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COUNCIL ASKS REMOVAL OF BUSH MENACE AT SOUTH

Government Requested to Take Immediate Action. Annexation of Mattagami to be Speeded up. Other Council Business.

The regular meeting of the Timmins Town Council was held Monday afternoon with the Mayor, Dr. McInnis, in the chair, and Councillors J. H. Bacon, E. L. Longmore, L. S. Newton, J. E. Sullivan and J. E. Morin present.

Accounts for \$1672.00 for necessities for the fire sufferers sent from local stores were passed by the Council. The Council will pay these accounts as the Town's present contribution to the fire sufferers. This, of course, is in addition to the amount of clothing, etc., sent by the people of the town. The accounts are for the first car sent from here containing tents, stoves, blankets, etc., etc. If more is needed, the Town will take up the matter of further cash or other help to the sufferers.

By-laws for sewer and waterworks extensions were given their required readings and formally passed.

The bush menace to the south and west of the town was discussed, and it was the general opinion that this danger should be removed at once. On motion of Messrs. Sullivan and Newton a Committee of the Chairman of the Fire & Light Committee, the Chairman of Public Works and the Mayor were appointed to investigate and report on the probable cost of this clearing so as to have definite information to give the Government. In the meantime the Government is to be urged to give the matter immediate attention & action so that the danger may be removed before next year.

Councillor Newton brought up the question of the annexation of Mattagami. He pointed out the unfairness of the delay to the people of Mattagami and insisted that immediate action be taken to complete the annexation. Council generally agreed that the delay was not right, but pointed out that it had been due to "red tape" affairs in connection with the legal end. At present the matter seemed to be held up waiting for a certified map of the territory to be annexed. The Town Engineer and Town Solicitor were instructed to take all the necessary steps at once and use every possible means to ensure the completion of the annexation of the very earliest possible moment.

Councillor Newton pointed out that the padded cell for the use of unbalanced patients coming under the town's care had not yet been put in, and speed was ordered also for this.

Mr. J. P. Bartleman again conferred with the Council regarding the strip of land required by the Town for drainage purposes. Mr. Bartleman said that the new townsite in which he was interested was willing and ready to more than meet the town half way, but of course it was not fair to expect them to make too large a sacrifice for the town's benefit. Also there were legal difficulties in the way of carrying out some of the plans proposed. He suggested that the annexation of the new townsite, which is situated at the north-eastern corner of the town, would be the easiest solution of the various legal and other difficulties. Councillor Longmore thought the objection to annexation was the expense on the town for roads, etc., for the new district annexed. Mr. Bartleman then suggested a ninety-nine year lease of the strip of land, with a clause making such lease liable to cancellation if the town did not line up to its obligations in reasonable time. Members of Council generally had no objection to the lease plan, but as Councillor Longmore pointed out there was the difficulty as to who should decide as to a "reasonable time." Mr. Bartleman said they were willing to sell the required land to the town for the nominal figure of \$600.00, provided the new townsite could be assured within a reasonable time of being able to secure water from the town's mains. The townsite would make all the necessary connections to the town mains and pay for same. If assurance of this water and sewer connection could be assured, the whole matter could be adjusted at once. It was pointed out that the Council could not fairly give any definite assurance along this line, but it was also pointed out that the present or any other Council would naturally be only too willing to permit the required connections when the town had plenty of water. It was probable that the town would have plenty of water for sale next year when the new Hollinger main was in service. Mr. Bartleman said he would place the matter

MR. J. E. SULLIVAN WINS THE GOLF CLUB TROPHY

Other Winners of Events. Competitions Over, but They'll be Playing Until the Snow Comes. And After.

On Saturday last in the final for the Timmins Gold Club Trophy, Mr. J. E. Sullivan proved the winner after a close contest. To the seventeenth the match was "all square," Lake driving first, put his ball on No. 9 green, Sullivan getting a good drive, but his approach shot got into the rough. However, he made a good recovery on his third stroke and sinking a fourteen-foot put for the fourth stroke. Lake's second shot was short his third and fourth riddled the cup, giving Sullivan the hole and the match. The following are the scores:—

Out—Sullivan: 6-4-6-5-7-4-4-5-4-4-5.
Lake: 7-4-5-6-5-4-6-5-4-7.
In—Sullivan: 4-5-8-6-4-5-4-4-4-4-4.
Lake: 6-6-6-5-5-5-4-4-5-4-6.

For the past three Saturdays there has also been a 54-hole medal competition in progress. This had two sections. The "Scratch" section was won by Mr. J. W. Wray with a gross score of 274. The "Handicap" section was won by Mr. H. C. Garner with a net score of 244.

