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BIG PUBLIC GATHERING FOR THE WAR VETERANS

Large Audience at Empire Theatre Shows Interest and Sympathy With Aims of Association.

The public meeting called for Sunday evening in the New Empire Theatre for the purpose of outlining the aims and objects of the newly-organized Goldfields Branch of the Great War Veterans Association of Canada, enlisted public interest and co-operation, drew a large audience and the interest and sympathy shown must have been most encouraging to the new branch.

Dr. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, occupied the chair. The audience at his suggestion rose and stood with bowed heads for the space of one minute, as a token of respect for the soldiers who had given their lives for liberty and right in the Great War. Before formally introducing the program, the Mayor took opportunity of this, the first public meeting at which he presided as Mayor, to thank the people of Timmins for the honor they had conferred on him and to assure them that both he and the new Council would do their best to be faithful to the trust reposed in them by the people.

Mr. Geo. A. Smith, president of the new branch of the G.W.V.A. organized in the afternoon for the Porcupine district, made a brief reference to the aims of the G.W.V.A. He thanked all for their attendance, and explained that the returned men wanted the support and co-operation of the public. There were 150 returned soldiers in the district, and the way they had taken up civil life again showed that they would make good citizens. He thought arrangements should be made for meeting returning soldiers, and he suggested the hoisting of a flag in town to announce the fact that returned men were expected. "We want to be a benefit to the community," said Mr. Smith, "and with your co-operation we can do much." He made some humorous references to church-going and volunteered to give a list of all returned men so that the various ministers could invite them to go to church. "The men at the front have gone through a lot," he concluded, "but despite the hardships and the dangers we are ready to go back at any time to defend the old flag and the Empire."

Capt. Tom Magladery, M.P.P., after some humorous introductory remarks, gave an able and earnest exposition of the aims and objects of the G.W.V.A. The Association was absolutely non-political and non-sectarian. It was for the benefit of all returned soldiers and for the advantage of the community. It had as one of its chief aims the purpose that no soldier nor any of the dependents of the soldiers should be objects of common charity. After previous wars the soldier had been forgotten, neglected, abused. Now the purpose was to make the soldier as helpful a factor in civil life as he had been in the war. To join the Association it was necessary only that a man should be of good character and have seen service in any of the Allied troops during the Great War. To keep alive the ties of comradeship of those who had fought side by side for a great cause,—to perpetuate the memory of the brave who had died in service for liberty and humanity,—to care for the sick, the wounded and the needy among the returned soldiers,—to found hospitals, clubs, libraries, etc., for the men coming back,—to cherish the same spirit of loyalty to the Empire and to Canada, and SERVICE to the Empire and to Canada.

Mr. Magladery explained the outstanding purposes of the G.W.V.A. He suggested that perhaps the Town might see a way to give monetary help in the erection of a Club House for the returned men. "We want your co-operation, your good opinion, your support," he concluded.

The Mayor explained that the new Council had already plans under way for the welcoming home of the returned men, and that everything that could be done for the returned men would be done by the Council and the people of the Town.

A song by Miss Hoggarth, "When You Come Home," was enthusiastically enjoyed by the audience, her singularly sweet voice and talented rendition pleasing all. Mr. H. W. Martin played the accompaniment in his usual able manner.

Ruthland, of the Pensions Board of Canada, briefly but very ably expressed his sympathy with the G.W.V.A. By the enthusiastic shown, (Continued on page 4.)

STABBING AFFAIR HERE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Sam. Stmorock Knifed in the Back by Alphonse Sgro.

