

## Mayor and Three Councillors to Carry on Business

### Conservative Leader to Visit Here Wednesday

Colonel George Drew to be Conducted on Tour of Camp on Wednesday. Speaks at Public Banquet at Empire Hotel on Wednesday Evening. Mrs. Drew to Pay Informal Visit.

The new leader of the Ontario Conservative party, Colonel George Drew, will arrive in Timmins on Wednesday to pay an official visit. As part of a tour throughout the North, he will fill a speaking engagement here on Wednesday night.

Colonel Drew will arrive on the nine o'clock train on Wednesday morning. At ten o'clock he will visit the Timmins High and Vocational School. He will be taken down underground at the Hollinger Mine at eleven and then will attend a luncheon being given by Dr. McClinton, president of the South Cochrane Conservative Association. The luncheon will be for Colonel Drew and members of the executives of the various riding associations.

In the afternoon Colonel Drew will be taken on short visits to several of the mines in the camp. He will call at the Legion hall between five and six o'clock and may visit some of the returned soldiers in St. Mary's hospital.

The public banquet will be held in the Empire hotel at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Tickets are available at Molsley and Ball's Drug Store.

The Conservative leader will leave Timmins early on Thursday morning to fill other engagements.

Mrs. Drew will not arrive with her husband on Wednesday morning. She will make an informal visit to Timmins, arriving at 4:25 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

Programme arrangements are in charge of Dr. Andrew Murtagh and a committee.

### Honourable Mention for Local Dance Duo

Three Contestants Tie for First Place in Contest.

Winners in the Ken Sobie Tour For Talent Contest were announced on the programme Sunday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, when the weekly amateur hour took place at the Landsdowne Theatre in Toronto.

Misses Joy Fitzgerald and Elsie MacFadden, Timmins representatives on the programme Sunday, January 8th, received honourable mention for their tap dancing routine. The young ladies were entertained in Toronto during a week-end visit, and appeared at the Club Equaire as featured artists.

Three equal winners were announced on the programme, the Kirkland Lake, North Bay, and Ottawa representatives gaining tie standing. Each town was represented by outstanding vocal artists.

Misses Fitzgerald and MacFadden gave a talented presentation, and the people of the town and district are grateful to them for being such well-trained representatives of the northern mining district.

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It is located just east of the station about a hundred yards out from the shore. A path leads out to it from the tracks.

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### Small Boy Badly Injured

Struck by Car on Wilson Avenue, Ronald Dundas in Critical Condition.

Ronald Dundas, aged two and a half years, son of Wesley Dundas, 114 Wilson Ave., is in a critical condition in St. Mary's Hospital as the result of an accident which happened on Friday afternoon. The little boy was struck by an automobile. His skull was fractured.

Driver of the automobile was Hugh Hnosberger, who is employed by a taxi company. He was driving east on Wilson Ave. Playing on the side of the road were Ronald and three other small children. The driver blew his horn and the small boy started across the road.

Taken unawares by the action of the boy, the driver was unable to avoid striking him. The headlight and automobile bumper struck Ronald throwing him to the side of the road. He was immediately picked up and taken to the hospital, where Dr. Louis Hudson attended.

The accident happened on the road in front of 108 Wilson Ave. Several witnesses who saw the occurrence said that it was unavoidable and no fault of the driver. No charges will be laid.

### First 1939 Smoker by Canadian Legion

Mayor and Members of the Council Special Guests.

The first smoker of 1939 by the Canadian Legion was held Saturday in the Legion hall. There was a large attendance and the special guests of the evening were Mayor J. P. Bartleman and Councillors Armstrong and McCabe. One of the resigned councillors sent his best regards to the members.

A very good programme was presented by the following artists: Ron Jones, B. Davis, James Cowan, J. Ormston and Les. Nicholson in the vocal line, and the two "Roberts" saxophone and cornet, with instrumental offerings. Several members gave readings of old favourites. Pianist for the event W. A. Devine. Walter Greaves in his usual style kept the evening going along with a peppy swing. Cheese and crackers was served by the committee in charge and an enjoyable evening closed near midnight.

