

# Northern Ladies Curling Association Organized at South Porcupine

### South Porcupine, Noranda, Kirkland Lake, Englehart and Matachewan Represented at Gathering of Ladies' Curlers at South Porcupine Last Week.

South Porcupine, Feb. 17th.—(Special to The Advance)—An organization meeting—for the purpose of creating a Northern Ladies' Curling Association—was held in the Curling Club rooms after the playing of the first ladies' Northern bonspiel this weekend.

Over forty ladies, representing S. Porcupine, Noranda, Kirkland Lake, Englehart and Matachewan were present.

Mr. F. C. Evans—secretary for the men's local curling club—outlined the purposes of the meeting. As the first bonspiel was such a success, it was up to the ladies to decide whether the bonspiel was to be an annual event.

The ladies had it. Therefore the Northern Ladies' Curling Association is to be formed under this name. Bonafide ladies affiliated with a curling club will become executive officers—and it will go on record. Constitution will be drawn up (Mr. F. C. Evans and Dr. R. P. Smith will give services) and representatives appointed for next year. The president should come from the club holding the annual bonspiel (officers elected annually).

The following officers were elected: Acting President, until the next season—Mrs. R. P. Smith, of S. Porcupine.

Mrs. Wilson Rayner of S. Porcupine—vice-president.

Mrs. Maxwell-Smith of S. Porcupine—secretary.

First Honorary President—Mr. G. S. Lowe, President of T. & N. O. Curling Association.

Honorary Vice-Presidents—all presidents of Men's Curling Clubs in the T. & N. O. Curling Association.

Mrs. Brown, President of Ladies Club of Kirkland Lake, (having got in touch by telephone with Kirkland Lake Club) extended an invitation for a two day ladies bonspiel next year. This was accepted.

The following members were appointed on the Northern Ladies Curling Association executive:—Mrs. Ed. Hovey, of S. Porcupine; Mrs. G. Hendry, of Noranda; Mrs. Jim Davis, of Kirkland Lake; Mrs. Woolings, of Englehart; and Mrs. Simons, of Matachewan.

A pleasing note at the end of this meeting was a vote of thanks from visiting ladies voiced by Mrs. Hendry, of Noranda, congratulating S. Porcupine on the success of the first bonspiel and offering high complimentary tribute to the harmony existing during the plays, and the hospitality of the hostesses.

Suitable response was made by Mrs. Rayner, president of S. Porcupine club.

## Pioneer Farmer Has Caravan to Bring Produce to Market

### Other News of South Porcupine and District.

South Porcupine, Feb. 17.—(Special to The Advance)—Mr. Bairns, farmer of Matheson, has the true pioneering spirit. On Thursday we noticed what looked like a large packing case on skids drawn by two shaggy ungroomed farm horses. It might not have excited any interest except for the fact that a four-inch stove pipe was projecting from the roof of the box sending smoke. The conveyance stopped—a side door opened—and out came Mr. Bairns. Curiosity prompted us to look inside. There was a tiny wood stove, going strong, and blankets. Protected by this means he had brought eggs and potatoes from Matheson for sale here. It had taken him two days to come from his farm with the horses, but he had driven in comfort and had slept in his home made caravan one night. We presumed he had lodged his horses in some barn, while he slept. A window in front and one in the rear of the "house" gave him clear road vision. Seeing our interest he informed us he "had been in the papers before"—some one from the "Mail and Empire" had photographed him with his travelling winter outfit. So we thought it might be "news" to mention him again!

Don't forget the whisky drive in the Masonic hall on Monday at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion.

St. Paul's A.Y.P.A. attended the joint memorial service on Wednesday evening for the late Lord Tweedsmuir, in the church at 7.30 p.m. Rev. J. A. Lyttle gave the address. After the service they went to the Vicarage where a business meeting was held. The president, Miss Iona Andrew, having left S. Porcupine to reside in Kirkland Lake, tendered her resignation by letter. The vice-president, Miss Ola Stanley was asked to carry on the president's work until the end of the term. New officers will be elected in May. Lunch was served by the Misses M. and K. Woodall.

