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## OPEN LETTER REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Secretary-Treasurer of Ratepayers' Association Asks for Interest And Attention of Citizens.

The following open letter to the ratepayers of the Town of Timmins is self-explanatory and deserves the attention and consideration of all:

Timmins, Ont., Dec. 8, 1919

To the Ratepayers of Timmins:

Are you aware that the Municipal Elections are near? What are you as ratepayers going to do about our local Municipal Elections? Will you be content to see a Council elected by acclamation, or will you, as an individual ratepayer, exert your rights and see that the Council for 1920 is a competent and representative one?

Previous to the present year it had been the custom for a few individuals to get together and themselves nominate a Council without regard to the wishes of the majority of the ratepayers, and then because of the indifferent attitude adopted by the latter, through lack of encouragement and organization, the election of the nominees was allowed to go by acclamation.

The Timmins Ratepayers' Association was organized in December, 1918, one of its chief purposes being to prevent municipal affairs being controlled by a few favored ones, and in this particular it has been completely successful, having given the town its first representative Council.

Are the ratepayers through lack of interest going to revert back to the old system, or will they with but little effort on the part of each individual keep the control of municipal affairs in the public hands? There are only a few weeks remaining for organization, the means of obtaining ultimate success.

The Timmins Ratepayers' Association is out to look after the best interests of the general public, and will see that there is no election by acclamation in 1920, unless it can be proved that such a course is for the public interests.

The Timmins Mayor and Council for the present year have proved to be the best executive and representative body that the Town has ever had; they have shown themselves to be business like and serious minded men and in comparison with other Councils I honestly believe they have put

forth their best efforts in the Town's and the Ratepayers' interests. In the present Mayor and Council we have a standard to go by which has never been equalled by any previous municipal Council here, and this efficiency was very largely brought about by the endeavours of the Timmins Ratepayers' Association.

There are one or two questions which every ratepayer should ask. Can the standard of our present Council be improved, and, if so, how? Do you know of any ratepayer whom you believe would, if elected, improve the standard of this year's work? If, in reply to the last question, you know of such a ratepayer, it should be your duty and privilege to place his name before one of the Ratepayers' Association meetings to be held in the near future for the purpose.

The qualifications of a candidate, as I understand the position, are as follows:

(a) Residence within two miles of the Town of Timmins.  
(b) Must be a British subject.  
(c) Full age of twenty-one years.  
(d) Is not disqualified under the Municipal Institutions Act or under the Ontario Elections Act.  
(e) Is the assessed owner of unencumbered freshholds of at least \$600.00 either in his own or in his wife's name or the assessed owner of an unencumbered estate exceeding the value of \$2,000.00.

The ratepayers should not nominate a man just because he happens to be a friend, or is prominent socially, unless there are bona fide reasons that his election would benefit the community.

Do not refuse to support a man because he is not of the same political opinions as yourself, or for any purely personal reason. In conclusion, I would suggest that for the time being all ratepayers forget Friendship, forget Prejudice, forget Personal Animosity, and come out to the next meeting of the Ratepayers' Association, as broadminded citizens, and take that interest which every responsible citizen should take in the management and betterment of Municipal affairs of the Town in which he resides.

Yours truly,  
ARTHUR BOOKER  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Timmins Ratepayers' Association.

Mr. C. E. Houle, of the Imperial Bank staff, returned last week from a three months' visit to his home in the Old Country. His many friends in Timmins gave him a hearty welcome back to the North Land.

