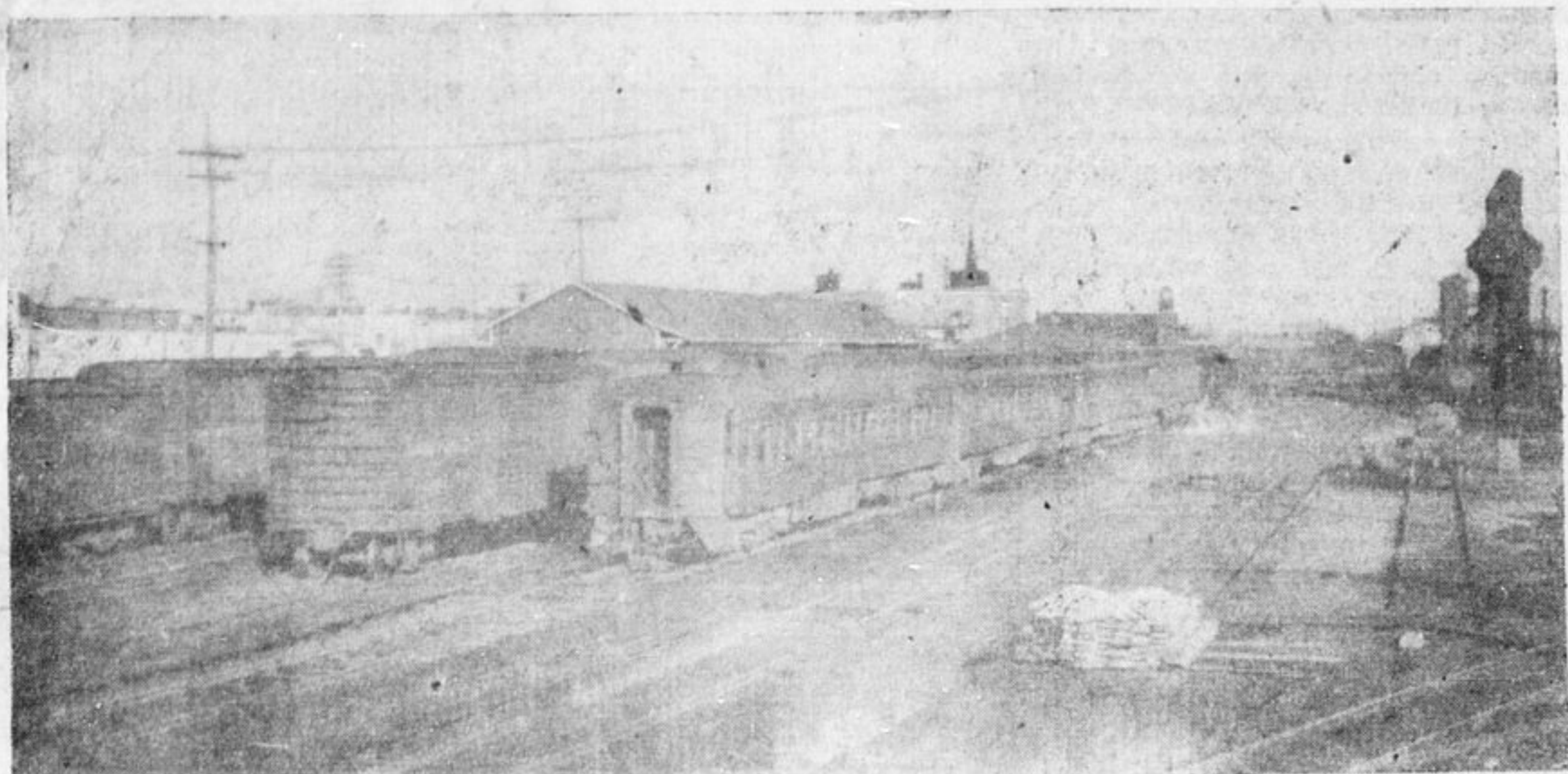
