

## Town Offers Bucke Fire Protection

### Will Fight Fires in Bucke Firemen Reverse Decision Council Asks \$1,500 Standby Fee

Haileybury is willing to provide Bucke township with fire protection. Council agreed Monday evening to offer Bucke protection at a cost of \$1,500 standby charges, plus the cost of the fire calls.

Council estimated that this would cost about nine and one half mills a year, which is the same number of mills that Haileybury pays for protecting the town.

A meeting last Thursday evening reversed a stand of local firemen who earlier in the week had turned down the proposition of answering Bucke fire calls. Reconsideration resulted in an almost unanimous vote of 17 firemen present to give Bucke the protection they seek.

Both firemen and town fathers stipulated from the beginning that no protection would be considered before the arrival of a second fire engine to be purchased by Haileybury. The town was not prepared to "leave themselves wide open and without protection while off fighting Bucke blazes."

The details of Thursday's meeting were disclosed to council by Councillor L. Simard, chairman of the fire committee. Instead of \$1,200 basic rate, firemen are asking for \$1,500 per annum payable in advance on a five year contract basis. In addition there will be a \$25 per call for the truck charge.

Mr. Simard revealed the brigade is asking for \$6 an hour for the chief, \$4.50 for captains and \$3.50 for regular men with an additional \$1.75 per hour for consecutive hours for all ranks.

These rates apply not only for those who actually fight the fire, but for all men who "answered the call, whether or not dispatched to the scene of the blaze."

"They figure that for the nor-

mal call Bucke would have to pay some \$120 to \$125 to our firemen as wages," he said. "It is calculated that each call, except the fire is particularly bad, should take two hours with travelling time, fighting and putting equipment back in order."

An additional aspect is the \$200 to \$400 a year which will have to be paid by Bucke for fire inspection purposes. Considering all details, it should cost Bucke in the neighborhood of \$2,500 an average year for protection.

Mr. Simard and Lorne Wiseman left the meeting shortly after 10 p.m. to present terms to a Bucke township council meeting. The meeting had already ended when they arrived in North Cobalt.

However the delegation contacted Reeve Charles Courtemanche at his residence and told him of the counter-proposal.

It has been unofficially disclosed that Bucke township had upped its mill rate on fire protection from five to nine in preparation for higher costs for "added services from Haileybury or otherwise."

Councillor D. Millar pointed out that the new rates suggested by firemen only cover "the mere operational costs" and doesn't allow room for wear and tear on materials or equipment.

Bucke officials were mum on the new proposal. They would not intimate whether they would accept or turn down the proposal and acquire their own fire-fighting services.

But earlier during the council meeting at Bucke, Councillor Chester Hopkins had suggested that in view of the cost of getting fire protection, the whole question should be put to a vote of the people.

### Lots of Argument When Selling Lots.

Just what conditions should be imposed on the sale of building lots was debated at length by Haileybury council Monday night, but they didn't reach any decision.

The debate was started when council considered an application from Gordon Campbell, for two lots on Amwell street.

In the past, council sold lots on the understanding that a building had to be started on them within one year, and if the building wasn't erected, they gave the buyer back his money and took over the lot.

Mr. Day said that he doesn't approve of selling lots and then allowing the purchaser his money back. It was a form of speculation.

Dan Millar agreed, but pointed out that council has been breaking its own rules.

Lorne Wiseman thought that if a purchaser was buying merely to attach an empty lot onto his present property, there should be some kind of an extra charge.

Mr. Millar pointed out that the idea of the clause insisting on a building being erected, was due to the lack of building lots. "The number of building lots is limited," he said. At the same time, he pointed out that by selling lots under the old agreement, was in fact nothing but selling an option on a lot.

Council agreed to sell Mr. Campbell his lot anyway, and also sold a lot to Mrs. Elizabeth Dunbar, that is not suitable for building upon, for the sum of \$200.

### Many Sheep Killed By Savage Wolves

Sheep breeders in the little Clay Belt are again suffering from attacks by wolves on their flocks. Recently, three farmers have lost sheep or lambs in the Kerns township and Earlton area.

It is not known whether a pack of wolves is running through the area. Raoul Maillie of Kerns township had eight lambs killed and Bob Jarvis lost two of his flock, and two lambs on R. J. Kinney's farm near Earlton were killed. Mrs. Jim Purbrick of Kerns township said that her husband found wolf tracks in his yard after a shower of rain. But farmers say they cannot track down the killers under present weather conditions.

In November of last year farmers in Kerns and adjoining townships lost more than 300 sheep to killer wolves. One wolf was shot by a trapper and another, a three-legged giant, was killed by farmers in an organized hunt and no more sheep killings were reported.

### COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council Monday evening heard that the police had a quiet month in July. There were six accidents, making a total of 36 for the year. The police travelled 1,400 miles on patrol in the town, and fines collected totalled \$86.00. The town police force is now back to full strength, as the chief, OPP Constable Don Scanlon, has returned from his annual leave.

Mrs. Pearl McGregor has been engaged as stenographer for the town office.

Agreed that the whole problem of garbage collection should be reviewed before the end of September.

Instructed the police to keep the entrance leading to Tulloch and Buffam's ambulance garage clear of traffic as there was danger of the ambulance being held up on an emergency call.

The property north of and adjacent to the golf club will be taxed. It was brought to the council's attention that the golf club has owned the property for many years, although it does not make use of it. The town clerk was instructed to inform the assessor and have the area assessed.

