Twenty Years Ago From The Porcupine Advance Fyles

Twenty years ago the town of Timmins tendered a civic banquet to the returned soldiers of the district. The event was held in the Finnish hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd, 1919. About 250 returned soldiers from the town and district were present and all voted the evening a very pleasant one. In addition to the returned men from Timmins and adjoining places like Mattagami, Moneta, Rochester and Schumacher, there were several preand other points in the camp. The arrangements for the event had been looked after by the Timmins chapter the success achieved was proof of the interest and ability of the ladies. The hall and stage were appropriately and artistically decorated with flags and bunting, and right across the hall was a large banner bearing the word, "Welcome." This "welcome" was the spirit of the evening. The menu included roast turkey and cranberry 'sauce and all the other accessories of a wonderful meal, while there was an added profusion of cigars, cigarettes, etc. The Advance in reporting the event, commented on the fact that Dr. J. A. Mc-Innis, mayor of Timmins, made a particularly capable and happy toastmaster for the occasion, keeping the gathering in jolly humour all the evening. In proposing the toast to "Our Gallant Fighting Men," the mayor on behalf of the council and the people of the town of Timmins gave the returned men a very hearty welcome back to the camp. He showed that Canada's part in the war had won for this country high standing among the nations. The spirit of the people of the Porcupine was evidenced, he said by the fact that 500 or 600 went from here to fight the battle of democracy and right. He said that pension plans should be on a generous basis, and he also promised that the matter of plans for adequate club room quarters for the Veterans of Timmins would be taken up again and carried out successfully within the coming year. In closing his remarks he explained that the Certificates of Honour to be presented to each resident of Timmins enlisting could not be ready for this banquet, but would be presented at another event, probably in February. Lieut. W. Curtis and Capt. Len Smith made appropriate reply to this toast. Other toasts of the evening included:-"The Army," proposed by A. F. Brigham, responded to by Major Mac Lang, M.P.P. and Rev. Mr. Armes; "The Navy," proposed by Rev. R. S. Cushing, responded to by Capt. C. S. Carter; "The Air Force," proposed by G. A. Macdonald, responded by Flight-Lieutenant Bigelow; "Our Nursing Sisters," proposed by the Rev. C. Theriault, responded to by Lieut. V. Emery; "The Women of the Empire," proposed by the Rev. J. D. Parks, responded to by P. A. Macaulay; "The Old Town," proposed by E. L. Longmore, and responded to by L. S. Newton. During the evening. The Advance noted, the Timmins Citizens' band was an invaluable part of the evening's success, its good music delighting all. In addition there was a high-class programme including well-rendered solos by Mrs. J. A. Theriault, Miss Jean Roberts, W. R. Dodge, Mr. Mackie, Jas. Geils, Miss Hoggarth and Mr. McHugh. There were readings b Jas. Ralph and Miss Ingles, and a song and Highland dance by Miss Mary Downey. Choruses also added to the evening's pleasure and sociabiltiy, a number of popular numbers being on

concluded with a dance. Advance of Dec. 3rd, 1919, was the reference to the death of Benny Hollinger, the staker of the Hollinger.

Twenty years ago Timmins had a fire that did over \$30,000 damage before it was finally conquered through the in charge. good work of Fire Chief A. Borland and his firemen. The fire was noticed first at 4. a.m. on Dec. 2nd, smoke being seen coming from the fancy goods store of E. A. Terrill, Third avenue, pens in intense cold weather, the water opposite Dr. Minthorn's. Apparently did not appear to have ordinary effect the fire originated in the Terrill build- on the fire. However, the persistent ing, but whether upstairs or down was work of the brigade eventually won out that the tea was a social and financial not known. W. Costello who had a after many hours of hard effort. The room above the Terrill store was able buildings occupied by Terrill's store to escape only with the clothes that and Smith's lunch were destroyed by he hastily donned after being wakened | the fire. The occupants lost practically by the smoke. The firemen made a everything they had, with little insurprompt response to the alarm but when ance carried. These buildings were the brigade arrived the flames had a owned by P. McCormick who carried strong hold. The light frame construc- some insurance. The building occution of the buildings made them easy pied by J. A. Theriault's tailor shop and rapid prey for the flames. At one and Fat's lunch, and owned by Mr. time it looked as if the Ideal Pool Theriault was also badly damaged, be-Room and Rooming House would go ing burned to some extent and injury also, and the occupants took out every- also caused by smoke and water. Mr. thing they had in readiness for even- Theriault was able to save his stock tualities. In the event of the Ideal and some of the fixtures. For a considtaking fire, the Kingston Hotel would erable time it was thought that the have been in grave danger, the building building owned and occupied by E. H. being so close and not of very fire- re- | Bridger's stationery and music store sisting structure. The Marshall- downstairs and the Oddfellows' hall Ecclestone building was also in jeo- upstairs would be saved from the pardy though its sheet iron covering flames. The blaze, however, crept along | Harper. The winner of the nice Christproved of value in turning the fire the joists from one building to another danger. In fact, the whole block was and though the firemen made desperate in danger and only the good work of efforts to curb it, the upper part of the the fire brigade averted what would building was destroyed by the fire. The have been a much more serious fire. Oddfellows lost fitting and regalia

