

### Power Franchise is an Important Problem

One of the first problems which the Haileybury town council of 1927 will have to deal with is the renewal of the franchise to the Northern Ontario Light and Power Company, which expired with the year 1926. The question came up at one or two meetings of council towards the end of the year and a proposed schedule of terms for the new franchise was submitted by the company, but it was felt that it would be advisable to let the matter rest for a time. The terms submitted did not altogether meet with the approval of the council and the intention was to have the town solicitor examine the franchise and give his opinion. The illness of Mr. Gordon towards the close of the year made this impossible.

At the present, the service is being carried on as before, and will probably be continued for a month or two, but it is imperative that a new arrangement be made early this year. The proposed terms, while not very much different to the present arrangement, did not meet with the unqualified approval of the council. Provision was made for a scale of rates which would prove a benefit to the large user of power for lighting and cooking purposes, but on the other hand, a minimum charge of 75 cents per month was provided which, it was felt, would prove a hardship on many of the smaller householders.

It was proposed at one time to refer the question to the Hydro Electric Commission, which has some definite powers in regard to the fixing of charges in municipalities that buy their power from private companies. Whether this will be done remains to be seen. It was on this phase of the question that the town solicitor's advice was sought, and it was in this way that it was hoped to secure better terms from the company.

The matter is one of considerable importance and will have to be dealt with at an early date. People of Haileybury that a satisfactory schedule of rates will be arrived at and that there will be no serious difficulty in completing the franchise. It will of necessity be placed before the ratepayers in the form of a by-law to be voted on and thus every citizen will have a say in the matter.

The Toronto Star lost the mayoralty contest in the city, when Mayor Foster was re-elected to serve his third term, on Saturday

### DELIGHTFUL FUNCTION ON SILVER ANNIVERSARY AT HOTEL HAILEYBURY

One of the most delightful functions of the season was the dinner given at the Hotel for Judge and Mrs. Hayward, Saturday evening, January 1st, their Silver Anniversary. On their arrival, Mrs. Hayward was presented with a corsage of roses, and the Judge with a boutonniere.

In the writing room covers were laid for twenty-four at a table artistically decorated with crimson candles. The favors were of silver, in accordance with the occasion, the ladies receiving silver thimbles and the gentlemen silver pencils.

After dinner, Dr. Haentschel called on Mr. Smiley, the Crown Attorney to open the court. The diners were duly appointed jurors and the Judge was put on trial, found guilty and sentenced to receive a beautifully carved and engraved silver tray, which he accepted on behalf of Mrs. Hayward and himself, with a few well-chosen and witty words.

The court then closed and the guests proceeded to the sitting room for bridge.

Among those present were Judge and Mrs. Hartman, Dr. and Miss Schmidt, Judge and Mrs. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. D. Allen, Mrs. Hennessy, Mrs. Beaton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bagshaw, Dr. Haentschel and Dr. Jackson.

### PRESENTATION MADE BY CONGREGATION TO REV. AND MRS. MACKERACHER

A presentation of a beautiful Chesterfield table, a fern stand and a piano lamp was made to Rev. D. A. and Mrs. Mackeracher at the United Church, Manse on Friday evening last, by the congregation of the Church, as a token of the esteem in which they are held and the splendid work which they have done during the past year. There were about sixty members of the congregation assembled when the presentation was made in a unique fashion, by Mr. J. H. Shibley and Mrs. A. D. McArthur.

The gift was acknowledged by Mr. and Mrs. Mackeracher in their usual warm-hearted way, after which a very enjoyable evening was spent in social intercourse, music, songs, recitations and various forms of entertainment. Last but not least, was the serving of a good cup of coffee, sandwiches and cake, after which the gathering dispersed feeling that a very enjoyable evening had been spent.

### To Form Chapter of Eastern Star Here

At a representative meeting held on Monday in the Masonic Temple here, it was decided to petition for the formation of a Chapter of the Eastern Star, the ladies' organization affiliated with the Masonic Order. Among those who were present at the meeting were several who are already members of the Order, with others who are interested and desirous of becoming members. After some discussion it was decided on a motion that a petition be prepared and signed by those who wished to become members of the new Chapter, in preparation for presentation to the Grand Chapter.

This petition was signed by all those present and will be held for a few days in order that all who wish to become charter members may be given the opportunity. It is now in the hands of Mrs. Somerville, Lake Shore Road, and those interested should arrange to sign early. Another meeting will be called in the near future when the petition will be completed and further arrangements made for the institution of the Chapter. It is expected that this will take place at no great distant date, as there appears to be no obstacle to the organization and there are a number of enthusiasts who are taking the matter up. When the time comes, the Worthy Grand Patron of the Order will likely visit the district to complete the institution. It is expected that another Chapter will be formed in this district at a point farther north, and it is hoped that the two will be instituted at about the same time, so that one visit of the Grand officers will cover the two.

