

MAGISTRATE B. R. TUCKER TALKS IN INDIAN TONGUE

Surprises Prisoner at Police Court. Drakos Given Five Year Sentence.

Magistrate Atkinson, who has presided for some years at all the weekly police court sessions in Timmins, has been at North Bay for the last two Thursdays, being requested by the Attorney-General's Department to preside at the special cases at the Bay. On Thursday last week the police court here was presided over by the recently appointed stipendiary magistrate for Cochrane and the territory west, Mr. C. R. Tucker. Mr. Tucker conducted the court here in a manner that suggested that he not only has the gift for this type of work but that he also has the requisite experience and knowledge. And in view of the respect and confidence in which Mr. Atkinson is held as a police magistrate, it may be remarked that it takes a mighty good man to fill his place with any general satisfactory.

One of the specially interesting features of last Thursday's court was the case of an Indian charged with being drunk. When the charge against him was read, he made it clear at once that he could not speak English, and the police felt the trouble they would experience in securing an efficient interpreter. Magistrate Tucker, however, at once got over the little difficulty by addressing the Indian in his own language. The Indian was much surprised and equally pleased with the Magistrate's ability, and was apparently happy to pay the \$10.00 and costs imposed upon him for his breach of the O.T.A. Other Indians present commented on Magistrate Tucker's knowledge of Indian talk. "He speaks the best Indian," one of them said after the court. Magistrate Tucker was at one time with the Hudson Bay Company and learned the language and ways of the Indians while dealing with them in the capacity of factor.

The fact that there had been no court the previous week made last Thursday's session a heavy one, though Magistrate Tucker had the happy knack of dealing with all cases with the greatest despatch. There were a number of remands, made necessary because one side or the other was not ready to proceed. Geo. Simnokness was remanded for a week on a charge of keeping liquor for sale. E. Prince, charged with writing threatening letters to Mr. A. S. Fuller and others and otherwise acting in unconventional way, was remanded for a week to allow investigation as to his mental condition. M. Cammizzi, on a charge of stealing a ring valued at \$75.00 at Schumacher last year was also remanded for a week. A couple of ordinary drunk cases were disposed of by the imposition of the usual \$10.00 fine and costs in each case.

Geo. Drakos charged with assaulting and robbing Morris Issby, a traveller, at Barber's Bay a couple of weeks ago, was sentenced to five years in Kingston penitentiary. This case has aroused more than passing interest not only by reason of some odd features of the case itself but also by virtue of the clever work done by Officer Allen in running down the guilty man and recovering the stolen property. Drakos in court on Thursday pleaded guilty, but in a disjointed story in his own defence suggested that he had transactions in high-grading with the man he had robbed. In view of the record of the accused, is character as given by the police, and the unsatisfactory nature of his story, along with the apparent respectability of the man he made his allegations about, Magistrate Tucker showed little credence in the story and of course accepted it in no measure as a defence. The five-year sentence was accordingly imposed on Drakos for his crime at Barber's Bay.

WEDNESDAY HALF-HOLIDAYS NOW OVER FOR THIS YEAR

With this week the Wednesday half holiday for the stores and business places of Timmins is over for this year. This year the stores and business places generally observed the Wednesday afternoon closing for four full months, while the Hollinger Stores gave their staffs the half-holiday during the five months from May to October.

Commencing next week, however, the stores and business places will be open Wednesday afternoons. The Hollinger Stores also announce a change in the hours of closing on Saturdays, commencing October 1st.

Cochrane's Fall Fair will be held on Friday of this week.

CONTRACT FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS AWARDED

Work To Be Done By Contractor Mascioli. Applications Must Be Accompanied By Cash.

At a special meeting of the Town Council last Thursday the contract for making the house sewers connections was awarded to Mr. Leo Mascioli. His contract figures were:—for wet area of town, \$3.45 per lineal foot; for lanes, \$3.40 per lineal foot; elsewhere, \$2.35 per lineal foot. Rock excavations, \$6.00 per cubic yard.

