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## TIMMINS NEW COUNCIL HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Committee Appointed for Year, and All Off to First-class Start.

Mayor-elect Dr. McInnis, and the new Councilors, J. W. Fogg, E. L. Longmore, W. DeFeu, L. S. Newton, J. M. Stador and A. Brazeau, met in the new council chamber of the municipal building at 11 o'clock Monday morning to take the oath of office and commence their duties for the year. Promptly at the hour set the members were in their places at the Council Chamber and the Clerk duly swore them in as Councilors, after Dr. McInnis had taken the oath of office as Mayor. The next item of business was the appointment of a Striking Committee to select the various Committees for the year. Messrs. Newton, Fogg and Brazeau were elected as the Striking Committee. They retired and after due consideration returned with the following selection, which was adopted unanimously by the Council on due motion. The first-named in each case is the Chairman of the Committee:—

Finance Committee—E. L. Longmore, J. W. Fogg and W. DeFeu.  
Board of Works—J. W. Fogg, A. Brazeau, E. L. Longmore.

Waterworks Committee—A. Brazeau, L. S. Newton, J. M. Stador.  
Fire and Light—L. S. Newton, J. M. Stador, E. L. Longmore.  
Police—W. DeFeu, L. S. Newton, J. W. Fogg.

Contingencies Committee—J. M. Stador, W. DeFeu, A. Brazeau.

Dr. McInnis then made his inaugural address as Mayor for 1919. He said that he was pleased to greet the new Council, and he was sure that if there was the same cordial feeling around the 1919 Council board that had prevailed in 1918 the year's work would pass very pleasantly. He pointed out that the new Councilors would probably find things somewhat different to what they expected. There had been some criticism recently about municipal matters, but perhaps if the citizens attended the meetings of Council or took the place of Councilors matters would in many cases assume a different light. The new Mayor pointed out that the obligation just taken was a serious one and should be so viewed. The town was facing a year of great possible growth and much probable readjustment. Touching on the most important things to be considered in the year he referred to the waterworks extensions, the financial situation, the needed public works, and other municipal questions. The town was in good financial shape now and there would be more money than in the past two or three years for needed public works, but still economy must be the watchword. The town still must "cut its garment to suit its cloth." Every expenditure must be carefully considered. Much had been accomplished last year by the Public Works Dept., under the supervision of Councilor Brazeau, but there were many demands for improvements that must be carefully considered. The Mayor suggested that a complete statement of the finances of the town should be submitted to Council at least once a month during the year for the guidance of all in expenditures, etc. In regard to the Scavenger department, he thought it would be well to make a change. The plan as it worked out last year was not at all satisfactory, and he suggested the trial of having the work done by contract under tender, contractor to furnish all his own equipment, etc. Also it would be well to have the contract only from month to month, so that change could be easily made if the service were not satisfactory. As the future of the town depended on lumbering as well as mining, and the growth of the lumbering business would help the business, finances and growth of the town, the spur line to the river was a very necessary work to urge upon the T. & N.O. Touching on the criticism made by many regarding the Town Clerk and the Assessor, the Mayor said that of course it was not possible to please everybody and the offices referred to were very difficult to fill. All complaints, however, would be considered and investigated, and his idea was that both the Council and the municipal officers should give the most careful, courteous and efficient service possible, never forgetting that they were servants of the people. Quite a number of ratepayers commented that they had been left off the Voters' List. Of course, in a strictly legal sense, this was their own fault, still he felt that there was more expected of the Clerk and Assessor than simply the following of legal rules and

## WAR VETERANS TO HOLD BIG MEETING SUNDAY

To Organize G. W. V. A. Branch Here in afternoon. Public Meeting at Night.

The Porcupine Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association will complete organization here on Sunday. There will be a meeting on Sunday afternoon, January 19th, at 3 o'clock in the New Empire Theatre, and all Soldiers who have served either here or overseas are earnestly requested to attend and take their part. Capt. Tom Magladery, M.P.P., of New Liskeard, member of the Provincial Command of the G.W.V.A., will be present to outline the work of organizing, etc.

