

### Five Accidents on Monday and Tuesday Blamed on Icy Roads

#### Horse-Drawn Sleigh and Car Involved in One of the Accidents.

The slippery condition of the streets in Timmins this week resulted in five accidents on Monday and Tuesday morning. In all of the accidents the slippery streets were blamed and very little damage was done as the drivers were taking extra precautions.

Just after dinner-time on Monday afternoon a car and a slight were involved in an accident at the corner of Mountain Street and Second Avenue when the car was unable to stop at the intersection. The damage was small with the reish absorbing practically all of the damage.

O. Rev. 62 Spruce Street North, was travelling north on Mountain Street and had attempted to stop at the stop sign at the intersection but his brakes didn't catch on the slippery surface and he continued straight ahead and crashed into a horse-drawn sleigh that was operated by Victor Hall, of 114 Windsor Avenue. Damage consisted of broken shafts and runners and a load of wood that was on the sleigh was scattered all over the road. Damage amounted to about twelve dollars.

At one o'clock a truck and a car became tangled together in an accident on Pine Street, near Fourth Avenue. The truck, owned by the Star Transfer and being driven by Govan Blake, 164 Birch Street, South, was turning into the lane at the rear of the Timmins Post Office and another car, driven by Robert Code, 20 Cherry Street, proceeding south on Pine Street ran into the truck. No damage was done to the truck but about seven dollars damage was done to the car.

The third accident of the day came at about three o'clock when a taxi cab and a truck rammed into each other at the corner of Birch Street and Third Avenue. The taxi being driven by J. Bowyer, 174 Elm Street, was travelling west on Third Avenue behind the truck and as the truck stopped in the centre of the street before making a left turn onto Birch Street, the car rammed into the rear end. The road was very slippery and the damage to the taxi consisted of a broken radiator grille, a damaged engine hood, a scratched and dented left front fender, a broken left front headlight, and two fender parking lights broken. There was no damage to the truck.

Last of the four accidents on Monday was about five o'clock when another taxi cab and a lady truck driver became involved in an accident at the corner of Maple Street and Second Avenue. The taxi was driven by Hubert Cook, Conlastrum Property, and the truck was driven by Eileen Wallace, 175 Elm Street South.

The taxi was travelling west on Second Avenue and the truck was travelling north on Maple Street and had attempted to stop at the stop sign. The truck driver told police that when she saw the slippery street was going to hamper her stopping, she stepped on the gas and tried to beat

the cab across the street. As a result the cab ran in o back part of the truck and the damage amounted to about forty dollars.

Early on Tuesday morning, at 7:30 a.m. another taxi and a car were involved in an accident at the corner of Pine Street and Tisdale Avenue. The driver of the taxi, Florent Dubeau, 70 Birch Street South, was travelling south on Pine Street and had pulled over to the side of the street to pick up some passengers when his cab was rammed in the rear by the other car that was travelling in the same direction behind the taxi and was driven by Edward Caron, 257 Elm Street South. The driver of the car at the rear said that the taxi driver had not signalled that he was going to stop and as a result he was not prepared to stop suddenly on the slippery street.

Damage to the taxi consisted of a broken rear bumper, damage to trunk door and the handle of the trunk door broken. The second car was damaged in the front end and the damage was made up of a broken right front headlight, the fenders dented and the bumper damaged. Total damage amounted to about thirty dollars.

### Four-Year-Old Girl Narrowly Misses Injury in Accident

#### Was Knocked to the Ground by Car on Wilson Avenue But Only Gets Her Head Bumped.

Yvonne Bissonette, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bissonette, 28 Wilson Avenue, escaped serious injury on Friday afternoon shortly after one o'clock when she was struck down by a light truck, when she ran across the street in front of her home.

The little girl was rushed to Dr. G. S. MacKecknie's office where she was given medical attention. She was taken to the doctor's office by Howard Brunette immediately after the accident. The injuries she received were not serious being described as bumps of the nose and forehead when she was thrown to the ground.

The driver of the truck, Christian Lajoie, 109 Poplar Avenue, faces a charge of having defective brakes as a result of the police investigation that followed. Police said that his brakes were in very poor condition and that if the brakes had been in good shape he could have avoided the accident.

Witnesses said that the truck was proceeding west on Wilson Avenue and that the little girl ran from the south side of the street and ran into the front of the car. She was knocked to the ground and received numerous bumps on the nose and forehead. Witnesses said that the truck was only travelling about fifteen miles per hour and that the truck was slow in stopping in spite of the fact that the driver applied his brakes.

Another accident Friday afternoon a little after two o'clock caused damage to two cars estimated at about forty-five dollars. The driver of one of the cars admitted to police that the accident was his fault and agreed to settle all damages. He blamed the icy condition of the road for his inability to stop the car before it crashed into the other.

Frank Karpel, 273 Maple Street, North, driving his father's car, came into the intersection of Seventh Avenue and Maple Street after Robert Cockerline, of the Preston East Dome, who was travelling west on Seventh Avenue. Police discovered that Cockerline was about three-quarters of the way across the intersection when the crash took place.

Karpel admitted that he was to blame for the accident and told police that he would pay for all the damages but said that the icy surface of the road prevented him from stopping his car in time.

Damage to Karpel's car was about twenty dollars and consisted of numerous scratches and dents on the left front fender and the front bumper broken in two. Damage to Cockerline's car amounted to about twenty-five dollars and consisted of dents and scratches on both right fenders.

### Princess Alice Club Hold Meeting and Plans for Year

Gratifying Proceeds of Recent Dance are Donated to Various Services.

