

COUNCIL WANTS EARLY START CLEARING BUSH

Also Looking to Government for Good Roads. Rochester Petitions To Join Town. Other Council Business.

At the regular meeting of the Timmins Town Council on Monday night several important questions were before the Councillors. One of these was the bush fire hazard as it related to the town Mayor McInnis said he had interviewed the Minister of Lands & Forests who had been very favorable to having all the bush menace removed this year. The Provincial Forester had also been a little interested, but the Mayor thought it would be well to keep at the Department about the matter until there was action. The Board of Trade some days ago had wired the Department suggesting that the weather was favourable for clearing operations here. On motion of Councillors Longmore and Newton, the Government was requested to take immediate action to give Timmins the promised relief from the bush fire menace.

Another question, touching on the Provincial Government, was the matter of good roads. The Mayor thought this district should get a fair share of the large sum of money recently placed in the estimates for Provincial good roads. In this also the Council was in agreement.

At the meeting Monday evening, Mayor Dr. McInnis presided, and Councillors Fogg, Longmore, Newton, Stador and Laprairie were present.

Among the communications received was a petition signed by practically all the ratepayers of Rochester Township asking to be annexed to the Town of Timmins. Mr. J. E. Newton was also present in support of the petition. He said that all who had been asked had signed the petition, and there were some others who would sign if they had opportunity. There were 34 signatures of the petition, and it represented the biggest part of the property holders. The Council explained that it had not had time to go into the matter thoroughly from all standpoints, especially from the legal viewpoint, the matter would be given every consideration and by next meeting the Council would be in position to take definite action. The Mayor suggested that it might be a good thing to have a petition also from Moneta, so that both could be dealt with at the same time. Councillor Laprairie explained that several Moneta people had asked about the town annexing Moneta and he had pointed out to them that the Town Council could make no move until a petition was before it in the matter.

Mr. A. Gagne asked about the sidewalk that had been promised Cedar street these last two or three years. He was assured that it was a estimate for last year and would be gone on with this year. Mr. L. H. Longmore asked about the strip along on Second Avenue and the reply was that it would be necessary to have a petition signed and sent in for this.

Mr. J. T. Easton called the attention of the Council to the fact that the Protestant cemetery was not laid out in sections and sub-sections. Several had been enquiring about getting plots there, and there were also several bodies in the vault that would soon have to be buried. He advised that the Town at once see to the securing of the burying ground's survey, etc. Councillor Longmore suggested that the Solicitor be consulted so that the Town might proceed on legal grounds. Later in the evening Rev. Fr. Theriault explained that in communicating with the owners of the property for the town he found them rather high in the prices suggested, and he thought the only way for the Town to do was to appropriate as allowed by law. The matter will be discussed with the Town Solicitor and action taken along the line suggested by Rev. Fr. Theriault. The recommendations of the Committee in regard to the adjustment of salaries of town employees, on motion was duly passed.

Mr. P. Jeffrey was appointed Deputy Fire Chief in place of Mr. J. Maclean.

Arrangements will be made to allow the engineer at the pumping station one day each month from duty. This will be done by utilizing one of the men in the waterworks department for the engineer's duties for the day. Reference was made to the fact that the pump house engineer at present had practically no time at all to himself free from the responsibility of the work.

Councillor Newton suggests an early

TIMMINS GOLF CLUB ORGANIZES FOR SEASON

Successful Annual Meeting Makes Enthusiastic Start for Golfing Season.

There was a largely attended and enthusiastic gathering of lovers of the game on the links on Saturday evening in the Council Chamber when the annual meeting of the Timmins Golf Club was held. The reports of the secretary and treasurer for the year showed that 1919—the first year for golf here—had been a very successful and satisfactory one. From present interest and enthusiasm for the game, 1920 will be still more successful and pleasing. Golf has achieved considerable popularity here and the number of its devotees seems to increase as time goes on. At present the Timmins Golf Club has a paid membership of about 30 playing members. The meeting Saturday evening was enthusiastic about the prospects for golf this year and for the growth of the Golf Club.

