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COLLECTION OF INCOME TAXES CAUSES STIR

Over Four Hundred Garnishees Issued Collector Now Being Blessed.

The last year or two there has been considerable objection to the means and methods of collecting income taxes by the municipality, and this year the objection seems to be even more strenuous than usual. In years past little attention was paid to the income tax assessment and no very serious effort made to collect generally. Last year and this year, however, Tax Collector Macpherson has attempted to make every person liable under the law pay this particular tax. There may be a few injustices or mistakes in the enforcement of this part of the law, but in the main the effort has been along the right lines. There is no fair reason why a large body of men earning unusually good wages should escape paying any taxes while enjoying the benefits that the other ratepayers have to pay for. Every dollar evaded by the income tax payers must be provided by the other ratepayers for the upkeep of the town. Those who pay no other tax than the income tax, however, seem to have a particular aversion to contributing in this way for the general support. Among the foreigners, particularly, there is objection to paying this tax, and this year the objection is more noticeable than even last year. Recently, Tax Collector Macpherson, failing to receive any response to the tax notices sent out, issued 415 garnishees on employees of the Hollinger assessed for income tax. Then the fireworks started. A great many of those garnishees claim that they do not live in Timmins, while nearly all state that they received no notice in the matter. Undoubtedly many of them received no notice, for some hundreds of the notices sent out were returned by the post office as unclaimed. This, however, was no fault of the tax collector, who had no other address than that given at the time of assessment. Very often this address could be made no clearer than by giving the person's name and mine number and his address as Timmins. Monday morning this week ten Italians inside of one hour put in affidavits to the effect that they did not reside in Timmins and were not liable. Others followed a similar plan during the day, and this is continuing. If these men are able to show that they are not residents of Timmins in the legal meaning of the term their assessment will be dropped so far as Timmins is concerned. The majority, however, will find themselves liable and will not be able to evade the income tax as has been done quite often in other years and other municipalities. Quite a few who do not understand the matter talk as if the Hollinger were in some way to blame for charging them with the income tax. This is not at all the case. The Hollinger has had absolutely nothing to do with it, not even taking the notices for distribution among their employees, but allowing these to be forwarded by mail in the usual way. The Hollinger also could not avoid the garnishees made and according to law could only hold the amounts from the cheques until the taxes were paid or the matter settled otherwise. The suggestion that men at the McIntyre and other mines escaped is not true either, except in so far as there are practically none at these mines assessable in Timmins, the Hollinger being in the town and its employees being chiefly residents of town while the other mines are not out of town and their employees not resident here. The wild reports that scores or hundreds are leaving here on account of the income tax collection is rather wide of the mark. At this time of year, there are a few coming and going, and this is what it amounts to now. In a week or two all the excitement will have died down again and everything be running as quietly as if there were no such thing as income tax.

ALIEN LABORERS ON STRIKE NEAR HEARST.

Last week reports came through of a strike of alien laborers on the Grand Trunk Pacific line near Hearst. The aliens demanded bigger pay and shorter work hours, though their pay had been good and the hours reasonable. Officers are reported as going up from Ottawa to look into the trouble. If the trouble, as may be suspected, comes from Bolshevik games to simply hamper the smooth-running of affairs at this time, then it is to be hoped that the trouble-makers will be adequately dealt with.

POLICE STATION TO BE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Clerk's Office, Etc., to be Moved to Altered Structure.

Work has been started on alterations to the Timmins Police Station. The building is to be raised six feet, and set upon a cement wall foundation, with a cellar or basement underneath. The cells will be moved to this basement, and the ground floor is to be extended by the building of an addition. On the ground floor at the front there will be two narrow offices. These will be for the Clerk-Treasurer and the Tax Collector. Behind will be the court room, which will also be used as a Council Chamber, etc. By this plan the Council expects to save the rent now paid for municipal offices and council chambers. The work is being done by Hill, Clark & Francis, so good workmanship and material, etc., may be expected. It is estimated that the alterations, etc., will cost between \$3000 and \$3500.

CHATAUQUA EVENT NOT COMING HERE

Timmins Dates Cancelled for Musical and Dramatic Festival.

