

Excellent Work Being Done by South Porcupine Red Cross Society

Expect to Have Large Shipment Ready by End of Month. Dome Ladies Active in Good Work. Ladies' Curling Club to Visit Kirkland Lake. Other South Porcupine and Dome News.

South Porcupine, Jan. 13.—(Special to The Advance) Red Cross work is going along nicely. Mrs. R. E. Dye, President, reports. Since Christmas is over the ladies are beginning to come out in greater numbers to the new rooms and there will be a huge shipment of necessities ready by the end of the month. A new idea, which seems to be rapidly gaining favour, is that of group work. On Monday evenings the Finnish ladies (and many of them) go to the rooms for work. They cut out garments and sew, besides taking knitting home to work up. Wednesday is open night. Thursday sees the Curling Club working as a unit, and the Anglican Church Sewing Circle goes on Friday. Each afternoon sees the rooms busy with willing workers. Head office of the Red Cross has notified our branch that knitting of Balachava caps and helmets, socks, scarves and mitts is stressed as being most necessary. Directions for knitting these are available and plenty of wool is obtainable at the rooms.

The Dome ladies are busy sewing each Tuesday and Friday in the Scout hall, hand have done much good work. Friends of Mrs. Abbott, of Byng Ave., will be glad to know she is better after having been sick for over a week.

The Badminton Club has now a membership of 45. On Wednesday evening the opening social of the season was held. Six players from Schumacher were present and exhibition games were played and a lunch served. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all. An invitation dance is to be held on the 26th with Ken Tomkinson's orchestra providing the music.

Mr. Burr, of Montreal, is at the Porcupine Lake Gold Mines on a business visit. This mine is being dewatered preparatory to opening again.

The A.Y.P.A. held a regular meeting at the Parish hall on Wednesday. It was Missionary Night, and Miss Watchorn gave a reading, "The Bethlehem Road." A talk on the Columbia Coast Mission by Miss D. H. Walker, illustrated with pictures, pamphlets, etc., was enjoyed. On Jan. 17th a skiing party will be held, members to meet at the hall at 7 p.m.

The Ladies' Curling Club has received an invitation from Kirkland Lake Ladies' Curling Club to participate in a bonspiel to be held in their town next Saturday, the 20th. Noranda and Englehart will also be represented, and S. Porcupine is sending down two rinks; one to be skipped by Mrs. R. P. Smith, and the other by Mrs. H. M. Turner. In the schedule to date, the teams stand as follows:—Mrs. Lewis' team won two, lost one; Mrs. R. P. Smith's team won three, lost none; Mrs. B. Longworth won one, lost two; Mrs. Hovey won two, lost one; Mrs. Rayner won two, lost one; Mrs. Raymond won one, lost two; Mrs. Turner won two, lost none.

Miss Ursula Christie returned on Friday from holiday in Grimsby and Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. Watt have moved to the Preston East Dome Property, from the Ostrom block.

Kirkland Lake Girls' Basketball team visited S. Porcupine High School on Friday, and a splendid game was played in the evening before quite a number of interested onlookers. Considering the fact that Kirkland Lake girls were champions last year the final result of 11-9 in their favour reflects the greatest credit on S. Porcupine who only lost by two points. The game was quick, and each team exhibited wonderful passing and team-play. At the end of the first period the score was 7-4 in favour of Kirkland. Second period ending saw a tie of 7-7, and the result was 11-9 at the end of the third. Teams:—Kirkland Lake—Forwards, Betty Donard (9), L. McDougall (2), Joan Brady, Bernice Jones; Guards, Aileen Porter, Wanda Wake, Aileen George, Dot Leslie, Isabelle Gemmill (Capt.), Mary MacDougall. S. Porcupine—Forwards, Elaine Dugue (capt.) (5), Helen Haneberry, Joan Maxwell-Smith (4); Guards, All Horta, K. Connelly, I. Smith, F. Sharp, H. Steeves.

The Women of the Moose are putting on a white drive in the Masonic hall on Wednesday next, the 17th, at 8 p.m. Nice prizes and nominal charge. The Women of the Moose cordially invite all whist players to come and have a good time.

The "Mystery Curling Trophy" is retained by Mr. F. Evans for another day although contested for again tomorrow, Sunday. Mr. Evans' rink won from the Dome on Friday night by just one point.

