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How to Turn in An Alarm From Fire Alarm Boxes

"BREAK THE GLASS; OPEN DOOR; PULL HOOK RIGHT DOWN, AND LET GO." LIST OF LOCATIONS OF THE ALARM BOXES IN TIMMINS.

Considerable of the "luck" enjoyed by Timmins in the matter of fires has been due to the prompt attention given to threatening fires. A few minutes in the early stages of a fire may make all the difference between safety and serious loss. The Timmins Fire Brigade has a well-deserved reputation for making prompt response to fire alarms. The fire equipment here, including the modern system of alarm boxes throughout the town, also contributes to Timmins "luck" in avoiding serious fires. The quickest way usually to give notification of a fire discovered is through the use of these alarm boxes. A telephone call to the Fire Hall, No. 50, will do the trick, of course, but sometimes a telephone is not easily accessible. The alarm boxes are so located throughout the town as to be within easy distance of any point. Anyone using one of the alarm boxes should stay by the box until the arrival of the Brigade. No one will have long to wait in such a case. The Firemen are mighty soon on the spot.

The fire alarm box system has been so long in use in town that it might be thought that anyone would know how to turn in an alarm from one of the boxes. Last week, however, it was discovered that many citizens lack this very useful knowledge. Accordingly, The Advance is giving herewith all the necessary instructions for turning in an alarm from one of the boxes. These instructions are printed plainly on each box, but in case of fire and the excitement natural to an alarm may be overlooked. All that is necessary to do to turn in a box alarm is to break the glass, open the door, pull the hook right down and let go. That's all. The glass on the door of the alarm boxes is very light and may be broken by simply jerking the frame of the door in which the glass rests. A sharp blow with the end of a knife or a stone will break the glass. An inner door needs only to be pulled to open, disclosing a hook. Just pull this hook down, and the alarm goes in.

In view of the many who seem to be in doubt as to the right way to turn in an alarm from a box, Fire Chief Bor-

land intends to demonstrate publicly the sending in of an alarm. The Fire Chief will, give this demonstration from the stage of the New Empire Theatre in the near future.

There are now fifteen fire alarm boxes in Timmins, and four more are to be installed very shortly in the Mattagami section. The alarm boxes are on electric light or telephone poles and are approximately four feet from the ground. The boxes are painted a bright red, as are also the bottoms of the poles to which they are attached, the pole being painted red from the box to the ground.

The following are the numbers of the boxes and their locations:—

- 12—Corner, Second Avenue and Pine Street. (Bardessono Block corner).
- 13—Corner, Third Avenue and Pine Street. (Marshall-Eccleston corner).
- 14—Corner, Third Avenue and Cedar Street. (Dalton's).
- 15—Public School building.
- 21—Corner, Fifth Ave. and Balsam St.
- 23—Corner, Fifth Ave. and Pine St.
- 24—Corner, Fifth Ave. and Hemlock St.
- 25—Corner, Sixth Ave. and Tamarack St.
- 31—Corner, Third Ave. and Birch St.
- 32—Corner, Second Ave. and Maple St.
- 34—Corner, Fourth Ave. and Birch St.
- 41—Corner, Borden and Vimy.
- 42—Corner, Laurier and Waterloo.
- 43—Corner, Messines and Waterloo.
- 45—Corner, Hollinger and Preston.

It will be noted that Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 15 are in the main business area. Nos. 21, 23, 24 and 25 are in the residential area "on the hill" and in the north part of the town. Nos. 31, 32 and 34 are situated in what was the western part of the town before the annexation of Mattagami. Nos. 41, 42, 43 and 45 are in the new Hollinger Townsite district, and four new alarm boxes are soon to be installed in the Mattagami Heights area.

MATTAGAMI YOUNG MAN SUSTAINS BAD BURNS

Explosion of Gasoline in Lighting Fire Causes Damage to House Also.

Sunday morning the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Clement, Mattagami, was badly burned by the explosion of some gasoline. The interior of the house was also damaged by fire, the house and furnishings being injured by the flames. The family were able to get the flames extinguished, and to give first aid to the boy. The lad is under the doctor's care, his hands particularly being badly burned as he cleverly shielded his face and head from the flames by putting his arms up before him. The injuries while painful will not prove fatal, and the young man is making excellent progress to complete recovery.

So far as the facts of the case can be reconstructed, it would appear that the accident occurred through the confining of a gasoline can for one of coal oil. The young man got up in the morning to light the fire, and there being two cans in the house—one containing coal oil and the other holding gasoline—he unfortunately picked up the wrong can. As he poured some of the gasoline on the fire there was an explosion and he was at once enveloped in flames. His calls for help soon brought assistance and the flames were beaten out from his clothing and attention given to attending to the burns he had sustained, medical assistance also being summoned. The fire which had started in the house from the spreading gasoline was also extinguished before serious damage was done.

