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Continued During 1937

	1936	1937
	\$	\$
Assets		
First Mortgages on Real Estate.....	32%	
Government and Municipal Bonds.....	34%	
Public Utility and Industrial Bonds.....	9%	
Preferred and Common Stocks.....	5%	
Loans on Company's Policies.....	12%	
Home Office and Other Real Estate.....	2%	
Cash and Other Assets.....	6%	
	100%	
New Policies Issued		
	31,464,276.00	32,185,644.00
Insurance in Force		
	170,268,583.00	188,299,886.00
Cash Income		
	7,836,444.21	8,012,984.83
Assets		
	27,192,873.62	30,771,877.96
Free Surplus		
	1,308,137.33	1,483,912.23

Average Rate of Interest Earned 5.17%

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sponse gave a perfect rendition of the sword dance, the grace and skill of the young dancers making a decided hit.

Mr. M. B. Scott in responding to the toast of "The Porcupine Camp," told of coming here in 1910 and the remarkable changes there had been in the camp since then. He pointed out that not only in production of gold had there been startling changes. As one evidence of the development of the Porcupine he referred to the criticism levelled some twenty odd years ago at the supposedly extravagant idea of building a four-roomed public school here. To-day that four-roomed school is merely the centre part, less than a third, of only one of a dozen schools needed to meet the needs of the present town. Scotsmen, Mr. Scott felt, should seek to merit the good things said about them on such occasions as this by using their influence for stability and good judgment. He instanced the attitude towards silicosis. Such a subject should not be used for political or personal advantage. South Africa had dealt with this disease effectively, and the North was doing its best to overcome it. There should be co-operation and reason, rather than useless bitterness. Without minimizing silicosis, it should be kept in mind that the mining industry and the governments were doing notable work in seeking the greater safety and the better health of the men. Other industries had occupational diseases that were not receiving the same attention as that given silicosis, and he felt good citizens would do the most and the best by keeping the thought of balance and of fairness in mind. Mr. Scott concluded with a tribute to Burns and his ideals.

Rev. W. M. Mustard, minister of the Timmins United Church, said he felt it a great honour to be allowed to propose the toast to the "Immortal Memory." All over the world on this day—in the arctic circle, the torrid zones, in hamlets and in teeming cities, people were gathered to honour the memory of the peasant poet of Scotland. There was no other poet, no other celebrity of any nation to whom yearly tribute was paid all over the wide world, year in, year out, literally through the centuries since his birth. The reason, he believed, would be found in the hearts of the Scottish people, who bore a rare love for the poet who had interpreted the human heart and advanced high ideals

and aspirations. He told of the impressions made on his heart by a visit to Burns' Cottage. It was Robert Burns' passion for truth and justice, he said, that made him truly great. The secret of his "immortal memory" rested in the fact that he was profoundly religious—that his life was inspired by love of his fellows and high faith in the divine, coupled it was true with a fierce hatred of sham and hypocrisy. The speaker referred to Burns' love for flowers, for the birds, the animals, and above all his great love for humankind. "He speaks of our own experiences, of our own difficulties, of our own hopes, of our loves, and there is a lyric beauty in his words that captures all who love beauty." Burns, too, the speaker said, had a prophetic vision of the coming day of brotherhood, of love, of social justice. Rev. Mr. Mustard gave many apt quotations from the poetry of Burns and also added touches of humour. One of the happiest of the latter was his passing definition of a Scotsman's holiday: "Staying at home and letting your mind wander."

The gathering sang "The Star o' Rabbie Burns," and then Miss Cotcher won all hearts with her presentation of a favourite Scottish number.

"Our Guests," was proposed by Mr. W. White, who had apt humorous story and much of interest about Burns and the Scottish people. He referred to the fact that while all over the world Burns' anniversary was being observed, these gathered for this banquet came from many distant places—from British Columbia in the West to Nova Scotia in the East, and from the many lands overseas. He emphasized the value of education and character and right living, quoting from Burns: "To make a happy fireside chime for weans and wife—that's the true pathos and sublime, o' human life."

Wilson Thomson made a notable hit, first with his humorous introduction of himself, and then with his amusing songs. He was given very emphatic encore.

Mrs. J. R. Todd's beautiful rendition of "Flow Gently, Sweet Afton," was a special delight to all Scottish hearts and she was given very decided recall, being equally appreciated in her second number.

In responding to the toast to "Our Guests," G. A. Macdonald, on behalf of the guests thanked the Sons of Scot-

land and the Porcupine District Pipe Band for the delightful Scottish evening, with its fine food, its music, dances, haggis, and all, interspersing the sincere thanks with some Scottish shafts of humour directed at some of the guests.

"The Lassies" was proposed by Dr. J. B. McClinton, who after some humorous references, took occasion to mention a prize that he was giving the Sons of Scotland as a Burns prize, the winner to be a girl of Scottish descent, who had distinguished herself in High School work in some High School in the Porcupine camp. He gave an outline of the rules to govern the award, and suggested a committee to include M. B. Scott, Jas. Cowan and G. A. Macdonald, to select the winner. In closing his remarks Dr. McClinton paid tribute to the Lassies in general and Scottish womanhood in particular.

Jas. Cowan's "Macpherson" song was one of the special hits of the evening. It was given very effectively and roundly encored. In response to the encore he gave "The Wiggle-waggle o' the Kilt," the Scottish ladies present joining in the singing. Mr. Cowan made still another hit when he called attention to the fact that the day was the birthday of one of the guests of the occasion—Mr. Jos. McGrath.