Friday evening just as the show was coming out, Alphonse Sgro stabbed another Italian in the back with a knife, the weapon entering just below the shoulder and making a deep wound. Chief of Police Wilson happened to be just coming out of the theatre as the incident occurred. He saw some sort of a scuffle in progress and ran over to the group standing right in front of the entry to the theatre. Sgro brought the knife down in front of the Chief's eyes and had his arm raised apparently for the purpose of another blow when the Chief grabbed his arm. The man at once dropped the knife. Sgro was immediately placed under arrest, and Sam. Stmorock, the injured man was taken to the station to have his wound investigated and treated by a doctor. Dr. Moore was hastily summoned and found a deep but luckily not a fatal stab wound in the man's back. The wound was so deep that at first it was feared that the lung might have been reached, but this fear proved unfounded. Stmorock lost a considerable quantity of blood and from this cause and the shock sustained, he fainted after reaching the station. After his wound was given medical attention, however, he was able to go home, and this week is able to walk around, though his arm is affected and the wound in the back is a painful one.

It is difficult to secure a connected and reasonable story of the trouble between the two men and what actually led up to the use of the knife. It is known that there was a fight at the Queen's Cafe during the afternoon or early evening and that the Italians concerned in the stabbing affair were also concerned in the previous fight. One romantic explanation is that the whole ill-feeling grew from a love affair, two of the local men quarreling over the one girl. Local Italians, however, say that there is nothing in this story, but the real cause of the trouble is not disclosed. So far as can be gathered, however, after the row in the Queen's Cafe in the early evening, Sam Stmorock quarrelled with another Italian in front of the theatre. Sam, according to the reports, was getting the better of this fellow-countryman who was a smaller man. Then, Sgro, who was a friend of the smaller man, ran to the rescue, drawing his knife as he ran. In a fury at seeing his friend attacked he stabbed Stmorock in the back. The full facts will no doubt be brought to light in the resulting court proceedings. Sgro is held, without bail, and will no doubt be given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Atkinson to-morrow.

COME AND DANCE WITH TIMMINS FIRE BRIGADE

Big Event To-morrow Evening in the Masonic Hall.

There are two things at least that the Timmins Fire Department can do unusually well,—fight fires, and put on specially enjoyable social evenings. There are other things they can do all right,—for instance there are Dominion Day celebrations and so on,—but in fighting fires the right way and giving occasional social events of particular pleasure and enjoyment they shine especially. On Thursday of this week they are giving a dance in the Masonic Hall, and they promise it will be up to former standards or better for good music, good dancing, good company and a good time, not to mention the good things to eat. Music by Appel's orchestra. Dancing to commence at 10 p.m. sharp. Tickets, \$2; ladies free. No lover of dancing and of a pleasant social evening should miss this dance.

SERVICE FOR THE LATE J. N. ANGRIGNON ON MONDAY.

There will be a service held in the Timmins R. C. Church on Monday, January 27th, at nine o'clock in the morning, for the late Mr. J. N. Angrignon, of Schumacher, who died on October 30th, following an attack of influenza.

Mr. H. C. McDonald, manager of the Imperial Bank here, returned last week from Toronto, fully recovered from his recent illness, and back to his duties again with his usual energy and interest.

GOLDFIELDS BRANCH OF GREAT WAR VETERANS

Local Branch Organized With Membership of Thirty-Five.

The meeting called for Sunday afternoon in the New Empire Theatre to organize a branch of the Great War Veterans Association for the Porcupine district proved an unusually successful and satisfactory event. At the first meeting to organize a branch of the G.W.V.A. in Cobalt, for instance, there were only six present. Here on Sunday afternoon there were 35 returned men in attendance and the best of good feeling and harmony prevailed. All present joined the branch and organization was completed with despatch and general interest shown. Capt. Tom Magladery, M.P., of New Liskeard, Member of the Provincial Command of the G.W.V.A., was present and delivered an earnest and eloquent address outlining the aims and objects of the Association and the need and benefit of having a branch in the Porcupine. After consideration and discussion it was decided to call the branch here "The Goldfields Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada." Officers were elected for the next three months as follows:—

President—Geo. A. Smith, Timmins.

Vice-President—D. Briden, Schumacher.

Secretary-Treasurer—Digby Salkeld, Timmins.

