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## Additional Protection Recommended Against Fire

**FIRE AND LIGHT COMMITTEE MAKE IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS TO TOWN COUNCIL. PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS TO BE DEFERRED FOR IMMEDIATE PRESENT. COUNCIL ADOPTS REST OF REPORT**

Those who have given the question any serious consideration are well aware of the pressing need for further fire protection in Timmins to care for the requirements arising from the expansion of the town. Many felt that the purchase of the proposed combination hose and chemical motor truck would fill the immediate need, but the defeat of the by-law for that purpose made it necessary to find other means of bringing up the fire equipment to something like proper standards. The question of the additional requirements in fire-fighting equipment was left in the hands of the Fire and Light Committee to consider and report upon to the Town Council. This report was submitted at Monday's session of the Council. With one unimportant change—the change of the word “otherwise” to “or”—and the dropping of the recommendation for the purchase of uniforms for the firemen at present, the report was adopted.

The report is given below in full:—  
Timmins, April 28th, 1924.  
The Fire and Light Committee, to whom was referred the matter of additional fire protection, beg to report as follows:—

We recommend that the Fire Hall be altered by placing a metal stair at the west side of the building, outside, and taking out the present stair. Tearing away the East wall and rebuilding same in accordance with Fire By-law, slightly further East, continuing the wall further North and along the North end of the hall to a height of two stories. Extend the roof of the West side portion of the building

over the Easterly portion and provide additional sleeping quarters for the Volunteer Firemen, as well as storage space for horse feed.

If these alterations are made the ladder truck can be kept at the East side of the building, making room for an additional wagon and fire team or a combination hose and chemical truck at the West side of the building.

If the Town can purchase a second-hand Combination Hose and Chemical Truck of a type approved by the Canadian Fire Underwriters Association, with at least 40 h.p., S.A.E. rating, and in good condition we recommend that same be purchased immediately. Otherwise (changed to “or”) we recommend that an additional fire team and a combination hose and chemical wagon, with the necessary equipment, be purchased. We would suggest that the Clerk be instructed to communicate immediately with the Fire Chiefs of various cities in Ontario and ascertain if any second-hand hose and chemical wagon in good condition, which has been replaced by motor equipment, can be purchased, and if so the price asked for same.

We recommend that two additional permanent Firemen be added to the Department when the additional equipment is secured, and that all permanent Firemen be properly uniformed.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire and Light Committee.

Geo. S. Drew,

John Morrison,

F. Miles Wallingford.

## MEETING TO-MORROW NIGHT TO ORGANIZE BASEBALL

**Baseball Fans Asked to Meet in Council Chamber to Get Baseball Going for the Season.**

All baseball fans are asked to attend the meeting called for to-morrow (Thursday) evening in the Council Chamber, Timmins, to organize for baseball for the present season. This is a good baseball town, and there is a lot of good material here for two or more first-class teams. What is needed now is to get the sport organized and away to a good start. The present season should be a big one in the baseball history of the Town, and there should be lots of good sport this year in the line of baseball. Iroquois Falls expects to have a good ball team this year. Cochrane and South Porcupine teams are also possibilities for a district league. In the line of local ball there is a probability of a number of good teams, and there should be no difficulty in keeping both local and district baseball interesting and popular. All fans should turn out to-morrow (Thursday) evening and contribute anything they can in the way of help or suggestion to make 1924 the biggest and best baseball year in the history of the Town. The meeting tomorrow night is called for 8 o'clock.

The various schools re-opened on Monday after the Easter Vacation.

## ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE OF TIMMINS ODDFELLOWS

**Over a Hundred Brethren in the Line of March. Inspiring Address by Rev. M. R. Hall.**

Last Sunday morning the members and visiting brothers of the Oddfellows Order in Timmins held their annual church parade to the Baptist church here. The bright spring-like morning encouraged a large turnout and over one hundred brethren were in the line of march. Quite a number came over from South Porcupine, members of the Oddfellows Lodge there, for the occasion.

Rev. M. R. Hall, pastor of the Baptist church here, conducted the services touching briefly on the ideals of Oddfellowship, and centering on Truth, the last link of the three symbolic links of the Order. Mr. Hall explained in an interesting address the neither friendship, love nor truth could stand alone, and that on the truth of the Bible depended all the splendid ideals of organizations like the L.O.O.F.

