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ROADS IN TISDALE BEING IMPROVED

Outstanding Taxes, License Fees, Etc., Discussed. Other Township Council Matters.

The regular meeting of Tisdale Township Council was held in the Council Chamber at South Porcupine on Friday evening last, with Reeve J. E. Boyle in the chair and Councillors Mackie, Morgan and Walton present.

The Finance Committee reported that the credit balance in the Bank was \$890.00.

The Fire and Light Committee reported that all street lights in Schumacher, Moneta and Rochester, would in the next ten days be on the same switch as the lights in Timmins. All lights previously reported as being out of business were stated to be in good shape. The Clerk was instructed to have one light on Golden Ave. moved one pole further west and to have a new light placed opposite the Maple Leaf Hotel on the south side of Golden Avenue. The police department was instructed to supervise all street lights and to report all lights not burning.

The Public Works Committee reported that the reeking of the streets in South Porcupine was almost finished, and that lanes at Schumacher would be the next to receive attention. The Clerk was instructed to obtain prices for from 50,000 to 100,000 feet of 4-in. plank. Foreman Ryan reported that he had obtained 1200 pieces of lagging for placing corduroy on roads at Gillies Lake.

The police station and fire hall at Moneta were reported as completed and in good shape.

The Sanitary Inspector reported that sanitary conditions were good, no complaints having been made recently. Inspector Charette stated that a fire had been kept going in the pump-house for the past three weeks and had been of great assistance in preventing the pump from freezing.

Tax Collector Whyte reported that the outstanding taxes would amount to approximately \$43,000, the collections having amounted to about \$37,000. The Finance Committee were instructed to look into the question of suing for back taxes.

A deputation, headed by Mr. D. Caterello, presented a petition to exempt holders of licenses to sell beers, soft drinks, cigars, tobaccos, etc., and to run pool tables and bowling alleys in South Porcupine from the payment of license fees for the first six months of this year, owing to business conditions. The matter was discussed and on motion of Councillors Mackie and Walton it was decided to grant a three months' exemption.

Mr. Allan D. Pearce, asked the Council for their instruction regarding the observance of the Fuel Controller's order, and he was informed that the Order-in-Council was issued by the Dominion authorities and the Council consequently had no authority to interfere.

A deputation from the South Porcupine Fire Brigade asked for an increased rate of pay for actual fire services. On motion of Councillors Morgan and Walton, the following rates will be paid to the members of all volunteer fire brigades in the Township:—For the first hour (water on) \$3.00 per man; for each additional hour, \$2.00 per man; for when no water used, or false alarm, \$1.00 per man.

The Chief reported that several buildings on Golden Avenue were in such condition that they could only be described as fire-traps. These were mostly west of the Dagenais block and the Imperial Bank. He was instructed to make up a list of the most dangerous places.

Various by-laws were passed, chiefly of routine character. One by-law regarding the licensing and regulating of dogs is of special interest, however. The Township, taking advantage of a recent amendment to the provincial statutes, has increased the license fees for dogs. Hereafter, according to the new by-law, the first dog is to be taxed \$2 and subsequent dogs \$3. Lady dogs will be licensed at the rate of \$5.00 for the first dog and \$6.00 for subsequent lady dogs kept. Clerk Wilson assures The Advance, however, that the by-law does not include "hot-dogs," or dogs in the disguise of sausages.

A large number of accounts for salaries, supplies, and so on, were duly passed and ordered paid.

The regular meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Prominent in the Porcupine

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C. G. WILLIAMS
Town Councillor, 1916-1918.
Prominent in Mining and Other Circles.

Councillor C. G. Williams has the faculty of never talking without saying something. It is a happy gift and has made him a useful and helpful member of the Timmins Town Council, of various Patriotic and other committees, and of the profession in which he is prominent. Added to this, he has common sense to see and courage to express his views, while his training and knowledge along technical and other lines give his services a particular value. He is entering his third year as a member of the Town Council. Since the beginning of 1916 he has given general good service to the community as a Councillor and particularly capable service as Chairman of the Police Committee. In mining circles his wide knowledge and keen judgment are well-known in the Porcupine and beyond. He has the knowledge and the knowledge to apply that knowledge. As a counterpart to his efficiency and diligence in his profession, he is of genial and fraternal spirit with the world of men. Last year he was Worthy Master of Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. & A.M., and in the wider fraternity of everyday life he is always one of the Masters.