Rev. G. C. McVitty, of South Porcupine, will preach at both services at the Baptist church on Sunday, April 8. His topic at the 11 a.m. service will be, "Somewhat Religious," and at the evening service at 7 p.m., "The Thirst for Reality."

NEW HOLLINGER RECREATION HALL TO BE OPEN SOON

The new Hollinger Recreation Hall at the Hollinger Townsite, Timmins, will be formally opened at an early date, the formal opening to take the form of a high-class concert and social time. The date for the formal opening has not yet been set. The new Hollinger Recreation Hall is a one-storey structure, 40 by 70, just across the creek from the Hollinger Townsite store. It is handsomely appointed and equipped, among its special features being a reading room, pool tables, and a fine dancing floor. It will also be used for a hall for gatherings of many kinds. It has been erected for the pleasure and advantage of Hollinger employees and bids fair to be a most useful and appreciated amusement and recreation place.

DEATH OF MRS. E. C. WARD AT COCHRANE LAST WEEK

There will be very sincere regret all through the district at the death in Cochrane last week of Mrs. E. C. Ward, and sympathy will be heartfelt with the bereaved husband and other near relatives in their loss. The late Mrs. Ward passed away after a short but severe illness from fever which she contracted while recuperating from a severe illness suffered during the fall and winter. Besides her bereaved husband and two small children, Kitchener, aged 6, and Maxime, aged 3 years, she leaves to mourn her loss her mother, Mrs. McGuire, of Cochrane, and four sisters. The late Mrs. Ward was Past Noble Grand of the North Star Rebekah Lodge, President of the Rebekah Assembly for Cochrane District, and also a highly esteemed member of Cochrane Chapter of the Eastern Star. Mr. Ward, who is District Superintendent for the Confederation Life Insurance Company, has been a frequent visitor to Timmins for several years past, and has a host of friends here, all of whom will extend to him the most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in his sad loss.

LABOUR PARTY FAVOUR SALE OF BEER AND WINE

Convention for Cochrane Riding Held At Porquis Last Friday. No. Formal Choice of Candidate.

The Labour Party of Cochrane Riding held a Convention at Porquis Junction on Friday last, with a large attendance of delegates, there being fifty-one accredited representatives from various parts of the riding. Iroquois Falls and Timmins, the two chief labour towns of the district, were particularly well represented, there being eighteen delegates from Iroquois Falls and seventeen from Timmins. Monteith, Matheson and other towns south of Porquis Junction had one or two representatives each, but Cochrane and other towns north and west were without representation on the occasion.

The Convention passed a resolution favouring the sale of beer and light wines, to replace in part the present un-British type of prohibitory liquor legislation.

The Convention was also enthusiastic in its choice of Mr. John Vanier, Mayor of Iroquois Falls, as the candidate for this riding in the coming Provincial Elections. At the suggestion of Mr. Vanier, however, no formal choice of a candidate was made. Mr. Vanier said that many towns and sections were not represented at the Convention, and he felt they should be consulted and their opinions secured before any candidate was announced for the Labour Party in this district.

When the towns referred to are consulted, it is very probable that the candidature of Mr. Vanier will be announced on behalf of the Labour Party of Cochrane Riding. Mr. Vanier proved a strong candidate in a previous election, and though under many handicaps at that time made a surprisingly good run. He is now well known throughout the district and is held in the highest esteem by all, and will undoubtedly make a very strong and capable candidate.

Board of Trade meeting, Monday evening at 8 p.m., in the Council Chamber, Timmins.

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRADE NEXT MONDAY

Many Important Matters Likely to Come Before Board. All Good Citizens Should Attend.

There will be a regular meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade on Monday, April 9th, in the Council Chamber, commencing at 8 o'clock sharp. At the last meeting of the Board it was decided to have regular monthly meetings, the meeting night to be the first Monday in each month. On account of the first Monday this month being Easter Monday and in view of other counter attractions, it was thought best to postpone the regular meeting for April until next Monday, April 9th. There should be a large attendance Monday evening at this meeting. The Board of Trade has made a very useful and auspicious start this year and with the co-operation of the citizens in general will prove a very helpful organization for the town. Board of Trade meetings can be made a clearing house for the exchange of ideas that will aid in the betterment and progress of the town. This has been amply proved this year already. Reference was made last week to some of the good work growing from the last meeting of the Board of Trade. It may not be out of place to mention another item. Mr. R. Dipaolo, of the Porcupine Board of Trade brought forward among other matters of district interest the question of what he considered unfairness in the distribution of freight cars to pulp dealers and others along this branch of the T. & N. O. The T. & N. O. Railway has since got busy to investigate this suggestion of Mr. Dipaolo's, and if there has been any unfairness the public can depend upon it that the matter will be remedied at once. If anything can be done further to assist the people in the matter of the car supply it will be done at once.

