

Protest Against Proposed Itinerary

Saves Home from Fire by Use of Garden Hose

Many Fires Since New Year. None of Them Serious, However. L. Thibault, Former Fireman at Cobalt, Uses Garden Hose to Extinguish Blaze in Home, Caused by Faulty Pipe Arrangement.

L. Thibault saved his own home from burning on Tuesday morning when flames, beginning from overheated stove pipes, leaped through a flimsy partition in the house. Shortly after the fire got under way at the house at 82 Commercial avenue Thibault hacked a hole in the wall and with the help of a garden hose kept the blaze under control until firemen reached the scene. Thibault's presence of mind was due, no doubt, to the fact that he formerly was a fireman at Cobalt.

Defective arrangement of pipes was blamed for the fire. They were not placed in a cement block where they went through the partition and consequently ignited the wood when they became overheated. Damage was estimated at \$50.

Similar circumstances were responsible for a fire at 26 Middleton avenue later on the same day. Damage in that case was estimated at \$35.

Last fire of the old year occurred at 35 Wendle avenue last Friday. It was a chimney fire and not serious.

First fire of the new year was at 46 Middleton avenue on Monday in a house occupied by M. Colton. Hot ashes from the furnace were piled against the side of the house. They ignited the building. Had firemen not been promptly called the fire might have been serious. As it was damage amounted to about \$150.

\$50 damage was caused the home of J. Glaster at 258 Birch street north, also when hot ashes ignited the side of the house. Owner of the building was M. Sawchuck.

There were two chimney fires on Monday, one at 172 Spruce street, north, the other at 111 Laidlaw street.

Children playing in a small building in which a pony was stabled caused a fire on Tuesday. The pony was owned by the children of Carl Eyre. The children playing in the small building are believed to have set fire to the hay there. The pony was removed to safely and damage was not serious.

There were three chimney fires on Wednesday. They occurred at 14 Borden street, 214 Pine street, south, and 108 Pine street, south. Damage was not serious in any one of the fires.

A call was received yesterday from 38 Messines avenue. The caller said there was a serious fire at 40 Messines. Investigation by firemen revealed the fact that there was no fire at all. Believing that the call was the result of a prank, firemen questioned a small boy at 38 Messines. No charges will be laid.

Col. Drew at Timmins January 18

Leader of Conservative Party in Province Plans Northern Tour.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Colonel George A. Drew, K.C., new leader of the Ontario Conservative Party, last night announced the following dates of his Northern political speaking tour:

North Bay, Jan. 16; Kirkland Lake, Jan. 17; Timmins, Jan. 18; Sudbury, Jan. 19; Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 20; Port Arthur, Jan. 23; and Fort William, Jan. 24.

This tour is in fulfillment of arrangements made by Colonel Drew with Northern Ontario delegates the day following the party convention in Toronto. Immediately after the close of the next Legislature session he will plan to visit other centres in the north country, making use of the aeroplane to visit comparatively remote sections.

The Opposition leader will not devote all his time on the immediate trip to the political platform, but will be the guest speaker at various service club functions as well. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Drew.

Today, at the Albany Club, Toronto, he will hold his first caucus with his Legislature supporters. There may be some discussion of the question of his entrance to the Legislature, but last night it looked as if his choice of a riding would be deferred for another week yet—possibly until after he returns to Toronto from the North.

Annual Meetings at the Finnish United Church

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Timmins Finnish United Church will be held next Sunday, Jan. 8th, immediately after the evening service. Reports of the several branches of activities of the church during the year 1938 will be reviewed, and officers elected for 1939.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School of the Timmins Finnish United Church will be held next Sunday morning, immediately after the regular Sunday School. Reports of the Sunday School Board will be received and new officers will be elected for 1939.

Fear Complications in Accident Friday

Mr. Steve Matthews is in Critical Condition in St. Mary's Hospital.

Steve Matthews is in a critical condition in St. Mary's hospital today as the result of an accident which occurred in the Hollinger on Friday, December 30.

Mr. Matthews received a fractured shoulder and ribs. His physician, Dr. G. S. McKechnie, said today that he feared pneumonia complications and that he was not certain if the man's lung was punctured.

Matthews is fifty years of age. His home is at 44 Fourth avenue.

Breaks Right Leg While Tobogganing Down Slope

Miss Blanche Levesque, 17, was injured over the week-end while tobogganing near the Porcupine Ski Club's cabin about three miles north of Timmins. When the toboggan on which she was riding overturned she fractured her leg.

