

COMMUNITY NEWS

A bunch of wild raspberries was found right on Cobalt street, Cobalt, last Saturday morning. S. O. Austin, public school trustee, made the October first discovery. They were of fine quality and quite tasty, and apparently had come unscathed through the frosty nights that ended the previous month.

This is an item about a dollar bill that was bound to stay in one family. Mrs. Charles Legris, while shopping in a Cobalt store the other day, dropped it on the floor, and when she could not find it, notified the staff, who promised further search. A few minutes after she had left in came her son, Roddy, quite unaware his mother had preceded him there, and he found the bill. He reported his discovery, was told a woman had already announced her loss, and when names were exchanged, it was learned that the dollar was still in the family circle.

With only the necessary officers of the court in attendance at Haileybury on Tuesday morning, the October sittings of the non-jury District Court of Temiskaming were quickly opened and adjourned. Sheriff George Caldwell officiating, as he has authority in the absence of the presiding judge. Present only at the brief proceedings were the clerk, the crier and the constable. No cases had been set down for hearing at this session of the court, whose next regular sittings will be at the General Sessions of the Peace on the first Tuesday of December.

Two automobiles were quite seriously damaged in a collision on the main road just north of Haileybury a few evenings ago, but the three men who occupied the machines escaped with minor injuries. Rounding a curve on his way north, Roy Thompson, of the Northern Development Branch, became involved in an accident with H. Hollands-Hurst, who, with D. A. Mutch, was on route to Clover Valley to attend a ratepayers' meeting. According to Provincial Constable H. Allsopp, who investigated, Mr. Thompson claimed the other car had only one light burning, and he mistook this for that of the street car. He was on his left side of the road, it is stated, and he swerved still farther over in an effort to avoid a crash. The other machine went to the same side of the road, also, and the collision followed.

As a sequel to a motor accident on the Ferguson Highway eight miles north of New Liskeard on September 12, Rene Delorme, Timmins truck driver, was convicted of reckless driving and fined \$25 and costs when he appeared before Magistrate Atkinson in New Liskeard police court last Friday. Delorme was in charge of a load of fruit going north at the time, and it was alleged that he had failed to give sufficient of the road to enable S. G. Eplett, coming south in his car, to pass. Measurements made the following day by Provincial Constable Allsopp, the road patrol officer, indicated Delorme had 12 feet and Eplett only eight feet. The dual tire at the rear of the truck had caught the hub of one of the wheels on Eplett's car, which was turned over in the ditch and damaged to an extent, it is said, that cost \$700 to repair.

A man and his wife both were fined in police court at Cobalt on Saturday, when charges of having been drunk in a public place, preferred against Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholson, north end residents, were sustained by the bench. Magistrate Atkinson imposed fines of \$10 and costs each, although George Mitchell, K. C., for the defence, urged there was no case against the man. They had been found on the street by the police while investigation of another case was under way. At the same court, M. S. Budarick, accused of selling liquor and of supplying it to a minor, was remanded for a week on \$1,000 property bail, and J. Vinkle drew ten days in jail on conviction for having been drunk in charge of a car. In Budarick's case, Chief Delves and Provincial Constable R. O. Stromberg had made a raid at three in the morning.

Notified by Alonzo Fortin, engaged by Cobalt town council to get in outstanding taxes, that a diamond drill and some pipes they owned were seized and would be sold for arrears, due the municipality, the Mitchel Diamond Drill Co., rushed a cheque for \$24.87, the amount involved, by air mail from their San Francisco office. Mr. Fortin got the money the other day, and promptly cancelled the notices of sale which he had posted. In the case of the Cobalt Hotel, whose fixtures had been seized to satisfy unpaid taxes amounting to, it is said, \$1600, the sale has been postponed until October 15. Meantime, in compliance with a fire marshal's order, Thomas Reilly, the owner of the property, has authorized the hiring of a man to clean up what Fire Chief William Stinson had reported to be a fire trap among the debris in the building.

