

LIONS ROAR AT IMPRESSIVE OPENING

Civic Officials Welcome Lions As They Crowd McIntyre For Opening Ceremony, Service

Mayor Karl Eyre said: "I can hardly believe that the town of Timmins can possibly accommodate a convention of this kind."

Six to seven hundred eager Lions crowded the Schumacher station as the convention limited pulled into the siding to be hooked up with running water and lights to act as a hotel for the Lions during their stay in Timmins. Rushing over to the McIntyre Arena for registry in the curling lounge the Lions seemed to be impressed with the whole set up.

The Lions in charge of the various committees did a tremendous job in getting every detail of the convention carefully planned. It was a large job but everyone agreed that it was a job that had been well carried out.

Laughing and in a convention mood the Lions climbed off their train with their wives and Toby's, trained Lion. Toby wasn't a real lion, he was a Lion trained to act like a lion. With the help of a paper mache head and a torn lion suit, Toby made passes at ladies ankles and snarled at newspapermen. After posing for a picture he lunged for the cameraman and missed. Otherwise the convention ran smoothly and quite sedate for a gathering of this nature. But activities hadn't really begun. The long ride up on the train and the clean Northern air was a little too much for the city dwellers and they cleared out of the arena early to get some much needed rest.

There was still Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to come and many Lions conserved their energy while others hurried to their hotel rooms, not to sleep, but to talk about the convention over a brimming bowl of Doran's Export.

At the Arena Sunday evening the introduction of the Convention Officers was held after which an impressive but simple necrology service was held for those Lions who had passed on since the 1947 convention.

A huge cross was set up on the stage and as the name of each deceased Lion was read out in the darkened Arena, a light would brighten the cross. Lights

kept coming on until the whole cross was filled with light. The Porcupine Choral Society Choir sang two hymns and Rev. W. M. Mustard and Rev. J. Breckenridge led in prayer.

Convention Committee Chairman Stanley Fowler opened the meeting with a short address of welcome to the delegates of the convention and introduced the 1948 officers. He then introduced Mayor Karl Eyre of Timmins. "The Lions Club of Timmins," said His Worship, "is an asset to the Town. Their fine organizing ability has been turned to many worthy works of charity in the town." He said.

He said that the convention had been planned with trepidation at first but when they got under way they found that they had many good things to work with. "The co-operation of the other service clubs and the wonderful co-operation of the McIntyre Mines Ltd. which own this building (the Arena) assured the Lions that they could bank on a good beginning for their convention."

"The keys of Timmins are yours and we want to see you back here again after the convention is over. Feel free at any time to come and see us in Timmins. The more people we have visit us from the South the better it becomes for all concerned." His Worship said.

Reeve Vic Evans then took the centre of the stage and welcomed the Lions on behalf of the Township of Tisdale. Interspersing his speech with a short geography lesson Vic Evans brought a few chuckles.

Following the Necrology service, the presentation of the flags of the 22 nations which have accepted Lionism were paraded down the full length of the Arena by some of Timmins most beautiful girls. The nations represented were: Salvador, Guatemala, Ecuador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Mexico, Cuba, Nicaragua, Colombia, Netherlands, Panama, British Honduras, Peru, Bermuda, Venezuela, Australia, Canada, United States, Chile, Sweden and Switzerland. The last three named countries have just started clubs and other countries in Europe

Breckenridge Again Heads Stock Ex.

With the closing of nominations for the officers and committee members of The Toronto Stock Exchange, R. J. Breckenridge of the firm of Breckenridge, McDonald & Co. was elected President by acclamation for the second term. The position of Vice-President was again filled by A. L. A. Richardson of Dickson, Jolliffe & Co., while D'Arcy Manning Doherty, O. B. E. of Doherty and Roadhouse & Co. was elected Secretary and George L. Jensen of Wills, Bockie & Co., Treasurer, all of whom took office by acclamation.

Members of the Managing Committee elected were: Frank G. Lawson of Moss, Lawson & Co., W. G. Malcolm of A. E. Ames & Co., Gordon W. Nicholson of G. W. Nicholson & Co., T. A. Richardson of T. A. Richardson & Co., J. B. White of J. B. White & Co., and J. C. L. Allen of C. C. Fields & Co.

