

**Schumacher Fire Dept. Welcomes Jack Marshall**  
Schumacher, Dec. 20th. Special to The Advance.

Friday evening the members of the Schumacher Fire Department met in a social capacity in the lounge room at the fire hall to honour one of their members, Mr. Jack Marshall, who has just returned from overseas. Jack, who was on leave from the Schumacher Fire Department, was attached to the British Fire Fighters and has seen lots of action during his 2½ years overseas. Fire Chief Charles J. Marshall and Bill Marsfield on behalf of the Firemen welcomed Jack back amongst them and re-instated him in his old position at the fire hall.

During the evening cards were played and community singing was enjoyed.

The serving of a tasty lunch brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**Seventy-fourth Annual Statement of Dominion Bank**

**Strong Cash and Liquid Position. Increase of \$51,000,000 in Assets.**

Figures in the 74th annual statement of The Dominion Bank, presented at the meeting of shareholders in Toronto on December 13th, show a strong liquid position, substantially higher deposits, and an increase in investments and commercial loans, as a result of operations for the twelve months ending 31st October, 1944.

The amount of total assets, which exceeds \$275,000,000, is the highest ever published in the Bank's history. Net profits totalled \$925,974, as compared with \$914,249 for the previous year, after allowing for Dominion Government Taxes of \$834,508, of which \$81,307 is refundable.

An amount of \$412,000 transferred from Contingency Reserves to Profit and Loss Account for payment in respect of 1943 Dominion Government taxes was arrived at after consultation with Department of Finance officials who considered that the reserve made for bad debts in 1943 was in excess of requirements. Dominion Government taxes for that year now total \$851,019, including the provision of \$439,019 made in last year's statement.

Profit and Loss Account now stands at \$1,071,725, to which has been transferred \$105,974 after providing for \$560,000 in dividends, \$110,000 towards Officers' Pension Fund, and \$150,000 written off Bank Premises. Capital stands at \$7,000,000 and Reserve \$7,000,000, the same as last year.

Deposits were higher by \$50,121,000 than last year, totalling \$247,839,000. Of these \$18,671,000 were non-interest bearing and \$34,835,000 interest bear-

ing. Balances carried by Dominion and Provincial Governments showed a decrease of about \$3,000,000.

The figure for cash assets, \$48,296,000, is over 19% of liabilities to the public, and total quick assets of \$196,754,000 represent 77% of these liabilities.

The Bank holds in investment securities a total of \$143,636,000, an increase of \$38,869,000 over last year, the largest investment portfolio in the Bank's history. These securities consist of Dominion and Provincial Government bonds to the amount of over \$139,000,000, and the balance, some \$4,000,000, in municipal and other high grade securities.

Call loans remain about the same as last year. Commercial loans and discounts in Canada, however, increased by over \$5,500,000 to a total of \$65,759,000. Note circulation, further reduced by some \$618,000 in compliance with statutory requirements, stands at \$1,462,000.

The amount of Letters of Credit, Acceptances, etc., increased by \$869,000 to a total of \$6,150,000, and the Bank Premises account, reduced by writing off \$150,000 during the year, at \$4,884,000.



We have on various occasions published extracts taken from letters received by the Fag Fund Committee from our local lads overseas that we deemed to be of particular interest to our members and the general public, we now present a letter that we consider outstanding, in its entirety.

Dear Friends:—Another lot of your cigs reached me yesterday and I want you all to know yours continued kindness is very much appreciated. We Canucks are damn lucky, and know it, the mail and parcels we receive from home are, in my humble opinion, the source of our morale, which is damn high.

I have read with pride that our lads from Timmins, in every arm, have distinguished themselves and done a good job. To me, that is natural, for there are none finer. When we first hit France we had a lot of lads from Timmins—it was a treat to see them work. As we drove the Hun back, slowly at first, then an utter rout, he regarded us as shock troops and tried every trick to disorganize us and to break our morale. But he soon realized this could not be done.

We have tried to live up to the reputation you lads established when you were here. Last week I was entertained in a Dutch home and listened to them sing the only English songs they know—and they were the songs you taught them when you fought the Hun. Last night we held a small dance and had as our guests the natives of the area we are in at the moment. We closed by playing their national anthem, and ours. This was the first time in five years they had heard theirs played in public—a most stirring sight. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a New Year full of health and good fortune—Cheers—

—R. B. Stock, Capt. Algonquin Regt., C.A.O.

