

Annual Meeting of the Ontario Prospectors' and Developers' Association

To be Held Tuesday and Wednesday March 5th and 6th at King Edward Hotel, Toronto. President's Annual Report Takes Strong Stand Against "Blue Sky" Legislation.

Notices have been sent out in regard to the annual meeting of the Ontario Prospectors' and Developers' Association.

The annual business meeting will be held in the Alexandria Room, King Edward hotel, Toronto, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 5th. It is particularly desired that there be a large attendance of out-of-town members.

The annual dinner will be held at the Crystal Ball Room, King Edward hotel, Toronto, on Wednesday, March 6th at 7 p.m. Refreshments in the Blue Reception Room, seventh floor at 6.30 p.m. Dinner tickets are now on sale at the King Edward Hotel cigar counter, or at Room 1405, at 302 Bay street at any time.

The annual report of the president, Murdoch C. Mosher, is of special interest and value. Mr. Mosher says:—

Annual Report of President

"We had our last Annual Meeting on March 9th, 1939, and at that time there was a number of recommendations regarding changes in the Ontario Mining Act being considered by your Association, and by the Government. I am now happy to report, that due to the nature of those recommendations, and the splendid co-operation between the Department of Mines of the Ontario Government and your Association, legislative enactments have been put on the statute books giving effect to all that we have asked for with respect to changes in the Ontario Mining Act. I am also pleased that the Honourable Gordon Conant, K.C., the Attorney General of the Province of Ontario sponsored, and had enacted into law, a change in the Security Sales Act making effective our suggestion that prospecting syndicates, with a capital limited to \$10,000, on registration of their articles of association with a mining recorder, or with the Provincial Secretary shall have the personal liability limited to the amount of the capital subscribed for, and be free from the regulations of the Ontario Securities Commission.

Your Secretary will present a report on the efforts of the Executive to obtain amelioration of the tax burden on new mines and on mining syndicate capital gains.

"On an occasion corresponding to this number of years ago the Prospectors and Developers met to consider a new Act just then put in force. All thoughts were anxiously directed towards its impeding effects upon our business affairs. All dreaded its consequences. The Commissioner then in charge of its administration frankly admitted a Philadelphia lawyer could not understand the Act, much less administer it. And so through long, weary years one Government after the other has gone on making changes in the Act, in a vain endeavor to make it workable.

"The instinct of the prospector was right ten years ago. It told him then there was something wrong with this new Security Frauds Prevention Act, and in every business meeting of the Association during the intervening years, its depressing influence has been uppermost in our discussions. Its ghostly presence is the unbidden guest at every banquet. It has cast its sinister spell upon our business till prospecting no longer pays, prospecting and developing are in a decline, the future of the mining industry jeopardized.

"And now at long last, this evil thing is being dragged forth and is being openly discussed on the floor of our legislature; not because it interfered with the ownership of personal property and violated the right of a citizen to sell that which belongs to him, not because it was bureaucratic and autocratic, not because the doling out of vendors stock by a Commission outraged free citizens' privilege of ownership, but because prospecting and new mining development is being killed.

"Let us urge upon our legislators, in every possible way, the seriousness of the situation. Let us urge that they get away from new fangled experiments and revert to the tried and well founded principles of British law and justice, to the end that prosperity may once again smile upon the prospector and developer."

Secretary's Report

"In September, 1939, our Country took its stand along with other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations in the war against Germany. Soon the import of this action began to manifest itself in various ways, not the least of which was the necessity for our Country to raise large amounts of money. Everyone realized heavy taxes were in the offing. It was, however, only with the bringing down of the budget by the Finance Minister at Ottawa, that we became fully aware to what an extent new taxation might affect prospecting and the developing of new mines.

"Everyone was loyal and willing to pay the price for freedom and democracy but we want an equitable system of taxation. Canadians wanted war profiteering curbed and in a burst of patriotic fervor an Excess Profits Tax Act was passed. This imposed a 50 per cent excess profits tax, i.e. 50 per cent of all profits in excess of the average profits for the past three years. For a young mine with no record of production this means a 50 per cent tax on all profit because it would all be excess. The Ontario Prospectors and Developers Association believe this application of the tax principle to new mines was not intended. Repeated visits were made to Ottawa by some members of our Executive, and there is a feeling among

the members of the Executive who have the matter in hand, that the situation will be dealt with and put on a more satisfactory basis when the next budget is brought down at Ottawa.

