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TOWN COUNCIL INCREASE SALARY OF FIRE CHIEF

First Meeting of Council Since October 21st.

The first meeting of the Town Council since October 21st., was held Monday afternoon with Mayor J. P. McLaughlin in the chair and Councillors Brazeau, Pierce and Dr. McInnis present.

On motion of A. Brazeau, seconded by Dr. McInnis, it was decided that A. J. Borland be paid for work done on Spruce street.

The matter of retaining the services of Fire Chief A. Borland was also dealt with. When the Fire Chief was about to accept the position of head of the North Bay Fire Department efforts were made to induce him to remain here and certain verbal promises were made. Monday afternoon the Town Council formally put these promises into force and effect.

It was moved by Dr. McInnis, seconded by A. Brazeau and carried, that according to verbal promise and in appreciation of past services rendered, the salary of Chief Borland be raised \$25 per month, making \$150 per month in addition to free house, fuel, light and water as per present agreement. The increase in salary to take effect from Nov. 1st., 1918.

A number of accounts were passed and ordered paid.

On motion of Dr. McInnis, seconded by A. Brazeau, it was decided to allow permission to the Board of Managers of the Presbyterian church to make connections from the water main to supply the Presbyterian parsonage, providing the Board be responsible for the expense of same.

The Council adjourned to the call of the Mayor.

HOW WILFRID BROWN WON MILITARY MEDAL

Wilfrid, brother of L. W. Brown, formerly a grocer at South Porcupine, will be remembered in the Camp as one of the popular young men of the Porcupine. He was Solution Man at the Dome Mines before enlisting, and was also noted as one of the Champion hockey players of the district. He was only 18 years of age when he enlisted but he has shown his mettle and his quality overseas. In a recent issue The Owen Sound Sun-Times has the following which will be of general interest:

"Mr. J. R. Brown received on Saturday the Military Medal which was won by his son, Spr. Wilfrid Brown at Passchendaele one year ago. It was won at the time that Spr. Brown was seriously shell shocked. The decoration is a fine recognition of the splendid service given by this, another of our Owen Sound boys who has won distinction on the battle field.

While Spr. Brown has never written his parents of how he won the military medal, a returned man who was with his unit at the time, has given some particulars. It appears that in the battle the telegraph wires which were the only means of communication between a battalion and headquarters, were cut and volunteers were called to remedy the defect. Spr. Brown started out alone for the Battalion with the necessary appliances to establish wireless communication, and, although the task was extremely dangerous, succeeded. On his way back a shrapnel shell exploded close to him, shattering some remaining equipment he had with him and inflicting several minor wounds, and he was for months in hospital suffering shell shock. Lately, he has endeavored to return to the front, but his condition does not admit of him leaving England.

SCHUMACHER NOW FREE FROM INFLUENZA

Reports from Schumacher indicate that there is now only one case of influenza at the Schumacher Emergency Hospital, and the only others suffering from the disease in the town are the Tennysons. All will be pleased to know that the Tennyson family are well on the way to complete recovery. The case at the Hospital is that of Miss Mitchell, the nurse from Toronto. It is very general and sincere sympathy felt by all with her in her illness and there will be general satisfaction at learning that she is making good progress to recovery. She gave capable and whole-hearted service to others and did much to relieve the situation in Schumacher, so there is special interest in her case and special hope for her speedy and complete recovery.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE PROMISED FOR CAMP

One of the Big Mines Said to be Interested in Matter.

The Advance understands that a big co-operative store is now being planned for the Porcupine, and that one of the big mines has promised help and encouragement in the establishment of such a store. While the mine referred to may be chiefly interested in the advantages to its own employees, the general benefits from the establishment of such a store would be many. Added to the general high costs prevailing all over the world during the past year or two, Timmins has suffered specially from the lack of up-to-date methods of many of its merchants. In the grocery line, for instance, the town has really had only one modern merchant, — J. R. Gordon. The others have followed a line of business methods that inevitably meant high costs to their customers. Sitting back waiting for trade to come, means that the few customers who do arrive have to pay an undue proportion of the overhead costs of business. All the selfish buncombe in the world will not offset the truth that if local merchants allow mail order and other outside firms to secure the cream of the trade through advertising, they MUST charge higher prices to maintain their business with the few customers that their own neglect of lack of knowledge of business allows them.

