

EIGHTH ARMY MARCHING RIGHT ALONG

Recital by Students of Porcupine Music Teachers Proves Delightful Event

Lengthy Programme Enjoyed from Beginning to End. Programme Please Gathering. High and Vocational Several Numbers Greeted as Outstanding. All Items on School Choir on Programme.

A capacity crowd was in attendance at the Porcupine Music Teachers' Association Student Recital held on Tuesday evening in the First United Church. All who were present appreciated the talents of the pupils, and agreed that this performance was one of the best presented so far.

A great deal of credit is due the teachers who tirelessly spent a great deal of their time teaching these pupils the great music they displayed on Tuesday evening. Boys and girls both young and old, performed, and after each number, all received a great deal of warm applause.

After the opening number "O Canada" the Public School Choir, under the direction of Mr. R. Baillie, sang "Gliding Through the Meadow", and "The Ash Grove". The girls in their white middie, and dark skirts, and the boys in their dark suits made a striking background for those two lovely pieces.

The next number was by Miss Alice Giovannelli, Grade 10, Rhapsody in G Minor, by Brahms, a very stirring melody that kept the audience breathless.

Betty Dunsmore, Grade 1, played "Drummer Boy March", by Aubrey, and was followed by little Ruth Wilson, of Grade 3, playing the "Spinning Song" by Ellenrich.

Marilyn Cliff, of Grade 8, presented the Nocturne in D Sharp Minor, by Chopin, and its soft melody was a tribute to her long years of study.

Clara Campagnola, of Grade 7, presented the "Scherzo" by Schubert, and Claire Gervais of Grade 10, presented the "Imromptu in A flat" by Chopin, both numbers being outstanding and greatly appreciated by all. Two little fellows, Wilfred Lemaire, of Grade 4, and Donald Hindson, of Grade 1, presented two delightful tunes, the first being Valse, by Krogman, and Toby's Tune, in a Dirigible.

Pupils of Mr. H. Treneer, Miss Garneth McLeod and Mr. Warren Tansley, both did credit to their fine teacher by rendering two lovely solos. Miss McLeod sang "On the Wings of Song," by Mendelssohn, and with her sweet soprano voice, won the hearts of all. Warren Tansley's "Arm, Arm Ye Brave," by Handel, was a very stirring song, and brought out the deep rich quality of the singer's voice.

After little Jack Tyrrell's "Colonel Bogey March" by Alfred, Miss Catherine Jardine, of Grade 10, presented the "3rd Movement, Sonata, Op. 10" by Beethoven. Miss Jardine is an accomplished pianist, having studied with the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and her selection on Tuesday evening was able proof of her talent.

A rather amusing tale of "Flatty and (Continued On Page Three)

To Discuss School Problems

Public School Inspector to Address Home and School Association Next Week.

The monthly meeting of the Home and School Association will be held in the Central School on Thursday evening of next week, April 16th, and the programme for the evening promises to be a very interesting and valuable one. Mr. Brown, public school inspector, will discuss school problems, and the relation of the home to the school. There will be an opportunity during the evening for anyone to ask questions regarding school work.

Another feature of the evening will be a talk by Mr. McClung on the value of manual training.

Special musical numbers during the evening will also add to the interest.

