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MAY THE YEAR NINETEEN-TWENTY-ONE BE A GOLDEN YEAR FOR YOU AND YOURS

MAN WHO ACTED AS AGENT GIVEN SIX MONTHS TERM

Man Known as King Cole Receives Prison Sentence. Williams On Suspended Sentence

At the police court here last Thursday Magistrate Atkinson sentenced the man known as King Cole to six months with hard labour for his connection with irregularities that caused losses of various kinds to the Merchants Casualty Company and to the public. Mr. Williams, formerly a barber in town, but recently in the tontorial business at Kapuskasing, against whom the Company had also made charges, was allowed to go on suspended sentence, the understanding being that any amounts he might be delinquent in with payments of premiums to the Company should be made good at once.

For some time past the Merchants Casualty Company has been annoyed and upset by complaints regarding premiums being paid to agents and policies not being issued. Investigation was being made of the matter, but in the meantime the actions of the man known as King Cole came to the attention of Officers Allen and Raycroft, who thought he was behaving in rather a suspicious way. A wire was sent to the Company to see if he was really an agent for them, and the response to this was a request for his arrest. Mr. A. F. Stolz, General Manager for the Province of Ontario for the Merchants Casualty Company, thought the matter important enough to pay a personal visit to Timmins last week and he remained here several days and was present at the trial of the two men concerned. The evidence went to show that King Cole had collected premiums for accident and sick benefit insurance and proper returns had not been received by the Company. The accused claimed some of the premiums had been sent by mail to Mr. Williams, though he had no receipts and had not registered or used any other safeguard in these alleged remittances. He said he was a college graduate and an engineer by profession, but did not give the best of an account of himself. He admitted that he had no license to solicit insurance, and in this connection it might be well for the general public to remember that all insurance solicitors must have licenses. In cases where there is the slightest question as to the good faith of any alleged insurance agent, his credentials and license should be demanded. Even allowing for the premiums that King Cole said he had sent to Williams but the latter denied ever receiving, there were a number of transactions that Cole could not properly account for. He was given the six months' term. Williams was alleged to be considerably behind in the payment over to the Company of premiums received by him. He was a regularly appointed agent of the Company, which the other man was not. There was no proof that he had been guilty of anything more serious than delaying the paying over to the Company of the premiums received by him. He is to square up with them, and in the mean time sentence is suspended.

The man King Cole was especially clever in making it appear to people that he was representing a company that was giving unusual advantages in the way of sick and accident insurance. As a result he secured a large number of premiums from people in Timmins and district. Few of these seemed to have received their policies up to the time of his arrest, though many were becoming anxious and questioning. All those who had dealings with King Cole in this matter are of course not known, but it is apparent that several hundred dollars in premiums are involved. Although not legally responsible for these payments the Company intends to protect the public. "Our plan," said Mr. Stolz last week, "is to give back the money through the Company never received (it) or to issue the policies as if they were regularly applied for and duly paid."

This man who says he is a graduate of Cornell University has given the Merchants' Casualty Company much serious annoyance through his improper operations. He was at Sioux Lookout previous to coming to Timmins and a warrant was issued there for his arrest in connection with some what similar difficulties at that place.

Mr. F. Francis spent the Christmas holidays in Huntsville.

TOWN'S ASSETS FAR IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES

Interesting Facts and Figures From Annual Financial Statement.

The financial statement of the Town of Timmins has been issued for the year ending Dec. 15th, 1920, and the booklet has many interesting and important facts and figures in regard to the financial affairs of the municipality.

The statement gives a careful and detailed review of the disbursements of the year, the expenditures being tabulated under the various departments and accounts. The receipts are also set forth with the necessary detail. A statement of the Town's Assets and Liabilities, as at Dec. 15th, is also given.

