

Well-Known Pioneer Called by Death

Local Building Permits Show Marked Decrease

Number of Permits Increases by 188 but Value is Reduced by \$176,356.00 Compared with Figures for 1936. Marked Recession in Building Activity in Downtown Area.

Despite the fact that the total number of permits issued was 188 more than last year, the total amount spent on construction here in the past twelve months was \$176,356.50 less than in 1936, according to an official report prepared by J. D. MacLean, town engineer and released to-day.

In 1936 the total amount spent on new buildings and alterations and additions to structures already built was \$878,427.50 but the corresponding figures for the same period this year show a total of \$692,071.00.

In the three classifications listed, only in the business section of the town does the report show a decline for 1937. The figures are:—Business section new buildings, alterations and additions, 1936—\$495,147.00; 1937—\$267,975.00; (Decrease as compared with last year, \$227,172.00.)

Permits for the residential section for 1937 totalled \$408,260.00, as compared with \$372,587.50 for the year previous, an increase of \$35,672.50.

For garages and sheds the figures for 1937 totalled \$15,836.00 as an increase of \$5,143.00 over the returns for 1936, when \$10,693.00 was spent.

Total number of permits taken out is:—1936, 714; 1937, 902.

Mr. MacLean, in discussing the difference in the totals for the two years, was of the opinion that it could be attributed to a general recession in building activity in the business section of the town. In addition two large churches that were completed this year, were included in last year's totals as the permits were taken out before the end of the year.

Happy New Year's Eve Dance at Riverside Pavilion

Over seven hundred of the fun-seekers of Timmins gathered at the Riverside Pavilion on Friday night, New Year's Eve, to celebrate the coming of the New Year and to cast a few glad and at the same time, sad, glances at the passing of the Old Year. Andy Cangiano and his orchestra were present to make sure that the New Year came in with a "bang", and as the clock struck twelve, all joined hands and circled about the floor in merry and happy friendliness. To welcome the new year, the ladies had donned beautiful gowns, and the scene was an attractive one. In the very "wee hours of the morning", a tired crowd departed for their homes, tired, but oh so very happy!

Dislocated Ankle in Fall at Twin Falls

Mrs. Edwin Whitehead Meets with Unfortunate Accident.

Troquois Falls, Ont., Jan. 1.—(Special to The Advance)—Mrs. Edwin Whitehead, Twin Falls, had a very unfortunate accident when, while hanging out clothes last Monday, her foot slipped on the snow-covered porch, and the ankle bone became dislocated. She was immediately taken to the Anson General Hospital, where a cast was put on, and it will be some time before she will be able to have it removed.

New 150-ton Moneta Mill to be Started This Week

Another Producing Mine Is Added to Porcupine Camp. Full Staff of Men Engaged to Start Milling at Once. John Dick is Mill Superintendent. Property Had Been Inactive for Years but Recently Has Been Developed With Encouraging Results

The new 150-ton mill, which has just been completed on the property of Moneta Porcupine Mines, Limited, in the Township of Tisdale, will commence operation this week, it was announced on Friday by the president, W. E. Segsworth, of Toronto.

A full staff of men has been engaged for the mill under Superintendent John Dick. Work on construction of the mill commenced last June and its completion adds another producing mine to the rapidly expanding Porcupine Camp.

The Moneta property contains eight claims, approximately 320 acres, adjoining Hollinger and Vipond mines. The property had been inactive for years but diamond drilling in 1936 gave encouragement and shaft sinking was commenced late in the year with an immediate objective of 500 feet.

The president, Mr. Segsworth, has been in Timmins for the past few days, in connection with the starting of the mill this week.

First Baby Born in 1938

First Birth in Timmins This Year at St. Mary's Hospital.

The first baby born in Timmins this year was at St. Mary's hospital at 3 minutes and 30 seconds past 2 o'clock on Saturday, Jan. 1st. This first baby was a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson, of the Paymaster Mine. The nurses in attendance were Miss Laste and Miss Anderson. Dr. H. L. Minthorn was the attending physician. Both mother and baby are reported as doing well. The baby girl is the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

No Fires Reported Here on New Year's

Fire Department Have Quiet Time as 1938 is Ushered In

Timmins Fire Department were undisturbed by even a single call on the first day of the New Year and from 6:12 p.m. on Friday to 6:04 p.m. Sunday, no fires were reported. Since last Thursday a total of four chimney fires were attended by the firemen as follows:—Friday, 120 Maple street, south, and 26 Toke street, Sunday, 67 Windsor avenue, Monday, 12 Bordon avenue. The four fires were extinguished without any damage.

