

GOOD SCHOOLS IN TIMMINS AND DISTRICT

Over Six Thousand Pupils to be Attending Timmins Schools in Coming Term

Over a Thousand Expected at the Timmins High and Vocational School. Public Schools Providing for Twenty-Three Hundred and Separate Schools for Twenty-Eight Hundred.

About six thousand Timmins children will be going "back to school," or beginning school on Tuesday, September 2nd. Some of them, perhaps, will be beginning a new era in their lives by continuing on to the High and Vocational School, while others, perhaps, will be coming to a new school from another town. Whatever they are doing, they are going back to make new friendships and to renew old ones, but most of all, to learn not only the things which will provide them with work in later life, but the things which will make of them good citizens.

To the High and Vocational School will go about one thousand of these children—or, perhaps, when they come to this stage, they prefer to be spoken of as young ladies and gentlemen. To the public schools will go a number over two thousand three hundred; and to the separate schools will go about two thousand eight hundred. Their school life for 1941-42 will be made up of three terms—the Christmas term, from the fall to the holiday; the Easter term, from Christmas to Easter; and the spring term, from Easter to the summer holidays.

LOVING KNOWLEDGE

Who loves knowledge? Who shall rail Against her beauty? May she mix With men and prosper? Who shall fix Her pillars? Let her work prevail. —Tennyson's "In Memoriam."

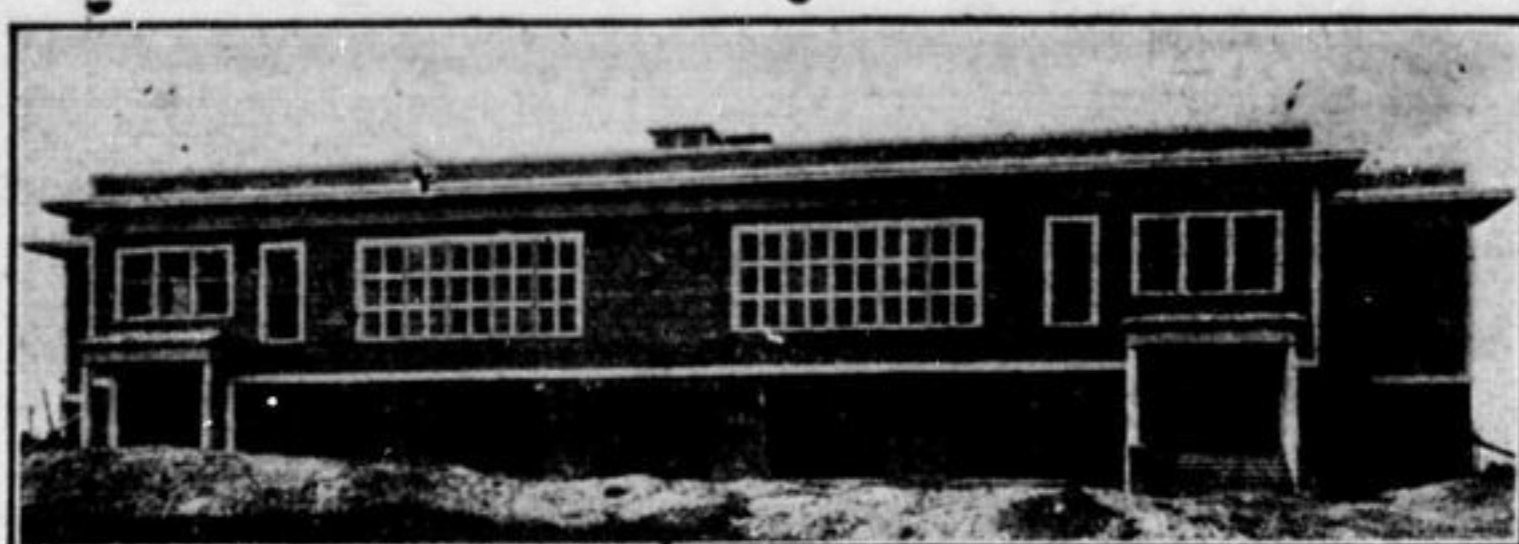
Twelve on Timmins High and Vocational Board