Charles Gunning Williams was born in London, Ontario, in 1882. When only 18 years of age he entered Toronto University to take a course to qualify him as a mining engineer. In his fourth year he became a Fellow in Chemistry, and the faculty and students alike will admit that he was a Good Fellow in Everything in Every

Year he was there. In his fifth year he graduated with honors in mining engineering and he has been carrying the honors in the profession ever since. First he went as a chemist with the Canada Paper Co. at Windsor Mines, Que., and then he was chosen by the Max Erfurt Co. to install special sizing machine in paper mills throughout the Country. In 1907 he came to Cobalt and prospected for a time. Perhaps with prophetic eye on the inside knowledge of all ends of the mining game that he would need as Superintendent at the Hollinger in these years, he spent a time as shift boss at the Buffalo Mine. In 1909 he was appointed superintendent of the Otisse Mining Company, and in 1910 he became outside engineer for the Buffalo Mines. In this latter connection he had charge of the Moneta Mine in the Porcupine. In 1912 he was superintendent of the Nova Scotia Mine at Cobalt, leaving there to become manager of the Deister Machinery Company at Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 1913 he joined the engineering staff at the Hollinger, where he is at present Mine Superintendent and a valued official of that big corporation. He has won his way, step by step, and he has been stepping lively at that. Councillor Williams enjoys popularity and respect from Mines and Men alike. He is Chairman of the Porcupine Branch of the Canadian Mining Institute, and a general and particular good citizen of the town and district.

PORCUPINE CROWNS TO PLAY THE EMPIRES

Interesting Hockey Match for This (Wednesday) Evening.

The match scheduled for this evening at the Timmins Rink should be one of the liveliest hockey games of the year. The two teams playing are the Porcupine Crowns and the Empires. Both of these teams have the distinction of defeating the Firemen, so it will be interesting to see what they will do to each other. Betting is about even on the game, the respective supporters of each team being sure as to which team will win. Both teams have shown good form and promise and the match will undoubtedly be an interesting one. The game will be called at 8 p.m.

PTE. BEN CURTIS BACK IN CAMP FROM OVERSEAS.

Pte. Ben Curtis, formerly of the Dome Mine, is back in Camp after a long and useful service overseas. He went across with the Eaton Machine Gun Battery and was through many of the fiercest battles of the war. He was wounded at the Somme and at Passendedale, and carries in his pocket now sometimes an interesting souvenir of his wounds in the form of a ragged piece of steel about an inch long and half-an-inch in its other dimensions. He carried this for a while in the left side of the breast where it was embedded by the high explosive shell that came his way. Recently he was returned to Canada and spent four months at Whitby Convalescent Hospital, being finally given his honorable discharge from the army a short time ago.

WAR-TIME CARNIVAL A BIG SUCCESS

Costumes, Prizes, Crowd, all Especially Good.

The Market Carnival at the Timmins Rink last Wednesday night proved an unusually successful event in every way. There was a big crowd at the novel event, there were over seventy excellent costumes on the ice, and the prizes of poultry and produce were original and interesting. Turkeys, geese, chickens, carrots, potatoes, etc., were the interesting and valuable prizes for the events of the evening. The "French Admiral" won first for gentlemen's fancy costume and "Black and Gold" was the winning lady's fancy costume. The best Comies were "Charlie Chaplin," and "Aunt Diana." The "Admiral and Lady" were awarded first as the best couple. The "Indian" won the boy's first prize and the girl representing "England and France" carried off the honors for girls.

TIMMINS NEW HOTEL OPENED UP ON MONDAY.

W. Ling, formerly of Cobalt opened up the new hotel in town on Monday. This hotel was built here last year by Hazelton Bros., much of the material used being from the well-known Kingston Hotel building at South Porcupine. The hotel is modernly constructed and equipped in up-to-date style and well furnished throughout. It is on Third Avenue, and will be known as the Queen's Hotel. It will cater to general and commercial trade and as will be seen by the notice elsewhere in this issue the rates will be low in comparison to the service

PATRIOTIC FUND NOW STANDS AT \$34,255

Effort Still Continuing to Make it the \$50,000.

