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## POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS TO RETURN TO MINING

Town Engages Provincial Health Nurse. Other Council Business.

There was a meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening, adjournment having been made from the previous Monday evening when the majority of the members were out of town. The Mayor presided and Councillors Longmore, DeFeu and Laprairie were present.

A letter of resignation was read from Mr. J. E. Wilson, Chief of Police of Timmins, who asked to be relieved of the duties of the position by Dec. 31st, or before that date if convenient as he was going back to his former line in mining work. In his letter the Chief expressed his thanks to the Council for their invariable kindness, courtesy and assistance to him during all the time he had been in the employ of the town. On motion of Councillors DeFeu and Longmore the Chief was asked to reconsider his resignation. In speaking to this motion, Councillor DeFeu said that he believed he voiced the opinion of all honest and thoughtful people when he said that Chief Wilson had been a very capable and satisfactory Chief of Police. He said that the Chief had held the office during one of the most trying times in the history of the town and because he had worthily fulfilled the duties he wished the resignation reconsidered. Chief Wilson, in reply, thanked the Council for this resolution. He said it was but one more of the many kindnesses he had received from the Council since his appointment. He had received every support and courtesy from the Council at all times. However, he was going back to his old line of mining work, and felt he could not withdraw the resignation, but if at any time he could be of service to the Town of Timmins in any way it would be a pleasure. He said he would continue until the Town could arrange for a new Chief, but he would like to be relieved as soon after the 10th of December as possible. On Motion of Councillor DeFeu, Chairman of the Police Committee, an advertisement was ordered to be inserted in The Advance calling for applications for the position of Chief of Police for the town. The Chief was given the necessary permission to remove a chicken coop he had built at his own expense on the town property, and also the Town agreed to purchase from him for \$50.00, the linoleum with which he had covered the imperfect floors in the living rooms over the Council Chamber and Town offices.

Messrs. W. N. & P. H. Stock asked that the payment on business license be credited on taxes as provided by the by-law, the firm being in business for the time required. Council agreed to this.

A letter was received from Mr. W. F. B. Cadman, manager of the local business of the Northern Ontario Light & Power Co., replying to the town's recent complaint regarding poor lighting service. Mr. Cadman said that the matter had been investigated and the trouble had no doubt been caused by the street lights going out earlier than they should. This was due to a peculiarity of the automatic system and had been remedied as soon as discovered. The company were anxious to give the best service possible and welcomed all suggestions that would assist to this end. The letter also referred to the number of street lights that were broken apparently by deliberate mischief, and asked for all possible protection in this matter from the Town.

A refund of \$26.73 on excess income tax paid by Mr. J. Berini was approved, and a couple of other tax matters adjusted.

An application for the position of constable was received from Mr. Thos. Regan, who has had six years' experience in police work.

There was a large deputation present at the Council meeting in regard to the appointment of a Provincial Health Nurse for the Town. The deputation included representatives from the Public School Board, the Separate School Board, the local Board of Health, the Red Cross, the I.O.G.E., the Ladies of Charity, the Jewish Women's Society and the mothers of the Town. Dr. H. H. Moore, Medical Health Officer, acted as spokesman for the delegation which filled the Council Chamber. He pointed out the number of societies and interests represented and referred to the good work for the general good in which they were concerned. He reviewed the work of the Provincial Health Nurses during their stay in (Continued on page 5)

## MAIL BAG STOLEN AND RIFLED AT SCHUMACHER

Thieves Attempt to Pass Stolen Cheques and Drafts in Timmins.

