

Resident Since Discovery Of Porcupine '09 Pioneer Goes Out For Last Time

In the spring of 1906 two young farmers near St. Mary's, Ontario, read of the great silver strikes in Cobalt and decided they would try their luck prospecting, never dreaming that they would open up the greatest gold mining district in Canada, but hopeful of making a strike like thousands of other young men that set out into the wilderness of Northern Ontario in search of gold. In June, 1909, one of the brothers reached Porcupine Lake, discovered gold, and the rush to the Porcupine was on. Their names were George and Bill Bannerman. On March 31, 1947, nearly 38 years after he stepped out of his canoe on the shores of Porcupine Lake, and where he raised his family and lived ever since, Bill Bannerman is going back home to St. Mary's to spend the rest of his days on a farm he purchased next to the farm where he was born.

With Mr. Bannerman will go his good wife, who came to the Porcupine in 1918, and Alvin, his only surviving son. His other son, Orville, was killed in France in World War 2 while serving in the engineers. Two daughters, now Mrs. Lett and Mrs. Mack, are remaining in the Porcupine.

When the brothers arrived in Cobalt in 1906 they found most of the claims had been staked, so they came on to Haileybury, then the end of steel. From there they began their prospecting career and for the balance of 1909 prospecting around Lake Temiskaming.

In 1907 they headed north and slightly east to Larder Lake where they spent the summer and fall without making any strikes.

Next summer, after breakup, they headed up the Montreal River to Elk Lake, where prospectors had already penetrated, and pushed on farther to Gowganda Lake where they prospecting during the summer of 1908.

In the winter of 1908-09 George formed a company with two chaps in Haileybury named Griffiths and Way, calling it the Scottish Ontario Mines Limited, and with an assistant named Tom Geddes, headed north east into the then unknown Porcupine. Bill went east again to Gowganda Lake.

In June, 1909, George made a strike about a mile north of Porcupine Lake and came to file his claims and get Bill to go up, while he did business in Haileybury. Bill purchased a couple months supplies in Haileybury and on July 12th took the train to Porcupine Junction, then the nearest railroad to the Porcupine. There he met Tom Geddes waiting with the canoe that George had come out in.

That night they slept in the little railway shed and in the morning loaded up the canoe with the supplies Bill had brought — mostly beans, bacon and flour — and started up Slim Creek on the water route his brother and Tom Geddes had just come down. Slim Creek ran into Frederickhouse River, just deep enough for their canoe to float on, and from there into Frederickhouse Lake. There they camped on the shore for the night. Travelling down Frederickhouse Lake until they reached the Nighthawk Lake, on the shores of which was the solitary camp of a lone prospector, the legendary Father Paradis, an outlawed priest, who had taken to prospecting around Frederickhouse and Nighthawk Lakes after his robes had been taken from him by the church. However, Father Paradis still gave assistance to any who might need it, and his fame and reputation of being one of the kindest and whitest men was a byword among the trappers, prospectors and Indians who roamed the wilderness of northern Ontario.

Following the shores of Nighthawk Lake the two prospectors came to the mouth of the Porcupine River, following its winding waters through the forest until about noon on July 14 their canoe emerged on the lovely shining waters of Porcupine Lake enclosed in its picturesque wooded setting.

It was one of those beautiful warm summer days with an almost cloudless blue sky overhead and the hot rays of the noonday sun glistening and reflecting off the waters of Porcupine Lake. It was a lovely sight.

The prospectors landed on the west shore where George Bannerman and Tom Geddes had established a landing.

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Fees For Extra Dogs Will Cost Much More

Dog owners who wish to keep more than one dog in their household will have to pay additional license fees, council decided yesterday, passing a by-law to enforce their decision.

The new license fees, effective April 1st, 1947 are:
Male dog, \$2., each additional male dog \$4.00
Female dog, \$5., each additional female dog \$7.00
The old fees were \$2 and \$5 for all male and female dogs respectively.

Buy Kiwanis' Easter Seals Help Crippled Children

Permission To Build Cannot Be Granted Until Town Planning Decided On

An application by W. Thibault to erect a second storey on his house at 7 Preston Street South could not be granted by council until the by-law which restricted building in this area was amended.

