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BASEBALL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED FOR SEASON

Local League Planned. Team to Represent Camp in District League.

There was not a very large attendance at the annual meeting of the Timmins Baseball Association in the Council Chambers, Monday evening of this week. Mr. James Heppleston, President of the Association for 1921, occupied the chair, and the chief business of the evening was the election of officers, etc.

On motion of Mr. A. S. Carter, seconded by Mr. W. Pierce, Fire Chief A. Borland was elected President of the Timmins Baseball Association for this year.

On motion of Messrs. J. Morrison and P. Macaulay, Mr. Jas. Monaghan was elected vice-president.

In motion of W. Pierce, seconded by Chief Borland, H. W. Hooker was elected secretary.

Mr. D. Sutherland was elected treasurer, on motion of Messrs. W. King and J. Morrison.

The Honorary Presidents elected for the year were:—Mayor Dr. McInnis, Mr. C. G. Williams, and Mr. W. H. Wylie.

All the officers were elected by acclamation.

The Executive of the Timmins Baseball Association comprises the officers and delegates from each of the clubs.

The new President, Chief Borland, said that there seemed to be lots of good baseball talent this year and chances very good for a successful and interesting baseball season. He advised the local clubs intending to have baseball teams in the local league to get busy right away and get organized for the season and send their representatives to the Timmins Baseball Association. As soon as the local clubs organized another meeting would be held and effort made then to arrange for a successful season of sport.

The idea of the meeting was that there should be a local league and then the pick of the players should represent the Porcupine in the District League. The District League this year will likely comprise Cochrane, Iroquois Falls and Porcupine. The Northern Ontario Baseball Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 3rd, likely at Porcupine Junction. Mr. Jas. Heppleston is the Timmins delegate to this meeting.

The meeting favoured a twelve game schedule (six home and six away) for the N.O.B.A. (District League). It was also thought best to have all games on the half-holiday. The summer half-holiday this year will likely be a Tuesday or Thursday, Wednesday being Hollinger Pay Day. Mr. Jas. Heppleston referred to the necessity for noting the N.O.B.A. residence rule and the regulations regarding amateur cards, etc. It was best to look after these things at the earliest possible moment. All present agreed that a big factor in success for sport was getting away to an early start. The various clubs intending to come under the Timmins Baseball Association were therefore urged to get organized and ready for the biggest and best ball season yet.

TORONTO PLEASED WITH PORCUPINE DOG RACE FILM

In a letter written last week at Toronto Mr. John Jones says:—"The film we took up North of the Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival turned out very good, as did also the other film we took on the trail to Moose Factory, about 3500 feet. I am writing to the New Empire Theatre to see if they would like the picture up there. The people of Toronto are well pleased with it."

REGARDING THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT INCOME TAX

Mr. W. D. Cuthbertson, auditor and adjuster of the Taxation Branch of the Department of Finance, Ottawa, is in town at the Goldfields Hotel. He has been here on several occasions during the past three years and is now well known to the business men who look forward to his visit particularly at this season of the year. Mr. Cuthbertson has a thorough knowledge of Income Tax matters, and, being tactful in his methods, has been of exceedingly valuable assistance in giving a clear interpretation of the Act and its application. Returns should be filed before April 30th, failure of which renders the taxpayer liable to a penalty. Mr. Cuthbertson will be in town all this week, and any person desiring information can locate him by making inquiry at the office of the Goldfields Hotel.

EARLY START TO BE MADE ON HIGHWAY TO PORQUIS

Work of Taking Out Timber for Bridges to Commence Right Away.