By-laws were passed regarding the rules and regulations of the Club for the year. The membership fee was set at \$10.00 for playing members, and \$5.00 for lady members.

The patrons of the Timmins Golf Club for last year were re-elected for this year. They are Messrs. N. A. Timmins, L. H. Timmins, D. A. Dunlop, J. B. Holden, J. R. Timmins and Dr. McDougall,—the Board of Directors of the Hollinger Mine.

Mr. A. F. Brigham was elected President by acclamation.

Mr. J. W. Fogg was elected Vice-President, and Mr. J. P. Taillon, secretary-treasurer.

An Executive Committee of four was elected as follows:—Messrs. W. J. Johnston, H. C. McDonald, H. C. Garner, and R. Lilly.

Mr. D. Mackie was elected Captain, and Mr. H. C. McDonald, vice-captain.

To-night (Wednesday evening, April 14th) there is to be a Grand Concert and Dance at Schumacher, under the auspices of the McIntyre Athletic Association. The concert will be held in the Schumacher Theatre, commencing at 8.15 p. m., and a very pleasing programme of local talent has been arranged. After the Concert, a dance will be given in the old school house,—music by a three-piece orchestra,—and a pleasing luncheon served, etc. The Grand Concert and Dance at Schumacher will be one of the events of the year for the district.

start this year on the building of sidewalks etc., and the completion of sewers and waterworks, etc. "Everything is being done that can be done along this line," said Councillor Longmore.

Rev. Fr. Theriault referred to the appeal now being made by the Hospital at Haileybury to all the municipalities in the North Land. Haileybury Hospital had from 1910 given the North Land good hospital service, and he thought all would agree that it would be a calamity if the lack of financing should make it necessary to close the Haileybury hospital. One of the biggest burdens on the institution was the bad debts. There were patients from all over the North Land and some of them could not pay and others neglected. Patients from Timmins totalled about \$1400.00 in arrears in this way. Rev. Fr. Theriault hoped that the Council would deal generously with the appeal from the Haileybury Hospital.

In reply the Mayor said that while all were in sympathy, financial limitations had to be considered, but the appeal would be given sympathetic attention when it reached the Council. Councillor Laprairie suggested that perhaps they might be able to bring pressure to bear to help induce some of the delinquent patients from here to pay up. Councillor Newton said that there should have been an hospital in this camp four years ago. Money had gone out to other hospitals in the meantime that should have been kept here. But he supposed it was no use crying over spilled milk, especially as those who had blocked the hospital here four years ago were now away from here. The new Hollinger hospital would be ready this year and all would hope that it would fulfil the highest expectations.

Councillor Longmore directed attention to the necessity for the chairmen of all departments to have their estimates for the year ready as soon as possible. The various chairmen promised to be all ready for next meeting.

Council then adjourned.

VETERANS HOLD VIMY ANNIVERSARY DANCE.

On Friday evening, April 9th the Goldfields Branch of the G. W. V. A., Timmins, commemorated the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge by a Vimy Dance. The event gave a pleasant observance to the anniversary of the battle at which the Canadian troops so distinguished themselves, and the Veterans here distinguished themselves on the anniversary by the pleasure and success of the Vimy Dance. There were about 100 couples present for the evening and all had a most enjoyable time. Good music was furnished by the orchestra, Mrs. J. W. Faithful presiding at the piano, Mr. Deeming playing the violin and "Lefty" Farr handling the drums. Everything about the dance and its arrangements was up to the usual high standard of G. W. V. A. social events.

OUTSIDE VIEWS ON THE TEMISKAMING BY-ELECTION.

