

NEEDS OF SWIMMERS BEING CONSIDERED

Union Threaten Strike in Local Lumber Mills

Demand is Made for Increase in Wages Over Last Year's Minimum Rate of 27½ Cents an Hour. Meeting Called for To-Night. One Mill Owner Will Close Down if a Strike is Called.

With no apparent settlement in sight and a strike threatened unless their demands are met, members of the local lumber and sawmill workers' union will meet to-night in the Finn Hall to make a final decision on an ultimatum delivered to mill operators on Saturday. With the heads of the lumber companies intimating that they will not attend the meeting or meet the request for higher wages for common labourers, the prospect of a strike has become increasingly imminent. If a walkout takes place approximately 175 men will be affected. "The union will decide on a course of action to-night, regardless of whether the mill operators attend or not," James Blake, president, said yesterday.

Last Friday a strike vote was taken and the ballot count showed 149 in favour and five against a strike unless the employers accede to the union's request for increased wages. If a strike is called three of the four local mills will be affected, the exception being the A. E. Wicks company. This firm is said to be paying a bonus over the minimum of 27½ cents per hour for common labour. "The Wicks camp are the best in the country and the company is very good as to wages. While we feel that some of the men might be paid more, we have no kick regarding this firm," said Mr. Blake.

"Last year's agreement of 27½ cents an hour for common labour expired on April 15. Since that time the mill owners have been putting us off continuously and taking advantage of the situation to pay 25, 20 and even as low as 15 cents an hour," Mr. Blake charged. The three mills referred to are the Feldman Timber Company, the Rudolph-McChesney Company and the Fesserton Lumber Company. "We have notified the owners of the four mills regarding to-night's meeting by letter, requesting their attendance, but have received no reply as yet," the union head explained. "We have given them until to-night to do something and if they don't meet us with some reasonable proposal, the men will stage a walkout." Mr. Blake announced in an interview on Saturday. "Most of the mills can pay their labour out of their profits on slabs and firewood," he claimed.

"We have done all we can do," said Alex Feldman, of the Feldman Timber Company. "We told the union representatives the same thing and if a strike is called we are prepared to shut down. Conditions are not as good as last year and there is practically no export market. We are paying the same wages and in some cases higher than we were last year. We decided when the agreement of last year expired that we would deal with the men individually with regard to wages and hours and we have done so. It may become necessary for the Government to intervene and effect a conciliation, but we are paying all we can right now," Mr. Feldman said. "We will continue paying the same wages, with a minimum of 27½ cents an hour but will give no increases," said Mr. McChesney, another of the mill owners.

An official of the Fesserton mill said the company had no comments to make but intimated that the firm will not have a representative at the meeting called by the union for to-night.

Rudolph-McChesney Paying Wage Scale

Open Books to Prove that Charge Unfounded.

Timmins, May 30, 1938
To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—We wish to make public denial of the charges, made in the Timmins Daily Press, dated Saturday, May 28, 1938, whereby we were accused of violating any part of our existing wage agreements with our mill employees.

We further wish to state, that we are paying the same schedule of mill wages that we paid during the last year, the minimum of which is 27½ cents per hour, and after taking this matter up with our employees in general, we find that they are well satisfied with their present scale of wages, and are anxious to carry on without any trouble, with the exception of one man, who happens to be on a committee of the union.

We have opened our pay-rolls for the inspection of the Timmins Daily Press and The Porcupine Advance, and they are therefore in a position to give the facts of the case.
Yours very truly,
Rudolph-McChesney Lumber Co. Ltd.
Maitland McChesney, Manager.

Bad Fire Caused by Overflowing Grease

Residence of L. C. Ward, 270 Birch North, Gutted by Blaze on Saturday.

Grease from a frying pan that overflowed on top of an electric stove, caused a fire that resulted in considerable damage at the residence of L. C. Ward, 270 Birch street north, shortly before noon on Saturday. As the grease roared into a sudden blaze, the flames swept through the kitchen and had spread to other rooms in the one-storey house by the time firemen arrived. Using one line of hose and a large chemical tank, the fire was brought under control after a stiff fight. The interior of the house was almost entirely gutted. The loss has not been adjusted but damage will be several hundred dollars.

Fire in Vacant House
The firemen received a call to an unoccupied house at 174 Elm street north, owned by J. Burcko, at 3:40 this morning. A mattress was smouldering in one of the back bedrooms but with the use of chemicals the fire was extinguished with slight damage. The owner was just moving into the house and part of the furnishings had been placed on Saturday.