Councillor Bartleman told council the by-law could not be amended until the town planning was decided on.

Councillor Roberts said that these people should be given some information as to when permission might be granted to erect the second storey so they could plan in advance.

Agree Income Taxes Should Be Reduced

"Should Income Taxes Be Reduced?" was subject discussed at the Citizens' Forum held on Tuesday. A. B. Carveth acted as chairman.

The first question was: "How much money do you think a married person and a single person should be permitted to make before the government imposes income tax?" A. This question is difficult to answer until it was known how total collections under the Income Tax Act would be affected.

Q. "Where do you think the weight of taxation should fall; (a) Upon the money we earn? (income tax) or (b) Upon the money we spent? (sales tax). A. Tax-payers should be given some relief but the Govt. should budget for a fair surplus with the extra funds earmarked for reduction of the national debt, which would: (a) Reduce the carrying charges which now absorb 25% of Govt. revenue. (b) Release funds now invested in victory bonds and assisting in maintaining full employment.

There is over a billion dollars in victory bonds maturing in the next few years, which should in part be paid in cash instead of further bonds.

Q. "Do you believe present income tax levels destroy incentive?" A. Not the incentive of any red-blooded Canadian, but it does discourage certain workers in working overtime since they believe it puts them in a higher income tax bracket. To correct such erroneous ideas the Income Tax should be publicized more widely.

The next meeting will be held next Tuesday at 8.15 p.m. Anyone interested phone 3502-R or 237.

Calls Police Refuses To Let Them Leave

The case against Rene Groulx, the man on Kent avenue, who called the police and then refused to let them leave until they took him to the jail with them was dismissed by Magistrate Atkinson after hearing evidence that the police had just been called by Groulx to settle a dispute between himself and his wife.

After a quarrel with his wife in which she threatened to leave Groulx said he refused to let her leave in the middle of the night and did not have money to pay for a hotel room for himself, so he called the police and insisted they should look him up for the night.

Proposed Tax Relief Of No Benefit To Pamour

In The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Pamour Porcupine Mines it was noted that the net earnings per share had dropped from 5.26c a share in 1945 to 4.19c a share in 1946 due to the loss of the exchange premium on gold and increased costs resulting from the mining of a smaller tonnage of ore. Wage rates were also increased 10c per hour on December 31st.

During the year 65,000 tons of custom ore was treated for Hoyle Gold Mines Limited.

Labor strength for the year was still low. At the year end there were 320 men on the payroll, while a requirement of 500 men was needed in order to obtain minimum operating costs and perform normal development work.

Sinking of the new internal shaft from the 600 ft to the 1,400ft. level, which was begun in July, was finished in January, 1947, and drifting in the various levels will commence as soon as a new electric hoist is installed. The cost of the work, \$120,280.19, has been charged to Surplus Account. A dividend of 3c per share was paid in 1946 as compared with 5c per share in 1945, making a total disbursement of \$3,700,000 since the commencement of operations.

The tax relief is of no value to the company, the president states. It cost \$33.35 to produce one ounce of gold from the Pamour Mine last year, so

Porcupine Pioneers



Full Police Commission Inquiry Report Asked

Kiwanis Hear War's Engineering Feats

Timmins Kiwanis club at their weekly luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday heard a graphic account of some of the achievements of the engineering branches of the armed forces during the war. The guest speaker was Larry F. Labow, who served five years overseas service with the Royal Canadian Engineers.

In introducing the guest speaker for the day, Kiwanian Busty Edgar referred to Mr. Labow's overseas service and to his work as engineer at the Hallnor Mine.

The guest speaker commenced his address by mentioning two achievements that he felt were specially outstanding in the service of the engineers. One of these was their skill and speed in building bridges that he classed as "super duper." The other was the immense scale on which oil and gas were piped long distances to keep ample supply where it was needed. "Enemy operations prevented the use of certain parts and certain refinery areas, and methods had to be developed for unloading and distributing oil cargoes. The engineers of the British, Canadian, Czech, Polish and other armed forces developed a successful plan. In 1940 and 1941 over a thousand miles of pipe line were constructed and put into use to carry oil and gas to the places where they were needed. The plan, of course, included the erection of pumping stations. The enterprise cost a total of \$31,500,000.