This concludes the competitions for the season, but it by no means ends the golf. The season has been a very pleasant and successful one and golf is now firmly established in general popularity in Timmins. The game is followed here now with the greatest enthusiasm and playing will no doubt be continued by the members of the Club until the snow comes and after.

GOOD WORK OF BRIGADE STOPS THREATENING FIRE

Several Thousand Dollars Loss Yesterday from Blaze in Lawrence Block.

In view of the recent fires at Haileybury and elsewhere, there is naturally some special excitement these days at an alarm of fire. Yesterday afternoon this excitement seemed possibly justified, when the crowds noted the flames shooting out six feet or more from the upstairs windows of the Lawrence block, opposite the post office. Mr. F. Aspect in passing along the street noticed smoke coming from the windows of Torrance & Wilson's office, and promptly turned in an alarm. In the meantime, someone had directed the attention of Chief Greer to the smoke, and he went upstairs to investigate. He opened the door only to be met with a gust of flames. His eyebrows and hair were singed before he could close the door and get back. Mr. J. P. Bartleman, who has an office upstairs in the building also was slightly scorched around the head while locating the blaze. The fire apparently commenced in the office occupied by Messrs. T. H. Torrance and W. H. Wilson. The cause is unknown. The fire had good headway when discovered and looked like a very threatening blaze. However, the speedy response of the Fire Brigade and their usual line of skillful and efficient fire-fighting soon put this fire out of business. The good work so quickly and effectively done by Chief Borland and his capable staff of fire fighters soon removed the danger. Emphasis again was given to the fact that one of Timmins' best investments is its expenditures for fire-fighting equipment and one of its best assets its force of capable fire-fighters. The fire burned the interior of the room in which it started and also got down the hall-way. About \$500.00 or \$600.00 damage was done to the building. Messrs. Torrance and Wilson will also lose another \$500.00 or \$600.00 through the loss of equipment, papers, etc., destroyed. They had no insurance. Rinn Bros., whose store is on the ground floor, were the most seriously damaged. Their loss will be two or three thousand dollars, it is estimated. The damage was to stocks from the water and smoke. This loss is covered by insurance. The water poured through the ceiling and did considerable harm in a very short time to the fine stocks carried.

Mr. W. H. Pritebard is in the south for the benefit of his health. His innumerable friends here will very sincerely wish him an early return both to complete health and this Camp.

before the others concerned in the new townsite and the question would be definitely decided at once.

Loss of Life May Reach 75, Property Loss \$8,000,000.

HAILEYBURY, CHARLTON, THORNLOE, UNO PARK, NORTH COBALT, TOMSTOWN AND OTHER PLACES WIPED OUT BY DEVASTATING FIRE. LISKEARD HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

The latest reports from the south indicate that the Red Cross officials in charge of relief work in the fire swept area estimate that the total loss of life all over the district will possibly be seventy-five though not likely to exceed that number. So far less than fifty are positively known to be dead, but settlers in the more distant areas are likely to be added to the sad roll of lives lost. The property loss is estimated at between seven and eight million dollars.

For several weeks past small fires had been burning at various points in the district, but none of them were considered as any danger to the settlements. However last Tuesday and Wednesday these small fires seemed to spread and join and soon fanned by a fierce gale of wind they were menacing the whole district from Haileybury to beyond Liskeard. A number of the smaller settlements were first reported as in danger and then came reports of the menace to New Liskeard, Haileybury and Englehart.

The fire crept upon Haileybury at a point near the T. & N. O. station. The platform at the station took fire, the

men and women. Innumerable are the cases of heroism recorded not only at Haileybury but throughout the whole area visited by fire last week.

North Cobalt preceded the fate of Haileybury, being largely wiped out except the Nipissing Car barns and the school at 104.

To the North, Charlton and surrounding townships were terribly burned. There are two houses and the power plant remaining at Charlton. Englehart lost about twelve houses but was further saved by a change in the wind. New Liskeard lost thirteen houses, but the town was saved by the valiant work of the fire-fighters aided by a change of wind at a critical moment. Evanturel and Hilliard Townships were swept from end to end and the settlers lost their all, just as was the case with most of them in Brethour Township. Earlon escaped more lightly, but Thornloe, Armstrong, Harley, Casey and Harris Townships, all suffered severely.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a list of those recorded now as dying in the fire-swept area. Also several



T. & N. O. Station where the fire started at Haileybury.

blaze coming through the Farr property where there was brush and other inflammable material. The oil storage tank of the Imperial Oil Co. was also in danger from the spreading flames. The Haileybury fire brigade did good work and were successful in checking the flames. The smoke became very dense and sparks were flying all about. The station took fire and the blaze spread to nearby buildings. The firemen were making a strenuous battle with the encroaching fire when the power went off, the power line poles being burned. Haileybury's water pumping system being operated entirely by electric power, this meant that the water was off and there was no effective way of battling with the fire. Bucket brigades were still kept on the work, and even yet the majority of the people did not think Haileybury could burn out as there were so many stone and brick buildings. However, the increasing flames and the choking smoke soon showed that the saving of life was about all possible

features and special incidents relative to the fire are treated under separate heads. At present any orderly and detailed statement of the fires and the damage and loss caused would be impossible.