The plan under which the house sewer connections will be made may be briefly summarized as follows:—The town for this purpose is divided into three parts,—the wet area, where water and other difficulties make the work costly; the lanes; and the dry area, where the nature of the ground makes the work comparatively easy. All householders desiring connections with the sewers must make application to this effect to the Town Clerk, the application to be accompanied by cash or a marked cheque for the full amount of the cost of the work of making connections. Regardless of where the main may happen to pass the costs are estimated for streets on a 33-foot basis, and lanes on a 6-foot basis from the centre of the street. That means that all costs are figured from the centre of the street or lane, regardless of where the main may be. This is done with the purpose of not entailing hardship on the people of one side or another of a street just because it had been found expedient to put down the main at a particular place in the roadway. In the six business blocks the sewer mains are in the lanes and connections will be made from these lanes, the length from the centre of the lane in each case being counted as six feet, and charged for at the rate of \$3.40 per lineal foot. It is likely that practically all the business places in the six business blocks specified will have the house sewer connections made this year. Many also in the "dry" area will also embrace the opportunity. In such area, each connection will have 33 feet from the centre of the street to pay for and any further length on the property, the rate per lineal foot for the work being \$2.35. In the "wet" area there will also no doubt be many applications though not so many as in the other two areas. The cost of the work in the "wet" area will be \$3.45 per lineal foot. The following is the "wet" area as defined by the Council's plan:—Sixth Avenue, from Elm to Maple; Maple street, from Sixth to Fourth Avenue, exclusive of rock excavation; Birch street, Fourth to Third Avenue; Fourth Avenue, Maple to Balsam; Maple street, Fourth to Third Avenue. The lanes have a separate rating as noted, and the rest of the town, exclusive of any rock excavation, comes under the "dry" rate.

In wet trenches where waterproof joints are necessary a charge of 10 cents extra per joint will be made. In view of the plan under which the Town is doing the work it is necessary to enforce the regulation that cash in full to cover the cost of the work shall accompany each application. Without this provision the town would be unable to finance the matter at the present moment. The awarding of the contract for all the house sewer connections to Mr. Mascioli assures uniformity of work, speedy completion of construction, economical handling and the best kind of work.

H. B. WILLS & CO. TO PUT UP ANOTHER BASEBALL CUP

With Iroquois Falls winning the Hamilton B. Wills & Co. baseball trophy this year, the cup becomes the property of the Falls team, this team having won it two years out of three. The Hamilton B. Wills firm now are ready to put up another cup for baseball competition in the neighborhood. Mr. J. Heppleston, manager of the local office, says that the next cup will be even a nicer one than the trophy just won by the Falls. The firm will give the new cup for competition under the rules that may be made by the District Baseball Association. District baseball has now a very effective organization and the Wills Co. will be ready to leave to the Executive as to whether the new cup will be for competition, to be held by the winner of three seasons out of five or two out of three.

Her many friends in the Camp will be pleased to know that Mrs. Carr, of South Porcupine, who has been in the Cairns Hospital, Timmins, with typhoid fever, is making excellent progress to complete recovery.

CALEDONIANS RE-OPEN MEETINGS FRIDAY NIGHT

Fortnight Meetings Starting Again With Programme and Social Friday Evening of This Week.

On Friday evening of this week Sept. 30th. the Caledonian Society of Timmins will re-open its regular meetings after these being discontinued during the hot summer months and holiday time.

The opening meeting Friday evening is to have an excellent programme of music and literary selections, as well as dances and a general social good time. Refreshments will be served and a large attendance and a happy evening are confidently expected. All members of the Society and all Scots and Scotswomen are cordially invited to be present and enjoy the pleasant Scottish evening.

The meeting will commence at 8 p.m. sharp, and is to be in the nature of an "At Home." About the only "business" to be dealt with will be in regard to the following meeting,—the first meeting in October. This October meeting will be the annual meeting at which election of officers, etc., will take place for the ensuing term.

The meeting Friday evening of this week, September 30th, will be held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Third Avenue, upstairs over R. D. Robertson's grocery store.

