



# THE LEGION COLUMN

The September general meeting held in the McIntyre Auditorium was one of the largest ever held, roughly there must have been around 350 members who attended. A little over 200 new members were initiated. There were a few who were unable to attend owing to shift work.

About 50 members turned out for the

annual Decoration parade on Sunday afternoon, mostly the older veterans, including the Colour party, quite a nice turn-out. The parade included the Ladies Auxiliary and the Timmins Citizen Band and the Algonquin Firing party, they proceeded to the Cenotaph where Mr. Al Wetmore laid the wreath of remembrance and Adjutant Church of the Salvation Army rendered the service, and from there to the cemetery, where they decorated the graves of those members who had died. The Firing party fixed a volley over both plots of the servicemen's graves.

We regret very much the passing of our comrade Tom Grenfell, who died very suddenly on Saturday evening, he was a veteran of the first great war and has been a member of the Legion for many years. He was buried from

the Legion Hall on Tuesday with Legion honours.

A letter from Fred Curtis was received this week by G. Nippers and Fred is doing well over there and sends his regards to all his old comrades. He enjoys reading the Timmins news, not forgetting the Legion Column, as he expressed it. He looks forward for it as he gets the news of the Branch from it.

I have another story of Smokey to tell this week. As you know, Smokey loves his liver. I don't mean his own, but cow's liver and on Friday past, liver was duly ordered for Smokey and at the same time one of our well known members was ordering two nice steaks of halibut, and, somehow or other, the parcels got mixed up, with the result Smokey gets the halibut steaks and

Jim, that's who it was, gets the liver, much to his disgust when he got home, as he was looking forward to a nice fish dinner, Smokey, of course did not kick about the change of his diet, and when you think it over, it's not lost, what a friend gets.

The same Jim is in another story I have to tell, not about cats but white rabbits this time. Bill and Jim on their way home the other night, and it was very windy that particular night. They might have been just a little high too, I don't know for sure, but anyway, they were proceeding up a narrow lane when a gust of wind just blew up, and ahead of them a stream of scrap paper flew across the lane way, and Bill seeing it, called out, look at all the white rabbits. Now, if he

had been as high as the wind, it might have been white elephants, but it was only a vision.

Again, Bill Trieres upholds his title, three times champion (Skunk champion). We did think Bill was going to lose it, but he fought back and regained it just by a short margin over his progressive opponent, Art Jenkin. Art really looked the likely champ, but he had too many pegs towards the finish to hold it, so Bill is champion for three terms in succession. Hats off to the champion.

The Dart League changed over a little this week, and the White Cross leads in the Morris Cup league and the Legion leading in the Brunette trophy. The Legion and the Imperials played their game Wednesday night at the

Legion Hall instead of Friday, to avoid the rush.

Pallbearers in attendance at the Tom Grenfell funeral were J. Farrer, W. Pennington, P. Patterson, W. Nixon, W. Wilkinson, L. Dickinson. Bugler L. Dickerson. Rev. Chidwick conducted the service, at the Legion Hall.

To our sick members at home and in hospital we send our weekly greetings for a speedy recovery and hope to see them around very soon, Fred Somers, Bob Russel, G. Hepworth, A. F. Foster, A. J. Compeau, P. Sloan.

Visitors to the Branch this week were young George Starling, the South African vet from Shillington, Fred Burt, from Connaught.

ing will be accepted and also on the night of the meeting, Oct. 30. Within ten days from that date they must qualify.

Comrade Roger LeJambe has left for Port Radium where he is employed and we wish him the best and the Thirty-Niners Dart team will certainly miss him.

There must be a shortage of salt in town, I didn't know of it, but now I know, because I miss our own here, so if there's none there's none.

The cold evenings are coming in again, and our old timers have resumed their evening Nap, a very peaceful crowd, give them a quiet little corner and they are happy having a little nap to themselves.

J. GORDON.

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