

Red Cross Work Carried on Successfully in Every Line in Timmins Last Year

Financial Report, and Reports on Nutrition, Home Nursing and Emergencies, Publicity, Prisoners-of War, Women's War Work, Junior Red Cross, Etc., Show Earnest Effort and Genuine Success.

The following official report of Timmins Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is one that should please all patriotic people here or elsewhere. Every committee, every department, reports genuine services during the year.

The surgical department under the convenship of Mrs. Jas. Barry works in the basement of the Post Office Building and up to the end of October continued to make Ward Slippers, shipping 437 pairs this year.

The wool department with headquarters in the Town Hall is under the convenship of Mrs. H. W. Brown. For the first three or four months of 1942 this department was making enormous monthly shipments to headquarters.

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Pilot Officer Raoul DeF Jenner, young Ottawa lad who is the second member of the Royal Canadian Air Force to be awarded the George Medal. Pilot Officer Jenner has written the almost-incredible story of his experience on one operation against the enemy and it was the climax of this experience which brought him the award which, as a decoration for valour, is preceded only by the Victoria Cross and the George Cross (RCAF Photo)

Dean of Ontario Fire Chiefs Honoured Here on His 77th Birthday

Timmins Volunteer Fire Department Tender Banquet to Fire Chief Alex Borland, Chief of Timmins Fire Department for Twenty-six Years, About Seventy Guests Enjoy Happy Occasion.

Timmins Volunteer Fire Brigade on Saturday evening tendered a banquet to Fire Chief Alex Borland, Sr., and family, on the occasion of the Fire Chief's seventy-seventh birthday. The event was held in the Legion hall, and there were about seventy present.

In thanking the volunteers for the gift, Chief Borland spoke of the way all had worked to make the department so successful and effective. He thanked all for the honour bestowed upon him and the kindness shown by all.

On behalf of himself and Mrs. Spooner, Councillor Spooner thanked the volunteers for their kindly thought and spoke of the happy days that he and Mrs. Spooner had spent in Timmins and the friendship that had been given them.

Mayor Brunette extended sincere good wishes and congratulations to the guest of honour, and suggested that the help and inspiration of Mrs. Borland had no doubt been a vital factor in the success of Fire Chief Borland.

Councillor W. G. Smith, now of South Porcupine, but an old-time member of the Volunteer Brigade, who spoke with pride of the medal he carried for 16 years' faithful service for the Fire Brigade, and also of the deep respect and affection he held for Fire Chief and Mrs. Borland; E. H. Hill, a former chief, and for many years a Volunteer Fireman, pointed out that Fire Chief Borland was more than an outstanding fire chief because of his other notable work for every good cause in the community.

James Cowan, newly-elected president of the Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion, expressed the regard and good wishes of the Veterans for the veteran chief who had contributed so much to every line of community endeavour.

Dancing by three of Fire Chief Borland's granddaughters was a delightful feature on the programme, all three young ladies being pupils of Mrs. Margaret Easton Shields. Mildred and Francis Borland gave a tap-dancing duet that brought great applause, while Miss Helen Borland gave a clever presentation of the "Shim, Sham, Shuffle" tap.

Another feature was the community singing with W. H. Wilson at the piano. One of the special numbers for this part of the programme was an original song to the time of the "Boys of the Old Brigade".

Here's to the Chief of the Fire Brigade, whose birthday we celebrate; Thinking with pride of the part he played Making our corps so great.



Chief Borland

Mr. Alex Borland, Jr., and Mrs. Borland and their family of five charming young ladies; Mayor and Mrs. J. E. Brunette; Councillor and Mrs. Spooner; Councillor McDermott; Councillor E. W. Gladstone; John Morrison, secretary of the Volunteer Fire Brigade for twenty-five years.

Thirty-seven from North Join R.C.A.F. at North Bay

North Bay Leads with Seven. Timmins 4, South Porcupine 2, Schumacher 1.

There were 37 men enlisted in air crew and other trades at the R.C.A.F. recruiting centre at North Bay in the week from Jan. 22nd to 28th, inclusive. There were seven from North Bay, that centre thus heading the list. Timmins and Sudbury tied for second place in the number of recruits, there being four from each of these two centres.

Timmins—Louis Henry Roy, 27 1/2 Main avenue; Jack Peacock, 211 Cedar street; C. Wald Kastl Isaacson; Frederick Hugh McLellan.

South Porcupine—Joseph Rotondo, William Henry Marshall. Porcupine Junction—Oscar Reese. Elk Lake—Herbert Arthur Somerville, Kirkland Lake—Peter James Kovalechuk.