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SCENE OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH, TRAGEDY



The above layout illustrates one of the saddest tragedies that has occurred in Schumacher in years. Above is a picture of the hole in Pearl Lake where two small boys, each three years of age lost their lives Friday, Jan. 13. The two boys, a picture of whom is shown in the right, were from left to right, Jimmy Craik and Bobby Lessard.

The two boys were lost for more than seven hours before their bodies were discovered in the lake by two searchers. Half of the Town of Schumacher was out hunting for them when they were found.

The board shown at the side of the hole in the ice, in the picture above, is one of those used by rescuers to spread their weight over the thin ice at the side of the hole, while they fished the little bodies out of the water.



### Burns Banquet to be Held on January 25

Under Joint Auspices of the Sons of Scotland and the Porcupine Pipe Band.

Announcement has been made that the annual Burns banquet this year will be held in the Hollinger Recreation hall, Timmins, on Wednesday, January 25th, under the joint auspices of the Camp Castle Douglas, Sons of Scotland, Timmins, and the Porcupine District Pipe Band. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., and the banquet will commence at 8 p.m. prompt. A committee of the Sons of Scotland and the Pipe Band are very busy at present perfecting arrangements for the event, and it is expected that it will be the best yet. Last year the annual banquet in honor of Robert Burns, the famous and beloved Scotch poet, was held under the joint auspices of the Sons of Scotland and the Pipe Band, and it proved an outstanding and enjoyable success. The menu provided by the Argyle Grill was a very pleasing one, and the same caterers will look after the banquet this year. Last year the attendance exceeded expectations, and accordingly this year arrangements are being made so that all attending will be sure of a place at the tables. Last year there were a number of unusually effective addresses as well as several musical numbers appropriate to the occasion. This year's program will follow similar line to those of last year, so all attending are assured of a pleasant and inspiring evening. At last year's Burns' banquet the pipers of the Porcupine District Pipe Band lent a special attraction to the occasion, and this year the Pipe Band will again be in evidence, by their costumes and music adding a specially appropriate feature of the evening. Details of the programme will be given in the next issue of The Advance. In the meantime tickets for the banquet may be secured from members of the Pipe Band or from officers and members of the Sons of Scotland.

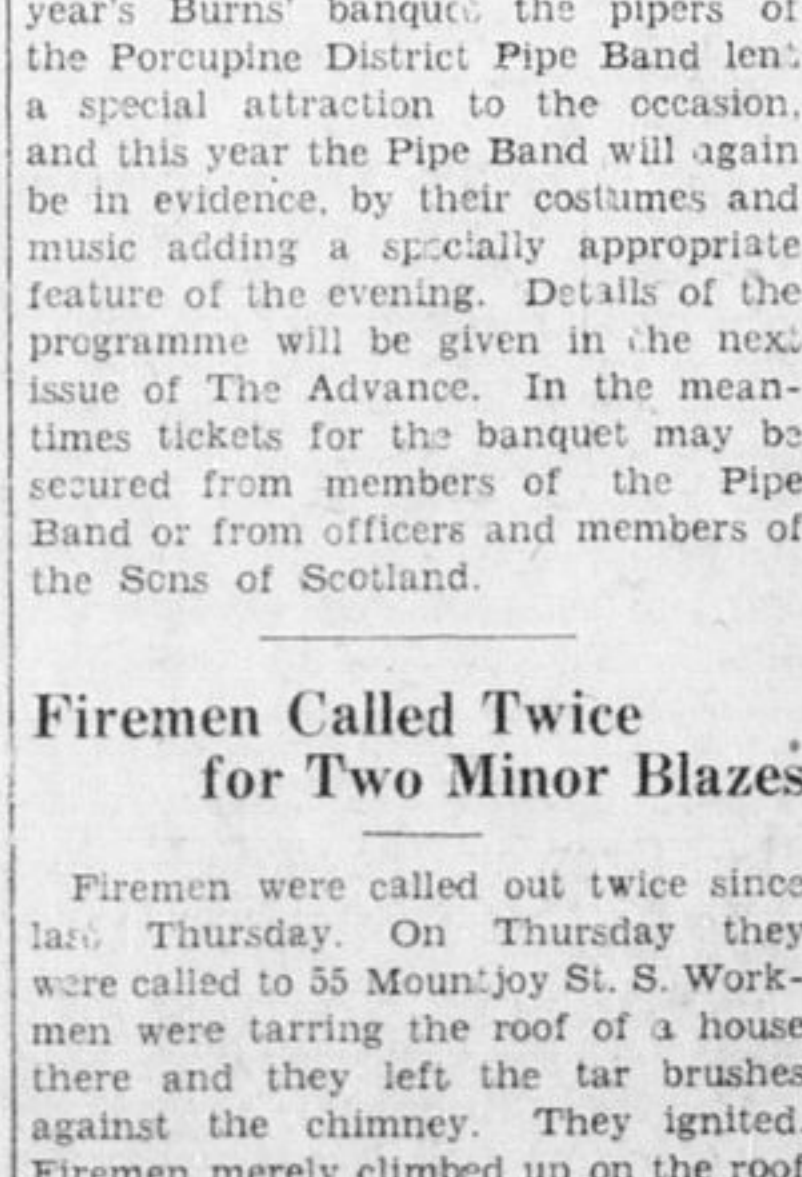
Any member of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion who desires to meet Col. Drew on Wednesday is requested to be present at the Legion hall at 5:00 p.m.