As might be expected the result of the voting in the Temiskaming by-election last week has called forth much comment from outside newspapers and public men. Some of the strong Liberal party newspapers suggest that the result was due to the fact that Union Government Cabinet Ministers came into the riding and that the unpopularity of the Union Government thus contributed to the defeat of Major Pullen. They neglect to mention, however, what caused the Liberal candidate to be unopposed by this supposed unpopularity of the Unionist Government. The Toronto World, however, perhaps comes nearer to the truth in its editorial summary of the event. The World says: "Angus McDonald, M. P., appears to owe his election to the militancy of the organized miners of the north, and to the present stability of the Farmer-Labour alliance. The Liberal is at the bottom of the poll, despite the strength of the French vote in the Cobalt district and beyond Matheson, and no doubt because very many farmers who formerly voted Liberal have largely become U. F. O. men. Something deep and persistent is stirring in the body politic which the failures of fleeting ministers do not explain. Canadian politics have appeared to have reached the period when the toilers have definitely turned away from the traditional party line-ups which so many politicians, even till the middle of the war, believed were of Median rigidity. Sometimes a great gulf seems fixed between the landowners of Ontario and the organized industrialists. Their ideas derive from different sources and have been crystallized by different mental processes. How far the two horses can run in double harness no one will confidently prophesy. Much depends on the generalship of their leaders, as it is applied to events which may any time take a more testing turn than they have done since the war ended. The main fact to be recognized is that those who produce wealth from natural resources by manual toil are through with the old-style politics. They are through, not because of some passing activity of clever appealers to their prejudices and passions but because fundamental changes are occurring in the way men's citizenship is orienting itself to themselves."

The larger and more impressive words of The World might be summed up into the simple phrases that the ordinary, everyday people are about fed up with the old-line party politics and are ready to try nearly anything for a change. The machine element in both the old-line parties has undermined confidence in them. Apart from this, surely it may be admitted that Mr. Angus McDonald made a good candidate, and he had an attractive platform. He fought a clean, fair fight, with an earnest and effective organization to aid him. He fought hard but he showed a lack of disturbing radicalism. "Long Angus," as he did not hesitate to style himself from the platform, has a refreshing originality about his speech and manner that may mean much good advertising for the riding. And the riding sadly needs all the advertising it can secure. His chief personal appeal was to the effect that he was one of the toilers. And this is a land of toilers. His election does not need so much explanation after all. And few apologies are needed. It looks, indeed, like a good thing for the North Land. It pleases the Labor element and it helps to unite Labor, but it also places them under responsibility. It vindicates the firm stand in the past of the excellent type of sane Labor men who have argued, often against very fiery opposition, that the workers could win their way by quiet, legitimate and constitutional methods.

ANOTHER BANK STARTING BRANCH IN TIMMINS.

Within the course of a week or two the Dominion Bank will have a branch office in Timmins, temporary quarters to be used first in the small building on Pine street used as an office by the Pierce Lumber Co. It is understood that building operations are to be started at once on the lot on Pine street next to the Corner Drug Store, and a two-storey building will be erected. The Dominion Bank branch will occupy the ground floor, while the Pierce Lumber Company offices will be upstairs. Mr. Grant, recently accountant of the Dominion Bank at Orillia, will be the first manager of the new branch here and expects to move here with his family in the near future.

YOUNG GIRL HIT BY TRAIN AT PORQUIS JCT.

One day last week Miss Ivy Ludford while walking on the tracks at Porquis Junction was struck by a shunting engine on the main line and sustained a fractured leg, an injured collar bone, a scalp wound and bruises to the face and head, as a result. The young lady, who is the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludford who reside at Porquis Junction, was walking on the track and apparently did not hear the engine coming behind her. There happened to be a trainman riding on the cow-catcher of the engine, and he made a strenuous effort to save the girl from injury. When he noted that the girl did not hear or heed the bell nor his cries of warning he reached out as far as he could and caught the girl, throwing her clear of the track. He had only a second or two to plan the rescue and execute it, but he thought quickly and acted with unusual quickness and good judgment. Undoubtedly, he saved the youngster from death or, at the least, from much more serious injury than she suffered. Unfortunately, however, he was not able to throw her completely from in front of the engine though he certainly lessened the full force of the impact of the engine. Part of the front of the engine struck the child a glancing blow with the result that she suffered the injuries above noted. She was hurried at once to the hospital at Iroquois Falls where she is making excellent progress to recovery.

NORTH DAVIDSON MINE FINANCED IN LONDON.

