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Regular Council Meeting A Very Busy Session

SCHOOL BY-LAW TO RAISE TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IS FINALLY PASSED—AUDITORS' REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED—APPROPRIATION OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TOWARDS PROPOSED SOUTH ROAD TO DOME—LETTERS FROM VIPOND—CHARITY MATTERS DEALT WITH.

Council assembled on Monday at 4.30 p.m., in regular session, Mayor Wilson presiding, and all members present. The previous minutes were confirmed, without discussion, and then the Council settled down to a three hours session, during which a lot of business was transacted.

A number of letters, of more or less public interest, were read, and dealt with later by resolution. Regarding the proposed new road, Mr. C. H. Poirier, manager of the Vipond, wrote as follows, enclosing a copy of his letter to the Tisdale Council on the same subject:

"Gentlemen: The Porcupine Vipond Mines Limited hereby subscribe one hundred (\$100) dollars toward the construction of a winter road connecting the Porcupine Crown Mine road with the Dome Mine road, said road to follow as nearly as consistent with local conditions the second concession line of the Township of Tisdale. In case sufficient funds are not raised by public and private subscription to complete this road, the Company hereby agrees to subscribe an additional hundred (\$100) dollars toward that end. The Company further agrees to give the necessary right of way across its property and to assist in every way possible toward the construction of same.

In view of the great benefits that will result from the construction of the road, it is strongly urged that all merchants, machinery agents, livery keepers, and others located and doing business in the Township of Tisdale, as well as Councils of the Township of Tisdale and the Municipality of Timmins, re this matter, and earnestly beg that you will give the project your favorable consideration."

to Township of Tisdale: "Gentlemen: I, herewith, on behalf of the Porcupine Vipond Mines, Limited, beg to ask for your support, financial and moral, for the proposed winter road, along concession 2 of the Township of Tisdale, to connect the present Porcupine Crown Mine—Moneta Road, with the Dome Mine—South Porcupine road.

"Every assurance has been given that if this road is cut out and made passable for winter traffic, the Provincial Government can be induced to grade same and make it a permanent highway, during the coming summer.

"The advantage that would accrue from the construction of this road are too apparent and too numerous to need enumerate them in detail, but I beg to call your attention to the following: That it would afford a direct outlet to the Eastern end of the Township, for the Porcupine Crown, North Thompson, Porcupine Vipond, Success, and adjacent properties. That it would be of direct benefit to the Dome Lake, Apex, West Dome and Dome Mines, as well as properties along the base line of the Township. That it would enable residents of the western section of the Township to benefit in some way, by the use of the road built by the Township, between the Dome Mine and South Porcupine.

"I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I am to-day sending to the Council of the Town of Timmins, re this matter, and earnestly beg that you will give the project your favorable consideration."

Resolutions.—That the minutes of meetings December 20th and 23rd, 1915, and January 10, 1916, (Continued on Page 5).

POLICE COURT DOINGS IN TIMMINS AND TISDALE TOWNSHIP

Two Austrians, Joseph Piontkoski and Joseph Mizinkovitch, both from Southend, were convicted by Magistrate Wilson, in Timmins, on a charge of vagrancy, and sentenced to four months hard labor.

An Austrian, Mick Haywan, by name, and an Italian, Giuseppe Ruggieri, were charged before Magistrate Wilson with the theft of \$110 from a sleeping man's clothing, in a boarding house. He elected to be tried summarily, and was remanded to appear before Magistrate Atkinson on Thursday.

Joseph Charron, assistant in a barber shop at Schumacher, was charged with living, in the main, on the proceeds of prostitution, before T. M. Wilson, J.P., at Southend. He was remanded for trial before Magistrate Atkinson on Thursday. It is understood that more serious charges are pending against the prisoner.

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Freight Jam at Porquis Junction

Local merchants and other receivers of freight are loudly complaining of the delays of the Porcupine branch during the past few weeks. It is said that approximately fifty cars are held up at the Junction, consigned to points on the branch. No doubt the T. & N. O. is doing its best to get the cars through to destinations, but it does seem that better results should be forthcoming. Two engines have been attached to recent trains, and the snow plow has been frequently requisitioned to keep the track clear.

