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TRAIN TIME CHANGED ON THE T. & N.O. THIS WEEK

The Afternoon Train Arrives at 5.40 Every Week Day, and National at 6.30 Sunday.

A new timetable went into force on the T. & N.O. this week commencing on Sunday. There are several changes, chief among which is that the National on Sunday is now an hour later than previously, arriving here at 6.30. The afternoon train on each other day of the week reaches here, if on time, at 5.40 o'clock.

The morning train out of here leaves at 6.35 a.m., which is ten minutes later than the previous time table. The noon train from here leaving at 11.30 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (the same as previous time table), but on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays (the "National" days) the noon trains leave twenty minutes later than previously, leaving here at 1 o'clock.

The morning train from the east reaches Timmins at 10.05 as previously, afternoon trains each week-day at 5.40 and at 6.30 on Sundays, and the evening trains at the former hour of eleven o'clock.

There does not seem to be any clear idea obtainable as to why the changes were made in the time table, but as the changes are not particularly important, no one will worry much about the matter.

IN DARKNESS BOARD OF TRADE DISCUSSES LIGHTS

Rates for Electric Light Discussed. Need for Housing Accommodation.

There was only a small attendance at the Board of Trade meeting Tuesday evening this week, but there was an interesting discussion of many live questions. On account of the lights being off through the accident to the transformer, the meeting was held in darkness until the undertaker kindly brought up a single candle. This light or lack of light gave special point to the question introduced by Mr. F. F. King, who thought something should be done to relieve the burden of electric light rates which totalled about two-thirds the amount paid here in taxes. He pointed out that light in places like Toronto and Montreal cost about 5 cents per kilowatt hour while here 12 cents was the rate, with a 9 cent rate if paid before the 10th of the month. In some places in Ontario the rate was as low as four cents. The extra charge here was altogether too great while the service was not what it should be. Some relief should be sought and the suggestion was made that the matter be taken up with the Hydro Electric Commission. This met with general approval and Mr. Devaney was appointed a delegate to go into the question fully with Sir Adam Beck. A resolution was also passed asking the Town Council to investigate the causes and reasons for the present break in the light and power service and other similar inconveniences to the people.

Another question discussed was the need for housing accommodation here and the general advertising of the opportunities here in certain lines of business. Mr. Devaney is to secure some further data and these questions will then receive more attention from the Board of Trade.

FIRE BELL TO RING EACH DAY AT TWELVE NOON NOW

"Wouldn't it be a good thing to have the fire bell ring each day at twelve o'clock to announce the noon hour," the Fire Chief was asked last week. "You know so many people in Timmins now are so busy that it would be a help to them to have something to remind them of meal-time," he was told.

"Sure thing," replied Fire Chief Borland, "we are here to serve the convenience of the people and help in every way possible."

So, commencing to-morrow (Thursday) the Fire Bell will ring each day, until further notice, at twelve o'clock noon to announce the noon-tide break from work.

Mr. W. G. Smith this week received word of the illness of his father at his home in Aurora. Mr. Smith, Sr., suffered a paralytic stroke a few days ago, but is making fair progress to recovery again.

TO DISCUSS ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY AND INCOME

Ratepayers Association Call Special Meeting for Friday Night for Timely Questions.

A special meeting of the Ratepayers' Association is called for Friday evening in the Council Chamber at 8 o'clock. The chief topic for discussion will be the assessment made this year on property and income in the Town of Timmins. Every year there is a certain amount of dissatisfaction with the assessment made, but this year the feeling seems to be particularly strong that in many cases serious injustice and hardship is being imposed. There is also the feeling, with foundation or without as the case may be, that at least the spirit of the law is not being followed in some cases. Usually the chief objection, at least in the past few years, has been in the matter of income assessments. This year, however, the assessment of property in the town is causing much discussion. Many of the complaints may be easily explained away, but there is every reason to believe that the meeting on Friday evening will be an interesting one.

Certain principles of the methods of assessment have been attacked and the discussion and consideration on Friday evening may result in concerted action to prevent injustice or hardship to citizens of the town, or on the other hand it may place the assessment as made in such a light that the present objection may be overcome. The meeting of the Ratepayers' Association in any event should be largely attended. It is sure to be a profitable and interesting meeting, and it may be a very lively one as well. Remember, Friday evening, this week, in the Council Chamber, at 8 o'clock.

AIR SERVICE PROPOSED AGAIN FOR NORTH LAND.

