

TIMMINS COUNCILLORS VOTE AGAINST LICENSES

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posals before the Council, Mr. King explained that the License Board of Commissioners were coming to the north at Cochrane on the 14th of this month and it was understood they would visit the gold camp during their stay. This would of course include Timmins.

In addition to the resolution which the Board of Trade asked the Council to pass unanimously on beer they also asked them to pass a By-Law regarding shop licenses in Timmins. He pointed out that the Commissioners could only, if they were inclined, grant full license for shops and it required a by-law from the municipality restricting this if only beer was desired to be sold.

The Desired Shop License.

The By-Law, as drawn up and sent in by the Board of Trade read as follows:

BEING A BY-LAW TO RESTRICT SHOP LICENSES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWN OF TIMMINS.

WHEREAS Applications have been made to the Provincial Board of License Commissioners for the granting of Shop licenses under the Liquor License Act in the Town of Timmins, and

WHEREAS it is the opinion of this Council that such license is highly desirable provided the same is issued subject to the restrictions hereinafter mentioned, and

WHEREAS this Council is empowered by Section 42 of the Liquor License Act to impose the said restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED that the number of shop licenses to be granted in this Municipality for the next ensuing year shall be limited to , and that in addition to all other restrictions contained in the Liquor License Act it shall be subject to the restriction that no liquors other than beer and ale shall be sold thereunder.

AND BE IT ENACTED FURTHER that this by-law shall come into full force and effect on the First day of May, 1915.

Passed in open Council at Timmins this Seventh day of September, 1915. After quite a lengthy discussion,

the Council having decided that they could not support, by a majority, the beer license advocacy, the by-law, automatically, although moved by E. Laflamme and seconded by Chas. Dalton, to be carried, fell through.

In his remarks Mr. King said it was of course for the Council to say if they would support this before the Board of License Commissioners. He was certain that if they did support it they would have the moral support of a big part of the best tradesmen and people of the district.

The Mayor asked that the matter be properly discussed by the various Councillors so that they may know just what the views of each were on the points brought up.

Councillor Dalton.—Well the Board of Trade have taken it up and seem to have got along pretty well so far and I think we ought to do something to support it.

Southend After Beer.

Councillor Laflamme.—South Porcupine is trying hard to get it.

Councillor McCoy.—You bet they are trying to get it and they have all kinds of empty buildings there which might be used and result in numerous dives of a kind.

Mr. King pointed out in regard to this that if licenses were granted the buildings would have to be in such a condition that they would pass inspection and the Commission would be very particular as to allowing dives the privilege.

Mayor Wilson.—I don't think the Commission would grant licenses unless there was proper accommodation.

Councillor Moore.—What has the Council to do with this anyhow?

The Mayor.—In the case of the shop license the Council of a municipality have to give their consent before the Commission can grant a license and in regard to the beer licenses for taverns the question is will the Council support it before the Commission.

Strongly Against.

Councillor Globe was very emphatic and clear in his expression of disapproval of any licenses whatever in the gold camp. He told the Council that during the summer months of this year he had visited a number of mining towns in Colorado, Mexico, Arizona and other western towns and was able to appreciate a good deal better just what the liquor granting could do.

"I have given the matter very considerable thought," he said, "and have been able to judge from the number of men who could make good wages but whose families were destitute just through liquor drinking. I cannot see any guarantee that by granting licenses for beer we would be any better off in the handling of the liquor. As far as I am concerned I am not in favor of passing the resolution."

Councillor Moore.—I think the whole liquor business is a curse to the community and if the Commission is going to handle it and are able to make things better then I say let them go ahead and do it.

Councillor Dalton said that the Commission and authorities could easily make people who were granted licenses live up to the requirements. If a man could not stop at drinking there were ways and means by which he could be controlled. He thought that if beer licenses were granted it would do away with the drinking of whisky because the people who had the beer privileges would see that whisky was not sold and if they found it going on would report it because of having to protect their own business.

No Effect Here.

Councillor McCoy instanced Haileybury with its licenses but just the same whisky was sold in Cobalt as people could slip up to Haileybury in a short time and secure all they wished.

The Mayor.—But Cobalt never had beer licenses.

Mr. George Preston in referring to the question of a guarantee of whisky not being sold said that Inspector Blackwell asked a question on this very point. "We told him we would watch and see that no whisky was sold in town," proceeded Mr. Preston. "People who get licenses will see to that themselves. At Haileybury when licenses were granted 'blindpigging' was out out, at Cochrane the same, and if we get licenses here to sell beer we will render the authorities our assistance to stop the whisky."

Mayor in Favor.

Mayor Wilson thought that if the Commission would grant four or five good beer licenses in Timmins they would eliminate "blindpigging." If a man was granted a license worth from \$10,000 to \$15,000 it was only natural he would wish to protect his own business. He mentioned that Provincial Superintendent Rogers and Inspector Rowell were in favor of granting beer licenses. They would even like to see it tried out if only for six months at first.

Councillor Globe.—Well the proof of the pudding is in the eating. When you see, month after month, certain

men making good wages when they are all right, having to keep looking around to find another job while their wives and families are suffering and all through this drinking it makes you stop and think. This is the condition existing here at the present time. It is going on every month. Here is a district with a pay roll of around \$80,000 per month and there is absolutely no reason why there should be this destitution which prevails at the present time.

Mr. Preston.—Well, that is where the whisky comes in. Men take it and lose a lot of time.

Councillor Globe.—I say it is up to this town to set an example. Because other people follow the line of least resistance I don't see that we should.

