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MEETING VOTES IN FAVOR OF SEWERS THIS YEAR

By Vote of 11 to 6 Ratepayers Go on Record Favoring Early Start.

The regular meeting of the Timmins Ratepayers' Association had a crowded house on Friday night, and the discussion was a most interesting and helpful one. The meeting emphasized the value of the Ratepayers' Association to the town and its usefulness as a medium for the discussion and consideration of important municipal questions. Seven new members were enrolled after the meeting.

The chief topic before the meeting was the consideration of the question of the Town of Timmins installing a sewerage system this year in addition to the waterworks extensions planned. Mr. J. P. Bartleman, President of the Ratepayers' Association, occupied the chair, and first called upon Mayor McInnis to outline the question to the meeting.

Mayor McInnis said that the first question was whether or not the town desired waterworks extensions and the building of a sewerage system this year. He believed the people were in favor of both. There was very little question as to the desire for waterworks extensions. The demand for them was steady enough. He emphasized the necessity for a sewerage system from the standpoint of health conditions. The financial conditions in previous years had held back the Council from going on with certain necessary works like waterworks extensions and a sewerage system, though the needs were apparent enough. Now there was some difference of opinion as to whether the Town could this year finance both the extensions and the sewerage system. The Mayor had every faith that both plans could be gone on with. There were two ways of financing. One was by debentures issued under the Local Improvement plan of by-law, and the other by debentures under a general purpose rate collected from all the ratepayers of the town. Under the former plan the ratepayers whose property was directly benefited by the sewers would be specially taxed to help pay for the cost, the amount of taxes in such cases varying with the amount of frontage of the property benefited. Under the general purpose plan the debentures would be met by taxes levied on all the ratepayers of the town generally. He thought there would be little difficulty in financing the sewerage system under the Local Improvement plan. He pointed out that the material savings there would be in putting in sewers at the same time as the waterworks extensions, as in most cases the one trenching would do for both systems. He also pointed out that the issuing of one set of debentures to carry both works through would be easier financing than issuing two sets, one for the waterworks extensions and the other for the sewerage system. He thought that beyond question that an early date it would be absolutely necessary to put in sewers, and he could see little advantage and several disadvantages in deferring the work. According to the figures submitted he estimated that it would take about \$100,000 to complete the waterworks extensions and the sewerage system. The town at present was now honeycombed with cesspools and these were naturally more and more a menace as time went on. It would take 18 months to complete the sewerage system, so if deferred now the town would go from bad to worse from a health standpoint. The Mayor explained that under the proposed system the sewerage would run to the river, being treated for purification before entering the river.

Mr. R. J. Jemmett gave an interesting reference to the idea that municipalities could not exceed 25 mills on the dollar for general purposes and debenture rate. He had with him a number of tax bills from another municipality where the debenture and general purpose rates totalled more than 26 mills, and he said that during his own municipal experience he had been advised by one of the best municipal law authorities in the Province that the law did not actually place this restriction. He had never been able to find such a restriction in the law himself. He believed the people would be willing to pay for the sewerage system and he had no doubt of the ability of the municipality to do so.

In answer to a question, Dr. McInnis explained that garbage collection would still be necessary after the sewers were built, but it would be only a minor item. At present the Township of Tisdale desired Timmins

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BASEBALL MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY NIGHT

To Organize for Sport Here. Matheson May Have Crack Team.

Baseball enthusiasts in town all are more than agreeable to the suggestion made last week that a District Baseball League be formed to include three or four of the towns in this district. They think it would be a good thing generally for the sport. "Call a meeting," suggested the old-timer, Charlie Auer, when the matter was mentioned. "I'm in favor of it," said Chief Borland, "call your meeting, and I'll be there." Others approached were equally enthusiastic. At Iroquois Falls there is even more enthusiasm over the proposal. This week baseball enthusiasts there were telephoning Timmins as to what was being done, and they are anxious to send delegates to a District Meeting or do anything else to help in the organization of the League. Of course, the best way to organize the League is for the various towns to first get organized locally. Then there will be official bodies in each town to complete the arrangements for a District League. Accordingly a meeting of the baseball fans of Timmins is called for Friday evening in the Council Chamber at 8 o'clock to organize a baseball club here. All interested in baseball are invited to attend and take part and help along the sport. It is a wide-open invitation to everybody to come.

