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TISDALE TOWNSHIP ADDS MORE STREET LIGHTS

Finances in Satisfactory Shape. Other Township Council Business.

At the Township Council meeting last Friday at South Porcupine, Reeve J. E. Boyle occupied the chair and all the Councilors were present.

The Fire and Light Committee reported that two new lights were required at Schumacher and two at So. Porcupine. Councillor Mackie stated that one new light was badly needed on the Lake Shore Road, Rochester Township. On motion, these five new lights were ordered to be installed.

The Finance Committee reported that the Imperial Bank had advanced the balance of the 1918 credit, and financial conditions were satisfactory.

The Public Works Committee reported that owing to the excessively wet weather the roads were in bad shape and consequently more labor and material than usual were required to fix them. There had been 225 feet of sidewalk constructed at Schumacher, but owing to the shortage of lumber the Moneta construction had to be left over. Foreman Ryan reported that some filling was badly needed on roads at Moneta, and he was instructed to attend to the matter in due course.

Tax Collector Smith was instructed to take every precaution to ensure the prompt payment of taxes.

The usual salaries and other accounts were ordered paid.

Constable Raycroft reported that Mrs. H. Brooks, of Schumacher, was unable to obtain any relief from the Ontario Workmen's Compensation Board on account of the nature of her husband's complaint, it being a chronic ailment. Councillor Hutchison was asked to enquire into the circumstances of the case.

Chief Roy was instructed to investigate the conditions at Moneta in regard to the outbreak of diphtheria there.

Councillor Morgan and Foreman Ryan were asked to look into the matter of a branch pipe line from the corner at the Bank of Toronto to the Imperial Bank corner in South Porcupine.

MR. J. W. NOSEWORTHY HONORED BY CHURCH.

Occasion was taken at the Social Evening in Byrnes Presbyterian Church last Thursday to give a token of esteem to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Noseworthy previous to their departure for Toronto. They have been valued and helpful members of Byrnes Presbyterian Church during the past two years, and the members of the church and Sunday School made a presentation of a handsome study lamp as a mark of appreciation. Mr. Noseworthy has been the capable and faithful superintendent of the Sabbath School, and his services to the church in other capacities have also been both generous and helpful. So long as he was here, Byrnes church was always sure of an efficient preacher, and he will be much missed in this and other capacities. The town in general also will regret the departure of these good citizens from the Camp. Mr. Noseworthy is returning to College in Toronto where he purposes taking up a full course to equip him as a High School teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Noseworthy left for Toronto on Friday evening. Before leaving Mr. Noseworthy expressed his appreciation of the kindness of the Church and indeed of all in the Camp.

ALEXO MINE DIRECTOR AWARDED D.S.O. MEDAL.

Major E. F. Pullen, who before enlisting with the 159th Battalion was managing-director of the Alexo Nickel Mine at Alexo, near Porcupine Junction, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order medal "for rendering valuable service with complete disregard for his own personal safety." Major Pullen has given specially valuable services at the front, and he has had the honor on more than one occasion of winning mention in dispatches. He left the North Land with the 159th Battalion in which he then held the rank of captain. He has won the promotion to Major during active service.

Harry Wixon, formerly of the J.R. Gordon staff, who was first reported missing on August 8th, is now reported a prisoner in Germany. The Toronto Star published recently a photo of Pte. Wixon and added that he went overseas in January, 1918, and has been in France since April. He is 33 years of age, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wixon, of Toronto.

MONETA HAS ONLY ONE DIPHThERIA CASE

Current Rumors As to the Infection Unfounded... Patient Practically Recovered.

Despite the numerous wild and unfounded stories to the contrary there is only one case at present in Moneta of diphtheria. That is a baby at the home of Mrs. Mary Savirio, near Ed. Maliek's store. The child is now practically recovered from its throat trouble and the authorities say that there is little danger now of any further cases. Mrs. Savirio's husband is overseas, having gone over among the first from Canada to join those battling for civilization and the right. There are some who believe that this child did not have diphtheria, as it has been sick for some months, but of course the doctors are in the better position to know. While the child would not have diphtheria for months, it would be the more likely to contract the disease in a weakened state from another illness. In any case, the authorities quarantined Mrs. Savirio's house where there are a number of boarders. The only other place quarantined in Moneta is the home of Mr. Simeon Robarts, whose wife died last week from diphtheria. The authorities are confident that they have the disease checked at Moneta and that all precautions have been taken against the spread of the infection. Notices, similar to those put in Timmings, have been placed in public places ordering parents to keep their children at home as a precautionary measure. The public school at Moneta has been closed, the quarantined houses are watched, and all other necessary measures taken to safeguard the public health.