President Breckenridge has been a member of the Managing Committee for some years. Starting with N. C. Urquhart & Co. twenty-five years ago, he became a partner in 1933 and on the retirement of Mr. Urquhart in 1942, continued the firm under the name of Breckenridge, McDonald & Co. A newcomer to the officers, George L. Jensen, has been twenty-three years in the brokerage business.

The Porcupine Choral Group under the direction of Mrs. Armitage sang the Panis Angelicus, with Mrs. Wilkins accompanying at the piano. The opening chorus from the Cavillara Rusticana was exceptionally well done by the choir. Mr. E. W. Bantlett played two violin selections in his humorous manner which were well received. A few Lions roared around the entrance of the Arena made it difficult for those who wanted to hear what was being played.



At the Hollinger courts every Saturday morning T.C.A.C. instructor Bob Menard shows the youngsters how to play correctly. At right he is seen showing Anita Page the correct grip on the tennis racket. Above are left to right: Estelle Vachon, Raymond Vachon, Sheila Kirwan, George Morris and Geraldine Johnson. Advance Photo



Avil Christmas Gone Home To Trinidad

Avil Christmas has gone home. He left Malton on June 24th by T.C.A. plane. "Home" to this fourteen year old colored lad is a little village, "Tobago", eighty miles from Trinidad. The reason for his absence from home was a month stay in the Hospital for Sick Children.

The day after the great feast for which he was named, Avil Christmas arrived in Toronto Union Station. At that time he had to be helped to a wheelchair and leaned heavily on a sturdy pair of crutches, the only legs he had known since thirteen years ago when he contracted infantile paralysis. To-day young Avil walked out of the hospital with the aid of a light cane, which according to medical men will only be necessary until he gains confidence.

Avil was escorted to Malton airport on Thursday by Junior Red Cross officials, Miss Dorothy Crozier and Miss Marie Reine Norton. Junior Red Cross members in Trinidad has paid his expenses up from Toronto. The Ontario Division, Junior Red Cross paid all the expense of operations, treatments, hospitalization, clothing, during his entire stay in Toronto.

Avil Christmas is a charming boy. His ambition is to be a lawyer. On the way to Canada last year by boat he had thought he wanted to be an engineer or a captain. When he was flying home to-day he wasn't sure. "Maybe Miss, I would like to be a flyer."

To-day young Christmas is a real boy and thanks to Ontario Division, Junior Red Cross, he has a much better chance to be a "regular feller." On the homeward journey Avil was smartly clad in a navy blue suit - his first pair of long-s - and carried treats of candy for his little brothers and sisters at home.

Investiture Here July 1st, Legion Day

Air Vice Marshal E. E. Middleton, CBE, Air Officer Commanding Central Air Command, will decorate seven R.C.A.F. Officers and a number of Canadian Army personnel at an investiture to be held in Timmins, Ontario, Thursday, July 1st.

Most of the decorations were awarded or announced during the war but it was not possible to hold the investitures then. Personnel to be decorated Thursday are all from Northern Ontario and Quebec. The ceremony, to which a number of guests will be invited by the recipients, will be held at 12:00 o'clock noon, in the New Legion Hall, 500 Algonquin Blvd., East, following the opening of the building by Air Vice Marshal Middleton.

The following is a list of names, ranks, and home-addresses of the R. C.A.F. personnel to be decorated. BAR TO DFC (Bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross) Flight Lieutenant J. G. Van Rassel, 118 Toke St. Timmins. DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross) Flight Lieutenant A. H. Bartlett, Noranda Mines, Noranda, Que. Flying Officer W. C. Shields, Timmins. Flying Officer C. R. Bryers, Timmins. Flying Officer L. E. Locke, Virginiatown, Ont. Flying Officer H. G. Bullock, Virginiatown, Ont. Flying Officer L. E. J. Raney, Timmins, Ont.

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Business Rise Exceptional Says Business Review

Montreal, June 26 — Accumulating evidence indicates that the "receding tendencies which has appeared in certain lines" of Canadian business activity during 1948's first quarter "have not proved to be precursors of a general slackening." This appraisal notes the Bank of Montreal's latest Business Review, issued today.

"Most indicators of industrial activity are above last year's level," the monthly report comments, adding that there is "exceptional buoyancy evident in the field of new construction."

