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## SURELY THIS IS A CASE TO GROW ABOUT

Rooster in Police Court Thursday, And There were Other Cases.

One of the specially interesting cases at the police court on Thursday last was the case of the rooster, the Chinaman and Mr. Assad of Schumacher. Mr. J. E. Cook appeared for the rooster or for the Chinaman, and he claims now that the rooster was improperly charged with bigamy. "The lesson in this case seems to be," says Mr. Cook, "that an old fellow should stay at home and not be running around with the chickens in neighboring places." On the complaint of Mr. Assad, Constable Rayeroff placed the rooster under arrest at the Chinaman's place. Mr. Assad said the rooster was his, and the Chinaman said it was his own rooster. In court the lady from whom Mr. Assad bought a rooster swore that this was the same rooster, as she knew it well and would know it anywhere. The Chinaman said it was his rooster and he had had it for months and surely he knew his own rooster. Mr. Cook could not see how anyone could tell one rooster from another. "Are you even sure it is a rooster?" he asked. "Why, I can hardly tell one chicken from another any more," said Mr. Cook, "and as for old hens, why they all look alike to me." "This is getting too technical," says Magistrate Atkinson, and he dismissed the case against the Chinaman and the Rooster. "Take the rooster and the Chinaman and Mr. Cook to the Division Court to settle any dispute about the ownership of the bird," advised the Magistrate.

Provincial Officer Ackroyd had Mrs. F. Cook before the court charged with being intoxicated in a public place. The fine was \$10 and costs. The case against Mrs. Cook for obtaining money under false pretences was remanded for a week, with the likelihood of the matter being settled in the meantime. The Provincial Officer also had F. Lehman up for breach of the Order-in-Council against idleness. The case was remanded for a week.

Dan. Homeluk, charged by Chief Clark with idleness was fined \$50 and costs and advised to go to work.

Annie Makenski, an Austrian woman, was sentenced to a six-month term for prostitution.

Mike Makenski and Geo. Meneluke, more Austrians, were each fined \$10 and costs for being drunk. "If you people do not behave better," suggested the Magistrate, "you will be all shipped to the internment camp." "But, Judge, what would be poor lawyers do then?" asked Solicitor Cook. "You would have to find regular and useful occupation, I suppose," suggested the Magistrate.

Mrs. Mullen had an Indian woman before the court for threatening and chasing her. It appeared that there was some rent owing to Mrs. Mullen and the Indian woman was advised to pay up and move out at once.

A. Nusca, charged with assaulting Tom McMaster and inflicting grievous bodily harm, elected to be tried by Magistrate Atkinson and pleaded not guilty. McMaster was present with his head bandaged up, but apparently well on the way to recovery. His story was that Nusca had kicked him in passing and that he had responded by giving Nusca a "playful tap" in the face. After McMaster had resumed work, he said, Nusca had come up behind him and just as some one had shouted a warning he was hit on the head by a piece of steel wielded by Nusca. Mr. Herod and Mr. Sheppard, who were with Nusca at the time were the other witnesses for the prosecution. Their evidence was to the effect that Nusca had simply pushed McMaster with his boot, in fun they thought. McMaster had then hit Nusca, rather hard they thought, and followed him up as if to strike him again. After backing away about eight feet Nusca had picked up the steel and struck McMaster. Dr. Moore gave evidence as to the injury. He said that while it might cause trouble later that was not probable from the present state of recovery. Nusca's story was similar to that of Messrs. Herod and Sheppard, and in addition he said that he did not know just what he did, but that he was very sorry afterwards. He suggested that he had not always his former control of himself since he was wounded in the head overseas. Other evidence went to show that Nusca was nervous and high-strung lately, while an attempt was also made to put in evidence reflecting on McMaster. The case was remanded for a week. In the meantime it is understood that Nusca will pay all the

## ALIENS TO BE CALLED FOR NON-COMBATANT WORK.

According to the despatches, the Ontario Registrar under the Military Service Act has been instructed to call out for non-combatant military service all aliens of the ages of 20, 21 and 22. These men had previously been exempted from military service under the War Time Election Act. All naturalized aliens, naturalized since 1902, and in the ages mentioned, will also come under this new call. Only aliens in Category "A" are likely to be called under this order. Those who have been granted exemptions by tribunals will probably be granted re-hearings.

