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TAXES MAY BE PAID IN TWO INSTALMENTS

Council Pass By-law to This Effect.
Town Finances and Other Mat-
ters Discussed.

A meeting of the Town Council was held on Friday afternoon with Mayor McLaughlin presiding and Councillors Brazeau, Globe, Dr. Moore, Williams and Dr. McInnis present. Much general business was transacted, one of the chief items of discussion being the finances of the town, which were reported as in fair condition, though the strictest care and economy would be necessary during the year. Estimates of the expenditures expected to be necessary for the Fire and Light, Waterworks, and Public Works Committees were submitted by the respective chairmen.

The Treasurer, on motion of Councillors Moore and Williams, was empowered to pay the regular town employees twice a month hereafter—on the 5th and 20th.

Accounts for the fees for special constable for the election booths in the recent Dominion contest were ordered paid.

A number of applications for the work of town scavenging for the year were received. One man asked \$1000 a year for the work. Two or three other wanted "the same as paid last year." Mr. Kidek's offer, however, just about upset the Council. He offered \$500 for the "franchise," the idea being that he would pay himself by collecting fees as was done last year. "What he'll PAY \$500?" questioned one Councillor. "yes," replied Dr. Moore, "for the honor of the position." The Council, however, were not yet ready to take the responsibility of thus selling titles, and so the matter was left in the hands of the Sanitary Committee with power to deal with the matter as they see fit.

The Government Inspector for Insurance Companies sent in a very flattering report of the satisfactory conditions prevailing at the pump house, with good words for the way the equipment was cared for and kept ship-shape. He also made one or two minor recommendations.

The Council passed a resolution for the preparation of a proper by-law that would enable collection at once of poll tax from every resident of the town not otherwise assessed. Those who later are called on for income tax will be credited with the \$5.00 poll tax now required.

A letter from the T. & N. O. regarding the overhead bridge plan did not raise any enthusiasm. "Can get along without a new bridge, and the town hasn't the money now," seemed to sum up the attitude towards this letter.

Mr. Laidlaw gave a brief but pointed explanation of the benefit to the town from the purchase of a chemical fire truck such as recently installed at Moneta. The Council looked on it as good thing, but regretted that financial conditions would not warrant any further extensive investments for fire equipment.

On motion of Councillors Globe and Williams authority was given for the sale of \$9000 sidewalk debentures at 85 per cent.

On motion of Councillors Williams and Moore, taxes hereafter will be payable in two instalments, namely, on June 1st and Nov. 1st. Five per cent. interest will also be charged on all taxes overdue.

W. S. Macpherson was appointed assessor at a salary of \$100,—the same as last year,—Councillor Brazeau voting against.

The Mayor and Councillor Pierce were appointed members of the Board of Health, and H. E. Montgomery re-appointed secretary.

On motion of Councillors Brazeau and Williams, a phone will be installed in Constable Greer's residence.

A. Shaheen was granted rebate on 1916 and 1917 taxes in connection with refund of Transient Traders' license.

The Finance Committee was authorized to arrange with the bank for the necessary line of credit to carry the town's finances during the year.

The increase of \$10 per month in the rental of the clerk's office and council chamber was agreed to, the council having an offer for one of the rooms at a figure practically equaling the price paid for the two by the Council. The Council will hereafter pay \$60 per month for the two. A

Prominent in the Porcupine

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CHAS. PIERCE
Councillor of the Town of Timmins, 1917-1918.