Last Spring it will be remembered a number of citizens of the town made a contract, with the required guarantees, for the bringing here of the famous Chatauqua Festival. This entertainment was to take the form of musical numbers, dramatic offerings and lectures. Those furnishing the programmes were to be world-famous in their lines, and there were to be six entertainments,—two a day for three days—afternoons and evenings. That the events would be interesting and of the highest class was taken for granted, and the only question was as to whether in these days of war the attendance and the financial returns would be in keeping with the guarantees given. However, this week all question has been removed, for the announcement is made that the Timmins dates have been cancelled. The Festival was also booked for Ironquois Falls, but the dates there will also be cancelled, according to the letter received by Mayor J. P. McLaughlin. This letter says that the engagement to come to Timmins can not be filled, on account of the fact that New Liskeard finds it necessary on account of local conditions to cancel, and Cobalt cannot accept the Festival until later in the season. This would mean that a jump would need to be made from North Bay to Timmins and this would be too expensive. "Another difficulty," says the letter, "is the running of trains. I have no assurance whatever that the 'National' will run in October. The T. & N.O. will give no information, and all I can gather is to the effect that this train is to be cut out the first of the month."

GIVE YOUR COUNTRY A "LEG UP!" SAVE! SAVE!

Canadian patriotism demands the practice of thrift by all her sons, says the National Thrift Campaign branch of the Canadian Press Association. The men who are holding the lines at home are they who are making it easy for the business of the country to go on with little jar to its mechanism. The steady pulling together of all citizens in the production of goods and in the conservation of all field crops marks the thrifty nation. Saving on the part of our citizens is going to be the great insurance we will have in Canada against a period of depression after the war. The combined savings of the individuals who make the country will form a fund of sufficient power to drive business along in a most satisfying way in spite of the prevailing hard times of such a period. The saving man is therefore a real patriot. He gives his country a leg up in a critical time. Put by that extra dollar now. The long procession of thrifty dollars will make a line that will not waver,—Hinderberg or no Hinderberg. Save! And do it now!

Capt. Honeychurch and the Lieutenants of the Salvation Army here, visited Kapuskasing Camp last week. Among the soldiers of the empire there in charge of the alien enemies they found a soldier of the Salvation Army and to this soldier they purpose sending copies of the War Cry each week for distribution.

MANY FROM PORCUPINE IN CASUALTY LISTS.

During the past week or two there have been a number from the Porcupine in the casualty lists, including:—Pte. Mac Clark, Pte. Herb Devine, and Sapper M. Shields, killed in action; and Pte. Gerald Kennedy and Sapper D. Brinton, wounded. Miss Maud Devine, of the McLaughlin staff, Timmins, received the sad news last week that her brother, Pte. Herbert K. Devine, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Devine, of South Porcupine, had been killed in action on September 3rd. This young man was well-known and popular in the Camp and the sincere sympathy of all will go out to the family in their loss. Sapper Shields, who was with the Dominion Express Co., at South Porcupine, before his enlistment, was also well-known and esteemed in the Porcupine. He was killed in action in France on Sept. 3rd. His home was at Killaloe, Renfrew County, Ontario. The general hope for both Pte. Kennedy and Sapper Brinton by the many who know and like them will be that their wounds are neither serious nor tedious.

ONLY A COUPLE OF CASES AT POLICE COURT THURSDAY

Magistrate Atkinson had another easy day on Thursday only a couple of cases being before him. The Italian baker on Third Avenue, Depeco, was fined \$100 and costs for breach of the Food Control laws in the making of bread of a kind not allowed by law at the present time. On a charge in connection with a disturbance in a local restaurant another man was fined \$10 and costs.

The Austrians charged by Officer Allen with having objectionable literature in their possession were remanded for another week, their cases to come up this week again.

For the court on Thursday of this week, there does not promise to be a very heavy docket. The only new case so far is a charge of gambling against Saval Proux, whose name has often figured in police court news. Chief Wilson and Constable Burke raided Saval's place on Monday and found a game going on. The Chief was able to seize 65c on the table with the cards used. The other men arrested were Austrians and Russians. Saval Proux is out on \$50 bail and the others on \$25 bail each. They will be charged under the Criminal Code. They were playing on the bar when the police arrived. Saval says they were not gambling, but only playing casino.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Mr. L. W. Ledyard, formerly manager of the Teck-Hughes mine at Kirkland Lake, has been appointed manager of the Beaver Consolidated, which includes the Beaver mine at Cobalt and the Kirkland Lake mine at Kirkland Lake. Mr. J. W. Moffet, who has been manager of the Beaver Consolidated for some years, has resigned on account of ill-health.

James Grant, formerly of the McIntyre-Porcupine Mines, is announced as having been chosen to design the mill to be erected at Kirkland Lake for the Wright-Hargraves. He will also supervise the actual construction of the mill when it is made according to his designs. The proposed mill will be planned to treat 150 tons per day, and will be of similar type to one at the McIntyre, Schumacher and Lake Shore mines. Much development work has been done on the Wright-Hargraves and it is expected that when the mill is ready there will be large bodies of good-grade ore blocked out in readiness to keep the mill humming.

