

TIMMINS BOARD TRADE HAD BUSY SESSION

Taking Up Quite a Number of Interesting and Important Matters of The Town

Resolution regarding \$300 from the Red Cross Society.
Discussion on Town Council and Beer Licenses.
Sunday connection on T. & N. O. with "National" Express.
Question of New Station at Timmins. Numbering of Streets and Houses.
Better Electric Street Lighting.
Moving Recorder's Office to Timmins.
Semi-monthly Pay Days.

"Well, we managed to get through quite a bit of business," was the comment of one member of the Timmins Board of Trade after a meeting last Friday evening which lasted less than two hours and during which time probably more was accomplished by the Board than at any other meeting.

The various items which they took up are enumerated above and although there were not very lengthy discussions, resolutions were passed in most cases as the Board realized that in practically every one there was necessity for action being taken.

President Ostrosser was in the chair and there were over a dozen members assembled.

Satisfaction was expressed at the extensive support given the Red Cross Society in the contest for the auto and the fact was referred to, that out of the \$1,800 secured by sale of tickets \$200 was to be given the Board of Trade towards their share of the field kitchen which North Country towns were understood to be contributing for.

"We don't need to do anything yet," said Mr. Marshall, in reply to a query what was going to be done with the money received. "Just put it in the Bank and see what the other towns are going to do."

After a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Marshall, that the sum of \$300 when received from the Red Cross Society be acknowledged from them and be deposited in the Bank to the credit of the Board of Trade to be used for patriotic purposes.

ABOUT BEER LICENSES.
Mr. Tom King informed the Board that the resolution which they had decided to ask the Town Council to

pass for the purpose of presenting to the Ontario License Commissioners was presented to the Council, who, after some discussion and voting on it, turned it down.

"I think we are all pretty well of one mind," proceeded Mr. King, "but I am sorry to say some members of the Council apparently changed their minds from previously. The expression from their vote the other day, however, is not an expression of the voice of the people. It is an arbitrary opinion and it is too bad the people are tied down by one or two men's ideas on things."

Mr. McLaughlin said he could quite appreciate the stand the Council took in the matter if the granting of licenses meant drunkenness in the town; men spending their money who have wives and families and so forth, but the point was that if licenses for beer were not granted there was nothing to prevent the selling of that two per cent. stuff. "I don't pretend to be a judge of beer," he added, "but I do know the effect of that two per cent. stuff is far worse than good beer. If a license was granted for this, with restrictions I think it would be the proper thing. A man could not get drunk on it to do himself harm as on whisky."

The Council also felt, he believed, that if beer licenses were granted that the law would not be any better kept and that drunkenness would be continued.

Mr. Newton.—One thing is certain, a man cannot carry away a barrel of beer in his pocket but he can get around with three or four bottles of whiskey.

The discussion continued on these lines a little time and was concluded by a resolution being passed on the motion of Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Newton, that a deputation composed of Messrs. Ostrosser, King, Marshall, and J. W. Mahon, wait on the various mine managers and endeavor to obtain their co-operation in approaching the License Board on their visit to Timmins, Wednesday of this week.

SUNDAY TRAIN SERVICE.
The President mentioned that sev-

eral people had thought it would be a very beneficial thing if they could manage to get Sunday train connection between the gold camp and Porcupine Junction with the National Transcontinental Express and in a response to a request for a motion on the matter this was moved by Mr. M. Boivin and seconded by Mr. H. J. Marshall, this being to the effect that the Secretary write the T. & N. O. Railway Company asking for connection on Sundays being made with the "National" from the gold camp.

NEED A NEW STATION.

On the question of a new station being mentioned there was general expression of opinion that the present structure was really a disgrace to the district when it was considered in comparison with other stations on the T. & N. O. line doing far less business. The discussion which briefly took place on the matter brought in other smaller items which the Board thought could be fairly asked of the T. & N. O. Commission and consequently, on the motion of Mr. T. King seconded by Mr. J. P. McLaughlin it was decided that a deputation from the Board of Trade wait on the members of the Commission on their next visit here and take up these various points.

NUMBERING STREETS, ETC.

It has been a sore point with trades men of the town for quite a long time that the streets are named but nine out of ten people are unable to tell you if asked what street they live on. The result of this is that repeatedly merchants who have sent out goods often have them come back because the house cannot be located owing to no numbers on residences.

Mr. Marshall thought if possible, it would be better to have the streets numbered instead of names and then the houses also.

He moved and Mr. Preston seconded, that the Council be petitioned to have the streets numbered and also each house on the streets.

NEW MEMBERS.

On the motion of Mr. Simms, seconded by Mr. Marshall, it was decided that Mr. J. W. Mahon be elected a member of the Board of Trade and on the motion of Mr. King seconded by Mr. Newton it was decided that Mr. J. M. Allan, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church be elected an honorary member of the Board.

BETTER STREET LIGHTING.

"Now that the stores are to be compelled to close practically every night," said Mr. Marshall, "there will be little or no lighting in the streets of the town and unless something is done in the way of better street lighting it will certainly be a dark town."

This opinion was endorsed by sev-

eral members and the comment made by one that Golden City was even better lighted at present than Timmins.

