

## Second Manager of Hollinger Mine Passes

### P. A. Robbins Dies After Being Ill About a Year

Mining Man Who Helped to Build the Hollinger Industry Passes in Chicago. Was in Timmins from 1911 to 1918. In Cobalt Before That. Recently Interested in Placer Mining in Alaska.

Hosts of friends in Timmins and throughout the North will learn with sincere regret of the passing of Percy A. Robbins at Chicago where he has been living in recent years. He died this morning. The late Mr. Robbins was the second manager of the Hollinger Mine, succeeding Mr. Alphonse Pare, and helping materially in building up the immense industry now one of the largest gold mines in the world. Mr. Robbins came here in the spring of 1911, resigning in 1918 to take up other engineering work. Previous to coming to Timmins Mr. Robbins was in Cobalt where he was general manager of the McKinlay-Daragh Mine, a company engaged in surface silver mining.

In more recent years Mr. Robbins had been resident in Chicago. He was president of the Arctic Circle Exploration Incorporated, a company engaged in placer mining operations at Candle, Alaska.

The late Mr. Robbins was 64 years of age at the time of his death. He had won prominence as mining engineer and traveller, while his high character and genial disposition made him a host of friends. He is survived by his widow, two sons and three daughters, and to these the deepest sympathy of all in the North will be extended. The children are: Mrs. Wm. Miller (Helen), Chicago; Jim Robbins, California; Miss Ruth Robbins, Chicago; Peter Robbins and Miss Jane Robbins. A brother, Ralph Robbins, in charge of surface work at the Hollinger, died here some years ago.

### Coat Used By Hold-up Man Found

Blood Spattered Garment Is Found Near Store Operated by Harry Shephard.

A discarded raincoat, slightly spattered with blood and picked up by a caretaker in a yard at the rear of Fifth avenue, has been identified as that worn by the man who tried unsuccessfully to hold up Harry Shephard in his store at Fifth avenue and Balsam street early last Thursday morning. The caretaker made known his find during a systematic check-up being made in that vicinity by Timmins police. Shephard definitely recognized the coat as that worn by the man who beat him over the head with what is thought to have been a toy pistol when he went to call police by phone. A number of suspects in the case have been questioned but no arrests have been made.

### Arrested Men Not Those Wanted Here

Pair Picked Up in Orillia Not Responsible for Safe Cracking Attempt

The two men picked up by Orillia police last Wednesday in possession of dynamite and electric detonator caps, have no connection with the attempt to blow the safe in the Consumers' Co-operative store on Fourth avenue here early last Wednesday morning, it was established on Saturday.

From the time of the attempt to blow the safe in Timmins until the time the two men were arrested in Orillia, they would not have had time to make the trip between the two points. They will appear in police court in Orillia on Wednesday charged with carrying concealed weapons and being in unlawful possession of dynamite.

When the car the two men were riding in was stopped by a police officer for investigation one man was found carrying a gun while the car contained a quantity of dynamite, exactly similar to that used in the Timmins case. The detonating caps, while of the electric type, were not the same as those left by the cracksmen in their attempt to rob the Consumers' safe. The men gave their names as William Nesluk, aged 38, of New Toronto, and John Holovich, aged 38, released from Kingston penitentiary last December. The car they were riding in was said to be stolen.

## Popular Old-timer of Camp Dies This Morning

John Bell, Esteemed and Liked by All Passes After Week's Illness. Prospected in Early Days of Porcupine. For the Past Eight Years Shift Boss at Dome.

South Porcupine, April 25th. Special to The Advance.

### Mr. and Mrs. P. Toms Leaving for England

Cornish Social Club Honor Them Previous to Their Departure.

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Harvey, Gold Centre, on Saturday evening, in honour of Mr. and Mrs. P. Toms, who are leaving for England on April 28th.

The guests were members of the Cornish Social Club committee and friends.

After a sumptuous supper, Mr. Hocking proposed a toast to the guests of honour, to which Mr. Toms replied.

Mr. Grills, on behalf of the Cornish Club committee, thanked Mrs. Toms for her splendid work and presented her with a combination handbag and umbrella.

Mrs. Harvey received a vote of thanks for arranging a very interesting and enjoyable party.

### CHILD'S HEALTH CLINIC AT SCHUMACHER, APRIL 29

The child's Health Conference will be held in the basement of the Public School, Schumacher on Friday afternoon, April 29th from 3 to 5.