RISE AND FALL OF CONTESTANTS IN PONY RACE

The new order of the candidates indicates some very heavy polling during the past week. Mildred McDougall, in one bound, has jumped to the head of the list, with a thumping lead over the next in line. Norman Webb holds second place, while Mary Maher has nosed ahead of Peter Nicholson, followed by Frank Leggett, Dorothy Harrington and Evelyn Carson. Other candidates are developing speed, and before many weeks have passed the pace will have become fast and furious.

As a special inducement, The Advance is giving 5,000 votes for each subscription taken and paid for up to and including Saturday, January 22nd.

Following is a list in order of precedence:

Mildred McDougall	326,092
Norman H. Webb	203,661
Mary Maher	132,099
Frank Leggett	121,647
Peter Nicholson	114,705
Dorothy Harrington	100,841
Evelyn R. Carson	100,426
Eva Poitras	91,788
Retia Lewis	91,118
Stanley Globe	74,005
Aileen Thompson	71,672
Thomas Lawrence	63,020
Muriel Gilker	56,131
Ella Sims	49,223
Herbert Cockburn	48,318
Bobbie Chapman	45,853
Anthony Boivin	42,286
Geatane Demers	40,349
Mary Anna Masson	33,722
Andrew Roberts	30,886
Irene Everard	9,120
Roger Courtemanche	5,000
Aubrey Carr	5,000
James Perry	5,000

Dome Extension Pumping Out

The Dome Extension shaft has been pumped out to the 200 foot level. Within a few days two much larger pumps will be installed, to continue dewatering of all the workings at lower levels. It is not generally known that there are over 2000 feet of underground workings at this mine. It is reasonable to assume from the foregoing that the Company should be starting actual underground operations within a very short time. In addition it is understood that a large amount of diamond drilling will be done on surface, for the purpose of picking up the Dome ore body, which heads in the direction of the Dome Extension.

OLD PRESTON CLAIM NOT SOLD YET VAGUE RUMORS

It is rumored locally that Chicago people have acquired the old Preston claim in Delora, a short distance south west of the Dome, and that the shaft will be dewatered and mining operations resumed. Confirmation of the deal and further particulars could not be obtained by the Advance up to the time of going to press. We are bound to say, however, that while the rumors have some basis in fact, the statement that a deal has been consummated is most decidedly premature.

EXPORT OF NICKEL TO BE BARRED BY THE GOVERNMENT

It is reported that a bill may be introduced at the present session of parliament to regulate the export of nickel ore and nickel matte. The legislation will probably be modelled upon the act respecting the exportation of electric power and natural gas.

The measure will not be so much a war measure to prevent nickel finding its way to the enemy, as a first step in a legislative program having for its object the refining of the metal in Canada. It may even become necessary to nationalize the industry, in line with the Imperial policy of curtailing foreign ownership of mineral wealth within the Empire.

SCARCITY OF COAL IN TIMMINS CAUSES A LITTLE HARDSHIP

There is not half a ton of coal to be had in Timmins at the present time, and many householders have been compelled to scamp for the woods with saw and axe in order to provide the necessary fuel. Any one who, by chance, is found to have a little coal, is promptly besieged by neighbors for the loan of a scuttleful or two.

This shortage appears to be general throughout this north country. Provision should be made for more adequate coal storage space, and a supply accumulated during the mild months. Railroads are most unreliable in winter time.

Subscribe to The Porcupine Advance between this date and January 22nd and receive 5000 votes in the Pony Contest.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The Alexo Nickel Mine shipped, during the month of December, 32 cars of ore, aggregating 2,565,890 lbs. to the Mond Nickel Company at Coniston, excepting 4590 lbs. which were shipped to Moffatt, Irving & Co. of Toronto.

Mr. J. Hayden, talking to the Advance yesterday regarding progress at the Hayden Mines, said that they had started drifting east and west that day. The 4 o'clock shot had exposed what appeared to be, in the south cross-cut, the face of another ore body on hanging wall side.

While only 12 men were in employment a week ago, 18 are now working, and the number of workmen will be increased as conditions warrant.

Mr. J. B. Tyrell, the eminent geologist, was one of Timmins' distinguished visitors during the past week. Though very conservative in expressing his opinions, Mr. Tyrell was greatly impressed with the advance of the Porcupine Camp since his previous visit.

"The people here appear to be optimistic, and they have every reason to be," he said. "This year should be a very prosperous one for Porcupine."

