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Cobalt Seeks Aid In Solving Its Financial Problem

Will Confer With Department Official at First Opportunity Possible

The Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs is to be asked to give whatever assistance it may in helping the Cobalt town council tackle a municipal financial problem which members of that body, meeting Tuesday night, agreed had reached a serious stage.

Councillor C. H. Taylor, chairman of the finance committee mentioning the matter to his colleagues, suggested the provincial authorities be called into consultation, and town clerk Nolan said he already had written W. G. Orr, of the department, asking him to call when next in the district. During the discussion, it was intimated that the public school board, by a majority, was prepared to close the Mileage 104 school, where one room only is open, following the transfer of older pupils in the school to town last fall, as an economy measure.

Reduction in the number of street lights and possible curtailment of other civic services was hinted as a necessity in the situation which has developed owing to changing conditions in the mining town, and Councillor Taylor said the municipal bankers were tightening up until some definite understanding could be reached with regard to future prospects. It is intended to prepare the budget for the year at an early date, and prospects, it was hinted, are for a raise in the rates in 1940, with the committee chairman intimating that 134 mills would be necessary to straighten out all tangles, although he admitted this figure was out of the question as a practical solution to the problem.

Dr. James G. McKee Died Friday Last At Elk Lake Home

Member of Family Well Known In North Country; Was In Seventy-Fourth Year

Doctor James Galt McKee, for the past 27 years a practicing physician at Elk Lake and a member of a well known Northern family, died at his home there on Friday evening last after an illness of several weeks. He was in his 74th year and had a long experience in his profession, having practiced in Chicago and Waukegan, Ill., and later for two years in Moosomin, Sask. It was in 1913 that Doctor McKee went to Elk Lake, then a thriving mining centre and he continued there until his death last week.

The late Doctor McKee was born at Hamilton on February 21st 1867, receiving his education in schools and universities of Southern Ontario before going to Chicago after his graduation in medicine. A brother of the late Colonel McKee of Elk Lake and Cobalt, he was well known throughout this section of the North Country.

Surviving at his widow and one son, Harry of Falconbridge. Three brothers, T. E. McKee, K. C., John T. and Doctor Fred W. McKee, are well known residents of North Bay, and there are also two sisters, Miss Maud McKee Toronto, and Mrs. Delacere Spalding, New York City, surviving. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, with the service conducted by Rev. H. Bailey United Church minister at Elk Lake, and interment in the Elk Lake Cemetery.

Major Norman Evoy, Kirkland Lake, officer commanding "C" Company of the Algonquins, has been named recruiting officer for Northern Ontario, but there is no present call for men from the regiment.

HOUSE AND CONTENTS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE THIS MORNING

About five o'clock this morning the building was a mass of flames Chief Watson said, and there was no hope of saving even the contents. Mr. Griggs told the chief that the flames had gained considerable headway before anyone in the house was aware that there was trouble and they had no time to save anything. He thought the fire had originated from the furnace in the basement.

General Belief is Confirmed By Weather Report

Temperature in February Was Above Normal; Absence of High Winds Remarkable

The general belief that last month was as fine a February from the weather viewpoint, as can be recalled in the district finds some confirmation in the report for the period from James Reavell, official observer here for the Meteorological Service. The average temperature for the 29 days was a half degree above the normal readings for the 45 years in which data has been kept and while the thermometer broke no records upwards and indeed got no higher than three-fifths of a degree above freezing point during the month, it also stopped a long way short of any violent descent.

Mean temperature for February, according to Mr. Reavell, was 10.9 degrees, compared with 7.2 degrees in the second month of last year and with 10.4 degrees for the long period, as calculated from 1894. Maximum temperature was 32.6 degrees, against 40.8 a year ago and an all-time record for February of 47.7 degrees in 1902; the maximum of 19 below zero compares with 27.4 below last year and is away below the record-breaking figure of 48 below zero recorded in February, 1914.

Snowfall, as previously observed, broke no record in its comparative absence last month, the final reading of 3.7 inches being a fifth of an inch above the figures of three and a half inches five years ago last month. In February, 1939, snowfall reached 18.5 inches and the average since 1894 is given as 13.6 inches. There was no rain last month, although for 45 years there has been an average fall of 1.8 inches; a year ago, only .01 fell.

The remarkably prolonged period of relative absence of high winds continued last month when 160 hours of calm were noted, second highest point reached in this respect since the instruments were installed, only January, with 186 hours, exceeding it. February last year had 76 calm hours. Wind miles last month were 3257 against 5123 twelve months before, with average velocities of 4.7 and 7.6 miles, respectively. Maximum velocity was 18 miles an hour, from the northwest; a year before, it was 30 miles, from the southwest. The prevailing winds were from the northwest 185 hours and 1256 miles; a year ago, from the southwest, 156 hours and 1815 miles. Most continuous winds were 26 hours and 194 miles, northwest; last year 28 hours, 277 miles, northeast.