Silver Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Knowlts

Surprise Party and Presentation Made on the Occasion.

A surprise party in honour of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Knowlts, who operate the Argyle Grill, was held in the Argyle Grill on Saturday night by the staff and roomers at the Grill. Mr. and Mrs. Knowlts were presented with a very smart unspillable silver cocktail tray with glasses, which was engraved with their names, by the staff and roomers, who all joined in expressing their best wishes, and in stating what a pleasure it was to work with, and to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Knowlts. A delicious lunch was served and a very merry time was had, dancing taking up the greater part of the evening. A humorous wedding ceremony was performed, and Mr. and Mrs. Knowlts expressed their appreciation of the thoughtfulness of their friends who had planned the occasion, and thanked them for the lovely gift which was presented. The happy evening was brought to a close with the hope for many and many a happy year to Mr. and Mrs. Knowlts.

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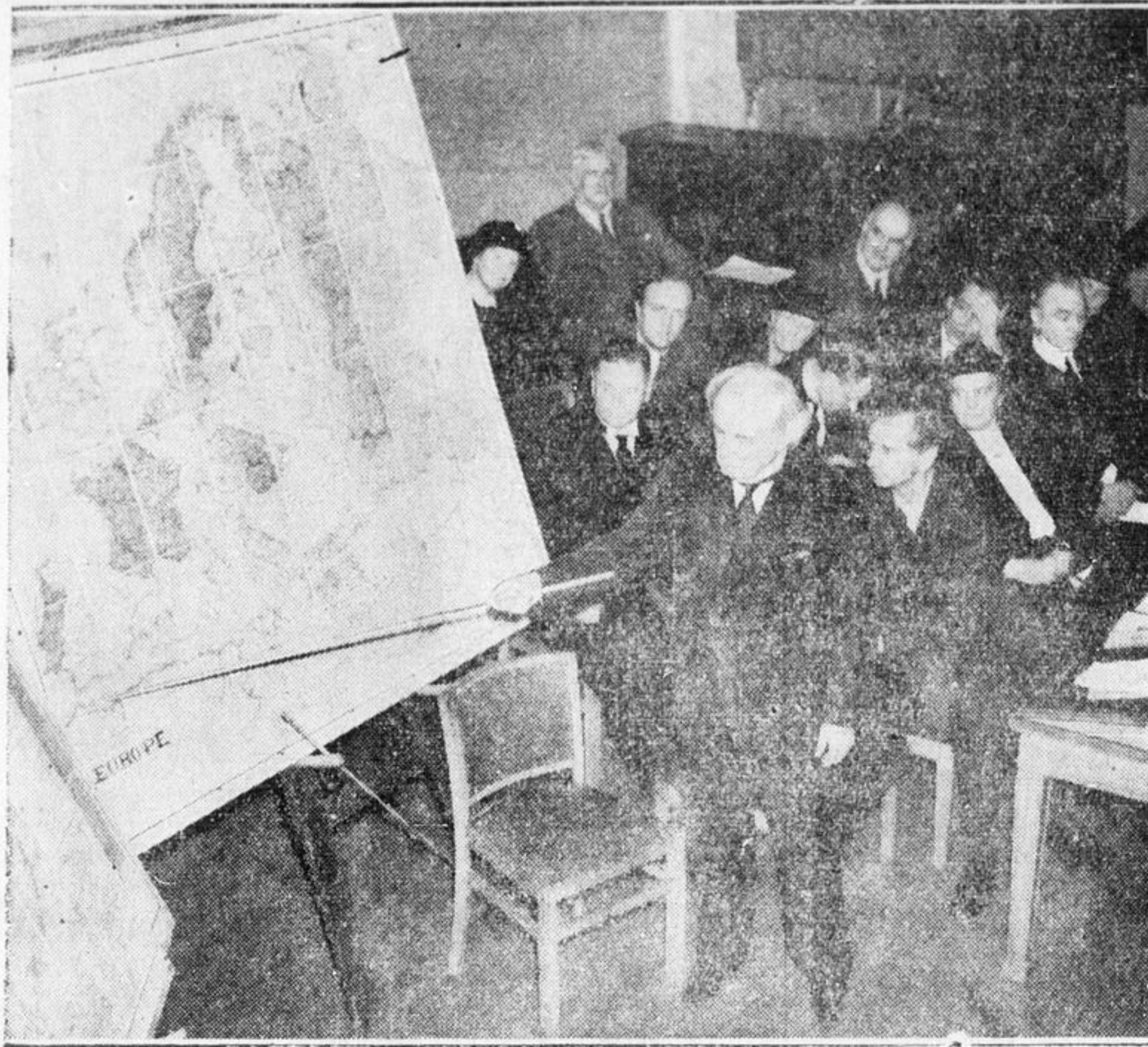
Winners of Valuable Prizes at Pleasing Event.

