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## Town Council Meeting Lacks Conventionality

THE TOWN COUNCIL LACKING IN BUSINESSLIKE METHODS OF CONDUCTING THEIR MEETINGS, REGARDING RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS—ACCOUNTS ORDERED PAID—NEW SIDEWALKS DISCUSSED—SANITATION PROPOSED.

From an onlooker's viewpoint of the regular fortnightly meeting of the Town Council, held in the Council Chambers, on Monday last, the Council and the meeting as a whole lacks the stamina and conventionality that a Council of this kind administering the business of a municipality should have. With all due respect to the members of the Council, the manner in which proceedings are carried out are not a credit to them. The Mayor, sits in his chair as a "silent partner" of a firm; the Councillors wrangle one with another on different subjects, causing confusion of questions of importance, making it very difficult for onlookers to grasp the meaning of the various items of business. Councillor McInnis seems to be the main spokesman and authority of the Council. Now, if it is the rule of this Council at their meetings to conduct business in this manner, the time is ripe for a change. If the Council has a rule governing speakers in their discussions, why does the Mayor hesitate to put it into force? As it was noticed at the meeting no member of the Council addressed the chair, and when resolutions and motions came up for discussion, all the Councillors argued at once. By such methods of conducting business it is next to impossible to grasp the idea of the arguments put forth.

Without any reflection on the Town Council and the good it has done for the welfare of the municipality and public in general, we hope that they will see these faults from the onlooker's standpoint.

The members present at the meeting were:—Mayor Wilson, Councillors Moore, Globe, McInnis and Brazeau; absent members being Councillors Williams and McLaughlin.

The Mayor took his seat at 4:30 p.m. and the meeting was called to order.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Clerk Montgomery, and approved on motion by Councillor McInnis, seconded by Councillor Brazeau.

Communications and bills received by the clerk were then read.

It was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Globe, "That the sum of \$550 be paid to Sutcliffe and Neelands for engineering work done." Carried.

Moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Globe, "That all

correspondence be filed." Carried.

A deputation waited on the Council to asking for a sidewalk to be laid in front of their properties on the north side of Third Avenue, over the embankment. It was stated that an 8-foot cut would have to be made in order to lay the walk. The Council promised the deputation that it would be laid providing the owners, whose property fronts on this avenue would be willing to sign notes and have them discounted by the bank, until such times as the debentures could be sold to pay for the construction, to which the deputation agreed. Councillor McInnis stated that this course had to be taken as owing to the recent hush fires it was very difficult to sell the debentures. The opinions of the members of the Council were that the Government should guarantee the sale of these debentures, as they have done in other towns within the fire zone, and this would overcome the difficulty of the sale of the bonds.

On Councillor Globe's motion, seconded by Councillor Moore, it was authorized to have the Town Engineers—Messrs. Sutcliffe and Neelands—look over the proposed sidewalk on Third Avenue, and give an estimate on the cost of same, and that J. W. Mahon be instructed to draw up the notes for the petitioners to sign. Carried.

The matter of cleaning up of the back yards, as a protection against fire, was then discussed. Mr. Newton, of Sullivan & Newton, waited on the Council in regard to the by-law controlling this question. The by-law is an old one and should be enforced, as this time of year fall fires are starting and this refuse may become a source of danger to the town.

Councillor McInnis suggested that this be left in the hands of Fire Chief Hill, but the point was raised by Councillor Brazeau that it was too much for one man to be fire chief, tax collector, assessor, sanitary and fire inspector. It was suggested to have a permanent fire chief whose duty it would be to look after the work of sanitation. However, nothing definite could be arranged, so it was decided to leave it till the next meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Brazeau, that the treasurer be authorized to pay the following bills:—

Nor. Canada Supply ..... \$ 12.35  
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quest of the committee, and had made no charge; also that both Dr. and Mrs. McNeil had done considerable trouble and a great deal of work in doctoring and nursing these patients back to health again.

It was moved by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Ostrosser, "That the secretary write to The Dome Mines Co. and Dr. and Mrs. McNeil, expressing the committee's sincerest thanks for the services rendered." Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Ostrosser, "That \$600 be allotted to Timmins district, for the further assistance of fire sufferers, to be divided and expended among them by Messrs. McLaughlin and Ostrosser, in the best interests of those who are still suffering; and that Messrs. Dickson and Joy look after Mrs. Turpin and child to the extent of \$50, pending some definite information regarding the fate of Mr. Turpin." Carried.