Official nominations for the current Federal election will be held on Monday next, March 11th

Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport in the Federal Government, will speak in the Cobalt town hall this afternoon at 3.30 in the interests of Watler Little M.P. for Temiskaming in the last House and candidate in the present election. Mr. Little will also be among the speakers.

Town Mourns First Citizen As Mrs. C. C. Farr Laid To Rest

Pioneer Resident of Haileybury and North Country Passes on Sunday Last; Link With Early History of North Severed After More Than Fifty Years; Funeral Yesterday

The town of Haileybury this week mourns the passing of its first citizen and a link of more than fifty years with the early history of Temiskaming and the North Country has been severed with the death on Sunday, March 3rd, 1940, of Mrs. C. C. Farr, who came to this community as a pioneer resident when there was nothing on the townsite but a rude log house near where the court house now stands.

Throughout the intervening years she had continued as Haileybury's best known and most highly respected citizen, whose friendship was cherished by both old timers and later arrivals alike and acquaintance was always considered a privilege.

Tributes to her memory are heard from all sections of the community. None there are who missed something of her influence and there are none who forget her who will ever forget what the community owes to her long and useful life here.

Mrs. Farr was in her 81st year and retained her health until the day before her death, when, although confined to her home during the greater part of the winter months, she had been able to go around as usual. It was not until midday on Sunday that her condition caused alarm, and it was about four o'clock that she passed away.

Any account of the life of Mrs. Farr is inevitably linked with the history of this section of Temiskaming, although she was of English stock and her birthplace was at Newry, County Down, Ireland. The date of her birth was November 2nd, 1859 and she came to Canada as a girl with her mother following the death of her father, the late Edward Probyn. Her mother whose maiden name was Ruth Louisa Wigglesworth, brought her family to Pembroke, Ont., and in Holy Trinity Anglican Church there, on July 23rd, 1878, the daughter, Louisa Georgina Probyn, was married to the late Mr. Farr, who was a native of England who had sought fortune in the new world. Mr. Farr, whose memory is cherished as the "Founder of Haileybury," died on November 25th, 1914, and is buried in the old Haileybury Cemetery. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. W. S. Blackwall of Haileybury; two granddaughters Mrs. R. E. G. Hayward, Trail, B.C., and Mrs. Arthur Little of Kirkland Lake, and one brother Ernest Probyn, in Michigan.

Relatives of Mrs. Farr recall that she went as a bride to Hunter's Lodge, a Hudson's Bay post on the Kipawa River, where Mr. Farr was stationed as an employee of the famous company. The trip up the Ottawa River

and Lake Temiskaming was made in canoes manned by Indians, the only means of transportation in the district in those days. It was at Hunter's Lodge that Mrs. Farr's daughter, Mrs. Blackwall was born, and she was the first white child born in that section of the North Country. Later Mr. Farr was placed in charge of the H.B. post at the Old Fort, on Lake Temiskaming south of Ville Marie, and it was while he lived there that he located the site of Haileybury and decided to make this his home.

The family moved here in May 1889, living for years in their first log house and later erecting a large residence to the west of the town, which was destroyed in the fire of October 4th, 1922. It was in that conflagration that Mrs. Farr was bereaved by the death of her sister, the late Mrs. Paul A. Cobbold, and her uncle Mr. Wigglesworth, both of whom lost their lives during the progress of the holocaust.

The early influence of Mrs. Farr in the spiritual life of community life here is testified to by the older residents. A staunch Anglican, as was Mr. Farr, they together had a large part in the erection of the first St. Paul's Church, which was destroyed in 1922. Mr. Farr assisted in the quarrying of the stone of which it was built, which was brought from Burnt Island on Lake Temiskaming, while the progress of the building, as that of every other enterprise for the good of Haileybury, had the whole-hearted support of Mrs. Farr. Both were strongly conservative in politics and both left their mark on this community.

It was early last summer that Mrs. Farr was paid a signal honor by the holding of a banquet to mark the 50th anniversary of her arrival in Haileybury. All the old time residents who could possibly attend were present on that occasion and many of them testified to her great influence, not only on the community as a whole, but on their own lives when they came to the new and untried section of a country. Her ever ready advice and assistance to those who needed them during those early years were deeply appreciated and left a lasting impression.

