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Large Body of Ratepayers Protest Contract Award

Hold That Laying of New Water Line Should Be Done By Local Men as Relief Measure; Have Secured Legal Advice and May Take Out Injunction; Expect Action Today

Standing by their protest entered immediately after the awarding of the contract for the laying of the new water line from Constance Lake to the McNamara Bros. Construction Company, by the town council on Thursday last, a large body of ratepayers, composed chiefly of workmen, has secured legal advice and developments are expected today, according to H. Davis, a member of a committee of three appointed by the men to act on their behalf. Mr. Davis states that their legal adviser asked that action be deferred until today, but hints that an injunction may be taken out against the council to prevent the carrying out of the work by an outside contracting firm.

The men complaining base their protest on the fact that a large portion of the money which will go towards paying for the project, \$10,000, has been granted to the town by the governments for the relief of unemployment, and they hold that it is unfair that this money be spent for machine work, which is the method to be adopted, it is held, by the construction company. They claim that if the present contract is carried out, only about \$3,500 of the whole amount will be spent in wages, thus defeating the end that has been aimed at, namely, the relief of unemployment.

On the other hand, the town council holds that there will be sufficient work for all men who need it during the winter. They state that, if the water line contract does not provide work for more than six or seven weeks, the proposed airport will be commenced long before the other is completed. They also point out that there is considerable other work in connection with the new water supply, the trenching necessary to connect up some of the springs and the laying of a line to the main on Browning Street, that will provide considerable hand labor. The council states that by the letting of the contract a saving of \$10,000 has been effected over the cost of hand labor, according to the information secured from the engineer in charge, Mr. Redfern, who made a report on the project which finally brought about the decision to go ahead with the work.

After entering a protest against the letting of the contract to outside men, when the council met on Wednesday night last to open the tenders received, the men have held several meetings at which their complaints were discussed. On Thursday night the first of these meetings was held at the home of R. Whorley, who acted as spokesman at the council meeting and who has taken a sympathetic interest throughout. On Friday the men asked the Board of Trade to take the matter up and the executive

of that body met on Friday night and considered the whole question after hearing the situation outlined from the standpoint of the body of ratepayers interested. A committee of three men H. Davis, G. Larson and S. Barclay, was appointed by the men at this meeting and have since been handling the matter. At their request, three members of the Board's executive went with this committee on Saturday morning and interviewed Mayor Hamilton. The mayor explained the whole situation in detail, assured the committee that the interests of the working men were being taken into consideration, but stated that the council saw no reason to change their minds as to the letting of the contract. A clause to be embodied in the contract to the effect that local labor was to be used on the job, with the exception of skilled men to operate the machines, the mayor stated, and, while the work was to be completed by January 15th, he assured the men that there would be work throughout the winter on the building of the airport.

On Saturday afternoon, A. J. Kennedy, M.P.P., who had been appealed to by the men, came down and met them and Mayor Hamilton, when the whole question was again gone into. Mr. Kennedy was also quite confident that the work on the airport would be commenced during the winter, when the ice is fit on the lake, and had no fault to find with the arrangement when the mayor explained the circumstances. He stated that so far as the McNamara Company was

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NEW DEPUTY MINISTER



Major J. C. Parmalee, who has just been made Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce. For the past few years he has been Assistant Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, and has been with that particular department for more than thirty years.

Ukrainian Found Dead in Cabin on Mine Property

Had Lived Alone and Died Week Ago; Relatives From Cobalt Discovered Body

Peter Netuk, native of the Ukraine, who lived alone in a small cabin on the property of the Clifford Extension Co., about five miles east of Cobalt, was found dead on the floor of his home when relatives from Cobalt went to visit him on Sunday morning. He had been dead between four days and a week, according to Dr. G. H. Case, the police said.

No inquest will be held, Dr. W. C. Arnold, of Haileybury, the coroner, said, after making formal enquiry into the tragedy. Dr. Case said death was due to natural causes. The man was found lying on the floor of the cabin, with a blanket under his head, and with his hands on his breasts as though he had lain down for a sleep.