Combined Timmins High and Vocational School Board now numbers twelve members, with Mr. J. T. White as chairman of the High School Board, and Mr. G. S. Drew as chairman of the Vocational School Board. Other members are Messrs J. P. Burke, Philip Fay, G. S. Lowe, Claude Desaulniers, Dayton Ostrosser, Thomas Harper, H. T. Rowe, Gordon Irving, J. D. Lacasse, and A. R. Harkness.

Expect Attendance of Close to 800 at Kiwanis Convention

Special Features for O-Q-M. Convention at Montreal, Sept. 21-23.

Members of the 51 clubs of Kiwanis International that comprise the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime District, who number over 3,000 of the representative business and professional men of their localities, are today making tentative plans to attend the annual District Convention in Montreal on September 21, 22 and 23 next. It was eight years ago that delegates



SOUTH PORCUPINE HIGH SCHOOL

from the Central and Eastern provinces of Canada gathered in Montreal for a District Convention, accompanied by their ladies. The happy memories of the hospitality then extended to them by the St. Lawrence Kiwanis Club, composed largely of French-Canadians, are being revived by the invitation now extended by the Kiwanis Club of Montreal to again hold their deliberations at the great port, a thousand miles from the sea, which nestles at the foot of Mount Royal, in an atmosphere of history and tradition that is unique on this Continent.

Montreal has two progressive Kiwanis Clubs among its million population, with a combined membership of over 300 active Kiwanians. The Kiwanis Club of Montreal is the senior club, and is the host club to the convention, but it has received assurances that the membership of the St. Lawrence Kiwanis Club will be 100 per cent behind them in making the convention a memorable one.

District Governor John M. Burden, of Toronto, will preside over the deliberations of the convention, and will have the support of the six Lieutenant-Governors of the district—Frank H. Todd, Cobalt; W. Harold Male, Toronto; Dr. J. Leslie King, Galt; Dr. Sydney W. Horne, Orillia; Charles H. Hulse, Ottawa; and Martin Livingston, Halifax.

In addition Immediate Past President Walter P. Zeller, is taking time off from his important war duties, to preside at the first official function of the convention on the Sunday evening, September 21—a religious musicale in the Windsor Hall, at which District Governor Holman will extend greetings, and the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Morley, pastor of Stanley Presbyterian Church, Montreal, will be the speaker. A choir and distinguished soloists will participate in the programme.

The President of the Kiwanis Club of Montreal, Edgar F. Tolhurst, has extended a cordial invitation to all Kiwanians in the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime District to visit the commercial metropolis of the Dominion with their wives. The programme has been so arranged that business and pleasure will smoothly intermingle.

Special attention is being paid to the arrangements for the entertainment of the ladies attending the convention. In addition to the receptions, luncheons, and the Governor's banquet and ball to which they are invited, they will have a Fashion Show and afternoon tea in the great dining hall of the T. Eaton Company of Montreal's store in the heart of the shopping district; a drive into the Laurentian Mountains, with luncheon at the Alpine Inn at St. Margaret's, one of the beauty spots of this great Vacation Land; and a dinner, dance and cabaret show at the Normandie Roof of the Mount Royal Hotel.

Every phase of Kiwanian activity will be dealt with in the reports that will be presented and discussed, during the four business sessions of the Convention. Nearly 800 delegates are expected to attend and make the gathering in Montreal one to be remembered by all participating in it.

Acting Director of Church Army Visitor to Timmins

Captain Kenneth Baker, C.A., acting director of the Church Army in Canada, was the guest of Captain W. Vollick, of Schumacher, last week. Captain Baker came to Canada last year after spending four years in Japan as a Church Army missionary. This was Capt. Baker's first visit to the North Land and he was greatly impressed with the development of the country and the large and modern city of Timmins.