There seems to be every indication that the highway from the Porcupine Camp to Porquis Junction will be completed at an early date. The right of way was cut last year for linking up the strips of road already built and other work started, but operations were not carried far enough along to open the highway for traffic. Three bridges are still necessary on this highway,—one at Hoyle, one at Barber's Bay and one at Drinkwater Pit. The Advance understands that an immediate start is to be made in the work of getting out the timber for these bridges and that the building of the bridges will be pushed along to completion. Then the work of making the highway open for travel is also to be attended to,—all in the immediate future. It is accordingly hoped and expected that the highway from the Porcupine to Porquis will be all ready and open for traffic this summer, which will undoubtedly be good news to all in the district. Miners, prospectors, settlers, automobilists and everybody else will be very pleased to know that the highway from Porcupine to Porquis is soon to be an established fact. It will be a noteworthy asset to the whole district and will undoubtedly prove of great service in the opening up of the country, agriculturally and industrially, as well as proving of much service and convenience to the communities now established.

BOY WHO FELL 45 FEET MAKING GOOD RECOVERY

Mr. M. Downey returned last week from Toronto to which city he had taken his little son, Mike, for hospital treatment. A week ago Sunday Mike tumbled from the roof of the Reed building to the ground below, a distance of some 45 feet. Both ankles were fractured, one in two places, but otherwise the lad did not seem to be badly injured. It was thought best to take him to Toronto where greater hospital facilities would be available. In the city the medical, surgical and hospital experts simply confirmed the finding of the local doctors here as to the extent of the injuries. Mike is now well on the way to recovery there being no other injuries than the fractured legs. As suggested last week the boy will in a few weeks be practically none the worse for his terrible fall.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TIMMINS CITIZENS BAND

The annual meeting of the Timmins Citizens' Band was held Monday evening in the band rooms with a large attendance present. The President, Councillor L. S. Newton, occupied the chair, and the various reports for the year were heard and found very satisfactory. Noteworthy progress has been made by the band during the year and citizens in general will note with much pleasure the very satisfactory position of the Band. With a large membership, very capable leadership, considerable talent and very general interest, the Timmins Citizens' Band has developed into a very creditable institution of the town. One of the specially pleasing features is the harmony and co-operation quite evident in this organization. Leader Walno and his men are working loyally together to build up a note worthy band and they are certainly succeeding. At present the Band is looking forward to an engagement for the National Exhibition at Toronto this year. There has been correspondence over this and the present chances are excellent for the Timmins Band securing this important engagement. All here are convinced that they will do themselves and the town the greatest credit in case they go to the city this summer.

Monday evening the following officers, etc., were elected for the ensuing year for the Timmins Citizen's Band: Honorary President—The Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis. President—L. S. Newton. Vice-President—A. Prout. Secretary-Treasurer—F. Hornby. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. Prosser. Executive Committee—Messrs. Ireland, J. Geils, J. B. Pare, Sr. Property Committee—S. Fairbrother. Musical Committee—Messrs. Wolno, Geils and D'Artagnan. Advisory Committee—Messrs. J. T. Easton and A. Prout.

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRADE MONDAY EV'G.

To Deal With Many Important Matters and Formulate Active Programme for the Year.

The Timmins Board of Trade is to hold a meeting in the Council Chambers at 8 p.m. on Monday evening next April 17th. All good citizens should attend this meeting. There will be many important questions up for discussion, and in addition it is planned to formulate an active programme for the year's work for the town. There is no doubt of the good prospects before this town and district, but at the same time there is much to be done to assure and maintain the greatest measure possible of success and advancement. The Board of Trade may be a mighty power for progress here. The chief requirement to this end is the hearty interest and co-operation of the people in general. The Timmins Board of Trade has a live executive of good business men and with the support of the public may accomplish much. Get in behind the Board of Trade. As an immediate step to this end, attend the meeting Monday night.

D.D.G.M. PAYS OFFICIAL VISIT TO PORCUPINE LODGE

Thursday evening of last week R. W. Bro. R. LeHeup, D.D.G.M., paid his official visit to Porcupine Lodge, A.F. & A.M., at South Porcupine, and was given a hearty welcome by the members of the Lodge. A number of visiting brethren from Timmins and other lodges of the district were also present, and the evening was a successful and pleasing one.

