however, and the children find themselves stranded at an airport station, instead of on the trip to Christmas Land. To the youngsters, first comes the Good Will Fairy, and later good old Santa Claus himself, so after all they enjoy the true spirit of Christmas and pass on much of this spirit to the audience.

Musical and other happy numbers and specialties make up the cantata. There was not a single item among these that was not creditably done, each and every youngster in the cast, whether taking a minor or a leading part giving of their very best and that best being good indeed. Among the special and musical numbers were the following:

"Christmas Workers," Miss MacLeod's Class.

"Pretty Polly," Miss Prettie's Class.

"Christmas Roses," Girls of Miss MacDonald's and Miss McCluskie's Classes.

"Wish on a Wishbone," Miss McKenzie's Class—Jack Lloyd, soloist.

"Dreamtown," soprano, Margaret Hargreaves; contralto, Elsie Kuchen and Thora Engley.

"Merry Mechanics," Boys from Miss MacDonald's and Miss McCluskie's Classes.

"Don't Open Till Christmas," Mr. Anglin's Class.

"We are the Tongs," Miss Richardson's Class.

"Looking for Santa," Miss Honeywell's Class.

"Here Come Jolly Santa Claus," Mr. McClung's Class.

"Mother Goose and Nursery Rhymes," Daphne Gay and pupils of Miss Murphy's Class.

"Minuet," Teresa Torlone and Alma Boyce.

"Wedding of the Painted Doll," Miss Andrews' and Miss Drajanoff's Classes.

"Doll Drill," Boys of Miss Thom's Class.

"Dutch Dance," Juliet Pezzola, Beryl McQuarrie, Daisy Greaves, Florence Stewart, Margaret Hooker, Jessie McGillis, Adelia Pelizzari, Verna Palmer.

"Carol Singers," selected.

"Christmasland," ensemble.

Dance numbers, like the musical selections, were given with talent and pleasing effectiveness and won much favour from the audiences. "The Wedding of the Painted Doll" was a special number that was especially effective and pleasing. The "Doll Drill" also deserves a special note.

The following is the cast of the leading characters in the cantata:—

"John," taken by Elsie Kuchen.

"Sally," by Margaret Hargreaves.

"Polly," by Thora Engley.

"Jack," by John Del Villano.

"Dave," by Pasqual D'Alessandra.

"Dick," by Chalmers Hudson.

"Good Will Fairy," by Sonya Pajesty.

"Chief Mechanic," by Hart Drew.

"Small Folks"—Daisy Dean, Kathleen Barlow, Dolly Dean, Lillian Hirschfield.

"Mother Goose," by Dalphine Gay.

"Santa Claus."

The first concert given by the pupils of the Moneta public school has proved such an enjoyable success that the next event will be looked forward to with keen anticipation.

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### Funeral Saturday of Mrs. P. C. Maltais

The funeral took place on Saturday morning of Mrs. P. C. Maltais, one of the popular and highly esteemed residents of the town. Mrs. Maltais had been ill for some time, but though her death was not unexpected, it came as a shock to her wide circle of friends. The funeral was largely attended and the number of floral tokens and spiritual offerings testified to the regard in which the late Mrs. Maltais was held.

The late Mrs. Maltais was formerly Miss Gertrude Poulin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poulin, of town. In addition to the bereaved husband and the parents, two sisters, Gabrielle and Gilberte, survive.

The funeral was held at the Church of the Nativity, with interment at Timmins cemetery.

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### Major L. M. Graham Now Manager Financial Bureau

The last issue of The Canadian Financial Bureau, of Toronto, a publication dealing with finances and investments, announces the appointment of Major L. M. Graham as manager of the Toronto office of The Financial Bureau. Mr. Graham was formerly with The Toronto Globe and The Montreal Star. He was a recent visitor to Timmins and made many friends here.

### VARLEY'S Men's Shop

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### Happy Gathering of Schumacher Men

#### Pleasing Evening Last Week at Men's Club of Trinity United Church in Schumacher

There was a large gathering of men at the Trinity United Church, Schumacher, on Thursday evening last, and the enjoyment of all attending gave ample reason why this Men's Club should attract big attendance. The meeting from beginning to end was a very pleasant and interesting one. It started out under the most attractive circumstances, supper being served at 6 p.m. in the hall of the church. A full course dinner, the able work of W. Olton, who catered for the event, was the happy commencement. Spare ribs, with all the trimmings, including several vegetables, hot mince pie, raisin pie, apple pie, tea, coffee, biscuits, all elegantly cooked and served in the well-known Olton style, found much appreciation from the crowd, and the vote of thanks tendered afterwards was very sincere.

