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TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDERS DISPOSAL PLANT TENDERS

Bush Fire Menace Question. Other Matters at Regular Meeting of Town Council.

The regular meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on Monday afternoon with the Mayor in the chair and Councillors J. E. Sullivan, E. L. Longmore, L. S. Newton, T. F. King and J. E. Morin present.

After the routine business of the meeting, Mr. Ralph Elston was appointed auditor for the year, having held the same position with complete satisfaction last year.

Mr. Henderson, Town Engineer, reported on his visit of inspection of sewerage disposal plants at towns in the south. He had visited the plants at Woodstock and Brampton and had gained much information that would be of great advantage in supervising the installation of the proposed plant for Timmins. The one plant visited had been in operation with general satisfaction for about a year. The other was just being completed. Mr. Henderson had learned of one or two improvements that could easily be installed here without interfering with the contract. These would make the plant here of increased value and service to the town.

The Council considered the tenders received here for the construction of the Timmins sewerage disposal plant. Mr. Longmore, chairman of the Finance Committee, pointed out that the contract could not actually be awarded until the finances were adjusted to provide for the work. This would take two or three weeks. In the meantime some of the contractors might wish to know how their chances were. The Mayor pointed out that Mr. Flanigan, for example, had just completed one construction work and had a quantity of lumber and other material on hand. If he knew definitely that he would not get the Timmins contract he would dispose of this material. On the other hand he would likely get it in shape to ship here if he thought he were to be awarded the contract here. The Council favoured Mr. Flanigan's tender which was the lowest, and they understood he was experienced in this class of contract and reliable, etc. The fact was, however, that the contract could not be awarded at this moment. Eventually the following motion was passed:—Moved by Councillor E. L. Longmore, seconded by Councillor L. S. Newton, that, Provided Mr. Flanigan is considered a reliable and responsible contractor, that the Town Engineer be instructed to write Mr. J. J. Flanigan informing him that his tender for the disposal plant is satisfactory, but we will not be able to award the contract till our financial arrangements are completed, which will probably take about three weeks.

Mr. Flanigan's tender for the disposal plant was in the neighborhood of \$38,000.00 for the plant all ready for operation. Other tenders included ones from the Goldie Construction Co., the Reid, Riddell Co., Hill-Clark-Francois. The other tenders were all higher by several thousand dollars than that of Mr. Flanigan. The other tenders ranged from \$43,000 to over \$50,000. Mr. Flanigan had installed or constructed several of these disposal plants and is considered a good contractor in every way.

The Mayor referred again to the possibility of helping remove part of the bush fire menace by encouraging the removal of the bush in the neighborhood of the pumping station. As at previous meetings, he explained the plan as being to have firewood cut on the land in question and then have Bourke, Lindsay & McCluskey see to the removal of the slash, etc. This would make a complete clean-up and the firm in question were agreeable. The Mayor had seen Mr. McGrath and others regarding the cutting and removal of the wood. Mr. McGrath said he would take off the wood if he could sell it to the town for \$6.50 per cord. This was about \$1.00 per cord more than the town could buy wood for its use at the pump house. But the cleaning up of the fire menace would be worth more than the difference to the town. Councillor Newton said simply to take off the firewood would be to make more menace on account of the slash remaining. The Mayor's reply to this was to the effect that Bourke, Lindsay & McCluskey had agreed to see to the disposal of the slash and the town would be fully guarded in this respect. The firm would handle the money and would retain a dollar a cord for clearing up the slash. The Mayor thought the bush fire menace was the chief

VOTERS' LISTS REVISION FOR REFERENDUM VOTE

Mr. H. E. Montgomery, Registering Officer Hearing Applications re Voters This Week.

