

Fire Loss During Last Year Was Over Eight Thousand

Fire Chief Reports That Brigade Responded to Thirty Calls; Nine Building Permits Issued during Year Showing Total Value of \$82,875.

Thirty calls were responded to by the Haileybury Fire Brigade during the year 1930, according to the annual report issued this week by Fire Chief Marcella.

The total fire loss for the year is given as \$8,746.

In analysing the activities of the brigade in connection with the fire calls, Chief Marcella states that of the 30 responded to two were "silent" calls in which no general alarm was sounded one was for the test made by the Underwriters Association, two were for grass fires during a dry spell in the summer, and one was from North Cobalt.

Of the fires in buildings and in which damage was recorded, one was caused by a gas stove explosion, in two cases children playing with matches were responsible, four were due to overheated stovepipes, and there were three chimney fires. In six cases no cause of fire could be ascertained, while in two other cases fires started in empty houses where there appeared to be no reason for their occurrence. Two fires were judged to be due to defective wiring, a furnace explosion was the cause in another case and one fire in a wall could not definitely be accounted for. The furnace explosion took place in the basement of the Cathedral and caused some damage. The shortcomings in the engine of a motor truck added one to the number. In only two cases, the home of Mrs. Lapiere on Albert Street, and Hugh Ross on Rorke Avenue, were the buildings on fire totally destroyed. At these points there was no available water supply and the only help the brigade could render was in preventing the flames spreading.

In his capacity of building inspector, Chief Marcella issued nine building permits during the year, the report states. The total valuation was \$82,875. Comparing the number of fires and the loss of property with those of other years it would appear that 1930 was just an average year. Many of the fires were from simple causes and did not

Commissioner Leaves Government Service



H. S. Arkell, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, who has tendered his resignation to Hon. Robert Weir. Mr. Arkell is leaving the Government service to take a position with the Canadian Live Stock Co-operative Association.

cause much damage, some of them could easily have been prevented, and it would seem that there is need for continual vigilance in order to keep the loss down.

City newspapers last week-end told an interesting story of three people from Milberta, who, it is stated, had gone to White Island, near Cobourg, on a treasure hunt led there by the statement of a "fortune teller," who told them that there was a chest of gold buried near an abandoned farmhouse.

Canada last year attained second place among the gold producing countries of the world, displacing the United States. Figures in the latter country give the 1930 production at \$41,000,000, while Canada produced \$43,195,463.

Druggists Dissolve Partnership After Term of Five Years

The partnership existing for past five years between L. D. Bryan and A. P. Knechtel, carrying on business as the Bryan-Knechtel Pharmacy, was dissolved last week, Mr. Knechtel taking over Mr. Bryan's share of the business. The latter is remaining in town for the present but expects to move to another location in the spring, although his present plans are indefinite.

Mr. Knechtel, who is carrying on the business has been a resident of Haileybury since 1920, when he was engaged with the Strong Drug Company, remaining when that firm was taken over by the L. K. Liggett Company. In April, 1926, he joined Mr. Bryan when J. A. Burke left the North Country. Mr. Bryan came to town in 1925, when with Mr. Burke he took over the business of P. H. Jory Limited.

Haileybury people regret the impending departure of Mr. Bryan and are pleased to know that Mr. Knechtel is remaining and that the business will be carried on as usual.

Little is being heard these days in regard to the route of the trans-Canada Highway, and it is expected that there will not be much more heard until the meeting in February of the Associated Boards of Trade at New Liskeard.

Cochrane Jury Draws Retort From Ontario Fire Marshal

Criticizes Marshall's Action in Allowing Extension of Time for Improvements; Mr. Heaton Says Nothing Else to Do and Terms Verdict "Extremely Foolish"

The jury investigating the death of Baptiste Zardo, who, with several others, lost his life when fire destroyed the Queen's Hotel at Cochrane on December 29th last, placed the blame for Marshall and the municipal authorities for their failure to more the disaster on the Ontario Fire quickly enforce certain regulations and improvements ordered for the building.

This has had the effect of drawing a somewhat scathing retort from Fire Marshal Heaton.

The following extracts from The Ottawa Journal's report of the inquest, which was held on Monday, and the Marshall's statement give a clear idea of the matter:

The verdict, as submitted to Coroner E. R. Tucker, follows:

"We, the jury, find that Baptiste Zardo came to his death by burning on the 29th of December, 1930, when the Queen's Hotel, Cochrane, was totally destroyed by fire from unknown causes.

"From the evidence adduced, we find that the Ontario Fire Marshall issued an order to have certain requirements completed by 2nd November, 1930, which order was not carried out.

"On 26th November, 1930, the Ontario Fire Marshall granted an extension of time until 15th January, 1931, which, under the circumstances, we consider should not have been granted.

