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## PROV. OFFICER WILSON APPOINTED CHIEF

### Town Council Discuss Sanitary Conditions and Other Questions.

The regular meeting of the Town Council on Monday afternoon was quite different from the previous regular session. Monday afternoon business was conducted with despatch and in business-like manner. Also, there was an air of courtesy and common sense in the Council Chamber. Apparently, the Council does not propose to have off-sessions very frequent.

The Mayor presided on Monday and all the members of Council were present.

One of the chief items of business dealt with was the matter of appointing a new Chief of Police. Applications were read from Provincial Officer Wilson, of South Porcupine, and Provincial Officer Ackroyd, of Timmins. The report of the present Chief, John Clark, for the half-year ending April 30th.—the six months he has been Chief here,—was also read. The report showed that the town's revenues had been augmented to the total of \$11,857 by the police department during the six months. Poll tax collected was \$1970; dog taxes, \$300; municipal licenses, \$1760; and police court fines paid in for the six months, \$7827. In the six months 212 cases had been handled by the department, and only four of those laid by the police had been dismissed by the Magistrate. The report also referred to the work of the police in the patrolling of the streets, registering and keeping track of aliens, etc., while attention was also directed to the variety of cases handled here, including that of Consovitte, for seditious utterances. Chief Clark said that in view of the cosmopolitan character of the population he thought the law and order of the town very good, especially for a mining camp. Chief Clark's report also spoke in the highest terms of the efficient work of Constable Greer who had shown himself a most capable officer. In commenting on the report, Dr. McInnis said he thought the showing made was better than that of any other Chief the town had employed. He suggested that Chief Clark's services be retained at least until July 1st, as there was much unfinished work that no one could do better than he could. Councillor Williams said that it was the intention to retain the present Chief's services for special work for a few weeks, but that as Chairman of the Police Committee he wanted the new chief appointed at once. On motion of Councillors Williams and Moore, Provincial Officer Wilson was appointed Chief of Police for Timmins at the salary previously paid. "Carried unanimously," said the Mayor.

Dr. McInnis, chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, explained that the light had not been installed yet near the bridge. This was due to the shortage of poles, but the Company assured him that the light would be installed all right by next week. Dr. McInnis also referred to the need of a sidewalk on Third Avenue down to the town limits. He emphasized the danger to traffic through the use of the road so much by autos, rigs and pedestrians, and for the protection and convenience of the public he advocated the building of a sidewalk at once. The matter was referred to the Board of Works to report upon.

Councillor Brazeau, chairman of the Board of Works, reported that he had let a contract for the cleaning up of part of Maple street, for fire protection, etc., at a cost of \$100. Some of the Councillors thought the price a very reasonable one, and all believed the work necessary, but Councillor Pierce thought that the Government should foot all bills like this when so much was being spent by the Government to clean-up the fire menace, and while the town so badly needed its money for sidewalks, waterworks, etc. It was pointed out that the Government would do nothing inside the town limits and that what was being done outside was being charged against the properties.

The Council were agreed that all draymen and jitneys this year must pay the required licenses. Any who fail to do so will be prosecuted. The complaint of the draymen that unlicensed teams were working in the town was answered by saying that the licensed draymen had their remedy, as all unlicensed were subject to fine.

A new uniform was ordered to be secured for Constable Greer. The Mayor referred to the sidewalk from St. Mary's hospital down to the

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## PRESENTATION MADE TO MR. SUMMERHAYES.

On Tuesday evening of this week a number of the friends of Mr. W. M. Summerhayes gathered at the home of Mr. R. J. Ennis, manager of the McIntyre-Porcupine Mines, and a pleasant social evening was enjoyed. Advantage was taken of the occasion to express appreciation of the fine qualities of Mr. Summerhayes, who has been very popular in the Camp during his stay here as manager of the Porcupine Crown. Mr. Summerhayes was presented with an address and silver plate as a mark of the esteem in which he has been held and the regret felt at his departure. On account of the closing of the Porcupine Crown Mr. Summerhayes is leaving the Camp for the present.

## APRIL REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC CLUB

### Treasurer's Report for Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club.

The following is the report of the Treasurer of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club as at April 30th., 1918:—

Receipts:—March 30th., 1918, balance in 1917 account, \$4,502.44; collections to date, \$8,509.07; total, \$13,071.51.

Total pledges, \$37,664. Disbursements:—Payments, to Timmins Red Cross Society, \$1200; Schumacher Red Cross Society, \$900; So. Porcupine Patriotic Society, \$900; D. Y. B. Club, \$191.89; Canadian Patriotic Fund, Ottawa, \$5,000; current expenses for postage and printing, \$21.50; special campaign in January, expenses, \$258.35; balance in bank, \$4,599.77; total, \$13,071.51.