Graduate from Peking University in English

(London Spectator)

More expressive, if unconventional English—this time from Hong-Kong: "Dear Sir,—I am Sing Eu. It is for my personal benefit I write for a position in your Honourable firm. I have a flexible brain that will adapt itself to your business and in consequence bring good efforts to your honourable selves. My education was being impressed upon me in the Peking University in which place I graduate Number One. I can drive a typewriter with good noise, and my English is simple and great. My reference are of good class and shall you hope to see me, they will be read by you with great pleasure. My last job has left itself from me, for the good reason that the large man had died. It was on account of no fault of mine at all. So, Honourable Sir, What about it? I can be of big uses to you, I will arrive on the same date that you should guess."

Members of the Tisdale High School Board, 1941

Mr. R. E. Dye is the chairman of the Tisdale High School Board, which manages the affairs of the high schools at Schumacher and South Porcupine. Other members of the board are Mr. D. E. Keeley, Mr. C. G. Kemsley, Mr. P. Laforest, Mr. M. MacMillan, and Mr. E. J. Booker. Mr. H. E. Stratford is the secretary.

Inquisitive Moose, Rock-Eating Trout In Tales from Bush

Freaks of Lightning. Bears Need Protection (?)

(By Percy Ghent)

Home in Sundridge for a few hours on Sunday, a park ranger who has spent a lifetime in Algonquin Park, told us some interesting things about fighting bush fires. In that immense reservation of 50 square miles, with its ranges of wooded hills, marshlands and about 2,000 lakes, the task of locating and extinguishing fires—a high percentage of them caused by lightning—is not an easy one. But, thanks to the vigilance of men in fire towers and a regular patrol by planes, fires are dealt with promptly and the damage and disfigurement in the lake-land playground is usually confined to a small area.

Here is a typical example of the method employed: Three days ago a fire was reported at Crow Lake, roughly in the centre of the park. It was spotted from a hydroplane. Flying low the observer was able to give a useful estimate of its extent and the distance to the nearest water. In this patrol plane and another, seven rangers who were stringing a new telephone line in the park some miles away, and four volunteer firefighters were carried to Crow Lake in a matter of minutes. One of the volunteers was a soldier spending his brief leave fishing. Fire hose, a pump worked by a gasoline engine and other equipment were also speeded to the blaze by the air route. Two or three hours' hard work with sand and water conquered the outbreak and the burnt area was little more than three acres in extent.

Freaks of Lightning

During a recent thundersorm we watched the lightning strike in the bush three miles away, across Lake Bernard. A spiral of dense smoke shot skyward a few seconds later. No fire-fighting equipment was required for this woodland fire. A torrential rain, the heaviest we ever saw, attended to it. Throughout the storm we were gazing southward over the lake, watching the lightning and the rain. Had we glanced through the north windows of the shanty, a more spectacular show might have been seen. Lightning struck and fired a farmer's barn so suddenly that there was no time to rescue the stock, and some cattle and hogs were roasted alive. In the same storm the telegraph office at the station was struck, window shattered and the telephone ripped from a wall—the latter job done with the thoroughness that the oft-interrupted business man is sometimes tempted to do with the same useful but much-abused instru-

ment. In this village, too, some time ago, occurred one of those queer freaks of lightning occasionally noted in the press. During a violent storm a man sat on the porch at the rear of his cottage. His dog, obviously nervous, went to him and crouched between his legs. Lightning struck and killed the dog without burn or injury whatever to the man.

Six-Pound Stone In Fish

Of the telling of fish stories, like the making of books, there is no end. And the variety thereof is infinite. Here is the latest told to us by a doctor's wife who vouches for its accuracy: Trolling in one of the lakes farther north a friend of hers hooked a lake trout weighing 26 pounds. Six pounds of this impressive weight was a round stone. Suggestions that fish and stone first met in the camp kitchen and not in the lake are denied with emphasis. This particular trout, therefore, must have been carrying the rock for ballast. We once made an X-ray examination of a goldfish, said to have been of a rare variety, that had expired suddenly and from no apparent cause. There was a stone in that fish the size of a grain of wheat, but what relation, if any, it bore to the fish's demise we did not learn.