Mr. Auer suggests that Matheson might well be one of the teams in the District League. That famous baseball artist, Archie Burton, is coming up to Matheson this year to do work on his claims and in addition he is bringing with him a number of men from the Wellingtons. So, will Matheson have a baseball team worth? Well, just watch it! With Matheson Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, South Porcupine, Schumacher, etc., to send teams there should be a first-class Baseball League to provide fine sport for the towns in this district this summer. Help the first move in this direction by attending the meeting to organize here on Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Council Chambers.

BIG DOME GETTING READY TO OPEN ON BIG SCALE

Mill Likely to Resume Next Month. Members of Former Staff Returning.

Indications point to the early opening out of work at the Dome Mines on a scale eventually much bigger than before the closing down. Men are being taken on the staff daily and apparently all that is being awaited now before re-opening the mill is the completion of the installation of the underground crusher. Work on this is progressing favorably and it is expected to be completed by the 15th of April. As soon as the crusher is installed underground, it is expected that the mill will be started up. The present plans are for mining on a larger scale than previously attempted and the Big Dome is looked upon as likely to be one of the biggest of the big mines from the standpoint of men employed as well as from the point of production. Mr. C. D. Kaeding, general manager, is back from his recent visit to the South, and Mr. Dowsett, mill superintendent, is also expected back within a few days. Among the other members of the former staff, Mr. Cosser is also expected back at the Dome at an early date.

SAW CANADIAN TRAIN FOR FIRST TIME AT COCHRANE.

Mr. Gillies of the Hudson Bay post at Moose came down last week to this part of the world for his first visit into settled Canada. He was born at Fort George being the son of a Hudson Bay Company factor there. While he has made several trips to Scotland with his parents he was never south of James Bay in Canada until last week. He had his first sight of a Canadian Railway train at Cochrane when the National came in from the West one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Regnall left on Monday for Mount Clemens, where Mr. Regnall will take treatment at the Springs for the rheumatic fever from which he has been suffering for some weeks past. Mr. Alf. Yeomans of the Dome accompanied them on the trip.

TO WIND UP AFFAIRS OF THE PATRIOTIC CLUB

Important Meeting Called for Friday Afternoon in Council Chambers, Timmins.

A special and very important meeting of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club is called for Friday afternoon of this week, March 28th, at 4:30 o'clock in the Council Chambers, Timmins. The business before the meeting will be the winding up of the affairs of the Club and the final disposition of the funds on hand. It will be remembered that about a month ago there was a meeting of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club and it was decided to continue the work of the Club for four or five weeks longer. It was specially desired to collect in subscriptions due and get everything in the best of shape. In view of the signing of the Armistice and the consequent discontinuance of the patriotic organizations looking to the Patriotic Club for funds to carry on their work, it was felt that the Club itself would not be necessary for any extended further period. In view of this there was no regular election of new officers for another year. Instead the carrying on of the affairs of the Club was left in the hands of the members of the former executive still here. The understanding was that the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club should continue for a month or two and that then there should be a public meeting of the subscribers called for the winding-up of the affairs of the Club and the final disposition of the funds. In accordance with this understanding the general meeting is called for Friday afternoon of this week, March 28th, at 4:30 o'clock, in the Council Chamber, and all subscribers to the P.C.P.C. are earnestly requested to be present.

Mr. P. Collins, of Haileybury, the new policeman on the Timmins force, came up to the Camp on Thursday evening last, stopping that evening at Schumacher to visit his sister and coming on here the next morning to take up his new duties as sanitary inspector, collector of poll tax, dog tax, etc.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Arrangements are said to be completed now for the resuming of active work on the Otisse property at Fort Matatchewan.

Mineral products for Quebec province last year totalled a value of over eighteen million dollars, asbestos accounting for over half this amount.

The Lake Shore Mine at Kirkland Lake has declared another quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent., payable March 27th to shareholders of record March 20th.

According to the regulations, prospectors' licenses should be renewed on or before April 1st. Prospectors should keep this in mind. Last year several were put to inconvenience by overlooking this little matter.

