

LOCAL BOARD OF TRADE DISCUSS "CASH" PROJECT

Exceptionally Good Attendance at Meeting-- Fortnightly Pay Days Discussed

When the Timmins Board of Trade held their usual monthly meeting last Friday evening under the chairmanship of President D. Ostrasser there was an exceptionally good attendance, with twenty-five and thirty members being present before the business had actually started in earnest. One of the first topics to be introduced was by the President, and bearing on the urgent matter of street improvement. It was pointed out that the Government were now working on their road from Mettagami River towards the centre of the Town and that road would cover an important section. This was thought to be an opportune time for the Board to try and have something practical done in the way of raising finances so that the work might be carried out on other main streets at the same time and so have it all completed together.

"I believe we would have no trouble in raising small loans for this work," said Mr. Ostrasser, "by the guaranteeing of debentures from the Council. We could eventually sell these debentures or have some party to do so for us. The Government are going to fix the road from South Porcupine to Mettagami River, including the road through the town on the streets mentioned in the matter before as they really are part of the road."

Mr. King.—"Would \$1,000 do our part of it?"

The President.—"Well, \$2,000 was mentioned in the first talk about doing it. The work could be done at the same time and probably the use of the Government graders and roller could be secured."

After some discussion on the matter it was moved by Mr. McLaughlin and seconded by Dr. McInnes that the Town Council be asked to go ahead and prepare debentures. Messrs. Marshall, McLaughlin and Dr. McInnes were appointed a Committee by the Board to meet the Council and have full power to act with them in regard to the streets.

A Publicity Campaign.
In order to place before the Board some particulars regarding a publicity campaign of the Porcupine Gold Fields, Mr. J. J. Hill was invited to

address the Board, as representing the Toronto World.

In his remarks, Mr. Hill pointed out that it was proposed by his paper to bring out an eight page photograph section which would be issued with their daily paper about July 20 and his object in interviewing the Board was to secure a full page for the town of Timmins, showing among other matter, a birdseye view of the town.

Very little was known to the outside world about Timmins, said Mr. Hill. In speaking to financial men in New York and other cities quite recently the speaker had never heard them refer to Timmins when discussing the gold camp. It was generally Porcupine or South Porcupine, not Timmins. He had talked with various heads of the different mines in the district who were all unanimous as to what there was a possibility of doing, not so much for their individual properties as for the district generally.

"It is proposed then, that we have a page from the Town of Timmins," proceeded Mr. Hill. "The illustrations, it has been decided, would be produced on book paper to the extent of 100,000 copies, the same style as the Sunday World, but this edition of the Porcupine Camp will be included with one of the week-day editions as an insert."

To Be Authentic.

In answer to questions Mr. Hill said that the matter to be used in the proposed page would rest entirely with the Board of Trade. He suggested a signed article by the President and Secretary of the Board which would prove its authentic source. He would guarantee that the best photos procurable would be taken.

Dr. McInnes.—"What direct benefit do you suppose would be derived by having this page from Timmins?"

Mr. Hill.—"What direct benefit would result if two more properties opened up right in this district? The direct benefit would be by inducing more money being spent in the development of this camp and consequently more business for the town."

The price of a page for the Town, it was pointed out, would amount to around \$400. The matter was fully discussed after the retirement of Mr. Hill and an opportunity given by taking each member present in rotation of saying what they would be prepared to go good for. Several did not fall in with the proposition because of the urgent need for town improvements and a sum of \$155 was totalled from those who disagreed to fall in with the idea.

The matter was closed with a motion that "Owing to the present state of finances of this town it is the opinion of the Board that at present it is impossible to raise the necessary amount for advertising as proposed by Mr. Hill of the Toronto World."

Although diverting from the proceedings of the meeting it may here be mentioned that Mr. Hill afterwards interviewed various members of the Board personally and some change of opinions were indicated with the result that through this way arrangements are likely for the scheme to be carried into effect.

About Dynamite Magazines.

Mr. King drew attention to the position of a dynamite magazine on the Moneta property and referred to the dynamite explosion which occurred there some time ago with damage to the Town. "That magazine is in the same place again," asserted Mr. King, "and is a menace to this Town. We have not had any satisfaction from Mr. Bartleman and he showed papers that the building is as called for. It is liable to go any time. There is a ventilator at the top and a cigarette could be dropped through. I think the Board should pass a resolution asking the Council to take steps to have it removed to a safe place."

A Member.—"Some folks blamed the strikers for the explosion which took place."

Mr. L. Newton.—"I don't believe the strikers had anything whatever to do with it. There was not the slightest reason or proof of that."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. King seconded by Mr. Newton that "the Council be asked to have the Curtis and Harvey powder magazine removed from where it is to a safe distance."

"Kill the Dogs."

Mr. F. C. Simms brought up the question of straying horses, cows and pigs around various parts of the town and cited damage which had been caused in his own personal experience as well as in the case of other people whom he knew. He thought something should be done to have this stopped by the Town authorities.

"Kill the dogs" was immediately

a general outcry from several members but in general discussion which followed no definite motion on the matter was noted.