### Ralph Connor to Hold Mission at Cobalt

Rev. C. W. Gordon, better known as Ralph Connor, will conduct a Mission in the United Church, Cobalt, commencing Sunday, January 10th. Meetings will be held each week night except Saturday at 8 p.m. On Monday evening, January 10th, the Haileybury United Church choir will be present to conduct the musical part of the service, and the choir of New Liskeard United Church will attend on one evening during the week. Rev. Gordon will speak to the Kiwanis Club on Tuesday and on Wednesday he will address a special young people's rally at Cobalt, which all young people of four towns, Cobalt, North Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard are especially invited.

### Re-Elected Previous Councillors in Bucke

Two members of the 1926 council of the Township of Bucke were re-elected in the contest on Monday, the other two having dropped out of the race following the nomination last week. The re-elected members are N. McIsaac and L. J. Gagnon, and the new men are W. F. Plaunt and Alonzo Totten. Mr. Plaunt is the representative of the western section of the township and took the place of Thos. Fleming, who

This well known preacher just completed a mission at No. 1 Presbyterian Church, Buffalo and at the close of the mission, Cobalt will go to Trinity Church, Toronto, and from there to Chicago.

Many people in the North have read Ralph Connor's books and some have had the privilege of hearing him preach. He will be welcomed by all and his name and fame will assure the success of the mission to be held next week, at least from an attendance point of view. The majority of the people will welcome the opportunity of hearing one who has become famous all over Canada and a great part of the outside world.

The United Church at Cobalt and the Pastor, Rev. N. Rawson, are to be commended for their enterprise in thus giving the people of this district an opportunity that is not given to very many of the smaller communities.

### CANADIAN LEGION

The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held in the rooms on Browning Street at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 7th. Any returned man welcomed.

Forms of application for membership will be supplied to any desiring to join this Post of the Canadian Legion. Send a post-card to Box 208, Haileybury.

### United Church Holds Anniversary Services

Anniversary services at the United Church on Sunday last were attended by representative congregations, morning and evening, and all those who came were well repaid in precept, music, and song.

In the morning, Rev. Norman Rawson, of Cobalt, preached, taking for his text, Romans 1:14, "I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise." During his discourse he called attention, not only to the progress of the local church, but of Christianity at large and to the cost of those things which matter to mankind and to the human soul.

In the evening, Rev. M. N. Omond, of New Liskeard, selected as his subject "The Vital Question" as found in St. John 5:6, "Wilt thou be made whole?" or as translated by Moffatt, "Do you want your health restored?" The man had visited the pool of Bethesda regularly for thirty-eight years, and it was no doubt his persistence and earnestness that attracted Jesus to him. But later Jesus took the opportunity of calling his attention to his spiritual needs, which were even greater.

The special numbers rendered by the choir were much appreciated and the Organ Recital given by Mr. Unwin at the close of the evening service was a pleasing climax to the occasion.

This marks the third milestone in the history of the new United Church in Haileybury and the first in the ministry of Rev. D. A. Mackeracher. The congregation has made satisfactory progress numerically and financially and it is the hope of all connected therewith that the work done shall always be for the uplifting of the people and for the Glory of God.

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### HAS MONSTER FISH PROVE TRUTH OF BIG ONES I

Apparently taking some of the jibes that led at his tales of big caught in Lake Sav. Terrill arrived in town from a recent trip to t... tion, bringing with him the monsters in the flesh thirty-pound lake trout, through the ice of the lake neighborhood of the rece... discoveries in that district... who scoffed at the stories... big fish are new being con... their laughter was ill-timed... Bert has the proof. This is con... trary to the general run of fish... stories, as it is usually the... big ones that get away.

### Small Blaze This Morning Gave Fire Brigade a Run

The fire brigade had a run this morning about ten o'clock, when a small blaze started in a clothes closet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Leach, Elliott Street. It was quickly overcome and the damage is estimated at about \$40. Mrs. Leach is unable to account for the start of the fire. There was a lamp in the closet, she told Chief Merkley, but no oil in it. Mrs. Leach discovered the fire on her return from church and notified the brigade.

- J.P.G.—Bro. F. Austin
  - N.G.—Bro. A. H. Jack
  - V.G.—Bro. W. J. McKee
  - Rec. Sec.—Bro. W. J. McCagherty
  - Fin. Sec.—Bro. A. E. Cooper
  - Treas.—Bro. R. C. Lyon
  - Warden—Bro. G. Poppleton
  - Conductor—Bro. V. C. Stuckey
  - R.S.N.G.—Bro. J. H. Shibley
  - P.G.
  - L.S.N.G.—Bro. A. Williamson
  - R.S.V.G.—Bro. C. Austin
  - L.S.V.G.—Bro. P. O. Anderson
  - R.S.S.—Bro. V. T. Reid
  - L.S.S.—Bro. A. C. Washington
  - I.G.—Bro. Jas. Morton
  - O.G.—Bro. A. J. Peacock
  - Chaplain—Bro. J. Norris
- Following the ceremony of installation lunch was served in the banquet room of the Temple and an enjoyable social hour spent.

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