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COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO CONFER ON COST OF LIVING

Following Suggestion of G. W. V. A for a Conference. Complaint Made re Express and Telephone Service

At the regular meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening the session was a long one and much of the business was of routine character. There were, however, two items of particular public interest. One was the appointment of a Committee of the Mayor McInnis and Councillors Longmore and Brazeau—to confer with the G. W. V. A., the merchants, the mines, labor, and other interests, regarding the high cost of living. The suggestion for this came from a letter from the G. W. V. A. of Timmins forwarding a resolution passed at a meeting of the branch last week. This resolution will be found in full elsewhere in this issue. Councillor Brazeau doubted whether much could be done if the merchants conferred about the high cost of living. He thought the trouble did not rest with the retailers at all. Councillor Newton thought the plan worth trying at any rate and the Council agreed. On motion of Councillors Newton and Longmore the Mayor was asked to name two to act with him on the Committee. He named Councillors Longmore and Newton, but the latter explained that he was already on one conference committee and so it would be best to leave him off this one. Councillor De Feu was in the same position and Councillor Studor declined with thanks, so Councillors Longmore and Brazeau were finally named to act with the Mayor as the Committee in this case.

The other special matter brought before the Council was introduced by Councillor Brazeau who called attention to the poor service given by the express companies and the telephone company here. "The service may be described as rotten," said Councillor Brazeau. He pointed out that he knew of cases where it took longer to make delivery of express after it reached here than it did for the goods to come all the way from Toronto. He also mentioned goods damaged and stolen in transit and the delay and annoyance in getting claims settled. Other members of Council agreed and the Mayor thought the telegraph service might also be included. Councillor Brazeau said he did not want to reflect on the local managements or staff but the public should get better service than at present. The Mayor explained that he had spoken to the local officials regarding the telephone express and telegraph service & their excuse had been the difficulty of securing competent help. "No difficulty, if ready to pay the price," suggested Councillor Brazeau. Eventually, on motion of Councillors Brazeau and Studor, the Clerk was instructed to write to the two express companies, the telephone company and the telegraph company, asking that a better service in each case be given the public.

On motion of Councillor De Feu, chairman of the Police Committee, Chief Wilson was granted two weeks' leave of absence for holidays early in July, if everything is in good shape regarding law and order, etc. Officer Collins is to be Acting Chief of Police during the Chief's absence.

The purchase of a chlorination plant was again deferred for further information as to the size needed, cost, etc., and the actual needs, etc.

Mrs. Kusisko and Frank Scullino who had paid for business licenses here but been in business only a few days were granted rebates of the license fees.

By-laws were duly read and finally passed, regarding the appointment of Geo. Laport as pound-keeper, regarding the closing of all poolrooms, saloons, ice-cream parlors, etc., between 12 midnight and 6 p. m. each day, and regarding the use of a standard size and kind of garbage can. In respect to the closing of the poolrooms etc., the authorities are to insist on the closing of all these places at midnight each evening, and now that the by-law is in full force and effect prosecutions will follow any disregard of the law in this respect. In connection with the by-law relating to garbage cans, it may be noted that the by-law requires all cans to be of galvanized iron, not to exceed 15 gallon capacity, with handles for the convenience of the garbage collectors. All refuse taken to the dump is also required to be placed according to the instructions of the man in charge of the dump.

Another matter before the Council

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TIMMINS BOARD OF TRADE

Called for Friday Evening, June 27th. Resolution of Veterans re Cost of Living, to be Considered

A special meeting of the Board of Trade has been called for Friday evening of this week in the Council Chamber, at 8 o'clock sharp. One of the several important matters to be dealt with will be the resolution forwarded by the Great War Veterans of Timmins. This resolution, given in full elsewhere in this issue, treats upon the high cost of living as a factor in the present industrial unrest, and asks for a conference between merchants, mines, labor and other interests to see if a happy solution can not be found. The discussion of this resolution should be helpful and interesting. Several other questions of great importance to the town are also expected to be before the Board of Trade on Friday evening, June 27th.

SAPPER ROBERT STOKES DIES IN VANCOUVER, B. C.

The sad news reached this Camp last week of the death at the Vancouver General Military Hospital on June 8th, of Sapper Robert Stokes, No. 504953, Canadian Engineers. Death resulted from the effects of gas received at Paschendale on November 10th, 1917. The late Robert Stokes was well-known and popular in the Cobalt and Timmins mining camps and was living at Schumacher at the time of his enlistment. A brother, Mr. W. Stokes, also enlisted here for service, and was among those from the Porcupine killed in action overseas in the early days of the war. The late Robert Stokes returned about a year ago from overseas and has been under medical treatment since his return. He was one of the many who suffered seriously from the devilish gas attack made by the Germans at Paschendale in November, 1917. The funeral took place on June 11th, and was with full military and Masonic honors. The Great War Veterans, of which the deceased was also an esteemed member, were also represented at the funeral. A widow and four children survive, the youngest child being only a few weeks old. Mrs. Stokes, who has been ill at Vancouver General Hospital, will have the sincere sympathy of her many friends here in her sad bereavement.