On Thursday evening after the mail bag was thrown off onto the platform at Schumacher some person or persons came along and stole the mail bag, carrying it along the track towards the Dome Siding where it was cut open and rifled. Letters were opened and a diligent search made not only for money but also for cheques, drafts, etc., in fact for anything that seemed to have any connection with money. Apparently the thief or thieves were not any too well informed regarding business and financial matters, for drafts and other useless papers were stolen along with a few letters containing money. It is not thought that the thief or thieves received any very large return for the robbery of the mail in this way, but when the guilty parties are caught they will get more than they expect, robbing His Majesty's mails being considered under the law as a very serious crime. As soon as the loss of the mail bag was discovered, the police were notified and have been at work on the case ever since. The best clues to the culprits have been given through the apparent ignorance of the robbers or their accomplices. For instance, two men went into a Timmins store on Friday and purchased a large bill of goods. When they came to pay for the merchandise one of them tendered what he evidently believed to be a cheque. It was an unendorsed draft, however, and the merchant pointed out to his customers that the paper was of no value. They hurried away, leaving the goods behind. Unfortunately, the police were not notified of the attempt to cash this draft until several hours after the occurrence. It is believed that the draft was one of the papers stolen from the rifled mail bag. Attempt was also made to cash one of the cheques stolen from one of the letters in the mail bag. The bank here refused to cash the cheque and held the document, but the man attempting to pass it made a very hurried get-away when he discovered that there was difficulty. The Township Police, assisted by the Timmins police and the Provincial, have been busy and are in hopes of bringing the robber or robbers to speedy justice. A fair description of two of the men thought to be concerned has been secured from merchants and others upon whom they have attempted to pass the stolen drafts and cheques.

## RECITAL AND DANCE IN MASONIC HALL TO-NIGHT

A recital, chiefly on the piano and violin, will be given this evening commencing at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Hall by Mr. Schroeder and his advanced pupils. Admission to the recital is by invitation, there being no fee. After the recital the students are giving a dance. Mr. Schroeder's own 7-piece orchestra will furnish the music for the dance.

## WALLINGFORD MILL MAY BE MOVED TO NEW SITE

It is understood that Mr. F. M. Wallingford intends to shift his mill at the river from its present site to one higher up the river. Previous to Mr. S. R. Rawlinson's departure the visit relatives in England, it is understood that he and Mr. Wallingford came to an arrangement regarding the sale of a site for the mill. The Wallingford Mill as a consequence will likely be moved up the river to the site purchased from Mr. Rawlinson. The new site will place the mill on the road to town and will also provide for an easy extension of the railway siding so that railroad facilities may be afforded.

## REBEKAHS HOLD PLEASANT EUCHERE PARTY AND DANCE

There was a very pleasant eucHERE, dance and social evening held in the Oddfellows Hall by Gold Nugget Rebekeh Lodge after their regular session on Thursday evening. The attendance was large and all present thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The eucHERE was keenly contested. Mrs. Henry Leng was the winner of the first prize for ladies, and Mr. Alf. Prout carried off the gentleman's honours. Mrs. Marshall was awarded the lady's consolation prize and Mr. W. Martin, of the Porcupine Crown, the gentleman's consolation. The music for the dance was supplied by Mr. W. H. Wilson. The dance was much enjoyed by all.

## ONTARIO BOARDS URGE WORKS FOR THE NORTH

North Land Highway and Extension Of T. & N. O. Approved by Ontario Boards of Trade.

Last week the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce holding their annual session at Belleville gave hearty endorsement to the proposed North Land Highway from North Bay to Cochrane Timmins and Iroquois Falls, and also unanimously endorsed the extension of the T. & N. O. "on to the bay." The meeting represented the Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of the Province and a large number of questions of interest to the Province were before the meeting. The two special North Land questions were given every attention possible in the limited time at the disposal of the body. The meeting gave some good advertising for the North. Among the delegates from the North Land attending this annual meeting were:—Mr. Frank K. Ebbitt, of Iroquois Falls, secretary of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade; Mr. Geo. A. Smith the bachelor father of the proposed North Land Highway, now making his headquarters at Cochrane, but formerly living at Timmins; Mr. Stevens, of Cochrane. Perhaps at future meetings of the Ontario Associated Boards the North Land may be able to arrange for a larger representation than it was able to send this year. The resolutions passed at the Ontario Boards of Trade will be duly forwarded to the proper Government and other authorities concerned.

## LATH AND SHINGLE MILL NOW STARTING AT RIVER

Mr. Sam McChesney is going to run his mill at the River as a lath and shingle mill this winter, thus supplying a long-felt want and adding to the variety of the industries in the district. It is understood that Mr. McChesney intends putting up a new lumber mill on a site adjoining his present mill. When the new mill is erected there will be a noteworthy array of small but growing industries at the river. Most of the mills have been working on this recently. With these tie-making mills, the lath and shingle mill, and the regular lumber mills the river will continue to be a busy section of this district.

