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Lake Clear Officially On Monday, May 14

Monday, May 14th, is the official date for the lake to be clear of ice this year, nineteen days later than last year, and only eight days earlier than the previous late record made in 1926. While the ice was slow to break up this year, it went out suddenly at the last. During the day there was a considerable quantity to be seen on the wide expanse of the lake opposite Haileybury. It had moved down with the wind on Sunday, but on Monday evening the wind rose and, blowing from a northerly direction, cleared the lake well before midnight, according to the information supplied by Mr. Fred Fitzgerald, of the Department of Public Works, who is the official referee of The Haileyburian's annual guessing contest. Just how much influence the extremely high water had on the movement of the ice it is difficult to say definitely, but it appears that had the water not risen to such an extent, the ice might have been held longer.

Although there were a great many guesses registered in the contest, not a single one had picked the 14th. The 15th was favored by a few contestants, but it was the only day between the 12th and 17th chosen. This is the first time for a number of years that no one has succeeded in guessing the correct date. Many were apparently misled by the fact that the ice was thinner than usual and expected it to go out in April. A few were more pessimistic and registered as late as May 24th.

As an instance of the slender threads on which hang the settlement of momentous questions, the opportunities that knock once and the tide in the affairs of man, etc., may be cited the case of one good lady who has seen Lake Temiskaming freeze over in the fall and open up in the spring more times than she would care to tell. Well within the time specified in the rules of the contest she decided that the ice would go out this year on May 14th, duly filled in the coupon, pinned it on the kitchen wall in order that she would be reminded to bring it to the office before the contest closed—and then forgot it. Now she is regretting the lost opportunity of securing a whole year's reading of this great family journal free of all charge.

This is mentioned as a reminder to all readers that the contest is an annual affair and that every one is entitled to compete. We have cheerfully fulfilled our part of the contract, when action was necessary, and will continue to do so as long as the lake continues to freeze and, thaw and while no one had any luck this year, 1929 may be more fruitful.

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Prince Must Leave England



Prince Carol of Roumania, father of King Michael, will leave England on Monday next at the request of the government. The British Government's action was taken on the grounds that his conduct had been "in violation of the rights of aliens and subversive to Great Britain's friendly relations with the present government of Roumania."

HOPE TO HAVE PUMP IN OPERATION BEFORE ALL WATER SUPPLIES FAIL

If luck is with the Waterworks Committee, a pump will be in operation in the pump-house before the day is out and before all water supplies which have been made use of during the last few days fail entirely. In the higher sections of the town the supply ran out yesterday, while those lower down continued to get enough to carry on. The water raised in the reservoir to some extent during the night, but there are still sections where there is none.

Measures being taken, and which commenced yesterday, include the pumping out of the building and the replacing of one of the motors. A double row of sandbags has been placed around the top of the sea wall and this morning the water had been lowered about a foot and a half. The small pump has been set up after an attempt was made to do the job with the fire truck. Work was continued throughout the night, but some bad luck was met with in the blocking of the pump.

All members of the Horticultural Society are reminded that the premiums are now on hand and can be had on application to the secretary, J. T. Leishman, at the office of The Haileyburian. By calling promptly and taking the bushes and bulbs you will be conferring a favor and will be ensuring the best results to yourself.

Council Says Mayor Exceeded Authority

Members of the town council took the mayor to task at the regular meeting on Monday night for his alleged high-handed procedure in going over the heads of the chairmen of the committees. Three specific instances were cited, the first of which was a recent eviction of a family from one of the small houses belonging to the town in the south end. This, according to the statements of the councillors, should have come under the direction of the property committee, whereas the mayor had instructed the chief of police to put the family out of the house. The following day they were allowed to return, when it was found that they had rented the house from the former owner and paid a month's rent, but in the meantime their furniture and other effects had been out over night and the weather was bad.

The second case in which His Worship was accused with interference was the measures that have been or were to be taken in regard to the pump-house when the water rose to such a level that the motors were in danger of being flooded. It was stated that men had started to work on an extension upward of the sea wall at the pump-house when the mayor stopped the proceedings.

The third instance given was that he had interfered with some improvements that were being made at the fire hall.