KEEP THE STRAY HORSES OFF THE STREETS OF TOWN

Complaint is made again this year of the injury done to lawns, gardens, flowers and shrubs by the fact that horses and cattle are allowed to run at large in the town at night. Horses are perhaps the worst offenders in causing damage and annoyance to the gardens and lawns, the ordinary town fence being inadequate to keep them from reaching over. In this North Land every possible encouragement should be given to those persevering and plucky citizens who attempt to brighten life here by growing flowers and also to those others who seek health and economy and other virtues by the cultivation of garden produce. It is a matter of regret that the work of these good people should go for nothing, simply because the owners of horses will not properly look after animals as required by law. The chief offenders in allowing their horses to roam around loose at night are said to be certain people in Matagami and Moneta. If these people will not take some thought of the injury their carelessness or meanness causes, an example should be made of them for the benefit and safety of the flower and vegetable gardens of the town.

was the purchase of the instruments for the proposed Citizens' Band. The Clerk and Mr. E. W. Johnston, in whose hands was left the securing of prices and information on instruments, had a number of replies from advertisements inserted in Toronto dailies, but Mr. Johnston thought a better deal could be made than suggested by any of the replies. He thought it best to have a uniform set of instruments, so it was not worth while considering the purchase of individual pieces separately from different parties. The matter was left over for further prices, etc., to be secured before next Council meeting. Attention was called to the bad condition of Birch street, south of Sixth Avenue, and if will be remedied

JULY FIRST HERE WILL BE A BIG DAY ALL DAY

Arrangements for Programme Now About Complete For Dominion Day Sports at Timmins

Everything now points to Dominion Day being in every way just what it has been advertised, "A Big Day All Day." From present indications the crowds will be here, not only from Timmins and immediate vicinity but also from the neighboring towns. South Porcupine, Cocirane and Iroquois Falls are expected to send particularly large delegations for the day. The program of sports for the day will be found outlined in the half-page announcement of the event elsewhere in this issue and on the hand bills distributed this week. Football, Baseball, Lacrosse, Tug-of-war, Mucking Contest, Swedish Drill races for men, boys, girls, women, novelty events such as sack races, egg races, obstacle races, etc., national sports, vaulting, throwing the disc, and many other items are on the programme. There will be a \$50 and \$25 prize for baseball; \$50 for lacrosse; silver medals for the winners in the football; \$30, \$15, and \$10 for the Mucking Contest; and liberal prizes for all the other events. For all but the children's and ladies' event, for which there will be no entry fees, the entry fee in each event will be 25c, except for the Mucking Contest where a 50c entry fee is charged. Entries should be made to the Secretary, H. C. Garner, Government Employment Bureau Office, opposite the Goldfields, before Saturday at 5 p. m., June 28th.

There will be good music, good sports, and a general jolly good time here on July 1st. Buy a tag! And come and have a Big Day All Day.

"I am just waiting until Peace is signed," said one up-to-date citizen last week, "to send in my order to Montreal for some real good liquor which can then be shipped in here, thanks to the good action of the good old Senate lately." And a still more thoughtful and far-sighted friend replied, "Well, I have had my order in for a week, all ready, waiting for the first minute that the signing of Peace will allow it to be shipped here." So, it can be seen that the signing of Peace is awaited here with the very keenest interest.

Notes, Comments and Opinions Of Interest To Mining World

Contracts for several hundred feet of drifting and cross-cutting have been signed by Mr. Harry L. Taylor, president of the Imperial Porcupine Mines.

The Catharine Gold Mines has started a gang of men on the company's property in Catharine Township, Boston Creek district. Camp buildings have been erected and other work is in progress.

Development and exploration work is being carried on in connection with a number of promising prospects in the Porcupine at the present time, and there are several properties that will come into limelight in the near future as results are shown.

Encouraging reports having been secured from work on the Boston-McCrea property at Boston Creek, it is now intended to commence development on a more extensive scale, and a force of sixty men will be put on the property as soon as good men to this number can be secured.

Preliminary work at the West Tree Mines at West Shiningtree, is being carried out under the direction of Mr. Geo. R. Rogers, who is well known as an experienced and expert mine man, who also has charge of operations now under way at the Wasapika.

Reports of the recent important find of gold near Swastika has brought a couple of Government geologists to Eby and Otto Townships and the formation, etc., in the vicinity of the reported find is being carefully examined. An official report may consequently be expected in the course of the next month or so.

New York interests have taken over the Demarest claims in the Sesekinika

BIG LIST OF PRIZES FOR DOMINION DAY SPORTS

Business Men Contribute Many Valuable Prizes as Well as Donations of Cash.