A bonspiel of 4 ends with first and second prizes is to be held on Monday, Jan. 15th, commencing at p.m. The following rinks are drawn:—

Scobell (skip); Moore (vice); Young (second); Harris (lead). Sky, Cassie, McLellan, Farren. Sauder, King, Magnusson, Turner. Evans, Stevenson, Barron, Stewart. Went, Tyndall, Cliff, Pyke. Savage, Richardson, Weir, Lewis. McDonald, Blake, Paulson, Myers. Smith, Worth, Hunkin, Simpson. Laamanen, Prentiss, Caldwell, Service. Scmerville, Cross, Heino, Miller. McLaren, Hayne, W. G. Smith, Carney. Stevenson, Woods, Mylchrest, M. Smith. Fairhurst, Kavanagh, C. Anderson, Nickols. Leforest, Ewing, Brown, Cantor. Henderson, Wren, Ceconi, Hamilton. Adamson, Shaw, Jones, W. Adamson. Cooper, Pecore, R. Anderson, Edgar.

Development of Medical Service in the British Army

Far Cry from Surgeons in Army in 1680 and the Army Medical Corps of To-day.

(From the Health League of Canada) The development of the medical care of the military forces of Great Britain is of timely general interest because today the Army Medical Service Corps occupies so much more an important place than it did years ago.

In 1680 there were only four regiments in the British army. To these, surgeons were attached. Their names appeared in the army list and their pay was 4s a day with a horse to carry their chests. It became possible, some time later, for the medical officer to hold a combatant commission also, purchasing one as an ensign which permitted him to receive half a crown a day for extra hospital service. He had no combatant duty and ranked as a staff officer. In 1685 there apparently was an Army Medical Service, as there is mention of a Surgeon-General. There was also a Company of Surgeons of London who examined the surgeons for the Army and Navy. The services rendered at this time were chiefly regimental, but there were general hospitals in the rear. In fact, in 1748 Middleton, surgeon to the forces, introduced hospitals with separate beds, clean linen and trained nurses.

Medical inspection of recruits came in 1745. In 1757 medical officers wore the uniform of the corps to which they belonged. In 1760 a surgeon's pay was 73 pounds, while a captain's was 182 pounds. Surgeons bought their commissions and paid as much as 500 pounds.

This information was recently given by Dr. D. E. Robertson, President of the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, who added, "It may seem strange to us but it is recorded that physicians were highly educated, often University graduates, and were paid very much in advance of regimental surgeons. During a war a surgeon might even be raised to the rank of a physician. The surgeons, however, had some famous men. John Hunter was once Surgeon General and served in Portugal in 1760-1763. During all this time the medical officer was dissatisfied with his position in the army. He did not have the standing of an ordinary combatant officer."

"In 1900, or thereabouts, the Queen

Rabbi A. Herson Speaker at Kiwanis at South Porcupine

Other News from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, Jan. 13.—(Special to The Advance)—Rabbi Abraham Herson, of Timmins, was the guest speaker on Thursday at the Kiwanis Club dinner. In the course of an interesting address on "self-revelation" Rabbi Herson told that he was proud of being a naturalized Canadian after being here six years from Lithuania, travelling on the "Columbus." He stressed the importance of spiritual matters being applied in international affairs, and from his speech it was presumed he would be successful in applying the fundamentals of Jewish orthodoxy to modern conditions in his present charge in Timmins. He was listened to by the club with much interest. An amusing quip was given by Archdeacon Woodall in his reply to the Rabbi's address. He said that the first "check" (cheque?) mentioned in the Bible was when the "Egyptians received a check at the Red Sea after it had been crossed by Moses and Aaron!"

The tea on Wednesday afternoon in aid of the Finnish Red Cross was most successful. The ladies report that over a hundred dollars was made for the cause.

The annual meeting of the United Church Sunday School of S. Porcupine was held on Wednesday evening. The officers for 1940 were re-elected. As superintendent, Mr. Don Crozier, with Mr. R. L. Ship as assistant superintendent. Senior dept. head, Mr. Tom Kelly; Beginners' dept. head, Mrs. Ennis; Teachers: Mrs. Mayes, Mrs. Lyttle, Miss Mary Anderson, Miss Evelyn Mitchell, Mrs. Stewart Knecht, Mrs. Chas. Shields and Miss Anna Macdonald. Miss Betty Couch is pianist, and Miss Mabel Paice, secretary-treasurer.

