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Town Council Meets Passed Fire By-Law

FIRE BY-LAW READ FOR THIRD TIME AND PASSED AND ENTERED ON THE BY-LAW BOOK TO BE KNOWN AS BY-LAW NO. 68—RESOLUTION PASSED TO COMPEL CITIZENS TO CLEAN CHIMNEYS AND STOVEPIPES TWICE YEARLY.

The regular by-weekly meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday last. Members present:—Mayor Wilson; Councillors Melnis, Brazeau, McLaughlin, Moore and Williams.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read by Clerk Montgomery and approved on motion of Coun. Melnis, seconded by Coun. Brazeau.

Bills and communications were then read by the Clerk.

On motion of Coun. Melnis, seconded by Coun. Williams, R. S. Craft, Chief of Police was appointed transient officer of the Town, and previous appointments cancelled.

FIRE LIMIT BY-LAW.

A by-law for the purpose of defining the fire limits of the town was given its third reading, it having been read a first and second time at a previous special meeting.

Coun. Melnis thought that in view of so many fires occurring in the last few days it would be a good idea to have a clause inserted in the fire by-law to the effect that every merchant should provide himself with a fire extinguisher for emergency purposes and also that every citizen be obliged to clean their chimneys and stovepipes cleaned twice yearly instead of once yearly as has been the custom.

OVER-HEAD PIPE LINE.

It was moved by Coun. Williams, seconded by Coun. Melnis, "That the town solicitor be instructed to prepare copy of agreements regarding right of way for overhead pipe line crossing over Mount Joy Creek, as same to be sent to Sutcliffe & Neelands for proper forwarding."

BONUS FROM CHAS. A. SEE.

A letter was received from Chas. A. See with an enclosed cheque of \$25 for services rendered by Assistant Fire Chief Hill on Sunday last when the former's store was in danger of being wiped out of existence.

It was moved by Coun. Williams, seconded by Coun. Brazeau, "That the donation of Chas. A. See be accepted with thanks and the clerk turn the cheque over to Ernest Hill as requested. Carried."

Coun. Williams made a resolution, seconded by Coun. McLaughlin, "That Messrs. Sutcliffe & Neelands be instructed to send the Fidelity Agency Corporation Co., a copy of specifications and tender for water-works."

PROVIDE EXTINGUISHERS.

It was moved by Coun. Melnis, seconded by Coun. Brazeau, "That the Clerk write the town solicitor re the legality of adding a clause to the fire and building by-law compelling all residents and shopkeepers within the fire zone to install one or more of the recognized types of fire extinguishers." Carried.

It was moved by Coun. Williams, seconded by Coun. Brazeau, "That all correspondence not dealt with be filed." Carried.

BY-LAW NO. 68.

A resolution by Coun. Melnis, seconded by Coun. Brazeau, "That the Fire and Building By-law, having been read a third time be passed in open Council and placed in the By-law Book to be known as By-law No. 68 with the following addition to clause 'J.' "That instead of chimneys and stovepipes being cleaned only once a year it be required that they be cleaned twice yearly. In the spring and again in the fall." Carried.

ASKED REFUND OF INCOME TAX

A letter from Mr. H. J. Fitzpatrick asking for his income tax to be refunded, claiming that he was paying a business tax, which should cover his income taxation.

On motion of Coun. Melnis, seconded by Coun. Brazeau, the matter was referred to the town solicitor for advice. Carried.

WANT TO INSPECT PIPES.

Mr. Tom King waited on the Council with the suggestion that a man be appointed to inspect all stovepipes, claiming that a great many citizens allowed their pipes to decay, which might be the cause of a serious conflagration.

REPAIR ENGINEER'S HOUSE.

It was moved by Coun. Williams, seconded by Coun. Moore, "That the Council approve the action of Water-

works Committee in letting a contract for overhead pipe line crossing and that the Committee be authorized to repair engineer's house at pumping plant." Carried.

REMOVING STUMPS.

Mr. Pierce visited the Council and suggested that the stumps be removed off the streets while the snow was on the ground, and burned before spring, claiming this would curtail unnecessary expense.

INSTALL MORE LIGHTS.

It was moved by Coun. Melnis, seconded by Coun. Brazeau, "That the Clerk be instructed to have the Ontario Light & Power Co. to install the following lights:—"One light on the east side of the railway bridge; one light at the corner of Balsam and First avenue, and one light opposite the Catholic Church." Carried.

BILLS ORDERED PAID.

It was moved by Coun. Brazeau, seconded by Coun. McLaughlin, "That the Treasurer be authorized to pay \$4,324.31 on accounts." Carried.

DISPOSITION OF MONEY.

