



Smiling over the success of their coup last Sunday, Ivan Vachon, President of the new Mine Workers Organizing Committee, is shown left, talking to Leo "Buck" Behie, right, the Committee's Organizer and Art Jones, center, the Financial Secretary, who is making out a list of names as fast as they pour in. The new union is being organized with the cooperation of the Canadian Congress of Labor.



Barney O'Brien, International Union of Mine-Mill and Smelter Workers Organizer, left, and Bill Kennedy, right, gaze forlornly at the debris left by the rebelling suspended officers of Local 241. The officers left the Finnish Hall after a meeting on Sunday afternoon and moved all the office furniture to Harmony Hall. Management is hoping that Harmony Hall is indicative of future dealings with labor.

FRANK DELUCA MURDER RECALLS HIS ACTIVE PAST

Timmins To Be Centre Of Vast Hydro Region

"I'll Keep Hydro out of Politics,"
Robert Saunders assures Porcupine Hydro Club

Robert Hood Saunders, dynamic chairman of the Ontario Hydro Commission and the first chairman of the Commission to visit Timmins proved himself more than a match Tuesday evening for those politicians who looked for a loophole to tie the ebullient "Bob" in with politics.

At a dinner in the G.V. Hotel given in his honor by the Porcupine Hydro Club, Mr. Saunders declared that he was entirely opposed to the idea of connecting Hydro with politics.

"I will do everything possible to keep Hydro out of politics," he said firmly. "And, he who elected me to this post as Hydro Chairman wanted it that way, and I mean to keep it that way."

Unable to speak on the future of Hydro in the province due to the election, Mr. Saunders said that as it was a self-imposed task and only because of what people might say if he did talk.

"Who would have believed me if I had spoken about Hydro on the air," he said. "I discontinued my talks on the radio and have declined to say anything about the change-over or in any way become mixed up in politics."

"The office of Chairman of Hydro is too important an office to the people of Ontario to have it in politics. I consider Hydro," Mr. Saunders said, "As the greatest single economic factor in the welfare of the people of this province."

Telling of his numerous tours through every part of the province, Mr. Saunders said that he considered it a duty and pleasure to meet the employees of Hydro. "In the past two months," he said, "I have done everything possible to meet the employees of Hydro and talk to them about their various problems. It was just like going back to school. I had to study about what a kilowatt was, and how much and everything connected with the running of this vast enterprise. It is the largest thing we have in Ontario."

"Since we can't talk about the future of Hydro," he said brightly, "I will talk about its past, and that is wonderful indeed. Hydro development in Ontario is an impressive study. I am now on an educational tour up to the canyon and this tour was decided upon Monday."

"On Monday A. W. Mamy (Assistant General Manager of Administration) approached me and suggested I look over the power developments in the north, especially around Timmins. Mamy," he said, "how do we get to Timmins. But the Hydro has a huge Grauman Maillard amphibian and here we are."

A most perfect afterdinner speaker Bob Saunders regaled his audience with sidelights on his post as chairman of Hydro and his difficult training period. Mr. Saunders, Mr. Mamy, Mr. W. O'Brien-Bittle, Personnel Manager, and Mr. H. Leeming, Regional Manager for the North-Eastern Region were seated at the head table with Mayor Karl Eyre, Mr. A. C. Ferguson and Reeve Anne Shipley of Kirkland Lake.

Mayor Karl Eyre spoke on behalf of the citizens of Timmins in welcoming Mr. Saunders and party to Timmins and then introduced Reeve Anne Shipley of Kirkland Lake who in turn introduced the main speaker of the evening, Mr. Saunders.

Anne Shipley always nimble of wit when on her feet told a couple of Russian stories which brought gales of laughter and told of her many business dealings with Robert Saunders when he was mayor of Toronto. "He did a fine job as mayor of Toronto and it looks like he will continue to do so as Hydro Chairman," said Mrs. Shipley. "The whole evening was one of gaiety until even Mr. H. Leeming, the regional manager who was prepared to throw out numerous statistics in a dry manner, smiled and forgot to read his speech. Even when he did refer to his notes he made them interesting. It was that kind of an evening."

Mr. A. W. Mamy, Assistant administration manager, said that he was getting 120 per cent cooperation from the people in the North. "When we had the power shortage due to water levels last winter," Mr. Mamy said, "the people in the North cooperated so well that we were able to put forward the date of end of restrictions."