For the Big Day of Sports on July 1st in Timmins a long list of prizes will be given. In addition to the \$75.00 for baseball, \$50 for lacrosse, and the \$30, \$15 and \$10 (given by the Miners' Union) for the Mucking Contest, Hamilton B. Wills is contributing silver medals for the football events. Business men of the town have also given a number of interesting and valuable prizes. Expensive and handsome wicker rocking and arm chairs are offered by Marshall-Ecclestone. The Northern Canada Supply Co. is giving a beautiful cut glass set and a safety razor; Ostrosser & Co., a silk shirt; L. Halepin, flower vase; W. N. & P. H. Stock, statue; E. H. Bridger, three valuable prizes; Chas. Pierce & Sons, 1 pair tennis shoes, 1 pair ladies shoes; A. Brazeau, a medicine cabinet; J. P. McLaughlin, Panama Hat; S. Bucevetsky, gent's umbrella; Frank Byck, box of biscuits; A. Champagne, bottle of perfume; E. J. Meyers, photo frame; J. A. Theriault, 1 pair high-class shoes; A. Friend, manure set; Ben. Jacobs, pipe; J. E. Wilses, toilet soap; H. Davis, pipe; A. Shaheen, tennis shoes; Alex. Freeman, Ideal Bar, Wilson Bar, A. Ferris, Queen's Hotel, each a box of cigars; B. Alice, 1 dozen pair socks; box of chocolates each from J. K. Moore, Minthorne's Drug Store, Rex Ice Cream Parlor; Curtis Drug Store, tobacco jar; Armata & Ellis, 1 smoked ham.

A number of donations of cash have also been made, including the following:—T. F. King, \$15.00; F. M. Burke, \$15.00; Northern Canada Power Co., \$10.00; J. Datlon, Jos. Brisson, New Empire Theatre, N. Marchioni, J. P. Taillon, H. C. McDonald, J. M. Forbes, J. W. Reed, Geo. Moore, Mr. Laflamme, Toronto Cafe, Club Cafe, Canadian Club Cafe, Fat's Cafe, \$5.00 each; L. E. Dorway, A. Gagne, Duncans Limited, Simms & Hooker, Sullivan & Newton, International Clothing Co., Robertson & Tierney, \$2.00 each; Paris Cafe, Oriental Bakery, \$1.00 each.

Mr. C. Morris, Townsite Manager, of Iroquois Falls, was a visitor to town on Monday.

MINERS SUGGEST NEW WAGE SCALE PORCUPINE

Scale Means Practically 50c Raise. Conference Asked for with Mine Managers

On Sunday the special meeting of the Porcupine Miners' Union continued its recent consideration of the High Cost of Living and the other problems affecting the workers. Eventually a new wage scale was given the unanimous approval of the meeting which was largely attended from all parts of the Camp. On Monday the following letter was sent to the various mines in the district:—

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned, chosen representatives of the mine workers of the Porcupine District, herewith present for your consideration copy of new Wage Scale which met with the unanimous approval of a special meeting of mine employees, on Sunday, June 22nd, and will be glad to hear from you concerning same, on or before June 28th next. We are desirous of reasonable and just discussion of local labor problems and a peaceful settlement, and will be glad to meet the Mine Managers of this District at any place or time this week.

Yours very truly,
Wm DeFeu
Arthur Perrault,
J. R. Hawley.

The wage scale referred to in the letter means practically a 50 cent per day raise all round. It will be noted, however, that this minimum scale is below that requested by Cobalt and Kirkland Lake in most cases, and other demands made particularly at Kirkland Lake are not put forward here at all. In fact the attitude here seems to be suggested by the letter, "that the matter is presented for consideration," and that the men "will be glad to meet the Managers."

The minimum wages suggested for underground men are:—shaft men and men in raises (with oilers supplied), \$5.50; all other underground men, \$4.50.

Surface men:—General Blacksmiths, lathe men, diamond drill runners, \$5.50; steel sharpeners, mechanics, hoistmen and engineers, electricians, \$5.00; blacksmith's helpers, mechanic's helpers, electrician's helpers, diamond drill helpers, \$4.50; firemen, Motor men aerial tramway men, all surface laborers, \$4.00; carpenters, 65 cents per hour.

Millmen men:—Repair men, \$5.00; general laborers, \$4.00; all other mill men, \$4.50.

Cooks, with room and board, \$135 per month; cookees, with room and board, \$85.00 per month; chore boys, with room and board, \$85.00 per month; teamsters, with room and board, \$90.00 per month.

A maximum shift of eight hours for all men underground or on surface is also suggested, with time and one-half for overtime.