"We also find that the municipal authorities appear to have

Alex. Hennessy Had Feet Frozen When He Broke Through River

Alex. Hennessy, well known as a former Haileybury boy, had his feet rather badly frozen last week when, according to reports from the north, he broke through the ice while crossing the Mattagami River, west of Cochrane.

The report stated that after extricating himself from the ice, he ran three miles to the nearest camp and on arrival there in an exhausted state, it was found that he had suffered frost bites. He was taken from there to the hospital at Cochrane.

Relatives in Haileybury stated this week that they had received no direct news from the sufferer, but they did not believe that his injuries would prove unduly serious. With his brothers, Bob and M.J., Alex was engaged in a contract for cutting the right-of-way for the new power line from the Abitibi Canyon.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., has something of a smallpox epidemic, seven cases of the disease being discovered up to Tuesday of this week.

Pasteurization plants at all dairies in Kirkland Lake will be in operation by the end of this week and residents there have been notified that no more milk from outside points will be sold in the municipality unless it had been pasteurized.

Council Discusses Relief Matters at Regular Meeting

Plan Suggested for Supply of Wood; Small House Provided for One Family; Appointment of Officials Laid Over; Business is of Routine Nature.

Will Introduce New Unemployment Scheme



Hon. J. A. Merkley, Minister of Railways, Labor and Industries for Saskatchewan, who will introduce a resolution endorsing a Dominion-wide unemployment insurance scheme when the Legislature opens this month.

Matters in connection with relief of those in distress in the municipality occupied the greater portion of the time devoted to the regular meeting of the town council on Tuesday evening. While the privations suffered by those in unfortunate circumstances does not appear to be greatly in excess of previous years, there are some sufferers who require looking after and one letter read asked the council to consider the case of the writer who had not previously been on the list for relief.

There was some discussion of a plan to secure a supply of wood, when it was reported that Mr. Ouimet, a West Road farmer, was clearing timber from a lot belonging to S. Norfolk and would allow men to cut wood there without charge. The plan will be looked into and an opportunity given if possible to some unemployed men to at least secure their fuel supply.

In another case a small house is being provided by the town to relieve one mother's allowance is available for support. Up to now this family has been living with two other families in a small house, there being a total of 16 altogether, 10 of whom are children. Dr. W. C. Arnold, M.O.H., and Councillor Mrs. Houston had investigated the circumstances and the council was

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Law Requiring Lights on Sleighs is Proving Difficult to Enforce

The police are finding it difficult to enforce the law requiring that lights be carried at nights on all horse drawn vehicles, according to Provincial Constable Allsopp, who has charge of the traffic on this section of the highway. Farmers are rather liable to offend in this regard and it is a difficult matter to bring the law home to them and to convince them that it is for the safety of the general public.

On Monday of this week Constable Allsopp had four offenders appearing in police court at New Liskeard, a conviction being registered in each case and a fine of one dollar and costs being levied by Magistrate Atkinson.

The Northern Miner last week said the Mining Corporation officials appeared to be very well satisfied with the first results from assays of the drill cores taken out from the Bannockburn property.

The Week's Weather

Week ending Wed., Jan. 14th:		
	Max.	Min.
Thursday	25	-8
Friday	32	17
Saturday	30	16
Sunday	21	14
Monday	19	12
Tuesday	14	-3
Wednesday	0	-10
Precipitation for week .19"		

Northern Ontario—Southwest winds, mostly fair today and Friday, with some local snow; becoming milder.

Tea and Produce Table

Under the Auspices of St. Paul's Church Guild
At Hotel Haileybury

Saturday, January 17th, 1931

from 3 to 6 p.m.

EXTRA SPECIAL! Friday 65c Saturday

- Two Large Gold Fish30
- One Glass Bowl with Water Plant and Pearl Pebbles25
- Your Choice of any of Displayed Products50

\$1.05

\$1.05 Value . . . For 65c

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LAURA SECORD CANDIES

Are Here Again—Leave Your Order

Knechtel's Drug Store

FERGUSON AVE. PHONE 58 HAILEYBURY

Notice to Dairymen!

All Vendors of Milk in the Town of Haileybury must secure Licenses for 1931 before January 20th next. Licenses may be secured from the Town Clerk and will be issued only under the terms of the By-law passed by the Town Council on December 9th, 1930.

By order of
THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Bean Supper & Euchre

—Under the Auspices of Northern Light Rebekah Lodge—

Thursday, January 22nd.

In the I.O.O.F. TEMPLE

SUPPER at 6.30

EUCHRE at 8 o'clock

ADMISSION

FIFTY CENTS

Haileybury Public Library

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

of Members of the Haileybury Public Library Association, will be held in HOTEL HAILEYBURY

Tuesday, January 20, 1931

at 8 p.m.

Business—To Receive Reports of the Operations of the Library during 1930
To Receive Financial Report.
To Elect LIBRARY BOARD for 1931

Every adult member of the Library is entitled to make Motions and to vote at the Annual Meeting

—By Order of THE LIBRARY BOARD