Probably the councillors felt the first instance as the most important. This, it was stated, should have come directly under the property committee and a somewhat heated argument took place between His Worship and Councillor Gibson. Councillor Charbonneau also took strong exception to the mayor's action in the matter and the others, with the exception of Councillor Fleming, also were of the opinion that he had overstepped his authority.

Mayor Pipe vigorously defended his action. In regard to the family being put out of the house he stated that the way the matter was represented to him, the action was fully justified, but as soon as he discovered they had actually rented the house from the supposed owner, he had given orders that they be restored to possession. In regard to the work on the wall, it had been his understanding that this was to be held over until the ice went out and when he found that a start had been made, he only requested the men to wait for a short time until the chairman of the Board of Works arrived. The matter of the fire hall had simply slipped his memory.

Mayor Pipe stated that as executive officer he had a say in all matters of policy. He was told that he was only chairman and had no right to take too much on himself, but he maintained that the councillors should consult him as executive officer, while the chairmen of the various committees were just as emphatic in their statements that they should have a say in all matters in their departments.

The discussion finally ended with the mayor's statement that "If we don't do better work for the same money than has been done in previous years, I will be greatly disappointed," and will probably result in a better understanding all around.

Will Take Vote in Cobalt On Paving of Main Road

The Cobalt town-council decided at a meeting last Monday to follow Haileybury's lead in the matter of paving the main road through the town, if the property owners are agreeable. A vote on the question will be taken next month on a date to be arranged later. It is expected that the people will be asked to vote at the same time on the question of the renewal of the franchise of

To Improve Grounds Memorial and Fire Hall

When the town council met in regular session on Monday night, the first item of business was a request from Jerome Dunn for some improvements on Fourth Street in the south end. He was promised that the committee would look the situation over.

James Reavell and Wm. Short, on behalf of the Canadian Legion asked if the council would undertake some improvements to the grounds at the soldiers' memorial on Main Street. They would like to see some flowers planted and, if possible, a hedge started, to enclose the plot. Councillors Gibson and Piche were given authority to expend the sum of \$25 in plants that would be permanent.

An offer of an adjustment of tax arrears made by C. McCleary was accepted by the council, and an offer of \$50 made by N. Abraham for a vacant lot on Marcella Street was left to Councillor Gibson, chairman of the Property Committee, to deal with.

A long-winded letter, signed "Rose Ann Simpson" and complaining about the lawlessness of the town, got scant attention, when it was explained that no such person could be found.

Dr. Arnold, Medical Health Officer, gave the council a report on the inspection of the various dairies, with laboratory reports of tests made of the milk. Briefly this was as follows: Huard's dairy, conditions excellent, butter fat good, bacteria count low; Dupuis, conditions good, facilities exceptionally fine, butter fat good, bacteria count high; Lyttle stables bad, butter fat good, bacteria count low; Cook, premises unsatisfactory; McCrae, premises fairly good but facilities inadequate; Cote, who sells cream only, premises not bad; Gervais, not good at all. Dr. Arnold recommended that some conditions be remedied before the milk supply would be entirely satisfactory and the council has the matter in hand. He also suggested that the dairies be requested to have their herds tested for tuberculosis, and this was embodied in a resolution of the council.

A Camley offered \$12 for a lot adjoining his property, on which a portion of his stable had been built and his offer was accepted. There was some discussion over the arena and the chief of police will be given a key, as it had been noticed that there had been a fire in the stove and it was not clear as to whether Mr. Vachon, who is still in charge of the building, had been there at the time.

A letter from the Nipissing Central Railway informed the council that as soon as plans and specifications were received for the proposed pavement on Ferguson Avenue their engineers would take up the matter of the tracks.

The council will again request Mr. P. R. Craven, of the Hemiskaming Telephone Company, to make a report on the service the night of the Bagshaw fire, as no reply had been received to a previous request. It was also decided that the warehouse of Langlois, Simard which had been rented for storage purposes, would not be required after July 1st.

Towards the close of the meeting, Councillor Gibson got authority for the expenditure of \$200 for improvements and repairs to the fire hall and grounds.

It was decided to have cards printed with the list of the various committees, and, after a report was received from the police chief to the effect that an old cesspool on the property where the Children's Shelter formerly stood on Meridian Avenue, was dangerous to the public, it was decided to have it filled in.

the Northern Ontario Light and Power Company. A conference between the council and the Power Company manager, Mr. B. V. Harrison, will be held in the near future, after which the date of the voting will be set.