SERVICE IN NEW ITALIAN CHURCH



On Sunday next Bishop Rheaume will be at Timmins to formally dedicate the new Italian Sacred Heart Church. The first church service was held in the church auditorium yesterday, the completion of the church making this possible. Previously services have been held in the basement of the church. The handsome new church was crowded at all services yesterday. The choir was conducted by Mr. Jack Cangiano. Rev. Father Fontana, conducted all the services.

Passengers Have Fortunate Escape

Local Car Almost Completely Demolished Near Dugwald When Tire Blows Out.

Losing control when a rear tire blew out, a car driven by L. Cecchini, 109 Laidlaw street, crashed into the ditch near Dugwald last week and almost completely wrecked the vehicle. The driver and three companions, A. Cecchini, H. Domenico and H. Bernard, had a remarkable escape from injury. According to information given police, the party were proceeding from Iroquois Falls, and at a point near Dugwald, a tire blew out and the car careened toward the ditch. Almost at the same time the other back tire blew from the effects of the skid and the vehicle turned over in the ditch. The passengers crawled from the wreckage with a few scratches and a shaking-up.

Cooking School to be Held Here This Week

Event at the Empire Theatre Commences Tomorrow and Continues to June 3rd.

The cooking school conducted here in past years by Mrs. Mary Barrett, Home Economist of the Canadian General Electric Company, under the auspices of the Northern Ontario Power Co., has always proved both interesting and valuable and has attracted large crowds of the ladies of Timmins and district. On this account there will be general interest and pleasure in the invitation extended to all the ladies of the town and district by the Northern Ontario Power Co. to attend the Hotpoint cooking school to be conducted in the Empire theatre, Timmins, by Mrs. Barrett, on Tuesday, May 31st, Wednesday, June 1st, Thursday, June 2nd, and Friday, June 3rd. The school will be open each of these days from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. At each session there will be practical demonstrations of electric cookery and food preservation. Prizes given daily will add to the interest of each session of the school. Particular interest will be found in the many helpful hints on cooking given by Mrs. Barrett at the cooking school. Those attending the sessions of the school will find many special pointers of value in regard to the operation of electric stoves with the greatest degree of efficiency and economy. They will also learn much about the best way to handle electric refrigerators and make the most and the best use of these conveniences.

Traffic Detoured to South Porcupine

Road Closed to South Porcupine for Paving of the Highway.

Closed for the purpose of building culverts and grading preparatory to paving, traffic has been suspended on the highway between Schumacher and South Porcupine. At the present time the detour starts in Schumacher and traffic for some time to come will be routed over the back road from this point. The road is closed just east of the railway tracks in order to allow buses access to the Conlaum mine property.

Fractures Ankle on Fishing Trip

Pete Colton, Kirby Avenue Met With Unfortunate Accident on Sunday.

As the result of a fall during a fishing trip at Sandy Falls on Sunday, Pete Colton, aged 25, of 62 Kirby avenue, sustained a broken ankle. Suffering intense pain he was taken to St. Mary's hospital here. He is reported to-day to be resting comfortably.

Bishop of Moosonee at St. Matthew's Yesterday

Rev. J. G. Anderson, Bishop of Moosonee, paid official visit to St. Matthew's Anglican church yesterday, and the church was crowded at both morning and evening service. Bishop Anderson administered the rite of confirmation to twenty-six candidates at the morning service, and his address both morning and evening were interesting and inspiring and much appreciated by the large congregations present.

Married at Timmins Saturday afternoon

Miss Ivy Rudd and Mr. Geo. McJanet United in Marriage.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the United Church manse on Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. in the presence of a few friends when Rev. W. M. Mustard united in marriage Ivy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rudd, of 100 Main avenue, and Mr. George McJanet, son of Mrs. McJanet, of 98 Main avenue, and the late Mr. McJanet.

The bride was charming in a gown of white net with embroidered flower pattern, over satin, made on fitted lines gradually flaring into a very full skirt. It was accented by a bolero style jacket, and the bride wore a coronet band of orange blossoms in her hair. She carried a beautiful bouquet of roses, carnations and lily-of-the-valley.

Mrs. Bellisle, who attended the bride as matron-of-honour, was attractively attired in a gown of canary yellow net over taffeta, made on princess lines, and she wore white accessories. In perfect harmony with the ensemble, Mrs. Bellisle carried a bouquet of mauve sweet peas.

The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Robert MacJanet. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding dinner was served to about fifty friends at the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Rudd and Mrs. McJanet received the guests, the former wearing a flowered chiffon street-length dress, and the latter, black chiffon with identical corsages of roses and lily-of-the-valley. Mrs. Ayotte, Mrs. Steve Eckart, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. H. Jones, and Mrs. J. P. Geddes served at the table. Later in the evening more friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudd to wish the bride and groom all future happiness and to shower them with many lovely gifts.