In the evening at 8:30 p.m., there will be a public meeting in the New Empire Theatre, to which everybody is cordially invited. This meeting will be addressed by Capt. Magladery, M.P.P., and by local members of the G.W.V.A., who will outline the purposes of the Association. The chair will be occupied by Dr. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, and addresses will also be given by the local clergy and others. Further there will be an attractive musical program. All citizens are urged to attend this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to interest the general public in the G.W.V.A. The Association believes that if the public understand the aims and objects of the Association, every good citizen would give hearty support and sympathy.

procedure in a town like this. In regard to complaints of discourteous treatment, it was easy to see how some people would try the patience of the town officials, yet as the "servants of the people" they must be patient at all times. It might be that all the complaints were unfounded or due to misunderstanding, but the Mayor wished to emphasize the desirability of the most careful attention and consideration this year and the need for all to show a helpful spirit in the service of the citizens and for the progress of the town.

Councillor Newton said that as this was practically the first Council elected in Timmins by popular vote, they should take their duties even more seriously than if elected by acclamation. He hoped all would at all times respect each other and the people and work together for the common good. He thought that a special watch should be kept on all expenditures so that the best might be accomplished with the money available.

Councillor Brazeau suggested that it would be well at the very outset to insist on members being present right on time, whatever time might be decided upon. In previous years busy men had much time wasted by having to wait for tardy members to secure a quorum. "Make a point to be here on time for the meetings," said Councillor Brazeau.

Mr. J. P. McLaughlin, Mayor for 1917 and 1918, was called upon for a few words, and extended congratulations to the members of the Council on their election, wishing them all success in the year's work. "I have no doubt that you will give the citizens every satisfaction," he said, "and I wish you all success in your efforts."

The statutory meeting then formally adjourned on motion of Councilors Brazeau and Stador, and at once re-assembled at the call of the Mayor.

The first business of importance was the selection of a time of meeting. After some discussion, it was moved by Councillor Brazeau, seconded by Councillor Newton, and carried without dissent, that the Council hold its regular meetings on the first and third Monday evenings of each month, the sessions to begin promptly at 7 p.m. In this connection Messrs. Newton and DeFeu presented a resolution suggesting a fine of \$1.00 for each member late at these sessions without due excuse.

On motion of Councilors Longmore and Fogg, the Clerk was authorized to pay salaries, emergency accounts, etc., when certified by the Chairman of the Committees concerned pending ratification by the Council.

On motion of Councilors Brazeau and Stador the Clerk was authorized to purchase a bookcase and typewriter desk for his new office in the municipal building, these articles being very necessary. A desk now in the Clerk's office is to be transferred to the Fire Department.

Rev. Fr. Theriault brought to the attention of the Council a pathetic case of need in town, a mother and a number of small children being left without funds through the death of

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## FIVE-TEAM BOWLING LEAGUE FORMED HERE

Great Interest Shown Locally in Competition for Fine Prizes.

Last week the Timmins Bowling Association was formed with Councillor A. Brazeau as president and A. G. Carson as secretary, and with a large and enthusiastic membership from the very start. It has been decided to have a bowling league of five teams, the Hollinger, the Clerks, the Firemen the Great War Veterans and the Town each supplying a team. The league is having a handicap competition for a gold cup donated by Mr. T. F. King. In addition Chief Borland is giving a gold medal for the highest individual score. The Timmins Bowling Association will further award individual prizes to the members of the winning team for the season. The following is the schedule drawn up:—