Coun. Melnis raised the question as to the disposition of the fund that had been laid aside for hospital purposes for the Porcupine district. The Councillor thought the Council should arrive at some decision on the matter, saying that it would be unlikely to get Whitney and Tisdale Townships to agree on the hospital, as they wanted to use the money for schools. But the Council deferred their decision until further inquiries can be made as to the exact purpose the money could be used for. Some of the Councillors thought the money would be devoted to the municipality who was the first to go ahead and erect an hospital.

PATRIOTIC BY-LAW.

A by-law for the selling of bonds to cover the expense of patriotic purposes was then read by the Clerk.

It was moved by Coun. Melnis, seconded by Coun. Brazeau, "That the by-law for issuing debentures for patriotic purposes, having been read the first time, be now passed in open Council and given its second reading."

The by-law was then given its second reading, and on motion of Coun. Moore, seconded by Coun. McLaughlin, was passed in open Council to be given its third reading at the next regular or special meeting.

The meeting then adjourned on motion of Coun. Brazeau, seconded by Coun. Melnis.

Great Activity on Tommy Burns

There are signs of great activity on this company's Porcupine property in Shaw Township. Large camp buildings have been already erected and contract has been let for the sinking of a two compartment shaft to a depth of 100 feet and are now asking for sinking of two additional shafts on the main vein. It is the intention of the company to connect these shafts up at the 100-ft. level thereby blocking out a very large tonnage of ore.

It is also understood that very extensive diamond drilling operations will soon be underway it being the intention of the company to prove up the big sulphide ore body for it is the entire length clear across the property.

The Tommy Burns has always been considered by well posted mining men in the Porcupine District to be potentially one of the big propositions of the camp. The company have refused several offers for the property from other mining interests and it has been examined at different times by some of the best mining authorities in America.

Besides the Porcupine property this company also owns a valuable property near Brookfield, Nova Scotia.

A social evening and bazaar will be given by Mrs. A. R. Gobe on Thursday, Nov. 30th, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliaries of St. Matthews' church. This will be one of the nicest parties of the season and a large attendance is expected.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FOUR CALLS IN THIRTY-SIX HOURS

WHERE FIRES OCCURRED.

Marshall-Ecclestone's, Ltd. Pine street, Friday. Time, about 7 p.m. Damage slight.

T. J. McGrath's, Cedar street, Friday. Time about 10 p.m. Damage slight.

Mr. Smith, Fifth avenue, Saturday. Time, about 9 a.m. Damage, about \$800.

Chas. A. See's, Pine street, Sunday. Time, about 8 a.m. Damage, about \$3,000.

The Fire Department had a very busy session the latter part of last week, being called upon to put out four fires within thirty-six hours.

MARSHALL-ECCLESTONE'S.

The fire on Friday evening at Marshall-Ecclestone's originated from an unknown cause. It appears that by some reason or other two cases packed with crockery in the storeroom, caught fire. A passer-by saw the smoke pouring out of the building and gave the alarm, in the meantime the company applied their own hose that they keep for fire purposes and suppressed the fire until the fire brigade arrived. They were however, soon on the scene and assisted in extinguishing the blaze. Had the fire started an hour or two later it would no doubt have been a disastrous one.

T. J. McGRATH'S.

At 10 p.m. on Friday evening the department received another call to the residence of T. J. McGrath, Cedar street, to extinguish a blaze caused by an overheated stove. The damage suffered by the occupants was slight.

MR. SMITH'S.

At about 9 p.m. Saturday evening the department received a call from Fifth avenue, where the residence of Mr. Smith was a mass of flames. The fire being caused by an overheated stove. It appears the occupant's son had filled the stove with wood and gone out and left it, and while he was out the house caught fire and was badly burned, but for the prompt action of the firemen and the high water pressure the house would have been completely destroyed. The damage to the building and contents were about \$800, covered by insurance.

CHAS. A. SEE'S.

At about 8 a.m. Sunday morning the brigade was called to the store of Chas. A. See, where fire had started from the overflowing of the percolators near the soft drink fountain and the blaze quickly ascended the wall setting fire to stationery and several other articles, causing material damage to store and its contents to the amount of \$3,000. The firemen battled faithfully against the flames, thus preventing what might have easily been a serious conflagration.

LOCALS BEAT HOLLINGER OFFICE THREE STRAIGHT

The bowling league which has now been formed here is off to a good start. This league is composed of seven teams, viz., Timmins, Hollinger Mill, Leftovers, All-French, Oddfellows, Hollinger Office and Marshall-Ecclestone, Ltd.

Last evening the league opened with the first game between Hollinger Office and Timmins. The result being a win for Timmins of three straight games. J. Stewart for Timmins, was high man on his team as well as high individual for the night with a score of 494. Second class honors were tied between F. McGuire of Hollinger and D. Duke of Timmins who scored 471 respectively.