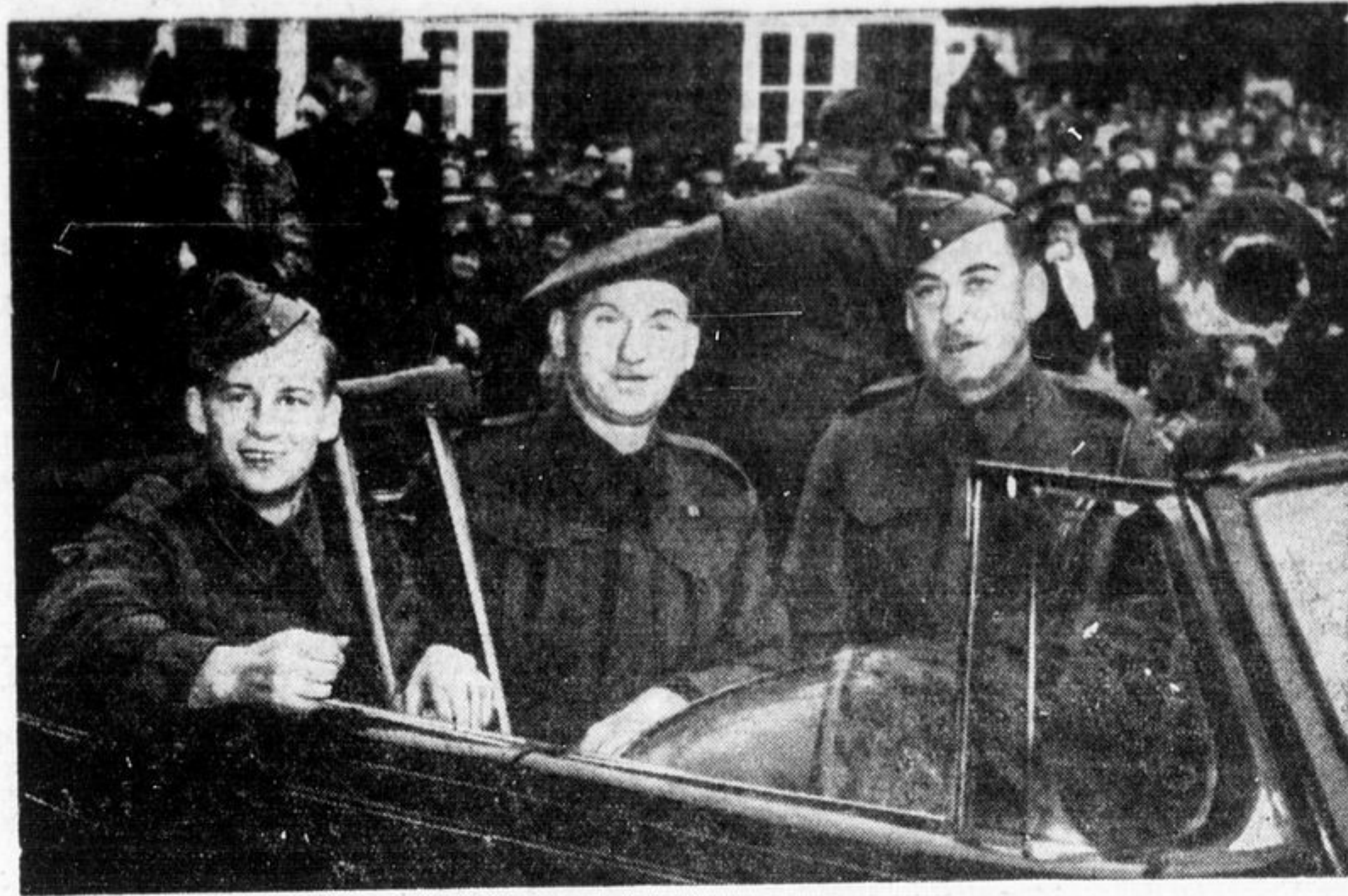
This meeting should prove an attractive and important event for all interested in home and school—and that should mean practically everybody.

Drive for Clothing for Russia Proves Very Successful

Town Trucks to be Used to Pick up Balance of Clothing Donated.

The recent drive for clothing for Russia has proved very successful. Councillor Gladstone told council at Monday's meeting. Indeed there were so many calls that the volunteer workers could not handle them, and the town trucks will have to be utilized to finish picking up the donations of clothing. Some of these donations have been held back because groups of ladies wished to make any needed repairs and put all clothing in the finest possible condition. Councillor Gladstone said that the trucks calling for the goods had not been able always to respond at once to calls, but he gave special praise to the Workers' Co-operative for the thorough way in which they attended to their part of this voluntary service. The drive for clothes for Russia closes on Saturday of this week.