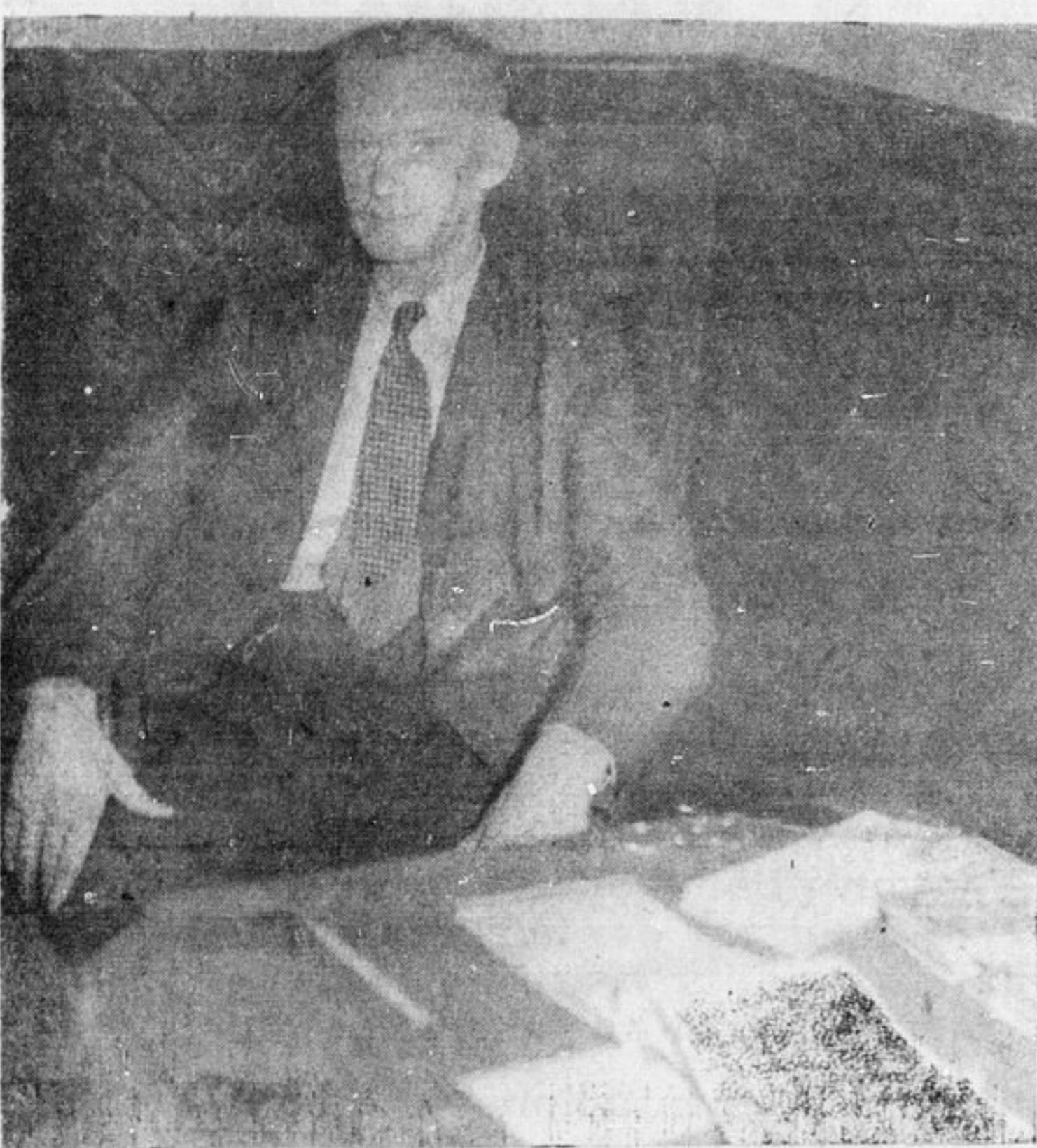


