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TO PREVENT INDIGENTS BEING DUMPED ON TOWN

Solicitor to be Consulted re Action Of Some Lumbering Concerns. Other Town Council Business.

At the Town Council meeting on Monday evening, Councillor Newton brought up the question of the expense to the town through certain lumbering and other concerns bringing to town men who by reason of their physical condition were unable to continue at work and so became charges on the town. He quoted cases where old men, boys and sick people had been sent to the district to work at some of industries here, but after their arrival here when their condition was discovered they were unable to work and so became a charge on the town. Councillor Newton thought that the employment agencies or whoever else might be concerned should be held responsible. Council agreed that the matter was an unnecessary and unjust expense upon the town and the question was referred to the Town Solicitor to see what can be done to overcome it.

At the Council meeting on Monday evening the Mayor presided, and all the Councillors—Messrs. J. W. Fogg, E. L. Longmore, L. S. Newton, W. De Fen, J. M. Studor and A. Brazeau—were present.

A letter was read from Mr. J. B. Holden, Solicitor, Toronto, who is acting for the Town in regard to the Fire Relief Fund which it has been desired should be used for hospital purposes. The plan suggested by the Mayor that the money should be used to endow a ward in the new Hollinger hospital was placed before Judge Middleton who has charge of the Fund. This disposition, however, was not favored by the Judge, and Timmins then signified that this town would endorse the proposal to have an hospital at South Porcupine for the general use of the Camp, said hospital not to be controlled in any way by any private company or corporation. Judge Middleton seemed to realize the need for hospital accommodation in the Camp, but he questioned the idea of using the Fire Relief money for any purpose but that for which it originated. Decision in the matter was reserved.

A request was received from the Fuel Administrator that the Town appoint a local fuel controller to look after the situation here. Fire Chief A. Borland, who did good service last year was appointed fuel controller for this season.

Rev. J. D. Parks spoke briefly to the Council regarding the Bowers family who were being sent to Montreal at the request of the mother. Mr. Parks pointed out that it might be well to put the Children's Aid Society or similar institution in Montreal in touch with the family so that the conditions occurring here might not be duplicated again. The father had left here some weeks ago, and until the conditions were accidentally discovered last week, the family, which included seven children, had suffered several days from utter lack of food, fuel and other necessities of life. Council agreed with Mr. Parks and measures will be taken to prevent the family again suffering. On motion of Councillors Newton and Longmore, the clerk was authorized to secure tickets for Montreal for the family, it being understood that Mrs. Bowers has friends there who will care for her and her family are well cared for. The family came here from Montreal.

The matter of an isolation hospital was also before the Council. Mr. A. White the owner of the building at the Whelpdale used recently by the Town to isolate the one patient in the municipality suffering from an attack of smallpox, was asking damages from the Town because of the use made of his property. It had been understood that the property could be brought for \$600.00, but after the Town had taken possession he wanted double that amount. His suggestions as to the plastering of the building inside throughout to leave it in the right condition were considered as unnecessary and too expensive by the Mayor. The Town accordingly had through its solicitor made Mr. White an offer without prejudice that the Town leave the building thoroughly fumigated and in good condition as before and also pay \$100.00 for the use made of the place. The patient was practically recovered now and would likely be out this week. One other case had developed at the Camp some distance from Timmins where this first smallpox patient had come from. The second man, however, was isolated at the Camp, not being allowed near the

TIMMINS BAND CONCERT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Unusually Attractive Programme. No One Should Miss This Event.

An event of more than ordinary interest to the citizens of Timmins is the Band Concert to be given in the New Empire Theatre on Thursday, December 18th 1914, commencing at 8 p. m. sharp. The programme prepared for the event is an attractive one. There will be a generous number of selections by the Timmins Citizens' Band, and in addition clarinet and cornet solos by Bandsmen. Mrs. R. W. Robbins, Miss Hoggarth, Miss Jean Roberts, Mr. J. Geils and Mr. Dodge will give vocal selections. Miss Ingles, the gifted elocutionist, will also assist on the programme, while another popular number will be the Scotch dances to be given by Miss Mary Downey. The programme will be well worth hearing for its own sake and in addition there is the privilege of showing appreciation for the Timmins Band. The Timmins Citizens Band has given the town the best of service since its organization. On several recent occasions, such as the visit of the Prince of Wales to the Camp, the Civic Banquet to Returned Soldiers, etc., the services of the Band might be said to be practically invaluable. The people of Timmins appreciate and value their Band and this Concert allows opportunity for this feeling to be shown. In addition the people may enjoy a rare treat in the way of a first-class programme.