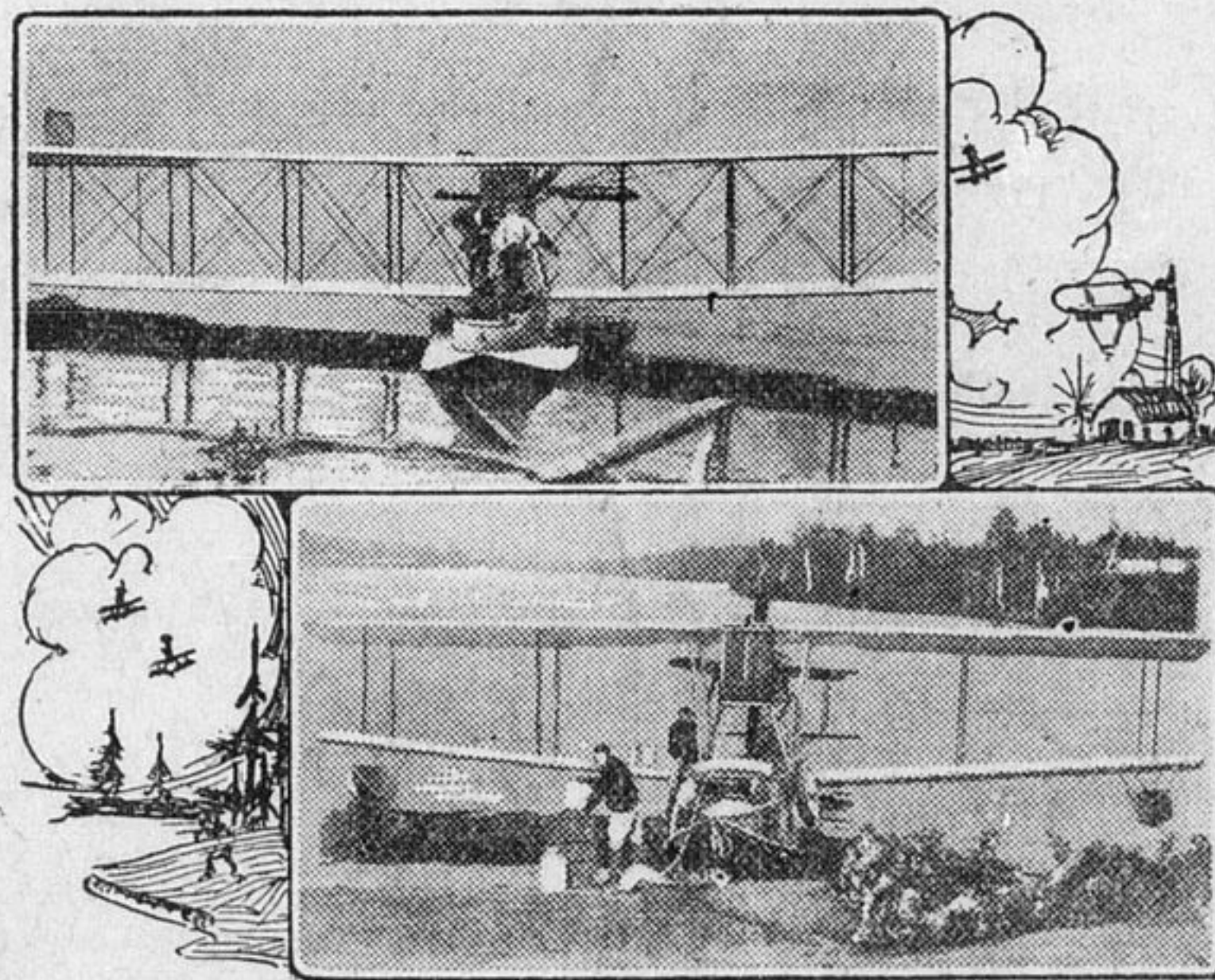
After the service the brethren returned to the L.O.O.F. Hall where they were dismissed.

The annual parade of the South Porcupine Lodge took place in the evening to the United Church. The services were conducted by Rev. Bro. McVittie pastor of the United Church. About twenty members of the Timmins Lodge went over for the event.