On motion of Mr. Boivin seconded by Mr. Baeovetsky it was resolved that the Council be asked to put in force a better street lighting system as the present system is totally inadequate for the needs of the town and also that a number of lights be placed between Timmins and Schumacher.

MOVE RECORDING OFFICE.

There is a strong feeling among many members that the Mining Recorder's office should now be moved from Porcupine to Timmins in view of the changed conditions prevailing since it was first placed at Porcupine in the early days of the camp. In accordance with this wish it was moved by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Preston that the Secretary be instructed to write the Minister of Mines requesting that the Recorder's office be moved from Porcupine to Timmins, that the hotel there is now closed and there is no accommodation in Porcupine at all. Both mover and seconder of this resolution were themselves old residents of Porcupine and understood the conditions fully.

SEMI-MONTHLY PAY DAYS.

Mr. L. Newton presented to the Board a petition which he stated was to be put before the Ontario Government and which he asked the Board to authorize the President and Secretary to sign officially. The petition was headed "Petition for Semi-Monthly Pay Days. Whereas the undersigned hereby petition the Ontario Government to enact legislation for a semi-monthly pay day, believing that it is in the interests of both working men and the community at large."

"We have tried to get semi-monthly pay days," said Mr. Newton, "but it seems no use asking individually for this. The idea of the petition is to have an Act passed by the Government which would enforce all employers of labor to pay twice a month. The movement will eventually be carried throughout the Dominion and is already being taken up strongly in other parts of this Province." It has already been signed by the Council of Tisdale, pointed out Mr. Newton, and it would be laid before the Council of Timmins and probably the Retail Merchants' Association for their approval and support.

General approval seemed to be given to the project and accordingly, on the motion of Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. King, it was decided that the President and Secretary be empowered to sign the petition in favor of semi-monthly pay days.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Some Accomplishment of the Fairer Sex

Women are helping to build trenches in Turkey.
Philadelphia has over 5,000 women swimmers.

An Austrian countess has contributed 5000 cork legs to wounded soldiers in her country.

The women conductors on the Glasgow tramcars wear green straw hats and black tartan skirts.

The chanees favor Mrs. Aletha Gilbert for appointment as judge in the Superior Court at Los Angeles.

St. Louis has five popular and profitable movie theatres owned and managed by women.

Miss Anna Hunt has been engaged to edit a new newspaper which will be started at Ponce, Neb.

Mrs. Mamie L. Burkholder, of Portland, Oregon, has applied for a license as a steamboat captain.

Mrs. Frederick Gardner, prominent in St. Louis society, is now touring California mountains hunting for bear and deer.

Mrs. Emma Eliant, a short story writer, walked from Chicago to San Francisco to enable her to secure material for her stories.

The French government has awarded a gold medal to Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, who is president of the American committee for clothing for the wounded.

Millions of women are in readiness should they be called on by Great Britain to help in the great conflict which is now being waged against Germany.

All the men in the little Bavarian town of Absam being on military duty, the authorities have formed an emergency fire brigade consisting of 35 girls.

Women in Kansas can hold any office in the State and run for Congress, also. In fact they are allowed more liberties than those of any other commonwealth.

The 12,000 girls employed in the tailoring and dressmaking shops in New York City want a special detail of 200 women police appointed to protect strikers from gunmen.

Miss Alva Bennell, a 15 year old girl of Avondale, Cal., is said to hold the record for the amount of bread baked by a girl of her age, having 190 loaves to her credit in four months.

Female students at the Harvard summer school have organized a club in which each member pledges herself not to marry before she is 25 and then only to a man earning at least \$2,000 a year.

Princess White Deer, a Mohawk Indian maiden, from the St. Regis

GERMANS SINK MERCHANT SHIPS BY BOMBS FUSED

Consider Torpedoes are Too Valuable to Waste When Boat is Captured

The sinking of British merchant ships by German submarines has not been by means of torpedoes, for the most part, but by bombs or mines placed in the captured vessel's hold and exploded by fuses which are lighted as the last boat-load of the crew leaves the ship. Torpedoes are too expensive to waste where not necessary.

When the "Ben Cruachan," a cargo steamer, was halted at sea by a submarine, the crew was given ten minutes to leave the vessel. An officer from the submarine then went on board with a bomb, leaving the long fuse trailing over the side. After the captain had gathered up the ship's papers and embarked in the boat, the German officer lighted the fuse by firing his automatic pistol, and the boat was rowed quickly away. The officer returned on board the submarine, which disappeared, while the crew of the "Ben Cruachan" rowed toward some fishing craft a few miles distant. The doomed ship blew up and sank in a few minutes.

Reservation, is now in England, where she will marry a Russian army officer to whom she has been engaged for more than a year.

At several points in the interior of Russia women and school children have organized societies to handle the crops, which promise to be the most abundant for years.

Women in Germany may avail themselves of the highest education, as all the universities in that country are open to women the same as they are to men, and they may obtain whatever degree they want.

"Aunt Betsy" Clark is the oldest person in West Virginia, having passed her 112th milestone. Even at her advanced age she does most of her household work and does not wear glasses nor have any more use for a cane.

Peasant women of Northern France are spending much of their time in the fields while their husbands are at the front fighting the Germans. In the spring they ploughed and planted and now their labors promise to be rewarded with a fine harvest.

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