In view of the recent spectacular finds on the Davidson the directors after their recent visit to the Mine decided to enlarge the milling plant. Already orders for the necessary equipment have been given.

The two claims, near the North Davidson in Tisdale Township, and known as the McLean claims, were recently sold by Mr. Max Gwenthler to Toronto capitalists headed by Mr. L. G. Harris.

The litigation between the minority shareholders of the Orr Gold Mines and the Kirkland-Porphry Gold Mines owning a majority of the stock is still unsettled. The case came up last week at Toronto, but decision was reserved.

A number of the heaviest shareholders of the V.N.T., now residing in England, are expected to visit the mine in the near future. They may indeed be now on their way here from England. They will be accompanied by leading engineers and mining men and it is believed that the inspection of the mine here will be followed by

NOTED SAILORS' UNION LEADER HERE SUNDAY

Councillor Peter Wright to Address Public Meeting Under Auspices of Navy League.

Councillor Peter Wright, of the British Sailors' Union, will be the Chief speaker at the meeting in the New Empire on Sunday evening, at 8:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Admiral Beresford (Porcupine) Branch of the Navy League of Canada. Dr. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, and President of the local branch of the Navy League, will occupy the chair. There will be a pleasing musical program and several other special items of interest. Councillor Peter Wright, the chief speaker of the evening, is one of the most noted of the British Labor leaders, the British Sailors' Union being one of the strongest Labor organizations in the world. Councillor Wright will show what a part the sailors took in the winning of the war, and he will also touch on what they believe should be done now that the war is over. He has an original and striking way of making his points and in the many places in Canada where he has spoken he has made an unusual impression. The objects and aims of the Navy League will also be explained, and no good citizen can afford to miss this interesting and informative public meeting on Sunday.

NEW FIRM OF ARMITAGE & ELLIS OPENING HERE.

Next week Messrs. Armitage and Ellis expect to open up a new and up-to-date store at 30 1/2 Third Avenue near the Old Empire Theatre. They will carry a large and well-selected stock of the best in groceries and meats. One of the members of the new firm, Mr. W. Armitage was formerly in business in this same stand and by good service and knowledge of the business built up a good trade, the business later being sold to Wm. Ledue & Co. Mr. Armitage for the past two or three years has been in charge of the meat department of J. P. McLaughlin's, resigning there several weeks ago to go into business for himself again.

FINE ARCH OF WELCOME FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS

Timmins Has Best in the North Land. Spans the Whole Street. Electrically Lighted.

Councillor John W. Fogg, chairman of the Public Works Committee, is being generally praised and congratulated for the magnificent arch of welcome to returning soldiers erected at the Marshall-Ecclestone corner of Third Avenue. Under the direction of Mr. Fogg the arch has materialized into something much more attractive and imposing than expected by the Town Council. It is generally considered to have any similar arch in the North Land beaten seven ways for appearance and construction. It runs right across the street, with broad pillars on each side of each sidewalk and the large centre arch over the road bears the inscription on each side "Welcome Home." The one face of the arch looks directly at the exit from the depot, and the other faces down Third Avenue. The structure is solidly built of North Land wood and covered all over with green spruce boughs. It is a handsome and complete piece of good workmanship. The work was done, under the supervision of Mr. Fogg, by Contractor St. Onge. The arch is lighted at night by electric lights. The work was commenced on Wednesday of last week and everything was completed within a week from the time of starting. The resolution of the Council suggested that the total cost of the arch be kept within \$150.00, if possible, but it was recognized that \$200.00, would be nearer the probable cost. It is likely, however, that even the latter figure will be exceeded when all the figures are in for the work.

PRESBYTERIAN D.Y.B. CLUB ORGANIZED

Young Ladies of Presbyterian Church Continue Society Started for Patriotic Work.

As suggested some weeks ago when the D.Y.B. Club was discontinued as a patriotic society here, the young ladies of the different churches are continuing to hold the social and friendly associations formed in the patriotic work of the D.Y.B., and are continuing in three or four separate branches, as it were, the organization perfected in the D.Y.B. Club. These separate branches are now doing church and charitable work in connection with the various churches in town. The intention is to have periodic re-unions of the branches, thus keeping alive the spirit and pleasant associations of the D.Y.B. At the home of Mrs. W. F. Richardson, on Monday evening a number of the young ladies of the Timmins Presbyterian church met to organize a club to be known as the Presbyterian D.Y.B. Mrs. R. J. Vollet was elected president; Miss K. Richardson, secretary; Miss Swallow, treasurer. Plans for the organization and its work were discussed, and a pleasant social evening was enjoyed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Vollet on Monday evening of next week.

