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**PORCUPINE NAVY LEAGUE  
HAS 186 MEMBERS NOW**

Intend to Hold Big Public Meeting in  
Near Future.

There was a meeting of the Admiral Beresford (Porcupine) Branch of the Navy League of Canada held in the Council Chamber, Timmins, on Thursday afternoon last, with the President Dr. McInnis in the chair. Among the correspondence read were letters from the Headquarters of the League in regard to the annual statement and the transferring of surplus funds to the Headquarters. On motion of Mrs. Dr. McInnis, seconded by Mrs. Lawlor, it was decided to authorize the Treasurer to forward a cheque for \$500.00 to the headquarters of the League, a further contribution to be made after the grant of \$500.00 from the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club is received.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. J. P. Taillon, showed that there was a balance in the bank of \$618.48 on Dec. 31st, and that financially the Branch was in good condition. According to the Secretary's books there are now 186 members in the Branch. It is the intention to greatly increase the membership, however, and plans to this end were discussed. Last year in the campaign to secure members, the Branch was handicapped by a great many unforeseen and unavoidable difficulties, the influenza epidemic making further efforts impractical. At South Porcupine and Schumacher very thorough canvasses were made, Mr. C. B. Morgan securing an unusually large membership at South End just before the epidemic commenced. In Timmins, however, there was no regular canvass made, and consequently there are many new members obtainable here. Unlike most of the patriotic societies, the usefulness of the Navy League does not end with the war. The Navy League did good work before the war and will have a large scope of usefulness after the war is finally settled. So long as there is a British Empire there will be need for a Navy, and so long as there is a Navy there will be usefulness for the Navy League. And there will be a Navy League, a Navy and a British Empire for a long time yet!

The President, Dr. McInnis, explained that the Charter of the Admiral Beresford Branch of the Navy League had been duly received and he thought it would be appropriate to have it framed and hung up in some suitable public place. On motion of Mrs. Rees, seconded by G. A. Macdonald, it was decided to have the charter suitably framed and hung up in the Town Council Chamber, the Town Council permitting.

Reference was made to the promised visit of Councillor Peter Wright of the British Seamen's Union to Haileybury, and it was suggested that this noted British Seaman be brought to Timmins when he visits the North Land. It was the general opinion of the meeting that Councillor Wright or some other effective speaker be brought to Timmins at an early date and that there be a big public meeting in the Theatre to usher in a campaign for new members and renewed interest in the Navy League.

The next meeting of the local branch of the Navy League will be the annual meeting, when the officers for the year will be elected and other important business dealt with. The exact date for this meeting was left with the President, all members to be notified in ample time by postcard. A full attendance is desired especially at the coming meeting.

There is a sufficient supply of membership buttons now on hand, and any members who have not already secured their buttons may secure same on application.

**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER  
NOT COMMODIOUS ENOUGH**

At Monday evening's Council meeting there were two conditions that impressed the fact that the new Town Council Chamber is not large enough for the purposes of this town. In the first place, the large number of ratepayers present at the meeting could not be properly accommodated in so small a room. Every Council meeting this year has attracted an unusually large attendance of ratepayers, and the Mayor is undoubtedly right in believing that this healthy interest in town affairs should be encouraged. Instead of the attendance dwindling away from one meeting to another, it seems to increase from meeting to meeting, the largest attendance yet being at the Monday evening session, with every indication of continued interest. The size of the new Council Chamber does not make it the ideal place for such gatherings. In the second place, there was an item submitted for payment by the Council for the use of the Miners' Union Hall for Division Court purposes, and it was explained that the present Council Chambers were not considered big enough for holding Division Court

sessions. The Town has to provide the Division Court with a suitable place for the sessions and especially when there is a large court the new Council Chambers will prove much too small. From present indications there may be suggestions soon for more adequate municipal accommodation for public affairs like Courts and Council meetings, but many ratepayers think that haste should be made very slowly along such a line. Apparently the mistake has been made of attempting to fix up an old building to provide extended accommodation and the result is not satisfactory enough to warrant further similar experiments. It would appear to be a better plan to "worry along" as well as possible until such time as a fine new commodious and up-to-date municipal building may be erected to accommodate all the needs of this growing town.

**THE "OLD SETTLER"  
WRITES FROM BELGIUM**

Pte. Dan Dooley, 75th Battalion Canadians, S.O.S. Section, France, writes to a friend in town, under date of January 1st, 1919, enclosing an elegant greeting card from the British Expeditionary Force in France. "The Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Seventy-fifth Canadian Infantry Battalion extended to you every good wish for the New Year," is the greeting on the card. On the page opposite the greeting is a list of the leading engagements in which the Canadians took part: "Ypres, The Somme, Vimy Ridge, La Coulotte, Cite du Moulin, Lens, Passchendaele, Arras, Amiens, La Quesnel, Chilly, Drocourt-Queant, Canal du Nord, Bourlon Wood and Cambrai."

In his letter Dan says among other things: "Well, I am still in Belgium and am going on fairly well. I am at a place called Ramilles. I spent a fairly good Christmas, but oh you New Year's, it was a slow day. I see Ben is in the tobacco business now, and I guess I will get the odd cigar every time when I get back, eh? Andy is in Buxton now but he is to pull for Canada soon, but I don't know just when. I haven't heard from McCoy for some time; I guess he is in Germany now. I was in the city of Brussels the other day and it is some city. It is the capital of Belgium, and I sure had a capital time there. It takes the cake for anything I have ever seen."

The "Old Settler" sends best regards to all his old friends in the Camp.

**PTE. P. W. MCCOY NOW OVER  
THE RHINE IN GERMANY**

Mr. Hiram Alexander has just received an interesting postcard and a letter from friend "Paddy" McCoy, one of the old-timers of the Camp. The postcard shows a colored photograph of the bridge over the Rhine used by the Canadians in crossing into Germany. "Paddy" has written on the face of the card, "I was just thinking of the cold in Timmins. I have just come in, and the sun was so hot here it made me laugh thinking of the snow and cold up in Timmins. The picture on the other side is the bridge that we cross. Say, Hiram, let me know all the news. Where is Andy Dooley? And how are the games coming up?"—Pte. P. W. McCoy, 309379, 19th Battalion, A. Company, B.E.F., France.

In his letter, dated December 26th, Pte. McCoy tells about meeting Dan Dooley and the "real Robert Muirhead" in France, and how delighted he was to see these old-timers. From the latter he learned of the death of several who came over with him, including Jim Walsh, Sam Denning, and a brother of his own who was killed on August 28th. He has escaped so far and believes that they will all soon go back to Canada. The hard march recently has left his feet sore and he confesses to a longing to be back in the Porcupine Camp again now that the work overseas seems finished. The Germans are using the troops of occupation very good according to Pte. McCoy.

**PAPER PRODUCTION OF  
ABITIBI CO. NOTEWORTHY.**

The official figures just issued by the Abitibi Power & Paper Co., whose plant at Iroquois Falls is one of the leading industries of the North Land, suggest the importance of the pulp and paper industry in this country. During the last three months of 1918, the Abitibi Power and Paper Company produced 16,884 tons of paper, 4709 tons of sulphite pulp and 233 tons of ground wood pulp. The rate of production is being continued and is more likely to be increased than lessened. Figuring on this output, the rate of production for the year would amount to 67,526 tons of paper, 18,826 tons of sulphite pulp and 932 tons of ground wood pulp. These figures show the importance of the big plant at Iroquois Falls, which is now acknowledged as one of the leading producing paper mills in Canada.

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