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FINANCES OF TISDALE IN GOOD CONDITION

Township Purchases Car of Coal.
Other Township Council Matters.

The regular meeting of the Tisdale Township Council was held in the Council Chamber, South Porcupine, on Friday, November 22nd., with Reeve J. E. Boyle in the chair, and Councillors Hutcheson, Morgan and Walton present.

By-law No. 176, extending the penalty period on Township taxes from Nov. 16th to Dec. 1st, was given its third reading and duly passed.

The payroll for the preceding half month and accounts amounting to \$1088.13 were duly considered and ordered paid.

The Finance Committee reported that the fire engine was paid for and a good balance was in the bank. Taxes were coming in steadily.

The Fire and Light Committee reported that Schumacher Fire Hall work was progressing. The hose-reels and hose had been moved back into the old quarters.

The Public Works Committee reported that a car of coal had been purchased, and the police officers at Moneta and Schumacher were instructed to provide accommodation for about five tons at each place. The Clerk was instructed to cancel the arrangement made with the Hendun Lumber Co. regarding the use of their sheds.

Sitting as a Court of Revision, the Council remitted the income taxes of A. W. Barlow, \$15.29, and F. J. Miller, \$5.63, and reduced the taxes of David Dale to the same figure as other veteran properties in the same concession held by the original locates.

On motion of Councillor Hutcheson, seconded by Councillor Morgan, the following resolution was passed:—"That the Clerk be instructed to notify the Post Office Inspector regarding the mode of handling tax notices mailed to Schumacher."

A number of appeals in regard to taxes were dealt with.

CHANGE THE HOUR FOR HOLDING NOMINATIONS.

A citizen makes the suggestion that the time for the nomination of mayor and councillors be changed to a more convenient hour, preferably in the evening. Holding the municipal nomination meeting in the evening would allow of a much larger attendance and a consequent increase in interest in municipal affairs. Other towns like Timmins generally have the nominations in the evening, and the plan that has worked successfully and conveniently elsewhere would probably be of advantage here. The matter rests in the hands of the Town Council who can make the necessary change by by-law. To hold the nominations in the evening seems to be the most desirable and convenient practice if the general public is considered.

Another citizen advocates the holding of the Council meetings in the evening, so that the general public could attend. This would also increase intelligent interest in municipal matters and no objection could be raised to such an idea by any municipal councillors who were honestly serving the public and playing the game fairly.

Both these matters, however, are questions that could be advantageously dealt with by the Ratepayers' Association to be organized on Friday evening of this week.

CHURCH NOT OPEN FOR NEXT SUNDAY.

"I am so busy that I can not find time to write another letter to my congregation this week," said Rev. Father Theriault yesterday, "but I wish you would tell them through The Advance that the church will not be open next Sunday, as there are still many cases of illness in the town. So many are asking about the church opening again. I hope that by the following Sunday, December 15th., all may be well again and the church be opened again, but it is thought best not to open it next Sunday."

On Wednesday, November 22nd., Miss Gertrude May Bryerton and Mr. Ernest G. Poole were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ward, of Cochrane, by the Right v. John G. Anderson, Bishop of Osonee. Mr. Poole is superintendent of the Provincial Forestry work in the district, and has innumerable admirers who will extend best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Poole will reside in Cochrane.

PUBLIC MEETING TO FORM RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Citizens Invited to Meet For this Purpose Friday Evening of This Week.

There is very general discussion of municipal questions these days, but many recognize that lack of direct information is a handicap to the general public and that the ratepayers need some form of association to crystallize public opinion and make their will effective. Along this line, The Advance last week suggested the organization of a Ratepayers' Association in Timmins. Such an Association has done useful work in Cobalt. The Ratepayers' Associations in Toronto have been most beneficial to the citizens in general. In the Township of Tisdale the Ratepayers' Associations also proved very helpful in enforcing the will of the people and rousing public interest in municipal matters. Several citizens of Timmins have endorsed the suggestion in The Advance, and so are calling a public meeting for the organization of a Ratepayers' Association here. This meeting will be held on Friday evening of this week in the Council Chamber, and all citizens of the town are earnestly requested to be present. The idea is to have an Association for the consideration and discussion of municipal matters in general. Every citizen of the town is urged to help in the organization and successful conduct of this Ratepayers' Association. Its one aim will be the better conduct of municipal affairs and the rousing of general interest in the affairs of the town. It will provide opportunity for the free exchange of ideas on municipal matters; it will ensure intelligent and informed criticism of public affairs; it will develop a healthy public interest in municipal affairs; and it will give ratepayers in general a convenient method for making their wants and wishes known. In other places honest and efficient municipalities have welcomed this sort of association as a general benefit, and it will be the same here. All citizens are asked to be on hand Friday evening of this week to help in the organization of a Ratepayers' Association for Timmins.

