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MUCH INTEREST IN NEW TOWN COUNCIL

Dissatisfaction Expressed With Present Members. Some of the Names Proposed for 1919.

Recently there has been a very lively interest shown by the ratepayers in general in municipal matters, and there has been much discussion of the present Town Council and the prospective Council for 1919. It is generally recognized that with the coming of peace the Porcupine Camp will enjoy a decided boom and that this boom will bring many problems that must be ably dealt with, if the Town of Timmins is to prosper and advance. It is generally felt, however, that the peace problems must receive more energetic and intelligent treatment than the average citizen believes has been given to some of the war-time questions. In this connection there is some criticism of the present Town Council in the matter of a supply of wood and coal for the citizens. Not only have other towns of the North Land been able to secure fair supplies of hard coal, while Timmins still waits, but the Councils at North Bay, Cobalt and other places made assurance doubly sure by providing supplies of wood and taking other methods to relieve the situation. Whether justified or not, there is also criticism of the methods used in combatting the "Flu" epidemic. Another matter arousing much public disapproval was the lack of attention paid to the recent "Celebration" of the signing of the Armistice. For this, the Mayor has been criticized especially, and many have been quite outspoken in classing the form of the "Celebration" as beneath the standing of the Town and the dignity of the occasion. There is also the general criticism of the finances, the public works and the general conduct of municipal affairs, and altogether there seems to be a general dissatisfaction with affairs as they have been in the past few months, and a lively interest to have a first-class working Council and Mayor for 1919. Probably never before in the history of Timmins has there been so much determined discussion of municipal matters, and the citizens are relieving their feelings by suggesting newer and better men for Mayor and Councillors. Names are frequently used among groups of citizens without the consent of the parties concerned, often, indeed, without their knowledge, but the general desire to select a "slate" shows the active public interest this year. Among those mentioned for Mayor for 1919 are:—Dr. McInnis, Dr. Moore, Chas. Pierce, W. H. Wilson, R. J. Jemmett, C. G. Williams, D. Ostrosser, A. Brazeau. Among those suggested for seats on the Council may be mentioned:—E. L. Longmore, D. Laprairie, J. R. Gordon, R. J. Jemmett, T. F. King, L. S. Newton, Wm. De Feu, E. H. Bridger, Dr. Moore, H. Charlebois, J. Theriault, Chas. Pierce, D. Ostrosser, W. E. McCoy, A . Brazeau and others.

It might be helpful to the Town of Timmins at the present time if a Ratepayers' Association were formed along the same lines as that adopted by the municipal association of this kind some years ago formed in Tisdale Township. Such an association could do much to centre public attention on the discussion of Municipal matters, and a useful service might also be done in the way of suggesting the best men for municipal honors next year.

PETITIONING FOR SPUR LINE TO MATTAGAMI.

At a meeting of the Mountjoy Settlers' Association recently it was decided to petition the Provincial Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, to use his influence to have the T. & N.O. construct a spur line to the Mattagami River from Timmins. Copies of the petition to be sent are being left at various public places in Timmins and district for signatures. It is pointed out that there are now three sawmills at the landing, and there are two others up the river and two more down the river. Also, th[illegible]re millions of cords of pulpwood [illegible]llions of railroad ties, and mil[illegible] of feet of lumber ready to [illegible] out. These industries, hov[illegible]ll handicap ed, as is [illegible]g industry, by the [illegible]ation. In the [illegible]mber, etc., th[illegible] of

PROPOSE ESTABLISHING OF TIMMINS CLUB NOW

Citizens See the Need and Benefits From Such Accommodation.

"What Timmins needs now is a good social club established here," said a citizen last week, and his remark was very heartily endorsed by all who heard it. He pointed out that the young single men in the camp had few places to spend their time innocently and pleasantly, and no suitable place to take friends who might visit them here. When the soldiers return from overseas the need will be even more evident, and as it takes time to establish a club of this kind the citizen suggested that those in favor of it should get busy right away. To secure and equip a suitable building would take several months, so the sooner a move is made the better. The citizens discussing the matter last week referred to the benefits of such clubs as the Albany and the Empire, in Toronto, the Rideau, Ottawa, etc., and they pointed out how the advantages to Timmins from such a club would even be more marked. "What is needed," said one man, "is a club where the members can get the best of meals; where they can take a friend to entertain; where there are billiard tables, bowling, a library, periodicals, etc., and where the company is congenial." Visions of pleasant smoking rooms and reading parlors were pictured, and the question of the cost of this discussed. One hundred members each buying a hundred-dollar share in the Club would start it going nicely, according to the accepted figures, while moderate membership fees and the usual charges for accommodation would carry it along.