The scores put up by the Timmins team is indication that they are going to be a hard aggregation to beat. They are a very enthusiastic bunch of bowlers and will be worth watching, as they never give in till they are really beaten. Although it is early yet to predict or make comment to any great extent as to the strength of any one team, yet the showing made by Timmins' team makes them beam out as lively contenders.

This will cause a great deal of rivalry and make the other teams of the league all the more enthusiastic to go in and make every pin count against their opponents.

CITIZENS SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL TO PROTECT HOUSES

The greater portion of the fires recorded here in the homes of our citizens are due to carelessness. The great majority of these dwelling house fires break out at night.

The chief causes of these home fires are:—Carelessness in allowing defective chimneys to exist; carelessness in the overheating of stoves and furnaces; and carelessness in many other ways.

Before the real cold weather sets in the householders should see that the heating equipment is fire-safe, that there are no cracks in the chimney to allow sparks to enter between floors and at a safe distance from wood-work; that stoves, ranges and stovepipes are in safe condition and all surrounding woodwork protected, and that lamps and lanterns are in good condition. Homes should be made reasonably fire safe by taking the simplest necessary precautions. "Safety First" is as essential in the home as at work.

CHIMNEY FIRES.

For a chimney fire a few pounds of salt thrown in at the top is probably the best handy extinguisher; but a pail of sand, earth, ashes, or even coal, will be very helpful. If a fire-place connects with the chimney, the latter materials are not desirable to use, since they are liable to scatter the burning soot into the room where the fireplace is located.

NOT CAREFUL ENOUGH.

Out of the four fires that occurred here within 36 hours of the latter part of last week two of them were the cause of overheated stoves. The people are not careful enough to see that the stoves are in proper condition before leaving their homes of an evening to go shopping or elsewhere. By this method of building fires and leaving the house a prey to the overheated stove is poor policy and more often times proves to be disastrous.

Fatal Accident At Ame Mine

Frank Kimsi, a Finlander, age 24, married, an employe of the Ame Mine, was killed on Sunday the 12th of November, by a blast from a hole in the drift.

An inquest was held on Wednesday last under Coroner Dr. McNeill, for an inquiry into the cause of death and the jury brought in the verdict of "Accidental Death." By the evidence the deceased was trimming up the drift and taking off corners and had loaded three foot holes which were lighted. The three men moved back to await the explosions, but only one exploded. The deceased went back to investigate and received the full force of the charge, blowing his head off. One of his companions was also hurt.

The funeral took place from Messrs. J. Easton & Co., undertaking parlors on Thursday last.

FIVE WEEKS TILL ELECTION DAY JANUARY FIRST

The time is drawing near when you as citizens will be asked to cast your ballot for a new council to represent you and transact your business throughout the on-coming year.

With but five weeks to go it would be well for you to consider now your choice for a mayor.

It is rumored that Mr. R. J. Jemmett, will be a candidate for the mayoralty position, and as Mr. Jemmett has had wide experience in municipal affairs for a number of years, in Cobalt, he would in all probability make a good man for that position.

If this rumor be true we think the electors would do well to come out to the polls on the 1st of January and give Mr. Jemmett a vote, and we feel sure that you will not regret having cast your lot in favor of a man who is capable of conducting your affairs in a businesslike manner to the best interest of the municipality at large.

Mr. Jemmett is conscientious, energetic and straight forward in all his undertakings and would serve the electors to the best of his ability.

Difficulty as to The Meaning of Word "Place"

CASE OF CHAS. A. SEE LAID OVER FOR ANOTHER WEEK—ANOTHER LIQUOR CASE TO BE FOUGHT OUT ON ITS MERITS—CHILDREN IN COURT FOR STEALING FROM STOREKEEPER—A CURFEW NEEDED TO KEEP CHILDREN OFF STREETS

CASE AGAIN REMANDED

In the Police Court on Thursday evening last, Magistrate Atkinson remanded the 19 charges against Chas. A. See until Thursday next, owing to the defendant's counsel not being ready to proceed. This is the third time the case has been remanded.

ANOTHER LIQUOR CASE TO BE THRESHED

Another case to be fought out on its merits as to the strict interpretation of the Ontario Temperance Act, is that of a foreigner, who resides in Schumacher.

The man in question on Nov. 1st last, sent a letter to a Montreal firm for two bottles of gin. The box with the two bottles arrived at Schumacher on Nov. 7th. The man approached the station agent for the parcel but was refused it until he received a release from Provincial Officer Allen, the man forthwith went to South Porcupine to obtain the release from Mr. Allen.

RELEASE OF LIQUOR

Before releasing the liquor the officer asked the defendant if he was living in a private house, whereupon the man replied in the negative, that his wife kept a boarding house with about 20 inmates. The officer then told him it was against the law for him to take the liquor to those premises and advised him to return the liquor to the seller, because if he should be found with it in the boarding house he would be liable to a \$200 fine. With this caution the officer gave the defendant a paper to give to the station agent at Schumacher for the release of the parcel.