A nephew, William Nicholson, who lives in Cobalt, made the tragic discovery. He, with his wife and Fred Yussis, went out to visit Netuk, arriving at the cabin about 10.30 a.m. They notified Provincial Constable McDougall, stationed at Cobalt, of Netuk's death, and the officer summoned the doctor and coroner. The body was removed to Cobalt for burial.

Two loaves of bread were found in the cabin by the officer. The nearest neighbor, Councillor Howard Moyle, of Coleman Township, said he had seen the man at work in his garden about two weeks ago, and relatives in Cobalt said Netuk had visited them approximately a month ago, at which time he seemed in his usual health. He had walked back home at that time, a distance of five miles. He was 53 years of age. A nephew resides in Kirkland Lake.

HAVE COMPLETED WORK OF REPAIRING DAM AT SOUTH TEMISKAMING

Jos. Isherwood, Haileybury contractor, has completed the work of repairing the dam on the Ontario side of the lake at South Temiskaming and, with a number of local men, arrived home at the week-end. The work consisted of a large rock fill put in to strengthen the dam and occupied several weeks.

Mr. Isherwood stated that there was nothing definite settled as to when the rebuilding of the main dam on the Quebec side, which gave way during the past summer, would commence. A projected agreement between a power corporation and the governments for the development of power on a large section of the Ottawa River had made it possible that there would be some change in the site of the government dam.

The Studebaker car which is to be disposed of by the local Rotary Club for the benefit of crippled children, has been placed in the rotunda of Hotel Haileybury.

Distinctly colder weather, with some light snowfalls, has been the order this week, following a couple of days rain. The change came on Tuesday night.

Nominations to be Held Friday at Usual Hours

Date is Earlier than Formerly in Accord With New Act; Mayor Will Run

When the nominations for mayor and councillors and members of the Public School Board take place tomorrow, Mayor G. T. Hamilton will again be a candidate, according to a statement to The Haileyburian this week. Members of the council spoken to did not definitely commit themselves, but at least some of them hinted that they would again be in the running.

The mayor stated that while he would be content to remain out of municipal politics, after 24 years in the council and as chief magistrate, he felt that the importance of the work undertaken in connection with the new water supply was such that he must again offer his services to the municipality.

The nominations will be held at the same hours as in previous years, 10 to 11 a.m. for the office of mayor, and 12 to 1 p.m. for councillors and members of the school board. A change in the regulations makes it necessary to hold the nominations on Friday, instead of the last Monday in November, as they have been held in the past. There is no change in the polling day, the first Monday in December, in municipalities where the earlier date has been adopted.

There has not been a great deal of discussion over the possibilities for the municipal contest, until the past week. Since the letting of the contract for the new water line, on Thursday last, there has been considerable dissatisfaction expressed by a large body of ratepayers and a meeting of these is to be held tonight, when it is expected that there will be candidates chosen to enter the fight.

Flowers Bloom in Fall in a Haileybury Garden

The "flowers that bloom in the Spring" are not alone in their beauty this year, as witness the fact that on Tuesday of this week, November 24th, a great bouquet of double stocks was picked in the garden of Mr. D. Cook, Albert Street.

The Haileyburian is indebted to Mr. Cook for a fine bunch of these blooms, which can be seen at this office. One hears of the odd plant breaking into bloom through the exceptionally mild weather we have had this Fall, but it is hard to believe that such a profusion of bloom could be found so late in the year.

Salvation Army Will Give a Public Programme Tonight

The local Army Sunday School will be putting on a public programme tonight, Thursday, November 26th, at 8 o'clock. No admission charge; an offering will be taken and proceeds devoted to young people's work.

The program promises to be the best yet—school singing of joyous strains; dialogues, including negro minstrel troupe, along with many other items of interest. Captain Payne, the newly-arrived commanding officer at Cobalt, will fill the chair, with Haileybury and Cobalt brass bands uniting to provide music from 7.30 o'clock to 8 o'clock.