Those desiring to attend the banquet in the Empire hotel, Wednesday evening and bear the message of the new Conservative party leader are asked to get information from Molsley & Ball drug store.

### Porcupine Curlers to Attend Bonspiel

The ninth annual bonspiel held under the auspices of the T. & N. O. Curling Association will be held at North Bay the week commencing Monday, February 6th. There will be ten sheets of ice available and a large number of rinks expect to take part from the Porcupine Camp.

### On Tour of North



Col. Geo. A. Drew, leader of the Ontario Conservative party, who will visit Timmins on Wednesday on his tour of the North.

### Firemen Called Twice for Two Minor Blazes

Firemen were called out twice since last Thursday. On Thursday they were called to 55 Mountjoy St. S. Workmen were tarring the roof of a house there and they left the tar brushes against the chimney. They ignited. Firemen merely climbed up on the roof and three the flaming brushes into the snow. There was no damage. A call was received on Friday from 1919 Main Ave., where a chimney fire caused a minor disturbance.

### Reception for Col. Drew by Members of the Legion

In connection with the visit here of Col. Geo. A. Drew, leader of the Ontario Conservative party, a reception of ex-servicemen will be held in the Legion hall at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Col. Drew has made the request that he would like to meet, as many of his comrades as possible while on his Northern Ontario tour, and the committee have asked the Canadian Legion branch here to plan this reception.

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### Important General Meeting of the Legion on Jan. 23rd

The first general meeting of the year of Timmins branch Canadian Legion will be held in the Legion hall at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23rd. It is requested by the officers and executive that a very large attendance be present. There is important business to be transacted. Some of the items are as follows:—Installation of officers for 1939. President Walter Greaves will install the executive and vice presidents and Austin Neame, past president, will install the president.

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### Honoured on 81st Birthday Saturday

Members of Women's Missionary Society Extend Birthday Greetings.

A number of the members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Timmins United Church gathered at the home of Mrs. Ramsay, Sr., 24 Patricia Blvd., on Saturday to honour her on the occasion of her 81st birthday.

A pleasant social afternoon was spent and afternoon tea was served. Mrs. Ramsay being the recipient of the best wishes of her many friends.

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### Reports on Work of W. M. S. Auxiliary

Comprehensive reports of last year's work were given by Mrs. H. L. Traver, retiring secretary, and by Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. T. Coulson, and Miss Smyth.

The following were appointed to the programme committee: Mrs. Traver, Mrs. Carson, and Mrs. Gillies.

Several new-comers accepted the invitation of the president to join the W.M.S., and the president asked that all members come to the next meeting prepared to make suggestions and plans in regard to the annual afternoon tea.

### Charles Brown Chosen Head Porcupine Ball Club

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Representatives were sent to the meeting by the various mines in the district. Mr. Brown, the newly elected president was at the meeting as a representative for the Buffalo-Ankerite.

### Given Honour on His Fiftieth Birthday

Mr. E. Pihlaja, of 58 Charles St., was honoured on Sunday evening by a large number of his friends, who gathered together at his home to celebrate his fiftieth birthday.