The defendant went back to Schumacher and gave the released paper to the station agent, who thereupon released the parcel containing the "booze." The defendant carried the parcel along the lake shore some distance away and proceeded to open the parcel. In taking out the bottles by some reason or other one of them caught on to something, with the result it came to grief by smashing. The second bottle was then consumed on the spot by the defendant, with no one in his company.

SEARCH MADE

The next day he was approached by Police Constable Greer as to what he had done with the liquor he had received the day previous, and in reply stated that he had drunk it. This caused the police to doubt the defendant's story and consequently the house was searched, but nothing was found but an empty bottle.

The finding of the empty bottle led to the arrest of the defendant on the charge of having had liquor in a place other than his own private dwelling house.

VIOLATED ACT

License Inspector Blackwall prosecuted the case and claimed that the defendant violated the Act by receiving, carrying and consuming the liquor in a place other than his own private house and cited the section of the Act which states "that no person shall have or consume liquor in any place whatsoever other than his private dwelling house."

CONSUMED IN PRIVACY

Mr. Forbes who appeared for the defendant contended that the words "any place whatsoever" was meant to prevent any person from taking liquor to a public place, such as a bar, hotel, or hall, places habituated by the public, for the purpose of consuming liquor. But said Mr. Forbes the defendant consumed the liquor in privacy, unbeknown to anyone save himself, therefore he could not be included in that section cited by the inspector.

QUESTION OF "PLACE"

Magistrate Atkinson in summing up the evidence came to the conclusion that it was a matter of an interpretation of the word "place." The defendant got the liquor and consumed it. Now is the question had he any right to consume it in the "place" in which he said he did.

The case, however, was laid over pending a decision from the High Court, on a case similar to the one in question.

FRIDAY'S SITTING

More evidence of why the Town of Timmins should adopt a curfew for the welfare of children, was shown in

the police court on Friday morning when a dozen children appeared before the magistrate charged with breaking into a store and stealing a quantity of articles. These cases, however, were laid over till next Friday morning.

SAFEGUARD CHILDREN

It is high time the authorities of this municipality took steps to safeguard the children and the citizens from menaces of this sort by passing a by-law for the adoption of a curfew to prevent these children from running at large on the highway of this municipality and becoming a source of annoyance to the citizens as a whole.

ADOPT CURFEW

Why not adopt a curfew now before serious trouble arises? We venture to say that if steps are not taken along these lines the consequences will be disastrous. Many a child learns to steal young by coming in contact with bad companions older than themselves. These older companions think it a smart trick to learn a younger child to do something that probably they would not do themselves, and when the younger ones have such tools at the back of them they go from bad to worse, and in several cases turn out to be real criminals. If a child is brought up in these environments it is seldom they depart from them, before disastrous results occur to their characters, and sometimes not then, thinking that when character is gone they may still continue in the "old rut" having nothing more to lose.

SHOULD ACT AT ONCE.

Let the authorities get together now, and make some provision to keep these children off the streets at night. It will benefit and protect the children from dangers and will also be a source of blessing to the citizens of this municipality.

Assays on Davidson Prove Satisfactory

An assay on the samples of ore from the 300 ft. level, where the vein was picked up last week, gives \$9.00 in gold to the ton, says F. C. Sutherland & Co. The samples assayed represented the vein matter at the point where the vein and the wall rock met, and consequently are not to be taken as illustrative of the average run. It is anticipated that the ore will yield higher values as development proceeds; in the meantime the assay return is clearly indicative of the fact that the Davidson has the making of a big mine, as even if the average gold content of the ore on the 300 ft. level does not exceed that given in this assay return, the values will be higher than the average in the camp.

With its ore body located on three levels, and the fact demonstrated that it runs high grade milling ore the Davidson has been absolutely proven to be a mine. The extent of the vein on the 300 level is not known yet, but as it was 24 feet in width on the 100 ft. level and has proven for 42 feet on the 200 ft. level without the hanging wall being reached, it is anticipated that further development will yield very satisfactory results.

Work is proceeding on the sinking of the No. 2 shaft on the south vein, and this also promises to prove a material factor in the near future.

Mr. Frank G. Stevens, mining engineer of high distinction, has been appointed managing engineer of the company. Mr. Stevens is a graduate of the Kingston School of Mines and has had 16 years' experience in mining in Mexico British Columbia and Nova Scotia. He will be in complete charge of the development of the mine and has already taken over control.

The well-known H. C. Dunbar, who has been conducting a lumber business in this country for a number of years, has recently formed a company to be known hereafter as The Hendon Lumber Co., Limited. The directors of this company is not as yet known, but in all probability H. C. Dunbar will hold the controlling interest in the firm.