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TO GUARD AGINST ANY FURTHR ACCIDENTS

McIntyre Hill to e Safeguarded by Railing. Other Business at Adjourned Coucil Meeting

An adjourned eeting of the Town of Timmins Coun was held on Monday afternoon, t session being a continuance of the previous meeting of the Council. Mor Dr. J. A. McInnis presided, a Councillors J. H. Bacon, E. L. Lormore, F. M. Walling ford, L. S. Newin, J. E. Sullivan and J. E. Morin we present.

One of the mst important items of business dealt ith was in reference to safeguardin against any further accidents at th dangerous section of the McIntyre ill where one fatality has occurred rently and where there have been tw or three other accidents. The Myor explained that the Townhip of isdale contemplated e-reetn tive railing of subshantia 19 his hill. Part of the roadwa o attended to was Tisdale an rerchtion in Timmins, and the Tow p asked if Timmins would bear its share of the cost. The Council were quite ready to co-operate with Tisdale in the matter and the Town Engineerwas asked to take up the matter an see what the plans of Tisdale were In view of the improvements to e made to the road by the Provincil Government in the onstruction of the highway now in progress, a pernanent guard at this section would pt be possible, as it would have to e moved when the road was widend and straightened. A substantial rl should be erected, however, to guar against any further accidents. The ouncil left the question to be dealtwith by the Town Engineer in co-oeration with Tisdale The cost is not xpected to be large and the need forproper safeguard is apparent.

Another matte concerning Tisdale Township was th question of the respective proportis of the Town and Township in the iabilities of the incinerator. The Township's understanding, as expined by Reeve Gallagher to the Mor, was that in the matter of new bilding repairs, etc., the Town's share as 60 per cent. and the Township's 4per cent. For main tenance now, the own's share was 75 per cent. and thTownship's 25 per cent. This beingalso the understand ing of the Tow Council, this was quite satisfactor The fire hall at Moneta is beingurned over to the Town through tl generous attitude of the Township,he latter only asking that the Towhip Constable, Mr. W. Rayeroft, be lowed to remain in the residence parof the building for a month to allo time for him to secure another hse.

The tender of B. Leo. Mascioli for waterworks extetions as submitted in July was formly accepted after being extended toclude three works not specified in e tender but constructed in the mntime.

Refund of a parof taxes was granted in a couple ofases where the facts showed th conditions had changed between e time the assessment was made al the end of the year. In one case tailor's earnings had been estimated $500 more than they actually provl to be for the year. In anotherase business tax ljusted, six nths of the year es of muchower assessment ccupied.

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djourned there ourt of Revis- e Double Dia- aken up. The part of the Co. that the d not appear the Act and high. Mr. assessor, ex- of the Act the produce- e power was assessable. The Town Solicitor gave a similar onion to the Court of Revision. Th assessor went on to explain that e asseessment was based on the phyal buildings, the boilers and engine etc. The assessment of all the saw ls at the river had been adjusted o the same basis, the amount bein rrived at by figuring on the horse wer. The assessments had remain the same for the past three years In reply to a question Mr. Macph on said that no provision had be made for depreciation of the mach ry. The chief factor in the as ent was the machinery used for p ing motive power. After consid tion of the various phases of t matter the Court of Revision red the assessment on buildings an achinery.

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ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN TO JUVENILE HOCKEY

Rink Free Saturday Mornings... As Many Teams as Possible Desired of Youngsters 10 to 15 Years.

This year special encouragement is being given to Juvenile Hockey. The boys have a great chance to play the game under good direction and with the encouragement of old-time hockey players. The Timmins Rink has kind ly placed the rink at the disposal of the Juveniles each Saturday morning for practices. The idea is to get as many teams as possible of youngsters from 10 to 15 years of age. The teams will be graded according to ages, etc., and the youngsters have a great chance for a lot of good, clean, wholesome sport this winter. All the young boys of the ages mentioned should turn out Saturday morning if they want to get on a team. The more teams the merrier. After the teams are properly lined up, regular games will be arranged with South Porcupine and Schumacher teams of corresponding ages, and an interesting season of Juvenile Hockey may be expected. Now boys bring along your hockey outfits and get into the game.

