

NEW RECORDS AT POST OFFICE



READY TO GO: Here Timmins postmen prepare to make their rounds. The postman's day on the street begins at 8 a.m. Left to right are W. K. Alkenbrack, G. H. Byrom, H. S. McElreay and J. J. Boychuck. How many miles a day does a postman walk? Well, in the case of W. K. Alkenbrack, the route, is 4.175 yards in length and he covers this route twice a day. This distance is almost five miles. But on the other hand, this figure does not include the number of times the carrier crosses the street nor the extra miles he walks from the street line to the front doors of the homes he serves. It is safe to estimate that the average carrier covers between eight and nine miles a day. Advance Photo



INSIDE LOOKING OUT: This is the way the general public looks to workers behind the counter at the local post office. Today and up till Christmas, long lines will stand waiting at the wickets, as Christmas mail is despatched to relatives and friends in other sections of the land. In the foreground is the scale on which parcels are weighed before shipment. Advance Photo

Tremendous Volume Of Christmas Mail

According to the volume of mail which has already passed through the local post office, the current Christmas season will be the heaviest in the history of Timmins, Post Master Ernest King said today. Postal service hit a new high in the Porcupine a year ago, but this year's figures will top those of last year, the Postmaster said. At the present time in the big gray building at the corner of Algonquin and Pine, one thousand dollars a day is being passed over the counter for stamps by persons who are sending letters, cards and parcels to friends and relatives to mark the Yuletide season. It is expected that more than 300,000 letters and cards will have been sorted in the period between December 13 and December 24. Last year 297,000 of these items were handled by the post office here and according to the trend to date, this figure will be exceeded. Parcels by the veritable ton will pass through the office to be sorted for their destinations and transported to the train for points not only in Canada but almost all countries of the world. "The postmark placed on mail in our local office has probably reached every corner of the globe," Mr. King said. "Timmins has a population which is widely mixed and when all persons commence to write to their home lands, our mail scatters to all points of the compass." Some indication of the tremendous volume of parcels which are leaving town today is gained from the figures of the period between December 13 and 24 last year, figures which will be exceeded this year. Last year in this period 1475 mail bags left Timmins. And a mail bag is not something suitable for bringing home the family groceries. It is more of the size of a coal bag. Bags are three feet, five inches high and have a mouth 13 inches square. Made of heavy canvas, they can carry almost any weight. In addition to the regular staff of 35 which normally mans the local post office, 35 extra persons have been added for the holiday season. In addition, temporary sorting racks have been scattered throughout the building in order that these additional persons may be put to work. A huge, special rack for Christmas parcels has been constructed. For this purpose a large room normally used by the customs office has been taken over.

"The peak period is on December 22," Mr. King said. "The entire floor of the building will be stacked with mail to half a man's height. To an outsider it will look like bedlam, but we have a system worked out over the years by which every piece of mail is handled as efficiently and rapidly as possible. It is all done through 'know-how'." He stressed that the present post office building had become inadequate to house the expanding activities of the local office. "We are badly cramped for space," he stated. "A good deal of our work has to be done in the basement, which adds unnecessary work and does not provide the best of working conditions." He said that a new post office was scheduled to be built in Timmins. Lots for this purpose have already been purchased on Cedar street on the site of the old ball park.



MAIL BAGS: Seen here are outgoing mail bags preparatory to being transported to the local railway station. It is expected that more than 1500 bags similar to these will leave Timmins during the holiday period. Due to the cosmopolitan nature of Timmins' population mail from town travels to all parts of the world. Advance Photo



THE RIGHT STREET: Here the mail is sorted into various dockets according to streets in town. Some of the longer streets require several of these dockets to enable the town's 17 postmen to cover their routes consecutively. Naturally incoming mail is sorted much more closely than outgoing, although there are two different sortings for the latter before it reaches the train. Mail carriers clean out the above dockets, place the mail in order in their bags and deliver it to the homes and business places of Timmins. Advance Photo

"Will Your Home Burn December 25th?" - Chief

Reporting that every year from the first day or two that it would be growing outside. But at the end of the week, it is highly flammable. Therefore, bring a fresh tree in as short a time before Christmas as possible and remove it as soon afterwards as you can. The tree can be kept fresh if you set it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle, at least one inch above the original cut, and keep it standing in water during the entire period that the tree is in the house. Add water to the jar or tub in which the tree stands at intervals to keep the water level always above the cut.