Anyone with any ideas for the benefit of the town or district should make a point of attending the Board of Trade meeting on Monday evening, April 9th, at 8 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

Government Should Act At Once in Interests of North

POWER SITUATION SHOULD BE RIGHTED. GOLD MINING INDUSTRY ONE OF ONTARIO'S MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES, SHOULD BE GIVEN PROPER OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCE.

For some time past there seems to have been a system of propaganda carried on with the apparent purpose of holding back the Ontario Government from action in the matter of granting power rights to the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines. The Government can well afford to disregard propaganda in the matter. The Government has all the facts in its own possession; Government engineers have surveyed the areas concerned, and reported fully. The propaganda has suggested otherwise, but it is a matter of general knowledge that the Abitibi River has been surveyed by Government engineers to Burnt Wood Falls, and also that engineers have made a power reconnaissance of the Abitibi for the T. & N. O. Railway Commission. From the reports of its own engineers the Government can secure all the required information. Propaganda is not necessary. The Government can be assured of the strongest support from the North Land in any action taken to assure the progress and development of this country. The Government may think it is not popular in this part of Ontario, but whenever the Government has shown earnest and intelligent action for the North it has found the people appreciative and generous in support. The matter of Fire Relief and the clearing of the fire guards around North Land towns are two recent instances of the response made by the people. In any case, it is evident that delay in deciding upon action in the power situation by no means adds to Governmental popularity. The power question is a very vital one to the progress of the North. To-day, the power situation is the one factor that is holding this country back from unprecedented progress and development.

At the present time the mining industry, and especially the gold mining branch, is of vital importance to On-

tario. The Porcupine Camp for some years past has been Canada's most prosperous spot, with consequent advantage to the Province and to all Canada. Apart from the particular advantage to the country of the gold production here, there is the purchasing power of the industry and its employees to be considered as an advantage to trade. A recent article in the *Broke Husler* suggested that the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. paid more in wages than all the mines of the Porcupine together. It is easy to doubt this suggestion, but not so easy to disprove as the paper in question quoted no figures in support of its statement. It is interesting to note, however, that the gold industry of the Porcupine expends more than six million dollars a year in wages alone. The industry gives full year-round employment directly to close to five thousand men, while as many more are indirectly, but closely, supported by the industry. The gold mining industry here has gathered together a series of communities with a total of around fifteen thousand of population. No other industry in this land can rightly claim as much. The pulp and paper industry is undoubtedly important but much of its activities ensure only seasonal employment. The mining industry is a full-year occupation for its employees. There can scarcely be a question surely as to the fact that the gold mining industry is the most important industry or activity in this North Land.

This chief industry of the North Land to-day is crippled by the power situation. The Hollinger, for instance some months ago when its immediate power requirements were being supplied, was milling over 4000 tons per day. Now, with reduced power, it is only averaging half that amount, or 2026 tons per day. And the Hollinger branch, is of vital importance to On-

Guarding Timmins From the Forest Fire Menace

GOVERNMENT EVIDENTLY DOING ITS PART. THE PEOPLE MUST DO THEIRS TO GUARD ABSOLUTELY AGAINST ANY REPETITION OF THE HAILEYBURY DISASTER.

Attention has recently been called to the matter of the guarding of Timmins from any similar fate to that which overtook Haileybury last October. The question has been asked repeatedly as to where the people would go here for refuge in case this town were menaced as Haileybury was menaced last year. There is no lake here, and no other convenient refuge. If Timmins were faced with a situation such as faced Haileybury last October, and if the people felt that they did not know what to do or where to go for safety, the result could only be panic, and panic would mean loss of life and loss of any chances that might be for saving property. Questions along these lines are being raised now. When the dry season approaches they are likely to be asked with greater importunity. The time to answer such questions is now. The time to prepare absolutely for the suggested eventualities is also now,—now, when there is no panic, no danger, and ample time to prepare and guard. On the one hand there should be no false sense of security, and on the other there should be no unnecessary alarm. The situation as it exists, and as it may be made to exist, should be squarely faced.

The Quebec Government has ordered a trebling of the usual number of fire rangers for this year, and also arranged for these guardians to commence work on April 15th, much earlier than customary. From a mass of information and data gathered, the Quebec Government has reached the conclusion that the approaching season will be one of the driest and most hazardous in history from the forest fire menace viewpoint. The Quebec Government is taking all possible measures to safeguard its territory from the dangers it sees approaching. Quebec Province is chiefly concerned with the western part of its area, the portion adjoining Ontario. What applies to that area applies with equal force to Temiskaming's bush district. If danger of a repetition of last October's calamity is to be avoided, safeguards and action must be the orders of the day in this part of Ontario.