"Short (of) Beer."

Councillor Dalton.—I don't see why people living up here cannot get a good drink of beer. They allow that other vile stuff to be sold but hold up stuff that is fit to drink and which won't harm any man. There are a lot of good citizens in the town who want beer licenses and the Board of Trade are taking it up so I think we should support it.

Discussion which followed till the taking of the vote was on just the same lines as the foregoing and the deputation retired when they found the attitude of the majority of the Council.

AUTO LIVERIES AGAIN.

Mr. Jack Dalton attended on the Council asking that the by-law requiring those running automobiles for hire should pay \$75 per annum be enforced. At considerable length he detailed to the Council his same reasons as given at previous meetings regarding people from outside towns coming in for perhaps a couple of months with autos, paying no fees and getting away with a profit while local livery men might have their horses held up until these visiting men left the district.

Messrs. Schelletier and Theriault, two owners of single cars in the district were in attendance at the meeting and Mr. Dalton was asked by one of the Council if he thought it fair that one man should pay the same for a single car as another who might have four or five or more.

After continued hammering away on the main point that it was protection which was needed, the Council solved the difficulty for the time by assuring Mr. Dalton he would get protection and some other arrangement will be carried out regarding Messrs. Schelletier and Theriault. In the meantime Town Solicitor J. W. Mahon, who was present at the meeting, will take up the question of the

by-law previously passed and go into the matter.

Councillor Laflamme Resigns.

At the outset of the meeting there was included among correspondence read by the Clerk a letter of resignation from Mr. E. Laflamme who simply handed this in without comment. On the motion of Councillor Globe seconded by E. McCoy, this was accepted and the Clerk requested to take the necessary steps for having the vacant Councillorship filled.

Fire insurance to the extent of \$700 will be placed on the residence of Fire Chief Nolan by decision of the Council.

A letter was read from the Hollinger Gold Mines Limited drawing the attention of the Council to the fact that they had placed a line of water pipe, in connection with their water installation, to the bridge on the town side of the T. & N. O. and while the mine did not want more than was fairly due them, they asked that some allowance be made for the work of laying in this pipe and it was suggested by Mr. Globe in explanation of the letter, that water be supplied to the mine by the town to the extent of \$280 and thus straighten it all out. He mentioned, in laying the facts before the Council, that the Hollinger were paying \$2,500 per year for water. The matter will be cleared up by the Council handing over a check to the mine for the amount.

FELL 110 FEET AND IS STILL LIVING

St. Thomas, Ont., Sept. 8.—Arthur Foster, an employe of the Pere Marquette Railroad, and a resident of St. Thomas, had a miraculous escape from death Saturday afternoon. Young Foster was returning to his work in the railway yards and started to walk over the big London and Port Stanley steel bridge in the southern part of the city. He had almost reached the centre of the bridge when he saw a car approaching at a high rate of speed. He began to run on the ties, when he tripped and rolled off the bridge at its highest point, falling a distance of 110 feet. His fall was broken when he landed on a net work of telegraph wires and rebounded from there to the ground. When spectators arrived at the scene the man was found to be conscious, but suffering terribly from shock and bruises. Physicians believe he will be about in a few days. Foster is the third person to fall off this bridge in the past few years and escape death.

TORONTO WOMAN INVOLVED IN MURDER MYSTERY

A murder mystery in which a Toronto woman is one of the victims has developed in St. Paul, Minn., as a result of the shooting of Mrs. Edith Russell by a David Webber, who later committed suicide. The woman was formerly Miss Edith Barrett of 63 Walmer Road, Toronto, where her parents now reside. The man was evidently a resident of St. Paul and was unknown to the family here. The first intimation that Mrs. Barrett had of the tragedy was when a telegram was received yesterday afternoon from the coroner at St. Paul in which he asked what disposition should be made of the body. Mr. F. A. Barrett, the dead woman's father, who is a traveller, is out of the city and had not been reached by either telegraph or telephone up to nine o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Barrett is at a loss to understand how the murder occurred or to imagine what events led up to the act. Her daughter had not been living with her husband for a number of years and she had been following the occupation of a telephone operator in St. Paul. The woman's husband is supposed to be in Toronto, but the Barrett family never see him. Mrs. Barrett learned any of the details of the murder and then her source of information was through the newspaper reporters who called at the residence.

Two Children Here.

Mrs. Barrett has been taking care of her daughter's two children, both of whom are now over five years of age. They are girls, Mrs. Russell, the murdered woman, is survived by two sisters, who live at home, and one of them has not yet been told of the tragedy because of her ill-health. Fortunately, a brother of Mr. Barrett, the father of the victim, has been in the city on a visit from Buffalo for the Exhibition, and he has been able to look after many necessary arrangements at this end.

According to the report from St. Paul, Mrs. Russell was murdered at ten o'clock yesterday morning by the man Webber, who was a roomer in the same house. The two had a quarrel on Thursday night, it is declared, and another quarrel followed yesterday morning, after which the man committed the act. Mrs. Russell was attempting to leave the house when Webber followed her downstairs and deliberately shot her.

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\$2.00

A detachment under command of Major McLaughlin of the 8th C.M.R., arrived at Gananoque yesterday from Kingston on a trek to Brockville.

The 34th Battalion, C.E.F., in training at London, left yesterday morning in heavy marching order for a tramp to Stratford.

The funeral of Mr. Angus Morrison, an old resident of the Muskoka district, took place yesterday at Gravenhurst.

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