I.O.O.F. GRAND MASTER TO VISIT TIMMINS NEXT WEEK

Invitations are out and all arrangements completed for the visit of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Port Arthur, to Timmins Lodge, I.O. O.F. The desire is to have all the Oddfellows in the district present on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Master, and all brothers are very cordially invited to be present. Any contemplating attending would assist in the perfecting of the arrangements by leaving their names with Mr. W. G. Smith.

TIMMINS ODDFELLOWS VISIT SOUTH END LODGE

A number of the brethren of Timmins I.O.O.F. Lodge visited South Porcupine Lodge on Monday evening and assisted there in the putting on of degree work. There were a number of candidates present from the recently instituted lodge at Iroquois Falls, as well as some from South Porcupine fifteen in all for the three degrees. After the degree work had been well exemplified, a light luncheon was served and bright addresses, singing, etc., enjoyed. There were about 15 or 16 of the brethren present from Timmins Lodge and all report a very pleasant and inspiring evening.

VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE INSTALLING WIRELESS

The Timmins Volunteer Firemen are arranging to install a Radio Receiving Set at the Fire Hall, and soon expect to be in direct connection with all the big broadcasting stations and receiving messages and hearing concerts, etc., in the most up-to-date fashion. The decision to install the wireless was made at the meeting of the Firemen on Monday evening. The Firemen have up-to-date quarters, the boys having installed a gramophone some years ago and also subscribing right along for leading magazines, newspapers, etc. The boys finance all these things themselves, but take so much care and attention that their fund is always in a healthy condition. The brigade prides itself on being up-to-date, and the installing of the wireless is just another proof that the boys of the old brigade are right there every time.

Another matter that was dealt with Monday night was the question of preliminary arrangements for the Firemen's Annual Ball. This year plans are under way for a decidedly novel turn to this popular event. The Timmins Firemen's Ball is always a big number but this year there may be something away out of the ordinary. Plans are not yet sufficiently advanced for a definite announcement, but from what may be gleaned so far the Firemen's Annual Ball this year promises to be a special event. Particulars will be forthcoming in a week or two.

PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT ANNEXATION TO TOWN

Ratepayers Invited by Council to Old Empire Tuesday Night re Mattagami and other Annexations.

Following the resolution proposed at the last Council meeting by Councillor T. F. King, the Mayor has called a public meeting of the ratepayers in the Old Empire Theatre, Tuesday evening, April 18th, commencing at 8 p.m. All ratepayers are invited to this meeting and to give their opinions on the annexation of Mattagami and other outlying sections. Councillor King's idea in suggesting the meeting was to secure some progress in the consolidation of the community here and to secure the opinion of the people in general on this. Facts and figures in regard to the proposed annexation of Mattagami, etc., will no doubt be presented. The question is one of very great importance to the town, and there should be a large attendance Tuesday evening at the Old Empire Theatre.

TOWN WATER RATES DUE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER

Water rates for the second quarter (April, May and June) are due on or before April 15th on which a discount of ten per cent. is allowed if paid on or before that date.

EASTER SERVICES AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Friday of this week being Good Friday, Divine service will be held in St. Matthew's Church, Timmins, at 7 p.m.

On Easter Day there will be celebrations of the Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

EUCRE AND BOX SOCIAL THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 20

The Ladies of Charity announce a Euchre and Box Social for Thursday evening, April 20th, in the K. of C. Hall. The events by the Ladies of Charity are always enjoyable and this one will be no exception.

BISHOP OF MOOSONEE AGAIN VISITS TIMMINS

St. Matthew's church, Timmins, was again favoured with a pastoral visit from His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Anderson, Bishop of Moosonee, on Sunday. His Lordship preached at both morning and evening services and large congregations were present despite the unfavourable weather. All appreciated very much the eloquent and inspiring addresses of the Bishop. His Lordship administered the rite of confirmation at the morning service at 11 a.m., there being a particularly large attendance.