Mr. H. E. Montgomery, Town Clerk, is the Registering Officer for the Timmins List of Voters for the coming Referendum Vote on the liquor question. The list of voters used in the 1919 Provincial Election is the basis for the lists to be used in the Referendum vote. Any who are entitled to vote and whose names are not on the 1919 Provincial List must make personal application to the Registering Officer and satisfy him of their right to vote before their names can be added to the list. It was intended at one time to forego the matter of personal application, so that others interested could have names added when necessary. The Liberty League made application to the courts to prevent such procedure believing it would open the way to all manner of abuses. The Government after the application for this injunction, instructed all Registering Officers that voters may be added to the list only when they make personal application for the franchise and show the Registering Officer they are entitled to vote.

In the case of names that it is desired should be removed from the list, some voter or voter must apply for the removal of the such names, giving reasons and some form of proof. Also, the voter applying for the cancellation of any name must first send notice of his intention to the last known address of the person whose name is desired to be dropped from the list, and this notice must be given by registered letter two full days before the application is heard. The post office receipt for the registered letter containing the notice must accompany the application as proof to the Registering Officer that the notice has been duly sent as required.

Mr. Montgomery is Registering Officer for Sub-divisions 74, 75, 76 and 77, which includes all of the Town of Timmins. The time for registration is this week, March 28th to April 2nd. The place to apply is at Mr. Montgomery's office, Council Building, Fourth Avenue.

Those entitled to vote may be summarized as follows:— "Every British subject by birth or naturalization, man or woman, resident in the Dominion of Canada one year previous to February 1, 1921, and resident in the Province of Ontario for two months previous to same date, is entitled to vote, unless otherwise disqualified."

Every man and woman entitled to vote has a right and a duty to vote. All should make it a personal matter to see that they are on the lists. No one else can put them on. The applications have to be personal, as mentioned above.

Nearly every election complaints are made against the officials concerned because certain names are not on the voters list. It is the duty of every voter to attend to this matter in any election. No one else can surely be expected to remember or attend to the matter if the person most closely concerned neglects the duty. But in the present case no one but the voter himself or herself can possibly be blamed for omission of any name, for only the person concerned can make the necessary personal application. No names can be added by any one without the necessary personal application and evidence of right to vote.

Her many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. Geo. Dewar is ill with an attack of grippe. All will wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

Reason for insurance rates keeping up and he thought the Town should do all possible to remove the menace. Any money the Province would spend this year could be well expended at other points around the town. The Town could take about 200 cords of wood at the pump house, and this would mean about \$200.00 extra for the removing of a noteworthy part of the fire menace. The Mayor thought it would be \$200.00 very well spent indeed and that considerable land would be cleared from the fire hazard as a result of the plan. He thought the matter should be gone on with at once. Eventually it was moved by Councillors Longmore and Newton that the chairman of the Waterworks Committee, the chairman of the Public Works Committee and the Town Engineer take up the question and report in this matter of clearing land near the pumping station.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. J. E. COOK, S. PORCUPINE

Leading North Land Barrister Passes Away After Useful and Busy Life.

To innumerable friends and admirers throughout the North Land and elsewhere the news of the death early Thursday morning of Mr. J. E. Cook, Barrister and Solicitor, of South Porcupine, came as a sad and unexpected shock. It was known to many that he had been seriously ill, but it was generally believed that he was well on the way to complete recovery again. In the latter part of December, just when the municipal election campaign was in progress in Tisdale Township Mr. Cook found it necessary to have some teeth attended to. Following the extraction of these teeth there came a poisoning of the system that for a time threatened Mr. Cook's life. Despite his interest in the election contest and his never-failing energy and strength of purpose, he was forced to remain in bed throughout the campaign. His unusual vitality, however, seemed to triumph over the poisoning, and some weeks ago he was able to be out and around again almost as usual. His strength, however, had been impaired and recently he was again forced to remain in the house, a sufferer from further indisposition. His friends, however, believed as they hoped that his recovery was certain. Just as he never weakened in battling for a client, no matter what the difficulties, so he kept a firm faith and a high courage in his own fight against illness. Just a day or so before he died he wrote his wife in Toronto a cheerful letter telling her not to worry or fret over him, that he was battling his way through to recovery, and would very soon be all right again. On Thursday morning last at an early hour he passed away, the immediate cause of death being heart failure.

