

V.O.N. Executive Elected J. M. Douglas President

At the annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses held last evening in the Municipal Building Mr. J. M. Douglas was elected president for the forthcoming term of office. Mr. R. E. Dye and Mr. E. L. Longmore were elected honorary presidents and honorary members include Mrs. L. E. Dorway and Mrs. C. Desaulniers. Mr. George Gedge is past president, Mr. J.L. Fulton first vice president, Mr. A. Gillies, second vice president, Mr. W. Long, treasurer, Mrs. F. Butler, secretary and the executive committee is comprised of Mayor J. E. Brunette, Mrs. A. F. Carriere, Miss H. Carthy, Mrs. J. E. Gurnell, Miss Ellen Terry, Mrs. A. A. Rose, Mrs. E. Gilmour Smith, Mr. R. E. Mennie, Mr. J. E. Lamminen, Mrs. A. Neame, Mrs. A. Perreault, Mrs. R. B. Taylor, Mrs. J. Evans and Mr. E. P. Thompson.

Those elected to the following committees are, finance, Mr. J. E. Lamminen, Mr. W. Long, Mr. A. Gillies and Mr. J. L. Fulton.

Nursing and supplies, Mrs. A. F. Carriere, convener, assisted by Mrs. M. E. Williams and Mrs. A. Perrault. Education and publicity, Mrs. A. A. Rose, convener, assisted by Miss H. Carthy and Mrs. R. B. Taylor. Medical advisory, Dr. J. W. Sinclair.

Representatives to Board of Governors are Mr. A. Gillies, Mr. E. Longmore, Mr. G. Gedge, Mr. J. M. Douglas, Mr. J. L. Fulton, Mrs. A. F. Carriere and Miss H. Carthy.

The meeting was opened with the reading of a highly interesting resume of the growth and expansion of the Victorian Order since its inception here 21 years ago.

Tribute was paid, by Mr. George Gedge, to members of the Board, both past and present, who by their various talents and zeal for the Order, helped to make such an outstanding success of the Timmins branch. That the work of the V.O.N. has proven the value of the service it renders to mothers and children, to workers in industry and to the aged and handicapped and with the financial assistance given to it from various local agencies the branch has been able to expand and greatly increase its services over the years.

From a humble beginning in 1926 with a population of 11,454 and a budget of \$962.55 there were 212 visits made and the duties fell heavily upon the shoulders of one nurse. In 1938 definite progress is shown in these numbers; population, 19,076, budget \$3337.75, visits made, 4587, nurses two. At present with an increase of population to 27,948 and a budget of

Include James Bay Indians In Survey Asks Noted Cadi

(By Lillian O'Donnell) Always an advocate of anything concerning the betterment of the North country, Magistrate E. R. Tucker of Cochrane, whose territory includes the hunting grounds of James Bay Indians made a most eloquent appeal recently on their behalf.

If any survey of Indian conditions is made by the federal government, as has been suggested, it should include the James Bay area, declared Magistrate Tucker. For in that section of the country the Indian and his family is impoverished.

Along that area the Indian lives today by hunting much as he did in the days of Columbus, with two exceptions. Game is far from plentiful today as it was in days gone by when his forefathers roamed the continent and the second is that the white man's diseases take their annual toll in many ways of the red-skinned population, therefore the Redman is not only impoverished financially but in the matter of food calories as well.

Establishment of beaver sanctuaries at various points along the region by authorities has boosted to an extent the beaver population, therefore increasing the Indian's income to some extent but the recent drop in the prices of fur has about offset the improvement.

The constant threat of tuberculosis and the heavy infant mortality is another worry to the already greatly worried Redman. Out of every 1,000 babies born in that bleak region an estimated 400 die either at birth or within a brief period afterwards. Medical care is almost impossible to obtain, and the only hospital in the area is a small seven-bed institution at Fort George, on the Quebec side of the border.

A hospital, featuring 100 beds, to be built at an estimated cost of \$750,000 has been proposed for the Indians in that section of the province, but according to a recent report from Ottawa, construction has been delayed because of disagreement as to location. Originally planned to be built at Moose Factory, many persons, including the noted Magistrate, felt this site would not be suitable.

Ideal site for the building of the hospital, Magistrate Tucker thinks, would be at Moosonee, terminus of the Northland Railway. It would then

Lawsuit Against 1945 Council To Be Tried By Supreme Court

The \$10,000 lawsuit of Rock Bannino against the Timmins 1945 council for the institution of the alleged illegal pension plan will come up before a Judge of the Supreme Court at Cochrane sometime this summer.

With the exception of ex-councillor Michael Karol, Mayor Brunette and all the members of the 1945 council have been served writs and in turn have all (by defence counsel) given notice at Cochrane that they will contest the issue.