Fishing hereabout has not been notably prosperous this season. One ardent angler, nevertheless, who usually drives to little known lakes, says he has had the best fun of a long sporting career. Fish have been scarce, but on every trip deer aplenty have been seen, and he thinks the prospects for hunters are bright.

Inquisitive Moose

Another full-grown bull-moose grazing on a roadside near here was seen yesterday. According to a friend, this fellow was so big that he just "stepped over" a wire fence and scampered across a field on his approach. From a train on the north shore of Lake Superior once we saw a moose charging along the track at full speed in an apparent attempt to keep up with us. A shower of coal thrown at him by the engineer and fireman was ignored. It may be that sheer curiosity brought the animal into that odd race. A veteran fish ranger told us that the moose's bump of curiosity is a big one. A man carrying a canoe at a portage fascinates him. Twice at the same portage this ranger was followed at a respectful distance by a bull-moose. On the third trip the animal made a more intimate investigation. In an attack from behind, he reared and struck at the canoe with his forelegs. Ranger and canoe were thrown against a tree and both sustained minor damage. At sunset on the following day a cow-moose ventured near the woodsman's cabin—possibly to apologize for her mate's bullheaded inquisitiveness. Molestation ceased.

Bears Need Protection?

Although we had resolved not to recount any more bear stories, one heard at Pevensey to-day ought to be told because it suggests that the bears, rather than the farmers, on those remote hillsides need protection. It happened near Pickered Lake. Two men were harvesting hay from a marsh meadow. They had two dogs with them. From an adjoining stretch of bush a bear with three lively cubs appeared. All three cubs climbed the same tree when the dogs chased them. Barking dogs and one of the men with a hayfork kept the cubs in the tree while the other man ran to get a rifle. Despite the tradition of the mother bear's valor in defense of her young, she fled without a fight. When the rifle arrived the three cubs were shot. Two of them were sold to tourist camps to provide bear steak. Tied to a tree, the third was used as a lure to bring the mother back for shooting in the evening. Said to be an expert shot, a third man concealed himself in a hay coil and awaited her return. Presently she made for the tree where her dead cub was tied at a business-like speed. But her haste was insignificant compared to that of the hunter. Without firing a shot he sprinted for home in panic.

Probably a dozen bears have been killed in this region within recent weeks. All the loss to farmers we have heard about is a single lamb. But the farmers, of course, claim they are destroying future raiders.

Tisdale High Schools Take High Standing as Educational Centres

Interesting Feature of Schumacher and South Porcupine High Schools is the Effective Policy of Student Government and Staff Co-ordination. Notable War Effort by Tisdale High Schools.

A principal and seven teachers control the educative efforts at the High Schools in Schumacher and South Porcupine. Mr. W. S. Blake is the principal in charge of both schools, each of which has seven classrooms. It is expected, however, that there may be eight classes in South Porcupine this year.

An interesting feature of both schools is the student government, an effective policy of student and staff co-ordination, which has crowned with more success the efforts of the teachers, and the ability of their pupils. This student government is comprised of a student council, which is made up of the presidents of the various school activities, two teachers who act as advisers, and a girls' student captain and boys' student captain. The government is headed by a president, a vice-president, and a secretary, and while each member of the government is of great importance, the highest post of any student to acquire is the election as boys' or girls' captain. This is an honour that each student some day hopes to gain, and is usually won by the most popular students in the school.

Each year, elections are held at the school for the captains, and this is one of the most interesting periods in the school term. The various boys and girls who are seeking the honour, conduct election campaigns, giving the reasons why they should become captains, and finally elections are conducted by the poll method, exactly in the manner of Canadian government.

