

## FOUR MEN AND A WOMAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

One Man Charged With Intimidating Witness. Others Charged with Conspiring to Procure and Other Serious Charges.

At police court last week Magistrate Atkinson had a number of very serious cases to deal with, and ones in which special public interest was shown. It was necessary to continue court Thursday night and Friday to deal with the several cases. As a result of the hearing, John Maltese and Marie Calabio were committed for trial on charges of conspiring to abduct and abduction; Marie Calabio was committed for trial on a charge of procuring; and John Maltese, Marie Calabio, M. Muckay and Angelo Dane were committed for trial on the charge of conspiring to procure. G. Palomora was committed for trial on the charge of intimidating a witness who was to appear in the case. Palomora was arrested when he came to hear the trial.

Antonia Cochetta was the chief witness in the cases. She is a young woman of prepossessing appearance, giving her age as 26. Her story on the stand was that she had fallen into the hands of some of the accused soon after her arrival from Italy. She said that she was brought to Timmins and for 14 months was kept a virtual prisoner in the Queen's Cafe building. She told of being threatened and beaten to force her into immoral living. Recently she was able to escape to South Porcupine where she took refuge with a Belgian lady, the wife of an Italian. Police protection was then asked, and when the Timmins police were told the story the arrests followed. Cross-examination by Solicitor G. T. L. Bull, of North Bay, who appeared for the defence, failed to shake the evidence of the young woman in any particular.

Mrs. Strane, the Belgian lady referred to, for whose baby the preceding witness had acted as godmother, also gave evidence corroborating in many details the story told by Antonia Cochetta. Mrs. Strane also told of threats made at her home by some of the accused to induce the young woman to leave.

Joe Garit, bartender at the Queen's Cafe, also corroborated material parts of the young woman's story, telling of her being beaten and of the immoralities seen on occasion. Two roomers in the place also gave somewhat similar evidence.

A Timmins man gave evidence to the effect that he had visited the Queen's Cafe building on one occasion for immoral purposes. He had paid Marie Calabio and was directed to the girl's room. She was locked in and when he entered the girl refused his advances. He could not understand what she said but understood that she did not want him to stay so he left.

A man living in the south end of the town told of being at South End and overhearing part of the conversation when attempt was made, he said, to induce Antonia Cochetta to leave Mrs. Strane's.

Chief Greer also gave evidence as to the investigation made by the police in the case.

Crown Attorney Greer of Cochrane, and Town Solicitor D. W. O'Sullivan, were present for the prosecution, and conducted the cases in very effective way.

Only one witness was put on the stand for the defence, his evidence suggesting that some of the witnesses for the Crown were not of the best character, but under cross-examination he was not strong in confirming details.

The men and the woman committed for trial were taken to North Bay on Saturday to await trial at the next court having jurisdiction. There were nine prisoners in all taken to the Bay Saturday from here, the group including a man and woman sentenced for theft and two other men sent down for short terms.

Other cases at Thursday's court will be found elsewhere in this issue.

## ANOTHER BIG POLICE COURT FOR THIS WEEK

There are many cases on the docket for the weekly session of police court here tomorrow before Magistrate Atkinson. In addition to several cases remanded from last week, there are new issues to be decided. Of course there will be a number of common and special drunks, a bunch from Moneta for disorderly conduct there on Monday, some liquor cases, and other incidents and accidents.

## SO. PORCUPINE SCHOOL AND HOME ASSOCIATION

Affiliates With Ontario Federation. Interesting Discussion on Good English, at Monthly Meeting.

The South Porcupine School and Home Association held its March meeting in the Public School building on Thursday evening last. The motion to affiliate with the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations was carried. This brings the local club into much closer touch with other like Associations throughout Ontario.

A very interesting and instructive sketch of the life and work of Miss Archibald, in her crusade for purer English, was given by Miss Holden, a member of the teaching staff. Miss Archibald's motto is: "Our King, Our Country and Our Mother Tongue." She believes in teaching English, not by correction of wrong forms, but by drill in the correct forms. Her book, "The King's English Drill," has been secured by the Association.

