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RATEPAYERS' DISCUSS TOWN ASSESSMENT

Large Attendance and Much Interesting Comment on Work of Assessor.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Timmins Ratepayers' Association in the Council Chambers on Friday evening and the meeting was interesting throughout. The work of the Assessor this year came in for some criticism and there was a general discussion of the income and property assessment in town for the year. Although some might think that little was accomplished by the meeting, the fact is that considerable progress was made. Outside of the fact that those present received considerable new light on the assessment and tax question, the Ratepayers' Association practically decided to follow up the matter, while the members of the Council present gave assurance that the citizens might depend on fair play and the righting of any apparent wrongs at the Court of Revision. Both Dr. McInnis and Councillor DeFeu made it clear that if there were two possible interpretations to the law they would be in favor of the just and sensible one and they felt certain the Council as a whole would have a similar view when sitting as Court of Revision. Following this, the president, Mr. J. P. Bartleman, gave the general opinion of the meeting when he advised all who felt they had been improperly assessed to appeal to the Court of Revision and have the injustice remedied. Mayor McInnis promised also to see if evening sessions could not be arranged for the Court of Revision, so that men appealing might not have to lose one or two shifts to press their case. The Mayor also explained that while it was often better for any one appealing to be present at the Court of Revision in case any special explanation had to be made, it was not necessary for a person appealing to be present personally if the case were fully explained by letter.

When President Bartleman called the Ratepayers' Association to order, the first business dealt with, after the routine work of reading the minutes of previous meeting, passing accounts, etc., was the question of a crossing at the Queen's Hotel corner. Mr. Hazelton had expected to be present to emphasize the need for a crossing across Balsam street on Third Ave. On the suggestion of Mr. DeFeu the matter was deferred until Mr. Hazelton was present or until further information was received.

The next question to be taken up was the Income and Property Assessment of the town. Attention was first centred on the method adopted by the Assessor here of making Income Assessment. A number of specific cases of apparent injustice were given to the meeting. One man who had only been a few months in town and who already was renting a house here and expected to move his family here in a few weeks was taxed for income with an exemption only of \$600.00. Although he was now paying rent here, and so might be termed a "householder," and though he was not getting \$1200 a year, he was assessed for \$640.00 on income. He thought this unfair, and the meeting agreed with him. He was advised to appeal to the Court of Revision. Another citizen who had a family in the Old Country and was intending to bring them out here this year, having been prevented from doing so previously by conditions arising from the war, had recently purchased a house here. He was, however, assessed as a "single man" so far as income was concerned, and said he had gotten scared information when he tried to find out about the matter from the assessor. Other men who were householders and the heads of families told of being given only the \$600 exemption, the assessor's claim being that the law said that a man must be a "householder in the municipality" to be entitled to the exemption of \$1500 on income, commonly supposed to be the right of married men. In this connection Mr. Cris-McDonald asked the Mayor why a greater exemption should be made for one class of men than another. The Mayor explained that the intention of the law no doubt was to give the advantage to the heads of families who paid directly and indirectly in so many other ways and who also were a special service to the state as heads of families. "Exactly," was the reply, "then it should not matter where the family may be, so long as the man pays his income tax somewhere in the Province, he should be entitled

DEATH OF W. H. WILSON - TIMMINS FIRST MAYOR

One of the Pioneers of the Porcupine Passes Away This Week.

The sad news was received here this week of the death at Guelph of Mr. W. H. Wilson on Monday morning at an early hour. For the past year or two Mr. Wilson had been in poor health and since January of this year he had been undergoing treatment at Guelph. In addition to the bereaved widow, one daughter, Miss Ollis, and four sons survive, and to these the sincere sympathy of all will be extended.

The late W. H. Wilson was 45 years of age at the time of death. He was one of the pioneers of the Porcupine, coming here in 1910 and being closely identified with the business and municipal life of the district. In the early days he conducted a hardware store in Golden City and later moved the building and business to Timmins where he had the town's first hardware business. He was the first Mayor of the Town of Timmins and for five years was re-elected by acclamation to this honored position. In recent years he had been conducting a teaming contracting business, doing practically all of this class of work for the Hollinger Mine. The late Mr. Wilson was widely known and highly esteemed in the Porcupine and his death comes as a blow to the many friends he has made in the Porcupine.

The funeral took place this morning, interment being made at his old home in Kingston, Ont. In addition to floral tokens sent by the municipality, Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of which the deceased had been a member, sent a floral tribute, and many of the friends and associates of the deceased evidenced their respect and regret by sending many wreaths.