The late Mr. J. E. Cook was born in Hastings County, near Belleville, some fifty-eight years ago. He was of United Empire Loyalist descent and in his busy and useful life showed the same loyalty to British institutions and British ideals that brought his forefathers to this Dominion. He took his degree in law at Toronto University and for some years after his graduation he practiced law in the city of Toronto. When mining activities began to open up the North Land, he came to Elk Lake, being one of the pioneers of his profession, in this country. In 1911, after some four years' brilliant service in the Elk Lake district, he came to south Porcupine, where he resided until, the time of his death.

The late Mr. Cook was a leading figure in the life of this district since the early days of the Camp. As a lawyer, he was recognized as one of the most brilliant in the North Land, and when, as often happened, his profession took him to the cities or elsewhere, his talents always commanded attention and were of the most distinctive service and advantage to his clients and to the North Land. He had an unusual grasp of mining and municipal law, while his knowledge of general civil and criminal jurisprudence was remarkable. He was very modest, however, in his use of his extensive reading of law and its technicalities. It was as a pleader that he was most in his element. He had the happy knack of bringing out the best in his client and making the most of his side of the case that seldom failed to find sympathy. In his police court practice his frank freedom from reliance on technicalities and his apparent desire, not so much to deny or condone but to prove that his client was a pretty fair sort if given a chance usually disarmed even the prosecution. Contrary to some current rumors, J. E. Cook did not follow the plan of taking any case if there was money in it. He had an odd method of discrimination. No man was too down and out for him to defend, nor did any case look too black in its difficulties for him. He believed every man should have the British justice of a fair defence that would protect him. But he would not lend his talents in any way to the defense of obvious disloyalty. His clients had to play fair with him, and he would not sanction any of the perjured fairy stories that some of the foreign element seem to tend towards in the way of defence. He refused to defend one man on a sedition charge, (though there was every chance for money and publicity in this case), because his client insisted on a defence that was an upholding of disloyalty. He dropped more than one case on discovering that his client

POWER SITUATION NOW SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Increase in Amount of Power Now Available. Soon Full Power May Be Secured.

The power situation is well on the way to normal again. This week 70 per cent. of the full power required is now available. For some months past the mines have had to be content with half and less than half their full power requirements. The spring, however, has changed all this. Already 70 per cent. of the power requirements is available and in a short time it is expected that the full complement of power will be available. With the power situation thus clearing up and the labour situation possible now of being adjusted, there is only the unfair attitude of the Ontario Government toward mining holding this North Land from its coming era of progress and development. If the Farmers' Government will see the light there is a bright future opening at once before this district.

GIRLS' AUXILIARY DANCE PROVES GREAT SUCCESS.

The Dance given in the Masonic Hall on Easter Monday evening by the Girls' Auxiliary of St. Matthew's Church eclipsed in many ways the success of previous similar events presented by these young ladies. In any event all present will admit it was an outstanding pleasing success and the large crowd present had a very enjoyable time. A particular feature of the evening was the artistic way in which the hall had been decorated for the occasion. The decorations were specially appropriate and the designing carried through with true artistic thoroughness. Eggs, chickens, rabbits and other designs specially connected with Easter were among the ideas made use of to make up the decorations which in their entirety were very attractive and original. The crowd present for the event was a large one, the dancing was much enjoyed, the refreshments were up to the usual high standard set by the Girls' Auxiliary,—indeed, everything about the evening's programme was of the best and much enjoyed by all present.

Mr. Stafford, express agent, is spending a few days at New Liskeard and Haileybury.

had mislead him and so might use him to mislead justice. One of Mr. Cook's most outstanding cases was that of the defence of Labrie in the Knowles murder case. Knowles was a lawyer in South End and was killed by being struck on the head by a milk bottle. Labrie was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, the light sentence undoubtedly being due to Mr. Cook's characteristic work in showing the general good citizenship of Labrie and his freedom from all bad instincts.

