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INAUGURAL MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

1917 Committees and Chairmen Re-appointed for This Year.

The inaugural meeting of the Timmins Town Council was held on Monday afternoon, and the members present were duly sworn into office for the year. Those present were:—Mayor J. P. McLaughlin and Councillors A. R. Globe, Dr. Moore and Dr. McInnis. Councillor Brazeau is away owing to the injury to his son, who is, however, making excellent progress to recovery at the Toronto hospital; Councillor Pierce is in the West attending the funeral of his father; Councillor Williams is out of town on a holiday.

The only business transacted on Monday by the Council after the members present were sworn into office was the passing of a resolution providing that the Committees of Council should be the same as last year. The following are the Committees, the first named in each case being the Chairman:—

Fire and Light:—Dr. McInnis, A. Brazeau, C. G. Williams.

Public Works Committee:—A. Brazeau, Dr. McInnis, C. G. Williams.

Water Works Committee:—A. R. Globe, A. Brazeau, Dr. Moore.

Finance:—Dr. Moore, A. R. Globe, Chas. Pierce.

Police:—C. G. Williams, A. R. Globe, Chas. Pierce.

Contingent, Charity and Sanitation:—Chas. Pierce, Dr. McInnis, and Dr. Moore.

The Council will meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 4 p.m.

NUMBER FROM TIMMINS TO REPORT FOR SERVICE

Last week a number of the young men in Timmins received notice to report at Toronto Armories on Friday, January 18th., under the Military Service Act. The military censorship seems to frown upon the publishing in detail of names or numbers of those called from each town or district. The authorities seem to think that such information might give comfort or aid to the enemy in some way or another, and that it would be of no advantage except insofar as it might satisfy common curiosity. However, it may be said that this call from Timmins has included what is commonly termed "quite a large number," but which in reality amounts to only a dozen or so for this draft. Most of the young men called last week were men in regular employment that might be considered of national benefit, though their places may be filled more or less readily, but many comment on the fact that while such useful men are taken others of a less desirable type who are also liable for service have been left a little longer "in our midst." It is generally felt that the call for service in the army should be first made on those who are neglecting or refusing to give any service to the country here, but there is little cause for worry as all may rest assured that it will not be long before these apparent inequalities are righted, and intelligent system makes the best of all the manpower of the country.

The men called from Timmins received transportation on the railway to Toronto, while enclosed with the notice to report was also the sum of \$4.00 in postal notes to help pay other expenses of the trip.

PORCUPINE HOCKEY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Wednesday Evening Games in Town League for 1918.

The following is the schedule of games for the Porcupine Hockey League for 1918. Each game is held on a Wednesday evening, and the matches commence at 8 p.m. sharp:—

- Wednesday, Jan. 16.—Empire vs Firemen.
- Jan. 23.—Canadiens vs Crown.
- Jan. 30.—Crown vs Firemen.
- Feb. 6.—Empire vs Canadiens.
- Feb. 13.—Crown vs Empires.
- Feb. 20.—Firemen vs Canadiens.
- Feb. 27.—Crown vs Canadiens.
- March 6.—Firemen vs Crown.
- March 13.—Canadiens vs Empires.
- March 20.—Empire vs Crown.
- March 27.—Canadiens vs Firemen.
- April 3.—Firemen vs Empires.

Mr. Cossar, engineer at the Dome Mine, left Monday on a visit to Toronto.

Prominent in the Porcupine

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J. P. McLAUGHLIN
Mayor of the Town of Timmins—1917 and 1918.

The Mayor of a municipality is sometimes referred to as "the First Citizen of the Town." The term might be applied with a double significance to Mayor J. P. McLaughlin of Timmins. Not only has he been elected by acclamation for two succeeding years to the Mayoralty, but in another way he might justly claim to be one of the "Town's First Citizens." If he was not the first, he was among the very first. He was here in Timmins before there was a Town of Timmins. At the Sale of lots in the Townsite he purchased the land on which his grocery department is built. The Sale was on September 4th, 1911, and on September 5th, building operations had commenced. The Bank Saloon, the International Saloon, and Mr. H. Peter's store and residence, Mr. Chas. Pierce's store and residence, and Mr. McLaughlin's building were erected about the same time and completed within a day or two of each other. They were the first finished structures in Timmins. In those days it needed faith and courage and optimism to foresee the present modern town of Timmins on the site of sand. But the First Citizens had the belief and the vision and the will. That is what made them so truly "First Citizens." That, too, is what made the present Town of Timmins. Mayor McLaughlin has taken his due part in the growth of the town. His modest but modern general store of 1911 has grown to the fine big departmental that graces Third Avenue to-day. It