CAN ACCOMMODATE 300 OVER NIGHT FOR HOCKEY

Iroquois Falls Has Made Arrangements to Look After Vistors to Sault-Falls Games.

Iroquois Falls has made arrangements to accommodate at least 300 visitors overnight for the Sault-Falls hockey matches. One hundred can be looked after at the Hotel and another two hundred at the Camp. Accommodation will be found to be of the best. Also hot meals will be served after the games at the Devonshire and at Cooker G. Last year the visitors from outside points to the hockey matches at the Falls were well looked after and room was always made for them at the Rink. The same readiness will be found for all attending the games, and for those remaining over night to take in the two games the special accommodation has been arranged to look after any number up to 300. The first two of the Senior series in the N.O.H.A. matches Iroquois Falls versus Sault Ste Marie will be at the Falls on Thursday and Friday of next week, January 10th and 11th. Arrangements are also under way, it is understood for special train service to be announced in the next day or two.

TIMMINS FIRE BRIGADE ASSIST AT SCHUMACHER.

Schumacher Fire Brigade sent the Timmins Firemen a call for assistance at 3.45 a.m. Tuesday and the local brigade made a prompt response. The new fire sleigh with a liberal amount of hose and appliances went over to Schumacher, a number of the firemen also going along to give any help possible. The fire at Schumacher was in a private residence and the blaze had a big start and was threatening to spread to other houses nearby. For this reason the Schumacher Brigade did not want to take any chances, and so put in the call for neighborly assistance. Fire Chief Borland says that the Schumacher lads did effective work under the conditions there and fought the fire well. The blaze was confined to the structure where it started and this residence was the only one burned. This was the first run for the new sleigh of the Timmins Fire Brigade, and the Chief says the new equipment is O.K., and a big bargain at the price paid.

ORGANIZE NOW FOR THE PORCUPINE DOG RACE

Event in 1924 Should be Bigger and Better Than Ever, But Speedy Work Must be Done Now.

Organization for the 1924 Dog Dace and Winter Carnival should be started at once, or sooner. Every year the work of organization is left off until a few weeks before the event, and as a consequence the arrangements can not be perfected as they might be with more time for detail. The possibilities of the Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival could be greatly enlarged. This is recognized by all who have taken any part in past events. But to make the feature the big event it should be and could be, much more time is necessary for preparation and arrangements. This also, is recognized by all concerned. Each year it is promised that NEXT time arrangements will not be left off so late, but each recurring year it is the same old story. Last year Chief Borland extracted a promise from those interested that the preparations for the 1924 event would be started well before Christmas. Christmas is over again, and the Dog Race still awaits the usual action. It is not too late yet to make the 1924 event a big winter feature. If action is taken properly and the work of making arrangements is actively taken up by energetic committees the 1924 Dog Race and Carnival may yet outclass the ones that have gone before. However, prompt action is necessary. An organization meeting should be called at once and the work of preparing for the Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival hurried along.

Next! The Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival! And everybody work to make it the biggest and best ever.

