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CURTAIN GOES UP ON WINTER SPORTS



Winter sports at McIntyre arena get into full swing within the next few days and already signs of activity were apparent when the Advance visited the community building early this week. At left Ed Chernesky tosses a practise stone in preparation for the opening of the curling club this weekend. In centre, Mildred Verbik, pretty figure-skating instructress, prepares to try the brand-new ice in the small instruction rink. At right is the well-known "Bummer" Doran, who returns to the line-up of Hollinger hockey club this year. When the first practise of the season was held on Monday at McIntyre. more than 40 pucksters donned skates to try out with the Bombers.

In addition to the branches of sport pictured here, McIntyre will be the scene of many other activities, including bowling, basketball, badminton and gym classes. More than two thousand people will participate in organized sport in the big building this coming Winter.





Monarus Evidence In Local Courtroom

After some of the most monstrous, over the period of one year, evidence ever heard in a Canadian Each of the youngsters who testicourt, Bernard Laurin, former Tim- fied told their stories in an earnest mins taxi-driver, a greasy-skinned, quiet manner, as the accused man alsallow, black-haired man of 21, was ternately looked at the floor of sentenced to 18 months in reformatory glanced up to smile a twisted, pecuby Magistrate S. Atkinson Tuesday liar smile. Mrs. Lefebvre sat as afternoon on a charge of contributing the far end of the bench twistto juvenile delinquency.

Due to the foul nature of the evi- of the Childrens Aid Society brought dence, the case was heard in closed one child in after the other to testify. court. Only observers were Timmins police constables, (every one off duty was there) a handful of witnesses and voice. But he was cowed by Crown Attwo newspaper reporters.

had committed unravelled from the lips of three small children, scowls of loathing wreathed the brows of even policemen present, accustomed as they were to the most sordid type of evidence For, compared to what was presented in Laurin's case; the evidence heard at the recent murder trial in Parry Sound in which a woman was freed after shooting her husband, when he committed abnormal act. before children, was tepid.

Evidence was presented by a neighbor in addition to the children. It was brought out that Laurin had been living off and on with Mrs. Marie Anne Lefebvre, 16 Elm street N., and that the acts involving the children of | and lashes, Magistrate Atkinson point-Mrs. Lefebvre had been taking place ed out.

It was announced this week by Hol-

linger Consolidated Gold Mines Limit-

ed that a new training program for

underground workers has been in-

stituted at the mine. The need for

such a program has been recognized

by the company for some time, and

several suggestions along this line

ahve been made in recent months by

both employees and supervisors. Oper-

ating detail are still being worked out.

but the plan promises to become one

of the outstanding features of opera-

Following meetings with all mine

captain, J. M. Douglas, mine superin-

tendent, announced that the 3500'

foot level would be taken over by a

mine traising staff for the purpose of

instructing all new employees in the

The new training program will be

under the direction of nine captain

William McDermott, with H. R.

Shuttleworth acting as assistant cap-

tain for the training level. All mine

captains will assist Mr. McDermott in

Two shift bosses and five special

instructors have also been appointed

for the training program. The shift

bosses are M. J. "Matty" McAlendin

and R. J. 'Bob' Forsyth, while H. G.

Rescorla, J. M. Harris, J. Innes, N. A.

Loubert and A. A. McDonald are the

instructors. All of these men have re-

With the new training program just

home period of time wants, tout

getting underway, plans are to have

cently attended a series of conferences program will be of real value to both

on the principles of job instruction. old and new employees The groups of

presented by the Hollinger Training displaced persons soon to arrive from

all new Hollinger employees spend a rangements being made to overcome

various phases of mining.

advisory capacities.

Division.

tions at Hollinger

Hollinger Inaugurates

School For New Miners

ing her hands nervously as officials

When called to the stand, Laurin flatly denied everything in a loud torney Sam Caldbick when the latter As the disgustingly foul acts Laurin recalled one of the small boys to con-

tradict directly the accused's evidence. When Mrs. Lefebvre pleaded guilty on a similar charge of contributing to juvenile delinquency, she was given at indefinite term of not less than one year at Mercer reformatory.