SEE THAT YOUR NAME APPEARS ON VOTERS LIST

Mayor McInnis Gives Timely Advice In Lots of Time, to Ratepayers

At the meeting of the Ratepayers' Association on Friday evening last, Dr. McInnis, the Mayor, gave timely advice to the ratepayers regarding the Voters' List. Last year there was much complaint and dissatisfaction regarding the fact that a number of names that should have appeared on the Voters' List failed to appear there and the parties concerned felt that they had been cheated out of a vote. As the Mayor pointed out on Friday evening the fault could be traced in a great measure to the indifference or carelessness of the ratepayers themselves. The Voters' Lists had been duly posted for inspection, and any man entitled to vote who found his name overlooked could have had the error rectified by appealing to the Voters' List Court of Revision. Instead of doing this, however, the citizens had neglected the matter until they wished the vote, and then many of them found that they had been left off the Voters' List. The sure remedy for this was for each citizen to see that his name was on the List, and if it was not on to take the necessary steps to have it duly listed by the Voters' List Court of Revision. The Mayor pointed out that as soon as the Assessment Roll was finally approved and amended the Voters' Lists were prepared. He thought it would be a good thing if the Ratepayers' Association would assist in seeing that all names were duly on the List, or at least that all understood the matter.

Last year the chief complaint was that while some seemed to be left off the Voters' Lists, they were not left off the Tax Roll. This may be avoided this year, however, by all keeping a watchful eye on the Voters' List when it is posted and taking the necessary steps to see that any errors are corrected by the Court of Revision on the Voters' List.

At the Ratepayers' Association meeting on Friday evening, President Bartleman thanked the Mayor for bringing forward this timely matter in lots of time for it to be dealt with, and he felt sure that the Ratepayers' Association would do all possible to assist.

Through E. H. Bridger's sporting goods department the Firemen this week have ordered a complete outfit of baseball suits for their team.

NEW I.O.O.F. LODGE TO BE INSTITUTED AT MATHESON

Special Train Going From Timmins With Visiting Brethren From the Camp

This (Wednesday) evening a new Lodge of the I. O. O. F. is to be instituted at Matheson. The Grand Master of the Oddfellows for Ontario, Bro. Cox, of Gananoque, and the Grand secretary, Bro. Brooks of Toronto, are to be present at Matheson for the occasion, as well as a large number of prominent Oddfellows from different parts of the North Land. About fifty or sixty members of the I. O. O. F. Lodges at Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine leave this evening by special train to attend the auspicious ceremonies at Matheson. The special train will leave Timmins at 5.30 p.m., and the return trip will commence as soon as the ceremonies are completed at Matheson. Without the special train here the brethren from the Porcupine would have to lose at least two full days on the trip to Matheson and return. Despite this inconvenience in the train service the head officials of the T. & N. O. at North Bay quite coolly could ask \$400.00 for the special train.

District Deputy Grand Master Bro. W. H. Pritchard, of the Cochrane District, left this morning for Matheson to see to his official duties in connection with the instituting of the new lodge.

POOL GAME BETWEEN STARS FOR \$200.00 IN CASH

A 500-ball pool game is to be played in two parts, on May 17th and May 19th, between two star players, Messrs. McCann and R. Cole, the winner to receive \$200.00 cash. The contest takes place in the New Empire poolroom, under the theatre. McCann is giving Cole a lead of 100 balls which makes the possibilities very interesting. The play will start at 8.30 each evening, and as the game will be an unusual one an admission fee is to be charged those who wish to view the game. The tickets are being sold at 50c for each game.

On Sunday evening Rev. Mr. Parks' subject will be the very timely one of "Personal Liberty."

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD THIS EVENING

Regular Meeting Monday Night Postponed Out of Respect to Late Ex-Mayor Wilson

The regular meeting of the Town Council called for Monday evening of this week was adjourned until this (Wednesday) evening. Word reaching here on Monday of the death at Guelph of Mr. W. H. Wilson, who for several years was Mayor of Timmins, the meeting Monday night was postponed as a mark of respect to the memory of the citizen who had been the Town's first Mayor and one of the three who have had that honor during the life-time of the Town. On Tuesday the Town further evidenced its respect for the late Ex-Mayor and appreciation of his services to the municipality by ordering a suitable wreath as a floral token of esteem.

The regular meeting of the Council had many important matters for consideration and discussion, and the session this evening will likely be a busy one.

"MOTHER'S DAY" OBSERVED AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Very attractive special services marked the observance of "Mother's Day" at the Timmins Presbyterian church on Sunday evening. There was a large congregation present, and the Sunday School children occupied a place on the platform. The programme for the evening included songs by the children with recitations by little Miss D. Harrington, Annie Scott, Lola Dorway, Ethel Allworth, Gladys Hughes, and Edna Duesharn, and by Master Wayne Slipp, Ernest Martin and Alan Scott. The message of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Parks, for the occasion might well be given as the emphasizing of the moral that "Service to others is the best honor that we can give to our mothers." There were many beautiful floral tokens in evidence as symbols of respect and affection for "Mother" on this Mother's Day.