On Sunday the bride and groom left by motor to honeymoon at points in the east, the bride wearing a blue tailored suit. They will reside in Timmins.

Next Saturday And Then ???

in The Porcupine Advance Prize Subscription Campaign

Mrs. B. Hubert	326,000
Alfie DelGuidice	323,500
Miss Louise Ferrari	321,000
Mrs. Florence Mick	316,000
Mrs. G. Sutton, So. Porcupine	302,000
Kenneth Mason	285,000
Miss Marion Lawson	276,000
Mrs. Florence Thorburn	261,000
Laurent Lalonde	257,000
Miss Jeannine Dalpe	253,000
W. J. Brown	251,000
S. Kostel	250,000
Fred Desbiens	240,000
Miss Evelyn Munro	235,000
Mrs. J. Rose	230,000
Tom Gillan	197,000
Miss Joan Bowie	157,000
Miss Irene Deacon, So. Porcupine	145,000
Miss Eleanor Olaveson, Iroquois Falls	136,000
Miss Miriam Laine, Schumacher	133,000
Miss J. Leroux	5,000
B. Henry	5,000

The next standing will be shown in Thursday's issue of The Porcupine Advance

The above standing shows the correct relative position of the candidates, but does not necessarily show the full or correct total of votes of each.

Plans Under Way for Swimming Pool at River

Mr. Wilson Offers Swimming Pool Without Cost, and Mr. A. R. Fisher is Willing to Conduct it if Enough Can be Realized to Meet the Bare Cost of Maintenance. Prompt Co-operation of Public Suggested.

Aged Pioneer Succumbs

Conrad Pletch, 81, Found Unconscious in Shack by Police Friday Night.

Conrad Pletch, 81-year-old pioneer resident, who was found in an unconscious condition and suffering from a stroke when police forced the door of his shack at 93 Hollinger Lane, last Friday night, died in St. Mary's hospital Sunday afternoon at 5:30. Sgt. Frank Devine and Constable Lepor, of the local police department, visited the shack Pletch occupied in response to a call from neighbours who had not seen the man around since the previous day, when he is thought to have suffered the seizure.

As the officers reached the door they could hear dull groans coming from inside. Receiving no answer to repeated knocks, they forced the door and found Pletch lying on the floor. In falling he had struck the stove and one side of his face was painfully burned. He was immediately removed to hospital and since that time did not regain consciousness. Pletch, who was one of the early settlers in the Porcupine, was well known here as a carpenter. He is said at one time to have owned a considerable amount of property here. His only relative in town is a nephew, Harry Pletch, living at 174 Spruce street south.

Death of Mrs. E. Legeault at Her Home Yesterday

The death occurred on Sunday afternoon at her home 115 Main avenue, of Mrs. Ernest Legeault. Mrs. Legeault was twenty-five years of age and is survived by her husband and one son. The remains will be shipped to Cheneville, Quebec, on the Tuesday afternoon train.

Predict Showers for Next Few Days

Mean Temperature for Sunday Highest This Year—Weather Will be Warm.

The mean temperature for Sunday was the highest this year, disregarding the fact that the maximum of 78 was two degrees less than previously recorded. It was announced this morning by S. C. Wheeler at Hollinger observatory. The minimum temperature during the night was 51. The forecast for the next few days is generally warm and cloudy with occasional showers, the first of which occurred at noon to-day. This was the first precipitation since last week. Maximum and minimum temperatures since last Thursday are: Friday, 66 above and 37 above; Saturday, 71 above and 43 above; Sunday, 78 above and 51 above; lowest last night, 60; eight o'clock this morning, 62 above.

Body of Second Victim of Drowning Recovered

Remains of Arthur Legault, of Shaw Township, Who Drowned with His Housekeeper in Redstone River Last Week. Funerals Held From South Porcupine Saturday.

The body of Arthur Legault, of Shaw Township, who drowned in the Redstone River last Wednesday afternoon with his housekeeper, Mrs. Charles Chartrand, of Timmins, was recovered from the swift current of the stream last Friday by a dragging party headed by Provincial Constables Marshall Hancock and Jim Toppenden, assisted by employees of the Forestry Branch. The couple lost their lives after being capsized out of a canoe with Tom Mahan, a patrolman of the Northern Ontario Power Company.

