

W. G. Nixon Presents Case for North

Temiskaming Member Urges Roads for North

But Would Stop Trans-Canada Road Work Until Mines, Settlers and Communities in North Better Served. Would Change Present Demoralizing Relief Plans. Favours Land-Clearing Bonus.

In last Thursday's Advance brief reference was made to an address in the Legislature by W. G. Nixon, member in the Ontario Legislature for Temiskaming. The address was of such value to the cause of the North that The Advance feels that further publicity for it is fitting, and so gives herewith a more extended summary of the address than could be given last issue.

Construction of better main highways and improvement of lateral and settlers' roads—work instead of relief for Northern Ontario settlers—expansion of the mining and agricultural developments of Northern Ontario—these were the highlights of a reply to the Speech from the Throne made last week in the Ontario Legislature by W. G. Nixon, M.L.A. for Temiskaming.

Opposition to any further expenditure of public funds on any trans-Canada highway work "until we have permanently improved the main roads or highways between the now-existing centres of population" was expressed in Mr. Nixon's address.

"The people of the north like to travel on good roads as well as anyone else," Mr. Nixon told the House. "They drive good cars as you do. For 16 weeks in the summer of 1935 there were 600 motor vehicles per day on the highway north of North Bay, most of this traffic on its way to Kirkland Lake, Timmins and intervening points, and further on to Cochrane and Kapuskasing. We do not agree that in this highly motorized age we should have to wait indefinitely for hard surfaced roads."

Congratulating the Minister of Highways on the interest already shown in the road problem of Northern Ontario, Mr. Nixon said that he hoped proper provision would be made in the estimates of this year "for real permanent road improvement in the North." He said he was referring particularly to the main travelled road where traffic is heavy, but quickly added that "adequate provision must also be made for improving settlers' roads."

Good roads, he said, are an essential in any well-organized plan of development. "Settlers cannot make progress without adequate road facilities. Settlers might be better earning a few dollars on road improvement than receiving direct relief."

Mr. Nixon congratulated the Minister of Mines for his support in the construction of roads into mining areas. The mining fraternity approved and appreciated this interest, he said.

Laughter broke out in the House when Mr. Nixon referred to Northern Ontario as "the land of miracles—as witness the Five Beautiful Sisters at Callander."

"Who can tell when the vigorous climate and bracing air of the north may again ring the bell on a similar or even greater achievement," he said, smiling. "There might even be hope for some of the bachelors of this House could we induce them to come north and remain long enough."

Mr. Nixon urged the minister of Highway to give serious consideration of the granting of a short-term fee to those who drive motor vehicles only six or seven months of the year. "It may not seem consistent to be asking for greater expenditures on roads and at the same time urging a reduction in motor fees, but I do not think a man in the North Country should be required to pay a full year's license for the privilege of driving his car for only part of the year," he said.

Referring to Northern Ontario as "a land of great potential wealth—an area that offers greater possibilities for the development of real wealth than any similar area in Canada—Mr. Nixon urged the government to provide the mining industry of the North with better roads and improved regulations. "Foster the mining industry in every legitimate way, and handsome returns will be the result," he declared. Toronto's two billion dollar increase in business over that of Montreal for 1936, could be directly attributed to the great mining industry of the North, Mr. Nixon said.

Greater and more constructive leadership in the field of agricultural development was urged by the member for Temiskaming. "I congratulate the Minister of Agriculture on the interest he has shown in the marketing problem of the north," he went on. "The contact man employed in the district I have the honor to represent is doing excellent work. His position has been more than justified in results obtained in bringing producer and buyer together. It has meant more money in the pockets of the producer and this is very urgently required."

Use of the seed-cleaning machinery of the Demonstration Farm throughout the district for the past two years at a fair charge has been of material assistance, Mr. Nixon said. The most

effective weed control measures can be inaugurated in this way, he affirmed.

Grading and cold storage centres were urgently required in many parts of Northern Ontario, Mr. Nixon told the House.