Gregory Evans has been retained as defence counsel by Mayor J. E. Brunette, councillor Bill Roberts and ex-councillors Ellen Terry and W. McDermott. The law firm of Caldwell and Yates has been retained by ex-councillors J. V. Bonhomme and Karl Eyre.

All that remains is for W. O. Langdon, K.C., representative for the plaintiff, Rock Bannino, to file statement of claim and the defence to file statement of defence.

\$11,018.35 there has been 7580 visits made and the staff has increased to four nurses.

Mr. Gedge, the retiring president, thanked the executive for their co-operation during the year 1946, the nursing staff for the efficient work they have accomplished, the mayor and councillors of the Town of Timmins for their continued interest and grant, the many donations from local mining, industrial, and business firms, private citizens and societies.

Highly interesting reports from Mrs. A. A. Rose, Mrs. A. F. Carriere, Mr. William Long and Miss Eleanor Webster, nurse-in-charge, were read.

Others who spoke briefly on the splendid contributions and the many fine attributes of members, nurses, included Dr. G. C. Armitage, Dr. J. B. McClinton, Miss Carthy, and Sister Fidelis.

Mrs. Travers presented the report of the nominating committee due to the absence of Mr. A. Gillies and a vote of thanks was extended Mr. Gedge, retiring president and Mrs. A. A. Rose, retiring secretary for their untiring efforts on behalf of the V.O.N.

Miss June Gedge and Miss H. Carthy were thanked by the committee for the printing of the posters and Mrs. Colombe Jutras, Miss Hunt and Miss Claire Hicks of the V.O.N. for work accomplished during the year.

be located centrally and within reach of all, here Indians from Northern districts could easily reach the hospital by water, those from the south could come by rail and serious cases could readily be moved by train to larger centres for specialized treatment. Another hospital, much smaller, should also be built at Fort Albany.

What might be the best answer to the Indian problem, would be the restoring of the natural food supply with as little interference as possible with the redman's way of living, thinks Magistrate Tucker. At present, the consumption of caloric intake on the part of the Indian is considerably below that of white residents. Thus the redman is in most cases susceptible to the diseases that often overtakes civilization.

Trapping of beaver to satisfy an inordinate demand for pelts over a long period of time resulted in the virtual extinction of this animal, the northern cadi explained, just as the consequent destruction of beaver ponds and meadows led to the disappearance of the moose. As the Indian depends greatly on this type of animal for food as well as others he traps or hunts, he is being rapidly reduced to starvation.

Family allowances and relief measures will not be of much assistance as they can only supply foods to which the Indian is not accustomed. A long term policy of conservation of the natural food supplies must generally be adopted if the Indian is to survive as the healthy race it was once, thinks the Magistrate.

On the bleak shores of the James Bay, Indians seldom see a white man, but there is sufficient contact to pick up mumps and measles, which usually results in tuberculosis "which now seems latent in a large majority of cases."

James Bay Indians are far more isolated than those at Norway House in northern Manitoba, as there is practically no route from the Bay region to the outside world with the exception of the single rail line and the Moose River and Indians usually speak the original Cree tongue.

A survey of Norway House also has been planned. Inertia of the Cree is chiefly caused by insufficient caloric intake, the Cochrane magistrate said.

HERE ARE 1947 CURLING CHAMPIONS OF CANADA



Pictured here are members of the Jimmie Welsh rink from the Deer Lodge Curling Club of Winnipeg, Man., immediately after they took possession of the Macdonald's Brier Tankard, emblematic of the Canadian curling championship. Welsh curled brilliantly to win the 1947 national competition in Saint John, N.B. In hanging up his first Brier victory, Welsh went through the playoffs undefeated, chalking up nine straight victories against champions from every other province in the Dominion. In the photo ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT, are Jack Reid, second; Alex Welsh, third; Jim Welsh, skip; Harry Monk, lead.

Red Cross Brings Hope To Countless Desperate People

(By Gregory Clark) Ninety per cent of the 1,500 Canadians who survived Hong Kong would be dead had they not been taken away in Asia but for the Red Cross.

This is the calculated statement of Charles A. Clark and J. Leslie Varley, two outstanding Hong Kong veterans. And they declare every other Hong Kong veteran believes the same. Their argument to support the statement brings out a curiously tragic psychological aspect of the Red Cross which has received very little public attention.

"No," explained Charles Clark, "we Hong Kong prisoners certainly did not get a steady flow of Red Cross parcels. Far from it. But when we did get them, they came at the critical moment. Men don't die of starvation and disease alone. Men die of despair and lost hope as much as from any other cause, when prisoners of war. And it so happened that the only — repeat, the only times the Japs released to us the Red Cross parcels they hoarded and stole from us, was at those moments of desperation when men in the prison camps were dying as if by common consent."