"Then too, members of your Association have been most persistent in their representations to the Finance Department at Ottawa, that money made by the Mining Syndicates should be treated as capital gain, and not as profit, and as such, should not be liable to taxation under clause 32-B of the Income Tax Act. Here again our representations were courteously received and we were promised they would be given careful consideration.

"Let me here state your representatives were much impressed with the difficulties that confront the Finance Minister and with his evident intention to be fair to all concerned."

Committed for Trial on Charge of Manslaughter

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after warning him that anything he might say would be used against him. He questioned him about driving the car, and he said he knew nothing of hitting a man but "felt a bump at the head of Rae Hill." In his opinion the man had been drinking.

Mr. Langdon: "Was he able to understand and answer your questions?"

"Yes."

Dr. Finlayson was called to police station and was asked to examine Chapman. He put him through several tests; his impression was that he was under the influence of alcohol. He was drowsy but apparently understood what was said to him.

Dr. McLaren testified to being called to examine Deschamps at the scene of the accident. He gave cause of death as a broken neck and fractured skull—the back of the head was crushed—all compatible with having been struck by a car.

James Tester saw the accident. He was driving towards Schumacher when at the top of the Rae Hill he noticed a car coming towards him. He first saw two headlights, then the right head light was blocked out. He heard a thud as if some object had been struck. He put on his brakes, stopped his car and ran back to find the body of Deschamps. There was no movement and the car that he had noticed had gone on and was well away toward South Porcupine. He stopped the traffic and sent a car back to Schumacher for the police and a doctor. He went to South Porcupine for an ambulance, calling first at the hospital thinking he could get it there.

Cross-questioned by Mr. Langdon witness said the car that he presumed had struck the man was going at normal, not excessive speed.

Lorne Callahan testified that a car was brought to his garage at 9.15. Before the car came in another man whom he knew came in and asked if he would raise the fender. He agreed but did not see accused there in the car. The bumper might have been in the car. The bumper was touching the wheel. He raised it and as he was working noticed blood, hair and brain matter on the fender. He took the car number, as it was backing out of the garage. He did not call the police. The man told him he was going to the Hallnor Mine, but he went the opposite way. He put another car in the garage and the telephone rang. It was the undertaker asking him to go with him in the ambulance to the scene of the accident. He told Hunkin he had the number of a car which had been in an accident, and later met Constable Battrick and gave him the number of the car.

Arnold Furlong, with Chapman in the car, owned to having had a drink or so, but had not seen Chapman take a drink. He denied knowledge of anything, stopping at a garage, or knowledge of "bumping" on the Rae Hill.

"Were you as drunk you know nothing?" asked his worship. "Is that correct?" "Yes."

Langdon: "Was Chapman sober?"

"Yes."

Harry Plech was with Chapman and said he was asleep in the car. He remembered stopping but was not cognisant of anything else.

R. Beauchamp, taxi-driver, said that at 10 to 9 driving from Schumacher at the top of Rae Hill he passed a man walking on the right side of the road coming to South Porcupine. He was walking steadily and had no trouble seeing him.

Chapman did not give evidence and was committed for trial at the Cochrane Assizes. Bail was fixed at \$5000 cash or \$10,000 property. Chapman is out on bail.

There were a number of other cases at the same court. Eight alleged parking offenders paid \$1 and costs each. For not carrying drivers permit there was a fine of \$5.00. Two cases of having liquor in a public place were withdrawn. Two drunks paid \$10 and costs each. Four were found guilty of gambling on the Lord's Day and were fined \$10 and costs each. A charge of attempted theft was remanded to next week. A charge of theft from Whitney will also be heard next week. A Whitney speeder paid \$10 and costs.

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ASSEMBLY

This week we will give you a few highlights of the assembly. We were all very pleased to hear that Zolton Molnar had been chosen to go to Toronto and play his violin at Massey Hall, sometime in the near future. A representative of form T2A, Stanley Hadley, gave us the previous week's news. Stanley is not large physically, but a powerful voice brought us the weekly war news. Evidently some of the staff have been star-gazing, they tell us that five large stars appear in a row this week. A song number was given by a double trio composed of Kay Stirling, Barbara Haystead, Gertrude Teilo, Barbara Honey, Annie Stephanitch and Sheila Rhymer, with Mr. Young at the piano. We are indebted to Mr. Remus for the showing of a reel describing the Island of St. Croix and another dealing with the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto. The students enjoyed these reels very much and those who have not seen these places, wish to do so now.