"I am convinced," he said, "that they would act as a stimulus to more and better crop and live-stock production and surely would provide a facility badly needed in many areas."

Here again, the Dominion government should lend a hand, Mr. Nixon said. "I am not suggesting that the government should actually go into the business, but rather should give financial assistance and leadership in finding a solution to the problem."

To an interested House Mr. Nixon described how Northern Ontario farmers had carried off many prizes at agricultural fairs when they had exhibited their products. A farmer north of Cochrane last year produced 2600 bags of potatoes—"some fertilizer and good cultivation did the trick," Mr. Nixon said.

He urged that attempts be made to get settlers off relief and "on to a higher moral plane where they shall have a broader outlook, a greater hope for the future, not only for themselves but for their families."

"I am opposed to a continuance of the present policy, excepting where nothing else can be done," he said. "I most urgently suggest that where settlers must have financial assistance they be required to return work for such assistance. My keenest interest is in seeing something done to put settlers on a self-sustaining basis to give them encouragement to become more self-reliant, to restore in many instances a broken-down morale."

"I say, Mr. Speaker, that there is the greatest necessity of substituting productive work for idleness on relief, so that the good name of North established by the early and subsequent settlers be maintained. I am not suggesting a large expenditure of public funds for the purpose, but rather a carefully-thought out plan of basic development that will give a fair return to the settler during the period required for him to become self-sustaining—a reasonable amount of work and pay rather than relief and idleness. It is folly to talk of new settlements when so many settlers are at present on relief."

From the time the first settler put foot in the districts of Temiskaming and Cochrane to the end of 1934, \$1,182,113.40 worth of timber, mineral and farm products had been produced, Mr. Nixon told the House.

"Let this and other governments create conditions that will stimulate greater investments in the North, which must bring back more than a hundred fold," Mr. Nixon said. "This can be done by improved road beds, hard surfaced roads, a continuance of suitable roads into mining areas, improved agricultural conditions with a consequent lessening of the numbers on relief."

High praise was given by Mr. Nixon to the work being done by the Department of Lands and Forests. He thanked the Minister for having reduced the dues on the purchase of Crown timber for the building of farm houses and barns and the reduction to settlers of the cost of firewood.

Returning to the question of relief, Mr. Nixon urged that a Rehabilitation Fund be established to replace the Direct Relief Fund. "Use the fund in the ditching, grading and graveling of settlers' roads," he advised. "Use it also in the purchase of a flock of poultry, a brood sow, or a milk cow—where necessary to do so—to help establish the settler. Consider the advisability of giving limited assistance in land clearing where a settler has not sufficient acreage under cultivation to carry him along. In fact do almost anything rather than hand our relief for nothing."

Many Travel by Plane to See Thursday Game

No less than five aeroplanes settled at Kirkland Lake on Thursday when air-minded Northerners travelled from Timmins, Noranda and Sudbury to watch the Frood-Lake Shore contest there, first of the Northern Ontario senior hockey finals.

Porcupine district fans who went by air were W. M. Widdifield, G. S. Lowe, J. L. Fulton of Timmins, and William Wattam and Lionel Simard, from the Dome.

American Magazine:—The four unmarried daughters of Santiago Iglesias, resident commissioner of Puerto Rico in Washington, are named Liberty, America, Justice and Equality. Four other daughters (married) are named Fraternity, Peace, Light and Victory.

RUSSIAN GENERAL VISITS BALTIC STATES



Marshal Jegrow (centre) chief of the U.S.S.R. General Staff, is shown as he arrived at Riga to visit the Baltic States. He was accompanied by General Hartmanis.

the rafters of her cottage as she went out for the day. She had left it too near the peat fire, however, and when she returned the fish was all dried by the smoke from the fire. She decided to cook it anyway and the result was so appetizing that the news spread like wildfire, and smoked fish became a national delicacy.