Laurin had been booked on a second charge of gross indecency. This charge was dropped by the crown, although it appeared that it might have to be proceeded with when Mrs. Lefebvre unexpectedly pleaded guilty What further noxious evidence would have transpired had she been placed on the stand, is difficult to predict.

If Laurin had been convicted of gross indecency he would have been subject to up to ten years in prison

ing level, where they will receive the

necessary instruction and training to

fit them for jobs in the mine. The

condition whereby experienced miners

have had to take on and train new

helpers themselves will be eliminated.

and a pool of partially trained men.

available for work throughout the

mine as the need arises, will be main-

All employees taking training under

the program will be paid the same

rates they would receive if engaged in

productive work of the same nature.

It is expected that the new training

Europe will receive their initial train-

ing under this plan, with special ar-

language larriers that may exist.

Barn Dance Tune Is Foul Language To Local Gendarmes?

When he appeared in local police court here this week, Joseph Mac-Namara, Timmins youth, said that he was merely singing a barn dance tune and not cursing, shouting, swearing and making a general nuisance of himself when he was picked up on Cedar street by local police.

And he had two witnesses to testify that it was a hill-billy song which rent the air, and not loud imprecations as the result of peing excluded from the Royal Hotel. But "Home on the Range" or not, police maintained that it was the common, garden variety of foul language, inspired when given the "bum's rush"from the local beer emporium.

In this Magistrate S. Atkinson concurred. MacNamara was fined \$10 and costs or 15 days.

300 Fires

yet been made, the season just concluded ranks with the worst years in the North, according to B. A. MacDonald, of the public relations branch of the Depart-

Kapuskasing and Cochrane districts, of which Timmins is a subdivision, said that more than 300 fires had broken out during the year and that he believed that not since 1922 had such a number of

Black spots of the year were June, August and October. In June a series of grave fires broke out near Hearst, while in August the trouble centre was at Swastika. Recently it has been Timmins which has kept fire-fighters occupied day and night.

"In the vast majority of cases, the causes of these fires have been simple carelessness," Mr. Mac-Donald said. This, combined with long dry periods, has made it one of the worst seasons in many years."

He attributed the recent wave of fires to the neglect of hunters, stating that on recent tours of inspection by air, it was evident that most fires had begun on the shores of lakes where camps had been made.

He said that the Winter operations of the Department had been

Firer Of Shot Not Clear

Gagnon of Mountjoy township.

"Both Alec Jr. and his wife Yyonne were firing at a target on a fence when the older man strayed within the target area," the chief said. "It is not clear just who fired the shot."

Chief Gagnon emphasized that the shooting was purely an unfortunate

"Mr. Kalyniuk disappeared into the bush with his friend Peter Wozniuk in an entirely different direction than that in which the young couple were firing. They expected him to return from the direction in which he left, but instead he and his friend circled through the bush directly into the line of fire."

He said that the injured man was a distance of 600 feet past the target when he was struck with the bullet in the stomach.

"In spite of the fact that the rifle was only of .22 calibre the bullet made a gaping wound," he declared. "A .22 l is just as much a death-dealing weapon as a gun of larger calibre."

Alex Kalyniuk, 55, had intended spending the Sunday afternoon in the bush with his son and daughter-inlaw and his friend. When struck with the bullet, at first he did not realize what had happened and he walked several hundred yards out to where his automobile was parked, before being rushed to St. Mary's hospital.

Here blood transfusions were given and an emergency operation which lasted fully two hours was performed by Dr. E. A. Dobson. The slug had entered the victim's stomach, passed through the liver and halted in the pelvic rgion.

Born in Austria of Ukranian parents Mr. Kalyniuk has been an employee of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines for the past 26 years without an ac-

Gift parcels of feedstuffs and com-

forts will do much to brighten the

Christmas this year of those overseas

The Canadian Post Office, however,

For the guidance of the public it

dates have been set for the overseas

November 8th - The Continent

November 15th- The United King-

November 29th-The United King-

just as early as possible.

Christmas mails:

dom-parcels.

dom-letters.

letters and parcels.

conditions.