Because of the high costs prevailing here the people will welcome a co-operative store or any other new venture. It is understood that a public meeting will be held at an early date to launch the co-operative store movement in Timmins. Cobalt now has such a store and there are also several other successful ventures of the same kind in Ontario. Certain Old Country cities are famous for their co-operative enterprises.

Statistics regarding Porcupine soldiers. Just at present a number of people are attempting to make statistics regarding the Porcupine and its soldiers going overseas since the war began. These statistics are very interesting, but it must be confessed that they are by no means accurate or dependable. Unfortunately there are no absolutely correct figures on which to base estimates. The statistics, consequently, are little better than fair guesses. But they are unusually interesting. It is estimated that over 800 men went voluntarily from the Porcupine to overseas service, — apart from those who went under drafts and claims that seventy-nine men from the Porcupine have given their lives to the great cause overseas. It contrasts this with the 80 or 90 deaths in the Porcupine from the influenza epidemic, and points out that in four weeks the influenza took a heavier toll of lives here than the war did in four years. Another man who has figured, claims that there are now 81 returned soldiers in the Camp, back from overseas. No doubt, after a time it will be possible to secure accurate information regarding all these matters. In the meantime it is largely a matter of guessing, but some of the guesses are undoubtedly good.

MRS. GEO. FOSTER LAID TO REST LAST FRIDAY

There is very sincere regret and sorrow felt by all who knew her in the death last week of Mrs. Foster, wife of Mr. Geo. Foster, assistant mine captain at the Hollinger Mine. Mrs. Foster had not been ill very long and her death accordingly came as a distinct shock to her many friends in the Camp. She had been taken to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment but despite the most devoted attention from the Sisters there and from Mrs. Cushing, who has been a genuine Angel of Mercy to Timmins during the present prevalent illness, Mrs. Foster passed away at 7.30 a.m. on Tuesday morning last. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, and following the practice obtaining during this time of many deaths, it was a private one. A large number of beautiful floral tributes evidenced the affection and esteem in which the late Mrs. Foster was held and the deep sympathy felt for those bereaved by her death. Her husband and four boys survive. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Salmon, of Timmins. She came here from Hancock, Michigan, and for the past five years had been an esteemed resident of Timmins.

TOWN AND MINE GIVE NEARLY TWO MILLIONS

District, Province, Dominion.—All Done Well in Victory Loan.

The Victory Loan campaign closed on Saturday night with the loan largely oversubscribed in Dominion, and with the Town of Timmins and the Hollinger Mine more than doubling their objective. The Hollinger Consolidated gave the huge subscription of one and three quarter million dollars while the employees of the mine subscribed \$88,000 or \$8,000 more than double their objective. The Town of Timmins subscribed \$92,350, while the objective was only \$40,000.

The following is a summary of the figures:—Dominion, \$676,000,000; Ontario, \$329,000,000; Toronto, \$144,000,000; Montreal, \$143,000,000; Timmins District, \$451,300 (not including the Special subscriptions like the Hollinger, Dome, McIntyre, etc.).

The Town of Timmins had 308 applications totalling \$92,350; Hollinger, 330 subscriptions, \$88,000; Schumacher, 14 applications, \$3300; McIntyre, 122 applications, \$40,550; South Porcupine, 270 applications, \$64,050; 413 cupine, 270 applications, \$64,050; The Town of Iroquois Falls, 413 applications, \$66,500; Matheson, 60 applications, \$7550; Kirkland Lake, 141 applications, \$83,300; Boston Creek, 46 applications, \$5700.

The following are the returns from canvassers:

Town of Timmins:—E. S. Noble, 22 applications, \$9700; D. Maekie, 64 applications, \$20,450; F. C. H. Simms, 25 applications, \$11,200; Leo. Mascioli, 55 applications, \$9050; B. E. Martin, \$34,500; V. Woodbury, 18 applications, \$6800; Thos. Banks, 1 application, \$200; James Hepplestone, 2 applications, \$450.