The annual report of the Schumacher Gold Mines was expected to be published before this, but the printing of the report has apparently been delayed and it will not appear for a week or two. The report, it is said, will cover the period of sixteen months, up to July 31st., 1918. During that period a small net profit is shown but for the twelve months, March 31st., 1917 to March 31st., 1918, there is a small loss. The curtailment of operations during the four months to July was responsible for such a reduction of charges as to allow for the small profit showing in the sixteen months. The report will give ore reserves at a total \$600,000, which is the same as at March 31st., 1917. The directors

PTE. NORMAN CLARK KILLED IN ACTION.

There was very general and sincere regret last week at the news reaching here of the death in action overseas of Pte. Norman Macpherson Clark, ("Mac"), formerly with the Canadian Explosives Co. at Timmins. A sad coincidence about the matter was the news at the same time of the death in action in France of a member of the Canadian Explosives Company's staff from the Cobalt office who went overseas at the same time as Pte. Clark. Pte. Clark was both popular and respected in the Camp and was much esteemed by the Company with which he was connected. He had friends in all circles here, and all will regret the passing of this bright and well-liked young man. He was the only son of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Clark, of Woodstock, Ontario, and at the time he was killed in action he was 26 years of age. He went overseas last Spring.

PATRIOTIC CLUB GIVES TO WORTHY CAUSES.

There was a meeting of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club on Thursday afternoon last, with representatives from all parts of the districts, except South Porcupine whose delegates were unable to attend. The Club voted \$4000.00 to be forwarded to the Patriotic Fund at Ottawa, and \$200.00 was also granted to the Knights of Columbus fund being raised now for the Catholic Army Huts. On account of Mr. A. R. Globe, president of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club, having left the Camp, it was necessary for a new chairman to be appointed for the balance of the year. Mayor J. P. McLaughlin, who is vice-president of the P. C. P.C., will be chairman of the Club pro tem.

TIMMINS MAY GET SOME COAL SOMETIME.

Last week Mayor J. P. McLaughlin received a reply from the Deputy Fuel Administrator for Ontario regarding the delay in coal reaching Timmins. The Deputy Fuel Administrator says:—"We are putting forth every effort to have the cars of coal for your dealers forwarded, and you may rest assured that these efforts will be continued until satisfactory results accrue."

His many friends will be pleased to see Mr. E. M. Allworth able to be back again at his work after his two months' siege of illness.

HOLLINGER DECLARES ANOTHER DIVIDEND

Big Mine Holding Its Own, Despite Adverse Conditions.

Last week the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, at a directors' meeting declared another dividend of 1 per cent. The last previous dividend was payable on August 12th., and the present one is payable on October 7th. Despite the difficulties encountered by all gold mines at this time,—difficulties due to the cost, scarcity and inefficiency of labor, the high cost of materials, and other causes,—the Hollinger has been operating with pleasing results. Conditions have forced many other mines to discontinue operations, but the Hollinger, on account of the magnitude of its operations and the high-grade of its ore, has been able to keep right on. The Hollinger has a large surplus in the treasury and it has been earning all dividends paid. The mill is treating about 2200 tons per day, averaging in grade about \$11.20 in gold to the ton. The profits for the 28-day periods approximate about \$300,000, which pays the dividend of 1 per cent. and leaves a balance. Speaking of the prospects of the mine, President Timmins last week told the Associated Press that so long as conditions remained as at present, the mine would continue production. Last week the directors of the Hollinger visited the mine here and were pleased with the progress shown and the work going on. They look for the Hollinger not only to continue to hold its own but for its operations to expand. The close of the harvest season will likely see the return of many to mine work and other conditions will also probably make the conduct of the industry easier.

COCHRANE CITIZENS MUST BURN WOOD THIS WINTER.