Mr. Taillon also submits the following report of the Canadian Patriotic Fund as at April 30th., 1918:—

Receipts:—March 30th., 1918, balance in bank, \$677.75; received from Ottawa, \$500; total, \$1177.75.

Disbursements:—Amount paid to soldiers' wives during April, \$474.15; April 30th., 1918, balance in bank, \$703.60; total, \$1177.75.

J. P. Taillon, Treasurer.

## WAGON LOAD OF HOUSE PLANTS AND FLOWERS

### South Porcupine Nurseries Bringing in Attractive Supply for Mother's Day.

As will be noted by the announcement elsewhere in this issue Bert Dewar, of the South Porcupine Nurseries, is bringing to Dalton's Corner, Timmins, on Friday, May 10th., a wagon load of house plants and cut flowers for "Mother's Day." These cut flowers, plants, etc., are from the nurseries right in this Camp. There will be a choice of thousands of plants guaranteed by the Nurseries to be healthy and well potted. Flowers of many kinds will also be on sale, fresh and attractive. In view of the success and satisfaction attending the former visit of the South Porcupine Nurseries to Timmins, some weeks ago, it will be likely that all will take advantage of the present opportunity to secure the freshest and best at very moderate rates. A partial list of the varieties offered is given in the announcement elsewhere in this issue.

## IMPORTANT MEETING NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

### Board of Trade Has Many Pressing Questions to Consider.

There was a meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade on Tuesday evening of this week with Dr. McInnis, president, in the chair, and about 20 of the members present. Many questions of special importance were up for discussion, including the matter of the need for increased production of foodstuffs. In view of the importance of many of the questions to be considered it was felt that a more representative gathering should be present from the citizens of the town and on the suggestion of Mayor McLaughlin it was decided to adjourn until Tuesday evening of next week, May 14th., at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. All members of the Board and all others interested in the affairs of the town and district are specially requested to be present on Tuesday evening next.

## McINTYRE DECLARES ANOTHER DIVIDEND

### Only Dividend Payer in Camp To Disburse Five Per Cent. Dividend on June 15th.

Announcement was made the other day that the McIntyre-Porcupine has declared another dividend of five per cent. payable on June 15th to shareholders of record May 31st. This makes the fifth dividend paid by the McIntyre in the past nineteen months. Stockholders and journalists in the cities have been pecking away for some time at the McIntyre, with the apparent intention of making the McIntyre Company declare its intentions as to what was going to happen in the matter of dividends. The McIntyre, however, went coolly along minding its own mining business. It declared no intentions. Now it has declared another dividend, that's all. The McIntyre is now the only dividend payer in the Camp. The Company is in unusually strong position, having earned all its dividends paid, as well as adding a little to the good surplus on hand over a year ago. The present dividend will call for an disbursement of \$180,000. Those who study conditions and who are in a position to know are confident that the McIntyre will quietly continue as a dividend payer. The Company may not make a specialty of announcement, but when it comes to sound mining policy, the McIntyre may be depended upon at all times.

There is a general idea that in the registration to be made in June of this year the maximum age is 60. Several of the registrars, however, have pointed out that there is no age limit set, but that all persons, men and women, over 16 years of age, must register. It is further interesting in Timmins to note that British subjects and aliens alike must register on the day appointed. This day has not yet been set, but it will be some Saturday in June. No doubt full particulars will be widely published in ample time to inform the public of what is required.

## Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The Dome Lake is said to have struck a good new vein recently, and as a consequence the Dome Lake is looking good.

Mr. Forbes, of the Forbes Asbestos Co., was in Camp over the week-end. It is possible that the asbestos mine in Deloro may be re-opened in the near future. Mr. Forbes has charge of the Robertsville, Que., asbestos property, controlled by the Jacobs and Jacobs interests in Montreal.

The annual meeting of the Newray Mines was held last week, and B. J. Bixby, Buffalo, was elected president of the company and H. L. Tudor, vice president. Messrs. J. E. Day and C. P. Charlebois were the other directors appointed, the fifth director's place being left unfilled for the present. At a special meeting of the Newray Company last week the McIntyre Company's option on 1,530,000 shares of Newray stock at 45 cents per share was unanimously ratified.