### BOY SCOUTS AND CUBS AT CHURCH



On Sunday morning in honour of St. George's Day (April 23rd), the First and Second Timmins Troops and Packs attended divine service in a body at St. Matthew's Anglican church. St. George is patron saint of the Boy Scouts. The picture shows First and Second Packs of Cub Scouts entering the church, following Boy Scouts and in turn being followed by other Boy Scouts.

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### Issues Bicycle Warning

Bicycles Operated at Night Must Carry Lights, Says Chief L. H. Gagnon.

Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon issued a general warning this morning regarding the operation of bicycles at night without a light. Officers on the various beats have been instructed to stop any bicycles not equipped with and using a light and if the practice continues, police court charges will follow, the chief stated. The danger of accidents from the operation of bicycles without lights has increased considerably since hundreds of cars have been brought out of winter storage and cyclists are asked to co-operate in the interests of safety. Timmins went through the last year without a traffic fatality and it is in an effort to duplicate this record that a general tightening up of traffic by-law enforcement has been instituted.

### Activity Dormant In Police Circles

Week-End Quiet, With Only One Liquor Charge Laid—30 Appear Tuesday.

Little activity was reported in police circles over the week-end and police court to-morrow afternoon will be less than half the size of last week's session when sixty-four cases were listed. This week thirty cases, ten of which were adjourned from last week, will be heard.

As the result of a search at the premises of John Kolaski, 202 Tamarack street, a charge of having liquor in a place other than his own private residence has been laid. According to police a bottle of liquor was found in a detached woodshed in the course of their investigation.

A local man will face a charge of double parking on Pine street north. According to Chief Gagnon the traffic at the time was heavy. Police officers have been instructed to enforce traffic regulations to the letter and warnings will be reduced to a minimum, the chief states. No stone is being left unturned to make Timmins streets safe and motorists will be well advised to observe the regulations strictly.

Two Charged With Theft  
Two local young men are charged with the theft of a spirit level, the property of a carpenter employed in making an addition to the Dominion store on Third avenue.

## Lay Extortion Charges Against Two Brothers

J. T. Jackson, Local Solicitor, Claims Rogate and Jerry Seguin, of Ansonville, Threatened to Prosecute Windsor Hotel Unless Half of Liquor Fine Is Paid

A charge of extortion under threat of a prosecution against the Windsor hotel has been laid by J. T. Jackson, solicitor for the hotel company, against Rogate and Jerry Seguin, Ansonville brothers, who were jointly charged with supplying liquor to two girls under the age of 21, in Police Court here last Tuesday. The charge against Jerry was withdrawn. Rogate Seguin being ordered to pay \$25 and costs.

Mr. Jackson, alleges that the two men came to his office on Thursday afternoon last and threatened that if the Windsor hotel wouldn't pay half the fine they would take action against them for supplying liquor to minors. The pair were ordered out of the office and extortion charges were immediately laid. The hearing will take place before Magistrate Atkinson to-morrow.

One of the girls, giving evidence at the police court hearing last week, testified that she and another girl in company with the two Seguins had visited the Windsor beverage room where Rogate Seguin had bought four bottles of beer. She admitted that when the bartender inquired as to the ages of the two girls that they had given him to understand that they were over twenty-one. She told the court, however, that the two men were unaware that she and the other girl were under the required age.

The two brothers were arrested on Friday and lodged in the cells. Bail was set at \$250 cash or \$500 property.

### Meeting of Kiwanis at South Porcupine

P. H. Laporte Speaks on "Business Standards"

South Porcupine, April 23.—(Special to The Advance)—As an opening for its study of Business Standards in the community, the South Porcupine Kiwanis Club profited from the observations of Mr. Phil Laporte, of the Porcupine Credit Association, when he addressed the club on Thursday evening last as guest speaker.

Drawing on his experience of several years as a sort of liaison officer amongst the business persons of this camp, Mr. Laporte gave the club an excellent starting point from which to study, gauge, and endeavour to arise the standard of business ethics within the area of the club's activity.

### Death of Sister of Mrs. N. Inor at Boston, Mass.

A wire was received on Friday of last week by Mrs. Norman Inor, 118 Elm street, south, informing her of the death of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Stone, of Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Stone visited in Timmins about twelve years ago and her many friends here will be sorry to hear of her death, and will sympathize with her relatives in town in their loss.