HOGMANAY ENJOYED BY CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

A hundred and a half enjoyed the observance of Hogmanay Monday evening in the I.O.O.F. Hall under the auspices of the Caledonian Society of Timmins. With the President, Mr. D. Mackie, in the chair, five new members were welcomed into the Society, and then business was deferred to the next regular meeting, January 11th, and Mr. P. Macauley, chairman of the committee in charge of the programme for Hogmanay, was asked to take the chair. Then followed an evening of very special enjoyment, and a programme of special excellence A duet by Misses Fern and Ruby McCarthy was a selection of particular sweetness and charm. The two young ladies sang very pleasingly, with Miss Ruby playing banjo accompaniment. There was a rousing encore for the number, with the responding selection, in which Miss Fearn played piano accompaniment, proving equally pleasing. Mrs. U. L. Acton won very hearty encore for a well-rendered solo Her responding number was equally popular. Mr. P. Macaulay gave a brief but strikingly interesting address on Hogmanay, its history, origin and observance, the address being full of wit, information and interest. Miss Jean Roberts made a big hit with the "auld Scots sangs," the gathering heartily joining in the chorus. A violin selection given with talented effectiveness by Mr. Simard made a big hit. Mr. Simard was encored insistently, the responding number earning a second encore. Mr. Jas. Cowan brought down the house with a Lauder song realistically rendered, the gathering roaring the chorus with him. A humorous song by Mr. James Elrick, of Kirkland Lake, who was the guest in town of Mr. A. Roberts over the New Year, brought rounds of applause, and an equal hit was made by his response in an imitation of a little girl reciting "Mary Had a Little Lamb." Mr. Jas Geils gave a fine rendition of an attractive song and won the heartiest appreciation. In addition to the musical and literary programme there were daneing, the Old Land Dances, such as the Eightsome Reel, the Highland Schottische, the Circassian Circle, etc., predominating. The lunch was a fine one, and the whole evening a very happy one. Mr. Macaulay and his committee won the highest praise of all for the splendid Hogmanay Night provided. At the closing of the old year, the gathering sang "Auld Lang Syne," "God Save the King," and with [illegible] New Year good wishes the gathering dispersed. Mr. J. Cunningham substituting. Mr. Bridges played the accompaniments for the evening.

H. NIEMI DROWNED WHILE CROSSING ICE ON RIVER

Well-Known Milk Dealer Loses Life on Friday. Body Recovered

Mr. Herman Niemi, milkman, met death on Friday last by drowning in the Mattagami River. At about half past three Friday afternoon he left his home and going across the river on the ice to secure a canoe he went through the ice and was drowned. There were witnesses of the tragedy, but they were too far away to assist the unfortunate man. By the time they reached the scene of the accident there was no trace of the man except the broken ice where he had gone through. He was wearing skiis at the time and it is thought that these prevented him making any successful effort to get out of the water. The treacherous condition of the ice prevented any possibility of rescue and also made it impractical to attempt to recover the body. As soon as the cold snap came on, however, fellow countrymen of the deceased made systematic efforts to recover the body. They were successful on Sunday afternoon, the body being found in about 20 feet of water, some thirty feet away from the spot where he had gone through the ice. He had crossed the ice below McChesney's mill. One of his skiis had been torn off and was gone, but the other was still attached to his foot when the body was recovered. The coroner was immediately notified of the accident, and viewed the body on its recovery. A jury inquest was not necessary, the facts of the case being quite plain, and the tragedy being completely accidental.

The late Herman Niemi was well-known and highly respected in the town and district. For some years past he has conducted a dairy business here and has been highly regarded by all who came in touch with him. He leaves a wife and several children and to these the sincere sympathy of all will be extended in their bereavement. The late Mr. Niemi was a native of Finland and the funeral this week was largely attended by his fellow countrymen as well as by others here who knew and esteemed him.

HOLLINGER PAY NIGHT TO BE ON THURSDAYS NOW.

For the year 1924, or till further notice is given, it is the intention of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines to pay on Thursdays. The first of these "Hollinger Pay Days" will be on Thursday, January 10th., 1924. Other paydays will follow every second week, commencing as noted on Thursday of next week.

MONETA TOUGHS ATTACK POLICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

On Christmas Day there did not seem to be the proper amount of peace on earth in Moneta, and so Constable Martin accompanied by Officer Simpson went to that suburb in expectation of enforcing the season's goodwill to all men. The two police officers found a couple of men near the Moneta dance hall and as these two seemed both drunk and disorderly it was decided to put them under arrest. The two men, however, did not want to be arrested and set up a great old howl for help. In answer to this howl between twenty-five and fifty other men appeared and began to make things lively for the two police officers. By force of numbers the officers were deprived of their prospective prisoners. Officer Martin put up a gallant battle, breaking his club eventually and at one time having about eight men down, but there were too many to handle and when at last two men with rifles joined the battle discretion become the better sort of valour. Provincial Officer Simpson was surrounded in the early stages of the contest and had his club wrenched from his hands. Constable Martin had only a small portion of his club left when he left. The officers were not injured in the battle, but the attacking force did not fare so well. Several of the toughs had to seek medical aid after the scrap, one man, according to reports, travelling to Schumacher to have the club wounds on his head attended to. He thought that if he had attention from a doctor in town word might reach the police here and so lead to his arrest. Likely he will have his worry for nothing, as the police are working on the case and expect to have all implicated in the affair behind the bars. Constable Rayeroft, of Moneta has been in bed for some days [illegible] this fact no doubt added [illegible] of the rough lads that [illegible] with a perfor[illegible]nce