It is said that about 250 claims have been staked near Doherty Station on the T. & N.O., where noteworthy finds were made last fall, niccolite and smaltite being chiefly in evidence. The geology in the district resembles that of Cobalt in many particulars, and a rush of some importance is taking place to Doherty at the present time. The rush has grown largely from the interest shown by Mr. Arthur A. Cole, mining engineer for the T. & N.O., and Mr. Meagher, locating engineer for the "People's Railway." When the route of the line was being changed last year at Doherty, Mr. Meagher noted the mineral wealth suggested, and soon the staking of claims commenced, about 10,000 acres now being under the prospector's stakes. Of course it is too early to give any definite pronouncement as to the value of the Doherty field, but it is not by any means too much to say that the field is a very promising one, to put it mildly. At any event considerable work is to be done near Doherty this summer.

## COURT OF REVISION TO MEET ON MAY 14th

### Many Cases to be Before Council's Court This Year.

At the Council meeting on Monday Mayor McLaughlin named the Council's Court of Revision for the hearing of appeals against the assessments this year. The Court will include all the Councillors excepting Councillor Williams. The Court will open on Tuesday, May 14th., at 10 a.m. There are a number of appeals in already and likely more will be entered. The chief causes for appeal this year are that many assessed for income do not think they are liable, and that many property holders believe that their properties have been assessed too high. It is probable that the Council's Court of Revision will have a busy and interesting time dealing with the appeals. It would be impossible for any assessor at any time to make an assessment roll that would be satisfactory to all, but here this year there are special circumstances increasing the general dissatisfaction. Thrift and economy will naturally direct a man's attention to possible savings in taxes. Then, the taxes last year were high, and on account of the peculiar financial condition of the town through the inability to market many of the debentures issued, the town has not been doing much spending for water connections, sidewalks, roads, etc. These things all need to be explained before the average ratepayers is satisfied, and sometimes he is not satisfied after all the explanations. The Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll, however, is a medium by which the ratepayer can in a measure express his dissatisfaction and through which he may sometimes learn that he has no real cause for dissatisfaction, but that things are being handled as well as conditions permit.

Rev. Prof. Sharp, of New Liskeard, occupied the pulpit of Byrnes Presbyterian church on Sunday and delivered, good, orthodox sermons morning and evening. Next Sunday it is expected that Rev. Donnell, of Haileybury, will occupy the pulpit.

## 19-YEAR OLD MEN MUST REGISTER FOR SERVICE.

A proclamation issued last week at Ottawa calls upon all nineteen-year-old men to register for military service before June 1st., but they will not be called to the colors before July 1st. All unmarried men and widowers of the age indicated are affected by the call. The previous minimum age was 20. All in this call are required to register through the local post office as was the case in the previous calls. Men under this call are expected to give their names, addresses, and other details required. When they are required for service the call will be sent direct to them by registered post from the District Registrar.

## FIFTY-SIX PUPILS AND TEACHERS IN KHAKI

### Great Patriotic Record of the Hailey- bury High School.

Recently the Headquarters of the Royal Air Force wrote the local committee interested in securing recruits for the Air Service suggesting that special attention might well be given at this immediate moment to "all the high schools and universities in the district," the purpose being to secure any recruits available among the young men at the higher halls of learning before the closing of the present term. As a matter of fact, Haileybury has the only high school north of North Bay, and to the patriotic credit of Haileybury it may be justly said that the town and high school have a record of which the North Land may be proud. In acknowledging the receipt of literature regarding the Royal Air Force, Mr. W. Asbury Wilson, B.A., principal of the Haileybury High School and School of Mines, gave the Timmins sub-committee of the R.A.F. an interesting insight into the patriotic record of Haileybury High School. "Although our school is only eight years old," Mr. Wilson writes, "we have now fifty-six teachers and boys who have enlisted. Four have made the supreme sacrifice. One is a prisoner in Germany. Of our quota, quite a number received appointments in the artillery, while six are in the Flying Corps. The prisoner in Germany was an officer in the Royal Flying Corps. The boys now are waiting to become of age, and our school will continue to do its duty."

There are many High Schools in the Province, and many of them have done unusually well in supplying men for the service of King and Country and the Right, but it is doubtful indeed if there is one with a better patriotic record than Haileybury, in view of all the circumstances and conditions.