It is understood that the North Davidson Mine, located in Tisdale Township, is now financed by capital secured in London, England, and that an active and extensive campaign for exploration and development will be carried out this year. Mr. L. G. Harris, who is officially connected with the North Davidson, recently returned from a visit to the Old Country. He reports that although financial conditions in the Old Land are not altogether favourable at present for mining properties, still it was possible to complete all arrangements for financing the North Davidson on an extensive scale. It is likely therefore that there will be great activity this year on the North Davidson. Other brokers and financial men who have recently visited Great Britain suggest that there is a considerable surplus of capital there looking for profitable investment. Much of this capital is not altogether averse even to a reasonable sporting risk so long as they are assured that they will get a fair square deal and an honest run for their money, with good returns in case the venture proves successful. The usual thoughtless and ill-informed talk about the uncertainty and unreliability of mining ventures has its hold over the capitalists, while certain Canadian mining deals in years past have added to the doubt thus existing. But, so far as may be judged at this distance, London, England, at the present time offers a good opportunity for those with a reasonable and promising mining venture of merit to secure capital. London, England, has the surplus capital. Indeed, recently there have been immense sums gathered there, it is said, for quite questionable speculations in oils, lands, etc., in foreign lands. With proper assurance of the good faith of the promoters and reasonable proof of the probable value of the properties in question, there should be little difficulty in interesting considerable British capital this year in the very promising investments that should be open in mining properties in the North Land.

Many men in town are suffering from the fear of nervous prostration. All income tax form returns have to be filled in before the end of this month.

G.W.V.A. AGAIN DISCUSS CLUB HOUSE QUESTION

Committee Appointed to Deal With The Matter... Officers Nominated for Ensuing Year.

At the regular meeting of the Goldfields Branch of the G. W. V. A., Timmins, on Thursday evening of last week, there were several important questions before the gathering of Veterans in the Club Rooms. One of the matters that came in for special attention was the matter of a Club House here for the returned men. The general feeling of the meeting was that such a building was both desirable and necessary and that the question should not be allowed to drop. Reference was made to the campaign last year to erect a Club House here as a memorial to the Veterans, and members asked as to what had been accomplished and the exact position of the campaign at the present time. After a general discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of a committee of three enthusiastic members who will take the question up with the proper town authorities and the citizens generally and see what is the feeling of the people and what may be done now in the way of providing adequate accommodation for the returned men. The Committee for this was named as follows:—Mr. C. G. Pirie, Mr. W. Nicholson and Mr. Ryan.

Nominations for the various official positions in the Branch were made. For the office of President, Messrs. W. Curtis, P. Macauley, and W. Nicholson were nominated. For Vice-President, Messrs. J. MacGregor, James Grenier and Geo. S. Drew were nominated. For Second Vice-President, Mr. Beckman and Mr. J. O. Miller (of South Porcupine), were nominated. The nomination of the executive committee was left over until a later meeting, as it was felt that some of the names included in the list of nominations above could be used with benefit to the Association on the executive. The voting for President, Vice-President, and Second Vice-President will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week April 15th, 16th and 17th. For the convenience of the Veterans there will be polling places at Timmins, South Porcupine and Schumacher. Voting at Timmins will be at the Employment Office, and at the O'Connor House for Schumacher. Printed ballots are prepared for the voting, and members of the G. W. V. A. are urged to exercise their franchise on this occasion.

IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR DISTRICT FOOTBALL MEET.

The annual general meeting of the Northern Ontario Football Association will be held in the Council Chamber, Timmins, on Friday afternoon of this week, April 16th commencing at 1 o'clock, will deal with many questions of importance to football in the district. There will be the election of officers of the Association for the year and the other routine matters affecting the sport in the district. In addition, the Timmins Club intends to ask that the annual membership fee for clubs in the Association be increased from \$2.00 to \$10.00, so as to provide more adequate finances for the district association. This question will no doubt receive due consideration from the representatives present at the Northern Ontario Football Association annual meeting. Another question to be brought forward by the Timmins representatives is the matter of having a Junior League in the Association. The Timmins Club feels that it is important for the future of the sport to have the younger and growing members of the community specially interested in football, and accordingly consideration will be asked for the plan of having a Junior League.

