

New Local Industry

The Porcupine Wood Products Company is to be formed to engage primarily in the manufacture of basket bottoms for sale to basket manufacturers in Southern Ontario, it was announced this morning.

The chief instigator is Noble McQuatt, who will be president and manager. Wendell Brewer is offering his services as secretary-treasurer. A number of local businessmen have invested in the impending company.

New Active

About ten men are now cutting poplar logs in the vicinity of Big Water Lake, where part of the millions of cords of Porcupine poplar grow, and where a plant will be built next summer. Labor acquired being local.

"It is only a little humble beginning," explained Mr. Brewer, "but the community has been yelling for a local industry."

It is proposed to investigate fully the possibilities of manufacturing other wood products for shipment to Southern markets. Contracts totaling 3,000,000 units have been offered by responsible firms manufacturing basket bottoms and other products in Southern Ontario. Present plans of the company are to manufacture during the first season 1,500,000 bottoms. This will require approximately 5,000' of poplar or other cheap lumber.

Popular Unlimited

Unlimited quantities of poplar is available nearby Timmins. In most cases, bush roads, usable both in summer and winter, have been constructed by pulp wood operators who have removed the spruce pulp wood and have left the poplar standing.

The proposed company will not, therefore, have heavy capital expenditure to make in road building and camps, to cut poplar logs for use in manufacture of basket bottoms and other products. The management have every reason to believe that our cheap birch can also be utilized for manufacture into articles in demand in Southern Ontario.

Experienced Management

Mr. McQuatt, president, has had considerable experience in bush operations now being engaged in pulp wood and lumber operations in Kidd township.

The company will have complete bush operating equipment and already it has made some progress towards acquiring the necessary equipment for manufacturing the basket bottoms. It is proposed to utilize semi-portable basket making machinery and to manufacture with this equipment the bottoms close to the bush camp where the poplar will be cut. This will eliminate transportation all waste material to Timmins and costly disposal of this waste.

Minimum operation for the first season, 1,500,000 basket bottoms, will require approximately six months to complete. When other products are manufactured a plant will undoubtedly be established in Timmins for this purpose.

Local Capital

Capital is to be secured locally to finance the present operations and for construction and equipment and already considerable progress has been made in this respect.

Effort is being made to provide Timmins with a new industry. Its success will depend to great extent on the support given locally by interested persons.

\$9,500 Payroll

Minimum employment anticipated, \$9,000 to \$10,000, annual payroll (six months operation only); and double production to 3,000,000 would double wages.

"New income to this community since all products will be sold to Southern Ontario," says Mr. Brewer, "and efforts are being made to secure special freight rate from Ontario's Northland Railway or from local trucking service."

No special favours usually granted to new industries are being asked for from the municipality.

Local effort only; investigation, management, financing. Successful plant making basket bottoms operating in Rouyn for several years.

CONSERVE ELECTRICITY

Keep Pay Envelopes Full

Princess Elizabeth Writes to Timmins

Princess Elizabeth writes to Timmins, Ontario. A letter to a reader of the Advance has been received as follows:

Clarence House,
St. James's
7th November, 1949

Dear Sir,
I am desired by The Princess Elizabeth to thank you for your letter and to say how pleased Her Royal Highness was to receive the eloquent editorial out of the daily press at Timmins, Ontario.

Yours truly,
(signed) Jean Elphinstone
Lady-in-Waiting.

Note: The editorial, commenting on the Princess' outspoken views on divorce, appeared in the Daily Press about two months ago.

Fired And Hired

Stephen Schofield, newspaperman, has been fired by The Daily Press and hired by The Porcupine Advance; he will be with the Advance this week.

Coyne To Replace Donald Gordon



—S.N.S. Photo

The new deputy governor of the Bank of Canada and the man whose signature will soon appear on the left-hand side of Canadian bank notes is 39-year-old J. E. "Jim" Coyne, Winnipeg-born Rhodes scholar and economist. Mr. Coyne's appointment to the \$30,000-a-year job was announced in Ottawa following an all-day meeting of the bank's board of governors. He succeeds Donald Gordon, who has been named president of the Canadian National Railways, effective Jan. 1.

POWER CONSUMPTION

	Daily Quota	Box Score K-W Hrs. Used	Over Quota	Under Quota	Over To Date
Timmins					
Dec. 12	73820	84920	11100		166,440
Dec. 13		82440	8620		175,060
Dec. 14					
Schumacher					
Dec. 12	2506	8960	460		8,360
Dec. 13		8480		20	8,340
Dec. 14					
South Porcupine					
Dec. 12	13170	13920	750		24,660
Dec. 13		14160	990		25,650
Dec. 14					

Health Unit Party

The Porcupine Health Unit will give a party for members of the staff and their children on Saturday morning in the town hall offices, Lois Kelly, superintending nurse, announced this morning.