Today there are only a few men who have more extensive business and financial interests in the Porcupine Camp than Charles Pierce, Town Councillor by acclamation for 1917 and 1918. In addition to the big general store business, carrying everything from dainty laces to other builders' supplies, from cabbages to furs, and from soup to nuts, he has a national interest in a big lumber industry, in the New Empire Theatre, in a number of mining claims, and in a numberless lot of private properties. His name appears oftener on the assessment roll and the tax roll than any other single individual in Timmins. Yet, with a prospector's pack on his back he walked into this town before it was a town, and his first store was a tent on the Hollinger property. He is credited with being the man who cut down the first tree in the clearing of the bush to make this townsite, and he has been at the good work of making a town from a bush ever since. He is still ready and able to take a fall out of a tree or do anything else that's honest to advance the interests of Timmins and the people of the North Land. As Chairman of the Sanitary and Contingencies Committee of the Town Council he has done effective and useful work and impressed all with his shrewd ability no less than his public spirit. When the men who work for him all speak well of him, the general opinion must be accepted as true, that "Charley's all right, you bet!"

Charles Pierce was born in Kovna, Russia, in 1852, coming to Canada with his parents 15 years later. His parents pioneered the great Canadian West, and he has done his share of other pioneering work. In Montreal he had one of the largest fur businesses in Canada. He travelled from coast to coast buying Canadian furs, and every year he attended the world-famed mart at Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, to purchase such furs as Persian Lamb, etc., to bring to this country. In the early days of Cobalt he became interested in the Waldman Silver mine,—where the famous silver sidewalk was. From Cobalt he came in the early days to the golden Porcupine. He was at Golden City at the time of the big fire, and assisted unselishly in helping others escape from the disaster that the Montreal papers acclaimed him a hero, while even the old-timers went so far as to say "Pretty good old seat is Charley!" He was one of the number who escaped the fire by way of the old barge on the lake, but he lost everything, even to some of the clothes he should have been wearing.

Councillor Pierce, with his many public and private interests, is naturally a very busy man, but never too busy for a cheerful word or a joke with anybody. Good natured and good hearted he has built up many different kinds of friendships as he has different business interests,—and that is going some.

FIREMEN PLAY CROWNS TO-NIGHT

Another Interesting Hockey Match in
League Series.

The game in the Porcupine Hockey League scheduled for this (Wednesday) evening is between the Firemen and the Porcupine Crown team, and it is expected to be a genuine, honest-to-goodness game of hockey. Although the Firemen suffered the first defeat of the season they played a pretty brisk game against the Empires, and kept the match even enough to make the interest keen. Since then they have been doing some strenuous practising and have also strengthened their team by the addition of new men of ability. Among the new ones to appear in to-night's game will be the old war-horse of hockey, Jack McLean who will play defence for the Firemen. The Porcupine Crowns, on the other hand, after the way they put it over the Canadiens, will feel they need no introduction or apology. The general verdict, then, is that it is going to be "some game"—to-night, commencing at 8 p.m. at Timmins Rink.

Directly or indirectly you promised to care for the families of the soldiers overseas. Will you break faith this week?

rider to the motion about the matter requested Mr. Courtemanche to cut a door between the Council Chamber and the Clerk's office for the general convenience.

WAR TIME MARKET CARNIVAL, FEB. 6

Prizes of Geese, Chickens, Beef, Pork,
Vegetables, Etc., for Masquer-
aders and Others.

An unusual event is being arranged for Wednesday, February 6th., at the Timmins Rink. It is "A War Time Market Carnival." Those in costume and the spectators will have opportunity to enter the drawings for such valuables as Geese, Chickens, Beef, Pork, Potatoes, Carrots, Turnips, etc., and valuables like these will also comprise the prizes and further particulars regarding the War Time Market Carnival will be given on the posters to be issued the end of this week. The event will undoubtedly be one with much fun attached to it and much of interest and profit. There will be skating for all at 9 p.m.

GOVERNMENT TO START BIG RANCH IN NORTH LAND

The Ontario Government is completing its plans for the establishment of a big sheep and cattle ranching industry in the North Land. A five thousand acre ranch will be opened in the spring, probably in the Parry Sound district, though Temiskaming and other districts of the North Land were considered.

The Red Cross calls this week, and the wives and families of the soldiers overseas! What is YOUR answer?