TIMMINS IS BUSY RAILWAY CENTRE



FREIGHT YARDS: There are some 25 miles of track and sidings within the yard limits of Timmins. Today the yards are a hive of activity as freight shipments hit their peak for the year. In addition to the regular passenger service, two freights a day pull into town with 15 to 20 carloads of commodities for local consumption. Seen here is a portion of the yard as viewed from the Fogg Coal Company.



BOSS MAN: Frank J. Murray, a veteran of 40 years service to the Ontario Northland Railway, is the man who directs activities in the local rail depot. He replaced the well-known "Rube" Richardson when the latter retired this year. A staff of more than 70 persons is employed permanently by the O. N. R. in Timmins.

Bright Paper At Dome Makes Debut For Year

The bright little newspaper edited by the pupils of Dome public school made its debut for the current year last week and it promises to maintain the high standard set in former years. Published weekly in longhand and hung in the school for students to read, the little paper at Dome has been turned out every year for the past ten years. Bob Dye, now a student at McGill University and far removed from the schools days of early boyhood, was the paper's first editor. Staff this year consists of Editor, Patsy Andrew; current events, Jean Bruce; girls' sports, Dorla Crawford; boys' sports, Ronald Keast; chatter box, Sylvia Williams and jokes, Billy Douglas. Other contributors are Shirley Rogers, Jack Lone and Keythia Davis. Outstanding feature of this week's paper is a stirring tribute written by Shirley Rogers to the men who laid down their lives in the two World Wars. It is of surprising eloquence, and follows here: "Remembrance Day will be observed on Tuesday, November 11. This day is observed each year in memory of those men who might continue to enjoy that liberty, justice and peace which we Canadians love so well. "We must remember, too, those men who, broken in body, have lived on in the years of peace carrying the scars of war. Let us give thanks to God for peace in our land and pray that this peace will be preserved." The paper dutifully records the events of Education Week at the school and an account is given how a number of pupils appeared on the radio. The recent Hallowe'en Party at outh Porcupine arena also is noted. In discussing current events, Jean Bruce takes a world-wide scene. After observing that sugar rationing is ended, she tells of an earthquake disaster in Peru. Then she deals with the prospect for shorter training for nurses and the rationing of Hydro Electric power. Dorla Crawford, in charge of girls' sports, takes note that new equipment

can cause some trouble. "We got a new volleyball and football at the beginning of the year which everybody wants to play with. To avoid a lot of trouble, Mr. Surtees made a chart so each room would get its turn," Dorla writes. Ronnie Keast, boys' sports editor, notes recent changes in the line-ups of the Toronto Maple Leafs and discusses the Mine League. "There hasn't been much doing around the school yard lately as the boys have been busy at other things," he says. Keythia Davis, Chatterbox editor, observes that "if a certain boy in Grade even doesn't soon pop up, he's going to be peppered down." Most prolific writer on the staff is Billy Douglas, who writes the joke column. He provided three foolscap pages of jokes in the current issue. Typical sample: "How old are you, Billie," asked a caller. "Well," said Billie, "when I'm home I'm five, when I'm in school I'm six, and when I'm on a bus I'm four." That one rates the Jack Benny program!

Vitamin D Prevents Colds, MOH Advises

In order to prevent the common cold during the coming winter season, residents of the Porcupine will be well advised to take some form of Vitamin D regularly, Dr. Graham B. Lane, medical officer of health, said this week. "The simplest and best way to get his vitamin is through cod liver oil," Dr. Lane said. "However there are various other products on the market containing it." He said that colds were more frequent among men than women and attributed this to the fact that men remained heavily clothed while indoors while women did not. Thus the change of temperature, when going outside has considerably more effect on men, since there is little change in the weight of their clothing, while women more than double the weight of their wearing apparel.

Rationing Of Power Is Ignored

Despite the pronouncement by the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission that a modified form of power rationing would come into effect this week, a large minority of business places in Timmins ignored the edict on Monday night. Stiff fines are provided to enforce the new regulations.

Outstanding among violators was the Town of Timmins itself. Globes on the exterior of the Municipal Building burned brightly most of the evening. Numerically, the greatest violators were the town's hotels. At least a dozen establishments had large neon signs burning up till midnight. Taxi firms also paid little attention to the new regulations. Exterior floodlights and parking lot lights burned as usual.

Several restaurants kept exterior signs burning in contravention of the new law. Two service stations were brightly flood-lighted.

However, most of the town's places of business on Third avenue complied with the law. Neon signs on the town's four theatres were out and brilliant marquee lights were subdued. Only one clothing store had its windows lighted as usual.

The general provisions of the new power rationing regulations follow:

The use of electricity for signs, show windows, and ornamental lighting for decorative or advertising purposes is prohibited. The operation of air heaters, electric grates, or electric boilers used for heating stores or offices is prohibited; as is also the lighting of interiors of business premises after business hours, unless work is being done. An exception will be made for banks and other business places requiring light for protection.

The use of electricity for flood-lighting of parking lots, used-car lots, service stations, out-door industrial premises and the lighting of marquees, entrances and exits is restricted to the minimum amount deemed necessary in the interests of public safety.

The use of electricity for interior domestic purposes and in hospitals is not prohibited under the Regulations, nor is flood-lighting of airports, lighting for police and fire services and protection, lighting required by law, and lighting for direction signs and signs designating the office of a medical practitioner.