Assault and Non-Support

A Timmins man, charged with willful damage and assault last night, was let out on \$400 property bail. The charge was laid by Mrs. Rita Giroux.

Alfred Martel, 36, of 95 Commercial avenue, was last night charged by his wife for non support.

Sparks Of Fire

Fire Chief William Stanley implores the people of Timmins to note the following:

1. Electrically lighted Christmas trees: lights should be of approved make; plug should be well away from tree.
2. Open paper should not be left near tree.
3. Film projectors should be operated only by adults.
4. Small trees are safer.
5. All wrappings should be immediately chucked outside.

Congratulations

Exactly 40 years ago this week John Dalton arrived in the Porcupine. He began with two horses. Today his transport company operates 42 buses which serve throughout the district. Photograph on display at the Third avenue terminus, depicts a panorama of achievement.

Unemployment High

"There are approximately 1,000 people unemployed throughout the Porcupine district," George Charron, Timmins National Employment Service manager, announced this morning.

This indicates an increase of 25 percent over last year, he added.

Growing Congregation

Morning services are fully attended at Trinity church, Schumacher. Evening services are overcrowded. Some people have to stand. If the crowd keeps up, the church will have to be enlarged.

Instead of the usual sermon Rev. C. R. Plaskett sometimes delivers a ten-minute explanatory commentary in conjunction with a film projected from a 16-mm RCA projector mounted halfway up the middle aisle.

A film, for instance, God is my land, shows how God and men and nature work together by dramatizing what actually happened to one cubic inch of grain, its subsequent yield being replanted each year, thus:

Years	Yield
1	32 sq. ft.
2	1,500 sq. ft.
3	1 acre
4	14 acres
5	230 acres
6	2,666 acres

This film happened to be one of the last jobs in which Henry Ford assisted before his death: his tractors and threshing machines were used to dramatize grain growth.

Trinity church is plain, wooden, pews slightly slanted on either side, herringbone fashion. On the left front wall an honor roll of 147 is flanked by a union jack and British ensign.

Improvements

During the summer a new Sunday school has been built downstairs: plywood pigeon holes and chromium-handled cupboards for books and lessons; a telephone affixed to a tiny swinging door in the wall, such that it can be used inside or outside the office, and yet kept out of sight.

The following Sunday school superintendents have been appointed for the coming season: Rev. O. R. Plaskett (intermediate); J. G. Malkin (juniors); Mrs. C. R. Plaskett (primary); Mrs. James MacKenzie (beginners).

The Sunday school enrolls 274. These are split for four services throughout the day.

George Leck, until recently superintendent, has gone into the ministry at Manitoulin Island.

The church proper enrolls 248 members.

Kathleen Christopher, one member, is going to Emmanuel College in Toronto this winter, the first girl from Timmins to enter the ministry.

Irving Fraser, another member, is now taking pre-theological course at McMaster.

Mrs. James Huxley is the organist.

The session members who will carry through until January, 1950, are the following: Howard Waddell, Jack Beattie, Angus Campbell, Mrs. Howard Waddell, Bert Waite, James Besley, L. McKinnin, and Mrs. George Shippan.

Work and Hope

Mr. Plaskett, who succeeded Rev. J. A. Breckenridge last July, was officially received by the congregation in the church hall on September 7, Jack Beattie presiding, and 92 being present. Mr. Beattie extended a welcome on behalf of the congregation. Mrs. Thomas Leck sang "Sylvia," and "Mighty Lak a Rose." Decorating and catering derived from members of the W.A., Mrs. James MacKenzie, president.

"We feel there is a wonderful future here in the North country," says Mr. Plaskett. "We are young. We intend to stay. We like the work and hope to make a worthy contribution."

Cocktails for None

The result of the cocktail vote yesterday was as follows:

Yes	1,234
No	4,359

Feast of Lights Starts Tonight

The Jewish people in Timmins begin this evening the celebration of their traditional eight-day festival of Hanukkah, or the Feast of Lights. The ancient observance commemorates the struggle of the Maccabees or Jewish freedom against the tyranny of the Syrian-Greeks.