OPENING GAME OF MINES HOCKEY THURSDAY NIGHT

Timmins versus Hollinger Promises to be a Lively Match in the Mines Series.

The first game in the Porcupine Mines Hockey League series will be Timmins vs Hollinger at the Timmins Rink tomorrow (Thursday) evening. The puck will be faced at 8 o'clock. The game is expected to a good one. The practices so far have shown a lot of fine hockey talent in the Mines League teams and a good series of games is confidently expected. Those who have noted the practices are agreed that the material is here all right and that speedy and interesting games may be looked for in the Mines League.

On Saturday, January 5th, McIntyre plays at the Dome in the Mines League series, the match to be played at the new rink at South Porcupine

On Thursday of next week, Jan. 10th, there is a double-header here,—Hollinger at McIntyre, and Dome at Timmins.

MRS. THOMAS CONTESTING FOR TISDALE REEVESHIP

Eight in Contest for Four Places on the Township Council.

At the nomination meeting for Tisdale Township Council on Monday there were four nominated for the Reeveship and twelve for tthe Council for the Township for 1924. Two withdrew from the Reeveship contest and four from the race for Council. This leaves Mr. C. V. Gallagher and Mrs. J. A. Thomas contesting the Reeveship, and Messrs. Hugh Boyle, J. E. Boyle, David Craig, David Kerr, E. J. Mason, C. B. Morgan, Gavin McIntosh and J. J. St. Paul in the contest for Councillors. Four Councillors are to be elected.

The following were the nominations for Reeve:—C. V. Gallagher, Mrs. J. A. Thomas, J. J. St. Paul, and J. E. Boyle, the latter two withdrawing.

For the Council:—Hugh Boyle, J. E. Boyle, J. J. St. Paul, Gavin McIntosh, C. B. Morgan, John Mason, David Kerr, David Craig, P. E. Cooper, Sylvester Kennedy, R. S. Crawford and W. A. G. Woods, the four last named withdrawing from the contest.

GIRLS' AUXILIARY DANCE FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 11th.

Dances and other social events under the auspices of St. Matthew's Girls Auxiliary are always welcomed and popular in view of past pleasing successes. Accordingly there will be more than passing interest in the announcement that a Dance under the auspices of St. Matthew's Girls' Auxiliary will be held in the Masonic Hall, Timmins, on Friday evening, January 11th. Dancing will commence at 9 p.m. Wolno's Orchestra will provide the music for the occasion.

CONCERT BY MALE CHORUS EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD ONE.

The concert in the New Empire Theatre Sunday evening by the Timmins Male Chorus was well attended and the programme given was an excellent one. Mr. T. F. King occupied the chair for the occasion. Under the leadership of Mr. R. R. Johnston, the Timmins Male Chorus rendered a number of selections in very effective and pleasing way, and each number won hearty applause and appreciation. On account of the holiday season the Chorus was not at full strength, but the voices were well balanced and rendered the selections in capable manner. Among the favourite numbers by the Chorus were the selections, "Sweet and Low," and "In This Hour." The audience considered the pianoforte solo by Mr. R. R. Johnston a genuine musical treat and gave this skilfully rendered number very warm applause. The violin solo by Mr. Hirschman was another instrumental number winning particular favour. Mr. Hirschman proved himself a [illegible]olinist of talent, and his well-re[illegible] number was enthusiasticall[illegible] Mr. Boisenault again [illegible]al hit with a Timmins [illegible] his work [illegible] saxaphon[illegible] hearty e[illegible] was equ[illegible]ated. M[illegible]panie[illegible]

ASSETS OF TOWN EXCEED LIABILITIES BY $190,357

Financial Statement for Year Shows Town of Timmins in Good Condition Financially.