FIRE HALL BEING MUCH IMPROVED IN APPEARANCE

The addition to the fire hall for the accommodation of the extra equipment purchased some months ago is now completed, and adds to the appearance of the headquarters of the fire-fighting force. The doors of the new part are equipped with small windows along the upper part and this feature not only adds to the appearance of the building but it also greatly improves the lighting facilities inside. The doors of the hall proper are also to be finished above with glass in the same way, and this will make a decided improvement in the front of the building as well as adding to its utility inside. The new cement sidewalk in front of the fire hall, being of a different level to the former platform, the latter is being replaced by a solid concrete driveway from the hall doors to the walk. Altogether, the fire hall is going to be much better from the standpoint of convenience, etc., as well as from the viewpoint of appearance, when these improvements are all completed.

OFFICER MOORE APPOINTED PROV. POLICE INSPECTOR

This week Officer W. Moore of South Porcupine has received the appointment of Inspector of Provincial Police for the Northern Division, to succeed Mr. A. Rowell, who resigned the post recently. For the past three years Officer Moore has been the Provincial officer stationed at South Porcupine, and he has won general esteem as a capable and conscientious officer. He has followed the lines of his duty without fear or favour and his own personal life has been a good example in right living. Previous to coming to South Porcupine he was Chief of Police at Goderich, Ontario, having served on the police force of that town for eleven years.

Inspector Walter Moore's territory covers from Temagami to Cochrane and west some distance on the Transcontinental. Normally, he will have five officers in his inspectorate, one at Cobalt, one at Englehart, one at Cochrane, one at Gowganda and one at South Porcupine. The Government is also understood to have considered the appointment of a couple of other officers for the North Land, one to be at Porquis Junction and the other for the Mattagami River district. At the present time, however, no appointments have been made, though they seem to be desirable in view of the immense territory, much of it unorganized, now supposed to be covered by the officer in the Porcupine. As a matter of fact, there are now a couple of vacancies to be filled on the present force of provincial police in the North Land.

Inspector Moore will move to Cobalt to make his headquarters there upon taking up the active work of his new position.

Mr. Jack Stewart who has been in the Cairns Hospital for the past ten days from illness induced by an ugly contact with the cement sidewalk last week, is now making very good progress to recovery, and will be able to be out again in a few days.

THIS SHOULD BE A WHOLE OF A BASEBALL GAME EH?

Batteries:—Lefty, Charlie and McIntyre, and Tate and McLaughlin.

An exhibition game of baseball has been arranged for this (Wednesday) afternoon at the athletic grounds, Timmins, and to quote the batteries alone to give assurance that it will be one of the best games of the season. The batteries will be:—Lefty Farr, Charlie Sheehan and McIntyre, for the one team; and Tate and McLaughlin for the other. Such batteries as those need no introduction or explanation. Just to mention the names of those in these batteries is to give the idea to all interested in baseball that this game will be one well worth travelling some distance to see. The batteries are keyed up to give a fine exhibition of ball, and the best of support is promised from the expert players selected to make up the two teams. As the game is an exhibition one, the teams can be arranged to make two well-matched aggregations and today's game is sure to be a classy and interesting one.

The game is scheduled to start at 4.30 p.m. and every lover of good baseball should make a point of being there to see the fast clever work of these two teams. By those "in the know" in regard to the line-ups, it is said that the game will prove perhaps the most interesting exhibition game of ball ever featured here.

PARTRIDGE SEASON OPENS IN NORTH LAND, OCT. 15th.

Word received from the District Game Warden this week gives the information that the open season for partridge this year, so far as the North Land is concerned, opens on October 15th. The season runs from Oct. 15th. to Nov. 20th. inclusive. This applies to all territory north of the C.P.R. lines in Ontario.

DRIVING THE BEARS FROM THE PORCUPINE MINES

An incident occurring at the Paymaster Mine recently has been causing some amusement to folks in general, and some interest to those superstitiously inclined. A mother bear and two cubs came off the Dome and West Dome properties onto the Paymaster. As soon as the Dome was rid of the "bears," the Dome stock began to go up, running from \$18.50 to \$23.00. Then the mother bear and the two cubs on the Paymaster were shot, the man doing the trick saying, "We don't need to shoot the bull about this property, but we've got to get rid of the bears to save our bacon." After the bears were gotten off the Paymaster some specially pleasing finds were made. Now, the President, Mr. A. S. Fuller, says that though he is not superstitious nor a believer in signs and omens, still—well anyway, he says, he never had any use for the "bears" that tried to raid the mining camps.