Hollinger:—N. S. Nagle, 94 applications, \$33,850; M. A. Williams, 96 applications, \$17,600; A. W. Young, 103 applications, \$31,600; R. T. Regnell, 37 applications, \$4950.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The Matatehwan Gold Mines, Ltd., has been incorporated in Ontario to take over the Otisse property in the Fort Matatehwan district. The head office is in Toronto, and the capitalization is \$4,000,000 in \$5 shares.

The production of the Lake Shore Mine at Kirkland Lake for October totalled 1875 tons of an average of over \$24 in gold per ton. The total production was thus over \$45,000. Since production started at the Lake Shore Mine in March of this year the mine has produced \$324,549.92 worth of gold.

The Gold Lake Mining Company has been incorporated, with head office in Toronto, to develop claims in Deloro staked by Johnny Jones. Mr. Jones has been appointed manager of the new company and is now at work on the property with four or five men brought from Toronto. Work is also in progress in the matter of grading the road from the Hayden into the Gold Lake property.

Special interest is being shown at present in the Boston Creek Gold Field, part of this special interest being due to the report that the Timmins Brothers, well-known as heavy shareholders in the Hollinger, are taking part in the development of certain properties at Boston Creek. It is said that the Timmins interests are active in the exploration of the Mondou claims at Boston Creek. There is a small mining plant on the Mondou and the property is a very promising one. Work in sinking the shaft to the 100-foot level has been commenced.

The Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines has declared another dividend of one per cent., payable December 2nd, to shareholders of record Nov. 20th. Owing to the abnormal conditions in the gold mining industry the Hollinger discontinued the payment of dividends for a time, but commencing on June 17th of this year dividends were resumed at the rate of 1 per cent., dividends of this amount being paid every eight weeks since June 17th. With this payment, the Hollinger properties will have disbursed over \$9,000,000 in dividends since the commencement of mining operations.

HOLLINGER MINE BUYS \$1,750,000 OF BONDS

Dome Mines, \$100,000; McIntyre Mine \$100,000; Nipissing, One Million Dollars.

Among the special subscription announced last week for the Victory Loan campaign were the following:—Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, \$1,750,000.00.

McIntyre-Porcupine Mines, \$100,000.00. Dome Mines, \$100,000.00. Lake Shore Gold Mines, \$50,000. Nipissing Mines, \$1,000,000.00. Mining Corporation, \$825,000.00. Kerr Lake, \$500,000.00. Temiskaming, \$400,000.00.

Half of the above subscriptions, together with some similar ones from other mines, are credited to the Northern District. The Hollinger subscription is credited to the Town of Timmins.

CANADIAN EXPLOSIVES BUY \$25,000 BONDS HERE

The Canadian Explosives Company branch here subscribed last week for \$25,000 worth of Victory Bonds. This, of course, is in addition to the purchases made through the head office. The general practice of companies, having a number of branches through Canada, has been to do all the buying of Victory Bonds at the head office. The Canadian Explosives Co. has followed a more equitable plan. Each district has been allotted a certain amount for the buying of bonds. The amount allotted to Timmins district was \$25,000, and accordingly that amount of bonds was purchased here. "It seems only fair," said Mr. Hebert, manager of the branch in Timmins, "that when a company is making its money in different places that these places should receive the credit for their due share in the general purchasing of Victory Bonds."

Mr. Shields, Moving Picture Expert for the Ontario Government, was in town last week making arrangements with a view to securing an elaborate motion picture of the Hollinger Gold Mines.

Ore running around \$200.00 in gold to the ton is reported as having been encountered recently at the 350-foot level of the Anchorite in Deloro Town ship. The Anchorite is now being worked by the Coniagas Company of Cobalt.

Mr. Hugh McEachren returned last week from the Night Hawk Lake district where he has been engaged in exploration and development work on a property that appears to be rich in barite with some silver in evidence. This property adjoins the Premier-Langmuir Barite Mine which is producing barite at the present time and giving great promise. The vein system of the Premier-Langmuir extends onto the McEachren claim. The Premier-Langmuir has recently been a noteworthy producer of Barite, several carloads being shipped out in the last few weeks. The mineral, which is used in the manufacture of paint and for other industrial purposes, is in great demand and runs in value around \$40 per ton.