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Girl Guides Resuming Regular Meetings Here

Captain Joyce Tyrrell announces that the 51st I.O.D.E. Girl Guide Company will meet as usual this Friday, Jan. 7th, at 7.15 in the Central public school. There will be inspection. Regular meetings were discontinued during the holiday season, but are now being resumed.

LLOYD GEORGE INTRODUCES NEW TECHNIQUE



Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, British war-time Prime Minister introduced a new technique for the lecture platform when he addressed the Council of Action for Peace and Reconstruction on the foreign situation at Caxton Hall, Westminster. He surrounded himself with maps of Spain, China, North Africa, the Far East and Central Europe with which he illustrated his remarks. Our picture shows Mr. Lloyd George using a map of Europe during his lecture. On the right of him, left to right, are: Sir Walter Layton, the chairman; Miss Eleanor Rathbone, member of Parliament for the English Universities and Lieutenant-Colonel H. K. Sadler, D. S. O., M. C.

Milder Weather with Snow

New Year's Eve Sees Coldest Weather to Date—27 below Zero Here.

"Milder, but unsettled, with snow," will comprise the weatherman's offering for next few days, according to S. C. Wheeler at Hollinger Meteorological department.

The old year went out and the new year was ushered in with the coldest weather on record to date this season. Last Friday saw the thermometer plunge downward to 27 below zero while on New Year's day the mercury dipped to 25 below. Since last Thursday a total of five inches of snow was recorded.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since last Thursday are:—Thursday, 5 below and 11 below; Friday, 10 below and 27 below; Saturday, 10 and 25 below; Sunday, 9 and 2. The lowest last night was 3 below and at 8 a.m. today, the temperature was zero.

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Extensive Damage in Corner Mishap

Car and Truck Badly Wrecked in Accident at Birch and First Avenue.

A truck, owned by Lawrence Gervais and a car driven by Frank Theriault, were both extensively damaged in a collision at the corner of First Avenue and Birch Street last Friday at 1:05 p.m. By the force of the impact, the truck was forced over the sidewalk and smashed off three fence posts. Both sides of the truck were smashed in while the front of the car was wrecked. No charges have been laid by police.

Fireman Flattens Menacing Intruder

Stranger, Lying on Ground Unconscious, Escapes While Police Being Called.

Awakened by the noise of an unidentified man attempting to force an entrance to the door at the rear of his home, William Martin, a member of Timmins Fire Department, was confronted by a stranger of menacing mien early Sunday morning.

Asked what he wanted, the intruder snarled, "I want plenty." In a hand to hand struggle that ensued Fireman Martin gave a good account of himself but his assailant rushed to the front of the house and smashed the window in the front door. Running from the rear to the front of the house, Martin knocked the man unconscious and dashed to the Half-Way Inn on Wilson avenue to call the police, a distance of about one block. When he returned the man had revived and fled from the scene. Police are investigating the matter.

Killed in Crash



FLIGHT LIEUT. H. PECK who was killed in a plane crash in mid-air in England.

Doctor's Drugs Stolen

Heroin, Morphine and Hypodermic Syringe Removed from Dr. W. O. Taylor's Office.

Police have been working night and day since Saturday to solve a drug robbery at the office of Dr. W. O. Taylor, which took place late on the night of December 31 or early New Year's morning.

The door to the waiting room and office, which is located upstairs in the Marshall block, had been left open. The thieves gained entrance to the inner office by breaking a glass panel in the door and turning the catch on a night latch. Searching through the safe which was not locked at the time, the thieves removed four small bottles of heroin and morphine and one hypodermic syringe. A quantity of other drugs and hypodermic needles were untouched but about five dollars in cash was found missing. Dr. C. E. Taylor, a son who is associated in business with his father, had taken fifty dollars from the safe only the night before. The robbery was discovered Saturday morning when the doctors arrived for business.

Police have taken pictures and made prints of the safe and other articles in the office in the course of their investigations.

Youth is Injured on Cedar Street

Russell Cripps, Knocked Down by Taxicab but is Not Badly Hurt.

Struck by a car as he stood alongside a milk sleigh on Cedar street north, Sunday at 12:45, Russell Cripps, 16, of 82 Mountjoy street, was knocked down by a car owned by the Dalton Taxi firm and driven by Harold Chenier. Taken by the driver to a doctor's office, the boy was found to be suffering from a slight hip injury.