The extra week in the campaign to raise \$50,000 in the Porcupine for patriotic purposes resulted in a slight increase in the amount published last week. The total now stands at \$34,255, with some good subscriptions yet to be added that may run the total to \$40,000. The members of the Committee, however, are not satisfied with the result, and will not be satisfied unless they reach the \$50,000 aimed at. Of course, the amount as it now stands is better than last year, but the need is also greater and it is generally felt that \$50,000 is not too much to expect from this Camp for this purpose. Making due allowance for business and general conditions the Committee still call for \$50,000.00. At a meeting last week it was decided to make a personal canvass of a number who have either not given at all or not given as much as it is felt they should. No one is to be allowed to escape without having to face the matter squarely and fairly, and it is yet hoped, with good prospects, that the \$50,000 will eventually be paid or pledged. Those who have neglected giving altogether, or in part, should sit down and canvass themselves. Think of the safety, the comfort, the prosperity, assured us all here at home through the sacrifice and danger faced by those overseas, and consider what is the amount that will buy now some clearness of conscience in facing the soldiers when they return. Pledge cards are still obtainable at the banks in Camp and every citizen should heed this patriotic call.

FIREMEN RECEIVE HANDSOME CUP

Prize Won in Cobalt Tournament on July 2nd. Arrived Last Week.

Chief Borland and Fireman W. G. Smith stopped off at Cobalt long enough on their return from the Annual meeting of the Temiskaming Volunteer Firemen's Association to capture the cup won at the July 2nd. games in Cobalt last year. They brought the cup home with them, and it is now on view in one of Marshall-Eclestone's windows. It has taken a long while to secure this prize. Indeed, it looked as if it was going to be harder work for Timmins to get the cup than it had been to win the prize in the contest. At first there was some dispute as to who should provide the cup, but eventually the Town of Cobalt, July 2nd., 1917, city, and as usual with things taken up by Cobalt Town the responsibility was met in handsome manner. Those viewing the handsome cup agree that it was worth the waiting for. It is a beautiful silver cup, gilt-lined, standing on a rosewood base. The cup stands 20 inches high, and is beautifully engraved on the front, the wording being, "Presented by the Town of Coalt, July 2nd., 1917." There was some thought of having this cup for further competitions, but Timmins pointed out that this idea was altogether contrary to the understanding last year and about opposite to the advertising of prizes made previous to the 1917 tournament. Eventually, it was agreed that the cup be longed outright to the Timmins Fire Brigade, being fairly and squarely won and long waited for. Timmins Brigade has now an elegant cup as a memento of good work in exhibition fire-fighting, and Chief Borland is talking now of making it simply the first in a big collection of similar trophies for this Brigade.

AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE TO MINING ACT.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests & Mines, has introduced a bill into the Ontario Legislature to amend the Mining Act to protect the interests of soldiers in the matter of mining claims. It is intended to make the law such that a soldier will be protected in his claims until he is able to take up work on them after his discharge. Another clause in the Act refers to the staking of claims simply to secure the pulpwood or timber on the land. The amendment allows those staking claims only sufficient timber for use in working the claims.

FIREMEN'S MEET TO BE HELD AT TIMMINS

Meeting of Temiskaming Volunteer Firemen at Englehart So Decides.

Chief A. Borland and Fireman W. G. Smith, the Timmins representatives at the annual meeting of the Temiskaming Volunteer Firemen's Association, held at Englehart on Thursday afternoon last, secured the big Firemen's Meet for Timmins for this year. This big event will be held on July 1st., and judging from past experiences or from present promises it will be one of the biggest days of sport ever held in the North Land.

At the annual meeting of the Temiskaming Volunteer Firemen's Association, the president, Chief A. Borland, occupied the chair. Representatives were present from Cobalt, Hailcybury, Englehart, New Liskeard, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane and Timmins. South Porcupine was also duly elected as a member of the Association, though owing to some misunderstanding the representatives from South End were not present. Several alterations were made in the constitution and by-laws of the Association, chiefly in regard to the different competitions at the Annual Meet. The decision to hold the Annual Meet this year at Timmins was unanimous. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Chief Drury, of Hailcybury; Vice-president, Chief Brady, Cobalt; Secretary-treasurer, Assistant Chief Fred Thompson, New Liskeard; Messrs. Hamm, Englehart, and W. G. Smith, Timmins, auditors.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES AT BYRNES CHURCH

The anniversary services at the Byrnes Presbyterian Church on Sunday and Monday and Monday evening proved very successful and pleasing to all. On Sunday, Rev. J. Ferguson, of North Bay, was the preacher, and the congregations were large at both services, the church being filled to overflowing at the evening service. Anthems by the choir and other special music added to the attractiveness of the services on Sunday, the solo by Mrs. J. K. Moore at the evening service being especially appreciated. The collections amounted to over \$300.00. On Monday evening there was a Conversazione,—which one man described as "just an all-round good time, including an informal program." There was no admission charge or collection for this. It was a genuine old-time sociable time, with coffee, tea, sandwiches and cake served. The program included songs by Mrs. J. K. Moore, Miss Hoggarth, Mrs. Scott, Mr. Geils, Mr. D. Mackie, Mr. Scott and Mr. McHugh. Mrs. Faithful presided at the piano. Addresses were given by Rev. J. Ferguson and Rev. Ian Cruickshanks. Miss Inglis pleased all with her elocutionary selections. Mr. Scott was "travelling chairman" for the occasion.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The Davidson new mill is expected to be soon in operation now, another producer being then added to the mines of the Porcupine.