Committee—D. G. Kerr, Schumacher; M. Staples, Timmins; Mr. Jupp, Schumacher.

The Goldfields Branch of the Great War Veterans' Association starts under the most auspicious conditions. It commences with a membership of 35, all of whom show anxiety and desire for the success and progress of the branch. Many new members are expected at once, as there are about 150 returned soldiers in the district. The sympathy and co-operation of the public is also assured for the new branch. Sunday evening there was a public meeting where the aims and purposes of the Association were outlined. This, also, was a very successful event and public support for the branch is practically assured. A report of the public meeting will be found in another column of this issue.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Final arrangements have been made for the taking over of the Canadian Kirkland property by Mr. Geo. Angus and the Drummond interests, of Montreal. Work will likely be commenced in a week or two for the active development of the property.

Mining men, boards of trade, and others interested in the North Land are again being asked to co-operate in an effort to have the Ontario Government throw open the remainder of the Gillies Limits for prospecting and mining.

The 21st Annual meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute will be held in Montreal on March 5th, 6th and 7th. Arrangements are being made for a specially useful and attractive program. A number of the soldier members now overseas are expected back in time for this meeting.

The Fidelity Mining Co. are taking in machinery to their property in Teek Township near the LaBelle Kirkland mine. The Fidelity is installing a small but complete mining plant to be operated by steam power. Development work of an extensive order is also planned for the near future.

A big development campaign is said to be planned for the near future for the Wasipika Mine at West Shiningtree. It is the intention to sink the present shaft to greater depth and also to commence lateral work on the vein. Ore will be blocked out with a view of installing a mill if the results continue as satisfactory as the work up to the present. The main ore body on the Wasipika is estimated as 40 feet in width and if it persists to depth it will mean an unusually large ore body. Values are said to run about \$16 in gold to the ton.

The establishment of a Gold Settlement Fund (probably on deposit in the Bank of England) is under consideration by the financial advisers of

RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET FRIDAY EVENING

Important Questions to be Discussed and All Ratepayers Urged to Attend.

Another meeting of the Ratepayers' Association is called for Friday evening of this week, at 8 o'clock sharp, in the Council Chambers. It is proposed to have meetings of the Ratepayers' Association regularly every two weeks throughout the year, and this matter will likely be dealt with at the meeting on Friday evening. Other questions likely to come up for discussion are the matters of coal and wood sales in town and the sanitary conditions or otherwise of dairies serving Timmins. There has been much objection made in town in regard to short measure in the matter of wood and discussion may show a way to solving the question in the interests of the citizens generally. The question of sanitary dairies is of very vital importance to the health of the town, and all citizens should be interested in this question. Other matters will no doubt come before the Ratepayers' Association meeting, and the suggestion is made that all ratepayers should attend the meeting on Friday evening, and be ready to offer any ideas that may come to them for the good of the community.

SERIOUS FIRE AT THE "Y" AT IROQUOIS FALLS.

The store and the big stocks of Perlmutter and Nathanson, general merchants, at the "Y" near Iroquois Falls, were destroyed by fire on Thursday last while the adjoining jewelry store and photograph gallery also were practically a total loss. The fire is thought to have originated in the photograph gallery from a defective stove-pipe. In any case, it was soon beyond control, there being, of course, no organized fire-fighting equipment or organization at the "Y" and conditions making it impossible for the Iroquois Falls brigade to give effective assistance. Perlmutter and Nathanson's loss would approximate \$25,000, while the two other business places destroyed would run the total loss to \$30,000 or \$35,000.

the governments of the Allies. It is proposed to establish a central fund of several hundred millions of gold to facilitate foreign exchange transactions and eliminate the necessity for shipping quantities of gold between countries to right trade balances. The purpose is to form a basis for credit transactions between nations, so that exchange balances, instead of being settled by actually shipping gold would be arranged by book transactions, with the ear-marked gold as guarantee.