## AIR SERVICE TO ROUYN GOLD FIELD

Commencing on May 18th there is to be a regular Air Service to the new Quebec Gold Fields. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday large flying boats capable of carrying five people are scheduled to meet all Canadian Pacific trains at Angliers, Que., travelling east down Lake Quinze, following the water course to Lake Expance, thence north for some fifteen miles up the Ottawa River and further north over its tributaries to Lake Fortune and Rouyn. The air voyage is to be made in some fifty minutes, while the trip took two days at least before the air service was used. The air service will eliminate the hardships of the past and enable prospectors, tourists and others to make the trip to Rouyn Mining District in less than an hour. There will be regular stops where they are required and where accommodation for them is available. Passengers and supplies will be accepted for transit, and the air service has been perfected to a high standard of safety and reliability.

At the close of the Great War, The Advance on several occasions refer-



red to the special advantage in this country of great distances of the airship as a means of rapid transportation. The fact that a specially large percentage of men from the North entered the air service also seemed to favour the idea of the use of the airship in the North Land. The use of the airships north of Cochrane indicated the practicability of this means of transportation. The Air Service from Angliers, the end of steel on the C.P.R., to Rouyn, has been thoroughly tested out and shown to be absolutely practical. The inauguration of the regular air service commencing May 18th gives ground for the hope that the airship form of transportation with its speed and efficiency may be widely used in the North Land to overcome the handicap of immense distances in this country.

## MALE CHORUS MEMBERS AND LADIES AT SOCIAL EVENING

Timmins Male Chorus members, wives and friends, had a very enjoyable Social Evening in the Hollinger Recreation Hall on Saturday evening. There were about forty present and all found the evening a very pleasant one. Dancing, singing, cards, games, and a general all-round jolly good social time were enjoyed by all. A feature of the evening was the piano playing by a recent acquisition to the talent of the town as a pianist.

## TWO FOOTBALL MEETINGS HERE ON SATURDAY EVENING

Two important meetings in connection with football are scheduled for the Town Hall on Saturday evening of this week.

The Porcupine District Football Association is to meet at 6.30 for business in connection with the local district football league.

At 8.00 p.m. the Northern Ontario Football Association is to meet, this meeting following the meeting of the District Club.

## TEA AND SALE OF HOME COOKING, SATURDAY, MAY 10

The Ladies of St. Matthew's Church will hold a Tea and Sale of Home Cooking at the home of Mrs. E. J. Meyers, on Saturday afternoon, May 10th, from 3 to 6.

## MR. OSCAR ROBERTSON APPOINTED SECRETARY C.A.S.

Porcupine District Children's Aid Society met at Timmins on Wednesday evening of last week. The chief business of the meeting was the appointing of a Secretary for the District C.A.S. After some discussion, for and against, Mr. Oscar Robertson was on ballot declared elected as secretary of the District Association. The appointment has been under consideration for some time past but agreement could not be made upon a suitable man for the place. It is usual for the secretary of a District Association to be also Agent for the Society, in which case a substantial grant is made by the Ontario Government. This appointment has not yet been made.

## Council Considers Plans for Better Fire Protection

**GRANT MADE TO PUBLIC LIBRARY. AMENDMENTS TO FIRE LIMITS LEFT OVER TO NEXT MEETING. SILENT POLICEMAN FOR ST. ONGE CORNER. SPEED LIMIT TEN MILES IN TOWN. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS.**

At the regular Council meeting on Monday afternoon the Mayor occupied the chair and all the Councillors were present.

Arrangements were made to assist in the keeping of a family, the husband and father recently being committed to jail.

The Mayor called attention to the danger entailed by a twisted water pipe projecting on the ground in Moneta. The Public Works Committee will see to it. Two posts erected in the centre of Birch street were also referred to. It was explained they had been put in the road in connection with the moving of a building, and would be taken down at once.

The report of the Fire and Light Committee in regard to changing the fire limits of the town was by consent laid over to next meeting. Councillor Drew again called attention to business buildings in residential areas and their effect on insurance rates and fire risks. The Mayor pointed out that the Council could not do anything about buildings already erected nor legislate as to the purpose for which any building was to be used.

“There should be some way of meeting the difficulty,” said Councillor Drew. The matter will be laid before the Town Solicitor to see what may be done.