A letter from Messrs. Young and McEvoy to Mr. Gauthier, relative to the 1911 Fire Relief Fund, was read, and it was moved by Mr. Ostrosser, seconded by Mr. Dickson, "That the instructions given Mr. Gauthier at the last meeting, be rescinded." Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Ostrosser, seconded by Mr. Dickson, "That a full statement of monies received and disbursed, together with names, losses, and present conditions of those who have been helped by this committee, be sent to the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, the secretary of the Toronto General Fire Relief Committee and to the local papers; also that the secretary be allowed to employ assistance in its preparation, this sum not to exceed \$10." Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Ostrosser, "That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to secretary for his services, and that he arrange with Mr. Ed. Rapsey to audit the receipts and disbursements." Carried.

## CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION OVER MCINTYRE DEAL

Porcupine Camp Awaiting With Interest the Outcome of Negotiations.

The Porcupine camp, which was a heavy buyer of McIntyre stock a week and two weeks ago, when the price was very attractive, is now wondering how the Vipond consolidated of Extension and Jupiter-McIntyre will pan out. The McIntyre people have a ticklish task on their hands with Jupiter, but no insurmountable hitch in dealing with the McIntyre Extension holders can be foreseen. The McIntyre management hold a little over half of the Jupiter stock, whereas a two-thirds voting power in favor of a sale, and it is presumed a larger deal comes into this class, is necessary. Last month \$25,000 of Jupiter ore went through the McIntyre mill, and it is the general belief that more can be got out monthly from the present Jupiter workings, and that the long connection at the 1,000-foot level to the main working shaft on the north side of the lake will cut into a very rich zone along the porphyry contact. This is a section of Jupiter yet untapped and that promises big. There is, of course, the danger, and it is one naturally not overlooked by those concerned, that very vigorous and extensive development of Jupiter ground before a definite basis for consolidation is determined might make it difficult to arrive at what all parties would deem a reasonable valuation.

The McIntyre Extension, the stock of which three-fifths is held by McIntyre, does not, as said before, present such difficulties.

With the production in August of \$113,000, and this month's running better, with ore values and ore re-

## DIAMOND DRILLING ON OLD ROSS GROUP IN WHITNEY TWP.

Work Now in Actual Progress on This Property—Considered One of the Most Promising.

Diamond drills have now commenced actual work on the old Ross group, in Whitney Township, about three miles east of South Porcupine.

This property was recently acquired by a group of old Ontario capitalists, and it is understood that several thousand feet of drilling is to be done for the purpose of cutting the big sulphide dyke in several places to a depth of five hundred feet or more.

The Old Ross group was considered one of the most promising properties in the camp in the early days on account of the immense size of the ore body; the average width being over four hundred feet and out-cropping over a distance of three-quarters of a mile.

A road has been cut into the property and camp buildings have also been erected.

The preliminary development of this property including the diamond drilling is under the management of A. S. Fuller & Company.

Work is being done with depth steadily increasing, and additions to milling capacity coming along, McIntyre mine is getting into a strong position. It is certainly the focus of interest of the man in the camp. The coming merger negotiations add a filip to that interest. The last quarterly statement showed earnings for the quarter at the rate of 16 per cent. on the issued capital, and the statement for the present quarter, which ends with this month, will show better. Dividend proposals to me "made good" within a year will probably appear when consolidation attempts are resumed in a few weeks.

## New Empire Theatre Will Open in Few Weeks

THE LARGEST AND MOST UP-TO-DATE PHOTO-PLAY HOUSE OF ITS KIND IN NORTHERN ONTARIO — HAS GORGEOUS ENTRANCE WITH SWINGING GLASS DOORS—LARGE STAGE AND SEATING CAPACITY FOR 600 PEOPLE.

The new Empire Theatre, which is being erected on Third Avenue, to take the place of the present one, is to be the finest and best equipped of its kind in Northern Ontario. The architect, Mr. J. Joannisse, of Cobalt, is to be congratulated on his excellent design of the building, and the owners have spared nothing to make it up-to-date in every respect. The Northern Lumber Mills, of North Cobalt, are the contractors and they are rushing the work through as quickly as possible.

The building is of frame construction, with the exception of the west wall separating the theatre from adjoining building, which is of eight-inch concrete inserted between the inner and outer wooden walls, affording ample protection from fire. The interior finish is of metallic ceiling and siding, with abundance of ventilators going through on the roof, thus giving the house a free circulation of air throughout.

There are eight exits in all, six on the ground floor and two from the balcony, the latter having fire escapes of iron leading to the street, these in case of fire would empty the theatre in a very few minutes.