P. A. Boyce was in the chair for the evening and carried through proceedings without a dull second. Community singing was a special feature of the evening, many old favourites being given with G. H. Brown leading the singing. Later, Christmas carols were sung by the gathering. Mr. Brown again directing this part of the programme, and G. A. Jenkin ably presiding at the piano. A piano solo by Mr. Jenkin was another number much appreciated and heartily enjoyed.

After the business of the club had been dealt with, the secretary-treasurer's report read, showing a balance on the right side, and other routine affairs handled, President Boyce referred to a gift of a handsome set of dominoes to the club from John Watson. Stan Kitchen then presented to Rev. Murray-Tait a "mystery" present as a tribute to his interest and good humour.

Next came another "mystery" number. Men at the different tables were asked to nominate men for this mystery number. It developed that those nominated had to blow fancy balloons until they burst, those finishing first being the prize winners. This produced a lot of unexpected fun, and was followed by a call for those doing the nominating to try the same game with double-jointed balloons that made a still funnier hit.

Duets by Bill Gilbert and Earl Cavanaugh were numbers of particular interest and merit and were enthusiastically enjoyed.

The speaker for the evening was G. A. Macdonald, editor of The Advance, who referred to the legend immortalized by Nathaniel Hawthorne, in which the unknown "Gray Champion" comes to the aid of the Puritans in their great need. In 1689 when the tyranny of the governor and his military forces had grown beyond endurance, the Gray Champion appeared mysteriously to save the people. Again he came 80 years afterwards in the time of need, and still again five years later. The legend was that in their times of peril and of need, the colonists could depend on the leadership and presence of their "Gray Champion." If in later years he seemed to fail, it was, perhaps, because of the failure of the people to live up to the high ideals. The speaker suggested that Britain, too, had its "Gray Champions"—kings and queens and leaders guiding and guarding the people in their times of peril. Reference was made to recent incidents in the life of the Empire, and reference to Hon. Stanley Baldwin as typifying the spirit of the "Gray Champion" and the very spirit of Britain brought applause from the gathering. The speaker concluded with a poetical exposition of the spirit of Britain, as it has been, and as it shall be.

After expressions of thanks to the speaker for the evening, the tables were cleared away, and teams were chosen for one of the most popular games at the Club. This game is called "Discs," but is really a sort of ball curling. It has made an unusual hit with the Men's Club and the noisy and happy contests between teams was carried on to a comparatively late hour.

### Timmins to Play at South Porcupine Tomorrow Night

The Timmins Gold Diggers are playing in South Porcupine to-morrow night due to a change in the schedule. The game was originally scheduled to be played in Timmins but it was changed to keep the schedule straight. The last game of the Kenning Cup was played in South Porcupine and at that time the South Porcupine club gave Timmins the N. O. H. A. opener that should have been played in South Porcupine. It's just a matter of exchanging the games.

The game scheduled for Monday, Dec. 28th is moved back to the 29th. It's a game between Timmins and South Porcupine at South Porcupine.

On their showing against Lake Shore Friday night when they won their way into the hearts of every fan at the game with their fighting spirit, the Gold Diggers should take the Porkies. The Porkies didn't put up as good a showing against the same team as Timmins did.

### GIRL GUIDES IN TIMMINS

Brownies

The 46th I.O.D.E. Brownies held a Christmas party in the St. Matthew's Church hall, on Friday evening. There were 30 Brownies present and Brown Owl Baily and Captain Cranston.

The Brownies played games and then exchanged gifts. Refreshments were served.

There will be no Brownie meeting until the 5th of January.

Guides

The 51st I.O.D.E. Guides held their meeting on Friday evening. Attendance and inspection were taken by Captain Cranston and Kay Wilkinson.

Horseshoe was formed and then Mrs. Travers awarded the following girls badges, expressing sincere congratulations to the girls for working so hard to get them:—

Ambulance—Elsie Clatworthy, Muriel Crispin.

Book-Lover—Jean Cowan, Gladys Cooper, Elsie Sheridan, Elsie Clatworthy, Christine Brown.

Health—Gladys Cooper, Elsie Sheridan, Elsie Clatworthy.

Second Class—Kathleen Starling.

Ranger Tests—2nd class—Kay Wilkinson, Helene Landers.

Book-Lovers—Kay Wilkinson, Helene Landers.

The Guides then made plans for the Christmas party they are going to hold in the Hollinger Recreation hall on December 29th. This party is only for the 51st Company.

A circle was formed for campfire, with Christmas songs and hymns being in favour.

The meeting closed with Evensong and "Taps."

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