FORMER PORCUPINE MAN PASSED AWAY IN TORONTO

The sad news was received in town last week of the death in Toronto of Mr. Thomas James, a former well-known prospector and miner of the Porcupine in the early days. According to the despatches, the late Mr. James was the victim of an unfortunate accident. It appears that Mrs. James purchased a mixture containing corrosive sublimate from a local drug store in Toronto, intending to use the fluid in housecleaning work. The bottle was labelled "poison." Mrs. James set the bottle down in the hallway and went to get some gasoline to mix with the sublimate. While she was away Mr. James came along and picked up the bottle thinking it contained ginger ale. Before he noticed his mistake or saw the label on the bottle he had taken a heavy drink of the fluid. Mrs. James returned to find her husband in agony. Doctors were hastily summoned and every possible means taken to relieve and save the unfortunate man. Despite all that attention and medical skill could do, however, he died on Saturday, Sept. 17th.

The late Mr. Thomas James was born at Bruce Mines, Ontario, in 1861, and for many years followed the occupation of miner and prospector. For several years he lived in the Porcupine, residing at South End in the early days. He was popular with all who knew him. Recently he resided in Toronto. He was a member of the Masonic and Oddfellows Lodges. A widow, two brothers in the Porcupine, and a sister living in Toronto, are among the near relatives mourning his sad death.

HOTEL GOLDFIELD SOLD TO SUDBURY INTERESTS

Noteworthy Enlargement and Improvements Planned for Next Spring. To Conduct Thoroughly Up-to-Date House.

The Hotel Goldfields, the leading hotel of Timmins since the establishment of the town, has been sold by the Timmins Townsite Company to the Sudbury interests connected with the Nickel Range Hotel in that town. Mr. H. A. Morin took over the charge of the hotel here this week. The interests controlling the Nickel Range Hotel at Sudbury, some time ago became interested in the need for a new hotel in Timmins in keeping with the wonderful growth and progress of the town. The Goldfields had been built here by the Hollinger interests simply for the accommodation and benefit of the town. It has been one of the most up-to-date hotels in the North Land and has given the town an unusually good service up to the present. The rapid growth of the town and the growing needs, however, indicated the necessity for extended and improved quarters. The first intention of the Sudbury interests was to erect a new hotel here at a cost of around \$100,000.00. The value of the site and the business of the Goldfields, however, being apparent, the Hollinger interests being willing to dispose of the property if there were assurance that the hotel interests of the town would be well cared for the Goldfields was purchased. The new owners find the season too far advanced for any extensive alterations this year, but plans are being drawn for large extensions and improvements to the building next spring. The intention is to move the building back to a modern foundation and build an addition in front with all up-to-date improvements. The basement will provide adequate sample rooms and other accommodations. There will be a new rotunda, a large number of rooms added to the accommodation, and a general re-arrangement of the lay-out of the hotel. First-class rooms, each with running water, and many with baths, will be a feature of the improved and enlarged hotel next spring. Special accommodations of various kinds will be provided for travellers. In brief, the remodelled structure will be in every respect a first-class, up-to-date hotel that will be a credit to this rapidly growing town. Those who know the Nickel Range Hotel at Sudbury will be satisfied that a fine hotel will be provided here. The Nickel Range Hotel is still being conducted under its present ownership. Timmins has been added by these interests as another town to be supplied with the most modern and pleasing hotel service. Mr. Morin says that Sudbury is a thriving town with the finest of prospects and possibilities. Since visiting Timmins he has added this town to his list of bright, progressive and prosperous centres where business is good.