FIRE PROTECTION WEEK COMMENCING OCT. 9th

Local Fire Chief Endorses Plan for General Clean-up by Citizens.

Fire Chief A. Borland last week received particulars of the "Fire Protection and Clean-up Week" recommended by the Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs to be held this year in every town in Canada. "It is a good idea," said Chief Borland, "indeed anything is good that will direct public attention to the waste in Canada through preventable fires and increase the effort of the average citizen to keep his premises clean and tidy so that there will not be so many handy things around for fires to start in and feed upon."

The letter from Chief J. S. France, of the Bain Waggon Works, of Woodstock, who is the Secretary of the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs, points out that the fire loss per capita in Canada has reached as high as \$3.00 per year—a much higher rate than in most well-conducted countries. In these days when the motto of all is, or should be, "Save and Serve," all good citizens should be interested in doing all possible to reduce this unnecessary and altogether evil loss of over \$20,000,000 per year through fires. Much may be done through keeping all premises clear of rubbish, boxes, etc., and the purpose of Fire Prevention Week, commencing October 9th, is along this line. Let there be a general clean-up of all premises, and let all good citizens co-operate in this good work for the general safety and the conservation of life and property. Much was accomplished in Timmings this Spring through the good work of the "Clean-up" week at that time, and next week should see equal interest and effort along the same good line.

REV. FRED MILLIKEN, STRATHROY, MAY COME HERE

There is general regret among the citizens generally, and particularly among those connected with Byrnes Presbyterian church, at the expected leaving here of Rev. Mr. Irwin, for the past few months in charge of the church here. Mr. Irwin is taking up work on the Transcontinental near Hearst, but will remain here until the church has reasonable assurance of securing another pastor. At present there is prospect that Rev. Fred Milliken, of Strathroy, may be secured for this charge and negotiations are now under way, it is understood, with a view to bringing Mr. Milliken here.

The regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on Monday afternoon next, all being well.

INSPECTOR FOR FIRE UNDERWRITERS HERE.

Mr. Norman Wilson, Inspector for the Fire Underwriters' Association, paid an official visit to Timmings last week in the interests of the Underwriters and the fire insurance business generally. He turned in an alarm on Saturday morning from Box 13, at Marshall-Ecclestone's corner, and the Fire Brigade made their customary speedy response. They were at the alarm box corner within one and a quarter minutes of the turning in of the alarm and inside of two and half minutes from the time of ringing of the alarm they had the water streams going. The Inspector was well pleased with the very rapid and efficient work of the Brigade. He also noted the fine appearance and evident acquaintance with and skill at the work of the members of the Brigade. The Brigade gave an exhibition of their work for the Inspector. There were a dozen or more firemen on hand, with more reporting before the tests were over. Chief Borland, of course, was right on deck in charge of his men and proud enough of the way they did the work. Inspector Wilson also inspected the pumps at the pump house, tried the water pressure with water going from seven hydrants, and took a test of the equipment and improvements, etc. His report on the inspection will be submitted to the Town Council at an early date and should be of general interest. On the Inspector's report in considerable measure depends the standing of the town so far as fire insurance rating is concerned. For this reason, all should be pleased to know that the inspection apparently made a favorable impression and won the good opinion of the Inspector for Timmings' Firemen, Chief and equipment.

MRS. ROBERTS, MONETA DIES FROM DIPHTHERIA.

There is very sincere sympathy for the family in the death last week of Mrs. Simeon Robarts, of Moneta. Mrs. Robarts was only ill three days when death came, the cause being given as diphtheria. Violet the 12-year-old daughter had been ill with a serious throat trouble, but had made a good recovery. The mother, however, then took sick and after three days' illness died on Tuesday, September 24th. Intermment was made at South Porcupine Wednesday evening at midnight.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Canada now ranks fifth among the gold producing countries of the world.

In the United States the gold mining industry has been placed in the preferred class, and men essential to operations will be exempted from the military service draft for the present.

Last week a shipment of a few tons of ore was made from the Bourkes' mine, netting \$428 in gold. The ore was picked high grade, but the average value of the ore now being taken from surface and the shaft at Bourkes' mine runs \$49 in gold to the ton.

The Hollinger dividend to be paid on Tuesday next will entail a disbursement of \$246,000. With the payment of this dividend the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines Limited and the concerns preceding it will have disbursed a total of \$8,772,000 in dividends.