The new plant of LaBelle Kirkland Lake Gold Mine was opened on Wednesday. The new compressor has a capacity of 500 cubic feet and the power plant consists of two 65 horse-

FOLEY-OBRIEN DEAL POSSIBLE, BUT NOT YET CRYSTALIZED

There is considerable speculation in the camp recently, regarding the cause of the move in Foley-O'Brien up to 75c and \$1.00. This move coming at a time when the rest of the stocks are dull has caused a great deal of enquiry.

The control of this property is in the hands of the Homestake Mines Finance Co., and it is understood they have been buying up all the small stockholders for the past two years, and as a result there is very little Foley-O'Brien stock on the market. Under the circumstances it is quite a simple matter for the stock to move up ten or fifteen cents in a single day, and it would be quite as simple for it to drop as much or more in the same length of time.

There has been no development work at the mine for about eighteen months, and there are no present indications of mining operations being resumed.

Rumors have been quite frequent lately, however, that the controlling company, the Homestake Mines Finance Co., has been approached by very large financial interests to acquire control of the property, and start development work on a large scale. The property consists of 11 claims, which gives it the largest acreage of any single mine in the camp, and when last closed down it was estimated there were about 50,000 tons of \$10 ore blocked out, above the 250 foot level.

BYRNES PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MANAGERS ELECTED FOR 1916

The annual meeting of the Byrnes Presbyterian Church was held in the Manse on Tuesday, 12th, for the purpose of electing a Managers Board for 1916.

The following officers were elected: Geo. Vary, President; Dr. McInnis, Vice-president; Jas. Ralph, Secretary; L. E. Dorway, Treasurer; K. F. DeLong, Convener of Finance Committee; D. Mackie, Convener of Building Committee.

Committee.—Messrs. Marshall, Millar, J. Duff, Allan, Sims, Nicolson, Moore, McHugh, Faithful, and Craig. Pastor Allan delineated on the task confronting the new board—if the consummation of their aspirations and ambitions would be realized in 1916; but expressed himself as delighted with the calibre of the men who composed the personnel of the Board; and felt that if the enthusiasm at present prevailing was to be taken as a criterion of future progress, then, even the "doubting Thomas's" may renew their faith, and feel sanguine as to the result, i.e., the erecting of a church.

Society Gathers at Dome As Guests of Mine Staff

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR, FINELY PLANNED AND EXECUTED UNDER THE GUIDING HAND OF MRS. KAEDING—DECORATIONS AND ELECTRICAL DISPLAY WORTHY OF THE FINEST CITY HOMES—ABOUT 200 GUESTS UNITE IN SAYING IT WAS THE BEST EVENT EVER GIVEN IN CAMP.

"All roads lead to Rome"—so 'twas said in the days of Caesar. But last Friday night all roads in the Gold Camp seemed to lead to the Dome Mines, and every available horse and sleigh in the district was in commission, taking the throng of favored guests to the big dance and card party, which was given by Mrs. C. D. Kaeding and the Dome Staff in the Recreation Hall.

That night will be long remembered by those who attended, as it was undoubtedly the most enjoyable occasion yet given in Porcupine, and no effort which willing hand or thoughtful consideration could devise was spared in order to make the whole affair a complete success from every point of view.

The Recreation Hall had been dismantled of its usual furnishings, and converted into a veritable fairyland. A hanging ceiling of evergreen covered the entire length and breadth of the large hall, above which varied colors of electric lights had been profusely hung, each cluster being operated by a separate switch—about eight in number—the operation of which produced a fantastic effect which was both pleasing and unusual.

During the progress of the dance the colored lights, which were changed at intervals, producing kaleidoscopic effects upon the ever shifting crowd of merry-makers beneath, was such that the guests might easily have imagined themselves transported to some gay resort in southern France, instead of having but lately stepped from a sleigh after a drive through the clear frosty air of a winter evening in northern Ontario. Those who did not wish to take

part in the dance were well provided for at one end of the room, where an arbor of evergreen had been constructed, and tables and chairs provided for those who wished to indulge in a hand of cards, or for those who preferred to sit and enjoy the brilliant spectacle of the dance through the thin film of evergreen which composed the wall between the arbor and the dance room.

Eugene Columbo's orchestra provided an excellent program of music, and responded generously to the many encore calls during the evening.