TO ORGANIZE RACING ASSOCIATION IN PORCUPINE

Plans are under way to organize a Porcupine Racing Association. To this end a meeting has been called at Porcupine (Golden City) this (Wednesday) afternoon at 1:30. There are many good horses in the district and a great many interested in horses and racing, and the Association suggested should prove popular and successful. At the meeting this afternoon it is intended to organize, elect officers, etc., and get away to a good start in the formation of a racing association for the Porcupine Camp.

CONFERENCE IN TORONTO RE THE POWER QUESTION

According to despatches from the south a conference was called yesterday at the parliament buildings, Toronto, in regard to the power situation in this part of the North Land. It is understood that the Drury Government has called the meeting to decide upon the disposal of the water powers along the Abitibi. On the one hand the Government is thinking of the power necessary for the electrification of the T. & N. O., while on the other hand there is the more pressing needs of such vital industries as the Hollinger and the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. to be considered. At the meeting, the T. & N. O., the Abitibi and the Hollinger are represented, Mr. Brigham being in the city to again point out to the Government the requirements to permit the possible great expansion of the gold industry.

The Orientals have plans under way for what may be termed a "Hot Dog" Supper, but which is sure to be a very enjoyable evening on Friday, May 5th. Further announcement will be made later.

TWO PLATOON SYSTEM HERE FOR FIRE BRIGADE

Plumbers' License \$50. Auctioneers To Pay \$25. Other Council Business.

The Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, presided at the regular meeting of the Town Council on Monday afternoon, all the Councillors, Messrs. J. H. Bacon, E. L. Longmore, E. S. Noble, L. S. Newton, T. F. King and J. E. Morin, being present.

The condition of some of the streets from the spring water, etc., was referred to. The Board of Works is to make an inspection of the whole town with a view to recommending any improvements it may be possible to make in the streets and walks.

The Fire and Light Committee recommended the adoption of the two-platoon system in connection with the paid men of the Fire Brigade. This system would require an additional paid man on the brigade. Councillor Newton, chairman of the Fire & Light Committee, pointed out that at present the men were on the job twenty four hours in the day, and this was not fair to the men. He contrasted the hours at the pump station and at other town positions, and also referred to the growth of the town, the addition of the new townsite, etc. As a matter of fairness he thought the town should not ask any employees to put in twenty-four hour shift. When asked for his opinion, Fire Chief Borland said the idea was to give proper conditions to the men. The two-platoon system was compulsory now in towns of 10,000 or over under the Provincial law. Under the system here the men on duty would be on shift continuously for 12 hours. There would always be two paid men (in addition to the Chief) on duty. Councillor Longmore said he was not in favour of overworking anybody, but he hardly thought the paid firemen were overworked. Judging from the number applying for positions at the fire hall the jobs were not considered generally to be much like slavery. After a general discussion, the vote was taken on the question. Councillors Bacon, Longmore and Morin voted against the new system, their objection being chiefly against the expense of the additional man necessary. Councillors Noble, King and Newton voted in favour and the Mayor gave the casting vote, deciding in favour of the adoption of the two-platoon system, to take effect May 1st.

Reference was made to certain equipment at the fire hall for which there was no use now. This included some extension ladders. "I would buy one or two ladders, if they were suitable," commented Mr. A. Brazeau who was present at the meeting. It was decided to dispose of the surplus equipment. "We can start by selling some ladders to Mr. Brazeau," said the Mayor.

Councillor King again brought up the question of sewer connections. He emphasized the desirability of all property being connected with the sewerage system. "If the sewers are not to be of general use," he said, "then the purpose for which the system was installed falls down." At the same time there were many who found the cost of making connections too much to be borne in one year. He thought that perhaps the Town could get a plan whereby all could take advantage of the opportunity to join up with the sewer system. In reply to a question from the Mayor the Town Engineer said there were a large number of applications for connections this year already in sight. In view of this and of the financial difficulties, it was decided to leave the question until later.

On motion of Councillors King and Bacon the Town Engineer was instructed to call for tenders for the sewer excavations for the year. The bid of McKay & McKay, Toronto, for some \$64,000 worth of town debtures was accepted at 94.