At the N. O. F. A. meeting Friday of this week representatives are expected from the Timmins, McIntyre, Porcupine Dome and Iroquois Falls teams, all of which were in the Association last year. There may also be some additional clubs in the Association this season. Cochrane may also join the Association this year, while it is understood that there will be two clubs in the Association from Iroquois Falls, the G. W. V. A. of that place intending to have a team in addition to the regular town team.

All football enthusiasts in the district should keep in mind the meeting in the Council Chamber, Friday of this week at 1 p. m.

The Drury Government is planning to have Town Clerks issue marriage licences, instead of jewelers, etc.

FORMER PORCUPINE MAN MURDERED AT THE BAY

W. Gurrell, formerly of King George Hotel, South End, Killed on Street. Assailant at Large.

W. Gurrell, for years a porter at the Pacific Hotel, North Bay, and previously one of the old-timers of the Porcupine in the early days, being employed then at the King George Hotel in South Porcupine, was found dead on Sunday evening lying by the roadside in the Italian quarter of North Bay. The jury empanelled to enquire into the death rendered the verdict that death was due to a blow on the head caused apparently by a sharp club of some kind together with exposure to the cold following. The jury, on the meagre evidence obtainable was unable to couple any name with the crime evidently committed. The police at North Bay, however, believe they are on the track of the criminal, though no knowledge so far is obtainable as to the reason for the murder. The victim of the assault, "Billy the Pig," as he was known in the Porcupine and elsewhere, was a good-humored fellow at all times and never of a quarrelsome disposition. Those who know him best find it most difficult to understand him having an enemy in the world or rousing hatred in any man. He never harmed any one, unless it were himself. He was a good worker as a porter, and had a special liking for meeting trains and greeting passengers. He was widely known throughout the North, and all had a cheerful word for "Billy." Some summers ago he had what he seemed to think the right kind of a good time when he was in charge of a couple of bear cubs at the Pacific. He used to take the bears out on chains, and crowds of youngsters would join the procession, "Billy" would put the bears through a number of tricks, the youngsters would enjoy it, the hotel would be advertised and "Billy" would be pleased.

So far as the crime can be reconstructed, it would appear that "Billy" was attacked by a man with a club and his head battered in. He was rendered unconscious and the exposure to the inclement weather completed the murder. The assailant is supposed to be a certain Italian in North Bay, and it is said that after the crime this man hurried home, arranged for his wife and children to stay elsewhere and then left the town. Enquiry by the police brought no more from the man's wife than the statement that she had not seen him since the morning. Reports from North Bay are to the effect that there were eye-witnesses of the crime, and though the guilty party is at large at the time of writing it will be only a question of time until he will face the charge of murder. There was a suggestion that "Billy" had been drinking a little the day of his death, but those who saw him during the day say that this was not so but that he was all right and at business as usual. There is a theory that his assailant took him for someone else, but likely the mystery of the murder will be explained soon when the police get their work under way.

The dead man's old home was in the Gravenhurst or Braesbridge district.

COMMISSION OF THREE FOR KAPUSKASING.

The Drury Government has practically accepted in its entirety the report and recommendations of the Commission recently enquiring into Kapuskasing Soldiers' Settlement. All soldiers are to be free to choose whether they will remain at the settlement or not. The Government will allow \$1000.00 for each plot of ten acres cleared for the plough. The money due to the settlers will be paid at the rate of \$100.00 per month, and those leaving the Camp will get free transportation for themselves and families to any point in Ontario. A Board of Adjustment of three members is to be appointed to settle any differences between the settlers and the Government, etc.

An enquiry is being conducted into the affairs of the Department of Lands, Forests & Mines at Toronto, there having been charges suggested that there were irregularities in connection with timber deals and other matters. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, former Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, says he welcomes the investigation for his department was always conducted honestly and efficiently and an enquiry will prove this, so all is well.

They have organized for the season's baseball down at Iroquois Falls.