ANOTHER GOOD CITIZEN LOST TO THE PORCUPINE.

In the death of James Adamson, of Schumacher, on November 5th., this district loses a good citizen and a man highly respected by large circles of friends. He had been eight years in the Porcupine, being employed at the McIntyre and Crown Mines in the early days of the Camp, and for the last five years being a valued employee of the Hollinger Gold Mines. He was widely known and popular with all for his many high qualities as a man and a citizen.

The late James Adamson was born in Fifeshire, Scotland, and at the time of death was 36 years of age. He had one brother, Arthur, who went overseas with the Second Contingent, 20th Battalion, Machine Gun Section, and who gave his life at Vimy Ridge. Another brother, John, according to word just received here, has died in Palestine from malaria.

A widow and three children survive, and to these the deepest sympathy of the Camp is extended in their sad bereavement.

The late Mr. Adamson was one of the victims of the Influenza epidemic in the Camp, his death following an attack of pneumonia that accompanied the Influenza.

HARRY M. KENNEDY DIES IN TORONTO FROM INFLUENZA

There will be general and sincere regret at the news of the death last week in Toronto of Harry M. Kennedy, formerly of the Porcupine. He was well-known in the Camp, being for some time with the McIntyre-Porcupine Mines at Schumacher. From there he went to Cobalt with the Northern Ontario Light & Power Co., leaving Cobalt about a year ago to enter the employ of the Canadian Aeroplanes Ltd., Toronto. Later he joined the Royal Air Force and it was while he was on duty with this arm of the service for King and Country that he contracted influenza, dying in a few days after the illness commenced. He was popular and esteemed here and all who knew him will mourn his death.

It is rumored that Hamilton B. Wills is going to extend his private wire from Cobalt to Timmins in the near future, and open a branch office here.

PULLMAN CAR AND DINER MAY BE PUT ON AGAIN

Mayor McCoubrey's Letter Last Week Already Promises Results.

The Advance understands that following the letter published in these columns from Mayor McCoubrey, of Iroquois Falls, the T. & N.O. Commission visited the Falls last week, and though Mr. J. L. Englehart, the Chairman, was reported as too ill to leave his car, Commissioner Geo. W. Lee interviewed Mayor McCoubrey and promised that the Pullman car service would be restored and operated right through as was done up to a year or so ago. The Mayor of Iroquois Falls wanted more than this, however. He insisted on a diner or buffet car service as well, and this was also promised to be taken into consideration by the Commission. Other improvements and extensions to the service were also urged by Mayor McCoubrey.

This week The Advance understands that Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and Mayor McCoubrey have been in telegraphic communication and that the former is anxious, as usual, to give the North Land a square deal in the matter of railway service. We understand that Hon. Mr. Ferguson suggested that a strong delegation of prominent North Land men be sent to explain the matter to the Government. He promised such a delegation proper attention and the most careful hearing and consideration. When Mayor McCoubrey was called up by The Advance on the long distance phone yesterday, he was not inclined to be communicative about the matter. He would not deny the story as outlined above, however. "Where did you get your information?" he enquired. "I will tell you this, however," he said, "I intend to put the whole matter before the Conservative Association meeting at Cochrane this week."

Apparently Mayor McCoubrey has started something that may bring marked advantage to the people of the district.

The foreigner who was rescued several days ago from the cold water of the river into which he had jumped while delirious from the fever accompanying the "Flu" is making excellent progress to recovery. It is a queer world, this, and the "Flu" is a peculiar disease. Many good people who had received the tenderest care and attention through all stages of the disease have died from the epidemic while this man who has received a shock that would kill perhaps a healthy man under ordinary conditions promises to recover both from the shock and the disease.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The Alexo Nickel Mines continue to ship nickel ore at the rate of over 500 tons per month. In one week in November the shipments were over 137 tons, and the total for the month will run closer to 600 tons than 500.

Mr. H. M. Paul, formerly of Timmins, but for the past year or two representing English financial interests at The Pas, Manitoba, has just returned from a business trip to the East, according to The Pas Mining Herald.

During the past summer ten thousand tons of ore were brought by water route to the Pas, Manitoba, from the Mandy Mine. This ore was teamed to the head of navigation at Sturgeon Landing last winter. This winter a similar plan of transportation will be used, but the Mandy Mine people expect and intend to double the output this winter.

