

## Kiwanian Nick Basciano Reports on Convention

Though explaining that he had time only to touch on the highlights of the event, Kiwanian Nick Basciano gave an interesting and valuable account of the recent Kiwanis International at Chicago, when he made his report on Monday at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club. Kiwanian Nick covered the outstanding features of the convention, though he left a number of features to be dealt with by the other Timmins delegate, Kiwanian Bob Harvey. The latter was unable to give his report on Monday, but it is expected next week.

There were 2,635 clubs and 177,000 members represented at the Chicago convention, Kiwanian Nick said. He was interested in meeting the delegate from the new club recently established in the Yukon.

The big convention had three main themes: "Peace," "Patriotism," and "Opportunity," and there were outstanding speakers delivering addresses on these themes. All of the speakers took occasion to call attention to the insidious menace of communism, which threatened "peace," "patriotism," "opportunity," religion, democracy, and freedom.

Kiwanian Nick was specially proud of the able and eloquent address of Rev. Norman Rawson, of Hamilton, a gifted Canadian, and a former resident of the north. Kiwanian Rawson pointed out that the first shots had already been fired in World War III, and that conditions must change if peace were to triumph.

The chief speaker on "Patriotism" was a former adherent of communism, who fully realized the perils to Canada and the United States of such subversive doctrines.

The speaker on "Opportunity," showed that communism took away the opportunity for freedom and progress.

A specially impressive feature of the convention was the tribute paid to the late J. N. Emms, Kiwanis International President.

Brief reference was made in the

report to the various social and entertainment features of the convention. One of these events was held at Soldier's Field, with an attendance of fully 50,000 people. The entertainment included three bands, a circus, auto races and other features.

At one dinner event, Kiwanian Nick had the pleasure of having Dr. Somerville, president of South Porcupine Kiwanis, Reeve V. H. Evans, also of South Porcupine Club, and members from Sudbury and Noranda at the table where he was seated.

There were ten resolutions passed at the convention. One of these was a resolution passed by overwhelming majority, in which the menace of communism was set forth, and the Kiwanis International pledged itself to do all possible to halt this creeping threat to liberty and democracy. The resolution urged that those tainted with the vicious virus of communism and other alienisms be barred from educational posts, and that the governments investigate the subversive activities that threaten all that free men hold dear.

President O. R. Kennie introduced Kiwanian Nick Basciano. Vice-President Barney Quinn expounded the thanks of the club for the excellent report, while the President added his personal words of thanks.

Guests for the day were: Major Majury, S. A., and Ivan Law, of Zephyr Ontario, the latter being the guest of his brother-in-law, Kiwanian A. W. Pickering.

Kiwanians Geo. Knowles, E. H. King and Barney Quinn were elected delegates to the Ontario-Quebec-Maritime convention at Quebec City next month. Others able to attend will be made alternate delegates.

A challenge from the Lions Club of Timmins to a softball game was enthusiastically accepted. The idea is to have the Lions play the Kiwanis, and the Kinsmen play the "Y's Men's Club," the proceeds to be given to help the sufferers from the recent Cobalt fire. Kiwanian Earle Barkwell was appointed chairman of the committee to look after the arrangements for this benefit game.

Community singing was led by Kiwanian F. A. Woodbury, with Secretary W. H. Wilson at the piano.

Reporting for the Attendance Committee, Chairman F. A. Woodbury said that the July attendance was 76.8 per cent. To date this year the attendance was 75.09. Eleven had perfect attendance for the year.

### Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Service wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Beryl Catherine, to Mr. Thomas A. McLennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McLennan of Edmonton, Alberta. The marriage to take place in First United Church on September 1 at 2:30 p. m.