The annual financial statement for the Town of Timmins for the year ending, December 15th, 1923, shows the municipality to be in good financial condition, despite the large expenditures required to keep abreast of the times and to supply needed improvements and convenience for the citizens. The assets as at December 15th, 1923, total $536,240.06, and the total liabilities are $345,882.60, leaving an excess of assets over liabilities of $190,357.46.

The liquid assets of the municipality are given as follows:—cash in treasurer's hands, $100.00; uncollected taxes, $32,648.42; water rates unpaid, $331.00. Other assets are:—cement walks $42,156.77; plank walks, $4931.22; fire dept. equipment,$17,337.50; real estate, $4166.51; fire dept. premises, $9102.76; municipal building, $11,641,95; jail equipment, $473.67; waterworks system, $210,754.51; office equipment, $1475.23; waterworks tools, $2270.00; telephone line to pump station, $334.00; stable building $155.00; fire chief's house, $1500.00; fire team, $565.00; work team, $400; cemetery building, $1029.50; disposal plant and equipment, $200.00; band instruments, $1000.00; engineering dept. equipment, $200.00; town scales, $508.27; incinerator, $11,100.00; sewage system, $87,043.00; motor truck, $500.00; motor car, $645.00; waterworks under construction, $15,903.95; police chief's residence, $4000.00; fire dept. equipment, Hollinger Townsite, $1279.31; sewers under construction, $15,000.17; storehouse, $800.00; street dept. equipment, $2275.66; coal and wood on hand, $995.00.

The current liabilities are:—Bank loans, $49.000.00; Public School on levy, $8220.66; Separate School on levy, $6,000.00; accounts due and unpaid, $18,107.75; payroll, second half of December, $2050.00; debentures, bonds and coupons due and unpaid (not presented to date), $9823.77; Volunteer Firemen, $300.00; Timmins Band, $250.00; overdraft, Imperial Bank, $4577.86; total, $98,330.04.

The bonded indebtedness incudes waterworks debentures to total of $86,558.97; cement walks, $15,271.50; sewers, $79,872.83; incinerator, $9436, 98; disposal plant, $56,412.07.

The total receipts from December 15th, 1922 to December 31st, 1922, including taxes, interest on taxes, fines, licenses, water rates, bank loans etc., are given as $27,819.46, with total expenditures of $24,902.88, for debentures, schools, and the various town departments, etc.

The total receipts for the Town from January 1st. to December 15th, 1923 were $461,666.07. In this is included $198,000.00 in bank loans. Other important items on the receipts side are:—current taxes, $150,909.89; Hollinger royalty, $35,000.00; water rates $33,771.06; fines, $17,490.25; arrears of taxes $10,018.27; general licenses, $3838.50; Mountjoy tax arrears, $1937.15; House sewer connections, $4211.05; Transient Traders' licenses, $900.00; poll tax, $912.85; police returns, $1534.38; dog taxes, $739.00; scale returns, $39.05.

The total disbursements for the same period were $464,521.15. The chief items of payments were:—bank loans retired, $174,000.00; Public School, $41.000.00; Separate Schools, $30,000.00; Waterworks Maintenance, $27,212.65; streets maintenance, $21,694.91; sewers and disposal plant maintenance, $8806.53; fire dept. maintenance, $16,509.11; fire dept. equipment, $2652.70; salaries and allowances, $9,166.60; police dept. maintenance, $16,320.81; streets equipment, $2111.66; engineering dept., $3783.55; Charity, $4288.59; house sewer connections, $5325.31; scavenging, $8500; incinerator, $9262.15; Board of Health, $4720.90; printing, advertising stationery, etc., $1638.72; plank wa[illegible] $2494.18; office maintenance, $[illegible]87 municipal building mainte[illegible] $1312.06; cement walks, $136.58 [illegible]ers under construction, $1500.17 [illegible]erworks under construction, $[illegible] 95; liability insurance [illegible] nations, $1625.00; real estate [illegible] $225.00; deb[illegible] terest, $[illegible] 51; entertaining $8.00.