One of the compensating features of the sad event is the fact that the need of last Wednesday showed up the kindness and nobility of men and women all through the North. It will be weeks before it will be possible to get authentic record of all the deeds of heroism and sacrifice by those in the fires. Many have already come to light and practically all the sufferers surviving have others to give the kind of humanity was made manifest as soon as the word was given of the tragedy of the fire-swept area. Timmins sent down one car of supplies, tents, stoves, blankets, etc., on Thursday and another car the noon following with clothes, etc. The Red Cross here the I.O.D.E., the public in general and the ladies in particular made very prompt and ready response to



Lake Shore district of Haileybury.—Saved.

now. Every large building in the town was burned, with the exception of the High School. Some forty or fifty residences are all that are left of this beautiful residential town. From Probyn street south, Haileybury was wiped out. A number of the people were able to get away before the fire prevented their departure. Those staying in the town later had to take refuge in the lake, hundreds standing up neck-high in the cold water for several hours. There are innumerable heart-rending stories told of the hardships endured, but through it all shines the noble courage, the cheerfulness and the sacrificing spirit of practically all, who in this day of stress and trial proved beyond question that they were in the finest sense

the need. So it was in Iroquois Falls, South Porcupine, Cochrane and all the other towns. They seemed to give even beyond their means, and the giving was speedy and generous. Liskeard, Cobalt, North Bay, Englehart, all opened their doors to the refugees. Everything possible was done. Toronto, the Generous, did not lag a minute in its response. Carloads of supplies were shipped from there immediately the need was known. All this kindness and helpfulness tends to keep alive the faith in humanity. Chairman Geo. W. Lee and the T. & N. O. Railway were prominent in their usefulness and help. Others are mentioned in the Premier's statement elsewhere in this issue.

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PREMIER PLACES LOSS AT 40 LIVES AND \$8,000,000

150 or 200 Farms Burned Out Completely. Relief Organization. Other Matters Re the Fire.

At North Bay on Friday evening Premier E. C. Drury who had spent two days in the fire-swept area, gave out the following official review of the situation:—

"I have just returned from a comprehensive trip through the burned territories. So far as we can learn the conditions are rather more serious than at first anticipated. The town of North Cobalt is wiped out. Haileybury is largely destroyed, though some residences are left and it is gratifying to know that the registry office with the important title deeds of the entire district is saved. New Liskeard has suffered slight losses, these being confined to the district west of the track. Farther north the destruction is wide-spread and the conditions more serious. Thornloe, Heaslip and Charlton are completely destroyed; also Uno Park. Englehart has suffered considerable losses. Through the farming districts the damage is wide-spread. It is probable that there is at least 150 to 200 farms burned out completely. The money loss will probably amount to between seven and eight million dollars. It is impossible, at the present moment, to definitely give the loss of life, but considering the magnitude of the disaster, it is comparatively slight amounting in all probability to between thirty and forty. The number of injured is amazingly small.

"The relief organization has been completed practically through the district. Last night and to-day five carloads of emergency supplies, consisting of about 500 tents, 10,000 pairs of blankets and a large quantity of food-stuffs were distributed throughout the entire area, and it is believed that there is no actual suffering from hunger or exposure to-night. A relief organization has been arranged, which it is hoped will satisfactorily meet the needs of the situation. The organization consists, first, of a number of centres for the distribution of supplies. These centres are distributed throughout the entire territory. Each centre is in charge of a detachment of provincial police, the whole being under the command of Sergt. Inspector Paxton. At each of these centres the provincial police have charge of the relief supplies and are distributing to sufferers as requisitioned by local committees formed in each locality. At the same time an accurate registry of the sufferers is being carried on, by which means we will know definitely within a comparatively few hours the actual number of those requiring relief and what is needed in each case.