With several companions Miss Levesque was riding down the slope. In some manner her leg caught in the snow at the side, throwing the full weight of the toboggan and its riders on the girl's leg.

The injured girl was brought to Timmins where Dr. Bavin ordered an x-ray taken. It revealed a fractured right leg. The girl's home is at 238 Spruce street north.

Music and Literary Club Meet Monday

Attractive Programme for Event on Jan. 9th Commencing at 3 p.m.

The Porcupine Women's Music and Literary Club will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting in the Harmony hall on Fourth avenue on Monday afternoon, January 9th, at 3 p.m. All members are asked to make a note of the time and date, as there has been much misunderstanding in regard to the next meeting.

A delightful programme has been arranged by the conveners of the meeting, Mrs. C. V. Kearns, and Mrs. Lee Honey. Included on this programme will be vocal selections by Mrs. Theriault and Master Hart Drew, as well as a literary talk by the Rev. Fr. J. R. O'Gorman.

Appeal Made to Premier King on Behalf of North

Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade Adds Protest to Others Made at the Overlooking of the North Land in Proposed Itinerary for Royal Visit.

Expect Bernard Ash to Make Recovery

Delicate Operation Performed After Accident at Hollinger.

An extremely delicate operation was performed on Bernard Ash on Monday by Dr. G. S. McKechnie, in order to release pressure on the injured man's brain. Mr. Ash was injured at the Hollinger on Monday, on the 3300 foot level. His skull was fractured.

He was walking through a slope while another man was scaling. A large piece of loose fell and the wall began to crack. All of the man in the slope ran, including Mr. Ash. Stumbling over the piece of loose fell and struck his forehead on it.

He was immediately brought to St. Mary's hospital where he was seen to be suffering from a depressed fracture of the skull. An immediate operation was deemed necessary to save his life. Dr. McKechnie performed the operation which released the pressure on the man's brain.

His condition today was described by his physician as good. He is almost certain to recover.

The proposed itinerary for the visit of the King and Queen this year to Canada was published yesterday and has roused great protest. The trouble seems to be that it is planned all by way of the C.P.R., and that accordingly the whole mining area of the North has been overlooked. There is very emphatic protest from North Bay and to this is added protest from the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade yesterday wired Premier King, pointing out that the mining areas of the North were admitted by all to have carried Canada through the recent troublous times and so were of essential importance. No visit to Canada that missed the gold mines of the North was complete. In addition there were a couple of hundred thousand loyal people here who wanted the opportunity of at least a glimpse of their King and Queen. Mr. Langdon did not suggest that all centres here be visited but that a call should be made at least at one, so that the North in general might have opportunity to see the royal visitors.

Weather Will Be Milder

Remainder of To-day Will be Stormy with Snow and Sleet.

Weather over the next few days will be milder, although unsettled, the weatherman said this morning. The remainder of today will be stormy with snow and sleet.

In the past week it snowed on Tuesday from eight to eleven o'clock at night to the depth of a quarter of an inch. This morning up until eight o'clock it snowed and sleet fell to a depth of three-quarters of an inch.

Temperatures over the past week have been as follows: Thursday, maximum, four below, minimum, 19 below; Friday, 8 below, 27 below; Saturday, 7 and 22 below; Sunday, 4 and 12 below; Monday, 10 below and 16 below; Tuesday, 8 below and 23 below; Wednesday, 18 above and 21 below. Today at eight o'clock the thermometer read 18 above. Yesterday's minimum temperature was 18 below zero.

Skating Club Organized at New McIntyre Rink

Will be Under the Supervision of Miss Margaret Austen, Professional Figure Skater of Toronto. Juvenile Branch Also to be Organized. Classes to Teach Figure Skating, Waltzing, Etc.

Watch Out for Mexican Bills

Several of These Worthless Bills Brought to Town.

Several weeks ago The Advance warned readers to be on the lookout for Mexican bills, these bills being worthless at present. The Advance noted that one or more persons were passing these worthless bills in Southern Ontario towns and cities. For many years it has been the fact that after any sort of fraud is carried through in Old Ontario, it is certain that it will not be long before a similar racket will be tried in the North. This is what happened in the case of the worthless Mexican money. Several of these bogus bills have been successfully passed in Timmins. The bills are enough like Canadian bills to pass here if those accepting the money are not especially watchful. The chief apparent difference between the worthless bills and the Canadian ones is that the Canadian bills of to-day, and even the larger ones of some years ago, are considerably smaller than the Mexican sample. As soon as the imported bills are scrutinized it is at once apparent that they are not Canadian. Those accepting foreign money without very strong assurance that it is genuine, are taking a chance that no one can guard them from loss.