Behind This Story Is Another Story

somest man in the crowded court- against him in South Ontario," Detecroom. Erect, square-jawed and per- tive Sergeant Ernest Gagnon told the fectly groomed, he could have passed court, "Then he himself told us about for the model of an Arrow Tie adver- them. When we checked up, all these Exactly who fired the shot which tisement. His business suit was a con- charges were true." injured Alec Kalyniuk, veteran Porcu- | servative grey and cut in a fashion- | Most of the charges concerned dealpine miner who was struck by a .22 able drape which emphasized wide ings with an employer named E. Nash calibre bullet last Sunday afternoon on shoulders. He wore a black and white in Hamilton. Among other things, George Boychuk's farm three miles, tie which was tied in a small, neat Armstrong stole a portable typewriter from Timmins, is not exactly clear, knot. The tuft of a white handker- from his employer. according to chief of police Leo chief projected from his breast pocket. He looked the part of an aristocrat.

He was kept standing in the prisoners' box for a long time. For in a precise, methodical way, Magistrate S. Atkinson read charge after charge against him, enqu'ring whether he wished to be tried by him or sent to a higher court, whether he wished to plead guilty or not guilty. Always, with the ghost of a friendly smile, the man replied "By you, sir" and "Guilty."

After six charges had been read, involving forgery, uttering and fraud, and as the Magistrate reached for more to read, a subdued rustling sounded among spectators in the courtroom. The rustling increased in volume with each succeeding charge, till finally twelve had been read. This was a spectacular case, the rustling

The man involved was Matthew P. Armstrong, of Ottawa, and there were five charges of forgery against him two of uttering, four of false pretences and one of theft by employee. On his own word he was guilty of them all, ranging from crimes committed in Ottawa, Hamilton, Oshawa, Whitby and finally in Tisdale and Timmins.

Armstrong met his downfall after uttering a forged checque for \$90 at a local gas station after closing a fraudulent deal with a resident of Tisdale concerning a truck which he had obtained by false pretences in the first place in Whitby, Ontario, When a complaint was laid with police concerning the cheque, Armstrong was later apprehended at Kirkland Lake and transported back to Timmins.

The Tisdale resident was swindied out of \$775 on the truck deal. while the Oshawa resident was out of pocket some \$800. "When we got him in Kirkland Lake,

The prisoner was by far the hand- he asked us if we knew of any charges

"Have you anything to say for yourself?" Magistrate Atkinson asked the 29-year-old man in a not unkindly

Armstrong shook his head, murmur-

ed, "no" and sat down quickly. Before sentencing, Crown Attorney Sam Caldbick produced the accused man's record. It dated back to 1947 in Ottawa and constituted a long chronicle of crime, involving theft, attempted armed robbery and forgery. He had been released from a four year term in Kingston last March,

"I warn you that you are getting into the category of the habitual criminal who will be put away for life under the new law," said

each charge of forgery, three years on each charge of false pretences and three years on the one charge of theft, all terms to run concurrently.

Armstrong received his sentence without a trace of chagrin flashing across his clean-cut, handsome face. Then he rose from the prisoners' box to be escorted downstairs to the cells. As he crossed the front of the court- ed, froze the sand to a depth of two room a babel of excitement sounded inches and then applied the first from the onlookers and even the magistrate turned to look after the young man with concern.

"Why, he's a cripple," someone

He was a cripple. A withered left arm was pressed tightly against his side. The fingers of a twisted hand projected grotesquely from the cuff of his sleeve.

For the first time Armstrong lost his composure. As he went through the door to the staircase an angry red flush was mounting his cheek. A defiant flash was in his eye. He knew they had seen he was mainmed,

McIntyre Is Mecca For 2,000

game tomorrow night, the curtain goes up on the 1947-48 Winter sports season in North Ontario and, despite the fact that hockey mentors are gloomy over prospects in their branch of sport, the all-around picture of activity at McIntyre is very bright in-

In fact, from now till Spring, there will scarcely be a moment of the day or night when sporting doings of one kind or another are not taking place in the North's plush big sports centre. Somewhere in the building someone will be playing hockey or figure skating, bowling, curling, playing badmington or basketball or tumbling about the floor of the gym.

As an indication of the amount of activity which will take place, it is a remarkable fact that more than 2.000 persons will take part in organized sport within the walls of the building.

Sounds like an exaggeration, doesn't it? But break down the numbers of the various groups who will participate and you'll see it's true.