Jan. 13.—Hollinger vs. Clerks.  
Jan. 15th—Timmins vs. Firemen.  
Jan. 20th—G. W. V. vs. Hollinger.  
Jan. 22nd—Clerks vs. Timmins.  
Jan. 27th—Firemen vs. G.W.V.  
Jan. 29th—Timmins vs. Hollinger.  
Feb. 2nd—Clerks vs. Firemen.  
Feb. 3rd.—G.W.V. vs. Timmins.  
Feb. 10th—Clerks vs. G.W.V.  
Feb. 12th—Hollinger vs. Firemen.  
Feb. 17th—Clerks vs. Hollinger.  
Feb. 19th—Firemen vs. Timmins.  
Feb. 24th—Hollinger vs. G.W.V.  
Feb. 25th—Timmins vs. Clerks.  
March 3rd—G.W.V. vs. Firemen.  
March 5th—Hollinger vs. Timmins.  
March 10th—Firemen vs. Clerks.  
March 12th—Timmins vs. G.W.V.  
March 17th—G.W.V. vs. Clerks.  
March 19th—Firemen vs. Hollinger.

The first in the series was played on Monday evening, resulting in a win for the Hollinger, the Hollinger winning two games and the Clerks one. There was a big crowd out to this game, but the bowlers have not yet "got into their stride." Some keen contests and some fine bowling are expected, however, during the competition.

## COUNCIL OF TOWNSHIP OF WHITNEY FOR 1919.

The 1919 Council of the Township of Whitney is as follows:—Reeve, I. Wilson; Councilors, Geo. Russell, Geo. D. Hamilton, P. Mitchell and F. Gervais. On account of many in Timmins having property still at Golden City and nearby there is usually interest here more or less in the Council of Whitney. "Pretty good Council for Whitney this year," said one local man, "and I hope they keep taxes away down." On the other hand a man from Porcupine hoped they would spend quite a bit on improvements of roads and so on for the benefit of those living in and near Golden City. That is just the trouble that most Councils run against. The people want improvements all right to make living more convenient and pleasant, but taxes are an abomination to most folks.

Division Court will be held on January 23rd in the Miners' Union Hall, Timmins, with His Honor Judge Hayward presiding.

## Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

English capitalists are said to have recently purchased the Kirkland Township.

Toronto and U. S. interests have taken over the control of the Huntton-Kirkland property and the first cash payment on the deal has been made. Actual exploration and development work on an extensive scale will be started on the property next month.

Preparations are now well under way for the opening up of a number of promising mines in the Porcupine, while the re-opening of practically all those formerly listed as producers is now considered by most people interested as comparatively certain to happen in the next three or four months.

Negotiations are said to be now under way for the purchase of a controlling interest by the Mining Corporation of Canada, Cobalt, in the West Dome Mine, South Porcupine. The interest shown recently by the big silver companies in gold properties should have a special significance for the general investing public.

## SIXTEEN MILLIONS ASKED FOR NORTH LAND CANAL

Deputation Tells Ottawa the Plan Would More Than Pay for Itself.

Mayor S. G. McCoubrey, of Iroquois Falls, and other leading men of the North Land, were among those forming a deputation to visit Ottawa last week to urge on the Dominion Government a plan that would be a step along the way securing the proposed trade water route usually termed "the Georgian Bay Canal." There were about 200 members in the deputation and a very strong case was made out for the canalization of the French River, between Georgian Bay and Lake Nipissing. North Bay and Northern Ontario Municipalities and Boards of Trade were represented in the delegation. Mr. J. B. McDougall, representing the North Bay Board of Trade was one of the leading speakers. He explained to the Government Ministers and representatives present that the proposed canalization would cost in the neighborhood of \$16,000,000. This would mean annual interest charges on the work of \$720,000 at 4½ per cent. Against this he figured an estimated revenue from power sold of \$750,000. Additional customs receipts, due to the naturally increased traffic, would pay the whole cost in 18 years, he said. The cost of construction, indeed, according to Mr. McDougall, would be fully met in four years through the necessary saving in freight rates by the shorter water route made available. Col. Brock, representing the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario, presented a resolution from that body favoring the proposed canalization.