The question of a Timmins Club has been discussed casually often before, and the benefits of such on institution, especially in the absence of Y. M. C. A. and similar organizations, are very evident. Some of those interested should call a meeting of others who have considered the question, and thus make an actual start on this good proposition.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC NOW SERIOUS AT COBALT.

While Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, the Porcupine Camp and other parts of the North Land were suffering from the Influenza epidemic, Cobalt and Haileybury seemed to escape very lightly. It is true that there were many cases of illness in the Silver Camp, but any cases of Influenza seemed to be of a very light type and there was apparently no particular death roll. Indeed, in some quarters, the claim was made that Cobalt had only two deaths from the "Flu" from the time the epidemic reached the North Land. Last week, however, there was a decided change for the worse in the matter, and Cobalt now seems to be suffering seriously from the disease. The Y. M. C. A. was turned into an emergency hospital and in less than three days there were 35 patients being treated there. In addition there are scores of others ill at their homes. On Sunday there were four deaths and on Monday three more up to three or four in the afternoon. The McNabb ambulance had over 25 calls over the week-end to take patients to the hospital for treatment. The sudden outbreak of the disease now in Cobalt is blamed by many there on the recent celebrations of the Armistice when large crowds gathered and people mingled together on the streets and at balls, etc. Others, however, say that the sudden outbreak at this time may more properly be blamed upon the disease itself, of which so little is known. The "Flu," as it is known, follows no recognized rules or regulations and pursues its course and chooses its victims without regard to anything. Every effort is being made to curb the outbreak in Cobalt. All public amusement places are closed and every other effort made to prevent gatherings of public kind. A method of quarantine is also being used with apparently good results.

NATION TO GIVE THANKS FOR VICTORY, ON DE[illegible]

The date orginally fixed by [illegible] minion Government as a Da[illegible] tional Thanksgiving for Vic[illegible] been changed to Sunday, [illegible] 1st. This change was made [illegible] of s[illegible] churches be[illegible] in[illegible] Influenza [illegible] asked [illegible] ti[illegible]

MRS. GARFIELD MORRISON PASSED AWAY SUNDAY.

Her many friends in the district received a decided shock to learn of the death on Sunday of Mrs. Garfield Morrison. She had been ill only a week, suffering from the prevalent Influenza. All that the most careful nursing and the best medical skill could do was unavailing to save the life of this popular young woman who but a short week before had enjoyed the best of health and strength.

The late Mrs. Garfield Morrison had lived but a few months in the Camp where her husband is on the engineering staff of the Hollinger Gold Mines. During her comparatively brief stay here, however, she won hosts of friends and was generally esteemed and highly regarded by wide circles of acquaintances. Before her marriage she was Miss Isabel Elizabeth McHardy, of Woodstock, and had followed the profession of a trained nurse for a time. The remains were taken on Tuesday morning to her old home at Woodstock for interment. In addition to the bereaved husband, her father and mother survive at Woodstock, and to these and to the other near relatives and friends the sincere sympathy of all will go out in the sad loss of this gifted and popular young lady.

STILL MANY CASES OF INFLUENZA IN TIMMINS.

There are still a number of Influenza patients in town but the majority of these seem to be making good progress to recovery. This week Walter Borland was critically ill, but to-day he is well on the way to recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Luxton and family have also been very ill, but are now on the way back to good health again. John Collins, of the Hollinger staff, seriously ill last week, is now much improved. Mrs. Norman Burke had an attack of the Influenza last week. but it proved luckily to be of a mild tpye, and she is now recovered. Morris Daher was attacked by the disease last week after his mother and some of the other members of the family had been ill. All of them are now on the way to recovery again. B. E. Martin, Joe Hagan and A. E. Philips are also making good progress to complete recovery. Maime Borland, is also recovering all right again. Among the newer cases is that of Don Campbelll who is ill at the Montreal House.

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL AT KAPUSKASING.

A "Consolidated School" has been commenced at Kapuskasing for the advantage of the children of the soldiers there. Not only are there the children of the soldiers at the Kapuskasing Camp to be considered, but thought has been taken of the families of the returned soldiers who have taken up land in the Kapuskasing district. There are in all about 100 children of school age in the district, about 60 of these being at Kapuskasing Lieut.-Col. Innes, Director of Soldiers' Settlement Work at Kapuskasing, has completed arrangements for the use of three vans to bring the children o school from the outlying points. The children will be called for in the morn ing and taken home again at night. They will be expected to bring their own lunches with them, but hot tea and cocoa will be provided at the School. The Ontario Government is giving the plan every support. On account of the influenza epidemic, the opening of the Consolidated School has been deferred during the past few weeks, but it is expected that the work will commence early next month. There have been many advocates of the Consolidated School plan for certain rural districts of Ontario, but the idea has not yet found any popular acceptance. There is a successful Consolidated School in the Guelph district, while in the eastern Provinces and some of the States the plan has been worked to advantage. Its advocates claim that it provides better schooling facilities that the usual rural school plan or lack of plan. One good big school with a sufficient staff is maintained at a central point and the children are conveyed from all the district round to and from this school The plan does away with a number of small schools through the district and warrants the keeping of an efficient staff at the Consolidated School. The present experiment at Kapuskasing should be watched with general interest.