has always kept a little ahead of the size of the town. Its modern equipment and up-to-date fixtures would do credit to a town three times this size, and the grocery department, particularly, with its light, bright wholesome atmosphere and handsome sanitary appointments would be in keeping with a city of 30,000.

J. P. McLaughlin was one of the first Councillors of Timmins when the Town was organized in 1912. He was re-elected in 1913 and again in 1916. In 1917 he was elected Mayor of Timmins by acclamation. The same trouble befell him this year. As Chairman of the Porcupine Fire Relief Committee he also gave good public service. The only other misdemeanor he admits is being President of the first Cochrane District Association of the Liberal Party in 1913.

John Patrick McLaughlin was born on the McLaughlin farm near Collingwood, Ontario, in 1878. In early manhood he entered the grocery business and had experience, wholesale and retail. He was the travelling representative for one of the largest wholesale groceries in Canada when he saw the chance of establishing a business of his own at Larder Lake. From there he went to the Gowganda Camp, and later still he saw the golden opportunity of the Porcupine. Here in Timmins he has built a goodly business, and helped in the building of a goodly town.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRADE

To be Held in Council Chamber Thursday Evening This Week.

The annual meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade is called for 8 o'clock Thursday evening of this week in the Council Chamber. All interested, and every good citizen should be interested,—are earnestly invited to attend. Among the important business before the meeting will be the election of Officers for 1918, consideration of annual reports, etc.

AUSTRIAN GIVEN THREE MONTHS FOR HIGH-GRADING

Last week Officer R. Allan picked up Paul Jonakaitis, an Austrian, and the accused was before Magistrate Atkinson on Thursday on a charge of having gold illegally in his possession. The value of the gold found in the Austrian's possession did not exceed \$25, but to discourage all illegal handling and trafficking whatever in the precious metal by workmen a conviction was asked for. In his story, Jonakaitis said that he had been working recently at the Whelpdale. About two years ago he had been employed at the Hollinger. He claimed that the gold came from the St. Anthony Mine on the Transcontinental, and that he had taken it from there because he thought the mine had not paid him all that was coming to him. Magistrate Atkinson imposed a sentence of three months in North Bay jail. This is the fifth recent conviction for high-grading, and after about another five the majority will begin to realize that it is a good thing to keep away from.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

An examination of the West Dome property is being made with a view to the purchase of a material interest by Montreal financiers. It is also said that a run of about 1000 tons of West Dome ore will be put through the Dome Lake Mill in the near future.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Porcupine Crown Mines will be held on Wednesday, January 23rd., at 10.30 a.m., in the hall of the Sailors' Institute Building, Montreal, for the reception of the financial statement, election of officers, etc.

For the calendar year 1917 the production of gold in the U.S.A. was 4,085,589 fine ounces, valued at \$84,456,600. This was a reduction in gold output of 8,133,700 fine ounces for the year, when compared with the 1916 harvest. Silver production in the U.S.A. also showed a decrease in 1917 compared to 1916. For 1916 there were 170,302 more fine ounces produced in the U.S.A. than in 1917. In the latter year the U.S. silver production totalled 72,244,590 fine ounces.

The suggestion is now made that Sir Henry Pellatt, president of the Mining Corporation of Canada, and vice-president of the McIntyre-Porcupine, be added to the Temiskaming Company directorate, as an entirely independent shareholder, with a view to getting rid of the quarrel in the Temiskaming control. Proxies are now being sent out to secure this end.

NEW DISPOSITION OF PATRIOTIC FUNDS

Porcupine Consolidated Club Decides to Give 50 per Cent. to Patriotic Fund.