On either side of the entrance are two stores, and above the stores are five suites of offices, to be comfortably fitted, and heated by the best up-to-date heating system.

The entrance is to be on an elaborate scale, well lighted, carpeted and swinging glass doors, the ticket office is to be placed inside the doors, to enable the patrons to purchase their tickets without any inconvenience caused by the cold weather and snow.

The Dunham Steam System installed throughout the building is the very best that could be procured to insure comfort to the public during the performances.

A stage in the rear, 26 feet x 36 feet, the ceiling extending to the roof, fitted with anti-rooms on each side, give abundant facilities for vaudeville acts, which is intended to be put on at least once a week. Separating the stage from the audience will be a heavy asbestos curtain to prevent

fire from that quarter. At the side of the theatre is installed a fire-fighting apparatus with one hundred feet of hose on either side, which will be connected to hydrants and used in case of fire.

Seating capacity of the house is 600, the auditorium will chair 500 and the balcony and boxes on either side 100. Seats are to be on the opera-chair plan, and so elevated as to permit the patrons to see from any part of the house.

An orchestra is to furnish the music and a new picture machine is to be installed, same make as the one now in operation in the "Regent," Toronto—the largest photo-play house in Canada.

The operator's box, situated at the back of the balcony, is of three-ply asbestos, with outside covering of galvanized iron sheeting making it next to impossible to be a source of danger.

The electric wiring is placed in the operating box and throughout the building in conduits to protect them from lightning and fire.

An office for the manager has been chosen in the front of the building, over the main entrance and in the rear of the operator's box, where he will be found administering to the public and affairs of the theatre.

The proprietors of this photo-play house are putting forth every effort to give the public the best picture films that can be obtained, and the patrons of this theatre will find them very educating and instructive to both young and old.

It is to be hoped that the public will patronize this theatre as well, if not better, than they have already done in the old one. Let every one turn out at the opening of this Theatre and show their appreciation to the owners that you appreciate what they have done in the way of bringing amusement and entertainment to this town, which has been badly needed.

Watch the "Advance" for the opening date of this magnificent photo-play house, which will be announced in the course of a few weeks.

## Few Interpretations of Ontario Temperance Act

A FEW DEFINITIONS OF "THE ONTARIO TEMPERANCE ACT"—INTERPRETATION OF THE MEANING OF PRIVATE HOUSE WHERE LIQUOR MAY BE CONSUMED—PENALTY FOR HAVING IN POSSESSION OR DRINKING SAME IN PLACES HABITUATED BY THE PUBLIC OR ON STREETS.

There has been considerable comment going on in the local district and municipality as to the correct interpretation of The Ontario Temperance Act. We have heard several different opinions regarding the meaning of this Act, and the places in which liquors and alcoholic beers, above 2½ per cent. may be kept or consumed. The argument in particular, "whether liquor can be kept in private houses." The Act gives the following places not to be deemed within the Act:—

Section 2, subsection (i) of The Ontario Temperance Act is as follows:—

(i) "Private dwelling houses" shall mean a separate dwelling with a separate door for ingress or egress, and actually and exclusively occupied and used as a private residence; but

(i) Without restricting the generality of the above definition of a private dwelling house, among other things, which the expression "private dwelling house" does not include or mean, it shall not include or mean and shall not be construed to include or mean any house or building occupied or used or partially used as an office, other than a duly registered physician's, dentist's or veterinary surgeon's office, or as a shop, or as a place of business, or as a factory, or as a workshop, or as a warehouse, or as a club-house, or club-room, public hall or hall of any society or order, or as a boarding house, or as a lodging house, where there are more than three lodgers, other than the members of the family, or as a livery stable or garage, or as an inn, tavern, hotel or other house, or place of public entertainment, or any house or building the rooms or compartments in which are leased to different persons, or any building or house mentioned in section 54 of this Act, or any house or building where for money or other valuable consideration any goods or chattels are kept or sold, or meals given or lodging provided, nor shall it include or mean or be construed to include or mean any house or building connected by a doorway or covered passage or way of internal communication,

except by telephone, with any place where liquor is authorized to be sold under this Act, or with any office, except a duly registered physician's, dentist's or veterinary surgeon's office, or with any place of business, factory, warehouse, workshop, clubhouse, club-room, hall, before mentioned, boarding house or lodging house as aforesaid, livery stable, garage, inn, tavern, hotel, or other house or place of public entertainment or resort or with any house or building mentioned in section 82 of this Act.