"There ought to be a municipal election this year, even if it is just for the fun of it," said a prominent citizen last week. "For the past three or four years it has been all right to avoid contests, so as to conserve our energies and feelings on the one Big War and not to make any dissensions in the unity that should be ours in the Great Cause," he continued. "But now, we can turn our attention nearer home and it will pay to do it, too."

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

A new vein about three feet in width and carrying tellurides, has been opened up on surface at the Cotter property, Boston Creek.

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Jack Murphy, formerly mine captain at the Tough-Oakes, is now underground superintendent at the Miller-Independence Mine at Boston Creek.

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The December sittings of the Mining Commissioners for Northern Ontario has been postponed until January on account of the prevalent epidemic of "Flu."

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Mr. S. W. Cohen, formerly general manager of the Crown Reserve, has been appointed general manager of the Dominion Reduction Company at Cobalt, to succeed the late Eugene L. Steindler.

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Having resumed underground development work the Teck-Hughes is now seeking a sufficient force of competent men for the re-opening of the milling plant. The mill on the property is an 80-ton one. The Teck-Hughes is one of the promising properties at Kirkland Lake.

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The new mill of the Kirkland Lake Gold Mines is almost completed and it is expected to be in operation about the first of the new year. The mill is equipped with a large Hardinge ball mill and has very large tanks, [illegible]e of them having an inside diame[illegible] of 34 feet.

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[illegible]ill Gold Mines expect to re[illegible] their property in the Pain[illegible] district at an early date. [illegible]ishold Mines are in Munro [illegible]ork recently new and prom[illegible] S[illegible] has been added to the [illegible]n under development. [illegible]rilling is being done [illegible]idson with very

A Toronto paper says that the largest dividend disbursement made in any one year by any gold mine in the world during the past five years was made by the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines in 1916, when a total of $3,198,000 was paid out to shareholders. The second largest years' dividend by a gold mine since 1912 was made by the City Deep Mine, one of the big Rand concerns which distributed $2,733,750 to shareholders in 1916.

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Some weeks ago, as noted in The Advance at the time, there was a daring hold-up of some Austrians working in the Boston Creek district cutting wood for the Miller-Independence mine. Several hundred dollars in cold cash was taken from the aliens by the man with the gun. The Austrians did not like this game and all quit the work and left that part of the country. Since, however, they have been replaced by another gang of wood-cutters who know what banks are for.

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Representations are being made to Hon. Martin Burrell, Dominion Minister of Mines, to have a Canadian mining man included in the Commission to Siberia from Canada. On the Commission there are representatives of the agricultural, fisheries, commercial and transportation interests, and it is pointed out that Canada and Siberia have also much of common interest in the matter of mining, and that accordingly a mining man should be included. In the past the Dominion has paid too little attention to mining. Now, however, it is surely evident that the mining industry is playing and will play an important part in Canada's development, so the industry should be recognized and given due prominence by the authorities on every occasion. The Commission to Siberia certainly needs a mining man as much as it does an agricultural or transportation representative.

KILLED THE DAY BEFORE ARMISTICE DECLARED

"Monty" Montgomery, Well-Known in North Land, Among Those Falling at Mons.

His many friends in the North Land felt a special hardship and ill-luck in the news of the death of Lieut. W. A. Montgomery, who was among the Canadians falling at Mons just a few hours before the signing of the Armistice which stopped the fighting. "Monty," as he was affectionately known, went overseas in 1915 with the Borden Battery. He received no less than nine gunshot wounds in one of the engagements with the enemy, but made a complete recovery and was awarded a commission. He returned to the firing line as a Lieutenant and escaped injury until a few hours before the end of the fighting. It seems particularly hard that he should be killed in action so short a time before the end of the fighting, after coming through so many battles and dangers in the past three years.

Lieut. Montgomery was a native of the New England States, but for over ten years he was a well-known and popular citizen of the North Land. He came up here in the early days of the mining boom, and after a stay at Cobalt, he joined the Porcupine pioneers. He worked at the Dome Mine for some time and was one of the famed baseball players on the Dome Mines team when the Porcupine Baseball League was in its glory. He enlisted from the Porcupine and went overseas in 1915. All who knew him will sincerely regret the death of this popular and esteemed old-timer of the Porcupine.

EPIDEMIC APPEARS TO BE ABATING HERE NOW

Only Four Deaths in the Camp Since Last Issue, Though Many Ill.