Like the other schools of the district, the Schumacher and South Porcupine High Schools carry on the effective war efforts, donating money to worthy causes, and knitting articles for the Red Cross.

BOOKS

Books are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind, which are delivered down from generation to generation, as presents to the hostiery of those who are yet unborn.—Addison.

A LITTLE LEARNING

A little learning is a dangerous thing; Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring; Their shallow draughts intoxicate the brain, And drinking largely sobers us again. —Pope's Essays on Criticism.

STUDIES

These literary studies are the food of youth, and consolation of age; they adorn prosperity, and are the comfort and refuge of adversity; they are pleasant at home, and are no incubance abroad; they accompany us at night, in our travels, and in our rural streets.—Cicero.

CLASSICS ALWAYS NEW

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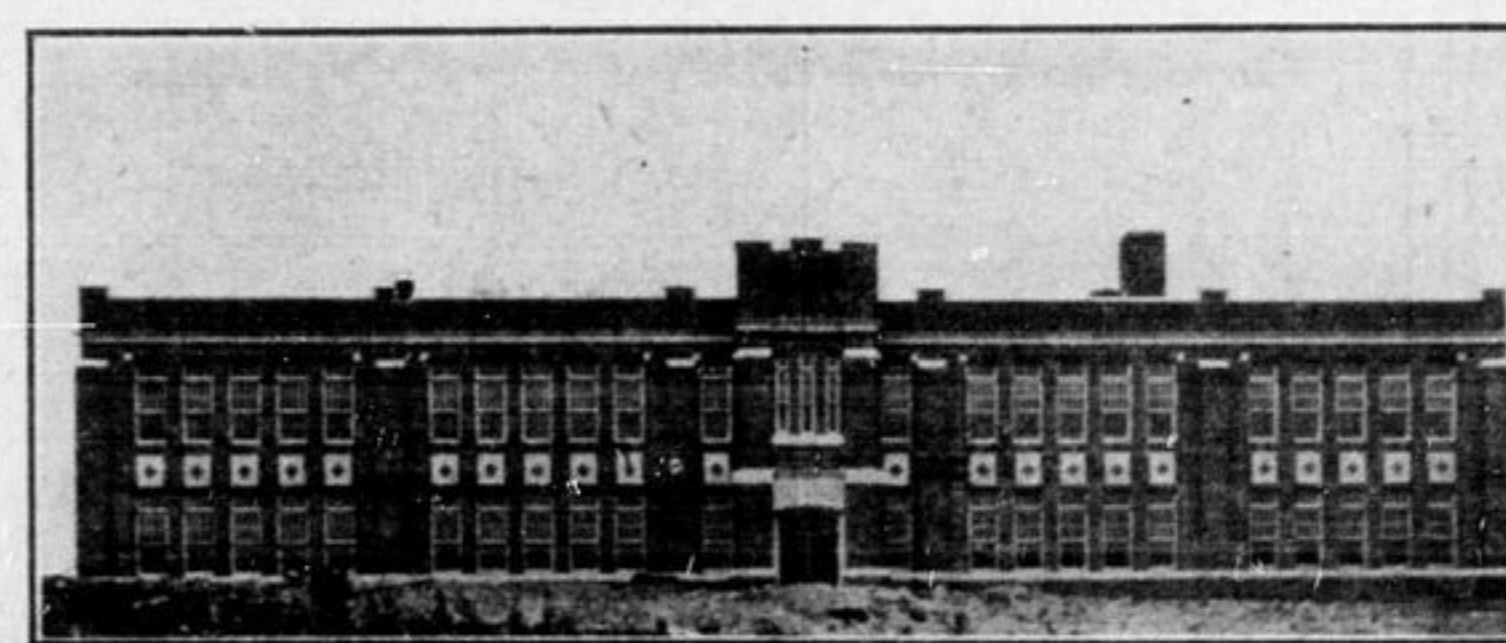
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A VIEW OF TIMMINS HIGH AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

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