FORMER TIMMINS YOUNG MAN IS AWARDED D. C. M.



From left to right—Private Harry Wichtacz, of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry; Private Alex Chisholm, Toronto Scottish; and Company Sergeant-Major James Murphy of the Royal Regiment of Canada.

Private Harry Wichtacz is shown in the above photo as he arrived in Toronto on his first leg home from Dieppe. Harry has been very much in the news lately, many will have heard Bob Bowman mention him in his speech over the CBC about their trip on the boat home from Dieppe.

Harry Wichtacz has been awarded the D. C. M. for bravery at Dieppe.

Harry was born in Timmins and until the last 5 years resided with his mother on Pine Street South. He attended public and high schools here, later working as diamond driller with Ryan Diamond Drilling Co. He then moved with his mother to Sheffield, Ontario.

He enlisted with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry in 1939 and served overseas for 3 years.

Speaker at Kiwanis Tells of Value of the "Miracle Drugs", Sulphonamides

Group of Chemical Compounds and Derivatives Prove of Great Service in the Fight Against Bacteria, Says Dr. Peter Wenger in Address to Timmins Kiwanis Club.

One of the most interesting and valuable addresses recently heard was that given on Monday at the Kiwanis luncheon at the Empire hotel, when Dr. Peter Wenger spoke on what are known to many as the "miracle drugs"—Sulphonamides. Further interest and effect was given the address by the use of colour movies to illustrate the subject under discussion.

Dr. Wenger said in introducing his address that in the last few years a great deal of publicity has been given to the group of drugs known as the Sulphonamides. They have sometimes been called the "miracle drugs" because they have produced spectacular results when used in the treatment of certain diseases. Dr. Wenger's address made it plain that while they did not do all that was sometimes claimed for them, they were of unusual value and were being steadily studied with results that made their usefulness more complete.

Dr. Wenger's address showed some of the "miracles" that had been achieved by the Sulphonamides, and suggested further benefits that may be expected from them, their derivatives, or the research carried on regarding them. He explained that the Sulphonamides are a group of chemical compounds which are derivatives of the dye known as aniline. These Sulphonamides were known as early as the 1890's, but it was not until 1932 that their antibacterial powers were discovered. The discovery was made by Dr. Domag, a chemist. He was working on fabrics at the time and was able to produce a Sulphonamide which would make the fabric dye-fast. That is, the fabric would take up the Sulphonamide permanently. Some one suggested that perhaps harmful bacteria would take up bacteria the same way and thus render them harmless. It was found that certain bacteria did take up the Sulphonamide in the same way, and when they did so the bacteria were prevented from multiplying.

The speaker proceeded to relate further experiments that followed. It was shown that in certain cases a mouse could be protected by a single dose of the drug, from as many as 10,000 tetani doses of a deadly germ—the streptococcus. Sulphonamide was then used in all sorts of infectious diseases, but it was soon found that it was useful only in a few of them. In 1932 a British chemist discovered Sulphapyridine which was found to be very effective in pneumonia. Dr. Wenger gave some very interesting details in regard to the treatment of pneumonia by the use of Sulphapyridine.

"The uses of these drugs—Sulphonamides, Sulphapyridine, etc.—are many," said Dr. Wenger. "They have been used most extensively in certain kinds of blood poisoning, in gonorrhoea, in pneumonia, and in the treatment of wounds. In pneumonia, since their use, the death rate has dropped to ten per cent." He added, however, that they are by no means cure-alls. They do not cure every case of a disease in which their use has been proven.

In concluding his address, Dr. Wenger said that no doubt new and useful Sulphonamides will be discovered in the

future. He pointed out that there is an enormous amount of research work to be done on them, and as this research work succeeds they will become more and more entitled to the name of "miracle drugs."

The speaker was introduced by Kiwanian E. H. King, while the appreciation of the club for the valuable address was given by Kiwanian O. R. Kennie.