The "News Bulletin" of the Ontario Federation was also read and discussed.

A resolution sent in by the Port Arthur Council was reported on favorably. This was viz:—"Whereas, owing to lack of financial assistance, many boys and girls of exceptional ability are debarred from continuing their studies beyond High School, and believing that such boys and girls would be a great asset to the country; Resolved: that the Ontario Legislature be petitioned to set aside a sum of money as a loan fund to enable pupils of both sexes who have obtained senior matriculation standing to avail themselves, when necessary, of said fund at a nominal rate of interest, the same to be repaid when such young man or woman has, after leaving University, attained a money-making position."

This will be discussed at the Ontario Federation when it meets with the Ontario Educational Association in Toronto, and action taken accordingly.

The South Porcupine Home and School Association is distributing Dr. Helen McMurchy's Blue Book.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting last Thursday was the solo, "Good-bye," very effectively rendered by Mr. Geo. Honer.

Plans have been made to hold a Eneure on April 29th, to furnish funds for Playground Equipment.

## BAZAAR AT SCHUMACHER ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Union Church, Schumacher, will hold a Bazaar in the McIntyre Recreation Hall, Schumacher, on Saturday, April 12th, afternoon and evening.

There will be a special Sale of Work made by the Disabled Soldiers of Christie Street Hospital, Toronto.

## LADIES OF CHARITY EUCHRE BIG SUCCESS LAST NIGHT

The Euchre under the auspices of the Ladies of Charity, held in the Parish Hall last night proved a noteworthy success, and all attending found the evening very enjoyable from start to finish. There was a very large attendance, the hall being crowded, and the proceeds totalling over \$250.00. In the Euchre, the first prize for ladies was won by Mrs. N. Magan; second prize by Mrs. W. DeFeu; and third by Mrs. N. Carriere. The lady's consolation prize was awarded to Mrs. N. Lacasse. Mr. Kelly won first for gentlemen; Mr. Laronde winning second and Mr. Smith third, and the gentleman's consolation prize going to Mr. Albert Bedard. The musical programme was a very pleasing one and much appreciated. The step dancing by Mr. Jolicour was also a number of special effectiveness and much appreciated by all. The Ladies of Charity express sincere thanks to all who gave prizes, to those who bought tickets, to the large attendance, and to all who in any way assisted in making the event so pleasing a success. Special thanks are extended by the Ladies of Charity to Rev. Fr. Theriault, who conducted the Euchre; to Mr. Robert Pagliori and the other members of his capable string orchestra, and to Mr. Wilfred Lamoureux and his orchestra, for the exceptionally fine music provided.

During the week-end large crowds were attracted by the ski events held on Miller Lake. In ski jumping and other events a number of experts took part and there was much keen competition.

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR TIMMINS GOLF CLUB

Membership Application Blanks May be Obtained from Secretary. Re 1923 Members.

The officers of the Timmins Golf Club announce the Committees for 1924 as follows:—

Greens Committee—V. H. Emery, J. W. Wray, Geo. Lake.

House Committee—J. E. Sullivan, H. M. Stevens, G. H. F. Adams.

Membership Committee—W. H. Wylie, S. A. Woskey, H. C. Garner.

Entertainment Committee—D. W. O'Sullivan, Dr. H. H. Moore, G. S. Lowe.

Membership Application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. W. L. Hogarth, upon request.

Old members do not need to make application for membership for 1924, the 1923 members retaining membership.

## PLANS SAID TO BE UNDER WAY FOR BIG MERGER

Combination to Include Newray, Armstrong-Booth and Goldale, It is Said.

According to despatches from Toronto negotiations are moving toward a satisfactory outcome to the proposed consolidation of the Goldale and Armstrong-Booth properties with the Newray. Details are now said to be practically adjusted, with the exception of a mutually satisfactory valuation of Goldale properties. If this merger develops into an actuality it will mean a consolidation of exceptional strength and promise and one combining very important interests, including the Lewisohns, of New York, the Faskens, of Toronto, the Coniagas and others. The property of the merger will also be an exceptional one, embracing a large

## ALL-METAL GARAGES MAY BE ERECTED IN FIRE AREA

Fire By-Law Amended to Cover Requirement... Speeding Discussed. Other Council Business.

