

COMMUNITY NEWS

After considering the matter from a number of angles, Cobalt public school board, at Tuesday night's special meeting, appointed Joseph Gartside, West Cobalt, school attendance officer for that part of the union section outside the town of Cobalt. The salary is \$200 per annum. The four members present considered, alternatively, the extension of the authority of R. B. Holmes, town officer, and adding the duties to the work of the janitors at West Cobalt and Mileage 104—in both cases with increased pay—but finally decided that, in the circumstances, a separate appointment best met conditions.

Peter St. Don, 55, North Cobalt resident, was bound over for two years to keep the peace against his wife when he was convicted of assaulting her after a charge of this nature had been preferred against him in police court at Haileybury last Friday afternoon. He was given suspended sentence by Magistrate Atkinson, but must pay the costs, amounting to \$17.50. The woman claimed her husband had caught her by the throat, Chief Ayotte, of Buckle, swore he had seen marks there two inches long, but St. Don himself would admit only that he had lost his temper and had pulled her hair, explaining any marks by stating his fingers may have slipped.

Figures to be included in the report of Alonzo Fortin, Cobalt's assessor, will give the town a population of 3,430, and an assessed value for taxation purposes of \$850,625. As compared with the last return, the number of inhabitants is down 373, while the decrease in assessment will be approximately \$50,000, although the figures are subject to decisions of the court of revision. Buildings which have been taken down account largely for the difference, business assessment suffering to some extent for this same reason. The total assessment of the town is given as \$1,512,725, but exemptions granted by law to mining property, churches, schools, the town hall and Y.M.C.A., cut this figure almost in half.

William Luukanen, held by the police on a charge of being in possession of goods said to have been stolen from Kosicki's Lang Street store in Cobalt during a recent robbery there, is out on a \$500 bond, provided by Gus Lund, to appear in court on Saturday. His counsel, George Mitchell, K. C., told Magistrate Atkinson, his client had bought goods at the store for many years, that the articles found represented bona-fide purchases and that he should be released on his own bond. From the bench, it was stated

Mr. Rosicki had asked for an adjournment to produce the clerk who formerly worked there, and from whom Luukanen claims to have made the purchases, the magistrate adding it might be to accused's own advantage to have this witness present.

Jack Eitel, New Liskeard, is to appear in police court at Haileybury tomorrow on a charge of reckless driving, with Provincial Constable H. Allsopp the complainant. The case will be a sequel to a mishap on the main road at Argentite last Thursday afternoon, in which Eitel is alleged to have run into the rear of a horse-drawn wagon turning on to a side road, and continuing to the ditch, striking a pole and turning over. The car was badly damaged, but Eitel was not seriously hurt, nor were the three youths on the wagon, Clarence Sutherland, the driver, and Neil and Alfred Clouthier. According to the police, Eitel was traveling on the left side of the road and swerved across to avoid the wagon, which was headed for the railway crossing. The horse was off the road altogether, the officer said, when Eitel's car caught the tail end of the wagon he overtook.

Blueberries, which the owner claimed had cost him \$250 were a total loss as the result of an automobile accident on the Ferguson Highway two miles south of Cobalt on Friday afternoon last, when a truck belonging to the Devon Cartage Co., Toronto, went into the ditch and upset. The driver said later that, as he drove south, a horse and wagon had approached a government grader working on the road, and that when he swung out to pass he got into the shoulder of the road, which was soft, causing him to lose control. The truck caught fire, but this was quickly extinguished, and the man on the grader helped the two occupants of the cab to escape. The truck was brought back to Cobalt, but was not seriously damaged. It was stated that the truck carried 300 baskets of blueberries, bought at a cost of a dollar per basket, and that only one-sixth of the fruit could be salvaged, the balance being scattered over the landscape. On a previous trip, an axle had broken, it was stated.

Pleading guilty to a charge of uttering a forged document, and telling the court he had nothing to say, Stewart M. Elliott former packing house salesman picked up by police recently at Temagami in connection with a cheque he cashed at New Liskeard, was sentenced to not less than six months, and not more than two years, less one day, in the Ontario Reformatory, when the case was disposed of by Magistrate

Atkinson in police court at Haileybury last Friday. No restitution had been made, a bank official said, while Constable John Pretorius, of the provincial force related how accused had told him he had done this before and his father always had paid the money. But, the officer declared, defendant had said his father had stated the last time had been reached. Elliott, it was alleged, had issued the cheque to himself, representing it to have come from his father, R. A. Elliott. Crown Attorney F. L. Smiley, K. C., said the practice was "getting to be a rather common one." Accused, he said, seemed to be of a decent family, but apparently this was not the first time. "There must be some protection for the banks, which had been decent enough to trust him," concluded Mr. Smiley.

The bail of \$2,000 on which he had been released after his arrest on charges of abduction and of supplying liquor to a minor has been renewed in the case of Clarence Pearce, Coleman township resident who has been committed for trial on the former count. On the other charge, decision will be rendered on Saturday, having been reserved by Magistrate Atkinson at the close of the hearing last Saturday in Cobalt. In this case, the 15-year old girl who is involved swore Pearce had poured out a glass of wine for her at Kirkland Lake, and her father testified as to her age. W. C. Inch, for the defence, offered no evidence, and when the bench said the Crown had to show accused knew she was a minor, Crown Attorney F. L. Smiley, K. C., said it was neces-

sary only to look at her to know that. The magistrate is looking up cases on the point. In the other charge, heard in closed court at Haileybury on Friday, the girl described herself as "a particular friend" of defendant. She told how, with four other men and a second girl, she and Pearce had gone to Swastika by car, remaining overnight there, and with both girls and accused occupying the same bed for a time. Before leaving Cobalt, they had been at three different homes in a round of parties that had lasted from 4 p.m. August 16, to 9 a.m. the following day, and during which there had been immoral relations between them. To Mr. Inch, the girl admitted she had been living what the lawyer termed "a pretty fast life", and also to immoral conduct with "many other men", but to the Crown Attorney she said she was going "with the man, and not with the car."

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