(ii) Notwithstanding the above restrictions "private dwelling house" shall include also a suite of rooms in an apartment block, in a city, separated and closed off by walls from all other rooms in such block, and without any door or opening whereby communication may be had with any other rooms, save doors opening into a main or common hall, leading with or without stairs into a street or lane; and in which suite there are facilities for cooking. Section 54 referred in the above subsection, is as follows:—

54. If the occupant of any private dwelling house or of any part thereof is convicted of any offence against any of the provisions of the Act committed in or in respect of such house the same shall be taken to have ceased to be a private dwelling house within the meaning of this Act, during the time the person convicted occupies the said house or any part thereof.

Section 82 cited in subsection (i) reads as follows:—

82. Any house, shop, room or other place in which it is proved that there exists a beer pump, or any other appliance similar to those usually found in hotels and shops where liquors are accustomed to be sold or trafficked in, other than those of common use in private houses, unless it be shown that such articles so found are used for legitimate purposes shall be evidence that it is a place in which liquors are kept or had for the purposes of being sold, bartered or trafficked in, in contravention of this Act; and the occupant of such house, shop, room or other place shall be taken to be the person who has or keeps therein such liquors for sale traffick or barter. (Continued on Page 5.)

## Mining Notes

Porcupine Premier Mines are constructing a new boiler house on their property.

According to reports circulated here, the Porcupine Vipond's output for the month of September will exceed that of the month of August.

Diamond drilling on the Dome Extension property is still in progress. It is reported that nine holes have been drilled and are now working on the tenth.

Manager Trethewey, of the West Dome Mine, denies the reports circulated in the Toronto papers "that the Company is to start a mill." He claims that the statement is without foundation.

The Dome Lake Mining Co., which has been closed for two or three weeks, are busy on the extension of their mill. This company are installing a new Hardinge machine, increasing their capacity from 50 tons to 200 tons per day, giving an average output of 5,600 tons per month. It is expected to be in operation in two or three weeks.

Operations are in progress for the sinking of number 4 shaft at the Schumacher Mines, which is now to a depth of 30 feet. This shaft is situated on the opposite side of the town, being in this location will probably necessitate the construction of an aerial tramway for the means of carrying the ore across the street to the mill. Owing to the company's extensive workings it has been found necessary to build and equip a new machine shop in which to do their own work and repairs.

## Police Court News During the Week

The first arrest under the new Ontario Temperance Act was made last week in the person of Arthur Hiles. Evidence was heard and remanded until called on.

Mrs. Marie Kedekele was subpoenaed before the magistrate on a charge of having set fire to rubbish in her back yard. The magistrate's parting smile was \$5 and costs.

There is some misunderstanding in the town in regard the proper height of streets awnings. The regulation height of these awnings should be 7 feet. The magistrate fined a couple of citizens the other day for the violation of this by-law. Other offenders should take warning.

Last Thursday a local Chinaman was charged in the Police Court, by a French woman with indecent assault. The evidence was very contradictory, but the Magistrate as a warning to offenders fined the Oriental \$55.50 or 60 days.

Another arrest was made this morning, Sept. 20th, under the new Temperance Act, for having liquor for consumption on the street. When the Frenchman saw the police coming along ran away, and a lively chase ensued.

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## MEETING OF FIRE AND RELIEF COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Fire and Relief Committee was held in the Council Chambers, South Porcupine, on Thursday, September 14th, pursuant to call.

Members present were:—Messrs. J. P. McLaughlin, G. H. Gauthier, D. Ostrosser, E. G. Dickson and H. N. Fay.

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, on motion of Messrs. Gauthier and Ostrosser.

Secretary-Treasurer presented his report of monies received since the last meeting, which were received and filed.

The following bills were read:—  
L. Bissonette ..... \$2.00  
King George Hotel... 1.00  
L. W. Brown ..... 3.80  
Sky Bros. .... 8.63  
J. P. McLaughlin .... 29.40  
Mrs. Bridgman ..... 30.00  
J. Easton & Co. .... 7.00  
H. N. Foy, sec. ac. .... 8.75  
Dom. Express Co. .... 13.25

\$103.85  
It was moved by Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Ostrosser, "That these bills be paid." Carried.

Secretary Joy was requested to write to Mr. H. T. White, Timmins, "That on account of the urgent demand of large families for aid, the committee would be unable to do any more for him."

The secretary reported that The Dome Mines Co., at their hospital, had taken splendid care of four persons from Iroquois Falls, on the re-