"Promotion Sunday" is scheduled for Jan. 21, when certificates of promotion will be given to pupils.

Hostesses for the Kirkland Lake High School Girls' Basketball team, which played S. Porcupine on Friday night, were: Betty Danard and Aileen Porter, guests of Florence Sharp at the Pamour Mine; Lillian McDougall and Bernice Jones, guests of Louise Kellow at the Dome Mines; Wanda Wake and Dorothy Leslie, guests of Marjorie Ewing, S. Porcupine; Jean Brady, guest of Isabel Rapsey; Aileen George, guest of Valerie Bessette; Isabelle Gemmill, guest of Kathleen Connelly of Dome Ex.; and Mary MacDougall, guest of Joan Maxwell-Smith.

Shrove Tuesday, which falls this year on Feb. 6th, will see a card party (possibly bridge and cribbage) put on by the A.Y.P.A. and Sewing Circle of St. Paul's in the Parish hall.

We were told this week by an Irishman that much importance is being given this year to an old Irish legend: "When the Shamrock meets the Palm then will be the end of tyranny." In this year of 1940, Palm Sunday falls on March 17th—St. Patrick's Day!—a coincidence that may, or may not, foreshadow the end of Hitlerism.

Capt. Cavell is to give an address as guest speaker at the banquet next Saturday night for the opening of the new Telephone Exchange.

Mr. W. Honer is on a business visit to Toronto.

The annual meeting of the Anglican Church is to be held on Tuesday evening in the Parish hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. Passing of accounts, hearing of reports, and election of officers will be the business of the evening.

The United Church Sunday School is planning a tea to be held in the church on Jan. 25th, Thursday, with Mrs. Mayes as convener.

approved the Royal Army Medical Corps, and the titles of its officers as known now. "Through all these years" said Dr. Robertson, "there had been a steady fight for the recognition of the army doctor as a man who deserved to rank as an officer. There had been apparently a dearth of men skilled in their profession in the army. It must be understood that most of the above discussion is in relation to regular army service and is therefore a situation that does not apply to Canada. In Canada we have several companies of regular troops and a skeleton permanent medical corps, the medical hospital work of these troops being done by the Department of Pensions and National Health. We have also volunteer militia medical units. One may state with truth that our problem as to medical military service is quite different from that of a country with a large permanent army. "The medical and surgical problems that beset an army are those of public health and surgery. A well trained physician in civil life is most valuable in military life, while a qualified active, experienced, civil surgeon is one who is best qualified to apply to military needs the surgical practices of the past and the innovations of the present. The officers of the permanent medical force are trained and skilled in military establishments and in the routine conduct of an army medical organization. "The members of the non-permanent Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, however, have quite a different background. Some of these are highly trained and skilful practitioners. It would seem that this type have their futures as practitioners to which to look forward, and unless they wish to go into administrative positions they should be employed in a wholly medical capacity. Rank in this instance at once becomes, or may become, an obstruction to the proper organization of an effective unit."

Pertth Expositor:—It would be interesting to know just what Hitler actually thinks of the fighting ability of the army of his Soviet ally.

Will Not Have Feet Amputated

Bush Worker Who Walked Forty Miles from Timmins Still in Hospital.

Jules Menard, 22, French Canadian bush worker, who was taken to St. Mary's Hospital a week from today with frozen toes after a forty mile walk to Timmins will not have to have his feet amputated as was reported last week.

Menard had his feet slightly frozen the day before he left for his walk to Timmins. He developed a toothache and it became so bad that he decided last Sunday that he would try and make Timmins on foot. Before he had gone a great many miles his cheek and one hand were frozen. When he finally staggered into Timmins early on Monday morning and to the office of Dr. J. A. McInnis, the toes on both feet, one hand and his right cheek were badly frozen. Menard has been in the hospital since that time.

Dr. McInnis said today that Menard's toes are blackened but that there is no chance that he will lose them. The man's cheek and hand are badly frozen, he said, but not so seriously as to be more than fairly dangerous. They will however, be very painful for some time to come.

Men Hurt at Broulan Make Fast Recovery South End Hospital

Other South Porcupine and Dome News.