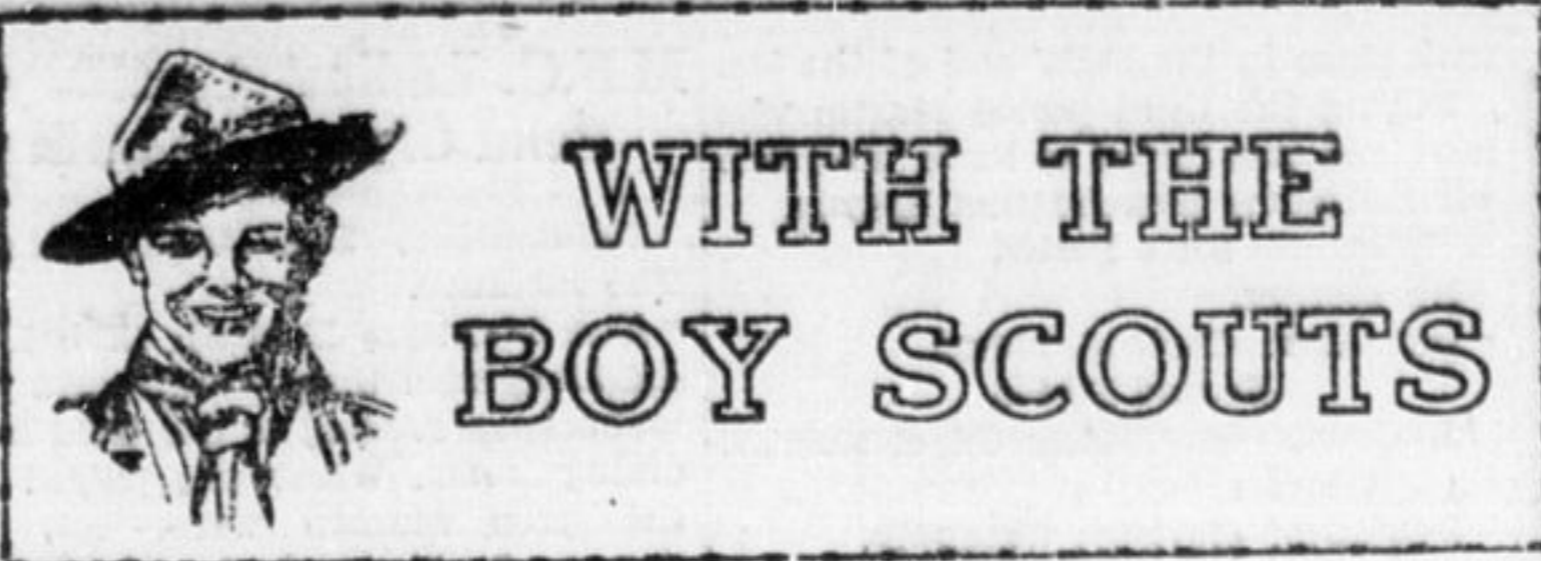
With the festive season almost on top of us this column takes advantage of this opportunity to wish each and every one of its readers the compliments of the season. Christmas and New Year greetings are in order and Hughie Moore is at his wits' ends trying to find places to exhibit all the cards that are rolling in from his friends in all the armed services. It's nice to know that the boys appreciate all that you are doing for them, Hughie.

Sergeant Toivo Frantsi, who has seen service in North Africa, Middle East, East Africa, and—more recently—in France and Belgium, visited the Club on Friday evening. Sergeant Frantsi, who is a wireless radio mechanic in the R.C.A.F., saw service with the big bombing raids preceding "D" day before being posted to France and Belgium. He is in Canada on a 30 day leave and returned to Canada accompanied by his wife and two-year-old son. He was married in England and will return there shortly to resume operational flying.

The smoker scheduled to take place on Sat. 23rd Dec. at 8 p.m. sharp is going to be a humdinger. Joe Ormston and his band of merry men have provided a programme of entertainment that will make your eyes stand out; make a point of attending it.

Legion lowered Wanderers' status by taking three points from them. Final scores: Gordon 117 and 108; Wakeford 90 and 96; Gagnon 96; Labine 95. Aity-Aits claim 3 points from United by default. Imps took three points from White Cross. High scores: Melville 97; Mackey 95; Gibson 95; Dunsmore 97. Moose lost 3 points to Windsor, which gives Windsor the lead. One high score only: Nixon 93. Seven Up took three points from Firemen, totalling 505 in high scores. Every winning team appears to have been very considerate in leaving their respective opponents one point apiece.

Legion clashed with Wanderers and came out of it with the Russel Trophy



Hello to all Scouts and Friends! Here are a few more Hobby show hints and informations.

- Each troop will put on a display which is carried on in some part of Scouting and here is what we will do.
- 1st troop — Semaphore Display
  - 2nd troop — Morse Signaling
  - 3rd troop — Fireman's
  - 4th troop — Toy Making
  - 5th troop — Scouts Laws
  - 6th troop — First Aid
  - 7th troop — Indian Crafts
  - 8th troop — Fire lighting
  - 9th troop — Bridge Building
  - 10th troop — Knotting

There will be an addition to the Hobbies this year in the form of a Musical Hobby. Any boy who can play a musical instrument can enter and two prizes will be awarded. Any boy wishing to enter this musical Contest will contact Scouter Basciano or (Rev.) Father Brouillard.

Last Tuesday evening the 3rd Troop held an opening night, which proved really interesting to everybody who visited for the evening.

A model display of a military Camp proved of special interest.