At the regular meeting of the Town Council on Monday afternoon the Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, presided, and Councillors J. H. Bacon, E. L. Longmore, F. M. Wallingford, H. Charlebois and J. Morrison, were present. The other member of Council, Mr. G. S. Drew, was unable to be present owing to illness.

A letter was read from Mr. Vincent Woodbury referring to the danger to the public through automobiles speeding in the town. He suggested that the Council pass a speed by-law to protect the public. There was a general discussion on the matter, the Council, however, agreeing that the matter was covered by the Provincial Act which would be enforced strictly.

Mr. E. G. Dickson appeared before Council in regard to the building by-law requirements in the matter of garages. The Town Engineer held that any garages, even for only one private car, must be constructed of brick, tile or concrete, if within the fire area. Mr. Dickson suggested that this seemed an unnecessary hardship. He referred to an all-metal garage on the market and thought this should be allowed for private cars. It had absolutely no wood about it anywhere and was as fire-proof as could be. The Town Engineer thought that if permission were given for such garages, they would be lined and floored afterwards and used for other than garage purposes and so become a fire menace. The Fire Chief when asked for his opinion said that the all-metal garage was fire-proof, and if improper additions were made it could be ordered taken away. He thought it would be all right from a fire standpoint, and offered to see that no such garages were later turned to improper use. Eventually the Council passed a resolution instructing the Town Solicitor to draw up the necessary changes in the by-law to allow of the erection of all-metal garages in the fire limits; these garages to be only for one car and to be used for no other purpose, and no finish to be given them, except of brick, concrete or tile.

The case of a landlord charged with water rates unpaid by a tenant was before the Council. Mr. Macpherson pointed out that he had simply taken the means provided by the Waterworks by-law for the collection of water rates, water rates being a charge against the property the same as taxes. The Town Solicitor agreed that this was quite correct, but suggested that to avoid any misunderstanding in the matter, the original applicant for water (the owner) be billed always for the service, except in such cases as he would make formal application in writing to have the bill sent to some one else. In this way the property-owner would always realize his responsibility for the water rates.

Mr. C. V. Gallagher submitted for approval plans for a new townsite south of Moneta. These were approved by Council. It is understood that eight lots in this new subdivision will be given the Town for park purposes for Moneta.

A by-law was passed to adjust a doubtful clause in a former by-law regarding the debentures for \$40,000 for the Central Public School addition.

Authority was given for the purchase of 6 new uniforms, 5 raincoats, 6 pairs of boots and 3 caps for the Police Dept., and five new alarm boxes, etc., for the Fire Dept.

There was some discussion regarding general hospital accommodation for the Town apart from employees of the mines. The matter is in the hands of a Committee.

Council refused to consent to a further adjournment in the case of the Fesserton Timber Co. appeal against their assessment when this comes before the Judge.

## TICKETS FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS DINNER EVENT

Returned Soldiers in Timmins wishing to secure tickets for the Banquet to observe the anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge may obtain same from Mr. P. Macaulay or by calling at Room 3, Marshall-Ecclestone Building. This banquet is being put on by the Returned Soldiers of the Porcupine Camp and is to be held in the L.O.O.F. Hall, South Porcupine on Wednesday evening, April 9th.

## PRESENTATION TO W. J. BROWNE BY TIMMINS BAND

Appreciation Shown to Deputy Leader at Annual Banquet on Friday Evening.

The annual banquet of the Timmins Citizens' Band was held on Friday evening last at the Queen's Hotel, with thirty or thirty-five sitting down to the attractive tables. The full course dinner served by the Queen's Hotel was a decided credit to the Queen's there being abundance of high quality food, with the tables attractively set and the service of the best.