The requisitioning of supplies to be distributed at these centres has been placed in the hands of the central committee of which Mr. A. J. Young, of North Bay, is chairman. Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway, was first suggested as chairman, but it was found he could not give the necessary time to the work. Hon. Benjamin Bowman, Mr. Warren, M.P.P. of Renfrew; A. R. Fennell, representing the Canadian Red Cross, and Geo. W. Lee, together with the chairman of the local committees, constitute the other members of the supply committee. Supplies for the district must all pass through the hands of this committee for distribution. The committee have been given a car for office purposes, and the services of an engine and train crew for the moving of supplies through the fire area. By means of this organization it is expected that the needs of the sufferers will be adequately met, and that everything will be done in a careful and efficient manner, and that duplication of relief and consequent confusion will be avoided.

"The need of relief supplies is great, and while the Government will do everything in its power to look after the needs of the district, contributions from those who feel disposed to help the sufferers will be greatly welcomed. The Toronto Board of Trade has already done a great deal, and is prepared to do much more in providing for the needs of the emergency. We also desire to acknowledge gratefully the contributions from other sources, including the Cochrane Board of Trade, the Timmins Board of Trade, Iroquois Falls Board of Trade, the T. Eaton Company, Limited, Kiwanis Club of Sault Ste. Marie and other places. The need for relief is, however, so great that much further help will be needed and contributions from associations and individuals will find a ready use. Contributions should be made either directly

SETTLERS TO BE HELPED IN MAKING FRESH START

Loans Will be Made to Settlers and They Will be Helped in Adjusting Insurance Claims.

Word from Toronto is to the effect that practical aid is to be given by the Ontario Government towards re-establishing the settlers who have suffered from the recent fires. Government representatives are in the North to assist the settlers in proving and securing their insurance claims.

The Ontario Government, it was pointed out at the Agricultural department at the Parliament Buildings, was financially interested in the burned regions to the extent of \$80,000, which represents the total of loans made to the settlers for the purchase of land, the erection of buildings, and the removal of encumbrances.

The conditions of these loans, the department stated, had been indeed fortunate for the settlers concerned, inasmuch as the Government had required that all farms upon which advance was made should be fully insured.

Mr. A. G. Farrow, Chairman of the Agricultural Development Board, is the Department's representative in the North. He will assist the settlers in the adjustment of their insurance policies, endeavor to aid them in starting their rebuilding operations, and will report back to the Department upon the extent to which he believes financial co-operation by the Government will be feasible to re-establish those farmers who may have lost their all and who may be left without insurance.

Superintendent V. Ivan Gray of the Provincial Insurance Department has despatched Messrs. W. A. Cork and W. J. Suel to the scene of the disaster. Their instructions are to locate at whatever point they may consider most suitable and to open there an advisory office for the free use of the settlers. As the majority of the settlers who were insured have had their policies burned, this office will be able to perform valuable services in assisting the victims to establish their claims.

COBALT BRANCH OF TAYLOR HARDWARE HAS FIRE MONDAY

Monday morning this week the people of Cobalt and the refugees from the Haileybury fire quartered in the Silver Town had a bad scare when fire was discovered in the Taylor Hardware Company's fine big store. There was no panic, however, and the strenuous fight put up by the Fire Brigade saved a serious conflagration. Just what started the fire is not known, but the flames had great headway when discovered and it looked as if the fine building was to be a total loss. The theatre alongside and other adjacent buildings were also in danger, but the good work of the brigade held down the menace. The fire, when apparently commenced in the assay department, caused a loss of around \$20,000.00, but was eventually gotten under control without being allowed to spread to adjoining buildings. Much of the damage done is to stock, and through the water poured upon the flames.

to the relief committee through its chairman, Mr. Young or to Arthur Hewitt, who is in charge of the relief activities of the Toronto Board of Trade and of the northern relief fund. There is urgent need for large quantities of women's and children's clothing. These supplies should be sent to the Canadian Red Cross Society at 410 Sherbourne Street, Toronto, or through any of the branches of the Red Cross Society throughout the Province.

"Too much cannot be said in praise of the fortitude and helpfulness of the Northern people. Throughout the fire area, while the losses have been tremendous, there has been no despondency and I find everywhere a brave determination to rebuild on a better and surer basis. The Northern towns also have shown the most commendable spirit of helpfulness. Nearly a thousand refugees have been cared for in the kindest possible manner by the town of North Bay through its Mayor, Mr. John Ferguson, Mr. Patton, chairman of the contingent committee, and its various church and women's organizations. North of the fire area the towns have come to the relief of the afflicted with promptitude and energy. Everywhere there is shown such a spirit of helpfulness and kindness that, coupled with the courage shown in the devastated area, cannot but gain the speedy restoration of the destroyed territory and its progress to better and surer prosperity."