Apart from loans from the bank, \$100,000.00, and Sinking Fund, \$15,000.00, the receipts from Jan. 1st 1920 to Dec. 15th, total \$155,826.00. The chief items in making up this amount are:—Taxes, 1920, \$74,904.27; Hollinger Royalty, \$35,000.00; water rates, \$17562.82; fines, \$11617.50; arrears of taxes, \$6551.38; licenses, \$2615.00; poll taxes, \$1145.00; police returns, \$589.09; interest on arrears, \$415.23; dog taxes, \$337.00; sale of material, Special Account, \$241.95; sale of material, Waterworks Account \$901.60.

During the same period the disbursements total \$273,627.61. Of this amount \$75,000.00 was paid as return on loans from the bank; \$28,000.00 went to the schools; \$48,302.11 went for the Special Account, Watermains and Sewers; \$17,448.54 for Waterworks maintenance; \$10,744.01 was charged to Fire Dept. maintenance; \$9244.48 to Police Dept. maintenance; \$9188.24 to Streets; \$6340.28 for Board of Health and Scavenging; Cement Works, \$7075.18; Debentures, \$8104.35; \$15,000.00 for Sinking Fund Housing Commission, \$3390.83; Charities, \$1576.58; Salaries and allowances, \$8982.34; printing, advertising and stationery, \$766.90; Soldiers' presentations, \$1396.31; legal expenses and law costs, \$316.71; municipal building maintenance, \$537.83; cemetery, \$594.50; Band, \$107.59; in addition there are a number of smaller miscellaneous items. The credit balance in the bank, as at Dec. 15th, was \$17330.88.

The assets of the Town total \$466,636.28. Of this amount \$91875.11 is given as liquid assets and \$374761.17 as passive assets. The liquid assets include:—cash on hand and in bank, \$17430.88; arrears of taxes, \$50,811.26; 1920 taxes \$8550.87; water rates unpaid, \$82.10; Sinking Fund, \$15,000.00. Of the passive assets the largest item is for Waterworks and Sewers (under construction), \$144,398.76. Next comes the Waterworks System at \$128,154.51; Public School building, \$39,044.26; cement sidewalks \$21,386.40; Fire Dept. equipment, \$12,910.83; municipal buildings, \$10,934.02; Fire Dept. premises, \$7318.49; Real Estate, \$2500.00; Band instruments, \$1000.00; plank walks, \$119.00; cemetery and building, \$1029.50; and a number of smaller items.

The total liabilities are \$281,464.63, the surplus of assets over liabilities being \$185,171.65. The current liabilities (\$14402.11) include:—loans from bank, \$122,000.00; debentures due and unpaid, \$13,914.00; pay roll first half of December, \$2701.63; Public School, on levy, \$2,000.00; Separate School, on levy, \$1500.00; accounts due and unpaid, \$1366.38; Volunteer Firemen, \$300.00; Timmins Citizens Band, \$250.00. The bonded indebtedness of the town (debentures) is \$137,432.52.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

The following are the Public School Trustees elected by acclamation on Monday:—Mr. H. J. Marshall, Dr. A. S. Porter, Mr. B. E. Martin.

This leaves the Board of Public School Trustees constituted as follows for 1921:—

D. Ostrosser, W. G. Smith, R. D. Robertson, H. J. Marshall, Dr. Porter, B. E. Martin.

Mr. Robertson has resigned on account of contesting a seat in the municipal council. This will mean another nomination and election for a School Trustee to fill the place left vacant by Mr. Robertson's resignation.

LIVELY MUNICIPAL CONTEST IN TISDALE

Messrs. Cook and Gallagher for Reeve Ship. Nine for Councillors.

As is frequently the case around this time of year there is a lively municipal contest in progress now in Tisdale. From the names on the ballots, however, there is every reason to believe that the Township will have a good government for 1921 no matter which ones are selected for the offices at the voting on Monday next.

For Reeve, the only two candidates nominated, Messrs. J. E. Cook and C. V. Gallagher, have qualified and the race is promising to be a lively one with popular feeling apparently leaning towards Mr. Cook. Mr. Gallagher's present Reeve and has given the Township good service. Mr. Cook was a tower of strength to the Township in the early days of the municipality, and though apparently pursued by the bitterness of a few of the citizens he has never lost his interest in municipal matters or missed a chance to help the Township along. No one questions his ability or his honest desire to help Old Tisdale, and to judge by the expressions of popular opinion he will likely receive a vote that will show the high opinion held of him throughout the Township.