Cobalt—Gordon Richard Alonzo Cook. There were three joining the R.C.A.F. Women's Division, as follows:—Alice L. Anderson, standard general duties; Nobel, Ont.; Adele Bellavance, tailoress standard, Laraine, Abitibi, Que.; Constance Madeline Lynham, parachute rigger standard, Ferris, Ont.

Observed Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Eplett Married at Lindsay on Feb. 1st, 1893.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Eplett, of New Liskeard, and widely known throughout the North Land where they have resided for over forty years, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Monday of this week, Feb. 1st.

They were married at Lindsay, Ontario, and for a number of years lived at Coldwater, Ont. In 1901 Mr. Eplett came to the North, and a year or so later he was joined here by his wife and family. For some five years he conducted a hardware store in New Liskeard and then sold out to Capt. Tom Magladerer and his brother, the late W. J. Magladerer. Then Mr. Eplett prospered in the Cobalt area and was also interested in properties at Gowganda, Shingtree, Larder Lake and other parts of the North.

In 1914 Mr. Eplett entered the ice cream field in the North, express rates previously keeping the price of ice cream at an exorbitant figure. At first the Eplett factory was on a comparatively small scale, but in 1918 the present large factory at New Liskeard was established. In 1922 the large modern plant in Timmins was established. Another was added at Cochrane in 1926, while Kirkland Lake branch followed in 1932. Subsequently plants were put in operation at Larder Lake, Rouyn, Val-d'Or. To-day the firm of S. D. Eplett and Sons has 800 ice cream mechanical refrigerators in operation in the North and Mrs. Eplett recently noted that it practically controlled the ice cream business from Temagami to Cochrane and from Sioux Lookout on the west to Senneters, Que., on the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Eplett had four sons, two of whom—Charles and Gordon—survive. Samuel, Jr., died last year at New Liskeard; Cecil, the other son, passed away several years ago.

Who so steady and unafraid! Who to his post so true! Here's to the Chief of the Fire Brigade Here's what we wish to you:— A happy birthday now, may many follow.

Thousands are the friendships you have made. May they keep strong. As the years pass along, While you're Chief of the Fire Brigade. When some day you're through with active service, Many heartfelt tributes will be paid. Memories will dwell On the job you did so well, As the Chief of the Fire Brigade.

Most of the rest of the evening was spent in square and round dancing, with W. H. Wilson at the piano, and the string trio—Fred Pilon, Aurel Blyson and Roger Bisson—providing lively and able music. Les Nicholson proved an expert at "calling-off" for the square dances. Other special numbers for the evening included loudly applauded humorous songs by James Cowan; popular songs by Miss Viola Chener and Jimmy Ormston; the "Old Cobalt" song given as only Jack Easton can give it; as well as a clever exhibition of trick-balancing by Deputy Chief W. S. Stanley.

Altogether it was a very happy and pleasant evening enjoyed by all from beginning to end.

Notable Record Last Year of the Employees' Fund of Buffalo-Ankerite Mines

Over \$5,000.00 Contributed to Worthy War Causes and Public Charities in 1942. Canadian Red Cross Given \$1,000.00. Another \$765.00 for Russian Relief.

Most of the mines of the Porcupine District have Employees' Funds, these funds being maintained by the men themselves through regular contributions from their pay, with the mines in most cases contributing also. The funds are administered by representative committees and the contributions from these funds have been very important to every patriotic cause and every worthy public charity. At various times The Advance has published references to these different Employees' Funds, and on several occasions mention had been made of the Buffalo-Ankerite Employees' Fund in connection with the publication of contributions to war causes or other patriotic and community movements.

The information given by Mr. Neilly is as follows:— The Employees' Fund of Buffalo-Ankerite Gold Mines Limited was organized in April 1940. Every employee of the Company is a subscriber and contributes one hour's pay each month.

The Fund is administered by fifteen representatives elected by the employees from their own shifts or departments.