There has been much misunderstanding of this "calling-out of the aliens." What the order really means is that those born elsewhere than in Canada or some other British territory, and not naturalized before 1902 will be now called out for military service other than in the fighting ranks. This service may be in the forestry battalions, or construction work, or it might be work on farms or in munition work. The order does not, of course, apply to alien enemies. It will affect many Italians, Russians, Rumanians, Serbians, Scandinavians, etc. Many of alien enemy origin who have been passing as Russians, Rumanians, Serbians, etc., may now see where they have made a mistake by not telling the truth in the first place.

## THE BOARD OF TRADE HOLD HELPFUL SESSION

Many Important Questions Dealt With Tuesday Evening.

The Timmins Board of Trade met last night with a large attendance, and a particularly interesting and useful session. The time of meeting, however, makes a full report impossible for the current issue of this paper. Among the matters dealt with may be mentioned:—The endorsing of the Haileybury Board of Trade's resolution to the Dept. of Mines asking that prospectors be not asked to do two years' work on claims this year, but that 1917 work be done this year and an extension granted for this year's work. It was decided to get in touch with the other Boards of Trade in the North Land regarding the fuel question to avoid trouble the coming winter. The fact that wood is the staple fuel here should be impressed on the Government. The matter of increased production was dealt with and Messrs. Simms, Macpherson, J. W. Reed, and the President, Dr. McInnis, and Secretary H. C. McDonald, were appointed a committee to deal with the matter. Recognizing the generous and efficient services given the town by the Volunteer Fire Brigade and the justice of showing appreciation of these services; in view of the benefit to the town through such a day of sports as will be here on July 1st; considering that other towns usually gave special grants under such circumstances; and to relieve the Firemen from the necessity of either canvassing the business men of the town for subscriptions or taking unnecessary burdens in the matter; the Board by resolution asked the Council to make a grant towards the Firemen's Demonstration here this year or to guarantee to make good any deficit in case of bad weather or other misfortune. During the evening the Mayor made the interesting announcement that \$6000 would be spent this year by the Ont. Govt. in improving the road to South End.

Costs involved through McMaster's injuries, and that at the court this week he will be allowed to go on suspended sentence.

Constable Greer and Inspector Rowell tested a gum selling machine in A. Andreoff's Bulgarian poolroom on Third Avenue. Then Constable Greer seized Andreoff and the gum machine, the charge being one of running a gambling device. Andreoff said he was only running the machine on a percentage basis for Bruno Carnovale. "All right," says Constable Greer, "I'll charge Bruno, too." Two more of the machines were seized by Constable Rayeroff at Schumacher. According to the police you put in a nickel and sometimes you get gum, sometimes you don't. Chances for other prizes, however, are offered, this making the device unlawful. These gum machines cases will come up on Thursday. One man claims to have spent \$6 and got only a couple of sticks of gum, another 25c for 1 piece of gum, and so on.

## COURT OF REVISION THROUGH IN ONE DAY

Council Court Deals With 65 Appeals on Tuesday.

There were sixty-five appeals before the Court of Revision on Tuesday of this week, fifteen being against income assessments and 39 on property being too high, the others being against wrong assessment for school support or not being liable to assessment at all. Most of the appeals were not sustained, though a few reductions were made the chief complaint was of married men whose families reside elsewhere being assessed here on the basis of single men so far as income tax is concerned. The assessor pointed out that the law required a man to be a householder in the municipality or the head of a family in the municipality to be exempted on income up to \$1500. While some of the Court of Revision thought this a hardship in some cases, they thought the law must be followed in this particular.