The late Mr. Cook was generous indeed in his good services to the public. His services to the Township of Tisdale in the early days should not soon be forgotten. In 1911 he was clerk of the Township, and in 1912 and 1913 occupied the important position of Reeve of Tisdale, keeping the Township and its interests well to the front in those early days. The late J. E. Cook's whole heart was in Tisdale and the North Land and he never failed to do his bit to advance the interests of this country, his brilliant talents and his wide acquaintanceship being of the most outstanding service on innumerable occasions.

The deceased is survived by his widow living in Toronto, and to Mrs. Cook his innumerable friends here extend very sincere and heartfelt sympathy in her loss.

The body was shipped to Toronto Saturday for interment, many friends following the coffin to the station at South Porcupine. Mr. T. Torrance went to Toronto to be present at the last sad rites. Others from the Camp also made arrangements to pay their marks of respects to their departed friend.

The late J. E. Cook was a Past Master of Dorie Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Toronto, and also a Knight Templar, a Shriner, and a member of the L.O.L. and I.O.O.F.

His loss is recognized as a serious one to the North Land. He was a gallant fighter, uncompromising in his battle for what he believed to be the right, but it should also be emphasized that he was a very kind and thoughtful friend, unsparring in his services to those he liked and generous in his judgments of men and affairs.

BIG BUNCH OF CAPITAL FRIGHTENED AWAY BY TAX

An Example of What the Government's Attitude is Doing to the North Country.

This is only one of the many ways in which the attitude of the Ontario Government to the mining industry is working great harm to this promising country.

A local man who has a number of mining properties of more than ordinary promise in the Porcupine district recently has been endeavoring to interest outside capital, realizing that only through the aid of outside capital can these properties be properly developed. Modern mining takes a lot of capital to carry along to a genuine success. The local man was eventually successful in interesting a number of Pittsburgh capitalists. They were more than interested; they were ready to investigate, and then invest. A well-known engineer was secured to make a report on the properties. His report was very favourable and the deal was practically closed, when the capitalists learned of the attitude of the Ontario Government as evidenced by the proposed increase in the mining tax and the fact that in thus burdening the mining industry the Government in effect is saying "We don't care a snap for the mining industry or the North Land,—we need the money and that is all we can see." This attitude frightened away the Pittsburgh capital. "Too risky," they said "to put money in a country with a Government with that attitude. Money is not safe in any country where the Government disregards every consideration and every sense of justice and fair play and simply takes because they want some money." The Pittsburgh men who had one week been ready to invest a large amount of money in the development of promising properties the next week could not see their way clear to risk a cent. It was not any tax itself that they feared; it was simply the attitude of the Government that frightened them as soon as they learned of it. Their idea was that when a Government deliberately starts to discriminate against one industry simply to wring money from it, the outlook is serious. They knew that the attitude even in such countries as Mexico was a much fairer one than this. They were willing to take a chance on their money, but they wanted a chance to win. They feared that the Government that badly risked the life and future of the mining industry, simply that farmers and other southern interests should escape taxation was not a Government to rely upon. They made it quite clear that their capital would not come this way until either there was a new and better Government or the present Government changes to a new and better frame of mind.

The present attitude of the Ontario Government is driving all sorts of capital away from the North Land at present. There is no sense in evading that issue. Either the Government must play the game fairly or the North Land will be set back ten years in development.

PLEASANT SOCIAL EV'G. AT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

The regular meeting of the Caledonian Society of Timmins on Friday evening last in the I.O.O.F. Hall took the form of a Social Evening. There was a large attendance and all present spent a very enjoyable evening. The programme was an unusual one, with several novel features. It included dancing, refreshments and a number of musical and literary selections of special merit. After each dance there was a literary or musical selection. For the modern dances Mr. J. W. Faithful presided at the piano, while there were also two or three special Scottish dances, the music for these latter being given by Messrs. W. H. Wilson and C. Hornby of South Porcupine, "Seotty" being in his usual good form at the piano and Mr. Hornby adding to his popularity as a gifted violinist. Among the items on the programme were the following:—dictaphone solos by Mr. Angus McDonald; solos by Messrs. W. McHugh, Jas Twaddle, James Cowan, Miss Jean Roberts, Mrs. J. K. Moore; duet by Misses Muskett and Duncan; readings by Messrs. F. Lamb, W. H. Wilson and M. B. Scott. "Musical Chairs" was also one of the features of the evening's entertainment. The president, Mr. F. Lamb presided in his usual capable way. The refreshments were up to the usual generous Caledonian Society standard, and the evening throughout was a pleasant one.