In the Council Chambers on Friday afternoon last the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club executive met with the representatives of the various societies coming under the jurisdiction of the Club. Mrs. Anagnon and Mrs. Hicks were the representatives for the Schumacher Red Cross and Mrs. Richardson, president of the Society, was also present. Mrs. Culbert and Mrs. Smith represented the Porcupine Patriotic Society. Mrs. Ellis and Miss Muirhead represented the D.Y.B. Club, and Mrs. McInnis and Mrs. Digby Grimston were present for the Timmins Red Cross. Mr. J. Gorman and R. J. Jemmett were the Patriotic Fund representatives. Discussion took place regarding the affairs of the Club, and there was a general feeling that more energetic measures for collection would bring in more money, though it was recognized that the past year has been a difficult one for the Club. Eventually it was decided, on motion, that 50 per cent. of the total collections for the present year should go direct to the Patriotic Fund headquarters from the Club here. The other 50 per cent. is to be divided among the various Societies in the Club. The basis of division created some discussion, but eventually it was decided that of the half going to the local Societies, \$1000 should first be deducted for the D.Y.B. Club, and the balance appropriated 37 per cent. for Timmins Red Cross, 27 per cent. for Schumacher Red Cross, 27 per cent. for South Porcupine Patriotic Society, and the other 9 per cent. for expenses and extra general calls.

Another meeting of the representatives is called for Friday afternoon of this week.

SOUTH END LIQUOR FINES NET \$2500.

On Thursday afternoon last Magistrate Atkinson held early court at So. Porcupine, anticipating a big rush of business. Liquor Act detectives had been busy at South End and Connaught for the Provincial Police, and no less than eight accused of blind-pigging were fined, the fines totalling \$2500 and costs. Two who could not see their way to pay their fines were taken to North Bay last week while the Province will likely get about \$2,000 from those paying up. A man from Barber's Bay was fined \$100 for running a gaming house. There were some drunk cases also before the court.

ALIENS PAY \$1800 IN POLL TAX FOR 1918

418 Reported Here on 11th. Some More to Come.

Last Thursday, January 10th, was the regular day for the alien enemies under parole in Timmins, but owing to it being also police court day, the aliens were told to report on the following day. This naturally disorganized the reporting a little, but nevertheless 418 aliens duly reported on the 11th, and a few more are straggling in from day to day, and the few who have not yet reported will likely come in faster than a straggle.

Tax Collector Macpherson was at it again. He was early on the job to secure the poll tax for the year. Last year this tax was left until August and as a consequence many of the aliens escaped paying it by moving away. On Friday, however, 360 aliens paid poll tax here, the total amount thus received being \$1800. Eight other aliens who had escaped 1917 taxes were spotted by the Tax Collector during the day and they contributed \$163 more, bringing the grand total up to \$1963. Aliens going to report hereafter will have to produce receipt for their taxes when requested, as well as their registration cards.

FIRST HOCKEY OF SEASON TO-NIGHT

Firemen vs. Empire Teams Play at Timmins Rink This Evening.

The first hockey match of the season is to be played at the Timmins Rink this evening commencing at 8 o'clock sharp when the Firemen and the Empire teams of the Town League will fight for supremacy, hockeyistically speaking. Members of each team, and admirers of each team are willing to bet on their favorite, and already there is enough rivalry between the teams to assure a well-contested game. There have been several recent practices at the rink, and the players are giving good promise. Manager Mulhern of the Timmins Rink has given an added interest to the recently formed town league by offering a cup for competition. One quarter of a dollar will take anyone in to see the game to-night, and the Rink will foot the war tax. No hockey enthusiast should miss this opening game to-night.

INSTITUTION OF ABITIBI LODGE

New Lodge A.F. & A.M. to be Instituted at Iroquois Falls Friday Evening.

The formal institution of Abitibi Lodge, A.F. & A.M., G.R.C., at Iroquois Falls will take place on Friday evening of this week with R. W. Bro. H. W. Sutcliffe, D.D.G.M., New Liskeard, officiating, assisted by other Grand Lodge Officers. A large number of the brethren from Timmins, South Porcupine and other neighboring points will attend the event. The regular meeting night of the new lodge is the third Friday in each month. W. Bro. Frank K. Ebbitt is the W.M., and Bro. R. E. Morton the secretary of the Abitibi Lodge.

VERY SUCCESSFUL EUCHRE PARTY AND MUSICAL.