Town. The Mayor pointed out that the town certainly needed an established isolation hospital as a matter of economy, to say nothing regarding its advantages from a health viewpoint. Councillor Newton pointed out that a few cases like the recent one would soon pay for such an isolation hospital. Chief Wilson suggested that the building near the corner of Maple Street and Sixth Avenue owned by Mr. Kobulehuk might be suitable for an isolation hospital and it could be purchased for \$450. As the owner also owned the nearby lots there would be no difficulty regarding damage to the adjoining properties. On motion the matter was left in the hands of the Mayor, Councillor Fogg and Chief Wilson to procure a suitable isolation hospital.

Mr. Ralph Elston was appointed auditor at a salary of \$25.00 per month, the appointment to be retroactive to January 1st of this year.

Several estimates for waterworks extensions and sewers contracts were passed for payment, as well as the usual number of routine accounts.

On the waterworks extensions and sewers contract work it was mentioned that the Town now owed the bank \$87,000.00. This will be cared for by the debentures when issued. "Despite the expenditures for this year," commented the Mayor, "the Town is going to be in first-class financial condition at the end of this year, to the surprise of some, and the pleasure I think of all good citizens."

Councillor Longmore referred to the rate of interest to be borne by the waterworks and sewers debentures. In view of conditions in the money market he thought 6½ per cent. about right, the debentures to be sold at the best possible price. He did not think it would be expedient to offer any lower interest than 6½ per cent., while the selling price would allow for adjustment in the actual rate of interest given.

On motion of Councillors Brazeau and Studor the Wabi Iron Works was asked to submit a detailed, itemized account of the work done in repairing the water tank.

The matter of a chlorination plant for the town was again before the Council. Following instructions from a former Council meeting the clerk had written several towns where manual control chlorination plants are in use. The replies spoke well of the system and its successful use. Councillor Longmore said his understanding was that it would cost \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 extra for the town to put in this plant and change to the larger system when the waterworks were completed. He thought it would be money well invested as did the Mayor, but at this time it would no doubt be best to leave the matter to be handled by the 1920 Council.

Councillor Longmore said that he was busy on the matter of seeing if men who had been assessed for a full year but had only worked part of the year, this being the position of many returned soldiers, could not be refunded the portion of their income taxes

BRILLIANT PROSPECTS FOR SEASON'S HOCKEY

Large Number of Unusually Good Players Here. Arrangements For Practices, Etc.

Prospects for an unusually interesting hockey season are indicated for this Town and Camp. There have been a couple of "work-outs" of the teams shaping up here and those "in the know" agree that there are enough brilliant hockeyists in line now to make the season's success sure. In addition public interest is arousing and all indications point to a very successful season. Tuesday evening the Executive met and decided a number of important questions. Hockey practices will be held from 5.30 to 6.30 p. m. each day. Wednesday and Saturday from 5.30 to 6.30 each week will be reserved for practices for the Timmins team; Mondays and Thursdays for the Hollinger; and Tuesdays and Fridays for the McIntyre. The local League games will be held on Tuesday evenings, Saturday evenings the Executive believe to be most suitable time for the N. O. H. A. League games here. In these N. O. H. A. League games the contestants will be the Porcupine team and the Iroquois Falls team, the winner for the season to play off with the winners of the central and southern groups of the N. O. H. A. All the games will be played here for this section as Iroquois Falls has not a covered rink.

NUMBER MENTIONED FOR T. & N. O. CHAIRMANSHIP.