To-day the popularity of smoked fish has spread everywhere and the appetite for this delicacy has founded Canadian organizations of international repute, some of which have been established for a century and more.

The Canadian climate has been found ideal for the production of this delicacy and other cured fish and to-day the Dominion holds a foremost place in world trade in the export of dried, smoked and pickled fish.

Vice-President Now on Visit to Lancour

Second Diamond Drill Hole on Zone No. 1.

Advice from the head office of Mining Research Corporation, Limited, directing the work now being done on Lancour's Porcupine property adjoining the producing Lamour Mine, states that S. Power Warren, vice-president of the corporation, is at present on an inspection trip to the property.

C. Gordon McIntosh, B.S., under date of February 24th, reported by wire that the second diamond drill hole on zone No. 1, had made sedimentary contact at 665 feet and that the hole was completed at 686 feet. No results of this hole will be available until Mr. Warren's return to Toronto, at which time he will report to the company.

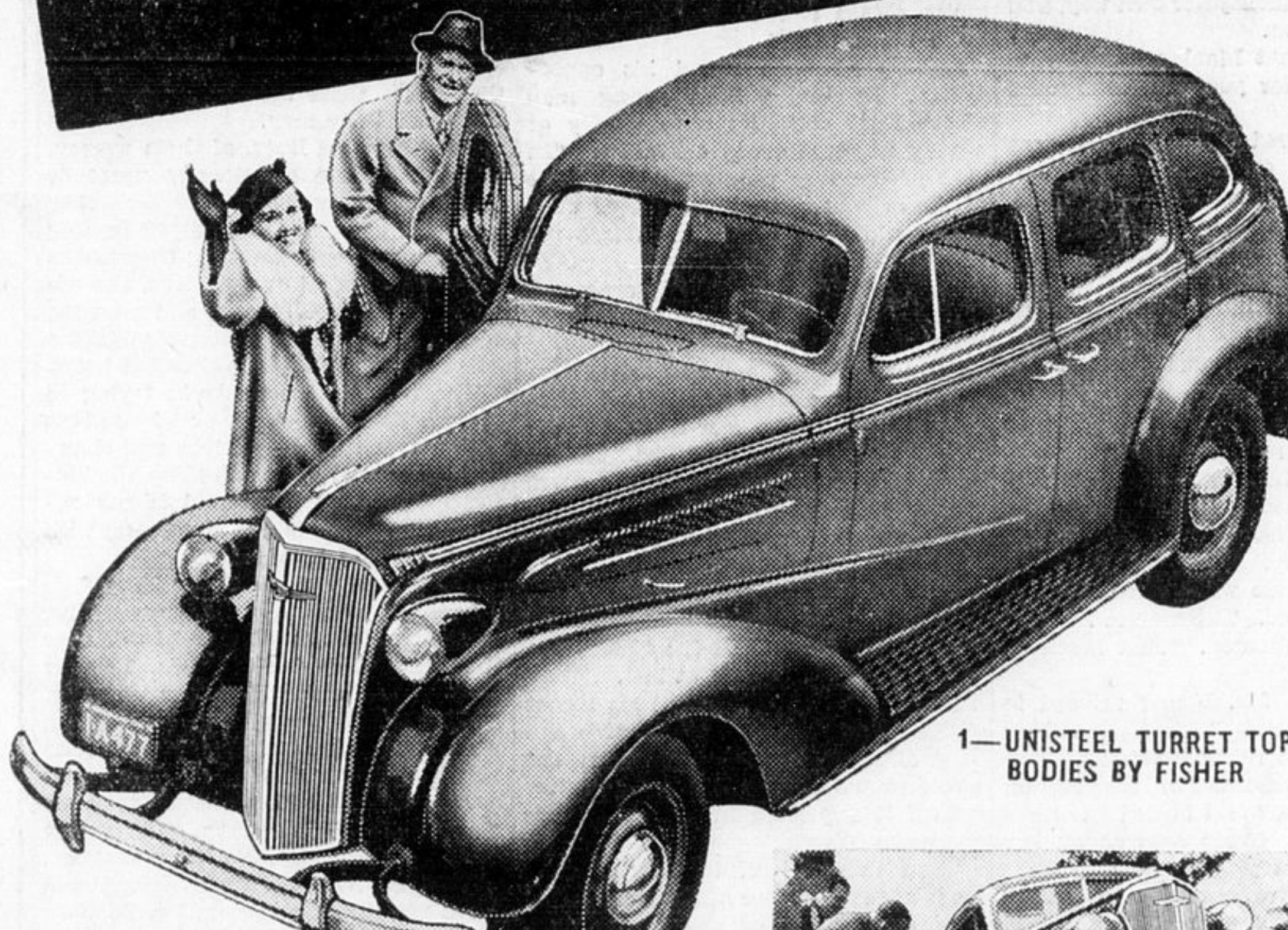
Smoked Fish Industry Founded on Accident