MANY DELEGATES FROM HERE TO CONVENTION TO-DAY

A large number of delegates left here to-day for the Liberal Convention at Englehart. Many names are being mentioned as possible candidates to be selected to carry the Liberal banner in the coming Dominion election. Among the names so mentioned the most popular in this particular section is Dr. J. A. Melnis, Mayor of Timmins. There have been several meetings of the Liberals of the district in the past week with the view of preparing for the Convention and Dr. Melnis has been generally endorsed as the right candidate. At a meeting of the Liberals of Timmins last night a list of delegates to represent the town at the Convention was finally passed. Among those listed as delegates from Timmins to-day may be mentioned:—Messrs. J. A. Howse, R. Hoggarth, P. Maltais, W. M. Widdifield, J. E. Morin, A. F. Carriere, Mr. Bernstein, J. E. Newton, T. F. King, Mr. Dalpe, Mr. O'Callaghan, F. M. McCray, A. Brazeau, A. Charette, H. Charette, Claude Desaulniers, P. Macaulay, James Geils, A. Fournier, A. Goulx, B. Noel, Mrs. Lawlor, Mrs. Brazeau, Mrs. I. Lewis, Mrs. H. Ogilvie, Mrs. J. Flynn, Mrs. Angus Campbell, Miss M. Donovan, Mrs. M. Levine, Miss Pierce. Some other delegates are also expected to go down to-day from Timmins, while a good representation is also expected from Mattagami, Moneta, Schumacher, South-Porcupine and other points in this district.

PERJURY ON ONE SIDE OR OTHER SAYS MAGISTRATE

Looks Like It Might Be On Both," Comments Timmins Man Attending Part of Big Trial At North Bay.

The case against Sandrelli, sometimes called the "King of the Italians at North Bay," has created a very wide interest because of the many unusual features in connection with the case. A number of charges were levelled against North Bay and Provincial policemen as a sort of sequel to the Sandrelli case, but these charges did not seem to be well grounded when the charges were investigated in police court enquiry. The raid upon the Sandrelli residence was made by special officers from the Toronto Department. The North Bay police were not apparently "let in" on the raid. Instead the fire alarm was used to call out the fire brigade and the firemen responding were sworn in as special constables to assist in the work of the raid. There was a vast quantity of liquor seized, the value being estimated at about \$11,000.00 in the regular way of buying. When Sandrelli was charged with breaches of the O.T.A. he secured the services of Hartly Dewart, M.P.P., as his counsel, to fight the cases. The Crown sent up Mr. Gordon Waldron from Toronto to conduct the prosecution. All the Provincial police in the North with one exception were taken to North Bay to guard the \$11,000.00 worth of liquor. Magistrate Atkinson was sent to North Bay by the Department to conduct the trials.

After adjournments, etc., the trial of Sandrelli occupied several days and an immense amount of evidence was taken. The Crown's case rested largely upon the evidence of special agents, commonly known as "spotters," while the defence was a general denial, with an alibi to the effect that Sandrelli was in Toronto on the days he was accused of selling liquor. Hotel register was produced to verify this alibi as well as several witnesses who had seen Sandrelli in Toronto on the days mentioned. The Crown made a special point of the vast amount of liquor kept by Sandrelli, but in reply to this it was pointed out that he was a racing man with hosts of friends and noted for his generous hospitality. The evidence was so contradictory that Magistrate Atkinson remarked that one side or the other must be committing perjury. A man from Timmins who heard part of the trial says that if you asked him the would say it might be on both sides. The distinguished counsel for the defence had a number of fiery word combats with the distinguished counsel for the prosecution. They displayed as much bad temper on occasion as the most undistinguished counsel might be expected to show. They were kept well within bounds, however, by the Magistrate, and they were in no doubt on either side as to the capability of Magistrate Atkinson to conduct the court with the maximum of decorum and efficiency.

Mr. L. Halperin is away on a trip to Toronto and Montreal.

DISTRICT SUBSCRIBERS WELL TO SAILORS' MISSIONS

Miss Lillian Kellett, Deaconess of the Upper Canada Tract Society, was in the Camp last week making the annual collection of funds for the Society's Mission to Sailors on Inland Waters. A pleasing amount was contributed by this Camp to this worthy cause, the amount being double to donations given last year. The Upper Canada Tract Society maintains the Royal Arthur Sailors' Institute at Port Arthur as a temporary home for sailors in that port. Soldiers and lumbermen away from home also have the benefits of this institute. The Society also provides libraries for the Canadian Navy and for ships on inland waters as well as providing reading for lumbermen, settlers, etc.

The total subscriptions collected by Miss Kellett in Timmins amounted to \$151.92. Of this the Public School pupils contributed the handsome amount of \$47.44, Moneta School also made a good showing with \$6.80. Schumacher made a total contribution of \$71.43 of which the school there gave \$14.25.

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