## LICENSE NECESSARY TO DO BUSINESS HERE.

Chief Clark took three travelling Hebrew gentlemen in charge this week on the understanding that they had been selling goods in town without the necessary license. They were salesmen for clothing, and their claim was that they simply were taking orders. The Chief, however, was of the opinion that he could show that they were "selling" clothing in the ordinary meaning of the term and so should have a license according to the town by-laws. They were before Justice of the Peace Montgomery on Monday and the case was adjourned to come before Magistrate Atkinson.

Mr. J. W. Noseworthy conducted the services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday and gave two thoughtful and inspiring addresses.

## TRIALS OF CONSOVITCH AND McHALE NEXT WEEK

Consovitch to be Tried for Seditious Utterances, and McHale for High-Grading on May 21st.

The Spring Assizes will open in Haileybury on Tuesday next, May 21. Sheriff Calbeck was here on Monday in connection with this court, serving papers on witnesses, jurors, etc. A number from the town have been summoned to appear as jurors in Haileybury for next week, while Chief Clark, Constable Greer, Officer Allen and others have been called as witnesses in the Consovitch and McHale cases. Consovitch is the orator committed for trial by Magistrate Atkinson on a charge of making seditious utterances at a meeting in the Finland Hall in March. His arrest was the cause of the Bolshevik mob nuisance here on March 14th. P. L. McHale was given preliminary hearing at Timmins in February on four charges, one of "having in his possession on January 25th," and the others of "selling" gold ore on June 11th, 16th and 27th, 1917. He was committed for trial on all four charges by Magistrate Atkinson. There are several other interesting cases to come before the court at Haileybury next week, but those of Consovitch and McHale are the ones of special interest to this Camp.

## FAREWELL PARTY TO JERRY GALLAGHER.

A number of the young men friends of Mr. Jerry Gallagher, of the Hollinger Electrical staff, are giving a farewell party to him to-night in the Odd-fellows' Hall. There will be dancing, etc., with music by Appell's Orchestra and a general social good time. Jerry, who has just reached military age, is leaving to enlist for overseas service for King and Country.

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

Mr. Digby Grimston took a gang of men into the Lightning River district this week to do prospecting and development work on his claims there.

Contracts are to be let for 500 feet of drifting and cross-cutting at the 60-foot level of the Premier-Langmuir, the barites mine in Langmuir Township.

The Township of Holmes, in the Fort Matatchewan gold area, is the scene of the latest gold find, and many prospectors are going in, tempted by the stories told of the great promises of Holmes.

The opening of the water route from Elk Lake has added to the number of prospectors going in to the Fort Matatchewan district. From Elk Lake a day's journey by water will bring the prospector to the new gold area, with only one portage.

Permission to work in the Lightning River district (supposed to be a timber reserve, though the fires have got most of the timber near the claims "stacked") has been given to prospectors. Good results are being shown from the work so far on Lightning River claims and many old-timers are enthusiastic in their opinion that Lightning River will prove a good camp.

Work is planned on several properties in Skead Township this year. An other discovery was recently made on the Crawford claims, and this adds to the general interest in the Skead district. What the Skead field needs urgently, however, is a good road. The present route is from Englehart, about 26 miles. The road is so rough that only about half a ton can be taken over it by a team. As a consequence rates for transportation are very high. Indeed, as much as \$15 has been charged a passenger for the trip. Some prospectors propose a road through Pacaud, Catherine and McElroy Townships from Boston Creek. Such a route would shorten the road to about 14 miles as well as helping the Townships named, where there are several promising prospects. To the Government the question may well be put, "What about it?"

The main shaft at the Elliott-Kirkland is to be carried to the 535-foot level, with a station at 525. The shaft is now down 500 feet and the results promise well.

Mr. J. W. Reed, of Timmins, has been given the contract for diamond drilling at the Dome Extension. Work on that property recently is encouraging to those who have faith in the Dome Extension, and the diamond drilling to be done will test the property further and prove its worth.