And now Haileybury mourns her giving, while at the same time giving thanks for her lasting influence for good on the whole community. In this both the older residents and later comers can join sincerely and all are especially thankful that her last days were peaceful and that her death came without long suffering. To those who are bereaved, the whole community extends the sincerest sympathy.

RE-ELECT COUNCILLOR WHO RESIGNED SEAT; HAS NO OPPOSITION

The New Liskeard town council is again complete, with no change in its personnel, as a result of a nomination meeting held on Monday evening of this week. Wm. G. Armstrong, who resigned the seat when action to disqualify him was taken some weeks ago, was nominated, together with eight other citizens of the neighbor town, and was the only one to file his qualifications before the specified hour on Tuesday. At the time of his resignation from the council, Mr. Armstrong also resigned a position as secretary-treasurer of the public school board, the holding of which was one of the grounds for the action brought by Stewart Francis, a defeated candidate for the council in the regular contest on January 1st.

Holds Residence of Doctor Should Not be Assessable

Judgment Given in Tax Appeal By Sanatorium Will Go to Higher Tribunal

Judgment in a tax appeal by the Sisters of Misericorde, against the assessment by the town of Haileybury on the residence of the medical superintendent of St. Mary's on the Lake Sanatorium, was given on Saturday last by Judge Hayward, to whom the appeal was carried when the court of revision of the municipality upheld the assessment of \$3,500 placed on the building. His Honor held that the building, erected on the block which comprises the hospital grounds is not assessable by the municipality, being a part of the institution. At the same time, he found that the six vacant lots, not immediately in use as a part of the hospital grounds, are properly assessed. The value placed on them by the assessor, the late John A. MacArthur, is \$50 each. The appeal of the Sisters of Misericorde was presented at the court of revision and before His Honor by C. F. Tuer, K.C.

When Town Solicitor Jos. A. Legris, K.C., received notification of the judge's decision on the appeal he asked for a stated case and declared that it would be carried to the Court of Appeals. The residence has been assessed and taxes paid to the municipality for the past few years.

The Haileybury town council will meet in regular session on Monday night, when the estimates for the year will be discussed and possibly the tax rate struck.

There will be no school fairs in the agricultural areas of Temiskaming this year, because of reductions in the appropriations from the Department for this phase of instruction.

Transients Have Bad Time on Lake; One Is In Hospital

Only One of Trio Able to Make Crossing From Ville Marie After Jail Release

Three transients, released from the jail at Ville Marie on Tuesday and without any means of caring for themselves, had a bad time when they attempted to walk across the ice from that Quebec point to Haileybury. Two of the men collapsed on the road, near Burnt Island, but the third was able to complete the journey and secure help for his comrades before they perished in the snow. As it was, one of them had to be taken to hospital here, where he is still being taken care of. Another is being held by local police on a nominal charge of vagrancy in order that he may be given shelter and food at the headquarters of the district. The third member of the party told Chief of Police K. Watson that he had relatives in Kirkland Lake and was endeavoring to get into communications with them. He was the one who completed the 12-mile walk and secured assistance for the others and the officer did not learn his name.

It was not F. Lapalme, who suffered more than the other member of the party, R. Giengra. Neither of these men had any home address, so far as the chief could learn. They had been committed to the jail from Rouyn and, having completed their sentences, were released and, being without funds, started to walk across the lake to Haileybury. The man who completed the trip reached the Marine Hotel, on the Lake Shore Road, where he told of the plight of his companions to J. A. Tessier. A farmer from the Quebec side drove out with his team and rescued the two men, who had simply collapsed in the snow by the side of the road. They were brought to the hotel and Chief Watson and Dr. W. C. Arnold, M.O.H., notified. The doctor had the worst sufferer taken immediately to the hospital.

The fact that men are released from the district jail in Haileybury, often without any means of reaching their homes, if they have any, has been a sore point here. It is apparent that there is no more provision made in similar cases in the adjoining province.