## Optical Glass History Described by Speaker

Chinese Emperor First Used Spectacles as Early as 2283 B.C., Irvin Rosner, Local Optometrist, Tells Lions Club in Address Last Thursday.

An illustrated lecture on the origin, history and manufacture of optical glass and lenses, delivered before the meeting last Thursday of Timmins Lions Club by Irvin Rosner, well known local optometrist, provided a highly informative insight into this particular industry and its co-related profession.

"The evolution of spectacles parallels the evolution of civilization, for as man has progressed through the ages, so has the art of making spectacles," said Mr. Rosner. "Because there is no definite proof of the exact time or place, theories have become rife regarding the origin of the use and making of spectacles. Some credence is placed on the claim that as early as 2283 B.C., a Chinese emperor used lenses made of rock crystal, quartz, topaz or amethyst to observe the stars," said the speaker.

It has likewise been recorded that a short time first century A.D. the Phoenicians learned the art of glass making from the Chinese and that Phoenician nitre merchants discovered that nitre mixed with sand was melted by the sun's heat into a coarse glass. Some convex glass was found in the excavations of Pompeii and Ninevah, but the focal lengths were so short that they could not have been worn before the eyes.

Subsequently to these early records there seems to be a long gap in which either spectacles were not used or the art of making them forgotten, for the

first definite historical data indicates that glasses were known in China and Europe in the Thirteenth century.

During this period in China, old people used lenses to distinguish small print. These glasses were of essentially different design than the early European form, being a large oval shape rather than round. Because of superstition they had large tortoise shell rims. The tortoise was a sacred reptile to the Chinese and therefore tortoise shell frames were considered conducive to good fortune and long life. Moreover the frames did not necessarily imply lenses, for even until recent times a frame without lenses was, among the Chinese, a badge of superior social status and learning.

Roger Bacon, English monk-philosopher, is given credit for being the pioneer lens designer in the Thirteenth century. Lenses were designed also in Florence, Italy, by Armati at the same time.

Spectacle making as an industry did not take on any significant proportions until after the invention of printing in 1440, when a constantly increasing number of people in less affluent circumstances found it necessary to correct their vision.

The similarity of spectacles in Europe after this time shows that while they may not have been derived from a common source, they must have been derived from (Continued from Page Three)

### Weather To Continue Fair, Mild

Week-end Was Particularly Mild—Large Crowds Out All Day Sunday.

The weather for the next few days will continue fair and mild, with only a slight possibility of showers, it was forecast this morning by S. C. Wheeler at Hollinger meteorological office. The weather over the week-end was ideal. Saturday and Sunday being particularly mild. All day Sunday large crowds were out strolling and provided a more or less belated Easter parade.

From five o'clock last Thursday afternoon until seven o'clock on Friday morning rain fell to the depth of .03 inches, while from seven to nine the same morning one-quarter inch of snow was also recorded.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since last Wednesday are: Thursday, 49 above and 18 above; Friday, 38 above and 26 above; Saturday, 57 above and 28 above; Sunday, 53 above and 31 above. Lowest last night 35 above; eight o'clock this morning, 40 above.

### Doctor Requires Help of Firemen

Local Physician Locks Himself Out of His Office

Fire departments from time to time get requests for all kinds of assistance not generally associated with fire fighting and last Friday afternoon their services were enlisted to enable Dr. Rutherford to obtain entrance to his office in the Dr. McInnis Block. The physician had left his office and locked his keys inside at the same time. The firemen however solved the situation with a ladder and the doctor was able to resume his practice with only slight interruption.

This morning at 9:28 the department was called to the St. Charles hotel on Second avenue and extinguished a fire in the chimney and furnace pipes with chemicals.

There were three chimney fires last Friday, one at 70 Bannerman avenue, a second at 99 Sixth avenue and the last at 455 Pine street south. A similar call was made to 28 Middleton avenue Saturday morning. There was no damage caused by any of the four fires.

### Death of Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lefevre

Doreen Lefevre, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Lefevre, died at her home, 28 Wilcox avenue, on Sunday evening. The baby daughter was born in Timmins on April 5th. The funeral was held this afternoon, Monday, at 2 p.m. from the Notre Dame des Lourdes Roman Catholic Church.