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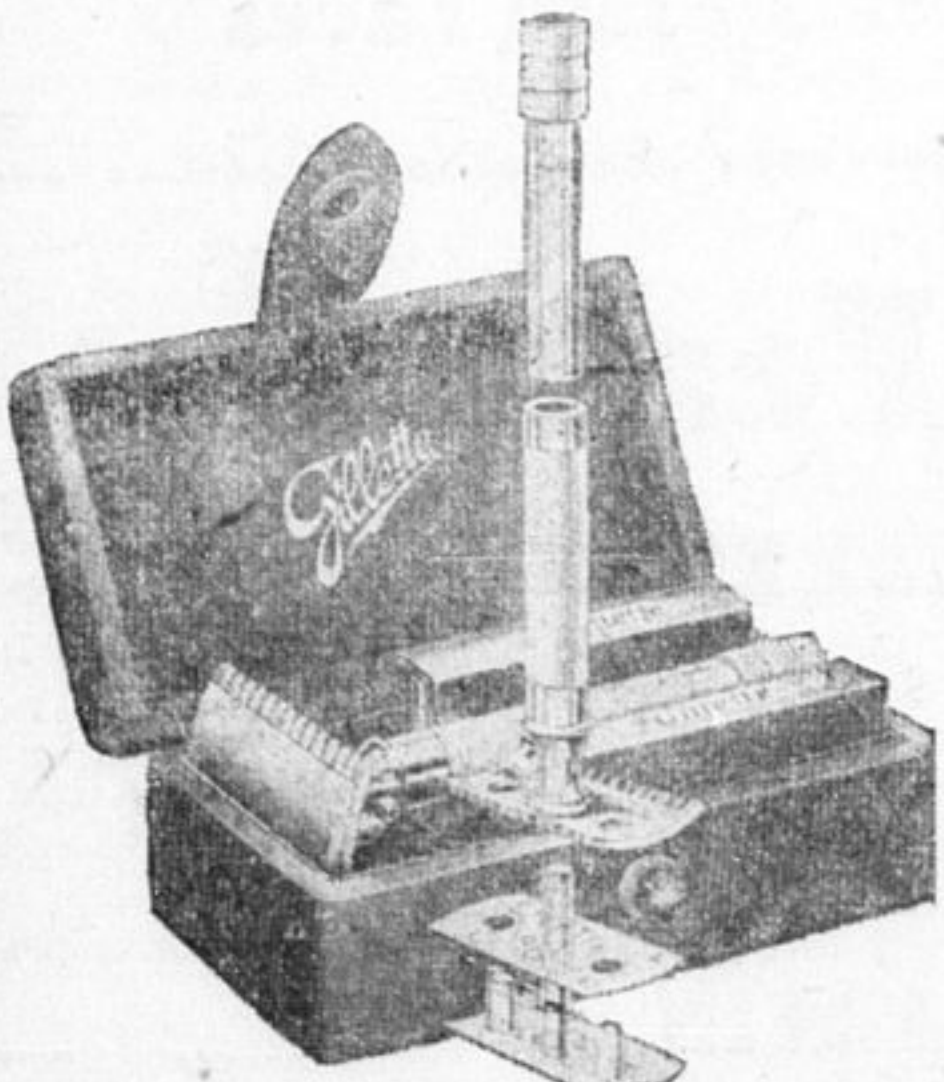
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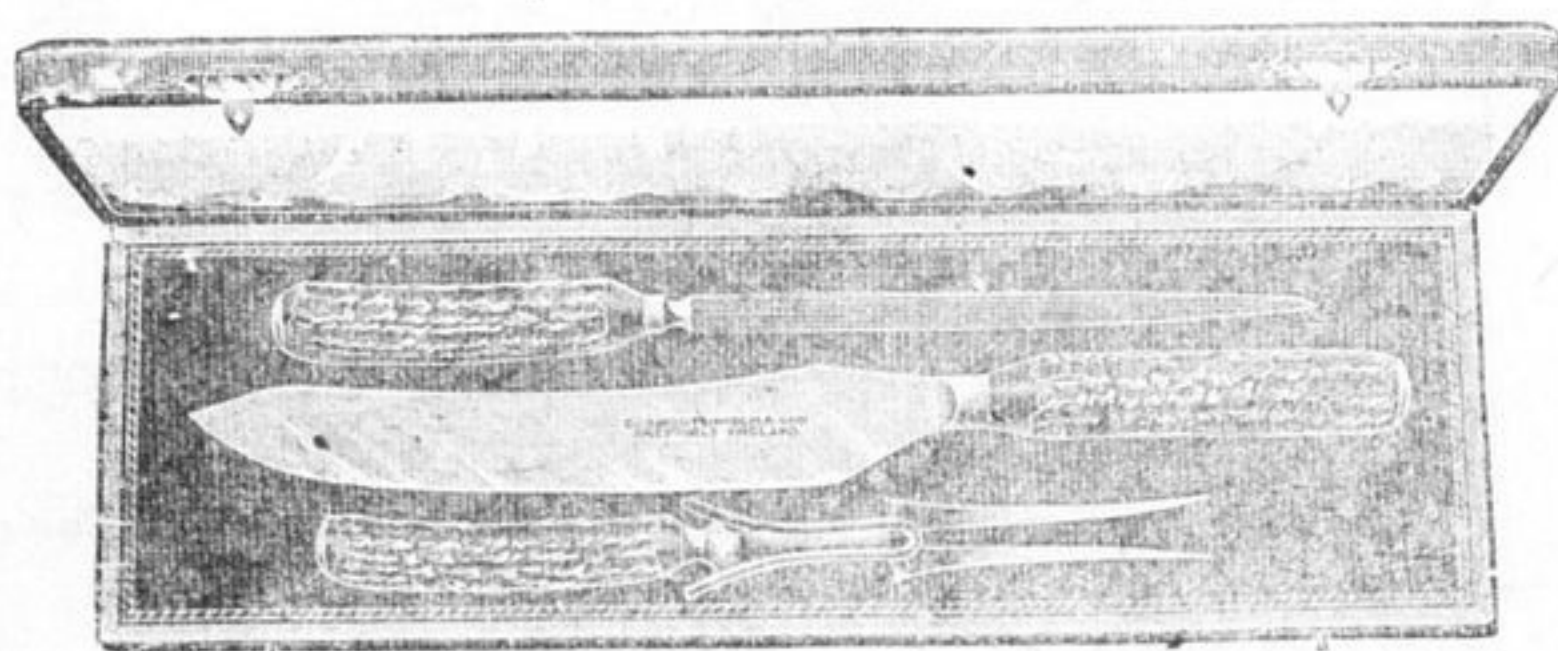
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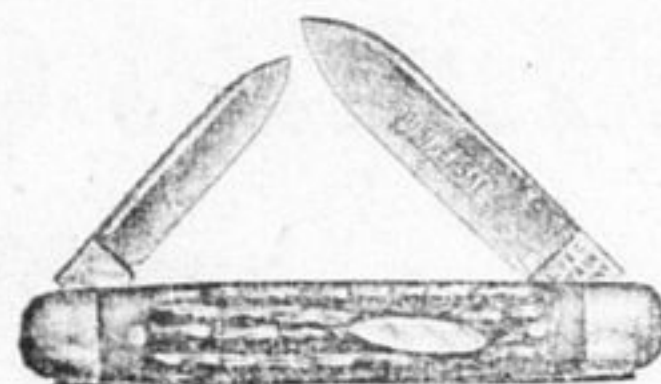
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