A year or more ago The Advance suggested the possibility of the air service as a means of rapid communication between the various separated communities of the North Land and between the North and the more thickly settled South. The same proposal is now brought forward by a Toronto broker who has considerable interest in the West Shiningtree district and who proposes the establishment of an airplane service between West Shiningtree and Sudbury. The one landing place would be on the out skirts of Sudbury while the other would be near the centre of the new mining district. The first intention is to use the service for mail carrying chiefly, the difficulty of communication with the Camp being one of its serious handicaps at the present time. This Toronto proposal has given rise to other plans being made for a more ambitious airplane service for the North. One of these plans contemplates a service between the different mining camps and also a rapid mail and passenger service. The plans are all indefinite as yet, but something may come from all the consideration. Indeed, there is some talk of the formation of a big corporation to give an extended and important air service between the various camps of the North and the cities of the South. This service would embrace both mail carrying and the transportation of passengers. There is no doubt in anyone's mind to day of the practicality of airships as means of communication and their rapid development into use as convenient and speedy vessels for transporting mail, passengers, and small freight. Those who are considering the matter believe that a mail and passenger service by airplane would pay its way from the start in the great North Land and that it would develop into a valuable asset not only to its shareholders but to the country.

MAN FROM CONISTON IN HANDS OF BOLSHEVIKI

The Sudbury Star is in receipt of a very odd letter dated Siberia, March 26th, signed by R. S. M. Jellison, of the 206th Battalion, C. E. F. S., stating that Sergeant Rannell, a Coniston man, was wounded and taken prisoner on March 21st by the Bolsheviki. The Sergeant was with No. 1 Bombing Section, and the writer of the letter, presumably an officer, says that his service was excellent.

Mr. J. C. Houston, manager of the Kirkland-Porphory Mine at Kirkland Lake, and one of the old-timers of the Porcupine, is in the Camp this week in connection with the opening of the Inspiration Mine.

FIRST LEAGUE FOOTBALL IROQUOIS FALLS, MAY 24

Iroquois Falls and Timmins Teams to open League Season at the Paper Town

The organization of the Northern Ontario Football Association is about complete now and in fine working trim. Mr. E. H. Bridger has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Association. There was a meeting here on Friday last, at which representatives from the different teams were present, including delegates from Iroquois Falls. The teams to compose the District Football League now include:— Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, Porcupine Dome, and the McIntyre, together with the probability of the G. W. V. A. also having a team in the League. The first District League game of the year has been set for May 24th at Iroquois Falls, between Timmins and Iroquois Falls teams. Each club in the League is also being requested to submit a week of fixtures and when these are all in and considered, the regular schedule of League games for the season will be drafted. There is great interest and much enthusiasm shown in Football here this year and the enthusiasts are looking forward to an interesting and lively season.

O. Y. B. INSTITUTING LODGE HERE THIS WEEK.

The Loyal Orange Young Britons will institute their lodge in Timmins in the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday evening of this week. The charter for the new lodge has duly arrived from the Grand Lodge, with Percy Craig deputed as the first Master, and the name of the Lodge here confirmed as "Gold Leaf Lodge, O.Y.B., No. 324." There are 27 candidates to be initiated on Friday night, and visiting brethren from Haileybury, North Bay and other points are expected here for the work of instruction. Among those to be here will be District Deputy Grand Master Jury, of Haileybury, who is the D.D.G.M. for Temiskaming District; Sergt. Major Alex. Simpson, of Haileybury, District Lecturer; and Past Master W. L. Craig. All candidates who have made application for admission to the Order are expected to be present at the L.O.O.F. Hall at 8 o'clock Friday evening for initiation. The new Lodge starts out with a large membership and there will undoubtedly be an interesting and profitable evening on Friday night.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Very rich ore, running as high as \$100.00 in gold to the ton, was reported last week as being encountered at the 300-foot level in No. 5 drill hole at the Keora.

Mr. D. Chisholm's diamond drill outfit made a record recently for work on open ground when 300 feet were drilled through in less than 6 days at the Penn-Porcupine property.

As an example of the importance of railway facilities for mining districts it may be noted that the Maudy Mine at Selbit Lake, near the Pas, Manitoba, has \$7,500,000.00 worth of copper ore blocked out, but this ore will remain untouched until a railway is started from the Pas, according to a recent statement by officials of the mine.