Mr. A. Brazeau congratulated the Council on its good work last year in passing a plumbing by-law. Cities and towns generally very rightly viewed plumbing by-laws as vitally necessary for sanitary and other reasons. The local by-law needed, however, one more touch,—a clause for the protection of the taxpayers of the town. He recommended that a fee of \$50.00 a year be charged by the town to all master plumbers doing work here. Such a fee was in effect in practically all other towns and cities. Under the by-law a man could do his own plumbing if his work was satisfactory to the Town Engineer, but outside firms should not be allowed to take contracts here without paying something to the town.

After the Engineer's opinion had been secured, Council agreed that the

NORTHCROWN TO RE-OPEN IN THREE OR FOUR DAYS

Thirty or Forty Men Will be Busy At the Property Likely This Week.

Official announcement has been made this week of the resuming of work on the Northcrown property, more commonly known simply as "The Crown." The Crown will open in the course of the next three or four days. A staff of 30 or 40 men will be engaged and work will be carried along in energetic way.

The news of the opening of the Crown will be hailed with very general satisfaction in the Camp. The Crown has always occupied a favourable place in the opinion of the mining men and others here. In the past it has been a producer of some importance, having paid \$840,000.00 in dividends to shareholders. Much work has been done on the property the underground workings totalling some 32,000 feet, with shaft down 1100 feet. There is a complete mining and milling plant. The Crown and the Thompson-Krist amalgamation was looked upon generally as a great thing for both properties but the latter falling down on their part of the finances the mine was closed last year. However, all has been adjusted now, and the general belief is that the Crown will now go along to noteworthy success. Work at the property will be watched with much interest.

license would be a desirable feature, and on motion of Councillors King and Morin the fee was set at \$50.00 per year for all master plumbers doing work in town.

Fire Chief Borland referred to the difficulty in having chimneys cleaned as required by the by-law. There was now an experienced chimney sweep in town ready to do this work. The Chief was authorized to look to the enforcement of the by-law requiring chimneys to be thoroughly cleaned twice a year. In case chimneys are not cleaned after notice the sweep will be sent to do the work and the cost charged against the householder.

Mr. F. M. Wallingford enquired as to the progress being made in regard to the annexation of Mattagami. He pointed out that Mattagami had done its part in the matter, and he had understood that the Town had passed the necessary resolution but this latter must have been rescinded. In reply the Mayor said that the resolution had not been rescinded. It had been duly passed with only one Councillor dissenting, but later it was found that the resolution was not in the proper legal form and so was of no force or effect. In the meantime some of the Councillors had changed their opinion of the annexation, and so the matter stood. The Mayor then reviewed the case regarding Mattagami, and there was a renewal of the general discussion that has taken place on the question more than once at Council meetings. The Mayor and Councillor Newton were strongly in favour of the annexation for fire protection, health and other reasons. As at present the outlying sections are a menace to the town in many ways. They also considered that the town would get enough in taxes to defray the necessary expenses. Councillor Longmore thought the proposed annexation should be deferred. He said the town had all the obligations it could carry and the taxes he believed would not pay for the expenditures that would be required in the new section. Mattagami would want water and the Town was not in position to finance this. Mr. Wallingford suggested that he understood the town had to put in a new main anyway at an early date and this main could be laid out in such a way as to accommodate the new section. Councillor King thought that the broadest possible view should be taken of the question. He felt that not only Mattagami but all the other sections alongside of Timmins should be taken in and the community consolidated for the general benefit. "We cannot sit here selfishly and refuse to extend with the growth of the community," he said. However, he was open to conviction and felt that all wanted to do what was best for the community. He would like to see a public meeting called so that the views of the ratepayers of the town could be secured. On motion of Councillors King and Morin a meeting of the ratepayers is called for Tuesday evening next to discuss the whole question of the annexation of the sections alongside Timmins that naturally might form a part of the town.

On resolution, a by-law is to be prepared setting a license fee of \$25.00 per year for all public auctioneers conducting sales in Timmins.