## FIREMEN'S CONCERT TO BE BIG EVENT THIS WEEK

"Everybody is buying tickets for the Firemen's Concert Thursday evening of this week," says Fire Chief Borland, who adds that in addition to a big crowd the Firemen are going to have a big programme and a fine line of entertainment for the occasion. The programme will consist of instrumental and vocal music by gifted local artists, selections by the Timmins Citizens Band, dancing and specialties. There will be solos, duets, quartets, etc., both vocal and instrumental, cornet solos being featured among the instrumental selections. Some of the specialties are expected to prove particularly attractive. The Firemen's Annual Concert in the New Empire Theatre tomorrow (Thursday) evening, promises to be one of the best concert events of the year.

## HAILEYBURY PLEASANT WITH ITS HOCKEY TEAM

In commenting on a recent item in The Advance regarding the Porcupine Hockey team, The Haileyburian last week says:—"It may be added to this that New Liskeard is not the only team in the League that is out practising, for although Haileybury has been keeping mum on the hockey question, the team turned out to a good work-out on Thursday last and have had several practices since then. Owing to the soft condition of the ice the tryout on Thursday was greatly retarded, but a glance over the line-up shows that the new blood infused into the team this year is flowing in the proper veins and the number of fans who attended the practice were greatly pleased with the work of the boys."

Constable Greer gathered in some supposedly vicious foreigners this week. They are accused of wounding one of their fellows. They used, according to the story told, a heavy stick of wood with a sharpened end. The evidence consists of one bruised head, one battered body, one cut face and one large quantity of broken English. The case will come before Magistrate Atkins on this week.

## JURY DISAGREED IN THE CASE AGAINST MRS. ABOUD

Another Trial at Next Assizes Ordered by Judge. Other Cases at Supreme Court.

The jury disagreed (split fifty-fifty it is reported) in the Aboud case at Haileybury last week at the Supreme Court sittings. Mrs. N. Aboud was charged with arson in connection with a fire in her store in Moneta some months ago. The evidence was similar to that at the preliminary trial here, with the addition of three or four witnesses, one of whom said he saw Mrs. Aboud enter her store about 7.30 the night of the fire, while others took oath to her being elsewhere at that time, one lady saying she saw her in the Catholic church, and a man being emphatic that she was at her home. Miss Abbas, an important witness at the preliminary trial, was not present last week. The Judge set the case over for another trial at the next assizes, Mrs. Aboud's bail being renewed.

Others cases at the Supreme Court included:—Herman Yarka, given a year for robbing and burning a settler's home; John Barako, charged with seditious utterances, jury disagreed, new trial to be given this John who was at Twin Falls at the time of the alleged offence but who formerly worked at the Crown, Dome Lake and other mines; Bartlett vs. Abitibi Co., settled by payment of \$1000 damages for loss through overflowing of river during dam construction.

## HONOUR ROLL FOR MONTH TIMMINS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Standing of Pupils in Classes At Public School.

The following is the honour roll for the month of November for the various classes in the Timmins Public School:—

Primary Class.—A. Charlie Cushing, Mary Williams, Terry Smith, Nellie Kennedy, Eva Marshall, Esther Robertson, Rugust Edwards.

Primary Class.—B. Francis McQuarrie, Sam Katz, Hedley Moore.

C. Class.—Harry Fox, Harriet Heil, Morris Gord, George Reed, Jean Scott.

Sr. Primer.—Isobel Carter, Edythe Marshall, Ray Eddy, Vivian Ray, Alice Hulman, Hugh Cottrell, Doris Heil, Terttu Hahto.

Junior First.—Mary Allen, Francis Woodbury, Millie Piehuta, Hugh Armitage, Morris Shulman, Dorothy Morgan, Willie Shelest, Margaret McPherson, Fred Smith, John Stevens, Mary Halsezuk, Jack Williams, George Wallingford, Won Shui Key.

Grade II.—Anne Young, Violet Grills, Sylvia Krusisto, Annie Scott, Annie Anderson, George Dewar, Floyd Rhude, Andre Wainio, Joe Piehuta, Helva Huhtala, Vera Mustatow, Ero Salomaa, Delia Blow, Matti, Kimari, Neill Maki, Richard Mullen, Gladstone Ray, Jack Riley, Isabel Fiss, Sadie Garvetch.

