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Cobalt Has Water Trouble Councillor Wants Action

Worried over the water situation in Cobalt, and angered by Council's refusal to take immediate action, Councillor William Tresidder announced that he intends to fight for a complete overhaul of the Silvertown water supply system.

Councillor Tresidder refused to be satisfied with Mayor Fulton Purdy's promise to call a special meeting to deal with the matter. "Cobalt Councils have been put-

ting off a reckoning for too many years," he exploded, "and the situation is so serious that we can't delay action any longer."

The Councillor estimates that it will take close to \$200,000 to put the service in condition, "and if we don't fix it up we won't be drinking water, and we may burn," he said.

According to the Councillor, half of Cobalt is presently without water

and he forecast an even worse condition if the cold weather continues. He also said that there is repair work that has been held over since 1951, giving this as proof of years of "make-do" and patching. He says the town must borrow money and replace the worn out mains this summer.

Factually, water pressure is low in the north end of town, and one street is completely without water.

Council is taking measures to guard against fire in the town, hoses have been set in a rock cut at the north end of town, and a truck has been fitted with a 700 gallon tank.

The Library Board got a financial and spiritual lift from Council when it agreed unanimously to support that institution.

Don McGugan, chairman of the association, told Council that changes in government grant structure made municipal aid mandatory.

He said that a minimum grant of 50 cents per capita was needed from the town, and Council agreed to this figure.

Northern Metal Company warned Council that it will hold the municipality responsible for any future flooding in the basement of its building. The complaint was turned over to the Works Department.

Council also considered taking steps to transfer arena responsibility to the Recreation Commission.

Museum Group Will Try, Try, Try Again

A well known Cobalt area mining man, Jim Price, has been elected chairman of the Cobalt Mining Museum Committee. Arnold

Todd will act as secretary, and Bud Spencer as treasurer.

At a recent meeting, Vic Stevens, who has headed the committee since its formation in 1954, said that he had to give up due to poor health. Mr. Stevens said that either an active committee should be formed, or the money collected to date should be returned. The committee has about \$1,200 in the bank.

Others who agreed to serve on the committee were John Damiani, Hugh Armstrong, Mayor F. Purdy, Councillors J. Jones and J. Robitaille.

There was a discussion concerning the pros and cons of trying to acquire the Ontario Hydro Building in Cobalt for the Museum. Recently a proposal by Arnold Todd in this connection was turned down by the council. The Hydro offered the building to Mr. Todd for a nominal rent, providing the town was responsible for maintenance and taxes. The council refused to agree to this as there was no long term lease or security for the museum. Taxes amount to about \$950 a year.

Mr. Purdy said that some aid from the town could be expected, but added that he knows at least 400 people who would be opposed to any major expenditure of the taxpayers' money on the museum.

Deep Frost Causes Water Problems In Frozen Cobalt

With broken water lines all over the town, Cobalt is facing up to a serious problem. Water pressure in the North end of town is so low that many second storey bathrooms and toilets are dry.

Most of Earl street is without water, and being supplied by truck. Downtown the works department is trying to unplug the main sewer, and also find a suspected break in one of the main water lines.

The town normally consumes, or at least, pumps more than 365 million gallons a year. With hundreds of residents running their taps to prevent freezeups, and thousands of gallons pouring out of the cracked lines, the figure is expected to be even higher this year.

In January alone there were 55 calls for aid in unfreezing lines. Due to the lack of snow, the frost has penetrated as low as five to six feet in some places.

The whole town went dry for a while Tuesday morning, when a break in hydro supplies cut off the electric pumps. So much water is being used that the water tank was dry in minutes.



District Honors Nurse P. M. Writes Miss Rice

Happy birthday Miss Rice . . . messages of congratulations from all parts of Canada and the United States were read last night at the birthday reception in the New Liskeard Community Hall for Miss Muriel Rice, well loved public health nurse in the district.

Daughter of a pioneer Thornloe and Clover Valley family who came to the district in 1903, Miss Muriel Rice was the guest of honor at the reception, which was attended by well wishers from all walks of life.

She has had a distinguished career in the nursing profession, and in this area is known for her many act of kindness to those in need and distress.

Miss Rice trained at the Lady Minto Hospital in New Liskeard

for two years before going to Kingston General Hospital where she graduated in 1922. She then nursed at the Lady Minto hospital in New Liskeard, and served as an industrial nurse at Dome Mine.

A Red Cross nurse for ten years, Miss Rice was at Red Cross posts at Englehart, Blind River and Manitoulin Island. She then took a public health nursing course, and then nursed at Lion's Head, Georgian Bay, and Port Credit.

A nurse with the Victorian Order of Nurses, Miss Rice served four years at Kirkland Lake, and at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia for three years. She then nursed at North Bay with the VON, before being appointed public health nurse for the town of Haileybury in 1950.

In 1951 Miss Rice joined the Temiskaming Health Unit where she has served ever since.