like 40 below, and actually was from Chas. Pierce & Sons store saw that and fancy goods stock was a complete all the men were all supplied with loss. This included above \$2,460 of mitts. The smoke was also a serious Christmas goods he had just put into factor, and Fireman Jack Desormeaux stock. Mr. Bridger had only \$1,300 was among those who had to have insurance so his loss ran into the United Church will hold its meeting medical attention following the effects thousands. It was estimated that the of the smoke. Fortunately, the water total loss from buildings and stocks in the church hall. The speaker for

First Shipment from Red Cross Workers at South Porcupine

Large Amount of Work Done by South Porcupine Ladies.

South Porcupine, Dac. 9th, (Special, to The Advance)-The Red Cross Executive (ladies) were busy on Saturday afternoon packing their first bales for shipment to the Red Cross headquarsent from South Porcupine, Porcupine ters. The amount of work done since inauguration is most creditable and the ladies expect to do infinitely better now that every worker is getting into of the Daughters of the Empire and her stride and mistakes which were inevitable are being corrected.

> The rooms used at present have been found to be too small so that the store of Mr. W. W. Wilson (the old building) on Bruce Avenue has been requisitioned, and will soon be ready for use as the new Red Cross rooms.

Mrs. Dye, Mrs. Johns, Mrs. F. C. Evans, Mrs. R. P. Smith, Mrs. W Honer, Mrs. A. Ewing, Mrs. D. Leiterman, Mrs. Cummings and Miss Andrew packed the following shipment:-

71 pairs o socks; 5 pairs of rifile gloves; 27 pairs of wristlets; 18 sweaters; 4 scarfs; 6 pair of Navy gloves; 39 pneumonia jackets; 20 suits of pyjamas; 65 pillowslips; 47 towles; 63 T. binders; 35 slings; 37 Hampton pads; 35 abdominal bandanges.

Community Hall at South Porcupine

Over 150 Couples at Dance in New Hall

South Forcupine, Dec. 9th, (Special to The Advance)-The beautiful new Community hall of the new skating rink was open to the public on Friday night for the first time, and at the dance held, over one hundred and fifty couples attended. To the music of Ken Tomkinson's orchestra they danced, and it was voted one of the most en-

joyable and best dances of the season. This hall, built above the rink, is capable of providing accommodation for 500 people. It is beautifully finished -the floor being specially prepared for dancing. It has two flights of stairways at each end of the hall for entrance and exit and the special platform for musicians is in between.

Below — very nicely planned — are cloak room and a checkroom. Two separate quarters for hockey teams (labelled Pamour and Dome) open off a corridor which surrounds the Ice area and which is spacious enough to avoid crowding.

Mr. V. H. Evans, Reeve of Tisdale spoke briefly from the platform on Friday. It gave him much pleasure, he said, to open this building on behalf o the Porcupine Skating Rink Co., and the Township of Tisdale, which, h said, were primarily responsible for the addition of the auditorium to th skating arena. "Before, as most us know, we were entirely without municipal community building, and were unable to raise funds sufficient to build the proper type of building. Wit the co-operation of the Skating Rink Committee and several other bodies, was arranged to include this hall in the plans of the new rink. It is you the song sheets distributed to the room to use as a centre for gatherings of a social nature or for public meetgathering. This very enjoyable evening ings. Take advantage of this whenever One of the front page articles in The possible and you will be treated as friends and guests."