Development work underground at the Davidson mine is being carried on vigorously and the ore reserves are being added to considerably. The present shaft is being continued to the 700-foot, with levels at the 400, 500, 600 and 700, to explore the ore bodies at these depths. Among the other plans for greater development is the proposal to put in a large working shaft.

"Everybody else is complaining about the way the price of their particular wants have gone up. Just listen to the way the mines talk about the rise in prices of their supplies, etc. Hear the butcher, the baker, the candlestickmaker, all howling because everything costs them so much more than it ever did before. But look for a moment at the poor prospector's plight. No one seems to be giving him much thought, yet he is suffering more than most from the high cost of everything. Worse still, he hasn't the same come-back that others have. If the merchant pays more, well he charges more, and there you are. But the poor prospector pays more for his supplies, and too often it is a case of him simply losing more, and where are you? All the high food prices hit the prospector as hard or harder than other people. Prospectors' boots that used to sell for \$8 now cost \$15. We even have to pay more for our frying pans. And as for beans, don't mention them, for that's the worse blow of all. It takes a small fortune now for a prospector to get a grubstake." This is the way an old prospector put the matter last week, and those who give the matter thought will see that the prospector is not by any manner of means escaping the common lot in these days of war.

## REAL PROSPECTORS SHOULD BE CONSULTED.

A gentleman who poses among fellow journalists as a mining man and among fellow mining men as a journalist, has recently been conducting an agitation in a Toronto newspaper to knock the present corrugated mining laws of Ontario into seventeen series of smithereens and then smash in what might be left and shoot the rest, or words to that effect. According to this mining-journalist or journalist-miner the mining laws of Ontario are absolutely and completely rotten, and then some. Otherwise, they may be all right. Naturally, the mining laws of Ontario will stand some revision and some improvement. But before they are thrown completely into the discard as the Toronto authority suggests, it might be well for the Department of Mines to study the question very carefully and also consult the real prospectors in the North Land who have no purposes to serve except the true interests of the prospectors and the development of the country. It will be remembered that about a year ago the Department of Mines listened to the voices of some oracles who suggested that an extension of time be allowed for the assessment work on all claims then staked. The Department in making this provision honestly believed it was doing something great for the poor, down-trodden prospector. The ordinary prospector, however, differed from this view. Indeed, in the most of cases, he cursed the Government for pretending to give him something big, when in fact it was of no benefit to him. In some cases the prospector lost by the provision for extended time as it allowed speculators and others to hold claims without even having to employ men for the required assessment work. The syndicates and speculators found the extension of time provision, however, an excellent thing for them. For instance, one syndicate with well over 200 claims staked during the winter had all those claims an extra year without the necessity of assessment work. It is easy to see where the extension of time would help them, while the genuine working prospector had to look after his claims for the year, knowing that to neglect them that year meant a double burden the following year. He was not in the wholesale business, so he had to watch his work. Some revision of the mining laws of the Province would be an advantage, but if the Government wants a good, straight tip, it is this:—"Consult the real working prospectors and get their opinions and ideas, and alterations and improvements can be made to the advantage of all concerned."

## THE AUSTRIAN WAY TO TREAT WOMEN.

Last week an Austrian had his wife and another man arrested, and brought back from North Bay on a charge of theft. When the male prisoner returned here there were several ready to bail him out at once, but no one bothered with the woman. As a consequence of this Austrian attitude, the man accused is now out on bail, while the woman and her three-year-old boy are still in custody to await trial. The police say that this is the common Austrian attitude. If a man gets into jail scores of his fellows will be hustling round to get him out at once, but if it is a woman that is arrested, well, "she's only a woman, and no matter." The only exception to this rule is when the woman happens to be engaged in blindpicking or common immorality. In these cases such a woman will have friends enough among her fellow Austrians who may fear what she may tell about them. But if she is only a decent woman, or a half decent woman, she can stay in jail for ever for all the Austrians care. They figure it saves keeping her outside the bars in any case.

