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**South Porcupine Men's Club in Annual Banquet**

Welsh Choir and Other Musical Talent for Evening. George Gedge, Timmins, the Guest Speaker. Another Troop of Boy Scouts for South Porcupine. Other South Porcupine and Dome News.

South Porcupine, Ont., April 7, 1937. (Special to The Advance)—The Men's Club of the Anglican Church held its annual banquet on Tuesday evening in the Parish hall. Ladies were invited also to join the banquet and enjoy the programme. A very nice dinner was served by the ladies of the Sewing Circle, under the direction of Mrs. Woodall, assisted by Mesdames Porter, Walker, Thompson, Smith, Robinson, Keast and Newman. Mr. C. F. Walker acted as chairman for the occasion. The toast to the King was given and responded to, after which Archdeacon Woodall spoke a few words of welcome, and Dr. Fraser, of the United Church, also spoke. Mr. Walker then gave a talk on the benefit of societies to the church. The guest speaker of the evening was Mr. George Gedge, Rector's Warden of St. Matthew's, Timmins, who gave a talk on the relation of Men's Clubs to the Clergy. Members of the Welsh choir of Timmins provided a musical programme that was very greatly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Colin Watkins sang two songs in his lovely baritone voice. Mr. Tom Williams sang two songs. He has a very fine

lyric tenor voice and was enjoyed by all his listeners, and Mr. C. Hughes, who has powerful control in his baritone, contributed two numbers. Community singing, the piano being played by Mr. Walton who also accompanied the Welsh singers, finished a most satisfactory evening.

There is a possibility of a new Scout Troop being formed in South Porcupine. At a meeting held at the home of Mr. J. Andrews on Tuesday night a group of enthusiastic members of the United Church met to discuss this idea. It has been felt that something definite should be done for the youth of the town directly under the auspices of the United Church, but while Trail Rangers and Tuxis Boys groups were thought of, it seemed better that the existing organization of Boy Scouts should be augmented, and co-operation with such an existing body met with approval. Therefore a council, consisting of Dr. Fraser, Mr. R. S. McWilliams, Mr. J. R. Andrews and Dr. Atkinson will be formed and will directly undertake to sponsor a second Boy Scout Troop in South Porcupine. Rodney Haines, with Fred Andrews and Crawford Smythe, will act in co-operation with the council as leaders. This troop will be under the same rules, laws, etc., as the Scouts, the only difference being in the personnel of the council.

**Police Court**  
At Tuesday's police court here, four drunks had to pay \$10 fine and costs each, and two, for drinking in a public place, paid \$25 and costs.

One assault case was withdrawn, one was adjourned and the other took up the time of the court, resulting in a fine of \$50 and costs.

A young woman testified that she was accosted by defendant on the public street. She resented the attention and told the man she would call the police. Upon which he struck her so severe a blow in the face that medical attention was necessary. Dr. Smith's evidence was that had the blow been near the eye it would have resulted in a "black eye."

The man protested that he only said "hello" to the girl and that she slipped on the walk and fell, the facial injuries occurring thereby. The magistrate was skeptical.

So the fine was imposed!

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**LORD TWEEDSMUIR WITH PRESIDENT**



Lord Tweedsmuir spent three busy days in Washington where he was the guest of President Roosevelt recently. This picture shows the Governor-General in conversation with Mr. Roosevelt during the diplomatic visit.

**New Securities Act Considered Unfair**

Criticism Offered in Regard to Measure Recently Passed by Legislature.

(From Northern News)

Quite an extraordinary piece of legislation and one which escaped newspaper attention in the hubbub which occurred over the repeal of the amendment on school taxes is that known as "No. 110, Bill, an Act to Amend the Securities Act."

On the face of it it might be thought to affect merely the sale of securities, and to give added and needed powers to the Securities Commission in controlling mining and other promotion.

But close scrutiny reveals that the measure, passed in the dying hours of the session, confers upon the commission and anyone whom it may name as its representative powers equivalent to those of secret police and practically abolishes the rights of a person suspected of wrong-doing to appeal to the law of the land and the public courts.