The Ontario Government has done much during the past few months to remove the bush menace from Timmins. Work has been effectively carried on for the clearing of a fire guard of a full mile all round the town. It is understood that this spring the Government will stump and plough a portion at least of this cleared strip leaving a non-conducting ring, as it were, around the town. This work gives Timmins a first-class chance for the fighting back of any bush fires. This is what is chiefly needed. It is generally recognized that with the effective fire brigade and the superior fire fighting equipment of the town, there is practically no serious danger of a conflagration from any fire originating inside the town limits. The Timmins Fire Brigade has won the enviable reputation of never allowing a fire to spread beyond the building in which it may commence. In this North Land, however, the bush fire menace must always be reckoned with. With all the equipment in the world and the most up-to-date brigade possible a town would have a poor chance if it was in the way of bush fire driven by a gale and with a volume of bush near town to add to its fury. The work done in recent months has in large measure removed the bush menace near town.

The situation then resolves itself into this: that Timmins may be absolutely guarded against the fire danger no matter how dry the season may be, if certain obligations and requirements are fully attended to.

First, the work of clearing away the bush must be completed and the fire guard fully established around the town. The Government appears to be doing its part in this, and full credit should be given for the evidently earnest attitude of Premier Drury and his Cabinet in the matter. In the work, however, there should be the fullest and earliest possible action to completion. The time of chief danger is estimated now to be from April to July, so it will be noted that there is no time that can be needlessly wasted in the matter. Careful enforcement of the rules and regulations regarding

burning of slash and brush should also be observed, even at the risk of apparent hardship to individuals, for the general good and safety should be the paramount consideration.

Second, the fire-fighting staffs and equipment of the town should be maintained and enlarged. No consideration whatever should be permitted to interfere with the protection of the town from the fire enemy. Speakers at the recent Board of Trade Banquet counselled the Town Council to "loosen up" in expenditures. In no line could they have more warrant for outlay than in buying more "luck" for the Town of Timmins in the matter of fire. The Town of Timmins must continue to do its part for the safety of the town. Expenditures for fire protection are justified by sound business sense, as well as by considerations of humanity. To allow Timmins to burn like Haileybury would mean a monetary loss of fully twenty million dollars, as well as setting the Camp back five years or more.

Third, there should be official instructions as to what to do in case of any particular danger in the coming months. This is necessary to avoid danger of panic, for the case of Haileybury has made a most striking impression on the minds of the people in general. Fire Chief Borland this week reminded The Advance that a couple of years ago there was a voluntary organization of some two hundred capable citizens ready to act in case of emergency from the bush fire menace. There was an effective organization with every man having his place and ready either to fight fire or to direct the public in case of need. This was supplementary to the regular fire brigade. A similar organization should be perfected this year. It is to be hoped there will be no need for it. It is to be fairly confidently expected that there will be no need for it. Yet the very existence of such an organization will do much to support public confidence and avoid all danger.

And, finally, it may be again emphasized that everything possible should be done to perfect the fire fighting force and equipment of the town. In taking over the town water supply, the Hollinger has provided a new pump-house, new mains and increased pumping power, while at the same time retaining the former plant of the town with its steam auxiliary. Timmins was never in better shape to battle with any fires that may occur. This condition should be maintained at all costs, and no consideration allowed to endanger or interfere with the town's present good position in this regard.

To sum up, Timmins will be fully safeguarded against the menace of fire, if the Government completes its fire guard programme; if the town maintains and increases its policy of buying good luck; if the people understand the facts of the case and know the conditions upon which safety is assured.

EASTER SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES IN TIMMINS

There were unusually large crowds present at the Easter Services on Sunday in the Anglican, Presbyterian and Baptist churches. The churches were beautiful with flowers and other suggestions of Spring, and there was special music and special addresses appropriate to Easter at all the services.

At the Salvation Army, Brigadier and Mrs. McAmmond of North Bay were present and there were special services with special music and addresses of inspiration and helpfulness. At the beautiful new R. C. Church, the attendance was particularly striking. All the Masses were even more largely attended than usual but High Mass at 10.30 brought so large a congregation that even the big new church was crowded to capacity, fully 1200 people being present. In the evening the attendance was almost equally large. The singing and other music for the day may be particularly noted as unusually pleasing and appropriate to the occasion.

His Lordship the Bishop of Moosonee will (D.V.) administer the rite of confirmation in St. Matthew's church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

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