Letters included one from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker; and the Red Cross Society; Victorian Order of Nurses; Miss Isabel Black, director of public health nurses for Ontario; and many other congratulatory messages from all provinces and the USA.

Mr. Diefenbaker's letter read: "May I join with your many friends in extending greetings and felicitations on the reception to be held in your honor in New Liskeard."

Your unselfish devotion to duty has contributed to the health and happiness of the whole community, and is evidence of the highest standard of good citizenship.

With all good wishes for your future happiness, — John Diefenbaker."

Speakers at the reception were Dr. F. Farlinger, Dr. W. C. Arnold, and Dr. E. R. Harris, M.O.H. Temiskaming Health Unit.

Mrs. Dorothy Houston provided the entertainment for the guests at the party.

Organizations represented at the reception were: New Liskeard Kiwanis Club; New Liskeard Lion's Club; Cancer Society; Tuberculosis Association; Federation of Agriculture; Woman's Institute; Church Groups; Home and School Association; Institute of the Blind; Retarded Children's Association; Principals and teachers from the schools in the area; Clergy; Ontario Society for Crippled Children; Poliomyelitis Rehabilitation Society (March of Dimes); Haileybury Rotarians; Medical Profession; Children's Aid Society.

The Weather

Week ending February 14, 1960.

	Max.	Min.
Wednesday	53	29
Thursday	39	28
Friday	31	10
Saturday	19	-5
Sunday	27	-1
Monday	32	7
Tuesday	36	13

Wednesday, February 8, was the warmest February day recorded since the records were started in 1894.

Harry Miller to Open Mines

The man who has come to Cobalt's rescue in the past, Harry Miller, has pulled two new silver mines out of the bag. Mr. Miller announced recently that he has plans for a new operation in South Lorrain, as well as a new mine in Harris Township, not far from

New Liskeard. Drilling under Lake Temiskaming in South Lorrain Township, Mr. Miller has discovered excellent silver values. Drilling was started in December, and with his usual good luck, high values were soon found.

The new mine will be known as Miller-Lorrain Mines Ltd. The company controls 11 claims, including the old Nipissing Mine on the shore of Lake Temiskaming. It will be from these old workings that the ore under the lake will be developed.

Mr. Miller expects his South Lorrain operation to be in full blast soon. Another Miller venture promises to be working by this summer. This is the Dolphin-Miller Mine, which controls some 400 acres adjoining the rich Langis Silver mine in Harris township near New Liskeard. Mr. Miller is confident that this property will be in full production by this summer.

Financing for the Miller Lorrain Mine has been completed and mining operations will be started as soon as the weather permits.

Mr. Miller is an old-timer in South Lorrain mining. He worked at the Wettlaufer mine from the time it opened until it shut down in 1913. He recalls that the first sliver was discovered on the surface by cutting into it with a cross-cut saw. Prior to the First World War, lumberjacks were taking out

timber. While cutting a fallen tree into logs, the saw slashed through the tree and into the ground. The metallic rasp caused the lumberjacks to investigate, and they found the silver vein.

The Nipissing, which is included in the new Miller property at South Lorrain, was a producer in the 1920's. Supplies for the mine were loaded on barges at the Haileybury dock, and towed to the property.

High grade silver ore was bagged at the mine and taken to Haileybury by barge and then by rail to the company's property at Cobalt, where it was treated in the mill and refinery.

The company was probably the only mining concern that had the advantage of being able to load its ores directly into a barge from the workings.

Maidens Creek flows into Lake Temiskaming, and an adit had been driven into the hill from the creek. The barges were brought up the creek to adit, and the muck cars were loaded underground and pushed out to the adit entrance, where they were dumped into the barge.

The first settlement in South Lorrain was on the shore of Lake Temiskaming. The government built a dock there, and as the contract number was 66, the settlement became known as Sixty-Six. That faded and the next boom brought another settlement at Loon (Continued on Page Twelve)

Farm Leaders Needed Training Available Who Shall We Send?

Chester Hopkins, Bucke Township farmer has just returned from the Rural Leadership Forum sponsored jointly by the Department and the Ontario Department of Education, audibly wondering why this district, yearly, fails to take advantage of this important training opportunity.

"Mrs. Dorothy Houston and myself are apparently the only persons from the district who have attended these courses," he said, "Mrs. Houston as the protegee of the Farm Forum and myself of the United Co-ops."

Mr. Hopkins said that each district may send up to two representatives, the Department of Ed-

ucation, Community Programs Branch foots the bill for the program, the Department of Agriculture pays all travelling expenses and usually the organization sponsoring the delegates pays the modest housing and food bill.

"It is a fact that farm organizations need more leaders, persons who would be able to take part of the load off the few good men and women, who, as community leaders are overworked."

"This course," he concluded, "gives basic training in all those things needed by leaders, and I think the district would benefit if we made sure that two persons are sent each year."