The measure provides that:  
5.—(1) Subsection 1 of section 10 of the Securities Act, 1930, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The Commission or any person or persons to whom its representative or representatives it may in writing delegate such authority may inquire into the affairs of any person or company and into any books, papers, documents, statements, correspondence, communications, negotiations, transactions, investments, loans, borrowings and payments of, by, on behalf of, or in relation to or connected with any such person or company, and into any property, asset or thing owned, acquired or alienated, in whole or in part, by such person or company or by any person acting on behalf of, or as agent for such person or company, in order to ascertain whether—

- (a) Any criminal, fraudulent, wrongful or improper act; or
- (b) Any offence against this Act or the regulations; or
- (c) Any act which may be unfair, oppressive, injurious, inequitable or improper to or discriminate against any holder, prospective holder, purchaser or prospective purchaser of any shares or other securities of such person or company, or to or against any creditor, prospective creditor of such person or company, or other person or company, otherwise beneficially interested in such person or company; or
- (d) Any act whereby any unfair advantage may be secured by any person or company over any other person or company; or
- (e) Any fraud upon the Government of Ontario or any department of the Government of Ontario or any municipality;

has been, either before or after the coming into force of this Act, is, or is likely to be committed.

(3) The said section 10 is further amended by adding thereto the following subsections:

(5) In addition to the other authority which the Commission or any person or persons appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to make an investigation under this section may have, the Commission or such person or persons may report the result of any investigation or inquiry made under this section including the evidence, findings, comments and recommendations, to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may cause such report to be published in whole or in part in the Ontario Gazette or in such other publication or in such other manner as he deems proper.

(6) No action in libel or slander or otherwise shall lie against the Commission or its representative or representatives or against any other person or persons appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to make an investigation under this section, in respect of any act or omission in connection with or arising out of any investigation or inquiry under this section.

That these powers could under certain circumstances be used for political purposes, and that by any party, is obvious.

And that they are extreme in auto-

cracy is indicated by the proviso that findings may be published in the Ontario Gazette with immunity from the laws of libel and slander.

There is only one goal to which investigations of this kind should lead, and that is to a fair hearing in the public courts of the land. Certainly not to what is tantamount to a condemnation in an official government publication. There may have been worthy motive for this piece of legislation—but what avenues it opens up to tyranny, abuse and prejudice!

**Rev. H. A. Sims, North Bay, to Follow Rev. E. Dymond**

Rev. H. A. Simms, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, North Bay, is to succeed Rev. E. G. Dymond, who resigned recently from the charge of St. Peter's Church at Kirkland Lake. Rev. Mr. Sims has been ten years at the North Bay church. He was formerly at Cobalt and is well known throughout the North.

**Baseball League to Meet on April 24th**

Kirkland Lake to be Place of Meeting for Temiskaming Baseball League.

Notice has been received that the annual meeting of the Temiskaming Baseball League will be held in Kirkland Lake on Saturday, April 24th, at eight o'clock.

This is the first meeting that has been held outside Timmins or vicinity for quite some time as the League has found it convenient to meet here for several years.

Each team entering is entitled to two delegates at the meeting and if all these teams could be fully represented, it would be appreciated.

It is expected that the six teams that formed last year's League will be in again this season more eager than ever to hang up each other's scalps. There is a possibility that there will be more than just the six teams, but this will be established definitely at the meeting.

**Worst Flooding in History of North Bay**

Families Driven from Home by Floods in Some Sections. Six Feet of Water.

Word yesterday from North Bay told of the worst floods in the history of that city. There were parts of the city where six feet of water covered roads and lots and poured into cellars. In some sections people had to abandon their homes. In a half a dozen or more cases the water level reached above the first floors of houses. Two schools in North Bay, St. Rita's and St. Vincent de Paul, had to be closed on Tuesday on account of the floods. While colder weather would have the effect of halting some of the rush of water, the cold weather is also feared because it would mean that some householders would be unable to get back to their homes for some time on account of the ice that would form, not strong enough to bear weight but solid enough to prove a barrier. The firemen had to rescue at least one family marooned in their home. Some families moved their belongings to higher ground outside their homes and unfavourable weather will affect these. The floods are caused by the overflowing of Chipewewa Creek. A 24-hour rain, aided by water from the bush melting in the warmer recent days caused the Chipewewa to overflow its banks, sending floods of water onto low-lying parts of the city.