"I look forward to almost unprecedented development in Ontario's mining industry now that hostilities are over," Mr. F. W. Schumacher, President of the Schumacher Gold Mines, told a Toronto newspaperman last week while in the city.

The Gold Committee appointed by the U.S. Federal Government some time ago, in a recent statement says that "the future of gold mining in the United States is problematical," and that "the gold output seems to have passed its zenith and to be on the decline." As a relief to the situation the U. S. Gold Committee advises a number of measures, including reduced taxation and an appropriation to be used in directing search for new deposits.

The Canadian Mining Journal asks for a special thought for the mining industry when the appointment is being made of a Commissioner for overseas for Ontario, to succeed the late Mr. Reid. "Why should we not have in London someone familiar with Canada's mining industry and the opportunities for development?" asks the Mining Journal. "A Commissioner who could give information that would lead to greater interest in Britain in our mining industry would be in a position to render good service to the Province," says the Mining Journal.

COOPER TO BE HANGED AT HAILEYBURY IN APRIL

For the Murder of Theodore Taylor. Young Fellows Given Long Terms for Robbery with Violence.

Chas. Cooper was sentenced at Haileybury on Friday last by Mr. Justice Logie to be hanged on April 18th, for the murder of Theodore Taylor of Tomstown. Lyman Morrison and Joshua Fuller who were tried on a similar charge last week were acquitted, but they pleaded guilty to robbery with violence and for this young Fuller was sentenced to 14 years in penitentiary and Morrison to ten years. After the death sentence was passed on Cooper he collapsed. The crime from which these sentences arise was one of the most sordid and disgusting incidents in criminal annals in the North Land. Theodore Taylor, a farmer living at Tomstown, and 66 years of age, was beaten to death on the evening of May 25th, 1918. The apparent motive was robbery, and the evidence at the trial last week went to show that Fuller, Morrison and Cooper had planned the robbery and divided the \$95 cash secured. According to the confession of the two younger men they had been concerned in knocking down the farmer so that he could be robbed, but Cooper had returned and "finished" him. Cooper still protests his innocence, but the evidence went to show a most degenerate condition of affairs in the homes where the three accused men lived. Cooper was arrested at Enghart the day after the murder, and Morrison and Fuller were found at Bracebridge, where Fuller was being held as a deserter from the Army and Morrison for carrying concealed firearms. Morrison and Fuller confessed to beating the farmer into insensibility so that he could be robbed but explained that the blow or blows that killed him were later applied by Cooper. Cooper, who lived with the Morrison family much of his time, is 36 years of age.

DOMELAKE MAKES BIG FIND ON 600-FOOT LEVEL

Large Ore Body, Showing Big Values on Assays.

"The best thing they have ever found," is the way one mining man refers to the discovery reported this week from the Dome Lake. At the 600-foot level the Dome Lake has encountered a big ore body showing high values in the assays. Some of the assays indicate fabulous values in gold, but the important feature, of course, is that a large body of high grade ore has been encountered. This body of ore is believed to be a continuation of the rich ore in the vein on the 590-foot level. It was thought that this rich vein ran on to the West Dome, but it seems to have "folded and dipped back." The find has caused many on the inside in the Camp to purchase Dome Lake stock this week.

IMPERIAL BANK OPENING BRANCH AT SMOOTH ROCK.

The Imperial Bank is opening a branch at Smooth Rock Falls, and Mr. R. C. Vaughan leaves here this week to take charge as manager of the new branch. Mr. Jack White, formerly of the Imperial Bank here, but recently at the new branch at Kirkland Lake is expected to be on the staff at Smooth Rock Falls. At present, however, he is on the sick list at Kirkland Lake, and it may be some days before he can join the new force at Smooth Rock Falls. Mr. Hoole, who was for six years in the branch at Cochrane, but who later went to Toronto and more recently has been at New Liskeard, arrived here this week to take Mr. Vaughan's place in the branch here.