Girl is Arrested on Police Warrant

Celeste Doste, 18, Jointly Charged with Man in Robbery with Violence Case.

Celeste Doste, aged 18, was arrested over the week-end on a warrant and lodged in the lock-up on a charge of robbery with violence. Similarly charged is Aldorice Legault, of Timmins, who was granted bail following his appearance in police court here last week. The complainant in both charges is Joseph Tisdale, of Timmins.

First Merchant in Town Passed with Old Year

Charles Pierce, Prominent Citizen of the Porcupine for Twenty-Eight Years is Dead. Highly Esteemed in Death as He Was in Life. Funeral Yesterday with Masonic Honours. Interment in Montreal.

Reaches 88th Birthday

Mrs. Alexander, Oldest and Most Esteemed of Timmins Residents, Born on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Alexander, mother of Mrs. J. A. Howse, and one of the pioneer residents of Timmins, reached her 88th birthday on New Year's day. Her hosts of friends in town and district will sincerely regret that Mrs. Alexander was not well enough this year to observe the birthday as in previous recent years. Until recently Mrs. Alexander had enjoyed unusually good health in view of her many years, but for the past three weeks she has been kept to her bed by ill-health. Mrs. Alexander is not only one of the oldest residents of Timmins, but also one of the most helpful, her many kindnesses and activities in so many good works over so many years endearing her to all who know her. There is the most sincere sympathy to this good lady in her illness and earnest hopes for her return to strength.

After an illness of a few weeks Charles Pierce, the first merchant in Timmins, and one of the real pioneers of the Porcupine, died at his home here on Friday. The late Mr. Pierce came to the Porcupine 28 years ago, and played an important part in the progress and development of the camp. The first merchant to establish a business in Timmins, he built up a large business here, including grocery, hardware and other lines, and also took up lumbering as well as being financially interested in mining and other local activities. He won the high esteem of all, Jew and Gentile alike, and occupied a notable place in the regard of wide circles of friends and acquaintances, not only in the North, but in other centres in Canada.

The late Charles Pierce was born in Russia seventy-three or seventy-four years ago, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pierce. He came to Canada 52 years ago. Successful in business, he also was prominent in many lines of public service, being a town councillor for two successive terms in the early days of the town, and being active and helpful in board of trade and other public and semi-public activities. He was a valued member of the Masonic Lodge. His services to the Jewish congregation here were recognized by the fact that his body was given the honour of entry to the Congregation hall at the funeral yesterday—an honour seldom given.

He is survived by his widow and two sons and two daughters. The sons are I. K. Pierce and David Pierce, and the daughters are Mrs. M. J. Brovender, of Timmins, and Mrs. N. Lande, of Montreal. The grandchildren are Vivian and Triby Pierce, and Jack, Dorothy and Shirley Brovender. Two sisters—Mrs. Cohen, of Timmins, and Mrs. Jospe, of Montreal—and one brother, Richard Pierce, of Montreal, also survive. Another brother, Asher Pierce, of Montreal, died a couple of years ago, his death being a special sorrow to

Fire Hydrant Hit by Skidding Auto

Outside Casing is Smashed but No Water Escapes After Impact.

Skidding on the slippery roadway, a car driven by Leonard Heil, of Timmins, crashed into a hydrant at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Pine Street at 10:35 a.m. on New Year's day and while the outer casing of the hydrant was smashed, no water escaped. The driver told police that he would pay for any repairs that will be necessary.

Pioneer Passes



Late Charles Pierce, Timmins' first merchant, who died on Friday.

Another Settler Loses Life in Fire at Cabin

Henry Gagnon, Five Miles North of Moonbeam, Met Death Early Yesterday Morning. Seems to be Another Case for Inspection of Settlers' Cabins for Needless Fire Risks.

New Snow Plough Is Working Well

Sidewalk Plough, Recently Acquired by Town, Placed in Service

The new sidewalk snow plough, recently acquired by the Town of Timmins, was placed in service for the first time last Friday and at the end of the day's test run was working smoothly. The plough is of the tractor type and has a gross weight of approximately three tons.

Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. R. Cleland, Thursday

A surprise party and presentation were made on Thursday night to Mr. and Mrs. R. Cleland by the management and heads of departments of the Coniurium mine. Mr. Cleland, who recently accepted a place on the staff of the Ontario Mining Association, was presented with a handsome gold watch, while there was also remembrance for Mrs. Cleland.

The Child's Health Conference will be held in the basement of the public school, Schumacher, on Friday, January 7th, from 3 to 5 p.m.