Mr. Pihlaja, and his family, have been well-known residents of the town for many years, and the surprise party in his honour was a gesture of goodwill and respect on behalf of his many friends.

## Councillors Say Will Force a New Election

Will Absent Selves from Meetings for Three Months, Lose Office and Force Election Say Resigned Town Fathers. Will Not Accept Resignations Says Mayor To-day.

### Colder Weather On Way

Colder Weather With Some Snow May be Expected in Next Few Days. Stormy To-day.

Generally colder weather with some snow may be expected during the next few days, the weatherman said this morning. To-day would be stormy with snow and colder weather following, he said.

From 2:15 a.m. this morning until 6 a.m. to-day snow to the depth of two inches fell. On Sunday there were snow flurries amounting in depth to a quarter of an inch.

Temperatures during the week-end have been as follows: Thursday, maximum 7, minimum 4 below; Friday, 20 and 3 below; Saturday, 14 and 6 below; Sunday, 24 and zero. At eight o'clock this morning the thermometer read 3 below and last night's minimum was 3 below.

### Social Evening To-Night by the Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion will hold a social evening in the Legion hall, this (Monday) evening, and extensive plans for a happy evening have been made by the ladies who have gained a reputation as being ready to supply an evening of merriment.

### Several New Members Added to Auxiliary

The W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Timmins United Church held the regular monthly meeting in the church on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The president, Mrs. A. Ramsay, outlined the aim of the W.M.S. and gave the theme for the new year, "Making Canada Christian." The theme for the meeting was "Christ Has No Hands But Our Hands to Do His Work To-day."

Mrs. P. H. Carson beautifully sang a solo. Mrs. Howard gave a summary of Chapter 3 of the Study Book, the subject being "The Church Reaches Out To Heal, To Serve, To Educate, To Re-leave."

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Members of the baseball executive elected this week-end are, Walter Honer, J. J. Davis, Gert Longworth, George Humphreys, Mike Sobolovsky.

Manager and coach of the South Porcupine team which will be chosen from the various mines in the camp will be W. G. Smith.

"We are not definitely attending any meetings. If necessary, we will let the three months elapse and force an election," said Councillor William Roberts today, when asked to comment on the deadlock caused in municipal administrative rank when three members of council resigned.

The resignations of Councillors Brunette, Cousins and Roberts came as a surprise at the first regular meeting of council a week ago yesterday. They followed the passing of a by-law releasing the Town Clerk, H. E. Montgomery, from office, and other actions in which three members and the mayor formed a solid block.

If the councillors are absent from meetings for a period of three months they automatically cease to hold office under the terms of the Municipal Act and the offices are open for election.

Mayor Bartleman was asked by The Advance this morning whether or not he and the other councillors intended to accept the resignations of the three councillors. "No," he said, "we won't bring the matter up. It would only aggravate the situation."

"The legislature intended the council to be composed of six men. If all of those men are not present there is some part of the electorate which is not represented. It throws more work on us, but we will carry on—the four of us—and conduct the town's business as best we can."

The Mayor charged that the three Councillors had gone on a "sit-down strike." When Labour representatives were elected to council a certain element of the population expected strikes to follow, he said. Labour had no such intention, and instead of Labour striking the elected representatives of the other element were the ones who went on strike.

Councillors Cousins and Roberts were both interviewed by The Advance to-day. "We intend to stand pat. The

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### ILLUSTRATED ADDRESS ON SILICOSIS HERE, JAN. 17TH

Dr. N. H. Russell is to give an illustrated address on silicosis at the meeting of the Porcupine branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy to be held in the Empire Hotel, Timmins, on Tuesday evening, January 17th.

### No Truth in Report of Engineer's Resignation

There was a report last night that Town Engineer J. D. McLean had tendered his resignation to the council. Questioned this morning in regard to the report, Mayor Bartleman said that there was no truth to it and no foundation for it so far as the council was concerned.

Councillor W. Armstrong also denied the report and said that the council had no knowledge of any such move and no desire for it. At the same time Councillor Armstrong denied another report that he had dropped out of his position as manager of the Miners' Union. "It's not correct," said Councillor Armstrong. Town Engineer McLean, seen this afternoon, said that he had not considered resigning, and there was no basis for the report.