Silver has been discovered at Doherty's Siding, 12 miles south of Temagami, on a new route being cut for the railway to shorten the line. Some of the Cobalt mines are already interested in the new silver field.

The Anchorite is now one of the busiest mines in the district. About seventy-five men are busy at work, new camps, office and other buildings are being built, and preparations are being made for pushing the work of exploration and development.

Despatches from New York last week suggest that the Dome is to resume ore extraction as soon as sufficient operating forces can be obtained. The Dome mill was closed down in November on account of the labour and materials market. Since then diamond drilling and other exploration work have been carried on by the Dome with very gratifying results.

FUEL ORDER WELL OBSERVED IN TOWN

Most Places Closed up, Though Much Uncertainty as to What Was Asked.

Timmins generally observed the fuel order far beyond the mere letter of the regulation. Practically all seemed to be anxious to conform to anything that might do something to ease the fuel situation, and many who felt they were not affected by the Order nevertheless closed up their business places on the 9th, 10th and 11th. The Order from the fuel controller simply asked that on the three days named "no manufacturer or manufacturing plant shall, except to such extent as is essential to prevent injury to property from freezing, burn coal or use power derived from coal for any purposes," with the exception of plants that have to be operated seven days a week to avoid serious injury to the product in process of manufacture; plants manufacturing perishable goods or foods for immediate consumption; the Order specified that "no coal should be burned (except to such extent as is essential to prevent injury to property from freezing) for the purpose of supplying heat for" business and professional offices, warehouses, etc. There was no mention of "closing up" and no mention of wood. Stores selling foodstuffs were allowed to maintain heat up to noon on Saturday and Monday. The Order seemed to be directed only at the consumption of coal, and this impression seems to be endorsed by the exemption of New Liskeard from the Order. Dr. McInnis, President of the Board of Trade, sent several wires to Ottawa to explain the situation and to secure definite ruling on the questions that the daily papers seemed to differ so widely upon. The nearest approach to an answer he received however was a wire from the Fuel Controller to the effect that the co-operation of Timmins was desired in the "conserving of coal." Mayor McLaughlin's wires elicited about as much satisfaction. No copy of the Order reached Camp except through the Daily newspapers. The Mail & Empire and The Globe published the full text of the Order, and this said nothing about "closing-up" or forbidding the use of wood. The dailies that published "summaries" of the Order and gave their own readings and renderings caused much confusion. One paper carried three conflicting articles of instruction in the one issue. Others were not much better. But the people showed more desire even to carry conformity to the point of useless injury than the Fuel Controller showed of organized good judgment. Practically all the business and professional places closed up, though some of them burn wood. The saving of wood here would benefit no one, nor release other fuel. Also, every stick cut down here and burned is a lessening of the fire menace of the North Land. However, the general observance of the "closing up" idea shows how anxious the people in general are to do anything and everything to help "carry on."

The Kirkland Lake Porphyry Gold Mine has made a particularly good showing at the 300-foot level, the samples carrying free gold, and the vein is being a promising one.

The world's gold production for 1917 is valued at \$428,380,000, as compared with \$456,593,695 in 1916, and \$470,329,527 in 1915. The 1915 production was the largest ever recorded. The only material gain in production since 1906 has been in Africa, while Australasia has materially decreased in production in the same period. In Africa production steadily increased from 1906 to 1917; but last year Africa's production was nearly 400,000 fine ounces less than in 1916. In 1917 Canada produced 822,376 fine ounces as against 930,492 in 1916. The Porcupine's production for 1917 was 430,000 ounces, valued at \$8,468,689, as against 452,095 ounces at \$9,397,536 in 1916. For the eight years since the discovery of this gold field, the total production is given as 1,793,895 ounces, at a value of \$36,713,402. The total gold production of the world for 1917 is figured at 20,722,965 fine ounces and at 22,087,757 ounces in 1916.