## WHITE EMPRESSES BACK IN PASSENGER SERVICE



**WHITE EMPRESSES BACK:** When the passenger liner Empress of Canada sailed under Jacques Cartier Bridge spanning the St. Lawrence at Montreal on July 23, regular passenger service between Canada and the United Kingdom, which had been a thing of the past since 1910, was resumed by the Canadian Pacific. The "White Empress," which as the Duchess of Richmond saw valiant service as a troopship during the war, has been completely refitted and reconditioned to bring her up to the Empress class, and will sail every third Wednesday from Liverpool and every third Saturday from Montreal, with stops at Quebec each way. In winter the Canadian terminal port will be Saint John N.B., and the ship will call at Halifax eastbound and westbound. The day following the Empress of Canada's arrival, Captain Shergold, master of the ship (seen above on his bridge as he brought the ship up the river), was chairman at a luncheon held on board and attended by leaders of state, church and commerce (top picture). W. M. Neal, the chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and chairman of Canadian Pacific Steamships, is seen at the microphone as he stressed the company's firm intention to rebuild its ocean fleet and to continue to be a vital link between Canada, the British Commonwealth and other nations of the world. Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of reconstruction, who proposed the toast to the ship, paid tribute to the war record of the line and its personnel, 85 of whom were decorated for gallantry at sea.

## Substantial Decline In Mining Activity

### New Operations Do Not Make Up For 458 Companies Ceasing Work.

During the past year there has been a considerable decline in the number of companies actively engaged in mining operations in Canada. No less than 458 companies which were busy a year ago have ceased work. Of the 531 mining companies incorporated in Canada during the past 12 months only about half, or 270, progressed beyond the incorporating lawyer's office and became active. Some 76 companies formerly inactive resumed work.

For the defections blame is largely attached to the difficulty of raising money for new mining ventures. There has been a marked drying up of speculative enthusiasm since the cutting of the Canadian price of gold a year ago, and the consequent descent of the industry's profits. This has brought a cutting of dividends and a general dampening of gold mining optimism. Gold mining is probably the only industry which has not gone ahead since the war. Production of the gold industry has been cut in half from the levels of a few years ago, and dividends are approximately one-quarter of their former annual total.

These facts are shown by the 1947 edition of the Canadian Mines Handbook, just published. The total number of live mining companies in Canada is 1,653, as compared with 1,765 in the 1946 edition, when listings reached an all time high.

While gold mining operations and particularly exploration endeavors, suffered a relapse the Handbook shows that base metal mining enjoyed a moderate expansion and there was a broadening of interest in iron ore. Due to metallurgical and other scientific progress — in which Canadians are in the forefront — several rare metals were added to the country's production roster. Higher prices for silver awakened many silver mines long moribund. The discovery of a new nickel range in Northern Manitoba comparable in extent at least with Sudbury's aroused the forming of numerous new companies.

Of the 270 new incorporations which became active during the year, 210 were incorporated in Ontario, thus again demonstrating Toronto's leading position in the mining business. Quebec had 27 of the new incorporations, British Columbia 22 and Manitoba 9. A development of significance was the large number of foreign operations upon which Canadian companies

embarked during the year. Toronto and Vancouver were particularly energetic in acquiring properties, chiefly gold, in distant lands. Higher foreign prices for gold, lower operating costs and taxes, and a high measure of governmental stability of policy, invited Canadian mining engineers into many strange corners of the world.

Numerous enquiries about companies long out of circulation account in part for the substantial increase in the number of companies listed in the inactive section of the Handbook. Hundreds more of these companies have been searched out and their status included as a service to persons who have inherited or rediscovered old share certificates. Many of these 'dugouts' are now almost forgotten but occasionally a valuable equity is unearthed. That part of the Handbook dealing with quiescent and defunct companies deals precisely with their position so that holders of old stock certificates can ascertain whether these shares are worthless, transferable into share of live companies, and so forth. Altogether the 1947 Handbook contains 8,164 companies, an increase of over 1,000 from the previous record.

In addition to complete detail on active organizations, including comparative records extending several years, the Handbook gives an eight-year range of mining share quotations up to June 30th, 1947.

## Mrs. Margaret Kinkel Died Sat. In Buffalo

Mrs. Margaret Kinkel, mother of R. Philip Kinkel, manager of Buffalo Ankerite Gold Mines Ltd., died in Buffalo, N. Y., August 9th at the home of her son Edward G.