When Normandy was invaded, there was need for a constant supply of oil to help.

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Against the protests of councillors Roberts and Fay, councillors Bartleman, Chateauvert and Delvillano voted to have a request sent to the Attorney-General asking for a complete report on the Police Commission Inquiry which took place in 1946.

"A complete report is needed to satisfy the people," councillor Bartleman said, "and we have to keep faith with the Ratepayers Association". Adding, that the request must come from council and that the words "without charge" be added at the end of the resolution submitted.

Councillor Roberts, protesting against councillor Bartleman's suggestion, said "Why not let sleeping dogs lie, the case is finished, we have an efficient police force and we're quite satisfied." The vote, however, was three to two in favour of sending the request.

2 1/2-Yr. Sentence For Obtaining Money By False Pretences

Convicted on nine of eleven charges of obtaining money on false pretences, Francis Leslie Turner was sentenced to two years and six months in the Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Atkinson at police court.

After listening to a sixteen-year record with at least thirty convictions for the same charge, and during which period the accused had spent nearly ten years in jail, Magistrate Atkinson said it was hard to tell just what to do after such a record, that even terms in the reformatory and penitentiary didn't seem to help.

On hearing the record as submitted by the fingerprint department of the R.C.M.P. the accused stated calmly that two of the charges were incorrect and that he had taken it up with the R.C.M.P. and the Minister of Justice. He admitted the remainder were correct. The record included charges of passing cheques without money to cover in cities from Victoria, B. C., to Montreal, and of a sentence of two years in Oregon for the same charge.

The stiffest sentence accused had received had been handed out in 1940 in Rouyn when he received a five-year sentence. On release accused had gone to Montreal and had been given another sentence that lasted until October 26, 1946. At this time accused came to Timmins.

The eleven cheques Turner had passed in Timmins totalled \$237.68. Two were for groceries and coal for someone else and were dismissed as both had been paid for.

"The practice of the accused was to purchase an item in a store and pay for it with a cheque made out for considerably more than the article was worth, taking the balance in cash. In some instances he had returned the article as unsatisfactory and received cash for it.

Most of the cheques were made out to banks in Timmins, though a few were made out to branches in Montreal. W. O. Langdon, K. C. as counsel for the accused, said Turner had prospects of a job next fall that would last two years, and asked that his sentence be dug out, finally arriving in Timmins at 11 p.m. the same night, 13 hours and 25 minutes late.

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Edna Phillips Brilliant at Final Concert

(By Elizabeth Armitage)

The last concert of the current series, sponsored by the Community Concert Association, held last night in the Palace Theatre, will long be remembered by those present. Vivacious Miss Phillips, ably assisted by her accompanist, Mr. Nathan Price, won her audience completely by her gracious and pleasing manner. Throughout the exacting program, her clear-cut diction was a joy to listen to, and her tonal vitality most gratifying. The ease with which she sang scale passages, and the clarity of the bell-like tones heard throughout the program were sheer artistry—a delight to the listener critical or otherwise. Miss Phillips loves to be picturesque and dramatic and creates a most impressive atmosphere throughout each song. One senses at once the keen intellect and the weeks and months of hard work behind such skilled performance.

The sustained legato of "Care selve" beautifully sung with wonderful breath control was followed by the florid and happy "La Promesa" which Miss Phillips' voice suited so well. Excellent recitatives which preceded her two arias served as wonderful backgrounds for the intricate beauty of the "Sandman" and the dainty, care-free "Dancing Doll" were lovely; and the wistful and piquant "Clair de lune" followed by "A des oiseaux" with its high lilted melody were tone-pictures of great beauty. Brilliant high notes, and soaring scale-passages and crisp staccato notes marked the singing of the "Bell Song" from "Lakme" which was a triumph to the last high "E" sung by the gifted soprano.