The Princess Alice Club met on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. F. Woodbury, with Mrs. J. Thomson, president, in the chair. Chief topic of discussion during the evening was the Christmas dance which was held on Friday, December 5th, and from the favourable proceeds of which the members were able to give a sum towards Dental supplies for needy Timmins children, to be dispensed by the Town's Public Health nurses.

The members also voted a sum to be given to the Salvation Army to supply Christmas baskets. Arrangements were made to assist other service clubs at the Christmas Tree for the children of Timmins men on overseas service, this event to take place on Friday, December 19th.

Further discussion centred around the project work for the following season, which will include the preparation of layettes to be presented to the Public Health nurses.

At the close of the business session, the hostess served tea during a pleasant social half-hour.

### Three Births Registered at Timmins During Week

Born—on December 13th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo St. Pierre of 24 Southern avenue—a daughter.

Born—on December 1st, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Paquin Lorenzo, of 5 Messines avenue—a daughter.

Born—on December 8th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Victor Belanger, of 32 Wilson avenue at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

## Employment Facilities Ready at Unemployment Insurance Office Here

### Staff in Fine New Quarters Upstairs at Broadway Theatre Building Ready to Help in Employment Matters as Well as in Unemployment Insurance Questions. Employment Service Extended.

Employment facilities of the Employment and Claims Office which has been opened in Timmins by the Unemployment Insurance Commission are available and free to all workers and employers whether they are in insurable classes or not. This information was given out today by Mr. G. E. Charron, Manager, who said that any unemployed worker, man or woman, may come to the office where an interviewer will take a record of the applicant's work capabilities and experience. With this material at hand the officials of the Office will do their utmost to find the person a suitable job.

Employers are also invited to make use of the employment placement facilities of the Employment and Claims Office. They will be given every assistance in applying their needs for workers.

Because of its nation-wide set-up the Employment Service of the Unemployment Insurance Commission is able to collect information concerning job opportunities and job placements. This information is made available to all local offices which in turn will make it available to employers and employees upon request.

Nearly 100 Local Employment and

Claims Offices are now operating across Canada, and these are the agencies which co-ordinate the work of the insurance side and the Employment Service side of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

These offices have a triple function to perform. They will try to help workers obtain employment for which they are fitted. They will try to aid employers to obtain workers most suitable to their needs. They will also deal with claims for benefit by insurable workers under the Unemployment Insurance Plan when those become payable early in the New Year.

Since they deal with the claims and benefit aspect of the Unemployment Insurance Act, a general misconception has grown up on the part of the public that the services of the Employment and Claims Offices are available only for those who hold insurance books.

The Unemployment Insurance Commission branch office at Timmins includes, as well as the unemployment insurance, all the work done here by the Employment Bureau located for so many years on Fourth avenue, nearly opposite the town hall. The combined offices dealing here with unem-

### Canadian Friendship Carol Service Held at W. M. S. Meeting

#### Tribute Paid to Various Nationalities.

At the meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Timmins United Church on Thursday, Dec. 11th, a Canadian Friendship Carol service was held. All the well-known and beloved Christmas carols were sung in conjunction with a very beautiful candle-lighting ceremony.

Mrs. A. Gillies led the service, paying tribute to the Nationalities which make up our Dominion and mentioned the different countries to which we are indebted for some of our best loved carols.

An Indian carol was read by Mrs. W. M. Mustard, and a negro carol by Mrs. A. B. Ramsay.

Mrs. L. Murray delightfully sang a Ukrainian carol.

Mrs. W. Shepherd was guest soloist. Misses Phyllis Reid, Jean Armstrong, Valerie Bennetts and Joy Weir, of the Playmates Club sang "Away in a Manger."

Those taking part in the candlelighting ceremony were:—Mesdames J. Weir, J. Harnden, L. Murray, A. A. Rose, J. Bowden, A. Jackson.

Mrs. J. Teeple led a brief business

session in which it was decided to advance to the January meeting and week. The members expressed thanks to Mrs. Teeple for carrying on so splendidly in the absence of Mrs. Gillies through illness.

Mrs. Mustard was in the chair during the presenting and accepting of the slate of officers for 1942. Mrs. A. G. Carson giving the report of the nominating committee.

The new officers are as follows:—Hon. President—Mrs. W. M. Mustard. Past President—Mrs. A. Gillies. President—Mrs. A. Jackson. 1st vice-president—Mrs. J. Teeple. 2nd vice-president—Mrs. J. Bouden. Secretary—Mrs. J. Oltsher. Treasurer—Mrs. T. Coulson. Christian Stewardship and Finance—Mrs. H. L. Traver.

Literature—Mrs. A. A. Rose. Missionary Monthly and World Friends—Mrs. Ian Gordon. Supply—Mrs. Tansley. Community Friendship—Mrs. J. Weir. Associate Helpers—Mrs. A. Gillies.

and Mrs. A. G. Carson. Temperance and Christian Citizenship—Mrs. A. B. Ramsay. Fanlist—Mrs. P. H. Garson. Press—Mrs. J. Bouden.

### Schubert Choral to Have Social Evening To-Night

The members of the Schubert Choral meet in a social capacity this (Thursday) evening at 9 o'clock at the Hollinger hall when the evening's fun will take the form of a Christmas tree party.

The next rehearsal of the Schubert Choral will be held on Monday, Dec. 23rd, when a full turnout of members is earnestly requested, as the "Pirates of Penzance" will be presented early in February.

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