First there is hockey. With five senior teams and five juvenile teams of 14 players each, we find 140 players in all. Then theer are 170 senior figure skaters and 280 junior. Curlers number 430, while badmington players total 105 and perhaps more. An estimated 300 persons participate in organized bowling. There are four basketball teams of ten players each. A gym class of 80 youngsters meet regularly. To top it off there are 500 members to the public skating club. Add it all up and it says that the

people of the Porcupine are sportsminded in a big way.

Not In Doldrums Yet; Big Jump In North In Power Consumption

Northern Ontario is far from in the doldrums, if the recent report of the Hydro Electric Power Commission is any criterion of the way

things are going. Actual power loads in the North showed a 14.1 percent increase in September, 1947, over the same month a year ago. Number of kilowatts in a 20-minute peak during September of this year showed a record consumption of 183,011 kilowatts, compared to 160,332 last

Meanwhile, actual output of the Northern Ontario system also showed an increase. Total output this year reached 210,551 kilowatts compared to 207,732 a year ago.

He gave Armstrong five years on 16 Miles Of Pipe Beneath 3 Rinks

First ice of the Winter season was laid at McIntyre arena last Saturday afternoon, when workmen removed the boards from the floor of the big rink levelled the six inches of sand in which the freezing pipes are embedcoating of ice.

It was an all-day job for half a dozen men, under the supervision of Bob Crosby, manager of the North's largest Winter sports centre.

With three different rinks in operation during the season, McIntyre has perhaps the greatest mileage of freezing pipe of all the artificial ice plants in the Province. A total of 16 miles of pipe, with lines spaced four-andone-half inches apart, is in the building. There are eight miles of pipe beneath the hockey surface, seven bheath the curling rink, and one in the small instruction rink for figure skaters.

McIntyre's ice plant is a big affair located in the heart of the building. Valued at \$25,000 it comprises three compressors, giant tanks of brine, huge cylinders of ammonia and other paraphernelia necessary for the manu-

McIntyre does not use the direct Mailers are urged to pack all parcels ammonia method of making ice, as is firmly and securely in strong corru- the case at South Porcupine arena. At gated containers, wrapped tightly in McIntyre brine circulates in the miles several folds of thick wrapping paper, of piping and it is cooled by passing and securely tied with strong twine. | through baths of ammonia located in Do not pack pacels in shoe boxes, the ice plant itself. This method of

or ribbon to tie the outside of the also eliminates the danger of ammonia escaping should a pipe leak. While laying the initial coat of ice was a lengthy job last Saturday. normally the ice at McIntyre can be resurfaced in twelve and one half surfacing between periods of a hockey

> Ice is generally maintained throughand out the season at a depth of one and

This Year While the total reckoning of losses due to forest fires has not

ment of Lands and Forests.

Mr. MacDonald, who covers the fires occurred in one season.

"Fourteen fires broke out in the Timmins division alone since October 15," he said. "All these fires took place after the official season was supposed to be over."

considerably delayed. Forestrymen work as scalers in bush camps during the Winter months and they should have been on the job some time ago. The two aircraft used in this district should also have been in for overhaul, proparatory to Winter operations. Christmas Mails For Overseas

who are living under "austerity" Parcel," Parcels containing food cannot

may be mailed up to 20 lb. weight to or other countries without an export facture of ice. individuals in the United Kingdom. permit must not exceed \$25.00. but must be plainly marked, "Gift

To expedite the delivery in again urges the public not to delay, but to mail for Christmas overseas United Kingdom of gift parcels, containing food only, a yellow label (No. 61) obtainable at Post Offices, should be attached. The usual Customs Deannounces that the following closing claration Form (91B) fully completed, must be affixed to all parcels addresssee that the non-adhesive Customs Declaration Form (15B) and Despatch Note (16B) are completed and for-

or use tissue paper for outer wrapper, operation is more economical and it

Enclose only articles suitable mailing. Be certain that all mail is addressed, and that a return address minutes with the use of the arena's is given on the outside of the paper. mopping machine. This permits re-

ed abroad. Care should be taken to fully prepaid, correctly and clearly

the parcel giving the names and

warded with the parcel where neces- Enclose a slip with the contents of

The total value of the contents of complete addresses of sender parcels sent to the United Kingdom addresset.

Mailers are reminded that parcels, if gone fide and uncoligited,