There are a great many names mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of the T. & N. O. Commission made vacant by the recent resignation of Mr. J. L. Englehart. Already in these columns mention has been made of Mr. Geo. W. Lee, who is favourably spoken of by many in the North Land on account of his personal ability and popularity and his intimate knowledge of the T. & N. O. through his connection with the railroad as one of the Commission in charge. South Porcupine Board of Trade last week went on record by resolution as favoring Mr. Lee for the position and from other parts of the North Land there are also evidences of approval for his suggested appointment. At the same time other names are also being freely mentioned and reasons advanced for the appointment of this or that other man as Chairman of the T. & N. O. Brigadier-General W. B. M. King, C. M. G., D. S. O., is another of those referred to as suitable appointees. At first glance there is the temptation to say that he has so many initials before and after his surname that no struggling railroad like the T. & N. O. could carry the load, but the point of this joke is more than blunted by the fact that the letters after the name signify very distinguished service overseas. General King was interested before the war in a number of Cobalt and other mining districts of the North Land. He is well acquainted with this country. He served on the Canadian forces in the South African War and in the present war he made a brilliant record as a Canadian Artillery officer. Another mentioned is W. S. Metzler, of Toronto, who was telegraph and passenger agent for the C. P. R. at North Bay for twelve years. At one time he was T. & N. O. telegraph agent and circuit manager, and also had a wide general knowledge and experience in railroad work with the C. P. R.

If Premier Drury follows out his implied promise to make all appointments absolutely free from patronage or "pull" it will indeed be interesting to watch his selection in the case of the T. & N. O. chairmanship. The post is one for a man of capability, breadth of mind and vision, and general executive ability as well as the necessary knowledge of the North Land and of the railroad business generally. In addition to appointing the right man for the place the new Government should see to it that he has the untrammelled opportunity to assist in the great work of developing the great North Land and adding to the comfort and convenience of the people here.

Mrs. McGuire and her son, Frank, leave this evening for Toronto, where Mrs. McGuire will take treatment for her eyes from noted specialists in the city.

that it would thus seem had been unfairly collected. He promised to have the matter in complete shape for next meeting to be finally dealt with.

The Council, on motion, adjourned to Dec. 15th.

MEN'S CLUB OPEN TO ALL EVERY EVENING

Organization Here for Physical Culture and Literary and Social Enjoyment.

Last night final steps were taken in the organization of a Men's Club in town. It will be known as the Timmins Men's Club and will be non-denominational in the widest sense of the word. A nominal membership fee will be charged, but the Club will be open to all and all will be welcome. Quarters have been secured in the basement of the Presbyterian Church building and the rooms will be open each and every evening. The executive plan to have "physical," "literary" and "social" evenings, with interesting programmes for each. The following are the officers elected last night:

Hon. Pres.—Rev. J. D. Parks.
Hon. Vice-Pres.—Rev. R. Cushing.
President—W. Twaddle.
Vice-Pres.—H. Rinn.
Secretary—Geo. K. M. Johnston.
Treasurer—Douglas Airth.
Executive—Physical Director, J. W. Faithful;
Literary Director, P. Dougall; Social Director, W. Nicholson.

BENEFIT DANCE AT SOUTH PORCUPINE THIS WEEK.

In the Oddfellows' Hall at South End on Friday evening of this week, Dec. 12th there will be a Benefit Dance under the auspices of the Masons and the Oddfellows of the Porcupine District. Dancing at 9 p. m. The best of music. Tickets, \$2.00. This will be one of the best dances of the season, and no lovers of dancing can afford to forget the date, place and event.—Friday evening, Dec. 12th in the Oddfellows' Hall, South Porcupine.

G. W. V. A. HOLDING SERIES OF DANCES.

The Timmins G. W. V. A. is giving a dance for members of the Veterans' Association only in the basement of the New Empire Theatre on Thursday evening of this week. The dance is open to all members of the G. W. V. A., whether members of this or some other branch, but it is not open to the general public. It is the first of a series of Veterans' dances planned here for this winter. It is intended to hold a Veterans' Dance here every second week, the event being open to members of this or any other branch of the G. W. V. A. The dances are designed to provide entertainment and increase the sociability among returned soldiers in the Camp, and returned men who are not already members of the G. W. V. A. should join the association at once so that they may share in the good times assured here for the winter in social affairs.