Mahan assisted the man and woman to the bank of the stream and swam back into the river to recover the canoe to which they had been clinging a few minutes before. Carried downstream by the current, Mahan suffered a cramp and was able to reach shore again with difficulty. Returning to the place where he had left the couple clinging to the bank, he was unable to understand where they had disappeared. Looking out into the

There has much been said recently about the need for a swimming pool or several swimming pools in Timmins. On Saturday The Advance learned that plans are now well under way whereby Timmins may this year enjoy the advantages of a swimming pool at minimum cost. Mr. Walter Wilson has offered the swimming pool built by Mr. Leo Mascioli and conducted for several years at a loss to Mr. Mascioli. Mr. Wilson purchased the pool with other property to round out the Riverside pavilion premises at the river. Mr. A. R. Fisher has agreed to accept the generous offer of Mr. Wilson, provided enough can be realized to bear the cost of maintenance of the swimming pool and defray the expenses of the necessary repairs to place the pool in first class condition.

Within a few days a form letter will be sent to every family in town. The form attached to the letter when filled out and returned as directed will determine whether the pool will be in operation or not. Parents receiving the forms will do well to return them at once, as the capacity of the pool is limited and Mr. Fisher is anxious to know just the needs in the case.
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Display of Paintings Here Another Week

Following Many Requests Art Display at Empire Hotel Continuing This Week.

Many people in town will be interested to know that the exhibition of art which has been on display at the Empire Hotel for the past week, will continue for this week. So many requests have been received by Mr. Tygesen and Mr. Borind, who are in charge of the display, that they have decided that it will be well worth while to remain in Timmins another week. Those who have already visited the exhibition, will be glad to know that new pictures are on display each day, and others will want to see that marvellous display, as this is definitely an opportunity that should not be missed. When The Advance reporter saw the display again this morning, the paintings had once more been changed, and true to the remark made by one of the visitors, "it is indeed a place to spend a pleasant half hour or more."

Timmins Man Gashes Foot at Nighthawk Lake Sunday

Claire Dowdall, 108 Spruce street north, was brought to St. Mary's hospital Sunday afternoon following an accident at Nighthawk Lake. Dowdall is said to have slipped on a sharp rock and inflicted a bad gash on his right foot. The wound required several stitches.

DEATH OF DEPUTY MINISTER

Thomas Sunderland, Ontario Deputy Minister of Mines, died early Sunday morning at Toronto General hospital from a severe heart condition, from which he had suffered for the past two years. Interment will be made in Trenton, Ontario, to-morrow.

Crowd Delighted With Clever Dance Recital

Pupils of Mrs. Harold Burt Stage Another Success in Fifth Annual Dance Recital. Long and Varied Programme Greeted Throughout with Marked Applause. Many Outstanding Numbers.

Smiles and curls and dancing feet, combined to make Mrs. Harold Burt's annual dance recital held this year on Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon an even greater success than the recital last year which was so well remembered by dance enthusiasts. The Harmony Hall was very crowded during the presentations, parents and friends being eager to applaud the work of the "Messes" and "Masters." A great deal of the success of the event was due to the musical arrangement and the very able accompaniment of Mrs. C. Wilkins, L.R.A.M., at the piano, and to her, and Mrs. Burt, and the entire cast are extended compliments on their exceptionally fine work.

Dr. S. R. Harrison welcomed the audience on behalf of Mrs. Burt, and briefly explained the manner of the presentation.

To make the occasion even more interesting than the natural charm and dancing ability of the pupils would make it, the dances were arranged into a pantomime, "Robin Hood and The Babes in the Wood." The scenes were arranged in such a manner that they gave each pupil an opportunity to show her talent.

As the curtains opened on the first act, the audience was taken to Sherwood Forest, and Robin Hood's camp, where Robin Hood (Joy Fitzgerald) and his merry men were joyously celebrating in their own honor. Robin had just brought in more gold to add to their loot, and taking part in the festivities, a group of girls, fittingly attired in black velvet shorts and gold satin blouses, performed a shuffle tap—Peggy Harris, Dorothy Little, Bernice Thompson, Lola Quesnell, Peggy Strongman, Kathryn Lafontaine, Kathleen Backhouse, Joan Pye, Betty Williams, Betty Morin, and Kathleen Barlow. When they had completed their dance, Little John (Elizabeth McNeill) called to Robin Hood that he sighted strangers advancing toward the camp. They were two weary travellers, who introduced themselves as Sir Richard (Joan Cowan), an unfortunate knight who had lost his castle while he was at the Crusades and now needed many, many pounds to recover it, and his daughter, Maid Marian (Elsie MacFadden). Robin Hood immediately fell in love with Maid-Marian, and offered to lend her father the money he needed. Sir Richard finally accepted.

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