Watch out for the Mexican money! They may look like good \$10 bills but they're not!

A well attended meeting was held in the McIntyre Community hall on Tuesday evening to organize the Porcupine Skating Club, under the supervision of Miss Margaret Austen, professional figure skater of Toronto.

Mr. R. J. Ennis, general manager of the McIntyre Mines, introduced Miss Austen to the gathering, mentioning the purpose of the meeting, and adding that a juvenile branch of the club would be organized. The rink will be open on Sundays to members of the club.

"Figure skating," said Miss Austen, "requires perfect timing, rhythm, and a lot of hard work." The speaker said that it should be possible for those who joined the club now to learn waltzing and ten stepping in a comparatively short time. She mentioned some of the particular skating that could be accomplished by those who joined the club, such as Missouri waltz, fox-trot, tango, and many other "dances on ice."

The plan is to have group lessons for about fifteen or twenty minutes, with about fifteen members of each group. Each member would then practice alone, and the instructor, Miss Austen, would check them on what they had learned and later give each one a fifteen or twenty minute period of individual lessons.

Miss Austen started to figure skate in the year 1924, becoming a member of the Toronto Skating Club. She took part in about fourteen carnivals, and for four or five years assisted at the Toronto Skating Club carnivals in the placing of the participants, and in helping with the Junior numbers.

In 1937 Miss Austen turned professional, becoming a member of Marabelle Vinson's Gay Blades in February of that year. The group presented the

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Double Wedding Event at Timmins This Morning

Miss Helen Ayotte the Bride of Mr. Weldon Orr and her Sister, Miss Antoinette Ayotte Becomes the Bride of Mr. Matthew Coombs. Event at Notre Dame des Lourdes Church.

Beautiful mixed flowers decorated the Notre Dame des Lourdes Roman Catholic Church this morning at 10 o'clock, when the Rev. Fr. A. Morin officiated at a double wedding ceremony.

Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ayotte, of 63 Rea street north, became the bride of Mr. Weldon Orr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Orr, of 1 Middleton avenue, and Antoinette, also a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ayotte, became the bride of Mr. Matthew Coombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Coombs, of 35 Laurier avenue.

A large number of friends attended the wedding and during the ceremony Mrs. Paul Piche played the organ, and Mrs. Theriault sang suitable wedding selections.

Mr. Ayotte gave both his daughters in marriage, the first bride, Miss Helen Ayotte, lovely in a street length dress of royal blue chiffon velvet, with a hat of cerise velvet, and matching accessories. She carried an arm bouquet of deep red roses, baby's breath, lily-of-the-valley, and maiden-hair fern.

The second bride, Miss Antoinette Ayotte, was charming in an ensemble of fine burgundy crepe, with matching accessories, and carrying an arm bouquet of deep red roses, baby's breath, lily-of-the-valley and maiden-hair fern.

Each couple acted as witnesses for the other couple.

After the ceremony, a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the brides' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ayotte, 63 Rea street north. Mrs. Ayotte chose for the occasion an afternoon dress of heavy green crepe with a corsage of carnations, and Mrs. Coombs and Mrs. Orr were both attractively attired. The home was daintily decorated in all-white colour scheme, with tall vases of flowers.

Later in the day, both couples will be entertained at a wedding dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Coombs of 35 Laurier avenue, and in the evening, they will receive their numerous friends at a reception in the Hollinger Recreation hall. For the reception Mrs. M. Coombs will wear a street-length dress of wood rose crepe, and Mrs. W. Orr an ensemble of old rose crepe.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Coombs will reside at 93 Rea street north, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Orr will take up residence at 78 Columbia avenue.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding included Mr. Guertin, of Ottawa, the grandfather of the two brides; Mrs. Gauvreau, of Aylmer; Miss Margaret Bergeron and Mr. Ernie Bergeron, of Aylmer.

Prior to their marriage, the popular brides were entertained at several showers by their numerous friends, and

were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Next Monday to be "Civic Day" at the Kiwanis Club

Monday, Jan. 9th, will be "Civic Day" at the Kiwanis Club. "Civic Day" has been an annual event at the Kiwanis for a number of years past, and each year it seems to be both popular and successful, the occasion always being most interesting as well as likely to have valuable results. On "Civic Day" the Kiwanis have the mayor and council for the years as guests of the club for the week's luncheon event.