INTERESTING SOUVENIR FROM FRENCH CHURCH

Capt. W. B. Nicholson, one of the old-timers of the Porcupine, returned to the Camp last week to reside, having reverted from military to civilian life again. While on active service overseas he secured many interesting souvenirs of the great war. Among other things he brought home with him a church bell, one of the chimers of the church at Neuville, St. Vaast, France. This church was in front of Vimy Ridge and was destroyed by the shell fire of the dirty Huns. The whole town was wiped completely from the map by the Huns and in the process of destruction, as usual with the Germans, the churches seemed to be specially marked for injury. Practically nothing was left of the once beautiful church but masses of shattered masonry and twisted metal work. Capt. Nicholson, however managed to secure the bell in a good condition, and last week he presented it to Rev. Father Theriault who greatly appreciated the gift. The bell is about a foot high and is one of the sweet-toned chimers for which French churches are famous.

Sergt. D. Lalonde ("Newsy") returned last week to the Camp after his service overseas. He went across with Lieut. Gordon's Forestry Corps and was on active service in England and France. Like all the other popular old-timers of the Camp returning now to the Porcupine he is given a hearty welcome.

A WIN EACH FOR FIREMEN AND HOLLINGER TEAMS

Baseball Off to Good Start in Town League Games

The past week was an interesting one for baseball, a number of well-contested and lively games being played. Although not a league game, and the teams simply being picked up on the grounds the match between the Married Men and Single Men on Wednesday night was one of the most interesting and tickled the big crowd of spectators. The players for the single men were D. McInnis, Drummond, Pierce, Laflamme, Borland, Jemmett, Daher, Jackson and Bellevaux, while Easton Parker, McIntyre, Aspect, Lake, Reid, Alton Cully, R. Richardson and McNiven upheld the banner for the married men. The latter, of course, won, the score being 15 to 11 in favor of the Married Men. In this game there were some good plays, some bad plays and some plays that were not so bad. The first home run of the season was made in this game by Geo. Lake, thus winning the \$5.00 gold piece offered by Mr. J. T. Easton for this honor.

On Thursday evening the McIntyre and Firemen met in a league game, the score being 14 to 5 in favor of the Firemen. This was a more interesting game than the score indicates, though the Firemen had the lead from the start, securing 8 runs in the first two innings against the McIntyre's one. In the third and fourth innings McIntyre got four more but in the sixth seventh and eighth the Firemen made six more, so there was no chance. Charlie Sheehan, pitcher, was the strength of the McIntyre team, but lacking support most of the time he could not win alone. D. McInnis pitched good ball for a few innings, his place being taken by Lefty Farr who also threw good ball. Parker was catcher for the Firemen, the others playing including H. C. McDonald, Geo. Lake, W. Pierce Drummond, Laflamme, Deacon, Bellevaux and Daher. The line-up for the McIntyre included:—Bergerson, Payette, Tuppy, Campbell, Twoland, Sheehan, Monahan, Ellis, Shombean, Byrnes.

The game between the Hollinger and the Firemen was keenly contested and a great game for the rooters. The Hollinger won by a score 7 to 5. Carmichael pitched for the Hollinger, while for the Firemen D. McInnis, Geo. Lake and "Lefty" Farr occupied the box in turn. On account of the condition of the grounds fielding was unusually difficult at times, and from this cause and the sun there were several errors on both sides. The line-up for the Hollinger included:—Jackson, Graham, McIntyre, Weldon, Gerard, Carmichael, Kendall and Halford. For the Firemen:—McDonald, Parker, Pierce, Farr, Bellevaux, Daher, Lake, Laflamme, Alton and McInnis. Despite the heat there was a large attendance all through the game, and energetic rooting was the order of the day.

Another baseball game that roused much interest was the one at South End on Friday evening, to which a large number from here went over. The Timmins Team won by a good margin, the game though interesting enough not being very closely contested.

MR. BURR E. CARTWRIGHT DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mr. Burr E. Cartwright died at his home in Buffalo on Tuesday of last week, after a protracted illness. The late Mr. Cartwright was one of the prominent figures in the mining life and industry of North Land, taking active interest in the early days in the mines of Cobalt, Porcupine and other localities. He was one of the pioneers of Cobalt, and at one time was president of the Temiskaming Mine. He had been in failing health for several years and his death was not unexpected. The funeral took place on Thursday at Buffalo, and a large delegation went from Toronto, Cobalt and Timmins to attend the funeral.

Timmins troop of Boy Scouts will parade to St. Mathew's church on Sunday for the eleven o'clock service. Over \$3600.00 in cash was secured last week by robbers and thugs in Sudbury and vicinity. An Assyrian store at Selwood was robbed of \$2200.00 the evening of pay day there, and thugs knocked down and robbed an elderly Sudbury gentleman Saturday morning, securing about \$160.00 in cash. An Italian at Espanola was "slugged" and robbed of over \$1300.00 on another evening last week.