A few days ago the Mayor of Cochrane received notice from the Provincial Fuel Administrator that there is no chance of any hard coal being available this winter for private citizens in that town. Cochrane has already received the full amount of coal allotted to that town and this will only be enough to keep the electric plant going. The Fuel Controller, however, offers the comforting suggestion that Cochrane should take measures now to provide for an ample supply of wood for this winter's fuel. Following this suggestion Mayor Carter has called a public meeting to deal with the fuel question. In commenting on the matter one Timmins business man last week said that no coal should be allowed north of North Bay for private consumption. "There's plenty of wood up here," he said, and in addition to helping clear up the country the use of wood here will leave so much more coal for the people further south who have no wood available. All of which is true enough, and sounds well to those who are equipped for the burning of wood. To those, however, who will have to spend more perhaps than they can afford to put their heating systems in the wood-burning way the comfort in this line of logic is not so satisfying. In addition, the price of wood and the securing of good wood at any price are problems requiring attention. Many complaints have reached The Advance recently as to exorbitant charges being made for wood and for wood-sawing. Also, inferior wood is often sold, sometimes the stuff being almost useless for fuel. The chief offenders are not the regular dealers, who indeed seem to be trying to deal fairly with the public. But men who see in the need only an opportunity for the satisfying of their greed are making the situation worse. A certain amount of coal will no doubt be available in Timmins for private use, but all who can possibly manage with wood as fuel should do so. And any here who find any instances of profiteering in the price of wood or sawing should promptly report the facts to Fire Chief A. Borland, who is the Fuel Controller for Timmins. The situation will be expensive enough and inconvenient enough without the unpatriotic profiteers trying to make it worse.

Mr. D. Cosgrove, one of the paid firemen at Timmins Fire Hall, left recently for a holiday at his home in Buckingham, Que. Last week Fire Chief A. Borland received a letter from Dan saying that he was not coming back to the North Land, but had decided to stay at Buckingham for the present.

FIRE DESTROYS ANOTHER HOUSE LAST THURSDAY

No One in B. Gregori's, Third Ave., When Fire Broke Out. Good Work by Brigade.

At 2.15 p.m. on Thursday an alarm of fire was turned in, the house of B. Gregori, 63 Third Avenue, being notified with smoke and fire coming from the windows and doors. The fire brigade made a very speedy reply to the summons, despite the fact that the team was at work on the road and probably a minute or two minutes was lost in getting the horses to the hall and hitching them up outside. Despite this handicap, however, the brigade was very soon at the scene of the fire and ready for action. The fire, however, had made great headway before it was discovered and the whole interior seemed to be in flames. The heaver board used in the finishing of the interior made great fuel for the fire. The brigade, however, worked quickly and efficiently and soon had the blaze under control. The house was practically destroyed, however, the fact that the outer walls are standing gives it the appearance of not being so badly damaged. The inside of the house, though, is badly injured and practically all the furniture and effects are ruined. There was \$1000 insurance on the building and \$500 insurance on the contents.

The origin of the fire is not known. There was no one in the house at the time the fire was discovered. Ten or fifteen minutes before, a boarder at the house had left the place to go to his work at the mine. He said there had been no fire in the stove since eleven o'clock in the morning, and the condition of the stove after the fire was under control seemed to bear out this statement, as the stove was quite cold and had nothing in it but ashes. When discovered the fire looked like a bad one and hundreds turned out in the heavy rain to watch the firemen fight it. The house destroyed is quite close to the Queen's Hotel, but from the time the brigade reached the scene there was no danger of the fire being allowed to spread. In taking the hose up close to the building for the more effective fighting of the fire, Fireman Walter Borland had his face slightly burned, but is all right again now.

In searching the house after the fire the police found a barrel of raisin mash, said to be used for making of vinegar.

K. OF C. SOCIAL NETS OVER \$500 FOR ARMY HUTS

Enjoyable Event in Timmins Rink on Thursday Evening Last.

The Box Social and Euchre, under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, held in Timmins Rink last Thursday evening, proved to be what all expected it would be—a great success from every viewpoint. About 250 attended the event and all thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The designs of the boxes were in the main original and artistic and well carried out, while the contents were all that could be desired. The bidding on the boxes was interesting and at times amusing, when contests developed between different people for the same box. Quite a number of boxes were bid over five dollars in this way. The total receipts from the sale of tickets, boxes, etc., amounted to \$513.15. This amount, less the necessary expenses incurred, will go to the K. of C. funds for the Catholic Army Huts that give comfort and assistance to the soldiers overseas. Mr. J. Bellavance was the lucky winner of the blankets for which drawing was made, and he disposed of them to Mr. J. Newton at fifty times the price of his tickets. The euchre was enjoyed by all, while the refreshments and the music completed a pleasant evening. Mr. J. Dalton won first prize at euchre for gentlemen, and Mrs. Leblanc won the first for ladies.

Mr. Pete Peterick, of Moneta, last week met with a couple of very painful accidents to one of his hands while cutting wood with a circular saw outfit. Early in the week the little finger of the hand was almost severed by coming in contact with the saw. He had this injured finger dressed and bound up and returned to his work. Then the dressing on the finger got caught in the saw dragging the hand in and causing a serious cut across the hand.