The Ontario Government is being petitioned for assistance in the building of a road to the centre of the Lightning River gold area. The sum of \$3,000.00 is required for the work planned for the present, though expenditure on a much larger scale will be necessary to meet the needs if the district develops as many now interested believe it will in the near future. There is quite a bit of activity in the Lightning River district and the prospectors concerned have great faith in the possibilities of the district.

Commenting on the fact that the mining industry of the Province is not only beneficial to shareholders who have the good fortune to receive regular dividends, but also directly to the Provincial Treasury. The Financial Times points out that the total amount contributed last year to the Provincial Treasury of Ontario was \$863,547.00. This amount included

DOMINION INCOME TAX REPRESENTATIVE IN TOWN

Calling on Many Here for Revised Tax Forms or Explanations. Here All Week.

Mr. W. D. Cuthbertson, of the Department of Finance, Ottawa, is in town this week adjusting income taxation and giving information regarding compiling the forms to be filled in for the Dominion Income Tax. He is at the Goldfields Hotel and will be pleased to assist anyone in making the necessary returns regarding income for Dominion taxation. Very few people seem to be clear on this matter, and a great many have filled the forms in an improper way. Some who should have sent in forms have neglected the matter through misunderstanding or otherwise. Mr. Cuthbertson is adjusting such matters and in the work is running across many regular Chinese puzzles. Mr. Cuthbertson has called on a great many here who have neglected the necessary returns or who have apparently failed to give the information required on the forms and has assisted in the correct compiling of the information. Any others who are not clear as to the requirements of the Act and their standing in regard to it should call on Mr. Cuthbertson at the Goldfields where he will be found for the rest of the week.

FIREMEN TO GIVE BAND CONCERT ON MAY 25th

The Timmins Firemen are doing their part to see that there are interesting events during the 24th of May season this year. On Friday evening, May 23rd (the evening of Empire Day), the Firemen are giving their Annual Ball, when a good time is assured to all, as at the several past successes of this annual event. On Sunday, May 25th the Firemen have planned a Band Concert in the New Empire Theatre after the church services. The programme will be chiefly selections by that talented musical organization, the Italian Band, but in addition there will be literary and vocal selections to give variety to the entertainment. Further announcement of the event will be made next week.

Mr. Geo. Gray returned on Tuesday to the Camp, after being in the south where he spent some time on service with the American Army.

REGULAR MEETING NIGHTS OF COUNCIL CHANGED

Now Second and Fourth Monday Evenings. One Stage in Sewerage Question.

At the meeting of the Town Council last Wednesday evening it was decided to change the nights for regular meetings from the first and third Monday evenings to the second and fourth Monday evenings at 7.30. A by-law to this effect was accordingly passed in due form. By-laws were also passed for the formal appointment of George Laporte as scavenger and Patrick Collins as Sanitary Inspector.

Mr. C. McDonald applied for a refund of a dog tag fee, the police having shot the dog the day after the license was paid. Chief Wilson explained that the dog was shot at the request of Mrs. McDonald, the animal apparently being ill or distempered. Mr. McDonald said he had told the police that the dog was not right and that he did not intend to take out a license for it, but that they should shoot it. The license, however, was paid at the house and the next day the dog had to be shot. The Mayor was doubtful whether the Council had the right to make the refund asked for, and the question was left in the hands of the Town Solicitor to report upon.

Councillor Brazeau suggested the present as a good time for painting the inside of the tank. It would prevent rust and so improve also the taste of the water. "Iron is good for the system," suggested Councillor Longmore who wanted to avoid every expenditure that could be avoided at present. "But this is not Nuxated Iron," said the Mayor, "and we don't want any east-iron stomachs in town." Town Foreman McLean explained that painting the inside of the tank was necessary to prevent rust and was economical at the present time. The work was ordered gone on with.

Mr. Charette asked for \$25.00 damages for the labor and expense caused him through the filling up of his cellar with water and sand from the spring floods. He pointed out that a small expenditure recommended by him several times would avoid the difficulty. Chairman Fogg of the Board of Works promised to have the difficulty remedied at once.

A by-law was duly passed for the purchase of a De Laval Pump and a Lancashire motor, at a total price for the two of \$2365.00 f.o.b. Timmins.

The Mayor asked that the Town Solicitor see if a night watchman were required by law at such places as the Queen's Hotel. The place was locked up each night and it might be the source of danger in case of fire or other accident occurring inside.