Chinese Employing White Girls.

The employment of white girls in Chinese restaurants was a topic brought up by one member and in its discussion the fact was mentioned that the matter had been taken up with counsel some time ago for something to be done.

"Is it lawful?" asked the President.

"Only where there is an open dining room and no partitioned off places," was the information given by Mr. J. Brisson.

From the recollection of some members it was explained that a resolution had been passed some time ago to be laid before the Town Council on this matter but so far as was known this had not reached the Town body. It was decided that the resolution passed when Mr. Olmstead was secretary be looked up and a copy sent on to the Council.

In accordance with custom prevailing in the cases of other Boards of Trade, Mr. Chas. Hinks, Editor of The Porcupine Advance, was elected an honorary member of the Board on the motion of Mr. J. P. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. H. J. Marshall.

This having completed the business of the Board and the assembly having increased since the commencement, the meeting took up the question of cash or credit suggested to be adopted in the town and district.

Pay Semi-Monthly.

Mr. L. S. Newton first spoke on the matter saying that since the merchants of the town had formed an association to carry out business on a cash basis he would like to know if something could not be done in the way of altering the monthly pay roll. People had got accustomed to the credit business and those like himself who ran boarding houses and who might have thirty or forty boarders on his hands, would find it impossible with only a monthly pay day to pay cash. They might run two weeks but could certainly not run thirty days under those circumstances. A semi-monthly pay roll might mean a little more expense but the merchants and everybody would benefit greatly.

Dr. McInnes.—"When is the cash basis going into effect?"

Mr. McLaughlin.—"Well, it has not been definitely decided."

Mr. Newton suggested that at least three months should be given as notice of the change from credit to cash.

Mr. Brisson pointed out that if cash was insisted on from men working at the mines they would leave the

boarding houses in town and go to the mine camps who would carry them through.

"The grocery question is the most difficult for a business man to handle," remarked Mr. McLaughlin. "You can refuse a man a pair of boots or suit of clothes, etc., but it is pretty hard to refuse the necessities of life."

Russian or Scotch?

In the discussion which followed it was mentioned that in many cases where credit had been extended it was well known to the merchants involved that the people were allowed the privilege who had good bank accounts.

Much amusement was created at the instance related by Mr. Petehersky who said a Russian called in his store and asked for the loan of Forty Dollars until pay day. This was not granted although Mr. Petehersky knew only too well that the man had money but it was agreed that he could have goods to that extent. Nothing doing. He wanted forty "bones" in cash. A short while after Mr. Petehersky had occasion to go to this bank on business and there saw the same Russian. Naturally the merchant's interest was aroused and it transpired that he had in cash the sum of \$900. He just wanted the further forty to make up an even thousand to put in the bank.

A Credit Association.

The solution in regard to carrying on credit, in the view of Mr. McLaughlin, would be in devising some scheme of reporting to other merchants those who were delinquents in the matter by having the Secretary keep on record a list of these secured in a proper way from the merchants. This list need only be known to the Secretary and when a merchant was in doubt all he had to do was to phone the Secretary and ascertain at once how an applicant stood in his credit with other merchants.

Mr. Marshall.—"I think that would be the best."

Mr. McLaughlin.—"If we don't do something the banks will simply compel us to."

Mr. King.—"Why not approach the mines as suggested?"

Mr. McLaughlin.—"We can do that but with an organization on the lines I mean we might better ourselves in some way."

Mr. Ostrasser.—"One thing is certain, we will have to exercise good judgment."

The meeting was concluded with the intention of re-assembling at some early date to further discuss this vexed question.

OFFERS YOUNG CALF FOR THE RED CROSS

Western Farmer Contributes Something Novel Towards Raising Funds

One very unique mode of giving to Red Cross funds is that of an Alberta farmer. He offers to the highest bidder a young bull calf three weeks old, of the bluest of bovine blue blood. Perhaps he was irritated at the "shower"—the towel shower, the jelly and jam shower, and so on—which is the invariable feminine mode of contributing supplies, and was determined to prove that the masculine mind is much the more original. Anyway, he has made his gift, and any other male who also wishes to be unique and is tired of buying feminine rosettes can now purchase a thoroughbred bull calf to pin on his lapel in aid of the Red Cross.

These are only a few of the ways in which the Red Cross worker, rendered inventive by devotion to a worthy cause, has developed an amazing fertility of resource in the gentle craft of collecting money.

With every Red Cross divisional point as a recruiting station the women of Canada have mobilized for this work and have become ingenious in collecting the sinews for their war against pain. Their chief weapon in this struggle for munitions of mercy is a simple knowledge of human nature and of the fact that man gives most generously when he is amused, and that one garden party is worth ten sermons.

Women Recommended For Gallant Service

London, June 30th.—The valuable and heroic assistance which women are rendering the British armies in fighting the Germans is recognized in a despatch from Gen. French just published here. In the despatch Gen. French includes among the names of those recommended for gallantry and distinguished service in the field, 58 women connected with various branches of the military nursing service and of the Red Cross.

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