"It's hard to explain it," put in Leslie Varley, "in its full significance those Red Cross parcels were actual psychological force. Sometimes I wonder if the Japs did not use them precisely for that purpose. When they saw us starting to die, in fours, fives, tens, dozens — not from pellagra, or beri beri, or pneumonia or fever, but just from despair, then they would release the Red Cross boxes from their stores. The effect on us was magical. In the morning, the camp was full of men condemned by their own hearts to death. By afternoon, when those blessed boxes were distributed to us, the camp was (Continued on Page Four)

"Sinking a Caisson Shaft" Address at Institute Mining

"Sinking a Caisson Shaft at Aquarius Porcupine Mines Limited," an address by Mr. A.G. Horning will be the highlight of the meeting of the Porcupine Branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy on Thursday, March 13 in the McIntyre Community Building at 8 p.m.

C.A.C. Rejects Plans For Pre-Fab. Rink

The possibilities of a pre-fabricated rink for Timmins at a cost of \$60,000, suggested by Wendall Brewer, chairman of the Community Activities Committee, was discarded after a lengthy discussion during the meeting on Monday.

Mr. Brewer reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the High School Board at which the Community Activities Committee had requested the use of the High School gymnasium for basketball. At present it is believed that the fire hazard would be too great. The matter, however, is still under discussion.

Jim Sturgeon gave an interesting report on the activities of the Birch Street School and requested permission to purchase identifying sweaters for the various basketball teams. The councillor, the C.A.C. authorized the purchasing of two dozen sweaters.

Jack Downey was elected secretary of the Ways and Means Committee. Miss Bernice Kosobuski, secretary of the C.A.C. gave notice of her resignation to be effective in approximately three weeks. Miss Kosobuski is leaving Timmins.

Canadian Auxiliary Services Worked In Harmony Overseas

T. B. Ryan, relief administrator for the town of Timmins, was the guest speaker at the Monday luncheon of the Kiwanis Club at the Empire hotel. He gave a very interesting and informative address on the work of the Canadian Auxiliary Services overseas during the recent war.

The guest speaker was introduced by Kiwanian P. H. Laporte, who referred to Mr. Ryan's service with the Provincial Welfare Department prior to his coming to Timmins as relief administrator for the town. Mr. Ryan served several years with the Auxiliary Services overseas.

The guest speaker believed that the Canadian Auxiliary Services were the best organized and most effective of any of the services of the Allied (Continued on Page Six)

Lions St. Patrick's Dance Fri. March 14

Lions International added more than 27,000 new members to their roster in the month of January during the Melvin Jones Birthday Party for Membership Development carried on during the month, past-president Mansell Napper told the Lions at their regular meeting.

"This total membership gain averages down to four members per club," Mr. Napper said. "This is a great achievement when it is considered that there are 5,812 Lions Clubs in the world. Of the association's 152 district governors, no less than 138 attained their quotas by adding two or more members per club under their jurisdiction, most of them with considerable margins to spare."

It was suggested that the club foster basketball in the district but nothing definite was decided as to just what plans would be made.

Guest of the evening was Albert Lepic, Timmins police chief.

The Lions St. Patrick's dance will take place in the Riverside Pavilion

Purposes of Canadian National Unity Movement

A group of prominent citizens met in the municipal building Saturday, March 8, to discuss the purposes of the organization of the Canadian National Unity Society.

It was felt that the principles were sound and the spirit idealistic. Several of the citizens in attendance expressed their willingness to act as a committee of investigation to determine from the heads of the municipalities in the North and the various service clubs and the branches of the Legion what progress might be made to foster this society.

It was believed that Timmins had demonstrated much better than any place in the Dominion how men of all races and creeds can live together both socially and in an industrial way.

Those present at the meeting were Mayor J. E. Brunette, Mr. E. L. Longmore, Dr. J. B. McClinton, Mr. Vincent Gauthier, Mr. W. Roberts, Mr. G. Campbell, Mrs. Lillian O'Donnell, Mr. G. Evans and Mr. P. Beauchamp. Principles as set out in Charter:

(a) To group into an association, Canadian citizens who are interested in the promotion and maintenance of NATIONAL UNITY regardless of race, colour or creed;

(b) To promote and maintain bilingualism and to assist and support any social group or organization which holds bilingualism amongst Canadian citizens as one of its aims or objects;

(c) To promote and support all youth movements and all systems which have as an object the handling and solving of social and racial questions from a National or a Canadian point of view;

(d) To support any group or organization which sponsors a national health program and which promotes a spirit of Canadian patriotism;

(e) To promote, maintain and establish closer relations amongst the various ethnic groups throughout the country in order to create a better understanding by all members of all divers elements in the country;

Unions Should be Incorporated Citizens Forum Decides

After listening to the C.B.C. Citizens Forum broadcast on the question "What is the Social Responsibility of Labour in Canada?" the local Citizens Forum group—which met at the home of Mrs. F.C. Butler came to the following conclusions:

Q. Should unions be incorporated? A. Yes, then if anything went wrong they could be sued the same as other concerns.

Q. Are unions democratic? A. No. In certain businesses a man cannot be employed at his calling unless he is a member of the union.