Chas. A. Randall is the new manager of the Dome Lake Mine, succeeding Mr. A. H. Brown who recently resigned. The Dome Lake Mine planned an aggressive campaign of development. At present a winze is being run from the 500 to the 600 foot level, and if expectations are realized the shaft will be continued to the 700 foot level at an early date.

Operations on the original claims at Lightning River have been suspended for the present without official reason being given and with many interested believing that the stopping of work is only temporary and that operations

TO ERECT MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MISS KEON

Town Council Make Appropriation For This Purpose.

At the Town Council meeting on Monday afternoon Mayor J. P. McLaughlin occupied the chair and Councillors C. G. Williams, A. Brazeau and Dr. H. H. Moore were present. The chief matters of business before the meeting were the passing of accounts and other routine matters.

The Council also endorsed the plan for the erecting of a suitable memorial here to the late Miss Laura Keon, who gave such devoted service as a nurse here in the early and trying days of the epidemic here, and who in the end gave her life as a result of her self-sacrifice for others. On motion of Councillor Dr. Moore, seconded by Councillor C. G. Williams it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$300.00, sufficient to erect a memorial to the late Miss Keon in connection with the public subscription made for the same purpose. No decision has yet been made as to the form which the memorial will take, but the intention is to give a noteworthy expression of the appreciation and gratitude felt by the people of the Camp for the services rendered by Miss Keon in the time of need.

Another matter dealt with by the Council was the passing of a by-law similar to the ones passed in previous years regarding the disqualification of voters who have not paid their taxes. According to this by-law no voter who is in arrears for taxes can vote at the municipal election this year.

SEVERAL RAILWAYS MAY COME UNDER C.N.R. BOARD.

There is said to be a plan now under way for the central government control of a number of railways in Canada. According to the rumors, the newly-appointed C.N.R. Board, with D. B. Hanna as chairman, will take over the control of the Canadian Northern Railway, the Intercolonial, the National Transcontinental, the Prince Edward Island Railway and, perhaps, the St. Johns Valley Railway in Quebec. All these, comprising over 14,000 miles of railway, will be taken over by the Dominion Government and conducted as a national enterprise. Rumor even goes so far as to suggest that the T. & N.O. will be added to the list and come under Dominion ownership also. Those who wait shall see what they shall see.

PRESIDENT OF THE DOME DIES FROM PNEUMONIA

Capt. J. R. De Lamar, Prominent in North Land Mining, Passes Away in New York.

Capt. J. R. De Lamar, president of the Dome Mines in the Porcupine, and vice-president of the International Nickel Company, and for many years actively connected with many mining ventures in the North Land, died at the Roosevelt Hospital, New York, on Monday from pneumonia which developed following an operation. He had been ill for several months.

The late Capt. De Lamar was 75 years of age, and was born in Amsterdam, Holland. When only seven years of age he went away from home on a vessel bound for the West Indies and from early age until he was 23 he followed the work of a sailor. At 23 years of age he was master of a ship, and had visited practically every part of the world. By reading and observation and travel he educated himself. In 1878 he first entered the mining game at Leadville, Colorado, and he ended there by being one of the richest mine owners on the continent. When the North Land was opening up he took a deep interest in mining affairs and he has held an important place in the development of the country. In this country he will be chiefly missed as president of the Dome Mines, the second largest gold mine in Canada. One daughter survives. She is at present on patriotic service as a member of the Red Cross Motor Corps.

SAD DEATH THIS WEEK OF WALTER BORLAND.

There will be the deepest sympathy felt throughout the North Land, and especially in Timmins and Cobalt where the family have been useful and esteemed citizens, for Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Borland in the death of their son, Walter who died on Monday morning of this week shortly before nine o'clock. Walter was taken ill just two weeks previously with the prevalent Influenza and from the beginning was very seriously ill. He put up a brave battle against the disease; he had the advantage of the strength of clean young manhood; he was given the most devoted attention by competent nurses, including Miss Sharp, of the Cottage Hospital, another trained nurse brought from Toronto, Mrs. C. Harrington and Mrs. Lytle. He had the best of medical skill and attention. It was impossible, however, to overcome the disease and after a two week's struggle he passed away.

Walter Borland was born in London, Ontario, in September 1899, and so was just past nineteen years of age. He was a valued employee of the Hollinger Mill staff. He took an active interest in sports and was one of the star players on the hockey and baseball teams here. As a volunteer member of the Timmins Fire Brigade he was one of the town's competent fire-fighters. He will be much missed by the wide circles of friends, and the sympathy with his parents is very sincere.