For Councillors, there is a goodly array of good names. Those qualifying for the race for Councillors include:—P. L. Cooper, J. H. Leng, Rod erick McPhee and J. S. Muskett, of Selma; E. Kimberley, of Moneta; F. LaForest, C. B. Morgan, Thos. A. Strain and Jules St. Paul, of South Porcupine.

Messrs. J. E. Boyle, D. Deacon, Frank Horpe, J. B. Hutcheson and W. W. Wilson were also nominated but declined the honour.

After the nomination at South End on Monday there was a public meeting with Mr. Sylvester Kennedy in the chair. There were some lively passages but the chairman handled everybody in diplomatic but determined manner and the meeting was a quiet and successful one.

WAS MAN NABBED WHEN HE NABBED CASH BOX?

Constable Bennett Was Suspicious of This Christmas Box. A Story Of Rapid Action.

Just because of a Christmas box he is said to have accepted, Joseph Phillips, employed for some time past at Hamilton's Livery here, was this week thrust behind the bars. The thuggish of it is explained as follows:—Phillips got his Christmas box and hurriedly but unfortunely carried it out to his rig and placed it under the seat, and there was all ready to come away and enjoy the gift he had secured. But Officer W. Bennett just happened to happen along at that moment and made investigations that were not pleasant for Phillips. The result was that Phillips not only lost his Christmas box, but also his liberty. The police suggest that this particular Christmas box was a cash box, and that it had some thirty odd dollars inside. Further they suggest that Phillips picked up the box and walked out of Corrigan's Livery with the box under his arm and that what was under his arm was counted loss for the Livery. Officer Bennett's very prompt action prevented the possibility of a permanent loss to the Livery, and Phillips will have his opportunity to explain his side of this Christmas box affair to the Magistrate tomorrow (Thursday).

CALEDONIAN DANCE ON MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 3rd.

The Caledonian Society of Timmins will hold their first dance in the Masonic Hall on Monday evening, Jan. 3rd, when many real and reel dances will be on the programme. Members of the Society and other Scotsmen may secure tickets at several places in town. Mr. A. Roberts has charge of the ticket selling, and among the places where the tickets are on sale here is at J. K. Moore's store. Tickets are also on sale at Todd's Drug Store, Schumacher. There will be lots of the popular general dances, with a number of special Scottish numbers.

FIRST OF SENIOR LEAGUE GAMES TOMORROW NIGHT

Big Crowd Expected and a Good Game. Special Train From The Falls.

Iroquois Falls is coming here in force to-morrow (Thursday) evening for the opening game in the Senior N. O.H.A. series, Porcupine vs. Iroquois Falls. The Falls have engaged a special train for the occasion and the whole Paper Town is coming. They will find another big crowd here ready to counter-root against them. The Porcupine will be out in force. All of Timmins and Schumacher is expected, with a big representation from South Porcupine and the Dome. "We are all coming out for the game," was the way one South End man put it.

The Porcupine expect to have a strong team on the ice for the occasion and to put up a snappy line of hockey. They intend to make the Falls experts travel some.

All the players on the Porcupine team have duly received their amateur cards and credentials for the season, and so there is a nice array of talent to select a team from. Nearly any man on street can give you a line-up that can not be beaten. The official line-up has not been announced yet, but it is understood that it will include the star players of the Camp and that Porcupine will start the season with a win. In any case this opening game will be a very interesting one and no hockey fans are likely to miss it.

Game at 8.15 p.m. sharp.

RETURNED SOLDIER ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Nick Taloni, Served Overseas From 1915. Accidentally Caught In Shaft.