SLEIGH-RIDE

There has been a regular epidemic of sleigh-riding parties at T.H. & V.S. this winter. Last Friday forms 3A & B went out past Dalton's for their ride. As in every other case the pupils enjoyed themselves immensely. On their return from the sleigh-ride lunch was served by volunteers from the two classes. There was music and dancing after lunch.

BOYS' SPORTS

It seems, from what has been said of the Timmins-Noranda game, that we have two or three very able acrobats in the form of Syl Moro, Hector Perreault and Nick Gregoris. This game being the second last of the season, was a needed win after the loss at Kirkland the evening before. In the first of the two, the issue was very undecided right to the end of the game, and even as yet it is undecided who won. At the end of regulation time, the score was tied, but as play resumed in the overtime, Telkinen shoved the inflated sphere into the basket; this, according to the rule-book would give the local crew the game, but, play continued and the score at the end of overtime was Kirkland Lake, 38; Timmins 32.

As was mentioned before, the game at Noranda was slightly comical. The Quebecers were treated with some Timmins humor which got them so engrossed that they lost the game. To draw the Noranders from their tight zone defence, the captain, Syl Moro, applied different tactics which included jokes, fancy dancing and the locals even went as far as to sing. Evidently their scheme worked, because when the whistle blew to end the game the T. H. & V. squad was on top by a score of 32 to 22.

In the two game rally, the leading scorers were as follows:

Syl Moro 9, Nick Gregoris 35, Gunnar Telkinen 8, Leo Bandiera 6, Louis Vaccibito 3, Hector Perreault 2, George Stewart, Ernest LaChapelle, Bill Carson, Bob Crocco.

The scores given above were for the two games.

THIS AND THAT

We wish to correct an error which we made in last week's column. We stated that Francis Carriere was Prompter. Actually however, he was both Prompter and Stage Manager. Maurice Fay was Assistant Stage Manager.

Fred Lalonde walked towards the Commercial Entrance wrapped up like a mummy. Before stepping out he paused and asked Don McMaster: "Going my way?"

"No," said Don, a sticker for form, "but I'll go down with you."

And so the two friends walked downhill together.

Another item from a figure-balancing class:

Student—I'm just thirty dollars out.

Teacher (cynically)—Just thirty dollars.

COME AND SEE OUR ANNUAL PLAYS

We believe that the public have been pleased with the school plays in the past. The names of the plays this year are:

- The Syringa Policeman
- The Florist Shop
- The Horse and Coaches

Performances are on March 7th and 8th at 8.15 p.m. Buy your tickets now!

TECH CLUB

The Timmins Tech Club held a successful meeting in the auditorium on Thursday at 3.40. The programme which was got up by the executive, was very entertaining. It was as follows:

- Minutes of last meeting—Secretary.
- Financial report—Treasurer.
- Musical—Emico Persichini; Nick Descoeurs.
- Solo—Len Ikonen.
- Humorous speech—John Polzey.
- News of Week—Stanley Hadley.
- Announcements—Mr. Rose.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE T.H.V.S. KITCHEN

At an interview with the teacher concerned, Miss Davis, we were told, first formers are now studying the preparation of lunch; making salads, soups, desserts, etc.

Form 1E, which takes more lessons in cooking than the other girls, is finished with lunches and is now contemplating dinners.

Second formers, are working on the project of gelatine desserts, and from what Miss Davis told us they are liking it immensely.

Third formers are practising to be impromptu nurses and learning care of patient's room, diet, etc. This work is very interesting but not entirely new to most of the girls who have taken a lot of this work in the Home Nursing classes, last year.

Fourth Forms are following in the

Police Commission Approves New Wage Scale For Officers

Estimates This Year \$3,600 Higher Than Last. Approved by Commission.

A new wage scale, submitted by the Chief of Police, was approved by the Police Commission when it met on Tuesday evening, and passed on to the council for its consideration.

Under the new scale the minimum salary for the Chief of Police would be \$250 a month and the maximum, \$325.

Minimum for the Inspector was set at \$190 a month with an increase after the third year of service to \$200 and a further increase after five years of service, to \$225.

Minimum wage for sergeants was \$175 a month with an increase after the second year to \$180, a further increase after the third year to \$185 and a maximum after five years of service, of \$190.

Wage for constables would be \$135 for the first, \$150 during the second year, \$155 after three years, \$160 after five years and \$165 after the sixth year of service. After six years a man would be considered a first class constable.

Salary for identification officer, \$160 for first year; \$165 after three years and \$175 after five years.