Everybody loved "The Last Rose of Summer" and the final song "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" sung as an encore literally brought the house down. A memorable program and a picture to be remembered. A charming young woman, in a dainty blue gown, flowers beside her, (which by the way were from Lee's Flower Shop) and a congenial, quiet and capable accompanist, who gave so generously of their talents to an entranced, appreciative audience.

Y's Men Celebrate First Anniversary

On Monday night the Y's Men celebrated the First Anniversary of the founding of the organization in Timmins by including Ladies Night in a gala celebration in the dining room of the Grand Hotel.

The celebration began with a sumptuous banquet after members had located their dinner partners through an ingenious arrangement of cards with combinations of advertising slogans. Y's Man Gordon Moon gave an amusing toast to the ladies, and Mrs. Earl Hawkins replied with a toast to the Y's Men's Club.

In a brief review of the work the club had accomplished since its inception, president Earl Hawkins mentioned that their main accomplishment had been the recent drive for a YMCA-YWCA organization in Timmins and the securing of a Y secretary who would be arriving shortly to take over the duties of Y work.

As the funds secured in the recent drive were just sufficient for about one year's work the president said a tough job was in store for the new secretary, with one year in which to prove to the people of Timmins that a YMCA was a worth while addition to the town's youth organizations. And, it was up to the Y's Men to lend all-out assistance to the secretary.

Another worth while project had been the founding of Teen Town, which, after a shaky beginning, was now firmly established with approximately 70 members and membership steadily increasing.

The election of a Mayor, council and executive for Teen Town and the

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Blizzard Causes Worst Tie-Up In Fifteen Years

The worst tie-up in the past fifteen years began on the O. N. R. when a raging blizzard swept across northern Ontario the night of March 24 and continued throughout March 25 and 26th. The Northland, crack Toronto-Timmins passenger train, was held up for over fourteen hours at McIntosh Springs and Connaught, and the regular Toronto-Timmins afternoon train was stopped and returned to Toronto from Porcupine Junction.

First news of the tie-up came when a freight train which left Timmins at 7:30 a.m. March 25 got stuck in a deep snow-filled gravel cut at Mile 96, one mile this side of Connaught and about 18 miles from Timmins.

The Northland due in Timmins at 9:35 a.m., was stuck in the snow from about 9:30 a.m. until about 10:30 a.m., then proceeded to Connaught where it was held all day until the freight was dug out, finally arriving in Timmins at 11 p.m. the same night, 13 hours and 25 minutes late.

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Rising Prices Result Of Industrial Profiteering Local Communists State

Transfer Companies Request Identical License Now Held By 1 Company

At a request from several local transfer companies council forwarded a petition to the Ontario Minister of Highways asking that these companies be granted Class "A" licenses that would enable them to do transfer work that at present can only be done by one company.

Dept. Highways Will Not Investigate Bus Line Without Proof

The Ontario Department of Highways informed council that they were not prepared to investigate the Dalton bus line until sufficient complaints had been forwarded from the district transportation commission.

New Shaft Sunk At Hallnor Mine In 1946

In the Tenth Annual Report of the Hallnor Mines, Limited for 1946, approximately 112,000 tons of ore were milled with an average recovery of \$17.23 per ton and a net profit of \$792,225.10.

Operating costs for the year averaged \$7.13 per ton compared to \$7.56 during 1945.

Development costs averaged \$1.91 per ton compared with 42c in 1945, the increase being attributable to shaft sinking.

Dividends paid during the year amounted to 36c per share compared with 30c paid in 1945. A dividend of 7c per share was paid on March 1st, 1947.

Ore reserves above the 2160 ft. level decreased 40,000 tons in 1946, and the average grade of these reserves dropped from \$12.95 at the end of 1945 to \$11.90 at the end of 1946.

Shaft sinking was terminated just before the end of the year at 3156 ft. below the collar and drifting has since been started on the 2750 ft. level towards the orebody previously indicated by diamond drilling from the 2160 ft. level. It is expected that this drift will have to be extended some 1250 ft. before it reaches the expected location of this orebody. This will take about eight months to achieve.