With his usual enterprise Mr. J. Trebutant, the shoe repair man on Cedar street, is building an addition to his shop, as well as a small new store alongside. The latter when completed will be rented as a barber shop stand.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

The Advance learns on every good authority that the Anchorite Mine will resume operations about the first of June.

The new ore body located on the sixth level of the Dome Extension is a particularly good one from present indications. The diamond drilling suggests that it is 100 feet wide at the widest point and that it continues for a length of about 200 feet. The ore in this large extent is said to average about \$5.00 in gold to the ton, though much of it is much higher grade.

Diamond drilling on the Anzac Porcupine is proceeding with very encouraging results reported. The assays of the diamond drill cores are said to run about \$30.00 in gold to the ton. The Anzac is situated just east of the Penaurua.

The Davidson continues to improve the new ore body at the 500-foot level being rapidly developed and adding a very large tonnage of ore to the Company's reserves. The mill is now running day and night on ore that averages about \$18.00 in gold to the ton.

On May 15th, a sub-office of the Larder Lake Mining Division Recorder's office will be opened at Swastika for the convenience of prospectors and others, with Mr. J. A. Hough supervising this branch office in addition to conducting the main office at Matheson.

It is understood that the Trust & Guarantee Company, of Toronto, executors for the estate of the late B. J. McEnaney, intend to offer for public sale at an early date, by tender, the McEnaney Mine in Ogden Township. The property was formerly known as the Hollinger Reserve.

J. W. Reed has started the work of diamond drilling for the Sovereign Gold Mines Co., whose property is situated just south of the Hollinger.

The Hattie Gold Mines in Coulson Township, northeast of Matheson, are to be re-opened in the very near future, with Mr. E. G. Mayott in charge.

Mr. Jos. Houston, who last week made an examination of the Gold Reef property, found the property to have very promising indications and it will be tested out by diamond drilling. The work of diamond drilling will be commenced at an early date. The Inspiration was also examined by Mr. Houston and a diamond drill hole will also be put down on the Inspiration to test its possibilities.

The shaft on the Otisse property at Fort Matatehewan is now down over 80 feet and it is expected that the remainder of the 200-foot level where a station will be put. There are about 30 men at work at the Otisse. It is expected that work will also be started on a number of other properties in the Fort Matatehewan district.

Special attention has recently been drawn to the district around Kenogami through the active resumption of work on the Baldwin Gold Mine under the direction of Mr. C. P. Charlebois, for some time manager of the Newray. The promising prospects for the Baldwin Mine have given an added interest to the general development of the district. As a result there has been a good-sized "rush" of prospectors on the mining lands around Kenogami. Inside of two weeks recently no less than 50 claims have been recorded, of which North and South of the Baldwin

MUCH ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN DISTRICT THIS YEAR

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson Visits Camp and Discusses Work for This Year.

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forest & Mines, spent a few hours in the Camp last week on his way south from a visit to Kapuskasing and other North Land points where the Ontario Government has a special interest. Hon. Mr. Ferguson was met here by Mayor McInnis, Mr. Brigham, Mr. Ennis, and other mine managers and public men. As usual, Hon. Mr. Ferguson showed his interest in the North Land and his desire to do anything possible and practical for the benefit and development of the country. The party made a trip of inspection to the River, and Hon. Mr. Ferguson explained that the bridge over the River would be commenced at an early date. The structure will be of steel, but for the present the supporting piers will be of timber. The construction, however, will be such that these piers may be replaced at a later date when finances warrant it, and the bridge thus be eventually finished with concrete piers. On account of the cost, however, the timber piers will be used for the present. The spur line from Timmins to the Mattagami will also be gone on with at once, the contract having been let to a Sudbury firm for this work. Mr. Ferguson said that the Government at its own cost would repair the road to the River and put that thoroughfare in first-class shape.

Later, the party made a trip past the mines near here and then on to South Porcupine and the Dome, the matter of better roads being discussed with the various mine managers and others, as well as with representatives of the Municipal bodies. Hon. Mr. Ferguson's proposition in brief is to the effect that the Government will spend a dollar to every dollar expended on these roads by the municipalities for the improvement of the highways. For the present it was decided to go on with the betterment of the road between Timmins and South Porcupine, and later something may be done also with the Dome Road.