**Tea and Sale of Baking Auxpsies I.O.D.E. Saturday**

A tea and sale of home baking is to be held at the home of Mrs. J. Dalton on Saturday of this week, April 10th, from 3 to 6 p.m., under the auspices of Golden Chapter I.O.D.E.

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**Quebec Committee Passes Railway Bill**

Matter Now to Be Dealt With by the Quebec Legislature

The bill granting a charter to Quebec Goldfields Transport Company to construct a 250-mile railroad line to connect Quebec's northern mining regions with existing lines in the South is now ready for the Quebec Legislature after being adopted by the Legislature's railway committee.

The committee had discussion on the project for two days, last Wednesday and Thursday, during which session an opposing brief was heard from the Canadian National Railways, Antoine Rivard, K.C., representing the C.N.R., denied the statements of the supporters of the proposed private company that 75 per cent. of the trade and commerce in Quebec's northern mold mining fields of Abitibi and Temiscamingue originated in Toronto. A recent survey showed that 88 per cent. of all traffic through C.N.R. points in the Abitibi district originated in Montreal, Quebec and other industrial centres of this province. That is, the largest movement of traffic in the new mining and agricultural district, which is inland traffic, takes place within the limits of the Province of Quebec, so much so that the C.N.R. had added three freight trains a week running from Quebec and Montreal.

Mr. Rivard cited the \$6,000,000 100-mile branch line now being constructed from Senneterre to Rouyn to serve Val d'Or and the newly-developed mining areas of Northwestern Quebec and bring them this autumn in direct contact with Montreal and Quebec.

Answering the accusation that the Canadian National was diverting to Ontario 75 per cent. of the traffic moving out of Abitibi, Mr. Rivard said that official figures showed that 98 per cent. of the traffic given to the C.N.R. in Noranda, Quebec terminal of the T. & N. O., is carried over the transcontinental and its branches to Montreal and other Quebec points.

The bill went through with a couple of amendments, one of which was that work must start from Mont Laurier and Maniwaki and proceed north, the other specifying construction to start within one year instead of three and be finished in five years instead of 10.

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During an extended debate on where work should commence Provincial Secretary Paquette, who represents Labelle in the Legislature, favoured building from Mont Laurier, which is in his constituency. Emile Lesage (Un-Abitibi) suggested a compromise by the work starting at both ends simultaneously. Dr. Paquette, however, argued that Mont Laurier was only 150 miles from Montreal by rail and that materials from Montreal and other Quebec cities could be moved quickly and inexpensively. From the north a detour of 500 or 600 miles would be necessary and there would be the temptation to buy in Ontario.

The bill specifies that 98 per cent. of the materials originate in the Province of Quebec.

Alexandre Tache (Un-Hull) said that he would rather see the proposed line publicly owned, but if publicly-owned railways would not build one then it must be developed by private capital. His belief was that the company would not endure anyhow and that it would be taken over by a big railway in a year or so at a nominal sum.

**Vaccination for Smallpox for Pre-School Children**

Vaccination for smallpox will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 12th and 13th, between 3 and 4 p.m. at the Clinic, for pre-school children.

New Yorker.—An insolvent Boston lady has been ordered by the court to pay off her bank loan at the rate of \$1 a month for 3118 years. She'll get out of debt about the same time as the government.

**Pays Fine for Using Wire Whip on an Ox**

Man Warned in Rouyn Court That Cruelty to Animals Brings Punishment

Joseph Ovide Lariviere, of Destor Township, appeared in the Rouyn Justice court Monday morning before Justice of the Peace J. O. Tardiff and C. A. Huebner and pleaded guilty to a charge of cruelty to an ox.

He was arrested Sunday evening by Inspector Louis Beauchemin, of the Temiscamingue and Abitibi Humane Society, after the inspector had made investigations resulting from information given him. He found that the accused had been using a lay-wire whip and that examination of the condition of the animal revealed fifteen wounds. Inspector Beauchemin also discovered a blood-stained axe with which Lariviere had apparently ill-treated the animal.

The accused was ordered to pay \$5 and costs or serve a month in jail. He paid his fine and was given a warning by J. O. Tardiff, J.P., that a second offence would mean a much more heavy penalty. He advised him to get rid of the haywire whip right away. Lariviere is one of the settlers out in Destor township.

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