A cow kicking over a lamp, they say, started the Chicago fire. A spider climbing a thread brought Bruce of Scotland victory. But these and many

other like historical incidents pale before the story of the housewife whose carelessness founded one of the most important phases of the Canadian fish industry.

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Lions Club Learns of the Romance in Scouting

District Scoutmaster E. B. Rowe Reviews History and Work of the Boy Scout Movement. Scouting a Non-Military Organization for the Building of Bodies and Character in Boys. Three Hundred Boy Scouts in Town of Timmins.

Funeral Saturday of Clifford Belton

Hoyle Citizen's Death Deeply Regretted by Men. Gave Good Service to His Country.

The death occurred at St. Mary's hospital, Timmins, on March 3rd, 1937, after a brief illness, of Clifford Belton, of Hoyle.

The late Clifford Belton at the time of death was an employee of the Hollinger Gold Mines at their Lang property.

Born in England, thirty-nine years ago, he entered the British Navy at an early age, serving for a period of thirteen years, including the world war years, and remaining on the Navy Reserve until his death.

Deceased, with his family, came to Canada in 1930. His employment had been small until the last ten months, but his willing heart and untiring efforts to secure a steady position were rewarded, though it proved unfortunately that it was to be only for a brief period. He will be remembered by his many friends and relatives and by his comrades of the Canadian Legion as a fine type of citizen and man.

Left to mourn his loss are:—his wife, and children, Hazel, Clifford and Gilbert; his brothers, Wilfred and Gilbert; all of Hoyle, Ont. His mother and father live at Beamsville, Ont.

The funeral was held at Timmins on Saturday, March 6th, at 4:30 p.m., with Legion honours.

L. S. Weldon Winner of Leonard Medal

Award Will be Presented at Mining Convention March 15th to 17th.

Council of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy have received final recommendations for Institute awards and the names of the winners will be announced at the 38th annual meeting to be held at the Mount Royal hotel on March 15-17.

The Leonard medal presented by the late Col. R. W. Leonard, former president of the Engineering Institute of Canada and awarded by that body to the author of the most outstanding paper presented during the year has been awarded to L. S. Weldon, formerly of Lake Shore mine but now in Kenya Colony, East Africa. In his absence the medal will be given by proxy to his brother, Fred E. Weldon, of St. Remi d'Ambert. Another brother, T. H. Weldon, a mining engineer at Trail, B.C., is also expected to be present.

Expect 800 Delegates at Mines Convention

Governor-General to Address Gathering at Banquet.

Leaders of Canadian mining and men who played a notable part in bringing the industry to its present high position among the basic industries will gather at the Mount Royal hotel, March 15th, 16th and 17th, for the 38th annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

It is expected that some 800 delegates from all parts of Canada and United States and from the leading mining plants of every province will attend. His Excellency the Governor-General will address the delegates at the dinner on Wednesday night.