Contributions to War Charities and Public Charities—local and general—in 1942 were as follows: Canadian Red Cross Society \$1,000.00 Russian Relief—through Can. Red Cross Society 765.00 Canadian Aid to Russia Fund 500.00 Canadian Legion Services 100.00 The Navy League of Canada 450.00 Bomb Victims Fund of Great Britain 500.00 Salvation Army 200.00 Canadian War Services Fund 460.00 Women's War Work Organization (3) 30.00 Save the Children Fund—Britain 25.00 I.O.D.E. Timmins Golden Chapter 25.00 Cigarettes to Employees in Services 92.65

Total \$4,147.65 Children's Aid Society—Cochrane District 245.00 Canadian National Institute for the Blind 200.00

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Table listing contributions to various organizations: Victorian Order of Nurses - 110.00, Timmins - 110.00, Porcupine District - 100.00, Porcupine Christmas Seal Committee - 40.00, Kiwanis Club - 25.00, Hospital for Sick Children - 25.00, Toronto - 30.00, Muskoka, Toronto, Queen Mary Hospitals (Sanitariums) - 30.00, St. John Ambulance Brigades of Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine - 30.00, Total - \$890.00

Patriotic Ass'n Telephone Bridge Very Successful

Proceeds of Bridge to be Used to Enable Association to Purchase Mobile Canteen.

Friday evening was the occasion of a successful telephone bridge at the homes of several women, proceeds to be used for the Patriotic Association, a branch of the Order of the Eastern Star, the purpose being to buy one mobile canteen for overseas. Mrs. E. A. F. Day was the convener for the event, and it was at her home where the main activities took place.

Hostesses at bridge were Mrs. Fred Jackson, Mrs. J. Goodman, Mrs. W. Bennett, Mrs. B. Rutherford, Mrs. H. W. Brown, Miss G. Doherty, Mrs. M. MacMillan and Mrs. R. Asselstine of Schumacher, Mrs. W. Rinn, Mrs. J. McGhie, Mrs. H. Shantz of the Annor, Mrs. W. Severt, Mrs. T. Fisher, and Mrs. H. Hall, of the Dome.

The draw of the prize winners took place at the home of Mrs. E. A. F. Day, Mrs. MacLean making the draw. The highest draw was Mrs. S. C. Butler, of Patricia Blvd., who was the recipient of a war saving certificate. Mrs. T. Flowers of the Coniarium was second, Mrs. H. R. Burton, of the Dome, third, and Mrs. Ken Stubbs, of 4 Fourth avenue, fourth.

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Enough Wood, Allowed to Rot, to Provide Fuel for the Town of Timmins

High Price Asked for Standing Timber Makes it Unprofitable for Dealers to Try to Handle Same, Says Old-Timer of the North Who Knows the Woods Hereabouts.

Timmins, Feb. 1st, 1943. To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:— There has been much heard about the so-called danger of shortage of firewood in the Timmins district, the cause of the same, and so on. Some people are making quite a problem out of it. Really, it should be classed as a joke. Anyone acquainted with the district surrounding the town, say, for fifteen miles in all directions from the town, can say and prove that during the past ten or fifteen years there have been tens of thousands of cords of good firewood allowed to rot away to the ground, and this condition is still worse on account of all the windfalls during the past few years.

Besides this, the several lumber companies who have been operating in the district have been allowed to cut all commercial timber of all kinds, leaving behind all tops of the trees, as well as small timber of no commercial value for timber. Some of these limits have been held as far back as fifteen years or more, and the companies have not been compelled to cut them. Anyone who has prospected in Godfrey or other of the townships of the Kamiskotia area know that in addition to the waste of firewood resulting, the timber thus worthless to the lumber companies constitutes a fire hazard of serious proportions.

On these limits, the so-called firewood has been sold at a price of 25c to 40c per cord, which, of course, they do not have to pay until the wood is actually cut. It does not pay the limit holder or the lumber company to cut firewood, but it does pay them to sell or resell same at an advance price of 75 cents to \$2.00 per cord for standing timber. It does not pay anyone, even a regular wood dealer on a large scale to buy at such a high price and then have to haul the wood at distances, say from ten to fifteen miles from town. The result is that the woods remain there to rot away.

Besides paying a high price for outstanding timber, according to the reg-

ulations all the wood when cut must be skidded and piled up in order that the skidders may measure a few cords of wood at an additional fee of say five to seven dollars, according to distances, etc.

It should be pointed out that in the early days of this camp, when the Conservative party was in power, anyone could buy a block of several acres, or one-half to one square mile, at reasonable rates and on a fair estimate, which would give a man a chance. If this system had been kept up, or if it could be re-established in full force, there would be no threatened shortage of firewood here.

Yours Sincerely, J. A. Theriault.

Earns High Post



G. E. CARTER, recently named assistant passenger traffic manager, Eastern Lines, Canadian Pacific Railway, in a promotion from the post of general passenger agent, Eastern Lines. Mr. Carter makes his headquarters in Montreal.