Rev. Mr. Parks and Mr. Day, Principal of the Public School, were present on behalf of the library board. Rev. Mr. Parks briefly explained the advantages of a public library. He realized that it was desirable to keep expenditures down as much as possible, but the library was so worthy

a cause as to be a necessity. The cost to each ratepayer he pointed out, would be very small, and the value to the town a great one. Mr. Day, Chairman of the recently organized library board, reviewed the steps taken to get a library for Timmins. The Board was now duly organized and ready to go ahead. They had held expenses down to the minimum. The law allowed them to make certain requisitions, but they felt they should not go the limit, but keep the cost as low as possible. He then read the estimates which had been restricted to the minimum of what was actually needed. Rent for suitable rooms, 8 months at \$75.00 per month, would be \$600.00; librarian's salary, 8 months at \$50, \$400.00; shelving, tables, racks, furniture, etc., \$500.00; cost of books, magazines, etc., \$1,500.00; total cost \$3,000.00 for this year. There would be a Government grant of a maximum of \$260.00, which would offset any incidental expenses and leave a small balance for additional books. It would be possible to start out with about 1,500 volumes. The Gordon Block basement had been considered as a central and suitable place for the library. The \$3,000.00 was just half the amount that the Act allowed in this case. Mr. Day pointed out. The Council accepted the report of the Library Committee and passed the requisition for the \$3,000.00 necessary to get the library running as soon as possible.

Routine accounts and payrolls were ordered paid.

An ice cream man from Moneta (Continued on Page 7)

## DESTRUCTION OF GAME SHOULD BE STOPPED

**Some Have Even Been Going as Far as Shooting Ducks in Hatching Time. Authorities Should Take Note.**

The attention of the Provincial Police is drawn to the flagrant and decidedly criminal breaches of the Game Laws occurring in this district recently. At Simpson Lake, for instance, it is stated that the most outrageous tactics have been employed by men with guns who, perhaps, after all will pretend to be sports. Complaints also come from settlers along the Mattagami, who have regard for the law and the game of this country. These settlers affirm that the wanton shooting of ducks has recently been worse than a breach of game laws. It has been a crime against common sense and common sportsmanship. Some supposed “sports” have even gone the length of shooting ducks while the birds were on the nest hatching out their new families. If the game of this country is to be preserved in any measure, effort must be taken by the authorities to counteract the criminal folly of the thugs attacking the protected birds and beasts in such unsportsmanlike way. Unless some concerted effort is made to protect the game, it will not be very long before the natural birds and beasts of the district are all destroyed or driven away. Action on the part of the Provincial Police and the Game Wardens in this district at once would be appreciated. The law is being flagrantly violated by men with whom individual good sports are not able to cope. A little campaign by the Provincial authorities, however, would do all sorts of good, and no doubt all the authorities need is to have their attention drawn to the matter. A few prosecutions of offenders against the Game Laws would do much perhaps to teach some folks better sportsmanship, as well as aiding in the preservation of the game life of the country.

## WORK STARTED LAST WEEK ON T. & N.O. LORRAIN BRANCH

Work on the construction of the new branch of the T. & N.O. to the Lorrain silver field commenced last week and is to be hurried through to completion. The construction contract was awarded to Grant Bros., of Ottawa, who have the work away to a good start.

## BOARD OF TRADE TO MEET ON MONDAY EVENING

**Proposed Parking By-Law and Other Questions to be Discussed. Big Attendance Desired.**

There will be a meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, May 5th, at 8 p.m. There should be a large attendance of citizens as several matters of importance will likely be up for discussion. Among other questions likely to be considered is the matter of a parking by-law. Recently there have been varying views expressed on the desirability and otherwise of a by-law regarding parking cars on the main streets of the town, with different views as to the desirability of further restrictions regarding motor traffic. The Board of Trade is a good place to exchange views on a question like this and all good citizens would do well to turn out on Monday evening and express their opinions and ideas.

## MUSICAL FANTASY TO BE GIVEN HERE NEXT WEEK

**“Cinderella” to be Presented on Wednesday and Thursday, Under Auspices of I.O.D.E.**

Mr. Russell B. Hawthorne is in town in connection with the presentation here next Wednesday and Thursday, May 7th and 8th of the musical fantasy, “Cinderella.” Under Mr. Hawthorne's direction, the event will be given by local talent, some 125 taking part in the work, the larger part of the cast being children. Based largely on the well-known children's story, “Cinderella” is an event noteworthy for beautiful costumes, wonderful stage settings, catchy music, striking lighting effects and attractive dancing numbers. It will prove an out-of-the-ordinary class of entertainment that will delight all. Some who saw a rehearsal yesterday are enthusiastic in regard to its attractiveness as an entertainment. Mr. Hawthorne has successfully directed productions of “Cinderella” no less than 94 times in Ontario. In addition to the evening presentations there will be special matinees both days for the benefit of the school children. The event is under the auspices of the Timmins Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire.