TISDALE GRANTS \$2000 TO P.C.P.C.

Township Council Deals With Man-
Other Matters of Interest.

The Tisdale Township Council met in regular session at South Porcupine on Friday evening last, with the Reeve and all members of Council present.

The Fire and Light Committee reported regarding street lights that out of five at Gillies Lake only one was burning, three were out of business at Schumacher and two at South Porcupine. The Clerk was instructed to take up the matter with the Light and Power Company.

The Public Works Committee reported that Mr. Smith the Manager of the Ankerite Mine, would like to have the Township road-snow plough taken over the road to the Ankerite Mine, and he was willing to meet the extra cost of taking the plough into Deloro Township. Foreman Ryan was instructed to have this attended to as soon as possible.

Maxwell Smith was appointed Assessor and Tax Collector for 1918, his duties to commence not later than February 15th. This motion was moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Morgan. Among the other applicants were Joseph Johnston, Cobalt; I. E. Dunn, Schumacher; and W. G. Higham and W. M. Whyte, South Porcupine.

On motion of Councillors Morgan and Hutchison, Mr. F. C. H. Simms was appointed auditor for 1917 accounts at the price of \$275. Other applicants for the auditorship were: G. E. Chabot, Haileybury; H. P. Ostrosser, Schumacher; M. Thomas, So. Porcupine; John Clarke, Toronto; T. S. Clarke, Haileybury.

Councillor Morgan called attention to the matter of stable manure being dumped other than on proper dumping grounds, and Constable Rayeroff mentioned similar conditions at Schumacher. The Clerk was instructed to ask the local Board of Health to take action.

The campaign for the Patriotic Fund was discussed and the Finance Committee reported that conditions would not permit of a contribution at present. The matter was then discussed and last year's donation was mentioned. Eventually it was moved by Councillor Mackie, seconded by Councillor Morgan, "That this Council grant to the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, to be paid in four equal instalments of Five Hundred Dollars, said payments to be made on March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st respectively, and the Clerk be instructed to draw up a By-law this effect.

Councillor Morgan reported that he had investigated the circumstances of Mrs. McGrath along with Councillor Walton, and they recommended the payment only of the doctor's account for examination. Mrs. McGrath was not in circumstances which warranted any help from the municipality.

Chief Roy was instructed to arrange for an extra man at Moneta if required in connection with the Sanitary Department.

Councillor Walton mentioned the matter of the Township team and gave figures showing the cost of the team and man, namely \$5.50 per day and present earning ability of \$12.28 per day on their work during the current month. He therefore recommended that the team be kept on Township work, as much road work could be economically done at present which could not be handled cheaply in the summer.

Various accounts for salaries, etc., were considered and ordered paid.

4000 SUBSCRIBERS LAST YEAR TO PATRIOTIC CLUB.

The list of subscribers to the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club last year may be seen at the office of W. S. Macpherson, general secretary, Timmins. The suggestion that the list be published in the newspapers is proven impractical in view of the fact that there are 4000 individual subscribers. As one prominent patriotic worker suggests, it would be much easier to publish the names of those who did not subscribe. The list, however, is now open for the inspection of anyone interested, at the Council Chambers, Timmins.

GIVE GLADLY TO PATRIOTIC FUND

The One Just Thing to Do. \$20,000
Already Pledged.