A nice bridge party was held on Friday evening in the Parish hall by the Rebekah Lodge. The attendance was not as large as usual, but all had a very nice time and a splendid lunch was served to the guests under the direction of Mrs. Stanlake, who is in charge of the lodge for the current term. Prizes were won by: 1. Mrs. M. Smith, (set of pyrex dishes with cas-

## No New Highways in the North This Year, Says Premier

### But Present Work to be Carried to Completion.

According to despatches last week from Toronto, Premier Hepburn is quoted as saying that no new roadwork will be undertaken in Northern Ontario this year by the Ontario Government. At the same time the premier made it clear that the intention was that the government would carry to completion all the road undertakings in this country already started. He suggested that there were often new road projects that had been considered by the Government, but that these had necessarily to be deferred on account of the war and the conditions arising from the conflict.

The premier was further quoted as saying that the major part of the roadwork in 1939 in the North Land consisted in completion of highways into mining areas, especially through the Timagami forest reserve and south and west of Kirkland Lake. It was understood that interests under way last year will be completed this year.

### O.H.M.S.

(From Exchange)

Tom and Jack were discussing construction.

"Well," said Tom, with a knowing shake of the head, "I prophesy that ere five years are up we'll all be working for the Government."

"That's no prophecy," Jack sharply exclaimed as he glared down at his income tax form. "We've been doing it for ages."

serole); 2. Mrs. Libby (six salad forks); 3. Mrs. T. Farrell (card table); and 4. Mr. M. Rosenbloom (towels).

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. William Archer, of 216 Hemlock St., Timmins, a daughter on Feb. 15th, in the Porcupine General hospital.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Weston Murray, of 53 Dome St., South Porcupine, on Feb. 15th, a daughter, in Porcupine General hospital.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Partridge, of 90 William Ave., S. Porcupine, on Friday, Feb. 16th, in the Porcupine General hospital—a son.

Born—in the hospital, on Friday, Feb. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Mandar Mesich of 60 Smith St., S. Porcupine, —a son.

Mrs. F. Findlay, of New Liskeard (formerly Miss Olive Orr of S. Porcupine) while looking over Rebekah records of Cobalt this week made the discovery that both she and Miss Ivy Starling, of S. Porcupine, had been initiated into Kitchener Rebekah Lodge twenty five years ago on Friday. As a little token of remembrance a lovely bouquet of spring flowers was received by the lodge on Friday and sent from thence to Miss Ivy Starling, who has been an invalid for some years.

Mrs. Anna Rohrich, who has been visiting her sister in California for the last six months, came back to South Porcupine this week.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Smith (nee Madeleine DeRosa), on Saturday, Feb. 17th, a son in the Porcupine General hospital.

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## THE CAPTION SAYS SHE'S TYPICAL



This is a comely cadet of the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, one of the volunteer organizations in which 2,600,000 British women are doing their bit. She is in training at the "Women's Sandhurst," an establishment attached to the eastern command where A. T. S. girls are given officers' courses.

# South Porcupine Scene of First Ladies Curling Bonspiel in the North

### Ladies from South Porcupine, Noranda, Kirkland Lake, Englehart and Matachewan Take Part in Event. Winners of Various Events. South Porcupine Ladies Prove Perfect Hostesses for Event.

South Porcupine, Feb. 17th, special to The Advance.

Success has attended the first ladies' bonspiel ever to have been held in the North. Harmony and hard work went hand in hand and although the ladies were tired by midnight on Saturday tiredness was tempered with the knowledge that a great undertaking had been put across with satisfaction to everybody.

Compliments were in order—and deservedly so—to the executive of our local Club and their committees for the wonderful system inaugurated, whereby there was no confusion very little waiting for games, and catering (coffee, sandwiches and cakes) organized so splendidly.

Mrs. Cahill, convenor wishes to thank Mrs. Burton and Miss M. Burton at the Dome, and Miss A. Eno at South Porcupine for their voluntary and efficient help.

To the president, Mrs. Rayner and vice-president, Mrs. R. P. Smith, and their committee fell the organizing and planning of events and prizes, and with the co-operation of the Men's Club executive and Mr. R. P. Smith, the wheels were so well oiled that there was no hitch anywhere.

The visiting ladies were brought to the clubhouse on Saturday morning at 10.30, and all games were started at 11 a. m.

Dr. Wm. McLaren (president of the Porcupine Curling Club) and Mrs. Rayner (Pres.) were first on the ice and the first rock was thrown up and down the ice by these two. The rock used bore the initials of Mr. W. D. Pearce, honorary president of the S.P.C.C., and we know it will give him pleasure to know that this was done in his honor his name being specially mentioned in the stone was thrown.

Also as if the hand of Mr. Pearce had guided it, the returning rock came up to rest almost on the "button".