In a Hanukkah message, Rabbi Irving A. Margolies of the Hebrew Congregation called on his fellow Jews to "take stock of the rich religious and cultural tradition for which the Maccabees fought and died, and which it is our privilege in our free land to know and to practice, to love and enhance."

"While the Christian Christmas and the Jewish Hanukkah are quite distinct," the Rabbi said in his message, "each having its own symbols and there is one idea which both share in common that is so important for mankind. That is the spirit of dedication to religious ideals and to peace among men. In this age of technical advance, it is imperative that individuals and nations subscribe to and practice the noble principles spoken in the name of the God of all creation."

Christians can best fulfill this aim by sincere devotion to Christian living and Jews by whole-hearted application to Judaism.

A special Hanukkah service will be held tomorrow evening, Friday, December 16 at the synagogue. Rabbi Margolies will preach a sermon entitled "What is Hanukkah?" at the 8 p.m. service.

On Sunday, December 18, at 2 p.m. the children of the Religious School will present a gala Hanukkah program at the synagogue. The program will feature plays, songs, and dances in which all the children will participate.

FIRES

December 8:
1.54 p.m.—Small oven fire, 75 Windsor Avenue.

4.25 p.m.—Family locked, 20 Tokelau.

5.20 p.m.—Fire started from unclean stove pipes; no damage, 171 Hemlock.

8.40 p.m.—Cooking grease ignited; singed hair, burned arms up to shoulder, Mrs. G. Caza, 281 Tamarack.

10.16 p.m.—Fire in basement; furnace pipes too close to woodwork; lot of smoke; not much damage; U. Savage, 123 Algonquin boulevard.

10.42 p.m.—Chimney fire; when remodeling has been done the chimney had not been fixed properly; P. Friess, 111 Maple north.

December 9:
5.44 p.m.—Fire upstairs; about \$1,000 damage; lights went out; one woman, unidentified, slipped on the stairs, fell, tore a gash in her forehead, and was taken to hospital; Mrs. Nelson Noel, 116 Middleton.

6.17 p.m.—False alarm; Algonquin and Avenue road.

December 10:
12.12 a.m.—Chimney fire; 122, Red north.

9.26 a.m.—Quebec heater overheated, started fire; no damage.

10.16 a.m.—Chimney fire; 13 Bannerman.

December 11:
6.17 p.m.—Fire from cigarette left on pillow; no damage; 63 Fifth avenue.

10.17 p.m.—Motor car backfired and took fire near fire station; quickly extinguished; no damage.

11.55 p.m.—Oil burner overheated; 1 Third avenue.

December 12:
6.15 p.m.—Electric short circuit; faulty wiring; no damage; Third and Pine.

Record Collection

The Timmins Federation of French Canadian Women, making its annual collection for the poor on Sunday, report the most generous response in the history of the Federation, at least three or four times as much as last year.

The organizers, Mrs. L. Beauséjour, Mrs. Lelerc and Mrs. C. Laforeest, wish to thank the following for assistance rendered:

Trucks and drivers were furnished by the following: Timmins Dairy, Noise Daignault Garage, Ideal Hardware, "Cherz-Nous" Co-Operative, Barbare & Sons, Timmins Valet, Barbare, E. Routhier, Union Taxi, Cleaners, E. Routhier, Euclid Mathe, Mascoli Construction, Euclid Mathe, Plumbing & Heating, and Ernest Legault.

The following furnished their own services: Donat Piche, Omer Lotté, Maurice Talbot, Joe Lefebvre, Lucien Ouellette, Lucien Cote, Robert Chailfoux, Roland Demers, J. M. L'Heureux, Benoit Clouthier, D. Fortin, L. Goudreau, Arthur Magnan, Joseph Del Guidice, Ernest Routhier, Joseph Barbare, Leo Auger, J. Joanisse and others.

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CONSERVE ELECTRICITY

Fay Thanks Voters

Rotary Club Donates \$25 To Salvation Army

The Central Public school choir, conducted by George Jenkin, relished the weekly Rotary Club meeting with Christmas carols and also Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

The club announced a contribution of \$25 to the Salvation Army to assist Christmas work. Thanks were received from Major Majury.

Particulars were received from the Rotary Club of Adelaide, Australia; and greetings from the Whangarei Rotary club, Northland, New Zealand.

Attendance dropped from 93 to 79 per cent this week.

President William Long acted as chairman of the meeting. The next meeting will be held on January 3, 1950.