An invitation is extended to members of school boards in this inspectorate to meet M. A. Campbell, secretary of the trustees and ratepayers' section of the Ontario Educational Association, and who is to be in New Liskeard tomorrow. Mr. Campbell, who has been visiting in the northern part of the district on official business, is down on the program tomorrow morning at the South Temiskaming Teachers' Institute, when he will deliver a brief address. While in the district earlier in the week, he met R. A. A. McConnell, public school inspector, and a number of others, discussing informally with them a proposal to hold a trustees' meeting for the district, some time next year, and probably at the same time as the teachers gather in annual session. This matter may be considered if a sufficient number of trustees are out tomorrow.

The judgment of Judge Hartman in holding that a contract had been made by a resident of Dymond township with the sanitarium at Gravenhurst, and that when its terms were not carried out by him in full the municipality could not be held responsible for the maintenance of his daughter while a patient in the institution, is to be challenged by the National Sanitarium Association. The case came before Judge Hartman at Haileybury some months ago, and now the record has been forwarded to Toronto for use in the appeal at Osgoode Hall. The Association sued the township for the balance due, after the 18-year-old girl's father, a T. & N.O. section foreman named Miron, and drawing \$125 per month in salary, with house, stopped payments he was alleged to have contracted to make for her treatment.

Fourteen families from the New Toronto and Scarborough sections are being located in farms in this district under the back to the land scheme now in operation according to W. G. Armstrong, temporarily on leave from his game wardenship to superintend arrangements for their coming. Nine of the newcomers are from New Toronto, and six of these are being located in Henwood township, while the other three, together with those from Scar-

boro, are being settled in Brethour. The men of the families have been busily engaged in erecting, with assistance, the homes their wives and children are to occupy, and it was expected, Mr. Armstrong said the other day that this phase of the work would have been completed this week. The New Toronto families arrived over the week end to join their husbands and fathers, and the others will be along as soon as accommodation is available for them. The farms allotted to the new settlers are said to be suitable for easy clearing, having been burnt over and provision is being made to carry them over their first winter in the north.

Mrs. Marian Ferguson, Toronto woman who was involved in a motor collision with Game Warden W. G. Armstrong on August 12 last, did not appear when a charge of failing to return to the scene of an accident when her case was called in Haileybury police court last Friday afternoon, but she had forwarded a plea of guilty to Magistrate Atkinson, and her husband, D. C. Ferguson, had enclosed a cheque to cover the \$25 fine and costs imposed. According to Mr. Armstrong and provincial Constable H. Allsopp, Mrs. Ferguson, driving a car with the license number BZ-73, and on the wrong side of the road, collided with the Armstrong car on the main road between Latchford and Temagami. Afterwards, she ran into the ditch for between 80 and 100 feet, still on the left side, but got out and kept on going, but leaving the rear license plate and a broken tail light behind. Subsequently, the police ascertained the car was registered in the name of a Galt man, Turnbull, but when Constable Allsopp saw the car in Cobalt eight days after the accident, he learned the identity of the driver. Some delay ensued, but finally the case came before the magistrate. Mr. Armstrong said it had cost him \$43. to fix his car.

The trip from Cobalt to Kirkland Lake in August, in which five men and two girls participated, had another sequel in Cobalt police court last Saturday morning, when Clarence Pearce, one member of the party, was fined \$100 and costs on a charge of having liquor in his possession illegally. His four male companions, George Cole, A. Fennah, Jr., Gil Blais and E. Donaldson, were discharged on counts of drinking in a public place, but that against Pearce was amended by Magistrate Atkinson after hearing the evidence given, which included that of accused's mother Mrs. Mary Pearce. An appeal is likely. W. C. Inch, for the defence, hinted. According to the testimony, Pearce had bought a bottle of cheap grade wine at the Englehart liquor store, and while the girls said this had been partaken of during the rest of the trip, Donaldson and Blais swore the carton came home intact, while Mrs. Pearce said she had found it unopened in the car when it returned after the journey. The youngest girl declared there had been drinking in the car, but her companion said it had taken place only at Swastika. Mr. Inch suggested the former's evidence should be discredited on the ground that what one witness called a "series of parties" had affected her to a

considerable extent. In announcing his conclusion, the magistrate used some caustic phrases, telling the quintet that "if any of you leave this court thinking you are men you are greatly mistaken." He referred to the case as a "dirty, disgusting situation", told accused they had not even the decency to take your medicine after dragging these girls all over the country, and said that, while there might be a lack of legal evidence, there was considerable moral evidence, of guilt.

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