An order was passed for the purchase of a desk and chair for the use of the Magistrate. The need of more chairs for the Council Chamber especially on court days, was also considered. The Chief of Police suggested that a bench along the one wall would help out, and the matter of the cost and practicability of this was left for the Chairman of the Board of Works to report upon.

"Other municipalities do not seem to have the same trouble with carters and transfers that is going on here," said Councillor Newton, in referring to the complaints made to him about the cartage by-law. "The carters and others complaining have been asked to put their grievances, if any, before the Council, but though they have had plenty of time and opportunity to do so, they have done nothing," said the Mayor, who continued to the effect that the only thing now to do was to enforce the by-law and collect the license fees. If there was any injustice or anything amiss with the by-law, refunds could be made. So far as could be seen now the by-law was all right and there was not definite complaint against it.

On motion of Councillors Brazeau and Studor it was resolved that plans of the Town Engineer for the sewerage system be adopted and as soon as the necessary arrangements are made with the Provincial Board of Health the work be gone on with further.

Councillor Longmore said he had been asked by baseball enthusiasts and others interested in sports to ask the Council to have notices posted on the Athletic Grounds forbidding the use of the property for the convenience of those learning how to run autos. The rest of the Council agreed that autos damaged the grounds for the proper uses, but it was pointed out by the Clerk that the Council had no jurisdiction, the grounds being the

NO LIGHT OR POWER HERE FOR TWENTY-ONE HOURS

Burning Out of Transformer Causes Break in Light and Power Service.

An accident last night to one of the transformers caused the lights in Timmins and Schumacher to go out at 8.30, and there was no more light or power until after 5.30 to-day (Wednesday). As a consequence this issue of The Advance has been delayed. Candles and lamps had to be requisitioned last night in the stores, hotels, etc. The theatre had to close soon after the show opened, and last night and to-day the inconvenience and loss through the accident have been very noticeable, emphasizing the modern dependence upon electric power and light for industry, business and general use. The Power Company's staff was hard at work from the time of the accident until the resumption of service to-day to repair the injury. A couple of transformers were borrowed from the Penanum Mine and installed to-day so that the service might be resumed.

DISTRICT BASEBALL LEAGUE FORMED NOW

Includes Timmins, South Porcupine and Iroquois Falls.

The District Baseball League has been duly organized. The League at present includes South Porcupine, Iroquois Falls and Timmins. Mr. W. G. A. Woods, of South Porcupine, is the Chairman of the District Baseball League, and Mr. H. W. Hooker, of Timmins, the secretary. Home and home games are being arranged and a schedule will be issued very shortly. With baseball thus getting away to so early a start a specially interesting and busy baseball season may be looked for. The local teams in the various towns are beginning to line up, and each of the three towns now in the League expect to have lively town leagues of their own to keep-up the interest in the game. Iroquois Falls has its town organization practically completed now, but the other two have still some planning for their local leagues. As soon as the weather settles down to the summer gait the fans all look for baseball to be the sport for the district.

CLARENCE McDOWELL, OF SOUTH END, 'DROWNED.'

Word reached town Wednesday morning of this week that the body of Clarence McDowell, of South Porcupine, had been recovered from the Montreal River this morning. He was drowned in the river above Elk Lake on Thursday of last week. He was about 35 years of age, a prospector, and well known and liked in the Porcupine Camp. The remains will be brought to South Porcupine for interment.

FOOTBALL POSTPONED TO "THE FIRST FINE DAY."

The first Football match of the season advertised here for Saturday last had to be postponed on account of the unfavorable weather. Wednesday (to-day) was first chosen as the new date for this match between Timmins and South Porcupine Football teams, but to-day's weather was also unfortunate, and so the match is now definitely set for "the first fine day." The South Porcupine line-up is not known, but the following is the Timmins team chosen:—Trimble, goal; Staples and Hoole, backs; Mulen, Sheridan, Hodge, half-backs; Garons, Twaddle, Roberts, Stevens, Collins, forwards; J. White, referee.

private property of the Townsite Co. The matter of the Town going into the Housing Commission Scheme was touched on by the Mayor. There are 16 married (or soon to be married) returned men in Timmins and they had asked the Council to take up the plan. The Act was laid on the table with the suggestion that the Councilors look it over before next meeting. "It will not cost the Town any money," said the Mayor. "Then, let's go right ahead with it," says Councillor Newton. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday evening, May 12th.