

## Bear Stories Still Reach Newspapers; Big Batch This Week

**Eat Comrade's Carcass In One Case; Rob Lunch Baskets; Light Berry Crop Blamed**

Stories about bears in a season when the doings of bruin have attracted such wide notice, continue to trickle into the newspaper offices of the district. This week's batch tells, for example, of some animal which robbed a comrade's grave and ate a good part of its remains. There is an item, too, of another (and there are no wild bears in Scotland) which swiped the porridge from under the nose of an indignant James township housewife.

There are other bears, and these are farther north, whose mendicancy attained such proportions as to constitute a serious drain upon the lunch boxes of a lumber camp crew, whose members, in turn, considered moving elsewhere to a point where the mid-day meal would not have to be passed up because bears got there first.

On top of these two bears are reported to have been disposed of in the West Road section out from Haileybury late last week. One fell to the aim of J. G. Martens of New Liskeard, and the following day another went down before the rifle of Elgin Binkley, game overseer for this part of Temiskaming. Mr. Binkley, incidentally, is authority for the statement that Otto Holmes, Kenabeek merchant, has disposed of no fewer than eighteen bears by shooting this season, and in the process has obtained nine gallons of bear oil. The game overseer also related the incident about the porridge-eating bear.

According to this report, the occupants of a house on the edge of Elk Lake had been troubled to some extent by investigating bears, and they arranged with another man of that area to get busy. He did so and shot a large animal near the house. The very next day, however, after the woman of the house had prepared the family breakfast, she put some of the porridge on the back of the kitchen stove until the child-busy. He did so and shot a large of her surprise when a good-sized cub bear entered the room, seized the pot containing the porridge and departed outside to enjoy its breakfast at its leisure.

A correspondent from the Englehart district contributes the next story. It is related that "Silas Grant of Englehart was in his own cow pasture one evening with his gun and saw a bear eating choke cherries. He shot at him and left Mr. Bear alone. The next morning, he went to investigate the matter and there Mr. Bruin lay dead, not far from where he had been standing when shot. Mr. Grant skinned the bear and then buried the carcass. Two days later, he went back to where the bear was buried, and found another bear had dug him up and trailed him off a piece.

"A day or two later still, Silas went back again and the bear was almost eaten up and they kept at it until the dead animal was all gone but the feet. Old settlers of the district say this is a very rare thing to happen. There have been other bears around since then, with a mother and three cubs seen at times." In sending this note, the correspondent wrote that "some people can hardly believe it, but seeing is believing by your own eyes."

The lumber camp bear story comes from the Night Hawk lake district and was relayed here through Englehart, the camp being operated by the Woollings' interests. Bears were so numerous and so hungry in that part of the North Country, the tale ran, that they watched where the lumbermen were working, being guided to that particular spot in the woods by the sound of axes against the trees. The animals knew the men's lunch boxes would not be far away, and they got so they raided them, as they were hung on convenient branches.

These bears were really hungry, the report added, and the men were sorry for them, but the begging bruins became a real nuisance and some of the men resented the idea of providing the entire lunch for their friends from the bush. Failure of the blueberry crop had driven the bears closer to the camps and the workmen than otherwise would be the

case, and they apparently had been encouraged when the lumbermen shared part of the food with them. They parked just out of reach, the story ran, and soon learned where the lunch boxes were and what they contained.

### Police Court Cases All Adjourned For One Week

The weekly session of Magistrate Atkinson's police court was of short duration on Friday, when only a few cases on the docket and adjournments for one week were granted. There were four charges of theft from the Cobalt area, laid by Chief of Police A. Cote of the silver town, who requested a week's adjournment, and one or two minor cases were also laid over by His Worship.

### TAG DAY ON SATURDAY FOR NAVY LEAGUE; SEEK PUBLIC SUPPORT

The Ontario Division of the Navy League of Canada is holding its tag day in our municipality on Saturday, September 27th, and is seeking the support of patriotic citizens in its efforts to better the lot of the men who "go down to the sea in ships" to do their part in the protection of our shores and in the final winning of the war which will allow us to live in peace and happiness. This is one of the ways in which we who must stay at home can help to do our part. The Royal Canadian Navy has grown to 10 times its original size since the start of the war, according to a recent announcement by the Minister of

Naval Affairs, with a consequent 10 times greater call on the facilities of the League in providing naval hostels at our ports and some of the comforts which should be available to the men who are devoting their lives to the country's cause. Last year the Ontario Division sent out \$100,000 worth of knitted goods and bags for our naval men. This year the demand is at least three times as great.

Mr. R. D. Cumming is sponsoring the tag day in Haileybury. Arrangements are complete, and all that is necessary now is a generous response on the part of local citizens to the appeal. The

community has not failed in any other undertaking of a patriotic nature, and will not fail in this.