Speaking on power in the future he said: "I can't tell what power there will be but I can say that whatever power there is will be equitably distributed among all consumers." He spoke briefly on the many power projects now in the building and some which were still on paper. The tie-in

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Women Candidates Make First Showing

Women made their first appearance in the lineup for Ontario's June 7 elections last Saturday, when the CCF nominated a woman candidate in Lambton West, and the Liberals in Windsor-Sandwich.

Mrs. Martha Scarrow, a former school teacher and wife of a cab company owner at Sarnia, got the CCF nomination for Lambton West, while Progressive Conservatives nominated Bryan Cathcart as their candidate. Mr. Cathcart was elected to the legislature in 1945. At the Progressive Conservative nominating meeting, Labor Minister Charles Daley and J. W. Murphy, MP for Lambton, spoke.

The other woman nominated at week-end meetings was Ald. M. Catherine Straith, who got the Liberal nod in Windsor-Sandwich, J. A. Pringle, former member of A. A. Pringle, was nominated as Progressive Conservative candidate for Frontenac-Addington at a convention in Kingston, when he won out over Edgar Drew, former warden of Lennox and Addington. H. L. Cartwright, Kingston lawyer, was nominated at a CCF meeting in Kingston.

Golf Season Opens 24th With Mixed Foursome

A sure sign of spring is the annual notice from the Timmins Golf Club announcing the opening of the official golf season. This year on Monday, May 24th, the Club will throw wide its gates with a two-ball mixed foursome commencing at 1:30 p.m. and followed by a dinner at 6 p.m.

J. R. Hall, secretary-treasurer of the T. G. C. says that those wishing to attend the dinner following the afternoon games should make their reservations with the Club stewards not later than Saturday noon May 22. The phone number is 1205.

At the annual meeting on March 23rd the following schedule of fees were adopted and are now in effect, payable on or before May 15th.

Family Membership	\$55.00
Married Couples	\$50.00
Gentlemen	\$40.00
Ladies	\$25.00
Juniors	\$3.00
Green Fees (per day)	\$1.50
Large Lockers	\$3.00
Small Lockers	\$2.00

Mr. Hall announces that those wishing to pay their fees by instalments may do so provided the initial payment is accompanied with post-dated cheques. The first third of fee plus locker must be in by May 15th; the second is due June 15th, and the third or balance of the fees are due on July 15th. See you at the 19th hole! Fore!

Funds Coming In For War Memorial Hall

The Porcupine Veterans War Memorial Fund Campaign has raised to date \$48,761.99 in donations. The original drive opened April 15th, 1947, and will continue until sufficient funds are collected. A Memorial Hall is being built on the Schumacher Highway and the official opening will take place on July 1st.

Europe Looks To Canada Says Y.M.W.S. Secretary

"Europe is sick, physically, economically, and politically. The people are burdened with fear—fear of re-ignition, fear of domination fear of another war that they believe will demolish them." Thus said J. Hartley Fowler, World Service Secretary for Canada for the YMCA last Monday at the Timmins Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empire Hotel.

Last year the speaker made an 18,000 mile tour of Europe, Egypt and Palestine. He was introduced to the members by Gower Markle, general secretary of the Porcupine Community YMCA.

"Conditions in Palestine and in Europe are difficult indeed," the speaker said, "but the situation is not hopeless. Understanding and sympathy are essential, and there is need for rebuilding of health, character,

Served Term as Highgrader, Known Gambler and Badman; Frank Was Also A Godfather



Henry Martin, 168 Cedar Street, S. Timmins, was the first man to discover Frank Deluca's mutilated body at 36 Riverside Drive when he came to pick up the laundry on Tuesday morning. He called the police on making his discovery.

It was one of those things that really baffle the police. Frank Deluca had been a gambler all his life and had been known to carry large sums of money in his pockets. Gamblers do that because they never know when they will want to sit in on a game. But when the police found Frank in a pool of his own blood with his intestines protruding from a large knife wound in the abdomen, Tuesday morning, they saw that his pockets were empty. The motive therefore, they said, must be robbery. But it was anyone's guess. Frank was mixed up with more things than cherries in a fruit cake.