There used to be an Old Ontario newspaperman who dealt with all his correspondence by throwing it in a box under his desk. He used to say that practically all the letters would answer themselves, or he need not answer, if they were left alone long enough. He often used to pull out old letters at random and prove the truth of his theory. "The man who wrote this letter is dead." "This firm is out of business." "These people got tired of writing about their account." So, he would mention the letters, — all answered, without answering. The Canadian Government has followed a somewhat similar plan to this in dealing with the problem of the gold mining industry during war times. The war is now on the way to being closed down, and the Government having deferred assistance and pigeon-holed the problem are no doubt now living in lively hope that the problem will answer itself with the ending of the war.

TOTAL DEATHS IN CAMP NOW 87 FROM INFLUENZA

Sixteen Pass Away During Past Week in Timmins, South Porcupine, Schumacher and Moneta.

The Advance admits that it is difficult to secure reliable information regarding the Influenza epidemic here, and that there is the danger of either unduly minimizing the danger or going to the other extreme of panic. For instance, one doctor claims to have 75 patients in Timmins while other medical men say that there are not many more than that number of cases in town all together. Again, last week on Wednesday morning the Medical Health Officer told The Advance that though the situation was improving there would be no hurry in allowing churches, schools, poolrooms, theatre, etc., to re-open; yet Thursday evening the poolrooms were re-opened, though the situation did not seem to be improved. The record of deaths, however, is beyond dispute and gives a basis for forming an estimate of the situation. From this estimate it will be seen that the situation, while serious, is not as serious as many believe, nor half so serious as some of the wild stories circulated would lead one to believe. Since the epidemic commenced there have been 87 deaths from the disease in the whole Camp, including Timmins, Moneta, Mattagami, Schumacher, South Porcupine, the lumber camps, and those coming from outside places. The Advance has given a full list of these deaths from week to week. Since the last issue the following is the death roll:—

Timmins:—Won For (Chinese); Eli Halavace, Constantino Civiski, (Romanian); Anton Leino, Geo. Atalic, Lefim Kwinen, (Finlanders); Dominic Despatis, Joseph Valois, Mrs. George Foster.—9.

Schumacher:—Louis Halavace (Romanian)—1.

South Porcupine:—Mick Wollas, (Russian); G. Grazistin, (Italian); Philip Gagnon.—3.

Moneta:—Mrs. Jas. Dubroy, and one of the Savirien children.—2.

Pottsville:—Mrs. Wm. Pollard.—1. The deaths recorded previously were:—Timmins, 22; South Porcupine, 27; other places in the district, 25; making the total now:—Timmins, 31; So. Porcupine, 27; other places including Schumacher, Moneta, the lumber camps, etc., 29. Even in considering these figures it must be remembered that some of the deaths were of people coming in from outside places.

South Porcupine is now practically free from the disease, and everything is opening up again as usual.

RECORD OF CASES AT EMERGENCY HOSPITAL

Since the epidemic commenced here there have been 46 cases taken in to the Emergency Hospital here. Of this number, 9 have been discharged, cured. There are now 18 cases still in the Emergency Hospital, sixteen of these, however, are now convalescent and practically out of danger. The total number of the deaths at the Emergency Hospital to date is 19. In respect to these nineteen, it is only fair to say that with the exception of one or two cases they were all practically beyond hope of recovery before going to the hospital, most of them, indeed, dying within a few hours after arriving at the hospital.

The Emergency Hospital is now in charge of two Sisters from St. Mary's Hospital. The Sisters have given the most devoted service without any reward or payment beyond their own desire to help others. One of the Sisters taking charge some days ago herself fell ill with influenza, but all will be glad to know is now making good progress to recovery. Another Sister was promptly secured from Montreal to carry on the work. One of the Sisters in charge at the Emergency Hospital is 65 years of age, but has devoted such energy, such tireless effort and skill to the work that could only be supported by the rare devotion and unselfishness that make the Sisters revered by those who suffer.