Much applause greeted the Reeve's

Mr. Owens Hughes is in charge of the catering at the rink, and Mr. Johnson is

Formal opening of the rink at the first league hockey game will be an-

At that all work had to be done in | worth \$1,500 or more, with only part of a bitterly cold temperature, that felt the loss covered by insurance. The Rebekahs also lost considerably. The LOL had their property in a room 20 to 27 below. The water froze in- that escaped damage. Mr. Bridger was stantly on clothing. Several of the a particularly heavy loser by the fire. brigade had ears and hands frozen, Although those was no fire in his part many of them working even without of the building, except in the ceiling mitts at first. Mr. Brovender, of the from flames above, the whole stationery

The Governor-General Sees the Troops



Outside the Princes Gate at Exhibition camp, Lord Tweedsmuir awaits with Brigadier R. O Alexander for arrival of Toronto's men of the Canadian Active Service Force. After reviewing the troops, the governor-general opened the Y.M.C.A. branch in the Exhibition grounds

To be Busy Week at the Red Cross Rooms at Schumacher

Other News Items of Interest from Schumacher and District.

Schumacher, Dec. 9th, (Special to The Advance)-This week will be a very busy one at the Red Cross room at the arena. Mrs. Robson is busy getting the first consignment of goods ready for shipment. All conveners of groups are asked to have their work finished and handed in as early in the week as possible.

The Women's Association of Trinity United Church held their Christmas tea and sale of home baking, on Friday afternoon in the Church hall. The hall was nicely decorated for the occasion. Small trees decorated with red and silver were placed throughout the hall. In the centre of the hall was a large tea table covered with a beautiful lace cloth. The centrepiece was miniature frosted Christmas tree. At each side of the tree were silver canlesticks with red candles. A beautiful silver tea service was at each end of the table. Mrs. W. Leck and Mrs. F. Mrs. Jack Gannon, convener of the tea, and her assistants, were kept busy serving tea. Mrs. Dave Bennett had charge of the kitchen. The home baking table was nicely decorated in silver and red. And what a wonderful collection of home baking, cakes, bread, shortbread, pies, candies and preserves! Mrs. J. G. Malkin, Mrs. D. Argue and the home baking table. During the afternoon the Rev. F. J. Baine gave several selections on the violin. He was accompanied by Mrs. J. Huxley at the piano. Mrs. T. Fish, treasurer, reports

The St. Alphonsus Parish Church Young People's Society held its meeting last Thursday night in the church hall. Mr. Jake Quinn, sports convener for the club, had charge of the . meeting. He divided the company into groups and sent them out on a scavenger hunt. There was much fun when the groups returned. Hot soup was served and a nice social time was

The McIntyre Football Club Ladies' Auxiliary held a card party at the home of Mrs. S. Hill, First Ave., last Wednesday evening. Whist was played. There were eight tables. The winners 1st, Mrs. J. Cowden; 2nd, Mrs. J. Goodman; 3rd, Mrs. N. Tario; consolation, Mrs. J. Connell; door prize, Mrs. R. mas cake was Mrs. T. Searle, ticket 29. After the cards a nice lunch was served and a social evening was enjoyed.

The Men's Club of Trinity United Church held its meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A large number attended and the meeting was very interesting. The subject "I Owe You" was discussed. The Men's Club are organizing a men's chorus and all men who sing and wish to be in the chorus are asked to get in touch with the minister. Thursday evening, Dec. 14th, at six o'clock, the club will hold a banquet in the church hall. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Father Martindale, of

St. Alphonsus Parish Church. The Young People's Society of Trinity tonight (Monday) Dec. 11th, at 8 o'clock pressure was good, but as usually hap- reached between \$30,000 and \$35,000. the evening will be Mr. Jim Waite. All

young people are invited to this meet-

The Trinity United Church Women's Missionary Society will hold a special Christmas meeting in the church hall on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. The meeting is being held a week earlier than usual. The meeting will be of a to be loyal citizens of Canada. real Christmas nature and all ladies of the congregation are specially invit- | week in town at the home of Mrs. Aned to attend this meeting.

Officers Elected for Badminton Club

Fees for Various Classes of Membership Set. Courts

South Porcupine, Dec. 9th. (Special

South Porcupine

to be at New Arena.

to The Advance) -A meeting called on Thursday to form a Badminton Club was held in the locker rooms of the new rink building, and has resulted in an executive being selected which promises well for the success of this new club. Mr. Leigh Bladon is president; Miss Oreta Walker ice-president: and Mr. Harold Burnett, secretary-trea-Flowers poured tea. Mrs. Baine and surer. The executive met again on Mrs. Kitchen received the guests and Saturday and formed various commit- Church. It went over, if anything, bet-Mrs. Tom MacKenzie had charge of Committee is not yet settled. Member- and a lovely compact, in appreciation activities will be noted from time to Manse where a banquet in their honor time as they occur, in this column. | had been prepared and to which full