A sad accident occurred at the Hollinger on Thursday morning about 2 o'clock. Nick Taloni was trying to fix a belt that had gone out of commission and apparently in his anxiety to make a quick and good job of it he did not pay regard to the safety rules. He stood on the safety guard with the idea of making a quick coupling of the ends of the belt. The unfortunate young man was caught in the shafting. Before anything could be done for him, or indeed before anyone knew an accident had occurred, he was badly crushed and torn. Death must have been practically instantaneous. The coroner's jury enquiring into the death returned a verdict of accidental death, finding the tragedy was due to misadventure and that there were all necessary safety guards and every effort made by the Company and the officials to avoid and prevent accidents.

The death came as a decided shock to his fellow workmen and to all who knew him. The late Nick Taloni was held in high esteem and was generally popular and respected. He was a returned soldier, having served overseas since 1915. He was born in Italy, and at the time of his death was only 25 years of age. A brother of the deceased resides in Moneta and to him and to all the other near relatives and friends the sincere sympathy of all will be extended in this sad and sudden passing away of this brave young man.

The funeral took place on Monday, interment being made in the R. C. cemetery and the services being very largely attended by friends of the deceased.

The Hollinger flag was at half-mast for three days for this gallant employee who had given good service to his country and to the firm.

CONDUCTING ELECTRICAL BUSINESS IN PETERBORO.

Mr. W. R. Cowain, (Dick), one of the popular old-timers of the Porcupine, being in South End in the very early days, but who more recently has been in Peterborough, Ontario, has opened up a business of his own in that pleasant city in the electrical line. All who know Dick will be sure that he will make a success of the venture and give the best of good service to his patrons. One of the specialties that he is featuring is the Pierce Renewable Fuses which have many outstanding advantages and special features.

TWO RUNNING FOR MAYOR, NINE FOR COUNCILLORS

Contest This Year in Municipal Matters. Also Voting on Incinerator By-law.

A list of the nominations for Mayor and Councillors for 1921 is given elsewhere in this issue. The following have duly qualified as required by law and there will be an election with the following names on the ballots for voting on Monday, Jan. 3rd:—

For Mayor
Dr. J. A. Melnis, physician.
Albert Brazeau, merchant.

For Councillor
William George DuFeu, miner.
Thomas Francis King, Amusement Parlors proprietor.

Erle Lynden Longmore, mill superintendent.

David Laprairie, flour and feed merchant.

Joseph Eugene Morin, Mine clerk.

Egerton Samuel Noble, superintendent Northern Canada Power Company.

Leonard Saunders Newton, lumberman.

Russel David Robertson, merchant.

Joseph Edgar Sullivan, insurance agent.

From the above list it should be an easy matter to select a first-class Council for 1921. The present Mayor has given very capable and wholehearted service to the Town in municipal matters, and in view of the fact that there are a number of important public works under way it is likely that he will be returned to office "to finish his work." in the interest of the municipality. Generally speaking the Council for this year has been a good one, and the members on the ballot for re-election are likely to receive special consideration from the voters. They have been tested and found honest, able and efficient. Messrs. Longmore, Newton, Laprairie and DuFeu have all been attentive, able and public-spirited in dealing with town affairs. Of course one or all of them may be criticized here or there, but that is inevitable in regard to men before the public eye. The general consensus of opinion, however, will give them full credit for honesty, ability and attention to the interests of the town. Mr. Longmore has been a particularly valuable man as Councillor. His knowledge, experience and general capabilities make him particularly fitted for the position of Chairman of the Finance Committee. He has given much time and unlimited attention to his department and the Town should be grateful to him for his good work in keeping the municipality in the best possible financial position. The other members mentioned also were active and unsparing in their efforts for the town as heads of their different departments.

The list of new men for municipal office is equally pleasing. Messrs. King and Robertson have had previous experience as municipal councillors elsewhere and those who know of their services speak in the highest terms of them. Mr. King's interest in municipal matters has been evidenced by the time and attention and effort he has given to the Board of Trade work here. Mr. E. S. Noble is well known as a business man of unusual executive ability and with a good record of public service quietly given on the Public School-Board. Mr. Robertson has also given good service here as a school trustee. Mr. J. E. Sullivan is another business man of the best standing and of special ability as well as an enjoying general confidence and respect. Mr. Morin is well-known and popular as a capable and progressive citizen with executive ability. Any or all of them would make an excellent Council for 1921. It is a pity they could not all be elected. There is not a name in the lot that the Town would need to be ashamed or afraid of as Councillor for 1921.