Cars were ready to take the ladies to and from the Dome and South End rinks through the courtesy of Mr. L. Sauder, Dr. R. P. Smith, Mr. W. Rayner and Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Powrie, Mrs. Longworth, Mrs. F. C. Evans and Mr. W. S. Blake.

Games went on all day, terminating just at midnight. At 5.30 supper was prepared for guests and members in the Masonic hall by Mr. A. Luxton and relays of players went as they came off the ice. This was splendidly arranged and served.

A special note should be made of the two "beginners' teams, one from Kirkland Lake and one from S. Porcupine, composed of ladies to whom this was their initial year of curling.

Mrs. Ken Myers, who won the event went at it like an oldtimer, and at one time had a "six ender"—a thing which did not happen at any other South End rink.

The following are the competing teams with personnel of each team:

Two Teams from Noranda:  
1. Mrs. G. Hendry, skip; Mrs. Mc-

Gregor, vice skip; Mrs. Graham, second; Mrs. Fritzsche, lead.  
2. Mrs. J. Kirkwood, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Pinder, Mrs. Kattigan.

3 Teams from Kirkland Lake  
1. Mrs. C. Tuck, Mrs. McIntosh, Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. D. Sayles.  
2. Mrs. Don Best, Mrs. A. MacMillan, Mrs. J. Harling, Mrs. G. Patterson  
3. Mrs. Merner, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. I. E. Jones, Mrs. Edgecombe.

3 Teams from Englehart  
1. Mrs. Floyd Ireland, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. H. Thomas.  
2. Mrs. Boves, Mrs. Monohan, Mrs. Currie, Mrs. Bruce.  
3. Mrs. Vic Woolings, Mrs. Brandreth, Mrs. McPhee, Mrs. W. Mitchell.

One Team from Matachewan  
1. Mrs. F. Fitch, Mrs. H. North, Mrs. Keith, Barnes, Mrs. J. Fraser.

7 Teams from South Porcupine  
1. R. P. Smith, Cahill, T. Wilson and Hedges.  
2. Turner, Moore, McLellan, Boves.  
3. Rayner, Ewing, E. Smith, Bessette  
4. Longworth, Rayner, White, Evans  
5. Lewis, Davis, Maxwell-Smith and Higgins.  
6. Hovey, Cameron, Shaw, Brown.  
7. Myers, Wm. Adamson, Kavanagh, Grant.

Champions—Winners of the first event who played and won four games were the team of Mrs. Kirkwood of Noranda.  
The Hill Clark Francis trophy was given the skip and four very lovely leather purses went with it.  
Mrs. Hovey's team, of South Porcupine, won second place in first event; large crystal vases were the prizes (S. P. L. C. C.)  
Third place in first event was won by Mrs. Tuck's team from Kirkland Lake. Four "tams" (courtesy of Clarke's Men's Wear) were the prizes.  
Fourth place was taken by Mrs. Best's team of Kirkland Lake—prizes relish dishes (courtesy of the Timmins Dairy).  
Second Event—First honours went to Mrs. Ireland of Englehart in this event. The Eplett Cup will now be in possession of Englehart for a year, and four special individual cups (courtesy of Mr. Sol Sky) will be sent after the names of winners have been engraved thereon.  
Second place was taken by Mrs. R. P. Smith whose rink was given crystal vases (S.P.L.C.C.)  
Third place in this event was taken by Mrs. Hendry, of Noranda, prizes pottery vases (S.P.L.C.C.)  
Fourth honours were given to Mrs. Longworth's team (S. Porcupine—crystal bud vases (S.P.L.C.C.)  
Third Event—Bucovetsky trophy—a new trophy and a very lively and unusual one. It represents a figure of victory surmounting a central pillar flanked by two torch-capped pillars, the figure holding aloft a crown of laurels. This is retained by South Porcupine, the rink of Mrs. Lewis winning this event. Prizes of lovely cups and saucers were donated by Mr.

## Official Weekly News Letter of the Legion War Services

### Some of the Special Services Given to Canada's Fighting Forces.

(By F. H. Wooding)

The Canadian Legion War Services recently opened in London its first overseas residential club for Canada's fighting men.

The building which hasn't been occupied since its erection last year and which was leased for the duration at an amazingly low rental, is one of the most modern and best equipped in the city. Situated in Gower street, near Buxton street station and just a stone's throw from the theatre district, the new club will accommodate 72 soldiers.