Bazaar by Finnish Lutheran Church at South Porcupine

Other News from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, Dec. 9th, (Special to The Advance)-The all-day bazaar (Saturday) held by the Ladies' Guild of the Finnish Lutheran Church on William Ave., was, we are glad to say, a distinct success. These people are trying to build a church, (they already. The Cribbage Tournament, put on in have the building), and educate their the Parish hall by the A.Y.P.A. last children in the Lutheran faith, and Wednesday proved to be quite a suc- sighted) and round by Iceland to New are deserving of the support of good cess, in spite of other attractions in York. citizens. All their beautiful fancy-work town. Several who could not come Although his seven months' vacation was sold, and coffee-bread and coffee sent donations, and helped along the in Europe was novel and exciting, and served all day to callers. The ladies in total receipts. Mrs. Hedges proved after war broke out rather unsettling, charge and helping were Mrs. Rinta- champion lady, and won a pair of linen he is very glad to be back once more maki, Mrs. Luoma, Mrs. Kuovinen, Mrs. Madeira pillow slips as first prize. Sec- on good Canadian soil. Rintala, Miss Ali Korjona, Mrs. Tuomi ond prize winner for ladies was Miss and Mrs. Koski. Mr. Pikku Saari, the Lapra Millions who won an Irish linen minister, is conducting service tonight towel. Mr. W. G. Skinner was first in the church, and on Sunday at the prize winner of an Eversharp pencil, Mascicli theatre they are holding a and Mr. Wm. Farren came second, celebration of the 22nd anniversary of winning a set of toilet preparations, children: all passengers on the "Grips-Finland's freedom. The Finnish Red The A.Y.P.A will meet next Wednes- holm." Cross is the rallying point for most of day and commence packing a Christmas the White Finns who are anxious to parcel for settlers in the Cochrane area. help their countrymen, and many of They are also putting on a play called them are grieving over the possible "The Missionary Bale," and all who fate of relatives in Helsingfors and care to attend will be welcomed. Petsamo. They meet each Wednesday in the parish room of this church and Mrs. P. Childs was taken to hospital sew and knit for this society. On Friday this week, having been ill at her home they work for the Canadian Red Cross, for some time. Her friends will wish and are doing splendid work.

Club Net Responsible

We are asked by the Finnish Young made by us in The Advanve of Thursday last in connection with the beating up of a Finn in their hall on Commercial Ave. last Monday. Our account of the affair was right in all but one particular and that was that it was not the speaker of the Club who was attacked but a carpenter working in the hall at the time. According to the president of this Club, the Young People had nothing whatever to do with the disturbance. Asked as to the nature of this Society we were told that the young people of Finnish extraction hire the hall certain times a week for the purpose of practising dramatics, and for the cultivation of sporting and cultural activities which are "independent" in character and not "red." Their meetings are conducted in the Finnish tongue. We are glad to be able to make this correction and to publish the fact that the members of this society claim

Mrs. Turner, of Timmins spent the thany who has been quite sick.

In Hospital Little Myrtle McGinn, young daugh-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGinn of Dome Extension is in hospital with Open Air Skating Rink

The open-air skating rink at the

Public School which the Township make each year for the youngsters was prepared this week and is now ready for use, much to the joy of the younger element in our town. Ladies' Auxiliary

Don't forget the Ladies' Auxiliary whist drive in the Masonic hall on

Monday Tuesday is the regular meeting night for the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary and election of officers for 1940 will be

held. Will all members please attend. Second Presentation of One Mad Night Another full house greeted the second appearance of "One Mad Night" on Thursday—the play produced by the Junior League for the purpose of assisting the Building Fund of the United tees. Mr. Andy Whetham was made ter than Wednesday's performance. convenor of the Membership Commit- The presence of Mrs. J. G. Sipprell who tee. Fees were set at \$10 per male mem- played brilliantly on the piano and was, ber, and \$7.50 for each lady. Junior as usual, roundly applauded, was an fees (with playing time restrictions) addition to the programme. Miss Newsare set at \$2. By Juniors those over ham Haneberry, producer and stage 16 and under 18 years are designated. manager, was presented at the end of Mr. Fred Mason was made social con- Thursday's performance with a beautivenor and the convenor of the Junior ful bouquet of roses from the League ship blanks may be obtained from Mr. of the time and trouble she had taken Whetham, Mr. Burnett or Mr. Bladon. with the cast. This was done by Miss Only members will be allowed to play Vivian McCaffrey, President of the on the courts at the rink. We feel cer- League. Mr. Len Pacione, who did the tain that this club will fill a very defin- "making-up" for the players, is to be ite need in our community and wish it congratulated on his excellent work. the very best of luck and success. Club All the cast met afterwards in /the

A Wise Suggestion GIVE WHITE OWL CIGARS In Gay Holiday Wrappers INVINCIBLE and STREAMLINE

justice was given. When all returns from tickets are in, the League have a nice sum (their objective is \$100) to hand to the Building Fund for the new hourch. The League will now devote its time to work for the Red Cross Society.