On Monday voting will also take place on the by-law for the installing of an incinerator plant for the joint use of the Town of Timmins and the Township of Tisdale. This by-law should be given a very large majority. The Mayor and Council have given much attention to this question and seem to have found the most economical solution. In the interests of the health, convenience and comfort of the town, a garbage and refuse disposal method is absolutely necessary. The Council seems to have found the most effective plan that will cost the town the least money and pay the biggest dividends in safety to health, prop-

ATTORNEY GENERAL GIVEN FACTS RE INJURED CHILD

Nine-Year-Old Girl Alleged to Have Been Brutally Ill-Treated.

Several weeks ago reference was made to an expected police court case arising from the shameful ill-treatment of a little girl nine years old. At that time the child was too ill and injured to appear in court and the case was consequently put off from week to week. In the meantime it developed that no very serious crime could be charged against anyone as having been committed in the Town of Timmins. If brutality and shameless cruelty such as alleged had occurred the offences had been committed near North Bay and the police court cases must naturally be tried in that locality. It is understood, however, that the authorities in the south though appealed to strongly to take action and investigate fully, showed no particular interest in the matter. As a consequence the authorities here have laid the whole facts of the case so far as they can be known before the Attorney General of the Province and further action, if any, will be at the instigation of that supreme authority.

The story as recited here regarding the terrible experiences of the little girl was such as to touch even hard hearts and rouse the fiercest indignation. The story is to the effect that the father of the little girl dying from the "flu" and the mother being left with a large family to look after, the care of the nine-year-old girl was accepted by a relative living near North Bay. About the middle of November the little girl was returned to town, being left to find her own way from the station to her home. Apparently from her injuries, her weakened, starved condition and her utter exhaustion, the child collapsed on the street. A man passing carried the child home, when it was found that her little back and breast were fairly covered with ugly red marks that looked like bruises. The child was so painfully thin and lacking in nourishment, and in such a general distressed state of mind and body that for a time her life was thought to be uncertain indeed. When the mother had comforted and nursed the youngster back to some semblance of strength the story told of ill-treatment was a horrible one. Locked in a dark damp cellar for hours at a time, fed at times on only bread and water, starved at other times, and unmercifully beaten.—These are a few of the things the youngster says happened to her. The woman who had charge of the child is reported to make the reply that the youngster had to be punished for misbehaviour, but the treatment, apparently meted out to the nine-year-old child could scarcely be justified by anything, while those who know the child say she is a quiet and nice little girl that would not be the kind to need any sort of punishment.

The action or lack of action of the Attorney-General will be watched with much interest. If so much time and money can be spent for assuring enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act, surely something may be done to investigate this case. If a man may be shot dead on suspicion of breaking the O.T.A., then at least there ought to be investigation as to the causes of the serious injuries sustained by this fatherless little girl.

GIVEN SIX MONTHS FOR THEFT FROM STORE FRONT

The young man, Gordon Folker, who was arrested some days ago for the theft of a pair of moccasins from in front of Shaheen's store where they were hanging for display, was before Magistrate Atkinson on Thursday last and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Mr. Shaheen noticed the disappearance of the moccasins and took after Folker. The latter ran through the lane, throwing the moccasins away as he ran. Officers Greer and Grenier joined in the chase, and if Folker had had four extra pairs of moccasins he would not have been able to escape. To the authorities he admitted having attempted to permanently borrow the moccasins. As the greater part of the trouble with the fellow was a disinclination to take a job and hold it and so earn money to buy what he wished, he was given a steady position for the next half year.

erty and life. "Vote for the By-law" would be a well-justified slogan for all good citizens in this case.