Golden Wedding Event of Mr. and Mrs. H. Feldman

Popular Citizens of Timmins Honoured by Relatives and Friends on Occasion of Fiftieth Anniversary of Wedding. Relations Gather from Near and Far. Many Beautiful Gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldman, of 109 Pine St. S., popular residents of the town, were the recipients of the best wishes of a large number of friends on New Year's Day, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

On New Year's Day, 1889, Miss Mary Plotkin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Plotkin, became the bride of Mr. Harry Feldman, the wedding taking place in the Province of Mogiloff, Russia. Fifty years of happily wedded life have passed since that time, and Mr. and Mrs. Feldman have made numerous friends in the Porcupine district, as well as in cities throughout Canada and the United States.

Celebrating the occasion of the anniversary, the immediate family met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Feldman, 16 Maple St. S., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldman, at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

At two o'clock the gathering left for the Jewish synagogue, where a large number of friends had gathered to pay their respects. The grandchildren first entered the synagogue followed by Mr. Harry Feldman and his eldest daughter, Mrs. Maurice Shub. Four other daughters, Mrs. Harry Shankman, Mrs. Sam Heicklen, of Rochester, N.Y., and Misses Sadie and Annie Feldman then entered the synagogue and were followed by Mr. Frank Feldman with his mother, Mrs. Harry Feldman. As the wedding group entered the synagogue, Mr. Bill Shub, a grandchild, played suitable selections on the violin, and the children and grandchildren formed a double row down the aisle, as Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldman walked to the altar. The family then seated themselves in the front pews, and the assembled guests were seated behind the immediate family.

Rabbi Monson and Rabbi Linder conducted the ceremony, and addressed the gathering. Mr. Brovender also spoke a few words of welcome and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Feldman.

In keeping with an old Jewish custom, Mr. Frank Feldman, on behalf of his sisters and himself, presented his parents with a "tarho," a religious scroll, and following the usual ceremony, Mr. Heicklin, son-in-law, addressed the congregation, and presented the scroll to the congregation on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Feldman.

On behalf of the congregation, Mr. Brovender made a presentation to the honoured guests, Mr. and Mrs. Feldman.

Leaving the synagogue, about fifty guests, including the immediate family, assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feldman, 109 Pine St. S., to attend a wedding dinner in honour of the occasion.

The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion, flowers having arrived from numerous friends in Timmins.

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South African Students Visit Porcupine Mines

Thirty-One Young Mining Students from Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, Spend Three Days Visiting Larger Mines Here. Loud in Praise of Northern Hospitality.

After spending three days in Timmins and vicinity, thirty-one third and fourth year students from Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, British South Africa, left yesterday afternoon for Sudbury. During their stay here the young men, all of whom are mining students, went through the Hollinger, the McIntyre and the Dome Mines.

The party arrived in Canada on December 23. They travelled from South Africa to England and from there to New York. They will leave Canada on February 9 and sail from New York on the "Queen Mary" some time after that date.

From Sudbury the students will return to Toronto and from there travel to Chicago and Duluth. In each of these places they will gather more information on mining and ore processing on this continent.

The Advance talked to several of the young men but more particularly to Eduard Scholtz, a fourth year geology student at Witwatersrand.

"What do you think of the weather?" he was asked.

In his pleasant English accent he replied, "Brrrr! It's jolly cold. You people in this section of the country must be hardy. The snow though, is lovely. This is the first time I have ever seen a really good fall of snow. Where my home is, in the Cape Province, we sometimes get as many as four falls of snow a year but it is nothing like this. For one thing it does not last."

Asked if he noticed a great deal of difference between the people of Canada and those of South Africa, Mr. Scholtz said that he did not. He noticed

MR. GORDON IRVING ILL
His many friends in town and district regretted very much to hear that Mr. A. G. Irving has had to go Toronto for medical attention for what was feared to be a serious heart condition. From Toronto to-day, however, comes the better news that the condition is not nearly so serious as first believed. Mr. Irving will remain in Toronto for a few days for further examination.

SOUTH AFRICAN MINING STUDENTS INSPECT PORCUPINE MINING AREA



Above is the group of thirty-one mining students from Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, who recently arrived on this continent to inspect mining areas. They arrived in the Porcupine Camp on Monday and left yesterday evening. As will be seen by the picture the young men were hardly prepared for the cold weather they encountered here. The consistently high temperature they encountered in their own country was responsible for them feeling

intensely the winter weather of this district. The young man on the left has ingeniously contrived a pair of ear muffs to fit under his felt hat. Others have been wiser and provided themselves with toques and fur hats. They were entertained by, and went through the Hollinger, McIntyre and Dome Mines while here.

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