CHANGE IN G. T. R. TRAINS TORONTO AND NORTH BAY.

Effective this month, the Grand Trunk Railway has cancelled Train No. 47 leaving Toronto for North Bay 11.30 p. m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; also Train 46 leaving North Bay for Toronto at 10.30 p. m. Wednesdays and Fridays. This action is claimed to be due to the coal shortage making necessary all means possible for economizing in coal on the railways. The train service in older Ontario has also been decreased, many trains being cut off. It should be remembered, however, in this connection that in Old Ontario the different railroads in nearly every case duplicate each other's service. For instance, along the Lake Shore east of Toronto there are no less than four lines practically serving the same section of country. Here there is only the one line to serve an immense area of country. The North Land should be the last to have its already meagre service interfered with. The cancellation of the two trains referred to is not, fortunately, a serious interference with the service up here. It does not interfere with traffic between here and the Bay, and even through traffic to Toronto and other points south is only interfered with to a small degree. It means that traffic must be confined to the "National" trains, connections with other trains for through points not being practical.

Dr. H. H. Moore and Mr. J. W. Fogg left this week for a visit to Toronto, Buffalo and other points south.

Mr. R. Allan left this week for a few weeks' holiday in Toronto and the south.

NORTH LAND'S NEEDS TOLD AT LUNCHEON

Visitors Learn the District's Requirements at Board of Trade Function Here.

On their tour through the North Land, Hon. E. C. Drury, the new Premier, and Hon. H. Mills, Minister of Mines, and Hon. Beniah Bowman, Minister of Lands and Forests, have had it impressed upon them that more attention must be paid to the North Land. The need for more roads and better roads and for improved and extended railways service have been specially emphasized, while the matter of due protection from the forest fire menace has also been strongly urged, as well as more and better educational facilities. These were the chief questions touched upon at the luncheon given by the Timmins Board of Trade on Saturday in the Masonic Hall at which the visitors were the guests of honor. The luncheon was an unusually attractive one and the service of the best, despite the very short notice possible for preparation. Mr. Ray, of the Goldfields, and Mr. J. Gorman, who were responsible for the provision of the unusually appetizing luncheon, complete in every detail, are to be thanked and congratulated on the success achieved.

Mr. J. W. Reed, President of the Timmins Board of Trade, presided at the luncheon. After the guests had enjoyed the turkey and trimmings, brief addresses were made. In a very effective address Mr. A. F. Brigham, General Manager of the Hollinger, emphasized the necessity for intelligent and earnest consideration of the North Land. It should have its full share of the public services of Ontario, and all the money from here should not be spent down below. He sketched a picture of this country indicating its possibilities, and showing that the very fact of the Hollinger Mine suggested other Hollingers in the district. The great need of the country was adequate transportation facilities. He advocated the connecting of the T. & N. O. with the C.N.R. near Sudbury, and the building of other necessary lines to open up the country. He had also an encouraging word for the prospector, "an indomitable fellow that you can't keep down," but who nevertheless should be assisted and encouraged in every possible way for the country's good. Mr. Brigham expressed the general appreciation of the visit of the Premier and his colleagues, but humorously suggested to the new Government that they should not look upon the mining business as too good a cow.

Mr. A. White spoke of the remarkable progress of the pulp and lumber industry in the past five years. There were two big companies with a combined capital of \$7,000,000 ready to start new sulphite plants if certain townships were opened up. In the past roads and the settlers had been badly neglected and he hoped for better things. Mr. L. S. Newton said there were 1500 men now employed on the Mattagami, and the lumber business meant payrolls now running into the hundred thousands each month. He urged that the country be developed not exploited, and also spoke a good word for the forest rangers, timber agents, etc., whom he hoped would not fall under the patronage axe under the new Government. Mr. Boivin also bespoke consideration for the development of the lumber industry.