The Christmas Tree

A fresh cut tree will not take fire any more easily in your home for

Locate the tree away from fireplaces or other source of heat. Allow no smoking near the tree. **Christmas Lighting** Open flame lighting is entirely out of place unless you have your candles and lamps well away from Christmas trees, window curtains and burnable decorations, have a fire extinguisher handy and then keep constant watch over open flames. Such precautions are not necessary for the equally attractive electric lights made especially for the Yuletide decoration. But if you use electric lights remember: do not overload your electric system; be sure that the lighting sets bear the label of the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and that the cords are not frayed. **Christmas Decorations** If you decorate your home elaborately you'll have a very serious hazard unless you use incombustible material. Flame-proofing treatment is available for home use if combustible material are used. However, metal, glass and asbestos decorations are available nearly everywhere and are quite as attractive as those of dangerous paper, cotton and pyroxylin. **Christmas Wrappings** See that all wrappings go into the wastebasket and then that it is taken out and dumped in a covered metal barrel or incinerator as soon as it is filled. In concluding Chief Stanley said: "If your tree catches fire, call the fire department immediately. Our telephone number is NO. 5. Have your fire extinguisher checked and place it where it will be handy in case of fire. An additional measure of fire protection is the garden hose connected to a faucet within reach of a tree." "Let's make this a real fire-safe Christmas in Timmins!"

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CONTINUED...
A SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS HAS BEEN CALLED AND DEBATE IS HOT AND FURIOUS.
MERRY CHRISTMAS

THIS CRISIS IS UNPRECEDENTED IN THE ANNALS OF OUR GREAT REPUBLIC... WE MUST FACE THE ISSUE SQUARELY.
IT TOOK BORGLUM AND HIS CREW YEARS TO DO!
I SAY WE CANNOT APPROPRIATE THAT MUCH!
THIS HAPPENED IN A WEEK!
IT'LL COST MILLIONS TO ERASE!
ORDER, ORDER... GENTLEMEN... A COMMITTEE WILL BE NAMED IMMEDIATELY...

HA HA!
WOW!
THEY DON'T KNOW WHO DID IT?
IT'S CRIMINAL!
IT'S WONDERFUL!

LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE, HUMPHREY.
WELL I'LL BE DAD GUMMED, MUST BE ON THEIR WAY TO A CONVENTION OR SOMETHIN', GOT TH' LUNCH AN' TOOLS? LET'S GO!
HUMPHREY AND MR. MIPPLY, THEIR GREAT TASK COMPLETED, COME DOWN THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN.

WE BETTER TAKE THIS OLE BACK ROAD... IT'LL GIT US AROUND THAT THERE TRAFFIC JAM.
SHORE NEVER'D GIT THRU ALL THEM PEOPLE ON THE PIKE.

IT'D LIKE TO OF TOLE ALL THEM PEOPLE WE DONE IT, SHUCKS... WE DIDN'T SIGN ER?
THAT'D A BEN KINDA VANITRY AN' PRUNELLA ALWEEZ SEZ MOW SMO SAID WE SHOULD NEVER BE LIKE THAT... GOSH AIN'T IT BEE-YOO-TIFOO EVEN TEN MILES AWAY?

THERE IT STANDS... THE IMMORTAL MONUMENT TO WASHINGTON JEFFERSON, ROOSEVELT LINCOLN AND... AND JOE PALOOKA AND KNOBBY WALSH.
THERE'S TROUBLE AHEAD... TO BE CONTINUED



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