All the elite of Porcupine Gold Camp availed themselves of the invitation, and about two hundred people—as near as might be reasonably estimated—were in attendance; the ladies, gaily attired in the latest marvels of the costumier's creative art, lending an especial charm to the gathering.

During the intermission in the dance program, refreshments were served, and bon-bon crackers containing paper caps of various shapes and colors were supplied to the ladies, who wore these crowning adornments with their usual grace.

After all appetites had been sufficiently appeased, the tables were cleared away and the remainder of the program proceeded with until the night was far spent, and, as the strains of the concluding number died away, the guests hurried into warm wraps and furs preparatory to a bracing drive home. Many were the expressions of delight and commendation which were heard with regard to the ability of Mrs. Kaeding and the Dome Staff to "do things" and do them right.

MUNRO TOWNSHIP WAKING UP FOR SPRING ACTIVITIES

UNDER THE TITLE OF "JUDGE NOT" A DRAMATIC SIX-REEL PLAY WILL BE PRESENTED NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY—POINTS A MORAL.

The sun shines brightly on Munro Township these wintry days. Evidence of prosperity is shown from all directions. The teamsters are busy bringing in 250,000 feet of sawn lumber from the railway at Matheson to the mines in Munro. The woodcutters have camps near the base line Lot 7, Concession 1, Munro Township and are cutting down the timber into cordwood to be used on the mines. Here also, the teams are busy hauling cordwood to the mines. A force of men are preparing the ground for the construction work necessary for the raising of the boilers and the 1000 ft. compressor about to be installed at the Croesus Gold Mines.

On the Matheson road it is like old Porcupine days to pass more than a dozen teams on the road laden with supplies and lumber.

The mines are all doing well, the Munro Consolidated Mines is under the management of Mr. P. Leyson of Cobalt, who did the early development work on the Dobie-Leyson claim. The Croesus Gold Mines is now under the management of Mr. Julius Cohen—late of the Porcupine Crown Mine of Tisdale, and the consulting engineer is Mr. Samuel Cohen of Cobalt, who is also consulting engineer for the Crown Reserve Mines of Cobalt.

Much prospecting for gold has been carried on in southern Munro Township last fall and this winter. Especially in Lots 12 to 6 inclusive, Concessions 1, 2 and 3, inclusive, have the efforts of the labor given exceptional results. Prospectors have found platinum in Munro Township as long ago as ten years, but the amounts and values were small. Now it is stated that platinum has been found in larger amounts and much higher values than any previous find of platinum, and prospecting for platinum this winter and next spring is going to be very active on Lots 8, 7 and 6, Concessions 1 and 2, of Munro.

Second League Game Tonight

The Hollinger and Timmins hockey teams will line up to-night in Timmins rink to battle for the second fixture of the league.

TISDALE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT

ARREARS OF TAXES ORDERED ADVERTISED—BY-LAW TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC TURBINE PUMP IS CONFIRMED.

The Tisdale Township Council met in regular session last night, with Reeve Dickson in the chair. All members were present excepting Councillor Boyle, who is absent from the Township at present.

The minutes of the inaugural meeting were read and confirmed, and a by-law was passed, confirming the appointment of committees and officers announced at last meeting.

Oscar Robertson applied for and received permission to use the Council Chamber for recruiting purposes, when not otherwise needed.

Taxes in arrears were ordered to be advertised, in accordance with the law's requirements.

A new dog by-law was introduced and passed, which requires that dogs under six months old, heretofore exempt, be registered.

The by-law to purchase an electric turbine fire pump, at a cost of \$4,370, having been approved by the electorate, was given its third reading and passed.

The proposed new South Road between the Dome and Hollinger Mines, came up for discussion, on a communication from the manager of the Vipond Mines. A diversity of views developed, some favoring the project, and others being non-committal. The question was referred to the Public Works Committee, to be reported on at next meeting.

The question of School Debentures was referred to the Finance Committee for attention.

The following payments were authorized:

Sundry Accounts	\$ 812.54
Dec. Pay Roll	196.25
Election Expenses	41.80
	\$1,050.59

The meeting then adjourned at the call of the Reeve.

Heavy Motor Causes Train's Delay

A large 3000-lb. motor, consigned to the Hollinger, came up by express on the National, arriving at the Junction on Sunday. In the process of transferring it to another car, the usual ahead signal was inadvertently given, causing the motor to drop precipitately to the ground, right between the tracks. This bungle caused several hours delay for the train.