Chief Leo H. Gagnon, Mountjoy



FRANK DELUCA

Township, who was called as soon as the body was found, buried to the neat, asphalt brick five-room house in which Frank Deluca had lived for several years. The body was first seen by Henry Martin, 168 Cedar Street, N., a truck driver for the Snow-White Laundry. Young Martin came to the house to pick up a bag of laundry.

The laundryman noticed that one of the panes in the front storm door had been broken and the glass scattered over the verandah. The front door was slightly ajar and a large french chef carving knife was on the top step with clotted blood staining the usually gleaming steel. This was at 10:15 a.m. When police arrived they examined the body and it was taken to Chenier's Funeral Home where the autopsy was conducted Tuesday afternoon.

Chief Gagnon assisted by the Criminal investigation Bureau Provincial Police started in. They found that Frank had been badly beaten as well as stabbed and that perhaps there were more than just one mixed up in it as Frank was known to be a "scrapper" who could take care of himself if the need arose.

Although Frank's money was missing, a diamond ring was still on his finger when he was taken to the funeral home morgue and no attempt had been made to remove it.

The laneway beside the house enclosed by a wire fence, showed evidence of a titanic struggle for survival. Frank's hat was lying in the dust and the scuffed surface of the driveway showed where someone had fallen and had probably dragged someone down with him. It was evidence of a battle royal. But other evidence added to the confusion.

Frank was dressed in his shirt and trousers when found. His coat was a few feet away lying on the floor. His shoes were off. A key ring with half a dozen keys on it was found

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Tracing Phone Call Made on Night Of Deluca Murder

A phone call which was made to local police informing them that Frank Deluca was stabbed to death is being traced, Inspector W. J. Franks, Provincial Police CIB, said today. "We know where the call came from," the inspector said, "It wasn't a hotel as rumored but from a house and we have an idea which house. Now we just have to trace the person who made the call."

Vachon, Carlin Brothers Lead New Labor Faction

May day went quietly in Timmins despite rumours of projected strife. It was the Sunday following that the real breach in labor's wall began to show. First there was a meeting in which the suspended officers of Local 241 exhorted the members who crowded the Finnish Hall, Algonquin Boulevard. They said that they could no longer follow the "Communist" dictates of those now in charge of the union.

These officers, Ivan Vachon, President, Art Jones, Financial Secretary,

Carlin, Recording Secretary, were suspended from the International Union of Mine-Mill and Smelter Workers when they refused to buckle down and work for hot-shot organizers such as Reid Robins and Horowitz. On April 4th the Union passed its edict and the boys were suspended until they repented of their sins.

The unrepentant officers began to form their own party and after several meetings they decided that the best thing to do was to walk out. The meeting last Sunday decided the matter. A truck was ordered and office furniture, typewriters, sound equipment and files were taken to an office in Harmony Hall.

Previous to the move Sunday Bill Kennedy, the smiling Scotsman, organizer for Local 241, feared that some such move might be made. He entered the union office and removed the files to another office on 2nd avenue. More than a thousand dollars in collected fees went with the files.

The Vachon faction set up their office in Harmony Hall and started to work. The cards for the new Mine Workers Organizing Committee are being passed out by the hundreds. "We should have 2000 miners in two months," said Ivan Vachon.

Last Sunday everything moved quietly. During the moving of the last load of furniture, some staunch members of Local 241 turned up and started a bit of shouting but it came to naught.

Some of the miners were sure that Vachon and Company would be taking the furniture back across the street, but by Thursday morning the furniture was still in Harmony Hall and was gathering a bit of dust.

Bill Kennedy took legal steps to have the furniture returned. "Our status has not changed," he said commenting on the action of the suspended officers. "They have taken the law into their own hands in removing the Ralph Carlin, Business Manager, Jim

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Quick Watson, The Needle!

Following the murder Tuesday the police were sure they were on the right track—there were fingerprints all over the murder weapon. Good ones too. Making a careful dusting of the long butcher knife handle Chief Gagnon Township police, wiped his palms, wet with the sweat of anticipation. The case seemed to come to an abrupt halt. If it was solved they could all go home and forget about Frank Deluca. But a careful re-check of the fingerprints taken was a disappointment. The prints belonged to Henry Martin, the laundry truck driver who had so innocently come upon the murdered man when collecting the wash. Henry, not a reader of detective stories had picked up the murder weapon when he saw it lying in the doorway of the victim's house. Chief Gagnon is still not speaking to anyone.