### Mining Institute to Meet Here on Tuesday Evening

The regular meeting of the Porcupine branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy will be held to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, April 26th, in the dining room of the Empire hotel, Timmins, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the business of the meeting. The meeting is to be featured by two special papers that will be of particular interest and value. One of these will be "Ventilation at the McIntyre," by T. E. Newkirk, and the other, "Operation of Rubber-lined Pumps at the Hollinger," by Walter Greaves.

### St. George's Banquet by Sons of England

Enjoyable Event Held on Saturday Evening by the Local Lodge.

There were close to 200 persons at the Hollinger hall on Saturday evening, it being the annual St. George's Day banquet of the Sons of England lodge of Timmins. The hall was very attractively decorated with the flags of the Empire and the tables dressed in a red-white and blue motif.

A splendid menu was served, consisting of roast beef, and the English trimmings, chocolate cake and ice cream, celery, pickles and rolls and butter.

A very brief toast list was given and responded, this in fact being run off in the space of fifteen minutes, including a few well-chosen words by Mayor J. P. Bartleman. W. Stephens occupied the chair for this part of the event.

A very fine musical programme was a feature, the items including: piano selection, Ron Purchase; vocal solos, B. Bridgman, tap dance, J. Thompson, Jr., (very cleverly executed); waltz tap, by Misses Harris and Strongman; another highlight: "Sailor's hornpipe; Miss Strongman, Jr., also a big hit; violin solo, Miss H. Tomlinson, an excellent rendition of the "Londonderry Air"; piano accordion selection, A. Berlinger, also very popular; W. H. Thompson rendered some of his popular numbers which were well received. The programme pleased the very large gathering and the artists were generous in their responses. W. H. Wilson and W. A. Devine acted as pianists. Art Jenkin made a capable chairman.

A three-piece orchestra then finished the enjoyable evening by play for dancing which closed the event in a successful manner.

### To Present Jewels at I.O.O.F. Lodge

Interesting Event at Odd-fellows Lodge on May 3rd.

Invitations have been issued this week by Timmins Lodge No. 459, I.O.O.F., for a banquet for the presentation of Veterans' Jewels on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 8 p.m., in the I.O.O.F. hall, 58 Spruce street north, Timmins. The regular meeting of the Lodge will be held at 7 p.m.

### Schumacher Child Is Injured by Car

James Keizer, Knocked off Wagon, Suffers Arm and Leg Fractures.

James Keizer, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keizer, 120 Second avenue, Schumacher, is in St. Mary's hospital here suffering from fractures of the left arm and leg. The young lad was knocked from his wagon by a car as he played in the street Friday evening. He was picked up and rushed to hospital, where X-ray examination disclosed the two fractures. He was attended by Dr. G. C. Armitage and Dr. W. G. Watt.

### Regular Meeting To-Night of the Canadian Legion

The regular monthly meeting of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion is to be held this (Monday) evening, April 25th, in the Legion hall. There are several very important questions to come before the meeting so it is specially desired that the attendance be large. It is also asked that all be present sharp at 8 o'clock, so that the required time may be available for a full consideration of all questions. In addition to the various business matters to be dealt with, there will be two addresses of outstanding interest and value. One of these addresses will be by Austin Neame, Zone Commander, and former president of the local branch of the Legion. Mr. Neame is always well posted on any question he takes up and his interest in returned men is beyond all doubt or question. Accordingly his subject for this evening will be of particular interest to all members, as he will deal with features of the War Veterans' Assistance Act.

The other address will be by Comrade Harry Scarth, who returned a short time ago from a pleasure trip to the South. On this trip Mr. Scarth visited Bermuda and other places of interest and beauty. He will give a short talk to-night at the Legion meeting on some of the incidents of the voyage to the British West Indies, as well as a brief description of the beauties of Bermuda. A visit to the British West Indies, as a most attractive holiday for anyone, and those who cannot afford such a delightful tour may have something almost as good by attending the Legion to-night and hearing Comrade Harry Scarth's address.

### Schubert Choral Society to Present Concert May 11

Music-lovers should bear in mind the fact that the Schubert Choral Society under the direction of Mr. Geo. Haff, will present a concert in the New Empire theatre on Wednesday evening, May 11th, commencing at 8 p.m. The admission price for this event has been kept at a moderate figure so as to allow all the opportunity to attend. Previous events under the auspices of the Schubert Choral was proof sufficient that the concert on May 11th will be of particular interest and excellence.

## See Thursday's Issue for Startling Announcement