Second Book.—Laino Huhtala, Doris Hutton, Evalena Anderson, Eddie Krusisto, Ada Graham, Mary Dlynyczak, Kathryn Young, Eugenia Young Violet Spencer, Helene Alekna.

Senior III.—Winifred Mounce, Burnett Johnston, Hazel Smith, Willie Arundell, Edith Richardson, Lola Dorway, Cooly Pariffata, Etta Brown.

Junior Third.—Vieno Pirttsalo, Roland Barnes, Cybelle Anderson, Annie Mustatow, Sylvia Hakala, Willie Al-Mustatow, Sylvia Hakala, Willie Alton, Minnie Stevens, Joy McCarthy, Sadie Daher, Paul Alken, Ethel Allworth.

Sr. II.—Dorothy Porter, Burton Holland, Roma Porter, Willie Mustatow, Alexander Shulman, Hazel Little, Powell Morgan, Anna Valve, Betty Allen, Bert Watt, Nellie Studor, Edith Haugland, Annie Feldman, Ella Bennett.

Jr. VI Margaret House, Roy Hardy, Issie Shulman, Ruby Kennedy, Charly Studor.

Continuation School Form I.—Hilda Kinnari, Ervi Kari, Selma Moses, (C. Hakala, Simie Kyllonen, equal), Beatrice McCracken.

Form II.—Florence Kendall, Fred Auer, Philip Daher.

Mrs. Tessie Clark, formerly a resident of Timmins, was fined \$500 and costs or four months in jail last week for selling liquor at the home of her father, M. Budariek, Cobalt. She swore she never sold a drink in her life, but Magistrate Atkinson imposed the sentence.

## NEW SOCIETY HOLDS ST ANDREW'S NIGHT EVENT

Over 80 at Pleasant Evening Given by Caledonian Society of Timmins.

St. Andrew's Night was very pleasantly observed last evening in the basement of the Presbyterian church by the recently organized Caledonian Society of Timmins. Over eighty Scots and Scotswomen were present and found the evening from its beginning to its Scottish close a most enjoyable time. Mr. Frank Lamb, president of the Caledonian Society of Timmins, occupied the chair and introduced the programme with a rousing speech pulsing with true Scottish fervor. Among the distinguished guests for the evening were two new members, Mr. Mac Lang, M.P.P., and Dr. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, both of whom made brief addresses expressing their pride in being Scottish. Rev. J. D. Parks made one of his typical addresses, with wit and humor and apt good sense blended in proper Scottish style. Mr. D. Mackie, vice-president, G. A. Macdonald, secretary, Mr. P. Dougal, and Mr. J. K. Moore, the latter being the "father" of the Society, his efforts primarily starting the organization, were also called upon during the evening and responded with brief addresses suitable to the occasion. Mrs. Todd of Schumacher opened the musical part of the programme with a talented rendition of "Callie Herrin," and the following selections maintained the high standard of excellence thus set. Later in the evening Mrs. Todd delighted the audience with the national favorite, "Annie Laurie." Mr. Deeming on the violin and Miss Jean Watt in piano selections brought well-merited applause for gifted instrumental work. There were well-rendered solos by Mrs. J. K. Moore, Miss Jean Roberts, Miss Hoggarth, Mrs. M. B. Scott, Mr. James Cowan, Mr. W. G. McHugh, Mr. James Twaddle and Mr. James Geils. Special mention should be made of the singing of Miss Hoggarth whose selection was the composition of a member of the Society, Mr. M. B. Scott. Mr. Geils made one of the hits of the evening with his Scottish songs and his fine voice. Little Miss May Moore also was one of the evening's special numbers, giving clever and pleasing little recitations that delighted all. Mr. M. B. Scott's reading, "The Cuckoo," with its clever wit and local allusions was another of the big hits. Mr. Geo. M. Black gave valuable assistance by his talented work as an accompanist, while nearer the end of the evening Mr. W. H. Wilson also acted as accompanist in his usual able way as well as favoring the audience with a piano solo, a medley of Scottish airs. The refreshments served by the ladies merit unstinted praise. Delicious sandwiches, cakes, scones, oatmeal cakes, shortbread, etc. were there in Scottish bountifulness, with tea and coffee of Scottish make, the best and more than plenty. "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King" brought to a close a very enjoyable evening and one that marks a very auspicious opening "At Home" for the Caledonian Society of Timmins.