## SECOND NIGHT REDEEMS “THE TURNING POINT”

**Amateur Talent Makes Good Presentation of Clever Musical Comedy-Drama Thursday Evening.**

The presentation Wednesday evening of last week of the musical comedy-drama, “The Turning Point,” was far from effective, to put it very mildly. The fault, however, apparently did not rest with those presenting the play, but rather with the poor direction, for Thursday evening's performance was up to a much higher standard and proved pleasing and enjoyable. Timmins has considerable talent in the show line and a large number with valuable experience and knowledge in dramatic affairs, and no doubt these gave their assistance to the cast after the Wednesday evening presentation and by advice and suggestion showed where improvement could be made. This was justified by the effective presentation on Thursday evening. Wednesday evening only two on the cast showed outstanding merit—Miss Stevenson and Mr. Fortin,—and these two did certainly take their parts very effectively and their clever work was much appreciated. On Thursday evening the others seemed to rise to the same standard, with the result that the presentation was a successful one throughout. There was even marked improvement in the chorus which on Wednesday evening had seemed about hopeless. Chorus and cast, however, redeemed themselves on Thursday evening, and those seeing the show the second night speak well of all in it, with especial praise for the skilled work of Miss Stevenson and Mr. Fortin. The musical comedy-drama itself has a pleasing plot, interesting situations and a number of very happy lines. Some of the musical numbers were very catchy. The lighting and scenic effects were good. The cast included:—Mr. Ernie Fortin, Mr. J. Mitchell, Mr. Frank Rodger, Miss Claire Stevenson, Miss Leone MacIntosh, Mrs. Geo. Shippam, Mr. L. G. Neville, Mrs. Neville and Miss Mary Downey, all of whom pleased the audience Thursday evening with their effective work. The ladies of the chorus were:—Misses Lorence Giroux, Edith Greer, Bessie Martell, Emma Trofford, Dolores Smith, Lottie Kelly, Mary Downey, Ingrid Hakala and Betty Allen.

The talented solo work of Mrs. L. G. Neville was one of the outstanding features of Wednesday's presentation, while on Thursday night both

## WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY STARTS NEXT WEDNESDAY

**Stores and Business Places to Close Wednesday Afternoons During May, June, July, August and September.**

The early closing by-law will become effective next week. The stores and business places, according to the by-law, will close Wednesday afternoons during the summer months. The public in general should make a special note of the summer half holiday, so that they may not be inconvenienced. The weekly half-holiday is a splendid thing for the business men and their employees and practically no inconvenience to the people if the fact of the early closing is kept in mind and business attended to accordingly. Wednesday next, May 7th, is the first of the summer half-holidays. Make a note of it.

## MISS EDITH GREER WON \$100 IN GOLD IN CONTEST.

Miss Edith Greer was an easy winner in the popularity contest conducted in connection with the recent show put on under the auspices of the Timmins Fire Department. Miss Greer received 448 votes, the next highest being considerably below this number. Each ticket sold for the show gave a vote for a candidate for the most popular young lady in Timmins. Miss Greer was presented with the \$100 in gold at the show on Thursday evening last, the formal presentation being made by His Worship the Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis.

Mrs. Neville and Miss MacIntosh delighted the audience with their singing. The quartette from the Male Chorus also pleased the audience in negro melodies.

There were good crowds at both Wednesday and Thursday evening's presentations, though not a full house on either occasion.

Bridge's Orchestra furnished good music for the various shows.

“The Turning Point” was presented under the auspices of the Timmins Fire Department. The total proceeds were \$1513.76, with expenses of \$954.36, leaving a balance of \$559.40. Half of this net balance went to the Fire Department, the other \$279.70 going to the director, Mr. L. G. Neville.

Mr. Frank Francis was called to Huntsville last week owing to the death of his sister there.