A few displays were:

- Model plane both in the making and make up. A real sticker was the model boat in a bottle but one of the boys let me in on the secret and I will give him full credit for the wonderful job he made of it.

Knot Boards, campsites and first aid kits were really a wonderful display in all.

The films shown were old but proved to be of interest to all who were there.

The acts put on by different patrols were very good. We don't know where "Killer" Cummings got the name from but it is not at all out of place the way the Loon Patrol put on the act.

A short talk was given by (Rev.) Father J. A. Callaghan and proved very interesting. He mentioned the formation of the Troops and the good time they have had on hikes, etc. and how hard the boys work on collection of fats, etc.

Scouter Wheeler was called upon to give a talk. He reviewed some of the early days of Cubs and Scouts of the 3rd Troop and wished them all the luck in the future as they had carried on very well in the past.

A short talk by the DSM, Scouter Basciano to the boys and people assembled brought the programme to an end.

7th Troop—Timmins  
The 7th troop met on Wednesday evening and worked on a few tests

nically sewn up for the coming year. Legion was a little weak during the first game and Morin cinched it with a double for Wanderers. Gagnon took the double for Legion in the second and Wakeford clinched it definitely in the third with another double.

Jerry Harris and Jack Gagnon spent a profitable hour or so on Saturday evening debating the merits and demerits of their respective totem poles. Bert Ketly umpiring. Jerry admitted finally that he was converted to Jack's way of thinking and left for home definitely committed to membership in the rival tribe. Notice of the coming induction may be expected at any time wherein Jerry will be re-baptized and invested with the good old Indian name of Sheep-shank.

With a Merry Christmas to all our friends and to all the Scouts we will close this column for another week.

Yours truly,  
Scouter Wheeler.

**Wife of Prisoner-of-War Writes to S. Porcupine**

South Porcupine, Dec. 20th. Special to The Advance.

The following letter to Miss Donlevy's class is interesting enough to be repeated here.

It is from Mrs. Isabelle DeBoey, of England, whose husband is a prisoner of war:—

"The Villa," Newton, Eng.

"Dear Friends:—My husband, whom you so kindly adopted is from Antwerp. I belong to Barron-in-Funnes, a small ship-building town. Our little son, Laurent, is three years old. I have never been out of England so you can guess how much I am longing to make my home in Antwerp.

Mr. DeBoey has been away for five months but it seems like years to Laurent and me.

I do not speak Flemish but understand enough to write Red Cross messages to my husband's family.

I do not know how you fare regarding food. We are rationed but do not do so badly, considering our five years of war. The only thing we miss is chocolate for the children and of course clothes too are a big problem especially for children. We are allowed

40 coupons a year but when you consider a legginette suite for Laurent is 100 coupons you will see what I mean and 18 coupons for a coat or dress for myself, and 7 coupons for shoes, but as I say we are lucky in comparison to the occupied countries of Europe.

Of course toys are almost out of the question.

Thank you very much for being so kind to my husband in the past."

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In addition to the regular advertised service as per timetable folder effective September 10, 1944, the following CHRISTMAS SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED

**Saturday, Dec. 23**

**TIMMINS — SWASTIKA — NORTH BAY**

Connecting With Train No. 52 Which Leaves Timmins 7.15 a.m., Passenger Train Will Operate Swastika to North Bay on the Following Schedule:

Leave-Swastika	10.45 a.m.	Leave-Cobalt	1.00 p.m.
Englehart	11.40	Temagami	2.15
New Liskeard	12.35 p.m.	Arrive-North Bay	
Haileybury	12.46	CP Depot	4.35

**TIMMINS—SWASTIKA—NORTH BAY—TORONTO VIA ALLANDALE**

PASSENGER TRAINS WILL OPERATE TIMMINS—SWASTIKA—NORTH BAY—TORONTO:

Leave-Timmings	5.30 p.m.	Leave-Swastika	8.35 p.m.
Cochrane	5.40	New Liskeard	10.14
Iroquois Falls	6.00	Haileybury	10.26
Porquios	6.50	Cobalt	10.40
Noranda	5.45	Temagami	11.45
Rouyn	5.52	Arrive-North Bay	
		CN Depot	1.55 a.m.

EQUIPMENT—Coaches, Timmins—Toronto; Cafe-Parlor, Timmins—Englehart; Sleeping Cars, If Available.

**MOTOR BUS VIA HIGHWAY ELK LAKE — NEW LISKEARD**

December 20, 21, 22 and 23. Bus will leave Elk Lake 4.00 p.m., stopping at intermediate points, arrive New Liskeard 5.45 p.m. Returning, leave New Liskeard 7.00 p.m., arrive Elk Lake 8.45 a.m.

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**Thank You and Greetings**

To the friends who supported me in the recent Municipal Election. I extend sincere thanks and appreciation, and to one and all I take this opportunity to wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**E. W. (Gene) Gladstone**

**My Heartiest Thanks**

To all who supported me and elected me again, this time at the head of the poll as Councillor for the Town of Timmins.

**ELLEN M. TERRY**

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