Q. Should unions make public certified statements of accounts? A. The meeting, while slightly on the affirmative side, were not unanimous in their decision.

Next-weeks discussion will be "A Bill of Rights for Canada." The meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carver, 35 Commercial avenue. All interested are invited to attend.

French-Speaking Group In Child Psychology Formed

A French-speaking group interested in the study of child psychology has been formed under the temporary leadership of Mrs. Arthur Perreault and expects to expand considerably in the near future.

At present the group is composed mainly of mothers of children attending Mrs. R. Laurin's Kindergarten, but an invitation is extended to all mothers who might prefer to attend a group which converses in French.

Assistance to the group has been given by Mrs. Wendall Brewer, leader of the child psychology group at the Mattagami Home and School Club. A course in study has already been decided on and with the arrival of French literature on child psychology it is believed groups discussions and studies will be not only interesting but of inestimable value to parents.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 18, at the home of Mrs. A. Perreault, 53 Bannerman avenue, all mothers interested in attending are asked to get in touch with either Mrs. Perreault or Mrs. R. Laurin, 68 Way avenue. The discussions will be in French.

The Commons completed the long throne speech debate with a flourish yesterday defeating Progressive Conservative and Social Credit non confidence motion by votes of 134-84 and 211-13 respectively.

Hollinger Trim Sudbury 4-0 to Tie N.O.H.A. Series

Rodeo in May Plan Of Kinsmens Club

If present plans materialize the people of the Porcupine will have the opportunity of enjoying a first-class rodeo, the Kinsmens decided at their regular meeting in the Empire Hotel on Monday night. President Os Carter presided.

While plans are not fully matured it is intended to secure some outstanding performers and hold the rodeo sometime in May. It is hoped that the McIntyre Arena can be secured for the event.

Several individual members volunteered to act as canvassers in assisting the Red Cross Campaign in Timmins.

A vote of \$25 was made to the local St. Johns Ambulance Brigade.

Teen Town Election Friday March 14th

Friday, March 14, will be election night at Teen Town in the Hollinger Hall and all members are asked to attend and cast their vote.

It has been decided to elect a Mayor, five councillors, a town clerk, treasurer and possibly a police force.

The organization is intending to include a drama and a debating society within the club and it is hoped enough talented members can be found to form a teen-town orchestra to furnish music for their dances.

While it has not been definitely decided as yet it is expected that a teen-agers' Easter Dance will be held during the Easter holidays.

Superintendent Children's Aid Society Resigns After 19 Years Service

Mr. A.G. Carson, local superintendent of the Cochrane District Children's Aid Society, last night handed in his resignation to the Board of the Society, thus terminating 19 years service in that capacity. Mrs. C. Delahunt, assistant superintendent, will assume the position of superintendent until an appointment is made.

Mr. Carson assumed the position of superintendent on June 15, 1928, at which time he was the only one on the staff. Since then the staff has grown to three workers and two stenographers with offices in the municipal building. The first office was in the Shelter, then in the old town hall, later another move to an office in the Marshall Block and then to its present offices in the municipal building.

The retiring superintendent arrived in Halleybury in 1906 moving to Timmins in 1915.

"At that time," said Mr. Carson, "Third avenue was about three blocks long, beyond that was the forest. The population was possibly around 500 people, most of whom I soon knew by name."

Speaking of his work at the Shelter Mr. Carson said he enjoyed the work and found it extremely interesting. However, he felt that he needed a long rest. For the time being he intends to remain in Timmins.

Premier Duplessis in a highlight preview of his governments budget for 1947-48 fiscal year announced today no provincial tax on personal income.

Sanitary and garbage removal cost is put at \$78,264. Conservation of health — the Porcupine Health Unit, — is estimated at \$23,911.

Public welfare, unemployment relief and cost of hospitalization of indigents are estimated to cost \$91,120. Largest item on the proposed 1947 budget is education. Elementary, and secondary schools will cost the taxpayers of Timmins approximately \$390,769.

Recreation and community services are expected to cost about \$40,054. Debt charges are estimated at \$130,518; cost of maintenance of the water supply system is \$109,005, and cost of new equipment at \$31,250.

CANADA'S NEW SWEETHEART



Barbara Ann Scott, world's figure skating champion, is shown leaving the train in Ottawa to be acclaimed by huge crowds which lined her hometown streets to applaud and greet her. At LEFT is Mayor Stanley Lewis, who is wearing his chain of office.