A statement of operations for the year follows:

Metal recoveries	\$1,935,928.48
Income from investments	74,738.76
Profit on sale of investments	1,600.00
Total revenue	\$2,012,267.24
Cost of metal production, including mining, milling, delivery and mint charges	\$781,250.90
Administrative and general expenses	29,027.45
Reserved for depreciation of buildings, plant and equipment	32,179.23
Reserved for income and production taxes	336,584.01
Total expenditures	\$1,229,042.14
Net profit for year	792,225.10

Restaurants May Be Under Health Unit's Jurisdiction

The Porcupine Health Unit requested council to pass a resolution that will make the licensing of restaurants and lunch-counters subject to health requirements as laid down by the Health Unit.

The same request has been forwarded to all municipalities in the district covered by the Unit.

"Rising prices are the result of industrial profiteering and the government must take steps to keep the wartime price board and control instead of the peace-time price board there is talk of starting," Bruce Magnusson, secretary of the local Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, told Communist's public citizens forum meeting at the Empire Theatre on Sunday night.

The purpose of the meeting was called to reveal to the public just what the Communists were doing, with the answers of the Communists on high prices, wages and salaries, democracy and civil rights and peace in the world, with the emphasis on Red baiting and the resulting challenge to Labor.

Mr. Magnusson spoke on "Labor's Program for Prices and Wages." "It seems a very appropriate time," he began, "for the local Communists to show the people of Timmins that they, the Communists, are not really so terrible to look at as they have been painted."

Commenting on the rising prices Mr. Magnusson said if it continues it would seem as if we are not very far from an economic collapse, unless we, the people, are prepared to do something to stop it.

"There is talk of the infiltration and penetration of Communists into labor unions," he continued, "yet Communism is a labor movement. It is a campaign for the betterment of the working class that has been going on for many years."

"We are close to the 100th anniversary of Marxism. It was in 1848 when Karl Marx wrote his Communist Manifesto. In 1860 Marx began his works entitled "Capital" one of the best works on social science ever written. Since the time those works were published labor has made tremendous advances in many countries."

Mr. Magnusson pointed out the many European countries that had adapted Communism as their form of government which included Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and France, mentioning that there must be something to a movement with such a growth

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Bannino, Bartleman Would Defer Action Against Town til Nov

In a letter to council Rock Bannino and J. P. Bartleman said they were willing to defer proceedings on the proposed lawsuit against the town for trespassing on their property until November of this year.

The case began last August when council received notification from Bannino and Bartleman stating that if the town sewer which passed through their property was not removed by February 15, 1947, they would consider it trespassing and take action against the town.

As council had not earmarked any funds to purchase the property in question in 1946 was left to the 1947 council. However, now that J. P. Bartleman is a member of council it is against the law for the town to enter into any agreement with him.

The sewers have been passing through the property for ten years during which time the town has paid a rental of \$60 a year and a total of \$600 up to February 15, 1947 to Messrs. Bannino and Bartleman.

Councillor W. Roberts said they would take the matter up with their solicitors as there was probably some significant reason why Bannino and Bartleman had chosen November, perhaps because it was the beginning of election time.

"It is the most logical time," replied councillor Bartleman. "The onus is on you people, I complied with your request."

Mayor Brunette said it was immaterial to him when the proceeding came up, though he would like to get the matter settled and not left hanging over their heads.

Taxis Must Have Adequate Insurance To Secure License

Taxis in Timmins will not be issued with licenses until they first produce certificates showing they have the following insurance coverage: \$5,000 physical damage to first person; \$10,000 covering additional persons; and \$1,000 property damage, council decided yesterday.

In addition, the washing of taxicabs on municipal highways is prohibited.

PLACEMENT OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WORKERS IN 1946

During the year 1946 the National Employment Service found jobs for 14,250 physically handicapped workers, through its Special Placements Division, according to a statement issued today by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour.

Of the total of handicapped applicants placed in industry in 1946 by the Employment Offices, 44 percent were veterans and 56 percent were civilians,