The singing was led by Kiwanian F. Woodbury.

O. R. Kennie was the winner of the War Savings Draw.

The guests for the day were:—R. H. Starr, Toronto, N. L. MacNamee, Toronto; M. E. Gooding, Timmins.

Two Timmins Air Men Reported Missing This Week

Pilot Officer G. W. Lawry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawry, 15 Murdoch avenue, and Pilot Officer James Lago, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lago, 11 Lakeshore Rd., have been reported this week as missing after air operations. The next-of-kin has been notified as required by the regulations.

Pilot Officer Gordon Lawry has been overseas since last August, having enlisted with the R.C.A.F. in September, 1941. He was commissioned and received his wings in July 19th, 1942, at Three Rivers, Quebec. Before enlisting, he was a student of Queen's University, having attended that college for two years, taking a science course. He is a graduate of Timmins High and Vocational School, and for two years before entering University, he was employed at the Hollinger Mines.

Pilot Officer James Lago has been in the Air Force for the past two years. Before enlisting, he was a student of Timmins High and Vocational School.

Council May Undertake Raising Hogs to Add to Supply of Fats and Bones

Mr. Austin Neame Suggests Municipal Piggery, Using Selected Garbage as Food. Councillor Eyre Points Out That Health Dept. Opposed This Some Time Ago, but Pigs Might be Raised to Add to Supply of Fats and Bones

At the regular council meeting on Monday a letter was read from Mr. Austin Neame pointing to the probable shortage of beef and suggesting that Timmins might well start a municipal piggery to help the situation. The piggery could be located on the outskirts of the town where it would not be a nuisance to any neighbours, and Mr. Neame thought the problem of feeding the pigs could be largely solved by the fact that there is enough good pig feed in refuse collected from restaurants, hotels, etc., by the garbage department to make good feed for a large number of pigs. The plan might be started in a small way and then expanded if success warranted it.

Councillor K. A. Eyre pointed out that some years ago the provincial health department had vetoed a similar plan. His understanding was that the department would not sanction the use of any form of garbage to feed pigs for human consumption. There were some cities in the United States where there were municipal piggeries and much of the food for the pigs was gathered by the garbage department. It might be, of course, that health regulations in the United States were different to those in Ontario. Also it might be that the department of health for Ontario might have changed its mind on the matter since their last decision. The councillor added that the suggestion of Mr. Neame might be worked out in another way. The pigs might be raised, as suggested, but instead of selling the product as meat, the carcasses could be rendered into fats so badly needed for war purposes. There would also be a quantity of bones to add to the salvage department of the town.

Councillor Spooner said that there would be ready use for fats and the bones could be utilized for fertilizing and other purposes. It was decided to have Councillor Mc Dermott and Eyre as a committee to investigate and report back to the council. Councillor J. W. Spooner reported on the matter of fats to be collected by the town and to be used in the making of munitions and for other purposes. The work of collecting had now been organized with the Boy Scouts doing the canvassing of private homes, etc. The town truck could continue to gather the material from hotels, cafes, etc. There was a recent order issued by the War-time Prices and Trade Board making it compulsory for butcher shops to purchase waste fats, paying the prices named by the Board and reselling to the government department of munitions. In Timmins, Councillor Spooner said, the plans for collection of fats had been perfected. The Boy Scouts would devote any money made from the sale of the fats they collected to the work of the movement or to other patriotic purpose. Council granted permission for two parades by the Timmins High and Vocational School Cadets—one of these to a drumhead service at Hollinger Park on Sunday, May 23rd, at 2 p.m., and the other a march to Hollinger Park for the annual inspection on Tuesday, June 1st. Six local poolroom proprietors asked for a cutting of the license fees at this time, because of the decrease in business. Applications from two town men for places as playground supervisors during the summer months were filed. The monthly report of Fire Chief Borland was read and filed. It showed

British Forces in Africa Smash Rommel Defences Joins With U. S. Troops

Russians Capture Two More Centres on Smolensk Front. Hitler and Mussolini Conferring on European Defence. Axis Air Strength Said to be Weakening in North Africa

District of Cochrane in 2nd Place

This District Really Leads Province in War Savings Stamps Sale.