Erected last year by Mrs. Cecil Chesterton, founder of the "Cecil Houses," as a home for small-wage girl earners but never used for that purpose owing to the outbreak of war, the building has a large recreation room, library, dining-room, and lounge in addition to well-ventilated bedrooms each accommodating four guests. On the roof of the structure is a sun terrace where may be healthful relaxation and physical training. An easily-raised air-raid shelter, erected by the London County Council, is at the rear.

The Legion is operating the club on a strictly non-profit making basis as a service to Canadian troops who visit London while on leave from their training camps or from active duty in France. Bed and meals are being provided at two shilling, six pence a day (about 60c) and all other facilities of the club may be used free of charge.

The famous Canadian comedienne whom the British Peerage lists as Lady Peel but who is better known as Beatrice Lillie, added to her Piccadilly and Broadway laurels a few weeks ago when she entertained Canadian troops at Aldershot during a concert presented by the Canadian Legion War Services. "Bea" brought with her the entire stage company of her London musical revue, "All Clear," including an orchestra of twelve, and presented two performances that saw the wartime theatre crammed to capacity. Singing sophisticated songs that have made her the

Myles, Jeweller, of South Porcupine.

Second place in this event was taken by Mrs. Fitch's team from Matachewan—prizes—bottles of perfume Renaud) donated by Colonel Scobell.

The "Sole Cup"—the beginner's trophy—was won by Mrs. K. Myers, of S. Porcupine.

Prizes were very nice cups and saucers donated by McKay and Holmes of S. Porcupine.

A "cold draw" shot competition, which every lady curler tried, was won by Mrs. Lewis, of South Porcupine, who came closer to the "button" than any other lady who threw the rocks. She won a lovely silver cake plate, amid loud applause. Courtesy of Palm Dairies Ltd.

Mr. F. C. Evans then threw a rock which came even closer, but was not in competition.

The ladies are deeply indebted to the Men's Club for their co-operation and courtesy during this bonspiel, and feel also that every effort to help along curling, among the ladies has been done by the men.

The fact that the clubhouses were filled during all the bonspiel with interested on-lookers is proof that this sport is gaining popular favor.

Many thanks are extended to the Dome Curling Club for their kindness in giving the use of the Dome ice so generously for the bonspiel.

toast of two continents, she accepted encore after encore and gave the boys the best bit of real fun they have enjoyed since their arrival overseas. Fred Emney, who for four years started with the old "Dumbells" as the "Silly Ass" at the piano, also took part in the programme by singing a number of songs which he introduced to Canadian audiences years ago.

Miss Lillie gave up lucrative engagements in the United States to help entertain the boys on active service overseas. She is convinced that plenty of wholesome fun will play a part in helping the fighting men to win the war.

More inside glimpses of the splendid work being done by the personal services bureaux of the Canadian Legion War Services were given by Major J. R. Thomson, the Legion's personal services officer at Exhibition Park, Toronto, where a large garrison of the C. A. S. F. is in training.

Major Thomson, who last week visited national headquarters at Ottawa, relates that the Legion's advice and active assistance are sought by an average of fifty soldiers and relatives of soldiers each day in his area alone. Most of these have been heart-rending examples of upset domestic lives caused by the war.

One particularly pathetic case which was satisfactorily taken care of by the Legion concerns the death of a mother whose two sons had gone overseas with the 1st division. Following her death it was learned that there was no money to provide her with a proper burial. The Legion cabled the officer who accepted the Legion's offer to arrange for interment. The sons in turn promised that the expenses involved would be repaid from their pay and allowances once a month. Had the Legion not stepped in the gallant lady would have gone to rest in Fother's Field. The sons have expressed their "everlasting gratitude" to the Legion.

Another example of the Legion's work concerns a woman who complained that she was not receiving a cent of her

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husband's pay and was nearly destitute. The Legion took the matter up with the assigned pay branch and was informed that the husband had stopped his wife's allowance. A wire was then sent to the officer in command of the man's unit. The man himself was paraded, thoroughly reprimanded, and ordered to make re-assignment.

An instance where the Legion has been able to safe-guard the property of a young soldier now in England was also related by Major Thomson. The boy's mother died recently, leaving considerable estate. The Legion cabled his officer commanding and the boy agreed to have his estate turned into a trust fund. By doing this the Legion spared the young man a great deal of worry and possible financial loss.

These are illustrations of many similar problems which the Legion is solving for its younger comrades every day.

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