On Monday the campaign of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club to raise \$50,000 in a week for the work of the Red Cross and the Patriotic Funds commenced. Yesterday pledges to the amount of \$20,000 were reported, but the hardest part of the battle is yet to come,—the securing of the other \$30,000. The Porcupine Campaign cannot afford to fall down in this effort. Those here at home are directly or indirectly pledged to keep faith with the brave men overseas. We are pledged to do our share to maintain the Red Cross in its gracious work of sending comforts to the soldiers fighting in our behalf, and in its still more blessed work of caring for the sick and wounded overseas. We are pledged to support the Patriotic Fund that provides for the assistance of the wives and families of the brave men risking their lives and giving their lives in our behalf. These are debts of honor. If we shirk them, under whatever excuse, or from whatever indifference or neglect, how can we look ourselves straight in the eyes again; how can we meet the real men when they return. The Red Cross and the Patriotic Fund must in honor be maintained whatever else may fail. The present campaign is the year's opportunity for the man or woman to do his or her share. All should contribute, and contribute gladly,—as the part payment of a great debt. Whatever we give it will be all too small, so the feeling should be to give and give as greatly as possible and with enthusiasm. Give to the limit. If the canvassers miss you, go to any of the chartered banks,—they will gladly accept your subscription or your pledge. If you did not give enough the first time, give again. Give to the very limit. The Porcupine,—Timmins,—YOU,—must not fall down this year.

Tisdale Township Council started a good plan. The Township grant was a third greater than last year. This year Tisdale gives \$2,000. The people of the Porcupine should follow a similar plan so far as possible,—making this year's subscription larger than last year's, as the need is greater. Give! Give to the limit.

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Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The Fidelity Mine in Skead Township expects to open up operations at an early date.

The Burnside Mine at Kirkland Lake, is being developed, the electrically driven plant at the Sylvanite being utilized. The Burnside is owned by the Alladin-Cobalt.

About 30 men are now at work at the Skead Mine in Skead Township. The shaft is now down 100 feet, a station is being made and cross-cutting will be done to tap the veins indicated by the surface showings and the diamond drilling. There is a small but useful mining plant at the Skead Mine.

At the meeting of the Temiskaming Mine shareholders last week, Sir Henry Pellatt voted against the by-laws proposed by the Morganstein and Wills interests. Sir Henry Pellatt was showered with proxies for the meeting from shareholders who were tired of the fight being waged between the Morganstein and Culver factions. Sir Henry was pledged to neither side, but to act independently in the best interests of the shareholders. While those opposed to the present directorate largely supported Sir Henry Pellatt at the meeting last week, it is likely that he will now receive also support from those approving Mr. Culver and his plans for the company's betterment. Sir Henry's proxies only covered the one meeting and for the annual meeting on Feb. 4th new proxies will be required. It is expected that at the annual meeting there will be a battle royal.

LEUT. J. V. GUILFOYLE DIES AT NEWMARKET

Popular Timmins Barrister Passes
Away at Military Hospital.

His many friends here will deeply regret to learn of the death at the Newmarket Military Convalescent Hospital on Tuesday morning of Lieut. J. V. Guilfoyle, formerly a popular and successful practising barrister at Timmins. He left here for a holiday last year on account of his health, his nervous system giving him considerable trouble at the time. Recovering his health he remained in the South and later enlisted for overseas service. Later on he was transferred to the Forestry Draft and some months ago his health again troubling him he went to the Military Convalescent Hospital at Newmarket, where he remained the greater part of the time until his death. It was only about three hours before his death that he appeared really seriously ill. The late Lieut. Guilfoyle was a brother of Mrs. J. P. McLaughlin, and Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin left this morning for Toronto to attend the funeral.

MAY START FOR OVERSEAS TO-DAY

Reports from Toronto Suggest That
Timmins Draftees May Move Soon.

Reports this week reached Timmins to the effect that the group of men from here answering the call and going to Toronto a week or two ago are to leave Toronto to-day on their way overseas. Such reports do not seem in keeping with past experiences in regard to the training and preparation of men in Canada, but against this, of course, is the fact that conditions now are different. In any event the reports are buttressed by all kinds of authority and given color by all sorts of detail. If the reports are true, the plan evidently is to train the first drafts from Canada under the Military Service Act in England instead of here. There are, of course, many advantages about such a plan that will outweigh the drawback.

If you have already given from what you could spare, give now from what you cannot spare so well.

YOU OWE ALL to OUR Soldiers! PAY What YOU Can THIS WEEK!