## HOCKEY BOYS TAKING PHYSICAL EXERCISES

The absence of the necessary ice is handicapping the hockey boys here for good practice work, but they are not being stopped from proper training by a little thing like the soft weather. Arrangements have been made for the use of King's Hall for physical culture classes to get the boys in the pink of physical condition. The training will be under the supervision of Mr. J. W. Faithful, who needs no introduction in this district, and Mr. Edwards who was for a number of years in charge of physical culture work in the British Army. The first of these practices will be held this (Wednesday) evening. The boys are keen to get going, and the public are generally enthusiastic in expecting big things from this season's hockey team.

## CASE OF TOWN VS. WHITE SET OVER TO NEXT COURT

Plaintiff Could Not Show Ownership Of Land.

Among the cases coming before the Supreme Court of Ontario at Haileybury last week the case of White vs. Town of Timmins is of special interest to the people of this district. The case is rather an involved one, there being many peculiar features about it. The Town has made every effort to effect a settlement without prejudicing its position or placing the municipality in an awkward position. The facts may be outlined as follows:—Two men were the evident owners of a building near the Whelpdale mine. One of these men was in negotiation with the Town for the purchase of the house as an isolation hospital, but the other apparently closed a deal with Mr. A. White for the purchase of the building. Mr. White purposed moving the building to a new site down near the river. In the meantime, however, the Town had sudden need for an isolation hospital and the house was used for the isolation of a smallpox patient. Mr. White then approached the Town in the matter, and was offered a hundred dollars for the use of the house as well as the guarantee that the building would be thoroughly disinfected and everything left in as good condition as when the Town took over the house for isolation purposes. At the trial in Haileybury it developed that Mr. White could not show title to the land, and so the Town was in the position that if any damages were paid to Mr. White, the owners of the land might later come along and also demand damages from the Town. The case has already cost the Town two or three hundred dollars. The cost to Mr. White is probably much more. Neither the Town nor Mr. White can hope to profit by further litigation. The chances are that they will both lose, and the only persons profiting by the case will be the solicitors, though it is only fair to add that the solicitors used every reasonable effort to induce a settlement that would be fair to all concerned. At the Council meeting Monday evening, the Town Solicitor, Mr. D. W. O'Sullivan, gave a brief review of the case as follows:—"Re White vs. Town of Timmins.—The trial of the above action opened before Mr. J. Logie at Haileybury on Tuesday last. Before opening the trial Mr. Justice Logie sent for the Plaintiff's counsel and myself and suggested that we try to get together in a settlement. We discussed the matter at length and three propositions advanced by the Judge and approved by the Plaintiff's counsel. I consented to, but the Plaintiff's counsel was unable to obtain the Plaintiff's endorsement. The trial was proceeded with about nine o'clock on Tuesday evening. The Plaintiff was the first witness called to give evidence and his testimony very shortly disclosed that he was unable to show ownership of the land as set out in his statement of claim. At this juncture I applied for a non-suit with costs. This was refused. The Plaintiff's counsel argued that he should be permitted to prove his case on proving ownership of the house. The Judge declined to hear further evidence and directed that the Plaintiff's solicitor on his own undertaking should join the owners of the lands as parties defendant, and adjourned the trial to the next non-jury sittings at Haileybury. The costs of the day to be costs of the case to the successful party. In my view the action should have been non-suited, but it is doubtful if an appeal would be of any benefit to the Town as the main question is the disposition of the costs and the court of appeal is not likely to interfere with the disposition made by the trial Judge who has the greatest discretion as to the costs."

After the reading of this review of the case, the Mayor at Monday night's Council meeting expressed the hope and expectation that a fair settlement would be made of the case at an early date. Councillor Longmore pointed out that the idea that the house would be in any way injured by the smallpox case after the proper fumigation was entirely contrary to the best medical opinion to-day. So far earned the Town had always been ready to make it good.

On Sunday there was a very large crowd at Pearl Lake, taking advantage of the excellent skating there, while still others were present to watch the skaters. There is a large sheet of fine ice at Pearl Lake and this is enjoyed not alone by Schumacher people but by many from Timmins and other parts of the district as well.