### A New Serial Novel—"Pathway to Paradise"

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venture and unusual situations in exotic surroundings concerning a glamorous heiress who decided to marry in accordance with a formula that shunted loves into the background. Be sure to get The Detroit Times this week and every week.

Want Ads. Bring Results

### To the Ratepayers of the Town of Haileybury:

Naturally the citizens are interested in the reassessment of the Town real estate which was completed a short time ago.

The present Council has an application for a settlement of the Housing Commission debt before the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

I believe that we have an excellent chance that our proposition will be accepted.

In view of the fact that we are petitioning the Government, I consider it would be bad business for you ratepayers if we did not conform to any suggestions which the Governmental Department makes. This matter was clearly illustrated at the Court of Revision last year when certain assessments were drastically reduced by the District Judge and his decision was upheld by the Municipal Board. The reason for this decision was that we did not have the proper assessment records. This situation has now been rectified.

Mr. Morissette, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and myself represented the Corporation during the discussions with the Government. During these conversations it was evident that the Government felt that the Assessment revised from year to year was not a true picture of the present situation.

We then asked the Department of Municipal Affairs to recommend a man capable of making an assessment of Real Estate in the Town of Haileybury. In response to our request, Mr. George Proctor was named by the Department administered by the Hon. Mr. McQueen.

The following figures should make clear to you the present position as regards Buildings, Land and Business assessment.

1942	\$1,481,460
1941	1,168,808
Increase	312,652

I wish you to note that the number of buildings and land repossessed over the years by the Town for non-payment of taxes or Housing Commission defaults do not pay anything to the Town treasury. These necessarily are included in the assessment of all the property in the Town.

Deducting for 1942 the values appraised on the above Real Estate amounting to \$114,540, leaves us with a total TAXABLE assessment BEFORE REVISION of \$1,366,920, including business assessment.

The over-all cost of operating the affairs of the Municipality amount to \$102,000.

From taxation we are supposed to receive approximately \$75,600 from Public and Separate School supporters.

The balance comes from rents, licenses, markets, debentures recoverable, penalties and interest on taxes, unemployment relief, etc. — \$27,000.

The new assessment shows for 1942—on buildings in the Town, which number 511:

Assessment Raised	329
Assessment Lowered	151
Unchanged	31

Business assessments are as follows:

1941	\$45,150
1942	82,600

From these figures I consider there have been many inequalities in the past.

The Court of Revision will convene at a date to be announced and anyone feeling that they have been unjustly dealt with will have an opportunity of stating his case. Mr. Proctor, the assessor, will be present.

The decision of this court is not final and an appeal can be made before the District Judge.

If not satisfied, the appellant can, if the amount involved is more than \$10,000, go before the Municipal Board which sits in this District from time to time.

We have in Haileybury a great number of properties which have been exempt from taxation including Court House, Jail, Registry Office, Churches, Convent, Sanatorium, Armouries, Doctor's residence at Sanatorium and Schools.

A map in colors which we have prepared is on view at the Town Office, showing taxable and non-taxable property. This graphic picture is interesting, if you are interested.

I suggested to the Government that an administrator be placed to supervise our Municipal affairs as has been done in other parts of the Province when community business has been flagrantly mismanaged over a long period of years.

The Government was not in favour and said we were not yet in a position to require such drastic measures. They also complimented us on what had so far been accomplished, particularly stressing the prompt repayment of monies illegally diverted in the past from Housing Commission payments to defray Town expenses to avoid the unpleasant duty of collecting taxes.

This readjustment of our assessment, in conformity with the Assessment Act, has awakened Municipal attention which has been sadly lacking, and we welcome this civic interest.

It is the intention of the present Council to do what we consider is in the best interests of the ratepayers as a whole.

We trust that out of this new assessment we will be able to establish a solid base from which to reconstruct the financial structure of this Municipality.

Your support of our efforts is a vital factor to insure success.

Yours truly,

H. E. CAWLEY,

Mayor, Town of Haileybury.

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"Don't you wish we could shorten the war?"

He: "Well, in a way we can, you know."

She: "But, George, we're not trained to do anything..."

He: "Training doesn't matter for what I'm thinking about. I was wondering whether we couldn't put more of our income into War Savings Certificates."

She: "And why not? We might have to go without one or two pet luxuries—but wouldn't it be worth it to bring back peace again?"

He: "And won't we be glad of the money—and the interest it will have earned—in a world without war restrictions!"

The help of every Canadian is needed for Victory. In these days of war the thoughtless selfish spender is a traitor to our war effort. A reduction in personal spending is now a vital necessity to relieve the pressure for goods, to enable more and more labour and materials to be diverted to winning the war. The all-out effort, which Canada must make, demands this self-denial of each of us.

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