Mr. O. Morrison, formerly with the Lake Shore mine, has gone to Lightning River, to take charge of the Howie Coucheuau property. A new plant has been installed on this property. There is a shaft down over 50 feet, and everything is going satisfactory, with good promises.

Development work has been resumed at the Teck-Hughes mine at Kirkland Lake. This mine was closed down some months ago, owing to the labor scarcity and the high cost of materials. Milling operations have not yet been resumed, but the mill will be re-opened soon, if a suitable staff for this is secured.

A great gold find is reported on the Rogers-Barnet claims, Lot 5, Concession 2, Catherine Township. Samples taken to Cobalt showed much free gold, and the concession has been renewed interest by prospectors and others in the Boston district. The Rogers-Barnet claims are south of Boston Creek.

SUGGESTS USE OF CHLORINE IN ALL WELLS.

In view of the threatened infection in the district recently, and in view of the fact that the town guards against many forms of infection by the use of chlorine in the water, Councillor D. Mackie, of Tisdale, was forward this week with the suggestion that the Town of Timmings and the Township of Tisdale for their mutual protection make provision for the chlorinating of all wells used in the town and township. Councillor Mackie points out that though preventive measures are taken against infection through the town water, yet this protection is not a materially effective one, as so many in town use well water which is not treated. While the chlorinating of the town water supply is good so far as it goes, it can do no good with the many who obtain their water supply from wells. Councillor Mackie's proposal is briefly that both the Town and Township make arrangements to chlorinate all wells used in the Camp. He suggests that the expense be borne by the municipalities, and he believes the cost would be many times repaid in the added safeguard to the public health. He thinks that it would be a good-paying investment indeed for the Town and Township to chlorinate all wells within the municipalities regularly once or twice a year. Councillor Mackie submitted his proposal to Mayor McLaughlin who promised that it would be brought to the attention of the Timmings Board of Health and receive due consideration.

GENEROUS GIFT TO SCHUMACHER RED CROSS.

The members of the Schumacher Red Cross are very pleased with the handsome gift, and the kindly thought prompting the gift recently made to the Society by Mr. J. P. Bickell, president of the McIntyre-Porcupine Mines. The gift is a handsome and up-to-date knitting machine. This knitting machine is one of the latest types and the best of its kind. It arrived here this week and will be set up ready for use at the regular meeting of the Schumacher Red Cross Society tomorrow (Thursday).

Mrs. M. J. Tinkess and children have gone to Ottawa, where Mr. Tinkess will join them in the near future, having decided to remove to the capital.

Mr. P. A. ROBBINS JOINS U. S. ENGINEERS' CORPS

Managing-Director of Hollinger Giving His Talents and Service to the Great Cause.

Mr. P. A. Robbins, for several years General Manager of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, and more recently managing-director of that company, left on Sunday's National for the U.S.A., where he has enlisted with an Engineering Corps for service overseas. His wide practical knowledge, skill and experience in engineering work, his gift in handling men, and the enthusiasm and high talent that he brings to everything to which he turns his attention are gifts that he is now offering, undoubtedly at much personal sacrifice, voluntarily to his country and to the world's cause. On Sunday there were many friends and citizens at the station here to wish Mr. Robbins good-bye for the present and to express sincere hopes for his early return to the Camp to which he has given such generous and helpful service. Not only has Mr. Robbins been the large factor in the striking growth of the Hollinger to its present immense importance as one of the world's greatest gold mines, but his interest in the town and his quiet helpfulness to every good municipal and patriotic cause have been equally important factors in the development of Timmings. He has been so important a figure in the life of Timmings and so vital a factor in the development of the Porcupine's greatest industry that it is easy to understand the general feeling that in his leaving the Camp loses one of its strong supports and the cause of the Allies overseas gains for active service a man whose talents are unusually broad and needed at this time.

DIVISION COURT OFFICE NOT TO MOVE JUST YET

Telegram Last Week Stopped the Moving Before Another Move.

A couple of weeks ago The Advance announced that the Division Court offices were to be moved from South Porcupine to Timmings. This move had been decided upon by the authorities, and the Division Court Clerk had received instructions authorizing him to move. As the majority of the cases coming before the Division Court originate in Timmings the convenience of the public and the general economy demanded the moving of this court. The Division Court was established as the "poor man's court," the idea being to keep down costs and expenses in every way for those using this court. Accordingly, the idea of moving the office of the court to Timmings where the business was seemed so much in keeping with the ideas of economy and public convenience on which the Ontario Division courts are based that some feared the report could not be true. "It is too common-sense an idea for officialdom," said one man. However, the report was true. The Division Court was authorized to move to Timmings where common-sense says it should be.