Provision is made whereby the Commission may grant exemptions under the Regulations. It is contemplated that such exemptions will be granted only where public health and safety are endangered.

The regulations will provide only a part of the savings necessary to maintain full employment. It is, therefore, vital that all consumers, homemakers, workers, farmers, storekeepers, and business men do their part by saving electricity wherever possible.

PLANS PROVIDED

A set of plans for "Canada's rural health," consisting of architectural designs for small health centres, has been produced and printed by the Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, through its Hospital Design Division. This publication, which is obtainable without cost from Provincial health departments, is to assist those interested in establishing "doctors' workshops" and health centres in rural communities remote from general hospital facilities. The book will be of particular interest to members of rural councils and to country doctors.



BEER: Beer is a commodity which enters the town of Timmins in considerable quantity in normal times. Today, however, the stream of shipments has dwindled to a mere trickle as a result of the strike among Porcupine waiters. The cases being handled here by Norm Landers, of the Brewery Warehouse staff, are outgoing empties.

Exhibit of Handicraft On Display Tomorrow

At the weekly meeting of the Timmins Adult Education Group executive, held at the home of the secretary, Mrs. Gordon Campbell, the chief business was the completion of arrangements in regard to the visit here of the exhibit of handicrafts, assembled and arranged by the North Bay office of Community Programs, Department of Education.

This exhibit displays a large number of articles of many types made by adults attending night schools and private classes at Timmins and other centres throughout the North. Accompanying the exhibit will be one of the staff of the Community Programs branch of the Department of Education. This member will be ready and able to answer any questions regarding the display, or any other activities sponsored by the branch of the department. The exhibits include woodwork, ceramics, leather work, silk screen printing, weaving and many other lines.

Mrs. S. Shankman was appointed convener for the committee to assist the staff member accompanying the exhibit.

The exhibit of handicrafts will be held in the Oddfellows' hall, Spruce Street North, on Friday, November 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The local Adult Education Group, sponsoring the exhibit here, believes that it is of unusual importance and interest and should be very largely attended. It will give an idea of what is being done in the communities of the North in the way of handicrafts.

Still more important, it will suggest not only attractive hobbies, but lines of activity that promise profit to the individual and advantage to the community. This is particularly true in reference to weaving, which is one of the subjects being considered by the local committee for classes here. Mrs. Murphy, who recently took a

special course in weaving, and who now has a large loom of her own, showed the committee on Friday night a number of articles made on her loom. These artistic and attractive articles, including curtains, covers, upholstery fabrics and handbags, suggest that not only do the classes in weaving foster the artistic spirit and the pleasure there is in handicrafts, but the adoption of the plan of the Adult Education Group in this matter can be made to mean the establishment of important individual industries here. At present Mrs. Murphy is busy on in Mountjoy Township, where a number of ladies have evidenced interest in the plan. Of course, similar classes are being considered for Timmins. These classes seem to provide opportunity for pleasant and profitable occupation for many young ladies finishing school and finding difficulty in securing other places in the community.

At the executive meeting Friday night, President Earle Barkwell announced that Miss Kelly had been again prevailed upon to direct the Current Education branch, while Les Farrow had agreed to take the convener-ship of the Citizenship Group.

In view of the fact that suitable quarters for the handicrafts classes had been secured in the basement of Mrs. Shepherd's home, Cherry Street, these classes can commence at once. A. Hiltz, convener, has secured the services of an expert instructor, Mr. Giroux, for the leather work, and other lines will be added as required.

Vehicle Licences, Driving Permits Show Big Increase

The number of motor vehicles on the roads of the Porcupine camp has shown a substantial jump, Earle Barkwell, issuer of licences, said this week.

"Both automobile licences and driving permits have increased in number," Mr. Barkwell said. "This increase is of course attributed to the increase in production of new cars during the past year."

Today there are 5,203 vehicles, including both cars and trucks, in use in the district. A year ago there were 4,476. Driving permits have shown a greater increase, with more than 1,000 more persons holding permits. The figures are 11,253 at the present, compared to 10,062 a year ago.

However, the number of autos and licensed drivers is still considerably beneath the number during prewar days. Mr. Barkwell said. During 1939 some 7,000 vehicles were on the roads of the Porcupine.