The Euchre Party and Musical at the home of Mrs. P. A. Robbins on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Matthew's Church, was one of the most enjoyable and successful events of its kind ever held here. Sleights left down town at 8 o'clock, and about 150 took the opportunity of enjoying the evening. In the neighborhood of \$100 will be netted the W. A. by the event. The program for the evening was a clever one, with many original touches and fully enjoyed throughout. The musical selections were all excellent, while the humorous travesty on "Il Travatore," with its clever staging and its skilled acting, was one of the special features of the evening. Mr. R. W. Robbins "behind the bars" and Mr. John W. Fogg as one of the "villains of the play," were particularly adept in provoking laughter and deserved applause. The euchre prizes for the occasion were particularly attractive. All present report a delightful time in every way.

TIMMINS MEN INVENT SAFETY STOVE PIPE

Put up Without Cursing, Stays up Without Wire, Neither Leaks nor Breaks.

Two Timmins mechanics, Messrs. Patenaude and Berini, have recently secured patents in Canada and the United States on a new Safety Stove Pipe that has innumerable advantages over the old style pipe. The new Safety Stove Pipe is being manufactured here by Messrs. Patenaude and Berini at the rate of about 100 lengths a day, and they hope to increase this to 150 or more shortly. As they have orders for over 15,000 pipes already, it is easy to see where the new industry may develop in to an important business. The pipes are made of special quality stove piping in ordinary 18 inch lengths, but on account of their superior construction, the one pipe does not need to go as far into the other to assure secure holding, and on this account the New Safety Stove Pipe saves one link in every seven of ordinary pipe. The chief feature of the new pipe is the screw end. By this device pipes are quickly put together, and with a couple of turns the two links are as firmly together and as straight as if they were one piece. This ought to just about do away with the necessity for swearing,—without which said swearing ordinary stove pipes refuse to go together or stay together,—and sometimes the ordinary pipes will not go right even with the most gifted cursing in the Porcupine, to say nothing of the less expert South. Once together, the New Safety Pipe is locked to stay; no wiring is required, as the pipes are straight and firm; and the construction is such that "leakage" is absolutely impossible. For convenience in shipping the pipes are shaped, but not riveted. In this way, twenty-five lengths can be conveniently packed together in a crate for shipment. In place of the riveting there is a clever device for joining the pipes. It only takes a second to turn the pipe from its condition when packed into the form it holds when in use. For this work only the hands are necessary, a simple twist or two, and there you are, the pipe is ready for use, locked sure and safe. In case of removal, the pipes can be unlocked again and packed conveniently for shipment. The new Safety Stove Pipe costs about the same as ordinary pipe for the same amount of service, and all the advantages are to the good.

Messrs. Patenaude & Berini have also patented another style of pipe that does away with the cutting of lengths. This link can be used with any of the Safety Pipe for any size up to a full length. The plan utilized includes a screw device on the pipe by which the length may be made to fit a quarter, half, three-quarters, or almost any other part of a link.

WATCH OUT FOR THE BAD MONEY NOW.

Counterfeit bank bills are reported as in circulation at the present time. One of the forms of "counterfeit" is not "counterfeit" in reality, though just as bad. It is a ten dollar Molson Bank bill raised to \$100. One thousand of these bills are said to have been put in circulation, but none are yet reported from the Porcupine. The other form of counterfeit is a Mexican bill that looks very much like an Imperial Bank \$5 note. Three of these Mexican bills were offered by a foreigner this week to a business firm in Timmins, but were noticed. The foreigner said he thought they were \$5 bills.

HON. MR. COCHRANE'S NOW REPORTED MUCH IMPROVED.

Despatches from New York last week say that at the Hotel Belmont, where Hon. Frank Cochrane, Chairman of the C.N.R. Commission, is stopping while undergoing treatment by an eminent specialist, it was announced that Mr. Cochrane's health is very much improved and that his condition is not serious. Sir Robert Borden and Lady Borden were among those calling upon Mr. Cochrane last week, and they report him as in cheerful frame of mind and apparently well on the way to recovery. He wanted to come back to Canada the end of last week, but on the advice of his physicians stayed over for a few days.

This week another batch of registered letters came for Timmins young men to notify them to report at the Toronto Armories next week for service under the Military Service Act.