Mrs. Stirrat has responded effectively on several previous occasions to the toast to "The Lassies," and always does it well. But Tuesday night's reply to the toast was particularly popular on merit. It was all in braid Scots. First she told of the first poetry written by Rabbie Burns—at the age of fifteen—Mrs. Stirrat reciting the verses. Then she spoke of the love of the poet for the lassies and his many generous tributes to their worth, concluding with one of Burns' own poetical contributions:—

"Their tricks and craft hae put me daft,
They've ta'en me in an' a' that,
But clear your decks, and here's the sex,
I like the jads for a' that,
For a' that an' a' that,
An' twice as meikle's a' that,
The bonie lass that I lo'e best,
She'll be my ain for a' that."

Toastmaster Cotcher thanked the gathering for attendance, the Top Hat Restaurant for the catering, Mrs. Richards' Flower Shop for the flowers on the tables, the artists on the programme and all who had contributed in any way to the success of the evening.

This part of the evening closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. W. H. Wilson played all the piano accompaniments for the evening. After the banquet a dance was enjoyed in the hall until the "wee sma' oors." The dancing opened with a square dance, the Porcupine District Pipe Band providing the music, and most of those at the gathering remaining for several happy hours of dancing and sociability.

Annual Meeting Associated Boards of Trade in February

It is intended to hold the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade at Kirkland Lake during the time of the annual bonspiel of the T. & N. O. Curling Association. The bonspiel is being held this year at the Lake Shore town and it is shown that at the time of the bonspiel, there will be scores of people present for the event from all sections of the district. This should mean that it may be possible to secure a gathering of representative citizens of the North to enable the Northern Ontario Associated Boards to have a meeting without too much extra travelling costs or loss of time. Last year the annual meeting of the Associated Boards was called to be held at Kirkland Lake. The attendance was so small that it was not felt practical to hold the meeting. The plan now is to hold the gathering at some time during the bonspiel week that will be available for those already there at Kirkland Lake. It is hoped that enough members of the Associated Boards will be available for the occasion. A great many members of the Associated Boards are curriers and will be at the bonspiel. Whether they will have time enough for the meeting is another question. However, the annual meeting should be a comparatively brief affair. There are practically no questions to be dealt with apart from the election of officers for the ensuing year. It is only a few weeks ago that the presentation of resolutions to the Ontario Government practically wiped off any recent questions of the Associated Boards. Any of the matters vital to the North have been taken up with the powers-that-be in quite recent times.

T.P.A.A.A.

Financial Statement from Nov. 1936 to Nov. 1937

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:

Gymnasium	\$147.05
Boxing and Wrestling	589.16
Baseball	52.95
Hockey	211.28
Lacrosse	49.56
Track and Field	53.18
Broadcast	129.20

CAPITAL INVESTMENT:

Gymnasium Equipment	\$348.10
Boxing Equipment	244.00
Wrestling Equipment	173.68
Baseball Equipment	75.45
Softball Equipment	26.90
Hockey Equipment	553.58
Lacrosse Equipment	76.52
Track and Field Equipment	26.32

RECEIPTS:

Membership	\$584.26
Public Appeal	165.28
Baseball Tournament	20.90
Boxing and Wrestling Shows	864.20
Donations	863.85
Auction Broadcast	550.50
Total Receipts	\$3,048.99
Total Payments	2,756.93
Cash on Hand	292.06

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Leo. H. Gagnon	Chief of Police	Ernest King	Kiwanis Club
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Near 200 at Banquet in Honour of Burns

(Continued from Page One) and excellent in every way, as was also the service. The catering was very well done by the Top Hat Restaurant. The tables looked well and were beautified by flowers. The haggis was brought in with the usual ceremony, three pipers playing it round the tables with due honour. Mr. T. Arnott gave the "Address to the Haggis" in braid Scots, with telling expression and effectiveness.

After the excellent menu had been enjoyed, the chairman proposed the toast to "The King," the audience responding with the hearty singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. Douglas Cotcher, as toastmaster, then introduced Mayor J. P. Bartleman, who proposed the toast to "Auld Scotia." Mayor Bartleman set a happy fashion for the evening for brief but effective addresses. He told of his respect for the canniness and the loyalty of the Scottish people and for their poet, Robert Burns. He referred humorously to the Scottish member of last year's council introducing a resolution to make it compulsory for sixty days' notice to be given for all local tag days—"so the Scots would have ample time to be away on tag days." Reverting to the more serious, he touched on the service given Porcupine and Canada by the Scottish people in earlier and present days. The gathering followed this toast by singing "Scots Wha Hae," and this was in turn followed by a rousing rendition of the Burns song, "O A' the Airts," by Mr. James Gells.

In replying to the toast Dr. MacKechnie humorously suggested his inability to deal with so important a toast, but paid brief tribute to Burns and to Canada's hospitality to her Scottish citizens.

A violin and piano duet by Miss Muriel Harris and Miss Violet Harris was much appreciated. In proposing the toast to the Porcupine Camp Councilor W. Wren pointed out that this gold camp had been the backbone of Canada's stability during the depression years and that it would figure still more largely in the prosperity of Canada in the days to come. He referred to the notable part played by the Scottish people not only in the founding of the camp but in the progress and development of its communities. He mentioned Geo. Banerman, a Scot, as father of the Porcupine, and mentioned many other Scots who had done their part in the notable history of the Porcupine district. He also made humorous reply to the mayor's allusions.

The gathering sang "The Maple Leaf," after which Toastmaster Cotcher introduced Piper Finlayson who was to play "The Macdonalds of Glencoe," and by special request the regimental favourite of the regiment in which Drum Sergt. Cotcher himself had served for many years, the latter selection being "The Campbells Are Coming." The talented playing of Piper Finlayson roused great enthusiasm. This was followed by one of the most pleasing numbers on the attractive programme—the dancing of little Miss Elsie Yates and Miss Marguerite Mackenzie. They were insistently encored and in re-

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