Before the actual moving of the office took place, however, there were other moves. There seemed to be personal moves and political moves. Several people more interested in what they imagined to be the life of South Porcupine than in what appears to be the general public convenience and economy, moved. The Township Council's help was solicited, and the South Porcupine Board of Trade also moved. The next move was the receipt of a wire by the Clerk not to move until further instructed.

Now, it is Timmings' move. It is quite true that the establishment of the Division Court Clerk's office here will be of no material advantage in itself, but it will be a general convenience and economy to the public.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR FRIENDLESS SOLDIERS.

The South Porcupine D.Y.B. Club met last week in the Council Chamber for the purpose of making up Christmas parcels for friendless soldiers. Twenty members of the Club were present and 26 parcels were completed during the evening. Each parcel contains 2 packages cigarettes, 2 packages Old Chum Tobacco, 1 package cigarette paper, 1 pencil, 1 package envelope, 1 writing pad, 1 tooth brush, 1 tube tooth paste, 1 pair socks, 1 handkerchief, 1 1/2 lbs. home-made candy. Work turned in during the evening, 19 pairs socks.

TOWN HAS ONLY TWO DIPHThERIA CASES

Every Precaution Being Taken. Practically No Danger of Further Infection, Say Authorities.

Timmings has two homes quarantined for diphtheria, there being a youngster in each place suffering from the disease. B. patients are doing well, and the disease is not reported as of a serious type. These are the bald facts regarding the reported "epidemic" here. One man said this week that there were eight cases of diphtheria at North Bay without any special excitement about it, but that two cases here created a regular army of wild rumors and unfounded stories. The public excitement here, however, is more or less justified by the conditions. The large foreign population, the crowded housing conditions in many sections and other things out of the ordinary, make any sort of infectious disease specially to be dreaded here. Even the wild stories, with so little foundation in fact may not be altogether without a use, if they make the enforcement of precautionary measures easier. It is much easier to stamp out the disease when there are only two cases than when there are eight or fifteen. In any event the authorities are leaving no stone unturned to fully guard the general public so far as possible. As children are considered as most likely to spread an infection of this type, the schools have been closed both here and at Moneta and parents in both places ordered by the local Board of Health to keep their children at home. The theatre has also been closed for the present. Yesterday and to-day it was a rare sight to see a youngster on street where in other days there were usually so many at all hours of the day. The Firemen have cancelled their dance for to-morrow night, following along the idea that it would be well to support the authorities to the limit in discouraging public assemblies especially in heated rooms, for the present.

The two houses quarantined are the Purified home, opposite the Queen's Hotel, and the Portras home, opposite the Ball Grounds. The Purified home was quarantined last week, a little girl there having the throat disease. She is recovering rapidly, indeed is now reported as practically all right again. None of the other members of the household have been taken ill. At the Portras home the only patient is the little five-year-old Portras girl. She is getting along well. There are fifteen boarders in this house in addition to the family of six. Chief Wilson says that in addition to the quarantine he has kept special guards on both houses to prevent any entering or leaving the places. The Portras home was quarantined on Monday evening.

The report that the diphtheria infection was also in a house in Mountjoy, just outside the town limits, and that one child had died there (some stories even said two youngsters were dead) is one of the wild yarns that are utterly untrue, so far as the diphtheria infection is concerned. The basis for the story was perhaps the fact that a little daughter of Mr. Ed Leblane died last week. The child, however, died from pneumonia. No other members of the family are ill.

ANOTHER OF THE POPULAR OLD-TIMERS LEAVING CAMP.

The Porcupine Camp this week will lose another of its real old-timers in the person of Mr. R. E. Sullivan who leaves on Saturday for the Teck-Hughes at Kirkland Lake, where he will be in charge of the mechanical department of the mill. He was in charge of all repairs at the Big Dome for some time past, and has been with the Dome from its early beginnings here. "Sully" was one of the classiest hockey players ever in the Camp, even in the days when the Porcupine was noted for its expert hockeyists. As a defence player he had few, if any equals, and in other lines of athletics he enjoyed a well-deserved fame. Mr. Sullivan is also Master of Porcupine Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and has taken a prominent and helpful part in other lines of social and fraternal good citizenship. He will be much missed in the Camp, but all will wish him well in his new sphere.

A large number of friends, readers, subscribers and others keep on asking The Advance to keep on asking the Postmaster to keep the post office open at least an hour on Sunday for the convenience of the soldiers.