The funeral will commence this evening from his home here. The Timmins Fire Brigade, of which he was a member, and of which his father has been Chief for the past two years, will convey the coffin on the draped sleigh to the station. Members of the Brigade will be the pallbearers, and South Porcupine Fire Brigade will also be represented. Among the floral offerings are many beautiful wreaths and other tokens from friends. The Timiskaming Volunteer Firemen's Association sent a beautiful wreath, and Cobalt Brigade, of which Walter was a valued member while his father was Fire Chief there, also sent a beautiful wreath. Timmins Fire Brigade showed its regard for the deceased member by a beautiful floral pillow. The body is to be taken to London for interment, Mr. and Mrs. Borland and Maimie going down on this evening's "National," for the funeral. A pathetic feature of the death is that Walter's brother, who has been overseas since early in the war, is expected home soon now and will return to find that while he escaped all the dangers of the fierce battle-fields, his younger brother died from the epidemic here.

A woman in Moneta, who has been ill recently, created a little excitement on Sunday by acting in an unusual manner, threatening to take her own life with a vicious-looking butcher knife, etc. Friends were able to quiet her, however, and she has recovered this week to normal again.

REPORTED CHANGES IN TRAIN SERVICE SOON

Rumor Has It That "National" Is To Be Taken Off and Nos. 46 and 47 Run Through.

According to reports in town this week, the "National" is to be taken off the T. & N.O. and Trains Number 46 and 47 are to run through as before the war. Enquiry at the T. & N.O. station here found no confirmation of the report, the officials stating that they knew nothing about the matter whatever. The report, however, is persistent, the reason for the discontinuance of the "National" being stated to the effect that this Dominion Government train is to be run over a Dominion Government line (the C.N.R., recently taken over by the Canadian Government). It will run by way of Sudbury to Toronto. The rumors even specify the date that the change will be made—December 15th. The taking-off of the "National" would necessarily require the adjustment of the other train service on the T. & N.O., hence the putting back of Nos. 46 and 47 to their old routes, running through every day. The majority of the people of the district will be better pleased with this service as the train times will be more convenient. The rumor comes from usually well-informed circles, and the public will be interested in watching as to its truth or otherwise.

His many friends were pleased to see Joe Hagan able to be out and around again this week after his long confinement to the Cottage Hospital, first with tonsillitis and then with a serious attack of the Influenza.

Work is progressing on the alterations and extensions to the police station, which is to be made into a municipal building, with offices for the clerk-treasurer, tax collector and assessor at the front, office for the Chief of Police and a court room and Council Chamber at the rear, and the cells, furnace, etc., in the basement. It is expected to have the building ready this year, though the weather will not likely permit its finishing outside.

INFLUENZA SITUATION SEEMS MUCH IMPROVED

Fewer New Cases, But Six Deaths (Four of Them Children) During Past Week.

The Influenza epidemic appears to have passed its worst in Timmins and there is now reason for hoping that the epidemic will soon be over altogether. There are fewer new cases reported, and practically all of those now suffering from the disease are making satisfactory progress to recovery. At the same time there have been six deaths in the Camp during the week. Four of these have been children and the other two young men. Walter Borland died at his home here, and another young man passed away at the Emergency Hospital. In addition to the two Vaillancourt girls, Mr. Legault, barber, lost a child from the disease, and a boy also died at Brousseau's boarding house on Fourth Avenue. All the patients at the Emergency Hospital, however, are making satisfactory progress to recovery, and the disease seems to be generally checked and under control. The Medical Health authorities, however, are not taking any chances, and churches, schools, theatres, etc., are still kept closed. In Toronto, Cobalt and other centres the ban on public gatherings was raised as soon as the epidemic seemed to be checked, but another epidemic seemed to gather force after the opening up. The authorities here hope to avoid this by taking every precaution and waiting until there will be double assurance against a recurrence of the epidemic. In South Porcupine and Schumacher there is practically a clean bill of health now and the authorities at these places are receiving general commendation for their handling of the disease.

Among the victims of the "Flu" at Cobalt last week was Alderman Tom McCauley, one of the silver town's prominent and useful citizens, well-known and esteemed throughout the North Land. He was in his 35th year and is survived by a widow, two daughters and a son.

Mr. H. C. McDonald, manager of the Imperial Bank, is among those ill with the prevalent Influenza, but is making good progress to recovery.