Enlarging on this the B of M says the value of construction contracts awarded in May, amounting to \$140 millions, was "unprecedented" and compared with a previous monthly peak of only \$86 millions in June, 1941. Contracts awarded in the first five months of the year ran to \$349 millions, or 38 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

U. S. Dollar Situation Better "Foreign trade figures to date afford evidence of the effect that governmental measures have had toward resolving the problem of Canada's U.S. dollar deficiency," the bank observes.

"In the six months since import restrictions were imposed last November the net excess of merchandise imports from the U.S.A. has amounted to only \$219 millions as compared with \$457 millions in the same period a year earlier," the review stresses. "It is noteworthy, however, that this reduction of \$238 millions in the unfavourable balance is accounted for predominantly by greater exports to the United States which increased \$158 millions rather than by reduced imports, which fell \$80 millions between the two periods."

Money Values Out-Run Production The B of M points out that in appraising statistics of business activity, "it is becoming increasingly important to distinguish between those representing physical units and those expressed as money values."

"Production in quantitative terms, the real measure of economic growth, is at very high levels by peace-time standards but appears to be touching

Work Stoppages Down During Month of May

Time loss due to work stoppages arising out of industrial disputes in Canada during May, 1948, showed a substantial decrease as compared with the previous month and with May, 1947, it was revealed in the monthly summary of strikes and lockouts issued today by Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour.

Preliminary figures for May, 1948, show 22 strikes and lockouts in existence, involving 3,214 workers, with a time loss of 40,164 man-working days as compared with 16 strikes in April, with 4,491 workers involved and a time loss of 49,396 days. In May, 1947, there were 47 strikes involving 35,838 workers, with a time loss of 386,070 days.

During the month under review, a compromise settlement of the strike of carpenters and labourers in Cornwall, Ontario, which commenced on April 20th was arrived at, but no agreement had been reached by the end of May in the strike of Hosiery factory workers at Sherbrooke, P.Q. which commenced on April 5th. These two strikes accounted for 34 per cent of the total time loss for the month of May, 1948.

Of the 22 strikes which were in existence for varying periods during May, 1948, 9 were in effect before the beginning of the month. Of these 9 strikes were terminated before the end of the month and of the 13 which commenced during May, 7 were terminated by June 1st. Thus, at the beginning of June 13 strikes were still in effect.

G. Lake Travels With Press Party



As a guest of the Government of the Province of Ontario, Mr. George Lake of the Timmins Porcupine Advance is currently touring Canada's major vacation province. He is a member of a press party comprising twenty editors and publishers from ten U.S. which is making a trip by chartered coach to vacation spots in Ontario.

The guests and their Canadian hosts are pictured as they paused beside the "Queen Elizabeth Way," Canada's great super-highway which links the Niagara frontier with Toronto, the Provincial Capital.

Front row (left to right) — John O. Boyd, Louisville, N.Y.; Tom Lee, Marissa, Ill.; Robt. G. Rowe, Milford, Mich.; L. C. Percy, Pittsford, N.Y.; Leo C. Craig, Delphi, Ind.; R. R. Barlow, Illinois Press Association, Urbana, Ill.; Arthur Smith, Colonial Coach Lines; Max Nimman, Reedsburg, Wis.

Back row — Charles Spratt, Colonial Coach Lines; George Lake, Timmins, Ont., representing Canadian publishers; Howard N. Fowler, Mansfield, Mass.; George James, Bowmanville, Ont., representing Canadian publishers; Norman E. Nelson, Cloquet, Minn.; Alan McIntosh, Luverne, Minn.; Ray M. White, Millersburg, Ohio; R. Robinson, Culver, Ind.; Carlton U. Baum, Perkasee, Pa.; H. E. McMurray, Highway Department, Ont.; George H. McLean, tour manager, Ontario Government; Tom C. McCall, Ontario Government; Cpl. R. E. Raymer Ontario Provincial Police Escort.

Third row — Herbert S. Austin Wellesley, Mass.; E. H. Johnston, assistant tour manager, Ontario Government.



Among the many Lions groups from the South was this happy group of Aurora Lions. Sunday they arrived on the Lions special train and registered at the McIntyre Arena. The special train was pulled up on the siding at Schumacher where running water and electric lines were attached for the benefit of those living in the coaches for the four convention days. Advance Photo

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