In his reply Mr. Carvell promised very earnest consideration to the matter. He pointed out, however, that the Government already had so many financial responsibilities on account of the war and so many probable calls on the public purse to meet the needs of the returned heroes from overseas and to satisfy demands of one kind and another arising from the war, that haste had to be made slowly in such matters. However, he assured the delegation that earnest consideration would be given the plan to canalize the French River from Lake Nipissing to Georgian Bay.

## PLEASANT WEDDING EVENT IN TIMMINS LAST WEEK.

At the R. C. Church here on Wednesday last, January 8th, Mr. T. Edward Desaulniers, son of Mr. T. Desaulniers, Timmins, and Miss Edna Barker, daughter of Mr. John J. Barker, of Connaught, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. After the ceremony there was a pleasant evening spent by the guests of the wedding, including an evening of dancing enjoyed by all. The friends of the young couple in the district will extend to them the best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

Telephone any personal items you may know to Phone 26. What interests you will interest others and by a general contribution a general interest in local matters is maintained.

## SCHUMACHER HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Paris Hotel Burned Down on Thursday Night Last.

On Thursday evening of last week the Paris Hotel at Schumacher was destroyed by fire, with a resulting serious loss to the owner, H. Bourdonelle. The building was valued at about \$7,000, but only \$2,000 insurance was carried.

The fire was discovered about 7:30 Thursday evening in one of the upstairs rooms, and it is generally thought that it started from the explosion of a stove used for cooking by a woman roomer in the hotel. The smoke and flames from this room made it very difficult for those first on the scene to do much to fight the blaze, and the fire gained headway. Soon the fire had a grip on the whole building. The Schumacher brigade was on the scene early and had six lines of hose playing on the burning building. The McIntyre and Schumacher pumps supplied the water and there was a good pressure. The good efforts of the firemen, however, could not save the building. The fire, however, was kept away from adjoining buildings and all possible done to save as much as could be rescued of the contents of the buildings. Some of the pool tables and a quantity of furniture were taken out. There were about 25 boarders in the house and these were able to get out safely, in most cases also rescuing their clothing, etc.

An unofficial call was sent to the Timmins Fire Brigade and a crew of men were here ready to respond at a moment's notice if official request was made for help. In the meantime, however, Dr. McInnis phoned to Schumacher and learned that the fire had gained such headway that the building would be destroyed in any case before the Timmins brigade could reach there, and that no neighboring buildings were in any danger. Chief Borland received similar information from Schumacher, so while holding themselves in readiness for an emergency, the brigade here did not go over to Schumacher.

The Paris Hotel was one of the big buildings of Schumacher, and was situated on the main street, just to the back of the T. & N.O. station. It was formerly the Murphy House at Golden City and was taken down and re-built at Schumacher after Porcupine lost its trade.

## SCHUMACHER RED CROSS MEETS THURSDAY NEXT.

The Schumacher Red Cross, which has not been holding regular meetings for some time on account of the prevalence of influenza in the district, is resuming its work again now that the epidemic has passed in the Camp. The Schumacher Red Cross will meet to-morrow (Thursday) after noon in the Church at Schumacher. All the ladies are earnestly requested to attend, as there is much to be done in the way of patriotic work and work for the Refugees and for Relief Work, as well as for the soldiers overseas.

## TOWN COUNCIL TO HOLD MEETINGS IN EVENING.

As will be noted by the report of the first meeting of the new Council, the Councilors have decided to hold the regular meetings of Councils in the evening instead of in the afternoon as has been the custom in past years. The change is made with the view to allowing of more general attendance and interest on the part of the ratepayers in regard to the meetings of the Council. It has been suggested that the holding of the Council meetings in the afternoons made it impossible, or inconvenient at least, for citizens to attend. The new Council apparently is specially desirous that all the citizens should take an intelligent interest in municipal matters, and to help on this idea the change was made in the time of meeting. Citizens generally will find much to interest them at Council meetings, and their presence will have a good effect generally, both in regard to their own attitude on municipal affairs and that of the Councilors. Attendance of the citizens generally at Council meetings means that they will be better informed and so able to intelligently criticize, while the very evidence of the interest of the citizens very naturally has the common effect of increasing the interest of the Council in municipal matters. It is to be hoped that the evening sessions of the Council will attract many ratepayers each meeting night.