Under the new schedule all officers not including the Chief Constable, would be entitled to two days off a month and the Chief, Inspector, Sergeants and First Class Constables, three weeks' holidays with pay. Other men on the force would get two weeks with pay.

The Police Commission considered the estimates for 1940 as submitted by the Chief. The estimates, worked out on the basis of the new wage scale and the addition of two more men to the force, are about \$3,600 higher than they were last year.

The estimates were adopted and ordered forwarded to the Council for its consideration and ratification.

Three Births Registered Since Monday This Week

Born—on February 23rd, 1940 to Mr. and Mrs. George Hainin, of 211 Hemlock street—a son.

Born—on February 24th, 1940 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Philippe, of 104 Main avenue—a daughter (died day of birth).

Born—on February 25th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lauzon (nee Dralire Blanchard), of 126 Preston street—a son.

footsteps of the Third Forms as far as the nursing is concerned.

The purpose of the cooking classes is not to turn out good cooks but to make an ideal for which to strive. If we cannot reach this ideal we should strive always to do our best and come as near as possible to that ideal. It is in this way only that we can really enjoy the fruitful results of our labour.

Regular Whist Drive by the Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion entertained on Tuesday evening at the regular whist drive. Fourteen and one half tables of whist were played, and an enjoyable evening spent by all who attended.

Mrs. Harvey acted as convener of the event, and was assisted by Mrs. Hardy, while Mrs. Jennings was in charge of the kitchen committee.

Winners at whist were as follows:—Ladies, 1st, Mrs. A. Sloggett, 2nd, Mrs. E. L. Taylor (the first and second prizes were awarded on a cut), and 3rd, Mrs. G. Dalgarno; Gentlemen: 1st, Mrs. B. Richards, 2nd, Mrs. C. Vidito, and 3rd, Mrs. M. Allerton (all playing as gentlemen).

Death at Haileybury of Mrs. Olivier Clouthier

Haileybury, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Olivier Clouthier, former resident of Cobalt and who for eight years past had lived in Haileybury, died at her home on Anwell street there on Monday in her 72nd year. She had been in failing health for some months past. Mrs. Clouthier, whose maiden name was Emma Morrissette, was a native of Masson, P.Q. With her husband and members of her family, she came to Cobalt from the Buckingham district 26 years ago. For seven years, she made her home in Cobalt, when the family moved on to a farm in Bucke township west of Haileybury, Mr. and Mrs. Clouthier remaining there until about eight years ago, when they came into Haileybury. Mrs. Clouthier is survived by her husband in Haileybury, by three sons and five daughters. The sons are Thomas in Cobalt, Olivia on the farm in Bucke township, and Theophile, whose home is in Flint, Mich.; the daughters are Mrs. Donat Couillard of Haileybury, Mrs. Frank Lauzon, in Kirkland Lake, Mrs. B. Lavigne and Mrs. A. Caron of Val d'Or, and Mrs. A. Lauzon, of Timmins. One brother, P. Morrissette, who is in the United States also survives. Councillor N. Morrissette, of Haileybury town council and well-known northern citizen, is a nephew. The funeral is being held tomorrow morning from Holy Cross cathedral in Haileybury, with burial in the Roman Catholic cemetery there.

Fire Does Damage of Several Hundred in Home Yesterday

Fire which started in a small cupboard below the stairway caused an unestimated amount of damage to the home of Ford Page, at 1 McLeod St., yesterday afternoon. The fire began when the house was empty. The owner, Mr. Page, left the house about forty minutes before the alarm was turned in and his wife and children were at the theatre.

There was only a slight loss from fire but water damage raised the total. The house was insured for \$800 and its contents for \$200. One line of hose was

Student Skaters to Compete To-Night at McIntyre Arena

The speed skating carnival, sponsored by the Schumacher Lions Club, will take place at the McIntyre Arena this evening. For the past few weeks Porcupine schools have been holding elimination contests to weed out their champion skaters. Tonight all the school champions will fight it out for camp titles.

There will be races for students from twelve to sixteen years of age. Each of the scheduled events has eight contestants.

Corporal Norman A. Falkner, well-known one-legged skater, will give a demonstration of figure skating in conjunction with the carnival and Victor C. Huffman, of Huntsville will demonstrate his ability to jump up to eight barrels.

Welland Tribune:—Nothing relieves the tedium of a humor column like a good joke—if you can find one.

A call was received to 46 Montgomery Avenue on Monday evening for a chimney fire. On Tuesday there were two calls both of them for minor pipe and chimney fires.



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