## CALL GIVEN HERE FOR SCHUMACHER FIRE.

With the wind blowing at the rate of about sixty knots an hour, an alarm of fire was sent in to the fire hall by telephone on Tuesday afternoon just before five. The fire team were on the job with the hose wagon and driver and some of the Firemen in such record time that the Chief just caught on the wagon,—and they have to go some not to keep the Chief waiting. The team started off at a great rate, but it was found soon that the fire was at Schumacher. A shack there caught fire, but was soon extinguished by local fire-fighters without much damage being done.

## FURNISHING ON THE INSTALMENT PLAN

Does Not Prove Agreeable in the Case of Church People.

The Golden Text at the Baptist Sunday School Sunday afternoon was this:—"It is more blessed to give than to receive,—if you happen to be caught before you can return the goods." The Sunday School was held for the first time in the Old Empire Theatre. Before it started it was discovered that there was no table for the pastor's use. Brother Nixon began to look for a table. At the back of the theatre he found a small room and looking through the glass door he saw just the table needed.

"Let there be light!" read the pastor in the theatre. "There won't be a light here in a minute," said Bro. Nixon, as he poked his fist through it.

"Knock and it shall be opened unto you," read the pastor. "Never mind," says Bro. Nixon, "I can get in myself now," as he reached down and turned the lock. Soon, he had the table out for the pastor's use.

When Mr. Rosseau returned from Mass and found that somebody had broken into his house and taken his table, well, naturally, he was not any too well pleased. He went out and secured help to investigate the daylight-saving highway robbery, breaking of the sabbath and breaking of his door glass. Jim Grenier was one of those coming to Mr. Rosseau's assistance. They tried watchful waiting, with unexpected results. Soon three men came back bearing the table. This was the returning of the table. As soon as they were well inside the room Mr. Grenier ordered them to stand where they were; then he made them sit down. This was the turning of the tables. Then another friend went for the police. When the Chief and Constable Greer arrived they found Rev. Mr. Cruickshanks, Brother Nixon and Brother Alf. Luxton, all sitting as prisoners, and Mr. Rosseau ready to lay a charge against the three for getting caught bringing back the purloined table. Explanations soon set the matter right, and there was a laugh all round. Mr. Nixon thought this back room a part of the theatre and saw no harm in getting the table. Alf. Luxton laughed, but all he will tell about the matter now is that it is the first time in all his life in the North Land that he ever knew the police to come to Sunday School.

"Such a thing will never happen again," says Councillor Chas. Pierce, "for I'll give the Baptists a table myself for their services."

Arrangements are about perfected to make the Annual Ball of the Timmins Fire Department one of the best social events of the year. The Ball will be held this year on Friday evening, May 24th, in the Masonic Hall, Timmins. Tickets are now being sold, and all the citizens should feel a double impulse to buy,—the impulse to provide themselves with a pleasant evening, and the impulse to show their hearty support of the Timmins Volunteer Fire Brigade. As the cards issued for the Annual Ball announce:—"The year's social event for you and for your Fire Brigade. Be there. You will be welcome!"

## FIREMEN'S BALL NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

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## PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENING GIVEN BY REBEKAHS.

The Social Evening given last Thursday evening by Gold Nugget Lodge of the Rebekahs was a pleasant success in every way. A couple of motor cars came from South Porcupine to add to the number enjoying the evening. The programme was a very attractive one, including dancing, cards, refreshments, etc., as well as an excellent musical programme, including solos by Miss Hoggarth and instrumental music by Mrs. R. Sims, Mrs. Faithful and Mrs. J. H. Thomas. The first prizes were won by Mrs. J. H. Thomas and Mrs. Sheppard, while the Consolation prizes went to Art. Carson and Mrs. J. E. Boyle.

Mr. E. A. Terrill left last Wednesday evening to join the Royal Air Force in Toronto.