Mrs. Kinkel was born in Zanesville, Ohio on Sept. 30th, 1856. Her father, Dr. August Roeder, was one of the first medical doctors to practice in Omaha, Nebraska, where many of his first patients were the early pioneer settlers.

In 1901 the Kinkel family moved to Buffalo. Mrs. Kinkel was a frequent visitor to the Buffalo Ankerite having spent last summer at the mine with her son. She returned to Buffalo last September to celebrate her 90th birthday with her entire family of three sons, nine grand children and one great grandchild.

## Mrs. T. H. Richards Sails For England

A well known and highly respected member of this community, Mrs. T. H. Richards, left on Tuesday for Montreal, and sails today to England where she is to take up residence in Manchester.

Mrs. Richards first came to Timmins in 1924 from Lancashire, and was married here in St. Matthews Church. Her husband, the late Mr. T. H. Richards, was superintendent Timmins Division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and Safety man in the Hollinger Mine until his death in May 1941.

Following the death of her husband, Mrs. Richards left Timmins for Toronto where she took over the position as lady supervisor at the Canadian General Engineering Company, Scarborough, which position she retained during the war years. Until recently she was employed at Queens Park, a job she accepted following the cessation of hostilities.

For three weeks prior to leaving for England she has been visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. Bert Richards and renewing some of the many friendships she made in this town.

## Kitty Did Not Stay For Opening Day

"Kitty" is ambitious or so it would seem. On Saturday night one of the best specimens of her breed seen for a long time was observed trying to make a quiet home at the Moneta School. Perhaps she wanted to be in time for the opening of school next month. Her departure was not noted but it is thought that the children may have banded together and requested her expulsion until she was better acquainted with that well known brand of soap that is guaranteed to make friends and influence people.

Whatever the reason there was no sign of "Kitty Skunk" on Sunday so perhaps after all she decided that there was not as much to this education business as she thought or maybe Moneta does not have the course she wanted to major in.

## Community Pipe Band Popular At Sun. Nite Sing-Song

It was Scots Night at the Hollinger Park on Sunday when the Y's men held their sixth Sunday night sing-song.

Music was supplied by the Community Pipe Band and from their opening number, The Barren Rocks of Aden, to the final march around the band stand and then back to town their audience was thrilled. The swaying of kilts, the strathspeys, reels and marches took many of the Scots back to their native heath and the singing of the "Auld Scots Songs" stirred

## Neglect of Highways Wild Extravagance

### Present Policy Of Neglect Is Costly, Should Be Remedied Now.

This is no time to make cuts in road expenditure, the Timmins Board of Trade maintains. It is patent to all how our roads have deteriorated during the enforced stresses of the war years, and how badly in consequence some of them have weathered the past winter. It should not be forgotten in Queens Park that the damage to roads which arises from a policy of neglect is cumulative. Truly where roads are concerned a stitch in time saves nine. A policy of postponing necessary road work is not one of economy; it is one of wild extravagance. It must also be borne in mind that if the North is to be given an even chance to keep their costs at a competitive level transportation costs must be cheap and efficient.

With these points in mind the Board of Trade recently circulated a petition throughout the immediate district which will eventually take the form of a brief to be presented to the Minister of Highways demanding that more attention be given by his department to the highways on which this district is dependant. Mr. R. Bryson their secretary reported on Monday that he had already received the signatures of some 500 business people who use the highways for commercial purposes supporting the brief. As soon as all the petitions have been returned a delegation will be appointed to take the petition to Toronto and personally hand it to the Honorable George Doucette.

memories of by gone days for many of those present.

The ice-cream contest for boys and girls was won by a MacDonald and a McKenzie but whether they were the only two Scots in the competition is not known. If there were more they at least considered the judges fair as there was no sign of the raising of the "Fiery Cross".

The sing-songs do not lose their popularity no matter what form they take and there must have been close to 2,000 people present. The collection bags looked heavy and the proceeds will be put to good use in supporting activities for the youth of the district.

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