## POLICE DEPT. COLLECTED \$11,857 IN SIX MONTHS.

In commenting on the report of Chief of Police Clark for the six months that he has been in the service of the town, Dr. McInnis took occasion at the Council meeting on Monday to refer to the good showing made by Chief Clark and to suggest that it would more than bear comparison with the work of previous Chiefs. In this connection the actual figures are interesting. For the past six months (half a year) Chief Clark's department collected for the town's revenues no less than \$11,857. The police Court Fines, the Chief's report shows, amounted to \$7827; poll tax collected, \$1970; dog licenses, \$300; and municipal licenses collected by the police, \$1760. Last year the financial statement of the town gives the figures for the whole year up to December 15th as follows:—Fines, \$4,605.00; poll tax \$1,000.00; licenses, \$2401.00; total \$8006.00. The dog taxes collected were not shown separate from the other taxes. The comparison with 1916 is still more noteworthy. In 1916 financial statement (from Jan. 1st., 1916, to December 15th., 1916), the following are the figures given:—Dog taxes, \$112.10; licenses, \$2888.00; fines, \$2780.25; total, \$5780.35. The comparisons are the more noteworthy, when it is remembered that the figures in Chief Clark's report are for six months only, while the other figures quoted are practically for whole years.

Owing to a wreck on the Grand Trunk below North Bay, the Toronto mail did not arrive here on Saturday evening as is usual occasionally. The newspapers came in by express on Sunday, but the regular mail was delayed until Tuesday morning for delivery here.

## TWO MORE FINED FOR NOT WORKING

### Town Made Over \$100 from Fines at Thursday's Court.

Two more were fined at Thursday's police court by Magistrate Atkinson for breach of the Order-in-Council against idleness, and Chief Clark has a further list in readiness. The case of J. Spence was adjourned the previous week to give the accused opportunity to show that he had been "regularly engaged in a useful occupation," but on Thursday Spence could not show a record of work that would convince the Magistrate. Spence was fined \$50 and costs and advised to secure the most useful occupation he could get at the earliest possible minute. Ben. Jacobs was charged by Chief Clark with breach of the same Order-in-Council. He claimed that he had been working, and produced a medical certificate to prove that he was unfit for hard work. The Magistrate was not impressed with either claim, and pointed out that his present employment seemed to start after the summons had been issued. A fine of \$50 was imposed, and as the accused was paying this he made a remark that prompted the Magistrate to increase the penalty to \$100 and costs. J. O'Connor was dismissed with the advice that he should try and find some useful work that he could do. The Magistrate, however, recognized the disability under which he labored and so gave him the additional chance for the present. Saval Proud pleaded not guilty to the idleness charge. The police reputation given Saval was none too flattering, but Dr. Moore gave evidence to the effect that the accused had been regularly employed by him for some years past, so Saval's case was dismissed for the present.

Constable Greer charged John Frank with having liquor in a public place. John was under the influence of liquor on the street last week, and Constable Greer had found a small bottle with a little booze in it in one of John's pockets. There was enough liquor, however, to justify a conviction, so the sentence was \$200 and costs.

Provincial Officer Ackroyd charged a man named Jockson with being intoxicated in a public place. The fine was \$10 and costs. Growing out of this case, however, there was a more important one, Mrs. Engstrum being fined \$200 and costs for selling.

Another week's remand was made in the case of A. Nusea, charged with assaulting Tom McMaster and causing him grievous bodily harm. McMaster is still in the hospital and unable to appear in court, though making good recovery from the injuries received.

Mrs. F. Cook, charged by Samuel Ross with obtaining money from him under false pretences, was remanded for a week, as she was ill and could not attend court on Thursday.

Five Austrians and Russians, charged by Constable Greer with gambling were each fined \$10 and costs.

An Austrian woman had an Austrian man before the Court for throwing stones at her house and otherwise annoying her. The case was dismissed with costs against the complainant.

An interesting case arose over a dispute as to the ownership of some harness. Mr. T. Lawlor bought the harness from Mr. Thos. Banks and had his receipt for the money paid. Mr. Kedeckel also claimed to have bought the harness previously from Mr. Banks and to have had it in his possession. When the harness was in the harness-maker's shop for repairs Mr. Kedeckel went down and took it away. As a consequence of this he had to face a charge of theft, while he charged Mr. Lawlor with assaulting him. Both cases were dismissed, the Magistrate saying that the Division Court was the place to settle disputes regarding ownership, and that Mr. Lawlor had not used any unnecessary force to defend what he believed to be his property. Since Thursday the whole trouble has been adjusted by Mr. Banks refunding Mr. Lawlor the amount paid for the harness.

Cochrane is working on a plan to raise \$1200 to cover the deficit in maintenance of the Lady Minto Hospital, which, despite generous donations from the townspeople and from friends outside, has the usual difficulty in meeting expenditures. Cochrane Hospital is meeting the same difficulties that all hospitals, especially in the smaller municipalities, encounter. To serve the public at anything like reasonable rates in the hospital line and still to pay its way is the problem confronting all the smaller hospitals, and many of the larger ones.