South Porcupine, Jan. 13.—(Special to The Advance)—An accident occurred early this morning, Saturday, at the Broulan Mine involving Geardard Pierce, of Golden City, and John Finn, also of Golden City, who have been surgically treated at the Porcupine General hospital. The two men were working, clearing out a hole when some powder exploded in the rock, peppering the men's faces with fragments of rock. Fortunately their injuries are not serious, both men being in condition to leave hospital for home after the rock had been removed and the abrasions and cuts attended to.

Born—On Jan. 10th, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dawson, of 58 Second Ave., Schumacher, in the Porcupine General hospital.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Rodgers, of the "Little Pet" Mine, on Jan. 11th, in the Porcupine General hospital—a son.

There is to be a general meeting of the Porcupine Branch of the Canadian Legion on Wednesday when officers will be installed and committees appointed for the new year. Several of the veterans have been at work for the past four days trying to get the Community hall at the Dome on to skids to be brought in to town. It is a little difficult to start but once started they hope to have it set up in town opposite the new arena within a week. The weekly whist drives which have been a feature, will recommence once the new hall is established.

Dr. Harper, who has been on the sick list for over a week, is reported improving.

Mr. Gilbert Arbour, of Toronto, who has been visiting his brother, Wm. Arbour, of Main St. N., left on Thursday for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Shea are leaving on Tuesday for a three-month vacation in Vancouver, Victoria, and Tacoma, Wash. They intend travelling by way of Toronto and Chicago, and their many friends wish them a pleasant holiday.

Mrs. E. E. Davis, of Golden City, is now able to be out again after suffering a broken ankle.

Mrs. J. D. McCarthy and daughter, Gale, returned home from Ottawa on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lord, of Preston East Dome, returned on Wednesday from a short trip to Montreal.

Mr. Jack Fraser is building a new office on Main St. next to Mr. J. Andrew's house.

The Porcupine Young Men's Club, having obtained permission from the Tisdale Council have started building an open-air rink beside their clubhouse on the ballgrounds. This rink will be available to the general public, and to children for a nominal small charge when ready. It has been felt that although the large arena has splendid facilities for skating, there are many nights when owing to hockey, and practice, there is no place to skate. Thus this rink will then fill a recognized need.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompkins, on Jan. 11th, a son in the Porcupine General hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Thompkins reside at 93 Wilson Ave., Timmins.

Born—On Saturday, Jan. 13th, in the hospital, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. George Oja, of 61 Dome Ave., S. Porcupine.

The many friends of Mrs. Wm. Arbour will be sorry to learn that she slipped and fell last week at her home, hurting her back, necessitating X-rays for determining injuries. We wish her speedy recovery.

A very happy skating party was enjoyed by the Y.P.S. of the United Church on Wednesday evening. They skated from 7.30 to 10.15, returning to the church for a bean supper which had been prepared under the supervision of Miss L. Brown and Miss Audrey Benett.

Cobalt's Noted O'Brien Mine Closed on Saturday

Many Men Now in Porcupine Once Worked at This Property.

Cobalt, Jan. 15.—(Special to The Advance)—The inevitable end of the trail came to one of Cobalt's best-known mining properties at the week-end when the O'Brien, where numerous men who are now engaged in Porcupine in their time worked many shifts, was closed down and operations suspended, at least so far as the owners are concerned. The step had been forecast for some time past, and J. Ambrose O'Brien, president of M. J. O'Brien, Ltd., was in Cobalt a few days ago to receive reports and survey the situation, and it was following his return to Ottawa that word was sent out that the mine would be shut down with the completion of work on Saturday night.

About fifty men, it is believed, will be out of jobs in consequence of the closing down of this mine, which had been running continuously for 35 years, and which was the last of the major producers of the Cobalt camp to operate on anything above a limited scale. Today, a group of four employees who have made arrangements with the owners to lease the Cross Lake workings of the mine, started out on their enterprise, but it is intimated they will run one shift only and that only a relatively small number of men will be required for the work they contemplate doing. The mine and mill in recent months had been employing about 85 men, H. G. Kennedy, the manager, said on Saturday.

Local Men Among Those on Trial on Gold Charges in City.

Cases Being Heard at Toronto Criminal Court.

Toronto, Jan. 13th.—The Royal Canadian Mint bought gold from J. S. Wittenberg to the value of \$150,505 and from Simon Delinger to the amount of \$21,671 from 1935 to 1938 and paid the statutory price of \$20.67 an ounce of pure metal, plus the market premium, Alfred Williams, accountant, testified in County Criminal Court yesterday.