Official tabulation for the province of Ontario for the sales of war savings stamps for the month of February, as just issued, shows this district, Cochrane, as second in all Ontario. First place goes to Ottawa, but as Ottawa includes all the civil service members, no matter where they may be resident, buying war savings certificates on the wage deduction plan, the Cochrane district is really at the head of the list for Ontario. Much credit goes for this to the Cochrane District National War Finance Committee and the ardent workers under that organization. The schools are also entitled to a special word for the success achieved. The following is a list of the leaders in Ontario in the sale of war savings stamps:

District	Per Capita
Ottawa	2.74
Cochrane	1.60
Kenora	1.28
Windsor	1.27
Sudbury & Manitoulin	1.24
Etobicoke	1.13
Waterloo and Huron	1.11
Toronto	1.09
Niagara District	1.00

It will be noted that several of the Northern areas are among the leaders. This is not so much due to any special prosperity in the North, but rather to the earnest and effective work of the North Land committees and workers. As a matter of fact the South these days has a boom on, due to war work, while the North is having a struggle. Temiskaming district has a per capita of 69 cents and Nipissing (North Bay included) has only 31 cents per capita.

Urging Government to Make District Roads Passable

A motion was passed at Monday's meeting of the town council urging the provincial department of highways to make the key roads of the Township of Mountjoy as passable as possible as early a date as possible. It was pointed out that these roads were vital to the farmers and settlers and in addition Timmins depended upon these roads for the major part of its necessary milk and wood fuel supply. Council looked on the matter as very urgent at the present time. At the present time these roads were in bad condition.

From Allied Headquarters in North Africa this morning comes the news that the British Eighth Army under General Sir Bernard Montgomery has smashed completely Marshal Rommel's Wadi Arkarit defences, 20 miles north of Gabes, and joined forces with United States troops under Lt-Gen. Geo. Patton.

Washington reports are that falling Axis air strength in Tunisia indicates the German air force is strained to its utmost, and, according to the Office of War Information, it appears "very doubtful" that Germany is holding back any large reserves of planes in Europe.

The president of Bolivia last night issued a decree putting Bolivia in the war as an ally of the United States, and calling for general mobilization.

British fighters and anti-aircraft gunners brought down about ten enemy planes attacking English coastal towns. Several persons were killed in two raids on English towns.

Russian communiques to-day announced there were no substantial changes at the front yesterday. However, Russian troops captured two more centres on the Smolensk front and destroyed nine German guns and three block houses and dispersed an infantry concentration on the Donets defence line in the Ukraine.

Hitler and Mussolini are reported to be conferring at the Brenner Pass, presumably on the defence of Europe.

Town Assisting in Encouraging Victory Gardens

Special Grant to be Made to Horticultural Society.

At Monday's council meeting it was decided to assist the Victory Garden idea. With this end in view it was decided to set aside a sum of money in the estimates to be given the Timmins Horticultural Society to select a plot or plots of ground and have such plot or plots properly prepared for Victory Garden purposes. The Horticultural Society, the council thought, were the logical ones to direct this Victory Garden plan, as they have the knowledge as well as the enthusiasm. The amount of the grant will be dependent upon the cost to the Society. This grant will be in addition to the regular grant to the Society for its good work in general.

Men, Women and Munitions Safely Landed Overseas

Special despatches this morning tell of the largest scale landing in England of men, women and munitions of the Canadian Armed Forces. There were soldiers, airmen, airwomen, guns, tanks, etc., etc. Of course no particulars are given except that all were safely landed in the biggest effort of its kind in Canada's history.

Hon. Alphonse Fournier to Speak Here in the Victory Loan Campaign

Will Address Mass Meeting in Both English and French. New Minister of Public Works is Able Speaker. Victory Loan Committee Preparing for Campaign.