Injured While at Work

Mr. Jim Morgas had the misfortune to get his arm caught in machinery while working at Preston East Dome last Thursday, and has been in hospital for treatment. No bones were broken but both hand and arm were badly lacerated in the accident.

Cribbage Tournament

Taken to Hospital

her a speedy recovery.

Masonic Officers

Sopth Porcupine Masonic Chapter People's Club to correct a statement elected the following officers at their meeting on Thursday last. They will be installed at the meeting held on St John's night, Dec. 27th:-Worshipful Master - Mr. J. Douglas; Senior Warden - Mr. Jack Aitken; Junior War den - Mr. Allan Wiper (Dome); Senior Deacon - Mr. Ralph Ellis; Junior Deacon - Mr. Jones; S. Steward - Mr. Jos. White (Dome); J. Steward - Mr Lloyd Hunkin; I. G. - Mr. Ralph Walk; O. T. - Mr. J. Matthews; Sec.-Treas -Mr. George Starling. Local and Personal

Louis Chenne, (or Buffalo), aged seventeen months died on Dec. 7th at Connaught, and was buried in Tisdale cemetery on Saturday. Directors of Preston East Dome were

visitors at the mine on Saturday. Mrs. Woodall spent the week-end visiting her daughter, Mrs. Arnett, at Englehart.

The Sunday School and staff of the United Church are busy practising for their annual Christmas concert which will be held just before Christmas.

Returns in Safety to South Porcupine from European Trip

Mr. Arne Manneri had Thrilling Vacation Time.

South Porcupine, Dec. 9th, (Special to The Advance) - Mr. Arne Manner has arrived safely back in South Porcupine after seven months in Europe. The Swedish steamship, "Gripsholm," brought him safely from Finland, sailing up the Norwegian coast (where in Bergen harbour the "City of Flint" was

Coming also to South Porcupine to join their husbands after being in Finland on holiday were Mrs. Heepukka and children, and Mrs. Laurila and



Ladies' Mules

Smartly designed slippers that are appropriate for wearing with lounging pajamas. Made of rich satin. In many attractive colors A value!

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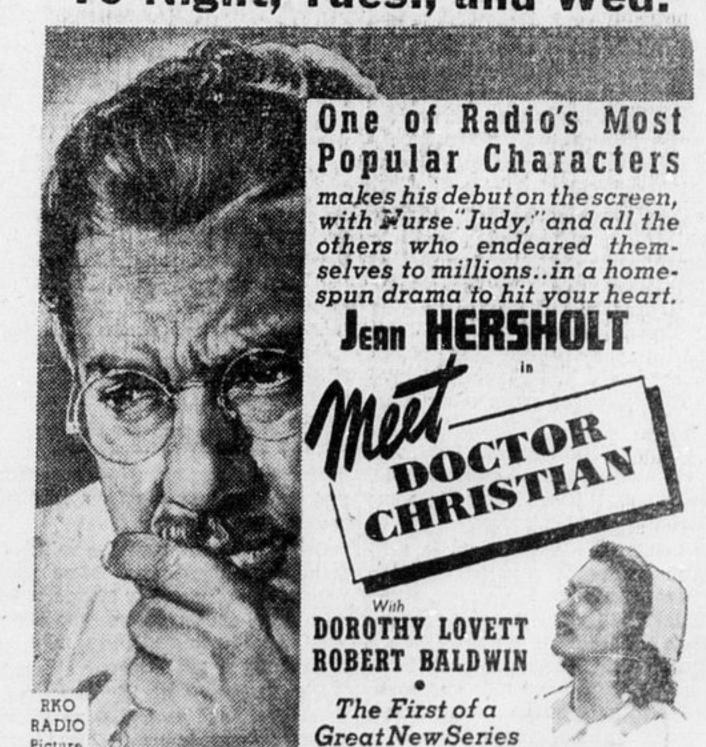
SHOE SHOP

Reed Block, Pine South, Timmins



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