Wittenberg and Dollinger, Charles H. Lamothe, Harry Rotstein, Mosses Boxinbaum, alias Morris Boxin, and Joseph Shapiro are on trial before Judge James Parker on charges of conspiracy over a five-year period to buy or sell "high-grade" gold or silver.

Mr. Williams explained the mint's method of buying gold from mines, refiners, manufacturers and old gold buyers. There was no Federal law, he told W. B. Common, K.C., Crown Counsel, requiring a refiner to have a license to do business with the mint. The witness added: "We do ask for a letter from the vendor assuring us that the gold is legitimate."

Convicted of False Pretences With Intent to Defraud

Ned Marko, Well Known Here, Remanded in Custody to Jan. 17th for Sentence.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—Ned D. Marko, charged with obtaining nearly \$18,000 from a Toronto widow, Mrs. Grace Cameron, by false pretences with intent to defraud, was convicted on both charges by a general sessions jury under Judge Ian MacDonnell on Thursday. He was remanded in custody until January 17 for sentence.

In evidence Mrs. Cameron said Marko represented himself as an investigator into highgrading activities.

She said he told her of valuable mining claims that were going to be bought by Hollinger interests. Marko, she said, told her he could buy these claims and over a period of about three months last summer collected \$17,930 to finance the purchases.

Marko is well-known in Timmins and district, and it was at Timmins that he was placed under arrest in connection with the charges preferred against him in the Toronto case.

Telegram:—A friend in need is the one who will look you up.

ANNUAL MEETING

SCHUMACHER RED CROSS SOCIETY

in the
McINTYRE COMMUNITY HALL
Wednesday, January 17th, at 8 p.m.

RECEIVING REPORTS
ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1940
GENERAL BUSINESS

Porcupine Rifle Club Organized and Doing Good Work

Junior Branch Active in Fostering Sport and Safety.

Something new in the way of sports has been started with the organization of the Porcupine Rifle Club. The junior branch spent Saturday on the range and many fine scores were made. The conditions for shooting were not the best inasmuch as the club finds it necessary to shoot in the open and conveniences are not forthcoming.

The club's aims are to foster clean sport and teach the proper use of firearms and so aid in the prevention of accidents from shooting in a district where rifles are numerous. It is a known fact that many boys and men, when carrying a rifle in the field, often fire at any target which presents itself, with little thought of what might be beyond their vision but in range of danger.

In fostering this club the officers feel that much of the danger might be taken from shooting and make it a clean interesting sport.

Awards are given for marksmanship by the Dominion Marksman Ltd. and one of the juniors members, Jack Buttery, has already received his bronze award while Keith Powell qualified for his on Saturday's shoot.

Qualification for awards are:—
Bronze—5 scores, 80 or more points.
Silver—10 scores, 93 or more points.
Gold—10 scores of 98 or more points.
High scores for Saturday were:—Keith Powell 99; James Kelly 98; Herbert Gridley 93; James Welsh 90; Jack Dicher, 89; Jack Buttery, 88; Reg Hagerman 88; John Newsham 79; Joe Jeffrey 79; Ron Taylor 78.

Telegram:—Job had patience but there were no back-seat drivers to annoy him.

Kirkland Also Asking Government to Pay Fares

Kirkland Lake, Jan. 13.—Township council on Tuesday went on record to call upon the Dominion Government to furnish transportation to soldiers returning from training depots to the North Country on leave.

They adopted a resolution passed by the Timmins council, in which it was pointed out that a private in the C.A.S.F. who has dependents draws only about \$19 a month for his personal use, and that it was very difficult for men to finance the long railway journey home from the base.

It was pointed out that the Dominion government operates practically all the mileage involved.

RUSSIAN ARMY OF EFFICIENCY NOT EVIDENT IN FINLAND


Brampton Conservator:—The much publicized efficiency of the Soviet forces is certainly not being shown in the undeclared war on innocent Finland. Captured Russians are said to be poorly clothed and ill fed. More than half the bombs dropped on Helsinki are reported to be duds. This apparently is not just propaganda, or the Reds would be making more progress against the tiny army of Finland than they are making. And this is the type of country Tim Buck would like to make of Canada.

TOWN OF TIMMINS

Applications will be received by the Town Clerk for the position of a temporary Relief Investigator. Applications must be filed on or before 12 o'clock noon, January 19th, 1940.

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