At the meeting of the public relations committee held in the Victory Loan headquarters, 39 Third Avenue, arrangements were gotten well under way for the forthcoming Fourth Victory loan campaign. One thing that was decided was that there would be at least one man's meeting in the McDutty Arena, with Hon. Alphonse Fournier, the new minister of Public Works in the Federal Cabinet, as the chief speaker. It is understood that he will be available, and the best date for his visit here is now being considered. Hon. Mr. Fournier is a very gifted speaker, and addresses audiences with equal ability and effectiveness in English and French. He will deliver addresses here in both English and French. Mr. McNamee, the organizer for this district for the Victory Loan, told the committee last night that in a recent address at Sudbury Hon. Mr. Fournier made a very decided

hit and swayed his audience as he pleased. He is an enthusiast for full support of the Loan and it is expected his address will be impressive and inspiring. The present hope is that four or five thousand people here will turn out to hear his address. At this mass meeting there will be other speakers, but the main address will be given by Hon. Mr. Fournier. There will be other special items on the programme, more to be announced in regard to this at a later date.

At Tuesday evening's committee meeting, Mr. Harold Burt, chairman of the public relations committee of the National War Finance Committee for Cochrane district, presided in very effective way. He explained that the National War Finance Committee was in office for the duration and this committee, while looking after the publicity for the continuous sale of war savings stamps was expected to carry on for the duration of the war and to handle the loan campaigns as they came along. He reviewed the notable record made in previous loan campaigns and in the steady sale of war savings stamps. He expressed appreciation for the way that

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Porcupine Skating Club Plans to Hold Ice Show on Saturday April 17th

Work of the Porcupine Figure Skating Club Will be Displayed at the McIntyre Arena. Matinee in Afternoon, and Evening Show. Programme of Much Interest Assured.

For some time past word around the Porcupine camp has been to the effect that the annual skating carnival of the Porcupine Figure Skating Club would be cancelled this year, owing to conditions making it impossible to secure costumes and have sets erected. There would be very general regret if there were no carnival or other similar ice event this year, and The Advance is pleased to announce that the Club has been able to decide to hold an ice show this year. The event will be for one day only—Saturday, April 17th, with afternoon matinee and evening performance.

While restricting the ice show to the one day this year, the Porcupine Figure Skating Club feel that they owe it to the public to present this event, even under the present difficult conditions. The operation of the Porcupine Figure Skating Club centres largely on the great improvement in the skating art of the 200 odd club members. Many requests have been made for a show of some kind and the club officials feel that the public will more than appreciate the performance planned.

The junior school is at present practicing extremely hard and will present a display of school figures, jumps, spins and turns to rhythmic tempo. This will give a more spectacular effect to the public and in addition will show to all the talent and skill of the junior club members. The Advance mentioned in a previous article the precision of the

skaters in the "Grand March", and it is learned now that this will be a feature of this display.

Some of the junior members are very adept at intricate jumps and spins, others are extremely graceful dancers, such as waltzing and ten-stepping. Miss Madge Austin, club professional and instructor, will have all the youngsters in excellent form for their part of the big ice show.

The senior members will display group numbers and solos, duos, trios and quartettes. Among the talented membership of the club are the following:—Miss Olga Berynk, M. Tomkinson, Julie Popovitch, Velma Popovitch, Mildred Verbie, Joyce and Vera Jenkins, Jean Zadorozny, Jacqueline Byers and Mary Lou Landreville, Mr. Tom Harkness, Gordon Paul, Roger Todhunter, Jimmie Fraser, John O'Donnell, and many others. The club's stars, Alex Fulton and Margaret Keeley, Dominion pair champions, are also among the membership. All these will perform at the Ice Show at the Arena on Saturday, April 17th.

There will be no elaborate settings or lighting effects; costuming will be carried out to a certain extent, the event being planned and carried through at the lowest level of expense possible. The Admission fee will also be in keeping with the above plan. For further particulars kindly read the advertisement in this issue.