Horticultural Premiums Should be Called For Now

All members of the Horticultural Society who have not already received their premiums are requested to call at The Haileyburian Office and secure them now. Both rose bushes and gladioli bulbs should be planted without delay in order to secure the best results and, as the work of distributing these is rather heavy, members will confer a favor by taking them off our hands at the earliest possible moment.

WILL REPLACE PRESENT FIRE CHIEF AFTER ONE MONTH NOTICE GIVEN

Fire Chief D. S. Merkley, who has been at the head of the local brigade since the beginning of 1922, will be relieved from the service on June 15th, according to a decision of the town council at the regular meeting on Monday evening.

In bringing the matter before the council, Councillor Pickard, chairman of the Fire and Light committee, stated that in connection with the recent fire at G. A. Bagshaw's residence, he had concluded that he could not depend on what the chief said from that on. He had been taken on and given every possible opportunity to make good and did not play the game. Mr. Pickard recommended that a new chief should be engaged.

Other members of the council were of the same opinion, some stating that Mr. Merkley had not always been sober and could not be depended on. A resolution to the effect that he be notified that his services would not be required after June 15th and that a successor be advertised for in Haileybury and Cobalt newspapers was passed.

There was some discussion over a couple of applications that had been received for the position earlier in the year, but it was decided that it would be better to advertise for a man.

NEW WATER SUPPLY TAKEN FROM SPRINGS IS ABSOLUTELY PURE

That residents of Haileybury need fear no ill effects from the change in the water service was the assurance given the town council on Monday night by Dr. W. C. Arnold, medical officer of health. The doctor stated that samples had been taken from the springs which have been turned into the reservoir and an analysis made at the government laboratories, the result of which had shown that the water is absolutely pure. There is no necessity for boiling or otherwise treating the water, so long as it is coming from the springs, and the difference in color was apparent after a few hours of use. Tests will be made at frequent intervals, the Medical Officer stated, and ample warning given should there be any necessity for boiling the water.

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Flood Interferes With Town's Water Supply

While the water in Lake Temiskaming has continued to rise gradually, and has caused some trouble even in Haileybury where the town stands on a much higher level than the lake ever reaches. All the old residents are agreed that the water is higher now than at any time since 1909, when trouble was experienced in the pumping station which stands close to the lake shore.

This plant has now been abandoned for the time being, the motors and all equipment which was likely to be damaged, having been taken out and the town is dependent on a water supply from springs which arise in the hill near the reservoir and which have been tapped to run into the cement tank in the hillside. Up to the present there has been a sufficient supply, but if dry weather should set in and continue while the lake remains at its present height, the quantity may run short. The water is found by tests to be perfectly pure.

When the lake reached a point near the top of the sea wall at the pump-house last week, it was decided to remove the motors from the building. The water was then at a height some two feet above the level of the floor of the building and flooding was only prevented by keeping the wells pumped out. One of the large motors and the gasoline engine of the auxiliary plant were removed last week, leaving the other motor to furnish the water supply. This it continued to do until Sunday evening, when the water in the lake was within a few inches of the top of the wall and it was considered wise to tarry no longer. The springs were turned into the reservoir about five o'clock in the evening and the last of the motors was pulled out about dark, leaving the pump-house to flood. The starters and all electrical equipment that could be moved, including the small motor and the bilge pump, were taken out. The building is now filled to a depth of about three feet.

Of the general situation on the lake, perhaps New Liskeard is suffering the most inconvenience of any of the towns. The lower part of the town has been flooded for days and some of the people have been forced to move to higher ground. It has been necessary to do some pumping in order to keep the sewers clear, but the damage has not reached alarming proportions so far.

As to previous floods on the lake here, it is stated by old timers that the water was just as high in 1909 as it is now. At that time there was no dam at the foot of the lake, a fact that may appear at first sight to have had a tendency to keep the levels down lower than they are apt to be now. This is not the case, however, as the works which have been carried on there have increased the outlet rather than diminished it. In the operations at South Temiskaming, a second channel was cut through on the Ontario side of the river and, although both channels have dams across, the gateways in these allow approximately 50% more water to flow out of the lake than

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