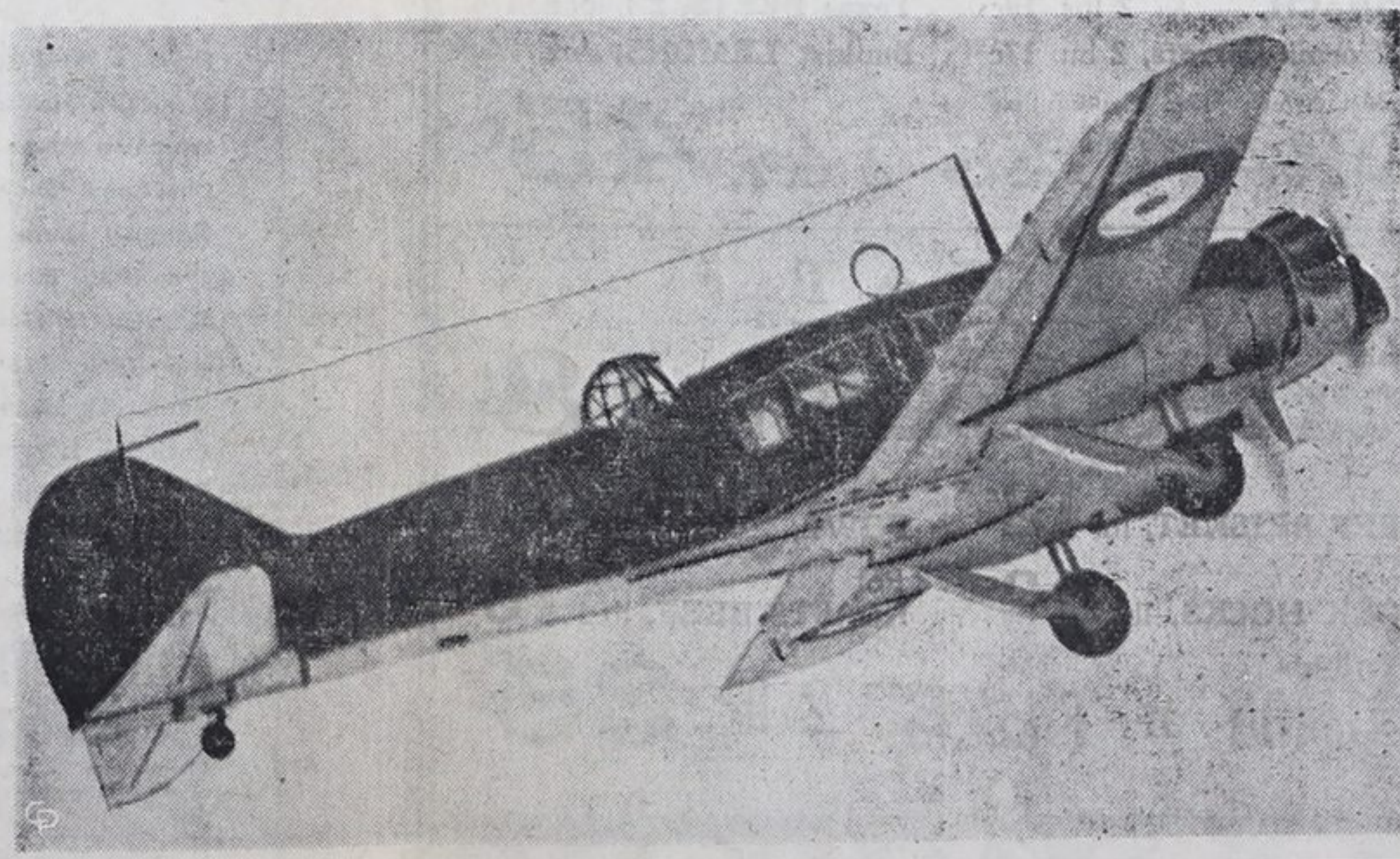
NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS COLLECTED HERE FOR LEGION WAR SERVICES

The Legion War Services campaign in Haileybury realized the sum of \$919.50, according to the treasurer, Mr. C. Ayeerst, who stated on Monday that this sum had been turned in by the various members of the committee who undertook the work of canvassing the town. This total was considered highly satisfactory both to the local workers and the Legion Branch, and it was stated that there might still be some contributions to come.

Reports from various points throughout Canada while still far from complete, indicate that the total of half a million aimed at will be well exceeded. Many places report double the amount allotted, while the community which falls short of its objective appears to be the exception.

Sales of new passenger motor cars in Canada during 1939 amounted to 90,000 vehicles valued at \$97,092,388.

ASSEMBLED IN CANADA, LARGE BOMBERS GET TEST FLIGHT



Less than a week after they arrived from England two Avro Anson reconnaissance training bombers were assembled at the De Havilland Aircraft Company's plant near Toronto and put through their test flights. These are just the advance guard of more than 1,600 Anson bombers which will be used in connection with the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme. View of the big bomber is shown here as it was put through its paces by Test Pilot G. R. Spradbrow.

Week's Weather

	Max.	Min.
Thursday	21.0	01.0
Friday	16.4	-17.2
Saturday	31.0	-07.0
Sunday	33.4	03.0
Monday	36.0	24.0
Tuesday	24.8	15.0
Wednesday	20.4	12.0
Precipitation for week	.13"	
Max. wind (1 hr.)	15 m.p.h.	