Freight Shipments Per Capita Basis, Most In Province

We Err Grievously; Comely Miss Verbik Very Much Amateur

Due to an unfortunate error, Mildred Verbik, outstanding Porcupine figure skater, was designated as instructress at the McIntyre in last week's edition of The Advance. Miss Verbik is a simpure amateur. She is at present studying for her Gold Medal.

As an amateur, it would be improper for Miss Verbik to occupy a post as an instructress. Our apologies to a comely Miss, as well as a fine skater. We have no intention of precipitating some sort of situation such as the one which occurred when Barbara Ann Scott was presented with an automobile at Ottawa this Spring.

Timmins, due to its geographical location, is unique in many ways. For example, more freight via railway enters the town for local consumption than probably enters any town of similar size in Canada.

In the first place, Timmins is almost entirely non-self-sustaining. The clothes people wear, the food they eat, the articles with which they furnish their homes, all have to be imported. Secondly, Timmins is a "dead end" town. The place is at the end of rail and there is only one way into it and the same way out.

Thirdly, practically none of the town's incoming goods arrive by transport truck. In most communities, these big box cars of the highway pour a large percentage of goods into town. Such is not the case here due to a combination of lengthy distances, restricted permits and bad roads.

So, around the rail yards at the head of Third avenue, the scene is usually a busy one. And this Fall it has been busier than usual.

"We hit our peak month in recent years during October," Frank J. Murray, general agent, said. "In small shipments alone 1,825 tons of goods entered Timmins. This represents 8,800 individual shipments. This Fall between 15 and 20 carloads a day have been entering town."

Mr. Murray is a relative newcomer to the Porcupine, although he has served the Ontario Northland for 40 years, at Kirkland Lake, Cobalt and Englehart. When the well-known "Rube" Richardson retired here recently, Mr. Murray took his place.

Although Kirkland Lake serves, relatively the same number of people as Timmins (exclusive of Schumacher and South Porcupine) freight shipments at the Lake are considerably less than here. Average tonnage at Kirkland is 1,000 per month, while here the year-round average is at least 1,600 tons.

"Furthermore, not so many cars go out of Timmins empty as you might imagine," the agent said. "On an average day three to four cars of freight leave here in the form of merchandise being distributed along the line by wholesalers."

He said that between two and four cars of lumber and pulpwood also pull out of the local yards daily. Cars which leave here empty are quickly picked up along the line by lumbering and pulp concerns. No car reaches North Bay unloaded.

"Cars suitable for the transport of paper and sulphite are very much in demand," he said. "We have a standing order that all first class box cars be sent at once to Iroquois Falls and Kapuskasing to make up the daily paper trains leaving those places."

He said that one of the chief commodities leaving this area was mining timber for export to England for use in British coal mines.

Relatively little indication is given that a mass exodus is taking place among residents of Timmins, according to freight office records.

"I would say that as much household goods is coming into Timmins by freight as there is leaving it," Mr. Murray said.

More than 70 persons are required to keep the local depot operating, motives coming in and out of town. Freight handlers, office staff and ticket agents number 28. There are 22 men employed in the Motive Power department, which does running, repairs and maintenance on the locomotives coming in and out of town. The car department has a dozen men servicing box cars and coaches. Ten men are employed as section hands and keeping the rails in the yard in shape. During the winter months sometimes 18 men are employed in this latter job.

"Our roundhouse can do at least 80 percent of repairs required for an engine," Jack Nicholson, Motive Power and Car department foreman, said. "We have all the heavy equipment for most jobs, including a shaper, a lathe, compressors, and welding and drilling machines."

Compared to standard everyday equipment this machinery is of mammoth size in order to handle the large parts which make up a locomotive. There are stalls for six locomotives in the roundhouse.

Nicholson, too, finds things very busy around the yards these days. "Passenger traffic has fallen off somewhat since the war years," he said, "but the increased movement of freight has more than made up for it. There is certainly no time to waste around this place nowadays."

BIG JOB

Canada's forest industries paid \$412,601,401 in wages and salaries in 1946, furnishing employment for 267,610 persons.

JASPER BEAVER TO BRITAIN



En route to England as part of Canada's donation toward the replenishment of bombed-out zoos, this beaver took along their own supply of hardtack. Natives of Jasper National Park, they will feed on tasty, vitamin-packed Poplar poles cut for them by the Park's warden, George Fowle, who is shown serving them their last meal before the journey eastward. With three bears for travel mates, the beaver left Jasper in a Canadian National Railway's express car and were transferred to an ocean liner on arrival at Montreal.