N.O.H.A. SHOULD BE GIVEN FAIR CHANCE WITH O.H.A.

Next Year Each Should Decide Their Own Champions to Contest for Allan Cup.

Shop early! is a good motto. In times of peace prepare for war! that's another good proverb. When the battle is on there is no time for planning defensives or offensives,—at least, not with as much assurance of success as when there is time and opportunity for concentration of thought without distinction.

Accordingly now is a good time and place to urge that next year the N.O.H.A. be given a fairer chance with the O.H.A. in the matter of hockey honours. Recently the Sudbury News carried a long article on the question, and with the thoughts and aims of this article most of the hockey enthusiasts will give hearty agreement. The News believes, as does The Advance, that next year the N.O.H.A. and the O.H.A. should each select their final champion teams for hockey honours. The N.O.H.A. team should not be expected to play O.H.A. Intermediates or other teams, but should be allowed to face the regular O.H.A. champions. In the last two seasons it has been clearly shown that the Intermediates are not any more in the N.O.H.A. class than they are in the O.H.A. champion class. Sudbury last year and the Soo this year showed how much they excelled the intermediate hockey. If it is replied that they were not in Varsity class, it can be responded that neither was Brandon apparently. In the N.O.H.A. champions are expected to play off with Intermediates, why should Brandon not be similarly treated? Of course, no one would think there was any sense in putting up such a proposition to Brandon. Neither is there sense or fairness in so handicapping the N.O.H.A. champions whoever they may be. As The News points out Sudbury's chances were hurt last year by having to go up against the Intermediates before playing the seniors. This year the Soo's chances were not helped any by the same extra game. The proper procedure would be for the N.O.H.A. to play off until this league secures its own final champion, the east and west leagues doing the same, and the O.H.A. being under the same rules. Then let games be arranged to decide the final honours. The real champions of each section would thus have equal chance. Whether the finals should be home and home games, or all held in Toronto is a matter for further consideration. But the present plan of playing off has certainly outlived its usefulness. The N.O.H.A. has developed too strongly for a continuance of the old plan.

Next season, if the progress and development of the N.O.H.A. is to continue, greater attention must be paid to intermediate and junior hockey in the North Land. The future of all hockey of course rests with the juniors and intermediates. From these ranks will be recruited the hockey stars of future hockey. The N.O.H.A. next year should give particular attention to the Juniors and the Intermediates. The present Secretary of the N.O.H.A. showed by his address at the banquet here to the Soo team that he was fully seized of this fact. But the attention of the N.O.H.A. should be to ITS OWN Juniors and Intermediates. This hockey league should not be forced to deal with southern Intermediates in the semi-finals. The south should attend to its own intermediates. The Champions of the N.O.H.A. should meet the Champions of the O.H.A. on some thing like equal terms. The N.O.H.A. brand of hockey has earned this fair consideration.

Now is the time for all good hockey fans to get busy with the end in view of having the N.O.H.A. placed on the proper footing. When the N.O.H.A. started it was perhaps a different proposition,—it was indeed, maybe, a case of accepting any plan that might be offered. Now that the N.O.H.A. has proven its worth in bringing forward so much high-class hockey, the attitude towards the N.O.H.A. champions should be completely revised.

Mr. J. P. McLaughlin, formerly a leading business man of the Camp and the second Mayor of the Town of Timmins, was a very welcome visitor to town last week being warmly greeted by his hosts of old friends here. Mr. McLaughlin has been residing in Toronto for some time past, but finds an occasional trip to the great North Land necessary to make life worth living.