## SOLDIER SETTLERS MAY GET BETTER CONDITIONS

Co-operation of Ontario and Dominion Governments May Give Returned Men Better Deal in North.

Co-operation between the Ontario Government and the Soldiers' Settlement Board of Canada is likely to result soon in a much better opportunity and improved terms for the returned men taking up land in the North Land. Under the present terms of the Ontario Government's settlement plan for Northern Ontario, the veterans have been given the land for a farm and a loan of \$500. This, of course, was in addition to the benefits of the community plan of settlement and the free training, etc., offered to the returned soldiers taking up farming in the North. Although the plan seemed a generous one, in contrast to what other countries offered, the Ontario Government realized that the loan of \$500 was in many cases inadequate. On the other hand the Soldiers' Settlement Board of Canada is only authorized to make loans to soldiers who saw active service in England and France, to a maximum of \$2500. While further legislation may be necessary at the next session of the House of Commons it is understood that a plan is under way now whereby the Provincial and Dominion schemes may be co-ordinated and Ontario soldiers may receive both loans. Thus a soldier may receive the land and the \$500 loan from the Ontario Government. That amount of money will suffice to finance the clearing of 30 or 40 acres. The Soldiers' Settlement Board will advance any amount up to \$2500, which will pay for seed, buildings, etc., providing the Inspector approves the mortgage. The loan of the Soldiers' Settlement Board is at an interest charge of 5 per cent, spread over 20 years. However, the interest and principal may be paid off at any time during that period at 8 per cent. If the plan of co-operation goes through, as there is every present indication that it will, the matter will be of material benefit to all the Ontario soldiers taking up land in the North, and it will attract many more to the plan.

## "WAR TEMISKAMING" TO BE LAUNCHED THIS MONTH.

In connection with the great work done in the Temiskaming district for the Victory Loan Campaign last year, the District of Temiskaming won the honor of naming one of the boats being built at the Polson Iron Works for the Imperial Munitions Board. The Committee had some difficulty in the length of the name, but eventually "War Temiskaming" was selected as the best available. The new boat according will bear the name, "War Temiskaming." It will be launched about the end of this month and a number from the North Land may go south to be present at the ceremony of launching.

## OFFICERS INSTALLED AT TIMMINS I.O.O.F. LODGE.

On Tuesday evening the installation of officers for Timmins I.O.O.F. Lodge for the ensuing term was duly made, District Deputy Grand Master, W. H. Pritchard conducting the ceremony. The officers are:—

J.P.—W. G. Smith.  
N.G.—A. G. Carson.  
V.G.—J. Morrison.  
R.S.—Jas. Heppelstone.  
F.S.—Richard Eddy.  
Treas.—H. McQuarrie.  
W.—J. Brough.  
Con.—A. Booker.  
I.G.—A. Sheppard.  
O.G.—T. Bennett.  
R.S.N.G.—Geo. Lake.  
L.S.N.G.—S. Buevetsky.  
R.S.V.G.—Chas. Staaf.  
L.S.V.G.—J. Riley.  
R.S.S.—Bro. Goodwin.  
L.S.S.—L. Halperin.  
Chaplain—J. Gurnell.

After the installation D.D.G.M. W. H. Pritchard gave an inspiring address on the aims and principles of the Order.

The Council of the Township of Tisdale at the beginning of each year requires the resignation of all the municipal officials. Then all that are satisfactory and ready to continue the work are re-appointed each year by the Council. This explains the advertisement elsewhere in this issue, asking for applications for the various positions in the Township employ.