Other distinguished guests include the Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, the Hon. Maurice Duplessis, K.C., prime minister of Quebec, and the Hon. Onesime Gagnon, minister of mines for Quebec, all of whom will deliver addresses. The programme will be of exceptional interest in view of the great public interest in mining, and will cover all phases of the industry.

EDITORS ARE OFTEN LIKE THAT

(Kingston Whig-Standard)
With the death of Rollo Ogdan, editor of the New York Times for over 15 years, thousands of the readers of that great newspaper have probably become aware for the first time of the name of the man with whose opinions and writings they were familiar.

Scouting is a way of bringing romance and adventure into a boy's life and at the same time building his character along many lines, District Scoutmaster E. B. Rowe told Lions at the club's regular meeting on Thursday night.

In 1908, after having taken eight English boys on a camping trip, Robert Baden Powell wrote a book he called "Scouting." The response in England was immediate and the Boy Scout movement, founded then, has grown until to-day there are two and a half million Scouts in the world-wide organization.

Canadian Scouting owes much to the interest Lord Byng of Vinny showed in it when he was governor general of Canada.

Non-Military Organization

Mr. Rowe said he had often asked why organized sports such as hockey were not more strongly accentuated in Scout work. He had replied that the Scout method of building character and bringing out useful talent did not include the spending of too great a time in the more popular "spectator" sports. Neither is Scouting in any way military, he said. There is no connection between the movement and either the army or the militia.

Scouts are encouraged to educate themselves, to be reliant on their own judgment, the Scoutmaster made it clear. They are expected to be able to teach themselves. The result has been that those who have been Boy Scouts are much better citizens in later life. The four divisions of Scouting are: Cubs, boys 8 to 12; Boy Scouts, boys 12 to 17; Rovers, young men from 17 up; and the leaders, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and leaders of Rover crews.

Scouter Ab. Wright introduced Mr. Rowe to the Lions and asked the cooperation of the service club in furthering the boys movement. Boy Scouts were first introduced to Timmins 15 years ago by Rev. Canon R. S. Cushing, he said. To-day, there are 300 boys in the eight troops here.

District Deputy Governor F. H. V. Ball thanked Mr. Rowe for his informative address.

Music for the day was provided by a selected quartette—Lions Fred Stock, Bob McKnight, Joe McGrath and Wendell Brewer. Their offering was "How Dry I Am" and their third was quenched by Tail Twister Fred Wano, who presented each with a glass of water.

Porkies, Timmins in Fine Shape for Game

Fourth in the Kenning Cup Series at Timmins Skating Rink To-Night.

Resumption of the Kenning cup series, begun early in the season with South Porcupine and Timmins senior N.O.H.A. teams seeking the district championship, will give Timmins a last taste of senior hockey before the hockey season closes.

To-night the two teams meet at the Timmins arena in the fourth of the Kenning games. Porkies have two wins to their credit while Timmins has one. The cup goes to the first winner of three games.

Although neither senior district team has been in competition since the N.O.H.A. schedule closed, both clubs have been kept in good shape and to-night's game will be just as keenly contested as any of the winter's fixtures. Face-off is at 8:30 sharp.

Wolves Prowling Around Not Far from Liskeard

The New Liskeard Speaker last week refers to wolves in that vicinity, as follows:—"We have heard a lot of true and imaginary stories from The Soo in connection with wolves. Some of these stories have the ear marks of 'the night after,' while others have been equally as absurd. However, the latest wolf story from this vicinity concerns the capturing, in a trap, of a large female timber wolf, which fell prey to a trap set by A. Caron, who resides some four and a half miles southwest of New Liskeard. This animal was a very large specimen of the breed and was in perfect condition, so far as the fur was concerned. Caron had seen the animal prowling around his homestead, and although all the family were flu victims, he managed to get a trap out and the result was surprisingly successful. The animal was then despatched with a gun. The young man will receive the \$15 bounty and the skin is said to be worth from \$7 to \$10. Evidently a scarcity of rabbits and other wild life has brought these big timber wolves closer to town than is usual."