Dr. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, urged the new Government to give better attention than past administrations to the forests, lands, mines, roads, schools and general welfare of the north. Their unprecedented visit at such an early date he considered a hopeful sign of their genuine interest and attention. He referred to money wasted on improper road building in the North, but urged a first-class road between So, Porcupine and the River as well as trunk highways throughout the North to open up the country and give access to market. The connection of the T. & N. O. with the C. N. R. was also advocated. Community settlement by townships instead of the old style of haphazard settlement was also referred to, and Dr. McInnis made humorous reference to the reported statement of the new Minister of Agriculture that only the young and adventurous of a certain band of very desirable English emigrants were to be allowed to settle in the North Land "wilds". Better train service and more of it was also suggested by the Mayor, who further suggested the electrifying of the T. & N. O. In the interests of the prospector, the Mayor also asked for an assay office and for

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PREMIER AND CABINET MINISTERS VISIT HERE

Hon. E. C. Drury, Hon. Beniah Bowman and Hon. H. Mills Spend Several Hours in Timmins.

The new Premier of Ontario, Hon. E. C. Drury, and Hon. H. Mills, the new Minister of Mines, and Hon. Beniah Bowman, Minister of Lands & Forests, who have been making a tour of the North Land, visited Timmins on Saturday and spent several hours here. They were in Cobalt on Friday and on their way here they called at South Porcupine where they spent an hour or more. Hon. Mr. Bowman was driven over in an auto from South End to Timmins, so that he could have opportunity to see the roadways, etc. The Premier and Hon. Mr. Mills, accompanied by Mr. Geo. W. Lee, T. & N. O. Commissioner, and a couple of outside newspapermen, came here in their private train reaching here about ten o'clock. Hon. Mr. Bowman was met here by the Mayor, the President of the Board of Trade and others, and then was taken down to the River where he viewed conditions for himself and was also interviewed by a number of the settlers. He heard many suggestions for improvement in the methods of dealing with North Land matters and showed a very lively, sympathetic consideration for all suggestions advanced, while not definitely committing himself on anything. After over an hour at the River and around the town, Hon. Mr. Bowman joined the Premier and Hon. Mr. Mills who were making a tour of the Hollinger Mine and mill.

The Premier and Hon. H. Mills were welcomed here by Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, and Mr. J. W. Reed, President of the Board of Trade, while a large number of other citizens of the town were also at the station to meet and to greet the new Premier and his colleagues. Hon. Mr. Mills, as Minister of Mines, was anxious to see the famous Hollinger and learn at first hand of conditions that would affect his department. The Premier was also interested in the famous gold mine, while his son also in his own quiet way was interested all through the trip. The party on arrival at the Hollinger were met by Mr. A. F. Brigham, General Manager of the Big Mine, and were taken underground where Mr. Brigham and members of the Hollinger Engineering staff made clear the interesting points about the mine. The Premier asked a great many questions and seemed to be anxious to learn everything about everything. The Minister of Mines also took a quiet but deep interest in every move during the trip. After going through the workings at 550 foot level the party made a tour of the mill where Mr. E. L. Longmore gave brief but clear and interesting explanation of the processes. The Premier and party were much impressed with the wonders of the Hollinger Mine and from what they saw were given some indication of the great possibilities of this Camp. After the visit to the Hollinger the Premier and the visiting Cabinet Ministers were entertained at luncheon at the Masonic Hall as the guests of the Timmins Board of Trade. A report of this luncheon will be found elsewhere in this issue.

BOX SOCIAL AND DANCE NEXT TUESDAY EVENING.

Don't forget the Box Social and Dance in the Miners' Union Hall next Tuesday evening, December 16th. Proceeds to go to the I. L. P.—U. F. O. campaign fund. Come along and have a good time. Raymond's music. Drawing for the cushion and the Rack, which the Ladies' Auxiliary is raffling and which can be seen in Stock's window, will also take place.

BOXING SCHOOL BEING OPENED IN TIMMINS.

Jim McInnis from Bangor, Maine, has opened a boxing school in the corner room, formerly used as a poolroom, in the Queen's Restaurant Building, opposite the Old Bank Saloon. He will give private boxing lessons every afternoon and evening, except Sundays. According to his announcement at opening, he has been boxing over 20 years and during his career has fought some of the best men in the world, including Jack Twin Sullivan and Al. McCoy, ex-middleweight champion of the world, having boxed the latter twice to a draw. Jim McInnis also says he is ready for a match and is open to box any man in Canada at 145 lbs.