Mr. H. E. Montgomery, chairman of the Emergency Hospital Committee, has also worked without thought of himself or his other work, to organize and equip the hospital, and he now has the satisfaction of the good work being done and the helpful service of the institution.

A card received last week from Corp. P. M. Bardessono gave the pleasing information that he was well and everything in France was Jake, with the prospect of even better things to come soon.

FIRE AT MRS. ABOUD'S STORE LAST EVENING

Much Damage Done by Smoke and Water. \$5,000 Insurance on Stock.

Last night smoke and water did considerable damage to the stock in the store of Mrs. Aboud, Pine street, opposite the post office. The alarm of fire was turned in by Mr. Harry Webb, who had been in Mr. J. P. Bartleman's rooms, where they were alarmed by the smell of smoke apparently coming from the store below. Investigation showed that a fire seemed in progress in Mrs. Aboud's store. The brigade made a very prompt response to the alarm and two streams of water were soon ready. Much difficulty was experienced in locating the fire, on account of the denseness of the smoke, but after the fire was out it was found that there had apparently been three separate places where the fire had been in progress, — under the counter, and under some shelves on one side of the store, and under some shelves on the other side of the store. The fire charred the inside of the building, but not to any serious extent, though it was an ugly fire to fight on account of the prevalent smoke and the fact that no flames were evident as being the centre of the fire. Mrs. Lawrence, (who owns the building) and her son, Tom, live upstairs in the building and were at home when the fire commenced. They noticed the smoke in time, as the smoke would soon have made it difficult to get out. Some insurance is carried on the building, and Mrs. Aboud had \$5000 insurance on the stocks carried. The stocks were badly damaged by smoke and water, though some goods may be salvaged. The insurance adjuster will likely be here in a few days to settle for the loss. The origin of the fire is not known. The fire apparently started in the store, but there was no one there for some time previous to its discovery. Sullivan & Newton's insurance office next door to Mrs. Aboud's suffered a little from water, but there was no fire damage.

MR. ALF. LUXTON WINS HANDSOME GOLD WATCH

The formal opening of the new jewelry store of Messrs. W. N. & P. H. Stock, opposite the post office, Timmins, took place on Thursday last and created much interest. On Saturday the crowds were particularly large, especially in the evening. The special feature of Saturday was the contest announced for the guessing of the number of beans in a glass jar in the store window. Guessing was free and everybody had a guess. Miss Rose Levine and Messrs. N. C. Hebert and Alf. Luxton each guessed 3225. This was a remarkably close guess, the actual number of beans being 3220. For three to each come within five of the correct number was a remarkable coincidence. Following the plan suggested in the announcement of the contest, the three nearest guesses were given a smaller jar of beans to guess upon. Miss Levine guessed the number of beans in this small jar as 219. Mr. Luxton said 210. The actual number was 207, so Mr. Luxton was declared the winner and was given the handsome \$25 Regina Watch offered as a prize. The judges were Miss Duffy and Messrs. W. F. Richardson and L. A. Clancy.

ROBBED OFFICE AND THEN DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW

Two young men who recently came up from North Bay and were employed by Mr. Paddy Staek, a jobber for the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co., at Sturgeon Falls, Malaffy Township, Mattagami River, some days ago broke into the office of Mr. Staek and took a quantity of shirts, boots, cigarettes, etc. These they loaded into a pointer and started away on the river. Since then nobody has seen or heard of them and it is feared that they were swept over the falls, as they were not expert boatmen. A diligent search has been made to locate the two young men, but the worst is now feared.

MISS L. MALTAIS IS HOLDING A SPECIAL SALE OF THE LATEST IN HATS, RIBBONS, TRIMMINGS, ETC., STARTING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, AT HER MILLINERY STORE, THIRD AVENUE, NEXT TO J. K. MOORE'S. THE STOCK IS AN ATTRACTIVE ONE, AND THE PRICES ARE ESPECIALLY ATTRACTIVE FOR THIS SALE EVENT.