### Streets Oiled-\$1,039 No Dough For More

The streets got oiled, at least some of them did. Council considered them briefly Tuesday night, with some differing points of view. Mayor Day congratulated the chairman of the board of works, Councillor Fleming, on getting oiled.

Councillor Wiseman thought a magnifying glass or even a microscope would come in handy when looking for the oiled streets. But council didn't need a glass to see the bill. It came to \$1,039 for 3,335 gallons of oil.

Council agreed that more oiling on more streets would be a good idea, but it doesn't have the money.

### 14 Days in Jail for Coleman Councillor

A member of Coleman township council, 58-year-old Edmund Soucisse of West Cobalt was sentenced to 14 days in jail by Magistrate E. W. Kenrick in court last week.

Soucisse pleaded guilty to driving while impaired, and admitted to a previous conviction in 1953.

OPP Constable Garnet Kahl of the Cobalt municipal detachment stated that the accused had hit three vehicles in succession and then came out of his car smelling of alcohol and with a flushed face.

The first offence in 1953 cost him a fine of \$75.

### Anglicans Hold Loyalty Dinner Launch Fund Raising Campaign

More than 100 of Haileybury's Anglicans gathered at the Haileybury Hotel Tuesday for their first Loyalty dinner. The dinner was held to start a major fund raising drive which will be held during the next few days.

The congregation of St. Paul's Anglican Church was warned by S. Mason, chairman of the canvass committee, that the financial picture is not good, and the future will not be bright if the canvass is not successful.

Mayor H. A. Day gave a short outline of the history of the church in Haileybury, from the time the late Bishop Sullivan and a group of local Anglicans chose the present site for the church in 1894.

Mr. Day remarked that many

of the present difficulties are caused by the fact that after the 1922 fire, the church leaders rebuilt with that existing before the fire. Unfortunately the town's present population is still some 1,500 people less than in 1921.

C. D. Pringle, who heads the training committee, and J. White, who heads the canvassers, outlined the various duties of the canvassers. They said that it is hoped to get sacrificial pledges signed for the next three years.

Rev. Canon C. Goodier closed the dinner meeting with prayers for the success of the campaign.

### Sidewalks Terrible Says Hotel Manager

The town's sidewalks are in disgraceful condition according to Jimmy Timmins. The manager of the Haileybury hotel told the council this Monday evening, but while they didn't disagree, they couldn't see what they could do about it.

Mr. Timmins told the council that the hotel is planning to repair its portion of the sidewalk in front of the hotel. He asked council if it would consider repairing the town's part of the sidewalk to match the hotel's.

Council indicated that it didn't have the money, and that there are other sidewalks in town in worse shape.

"The town sidewalks are a disgrace," said Mr. Timmins. "They are in the worse shape I have seen them in years. A woman finds it difficult to push a baby carriage in the town."

Mr. Timmins said that compared with New Liskeard, the town is far behind the times, but Mayor H. A. Day said that New Liskeard is half a million dollars in the hole.

Councillor N. Fleming said that residents must be satisfied, or there would be more complaints.

Mayor Day said that it had been the policy of the council to make residents on each street pay for the improvements to their street. "There are other sidewalks 10 times worse," Mr. Day said. "Two years ago there was a petition from residents on Rorke avenue where the water washes over a sidewalk that school children use."

Mr. Day added that as far as

he could see, taxpayers would rather have low taxes and bad sidewalks, than good sidewalks and higher taxes.

### MAGISTRATE'S COURT

Magistrate E. W. Kenrick had to issue personal service orders against five district men who failed to appear in court and answer varied charges yesterday, but other residents showed a marked anxiety to get the thing over with.

The court docket showed 14 offenders preferred to enter guilty pleas and pay fines rather than face the magistrate.

R. Theriault, New Liskeard, failure to stop; H. LaPolice, New Liskeard, intoxication; J. Carriere, M. Craig and D. Sterling all of New Liskeard, having liquor, were in the \$10-and-\$3-costs category. Paying \$10 and \$4.50 were H. J. Sutton, New Liskeard no angling licence; and N. Stevens of North Bay, intoxication.

In a higher category were A. Coudreault, Belle Vallee, speeding, \$17 and \$3; P. Gaboury, Englehart, disturbing the peace, \$15 and \$3; and Wm. Holmes and O. Cosby, both of New Liskeard, \$25 and 4.50 for entering a closed district.

On the lighter side J. Dean of Cobalt and A. Lasky of New Liskeard paid \$1 and \$3 costs for illegal parking.

### THE WEER'S WEATHER

Week ending Aug. 10th, 1955

	Min.	Max.
Thursday	70	83
Friday	73	78
Saturday	58	75
Sunday	57	62
Monday	50	70
Tuesday	62	76
Wednesday	64	76

### Parking Lot Needed May use Hotel Lawn

If the Haileybury Hotel cannot find decent parking space for its guests, it may be forced to turn its lawns into a parking lot.

Hotel manager Jimmy Timmins told the council at its last meeting that the parking situation is getting increasingly serious, and that the hotel will have to do something to solve it in the near future. Council didn't offer any solution.

### OPP SMASH TIRE THEFT GANG

Provincial police in Haileybury believe that they have smashed an organized gang of tire thieves. Statements from a man already convicted of another offence, led to one arrest, and further arrests are expected.

### COBALT INSTALLS METERS

Cobalt will install parking meters next week. The meters will be installed on a trial basis by the company that hopes to sell the meters to the town.

If the town council decides to keep the meters, Cobalt will be the first of the Tri-Towns to adopt the machines.

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