The famous picture, "The Better 'Ole,"—founded on Bairnsfather's noted cartoon with the same caption, has been booked for the New Empire Theatre next month. Those who have seen "The Better 'Ole" speak of the picture in superlatives. Returned soldiers are particularly enthusiastic. "A darn good picture," is the way one soldier summed it up. Another soldier at Whitby said, "It gives the best showing yet of conditions as they actually are at the front and the real life of the soldier."

IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL MATTERS DISCUSSED

Town Council Getting Matters Lined Up for the Year's Work.

At the second meeting this year of the Town Council, held on Monday evening, the Mayor and all the Councilors were in their places and the meeting opened promptly at 7 o'clock. Before adjournment, however, the Mayor explained that on account of the train service, meal hours, etc., seven o'clock was a most inconvenient hour for him, and on motion the time of meeting was changed to 7.30 p.m. The large number of ratepayers at the meeting Monday evening, and the unusual interest shown by all in the proceedings of the Council, are also worthy of note. Mayor McInnis remarked on the interest of the ratepayers and hoped it would continue as it would have the effect of keeping the Council right up to the mark. The Council spent most of its time Monday night in outlining and discussing questions for future meetings, and generally preparing for the work to be undertaken in the year. Among the questions discussed were:—the scavenging department, the building of new sidewalks, etc., snow-ploughing, a bigger bonus or pay by calls for the volunteer firemen, short measure in wood sold in town, sanitary conditions in regard to meat, milk, etc., and whether the Town Solicitor should be on salary or paid by fees.

In Town Foreman J. D. Maclean's report there was recommendation for taking the partition and the roof from the water tank. If this were done the tank could be used the year round as an auxiliary source of water supply, and much could be saved in fuel, etc., through the plans suggested by Mr. Maclean.

The Clerk explained that the Council had not the power to pass a by-law closing the stores at 6 o'clock as asked for by a big petition of merchants. It was suggested that the merchants agree among themselves to observe the closing and that the Mayor and some of the Councilors interview those who object, with a view to securing unity.

Hard wood was offered the Town by the Ontario Government at \$6.50 per cord at Algonquin Park. This would mean \$10 here. The Council took no action, as there is no serious need now, but will co-operate with any who wish to secure this wood.

On motion of Councillors Brazeau and Studor, the Firemen were ordered paid the \$500 bonus for 1918 work. Mr. Bailey had a bill for \$98 for cleaning the dump at \$3.50 per day. It appeared that he was hired without due authority from the Council, but as this was not his fault and Chairman Studor reported the work as well done, the bill was paid in full. Further arrangements regarding the dump and the scavenging were left with the Contingency Committee chairman to report at next meeting on a definite plan and deal with in the meantime.

Councillor Macle, of Tisdale, made some suggestion to the Council, including the idea of an incinerator for the Town and Township.

A motion by Councillors Brazeau and Newton asked that before the Tax Collector was appointed for the new year he should be required to answer to the complaints as to discourtesy, etc. Councillor Longmore thought this motion premature, and that as chairman of the Finance Committee he might have been informed of it. "I have no brief for Mr. Macle, person," he said, "but as finance man I need a Collector who collects, and such a Collector will not be always popular." The motion was withdrawn until the appointment is under consideration.

On motion of Councillors Brazeau and Studor estimates and plans are to be secured re the moving of the pumping plant to this side of the river, also regarding extensions of waterworks and sewerage.

Councillor Studor referred to the family of six in need in town, and the supplying of their requirements was left to his discretion.

Councillor Brazeau was appointed the local member of the Board of Health for 1919 and the Clerk re-appointed secretary of the Board.

The Chairman of the Public Works was authorized to secure estimates on the cost of a snow plough and for the work of cleaning walks. Councillor Brazeau suggested the use of the fire team in this work, but when it was referred to him Fire Chief Borland objected. "Poor economy, if a fire should occur," he said.