Gives Facts and Figures of New Water Supply Scheme

Situation Explained in Statement From Mayor and Council Covering All Phases of Question; Big Saving Annually; The Total Cost Will Be \$30,000

The following statement of facts and figures in connection with the new water supply, prepared in the town offices, has been handed to The Haileyburian with the request that it be published:

"For the purpose of informing those citizens of the town of Haileybury who may not be conversant with the facts regarding the Constance Lake water supply the council wish to inform the public that the gravity will supply will lower the operating costs to the amount of \$5,000 per annum in power, salaries, repairs and supplies.

The pumping plant now in use is getting old and will in the near future require to be replaced completely, and will cost just as much as the present project and will also still require a much larger operating cost than the gravity supply.

This council, for the purpose of getting the gravity supply of water and for relieving unemployment, applied to the Dominion and Provincial Governments for unemployment relief monies as follows:

Water System ---	\$46,000.00
Cement Walks ---	200.00
Drainage ---	100.00
Gravelling Streets.	10,000.00

Making a total of \$56,300.00 The department of unemployment relief approved of the

spending of this money and stated that they would only give to the amount of \$10,000 regardless of how much more the scheme cost. This made it necessary for the council to do the work as economically as possible and to be sure of the costs before commencing, and because all monies spent above \$20,000 would be a full charge on the municipality.

The lowest tender on the project was \$18,600. This along with the cost of pipe and sundry expense will make a total cost of approximately \$30,000, of which \$20,000 will have to be raised by debentures and will be a direct charge on the municipality.

The engineers informed the council that if this work had to be performed by hand labor it would cost at least \$10,000 more, therefore, the council feel justified in holding down the cost of this work to as low a figure as possible and not to add more to the already existing debt of the town.

The council were forced to consider that it was public money to be spent and it was their duty to get as much value as possible for the amount expended and the letting of the work for a specified sum was the only way of insuring themselves against added expense to all ratepayers in the town.

Can. National Railways Earnings

The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ending November 14, 1931, were \$3,642,708 as compared with \$4,063,594 for the same period in 1930, a decrease of \$420,886.

WINS BY-ELECTION



D. Paul Munro, barrister of Guelph, and liberal candidate in the South Wellington, Ontario Provincial by-election, who was elected to the Ontario Legislature over W. P. Gamble, Conservative

The Week's Weather

Week ending Wed., Nov. 25:		
	Max.	Min.
Thursday	37	27
Friday	62	33
Saturday	62	49
Sunday	50	37
Monday	53	35
Tuesday	61	46
Wednesday	47	21
Precipitation	.75"	
Wind	28 m.p.h. on Sat.	

NORTHERN ONTARIO

Moderate to fresh westerly winds; mostly fair and cold today and Friday.

Town of Haileybury

Nomination Meeting Fri., Nov. 27, 1931

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 75, Chapter 233, R.S.O., 1927, the Municipal Act, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 44, 1930, the annual meeting for Nominations for the Office of MAYOR will be held at the Council Chambers, Ferguson Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and Nominations for the Offices of Councillors and Members of the Public School Board will be held from 12 noon to 1 p.m., on

Friday, November 27th, 1931

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in case a Poll is necessary, such poll shall be held on

Monday, December 7th, 1931

from the hour of Nine o'clock in the forenoon until Six o'clock in the afternoon.

H. CLIFFORD,
Returning Officer

One Month to Xmas!

Now is the time to make your selection of Gifts for all your friends.

Shop Early for Best Values

This year our Values are of higher standard and quality, with prices

20 to 30% LOWER
than previous years

For a 15% Deposit we will hold any Gift until required

Knechtel's Drug Store

FERGUSON AVE. PHONE 58 HAILEYBURY

Baseball Tournament

You May Win your CHRISTMAS TURKEY at
Larocque's Billiard Room

TOURNAMENT STARTS

Monday, November 30th

Come and Try Your Luck Everybody Welcome