RETURNED SOLDIERS WELCOMED HOME AGAIN.

Corporal Claude Desonnoeux returned to the Camp on Sunday after some year's service overseas. He was given a hearty welcome back at the station, with the usual cheers. He went overseas with the 228th and saw much active service. A brother here returned earlier in the war from service overseas.

Lieut. W. Nicholson was another of the old-timers to return to the Porcupine this week, coming in from the West on Monday morning's train. He went overseas with the 159th Battalion and saw much service in France and Belgium. Recently he went through to the West with returning troops and dropped off here on his way back to see old friends, all of whom were delighted to see the old-timer looking so well and hearty after his good work across the sea. He will likely come back to the North Land to live when he leaves the service.

Sergt. McCarty, formerly at the Dome, and a popular and well-known old-timer, is also back in the Camp, reaching here on Monday and being given the regular welcome.

GOV'T EMPLOYMENT OFFICE OPENING HERE

Lieut. Garner to be in Charge. Office to Open in Simms & Hooker's Old Stand.

The Government Employment Office for Timmins which the Great War Veterans have done so much to secure for this town, will be opened here probably this week. A representative of the Government was here last week and the offices formerly occupied by Simms & Hooker, on Pine street, next to their present stand, have been rented for the use of the Government Bureau. Lieut. Garner, formerly in the assay office of the Hollinger and McIntyre mines, has been appointed to take charge of the office here.

The official government employment bureau is for the assistance of returned soldiers and all others seeking employment and for the use of employees desiring labor of any kind. The representative at Timmins will act for the Ontario Government, for the Dominion Government Labor Department and for the Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment Commission.

With men coming into the Camp in such large numbers and with so many soldiers returning from overseas these days this office will have a decidedly useful scope.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DIE WITHIN THREE DAYS.

There was a special pathos about the death of Mr. and Mrs. Barbe last week within a few days of each other. Mr. Barbe who has been working in Timmins for some time was taken ill with the "flu" and removed to St. Mary's Hospital. During his illness his wife made visits to the hospital each day to see her husband, though she was ill herself. She braved the wet and dangerous weather, and eventually when it was learned that she too was ill it proved too late to save her. She was given every attention at the Cottage Hospital, but passed away on Saturday night, her husband having died also on Thursday night. The couple had been married only about a year.

BURGLARS MAKE HAUL FROM NORTHERN CANADA

Store Broken Into and Large Quantities of Knives, Razors, Flashlights, Cartridges, etc., Taken

Last night or early this morning the store of the Northern Canada Supply Co. was broken into and several hundred dollars worth of goods stolen. The exact amount of the loss is not known yet, but at least \$150.00 worth of pocket knives alone were taken and in addition about two dozen Ingersoll watches, as well as a number of flashlights, safety razors, blade razors, cartridges, etc., are missing. Entry was made by breaking the glass in the back door and then apparently reaching in and turning the Yale lock from the inside. An attempt had apparently been made first to force the door or chisel round the lock. The burglary appears to be the work of boys or young men from the kind of goods taken. In any event professional burglars had nothing to do with it, judging by the goods taken. Although the stock included a considerable quantity of silverware and other expensive articles, little attention was paid to these valuables. The case where the pocket knives were kept, however, was very completely ransacked, and everything from the dainty pearl-handled kind to the big "Jack Knife" were carried off. The Ingersoll watches met the same fate, while flashlights also proved a big attraction. There was no money in the cash register, the drawers being open, as the cash is locked in the safe each night, and the burglars consequently did not interfere with the register. The safe also was apparently out of their line. They broke open a little counter till, but received nothing for their pains.

Chief Wilson is working on the case to-day and hopes to bring the guilty parties to account.

A number of the members of the Presbyterian Social Club and their friends spent a pleasant evening in the church basement last night, the program being a literary one with the work of Canadian authors and poets emphasized.