Since the last issue of The Advance only four deaths from the prevalent Influenza are registered for the whole Camp. These are:—Morris Helperin, South Porcupine; Thomas Latour, at L. S. Newton's camp, Mattagami River; Mrs. Morrison, Rochester Townsite; and Rev. Mr. Cruickshanks, at the Cottage Hospital, Timmins. This brings the total death roll for the whole Camp up to 92 to date from the epidemic. There were no deaths at the Emergency Hospital during the past few weeks, and the patients there are all making good progress to recovery. There are a number of new cases in town since last week, but the worst part of the epidemic seems to be over.

WINNERS OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' GUESSING CONTEST

The second guessing contest put on by Timmins new Jewelry Store, W. N. & P. H. Stock, proved a great success last week. This was for boys and girls under sixteen, and the interest aroused was noteworthy. Several hundred youngsters registered their guesses during the week, and on Saturday evening a big crowd of boys and girls gathe[illegible]filling the store and overflowing [illegible] the stree[illegible]. The judges wer[illegible]donald, A. Byrne, (Schuma[illegible] Police Wilson. They[illegible]r of beans in the g[illegible] number to be 1[illegible] to this number [illegible] Mullen who guesse[illegible] Cole's guess was th[illegible] of the girl's in th[illegible] guess being 1891. [illegible]s Are Open. lie Mullen won the pr[illegible] nickel watch and chare enrolled no guessing nearest to the Special Club and Maggie Cole won [illegible] time to take —a beautiful 9 karat [illegible]s limited.— set with pearls and ru[illegible] Mullen was not present t[illegible] prize, but the news of h[illegible] travelled to him and later [illegible] ing the little lad came up [illegible] watch. The guesses were [illegible] ough in number, one being [illegible] 200, while others went over [illegible]

"Mike," the Austrian [illegible] working at the Emergen[illegible] and who was charged [illegible] watches from some of [illegible] and dead men at the h[illegible] to appear at police co[illegible] to answer to the charge [illegible] he has left for parts u[illegible] effort should be misse[illegible] particular Austrian.

CITIZENS MAY OBTAIN WOOD FOR THE WINTER

Board of Trade Helping in Plans for Supplying Fuel.

There was an interesting and well-attended meeting of the Board of Trade last night and a number of important questions were considered and dealt with. The plan of the Mountjoy Settlers' Association to secure a spur line to the Mattagami River was very heartily endorsed and the Board volunteered to pay half the cost of the visit of a Committee of three,—two settlers and a member of the Board of Trade, —to Toronto to urge the matter on Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. Mr. T. F. King was chosen as the delegate for the Board of Trade and he will also bring up the matter of the new Dome road and the improvement of the road to South Porcupine, etc. Mr. F. Miles Wallingford addressed the Board regarding the benefits of the proposed spur line to the river and was unanimously supported by those present.

The matter of a supply of coal and wood was also considered. The coal situation was reputed as a little easier, but all were advised to burn wood or soft coal where possible. Regarding a source of supply of wood, Dr. McInnis had secured the co-operation of the Crown Lands authorities regarding the securing of wood from the fire areas. The Government dues on this wood will be refunded and citizens may secure five or more acres of this bush at very reasonable rates. Further announcement of the matter will be made later

Other matters of general interest were discussed, including the risk against fires through over-insurance of stocks and buildings.

FURTHER BAN PLACED ON BOLSHEVIKI SOCIETIES

Although the Bolsheviki movement has been practically broken up i[illegible] Timmins there are still some her[illegible] who would keep it active. These ali[illegible] ens seem to have the mistaken notio[illegible] that the signing of the Armistic[illegible] leaves them free to do as they like. Not only is this incorrect, but t[illegible] truth is that last week there w[illegible] deed an extension of the Orde[illegible] Council placing a war-time ban [illegible] Bolsheviki, I.W.W. and similar [illegible] nizations in Canada. This a[illegible] ment makes the ban include [illegible] who belong to societies or group[illegible] suggest the forcible seizing of p[illegible] ty or the forcible abolishment of private property, or the "teaching, advocating or defending of the idea of cheating or defrauding employers of labor by accepting employment with the secret purpose and intention of slackening or retarding production, and thereby decreasing the profits of such employers or of otherwise interfering with and injuring their trade and business." If the Bolsheviki here have any friends among the ordinary citizens the latter should impress upon the alien agitators the fact that they cannot continue their crazy organizations and mad schemes without running against the law.

REV. IANF. CRUICKCHANKS BAPTIST PASTOR, DEAD.

Rev. Ia F. Cruickshanks, pastor [illegible] of Timmin Baptist church, was taken ill last wee[illegible] with the influenza and was taken [illegible] the Cottage Hospit[illegible] Despite the best of care and a[illegible] tion, he su[illegible] passing aw[illegible]