"We Hope to Win"

Les Gais Lurons, Timmins quartet, representing Northern Ontario, will contest for the first time in the annual Kiwanis Music Festival to be held in Toronto in February. Acceptance papers have been received this week. The selection required is "Good Night Beloved," to be sung in English. Its members are: Dr. Paul Clermont (bass); Rene Barret (baritone); Jeanne Larcher (pianist); Frank Boivin (tenor); and Lionel Barrette (tenor). "We will do our best," avers Mrs. Larcher, "We hope to win."

Keep Pay Envelopes Full CONSERVE ELECTRICITY

Philip Fay was elected mayor last night by a majority of 571 votes, according to the first tally. (Fay: 3,486; J. E. Brunette: 2,915).

"I wish to voice a very humble 'thank you,'" Mr. Fay said quietly this morning. "I will endeavour to work in the future as I have in the past. Thank you."

New Council

The council elected is comprised of the following: Urbain Aubry, D. E. Barkwell, J. P. Bartleman, Leo Del-Villano, Leo Laporte, and William McDermott.

The complete first tally figures on the voting are as follows:

Aubry	3,040
Barkwell	2,313
Bartleman	3,579
Bates	1,101
Bentley	2,088
Chalifoux	1,489
DelVillano	4,135
Kelly	1,736
Laporte	2,273
McDermott	2,636
Stewart	680
Towers	1,193
Alexander	1,795
Brewer	1,777
Douglas	1,794
Platt	1,291

Last Two Days

The Timmins Lions Club Free Chest X-Ray Survey, having X-rayed 10,012 people in the district, will be concluding today and tomorrow at the Chest clinic, 111 Balsam street north. (Hours: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 pm)

Impressions of a Canadian Who Recently Returned From England

Continued From Last Week

Among other things I learned from my visit to the Canadian cemetery at Adegem—Belgium, was the fact that at certain intervals, the villagers and near townspeople hold a special Remembrance Day for our Canadian men who gave their lives to rid Belgium of the invader.

When the cemetery was first consecrated as a final resting place, wooden crosses marked the individual graves, and the young people and school-children took upon themselves voluntarily the task of tending them and placing flowers there.

When—in 1945—I wrote to the burgomaster of Damme, to see if a photograph of my son's grave could be obtained, I received a reply written in French and enclosed was a clear photograph of the grave. On it was placed a spray of flowers. In his letter he explained that when he went to take the picture, the flowers were there—he had not put them there himself. Now there are only a few crosses; they have been replaced by stones from Canada.

They are made of a kind of sandstone (not marble), each marked with the maple leaf, the name and rank, and the cross and, at the bottom the inscription which the mother of the soldier requested to be placed there.

The Graves Commission has done this, and appointed caretakers for the cemeteries.

But the people still place the flowers, and remember the dead in their prayers.

Last week I was given a clipping from a Flemish newspaper, and I have been fortunate enough to have it translated literally for reproduction here.

There are two photographs—one of the Central Cross (in Adegem Ceme-

tery) with lovely wreaths and flowers on and surrounding it and another of a little girl (translated—an innocent) kneeling before a grave (which, by its position might be my own son's) upon which had been placed what appears to be a bunch of large chrysanthemums.

The clipping is headed: "Hulde aan de Canadese Helden te Adegem (Canadian Heroes honoured at Adegem)."

This is the translation of the paragraph: Over-all view of cemetery. Small innocent graves at one of the flowered graves of a Canadian soldier who died on our land.

On the occasion of All Soul's Day a very impressive ceremony took place at the Canadian Military Cemetery at Adegem.

Honour was given to the Canadian dead, the Saviours of the outside west corner of our country, between the mouth of the Scheldt and the Sea. The seaside towns of Heist and Knokke assisted in this Belgian-Canadian union, under the chairmanship of Paul Nigon assisted by the town council, headed by Mayor Dr. Deprest, and the church dignitaries with the Rev. Pastor Van Damme.

At 9:30 High Mass was offered, after which a parade was formed with standards (flags) of all Allies, and groups headed by school-children proceeded to the cemetery.

Meantime the inhabitants of Heist and Knokke had held a flower ceremony at the graves and were awaiting the procession; with standards, and groups of both towns, also Ghent, Eecloo, and Waarschoot, under the leadership of the mayors of De Gheldere, Lippens, Goethals and Claves.

At 11 o'clock, Hon. Victor Dorre, (Continued on page five)

Sees Nfld. Jobs Increase



—S.N.S. Photo

The new plan for development of Quebec-Labrador iron deposits will provide employment for "some 10,000 men at good wages" and "virtually wipe