The new trunk road between Iroquois Falls and the Porcupine will be commenced within a few weeks. This trunk road will connect Iroquois Falls and Timmins. There are, of course, roadways already on part of the route and these will be improved and new roads constructed on the stretches where there is now no highway. While the whole trunk road will likely be cut out this summer, it is hardly likely that it will be ready this year for motor use, but in 1920 the benefits of this new trunk road will be available to all for business and pleasure.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE OPEN THREE EVENINGS A WEEK

From Now Until Court of Revision, for Convenience of the Public.

Following the promise of Mayor McInnis to the Ratepayers' Association meeting last Friday that if it were possible and practical some means would be taken to have the assessment roll available for public inspection some evenings before the Court of Revision met, announcement is made this week that on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from now until the Court of Revision the Assessor will be at his office from 7.30 to 9 for the accommodation of the ratepayers. This will be a decided convenience to the ratepayers who wish to consult the assessment roll or secure information on assessment matters, and it is to be trusted that the fullest advantage will be taken of this opportunity. In previous years those working on day shifts found it difficult to find time or opportunity to consult the assessor's office, without loss of time or money, but the office now being open three evenings a week the general convenience of all the public should be served. Those who wish any information regarding the assessment will find the assessor's office open for their convenience, from now until the Court of Revision meets, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening from 7.30 to 9.

The work of improving the municipal building has been taken up again with the good weather. A veranda is being erected at the side of the building, the front is being finished, the approaches levelled and preparations made for the outside plastering.

FRIENDS ASK INQUIRY C. McDOWELL'S DEATH

No Open Inquest Was Held, and Many Circumstances Seem to Need Explanation.

Friends in the Camp are asking for an inquiry by the authorities into the death of Mr. C. McDowell, of South Porcupine. According to the story as understood last week this well-known prospector was drowned in the Montreal River while on a prospecting trip. It was understood that the canoe upset and he was thrown into the river. The man with him managed to reach the land, but McDowell's body was not recovered from the river for several days. Friends who have considered the circumstances surrounding the death are not satisfied that they have all the facts, and they are anxious that the police and other authorities take up the matter and make a thorough investigation. Nothing short of this will satisfy, and a thorough inquiry would clear away any suspicion there may be as to the manner in which the deceased met his death. No jury inquest was held, and many other things in connection with the tragedy add to the dissatisfaction among McDowell's friends. The body when found was in such condition that friends viewing it were tempted to believe that the cause of death might be other than drowning. There was a bad cut across the face, with blood apparently having run from this wound, while on the back of the head there was a bad bruise and wound that were not apparently likely to be caused after drowning. Reports are also to the effect that there was no water in the stomach, as there is popularly supposed to be in the case of men meeting death from drowning. Friends say that McDowell had about \$150.00 in cash with him when going on the trip. When the body was found the friends understand there was only some silver in the pockets of the clothes. The Crown Attorney is to be communicated with by Timmins friends of the deceased with a view to an investigation that will clear up the case. Such an investigation is most desirable, both to satisfy the public as to the facts of the case regarding the death, and also to prevent suspicion centering around innocent people, as it would undoubtedly do unless the facts are made plain.

PRESENTATION MADE TO MR. H. MULHERON

Friends Show Esteem for One of the Pioneers of the Camp.

On Saturday evening a number of the leading citizens of the town gathered at the Hotel Goldfields for the purpose of giving expression to the regret felt at the expected departure of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mulheron from the Camp and the general appreciation of the many fine qualities of these pioneer citizens. On behalf of those present Dr. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, read the address to Mr. Mulheron, and the latter was presented with a beautiful easy chair and a handsome study room rug. Though taken by surprise Mr. Mulheron made appropriate reply. A very pleasant evening was then enjoyed by the thirty or more present, old times in the Camp being talked over and the early days reviewed. Refreshments were served and "smokes" enjoyed, and a general happy evening passed. Mr. Mulheron is one of the pioneers of the Porcupine and has seen Timmins grow from a spot in the bush to the best town in the North Land, always anxious to do his part to help this progress forward. He recently resigned as manager of the Hotel and expects this week to leave for Gravenhurst where he and Mrs. Mulheron will take up residence.

BRANCH OF WAR VETERANS ORGANIZED AT MATHESON

President Geo. Smith, of the Goldfields Branch of the G. W. V. A., Timmins, was in Matheson on Saturday in connection with the organization of a branch of the Great War Veterans Association there. The branch at Matheson was duly instituted and starts out with a large and enthusiastic membership. It includes returned men at Matheson and at a number of the other nearby towns, North and South.

Among the latest to join the ranks of the motorists is Dr. Brown who this week may be seen out in his handsome "McLaughlin Six."

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