A special feature of the evening was the presentation of a gold watch and chain to Mr. W. J. Browne, Deputy Leader, and for many years a very helpful member and an ardent supporter of the Timmins Band. The inscription engraved in the case of the watch was: "Presented to Mr. W. J. Browne, by Timmins Citizens' Band, March 1924." In making the presentation address, the President of the Band, G. A. Macdonald, referred to the generous services given by Mr. Browne in the past years to the Band. Mr. Browne had been one of the most helpful and valuable members of the Band, and had been generous of his time, talent and money in supporting the Band. There was very general regret at his leaving town and all very sincerely wished him and Mrs. Browne the very best that life could give wherever they might be. Other speakers during the evening emphasized the regret at Mr. Browne's departure and the genuine appreciation felt not only for his services to the Band, but also for his high qualities and general usefulness as a citizen and a man. Practically every speaker expressed the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Browne would return to this Camp where they are regarded so highly by all. Mr. Browne made brief but feeling reply, speaking good words for the Band and the Town and expressing the pleasure he had felt in the associations here, and his sincere hopes for the success of the Band and the Town in the future.

The gathering sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," with such decided emphasis and feeling as to prove the popularity and high regard in which Mr. Browne is held by all.

Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, made one of his happy addresses, referring to the success achieved by the Band and its value to the Town. He pointed out the necessity and benefit of a Band to a town and said that for this reason he had always given very hearty support to the Timmins Band. The Mayor's address had a number of good stories and humorous allusions that delighted the gathering. In making reference to some criticisms he had heard regarding the Band, the Mayor pointed out that little attention need be paid to these, except to spur on to renewed effort.

In reply to the criticisms, it was pointed out that they were not fairly founded. Out of an appropriation of \$1,000.00 a year from the Hollinger and \$1,000.00 from the Town, the Band had to pay a leader, buy music, instruments, uniforms, stands, supplies, and pay all expenses. Last year the Band had given a free open air concert at the Ball Grounds every Friday evening all through the summer, except on two occasions when rain prevented. In the Fall, Sunday evening band concerts had been given every two weeks until New Year's; now these Sunday evening concerts were being held monthly. The weekly concerts would be resumed as soon as the weather permitted. The Band gave its services free to all community events, but could not, of course, give free service to sectional organizations, of which there were perhaps 20 in the Town. The members of the Band were giving their services to the community simply because of their love for music and their desire to be helpful to the Town.

Mr. L. S. Newton, formerly President of the Band, was given an enthusiastic reception, and in an interesting address, with some flashes of bright humour and anecdote that hit the point squarely he reviewed the progress of the Band, and concluded by expressing his continued support and co-operation in every way.

Mr. R. R. Johnston was another of the evening's speakers giving helpful words to the Band, urging co-operation and work and loyalty to the efficient leader, Mr. F. J. Wolno.

Mr. Fraser, of Toronto, an old Bandsman, in a bright, brief speech, expressed his pleasure at being present and complimented the Band on its 9th.

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## WINNERS OF FIRST AND SECOND PLACE IN PORCUPINE DOG RACE



The picture shows the winner of first and second place in the Porcupine Dog Race (speed event) on March 8th. The picture was taken just before the start of the race. W. Martin driver of the team winning first place will be seen (with white sweater) standing at the left of the picture. The driver with the No. 1 on his back is Pete St. Pierre who came second in the event.

ship on payment of dues not later than April 15th.

The weather during the past few days shows the golf season is very close at hand again. Interest this year seems to be keener than ever, and scores are openly wishing and waiting for the weather to fix up things so that the game of golf may again be taken up on the greens here.

## NEW HARDWARE IN SOUTH SECTION OF THE TOWN

Mr. R. Hogarth intends shortly to open a hardware store in the McIntyre block, corner of Main street and Birch street, at the south side of the town. "Bobby" is one of the well-known and highly regarded young men of the town and may well be expected to make good in business for himself. He has had a long experience in the hardware line, for some years past being with the Taylor Hardware Co. at Timmins. He believes that there is going to be great growth and expansion in Timmins and he is accordingly pioneering the newer business section of the town to the south, and all will wish him the best of success.

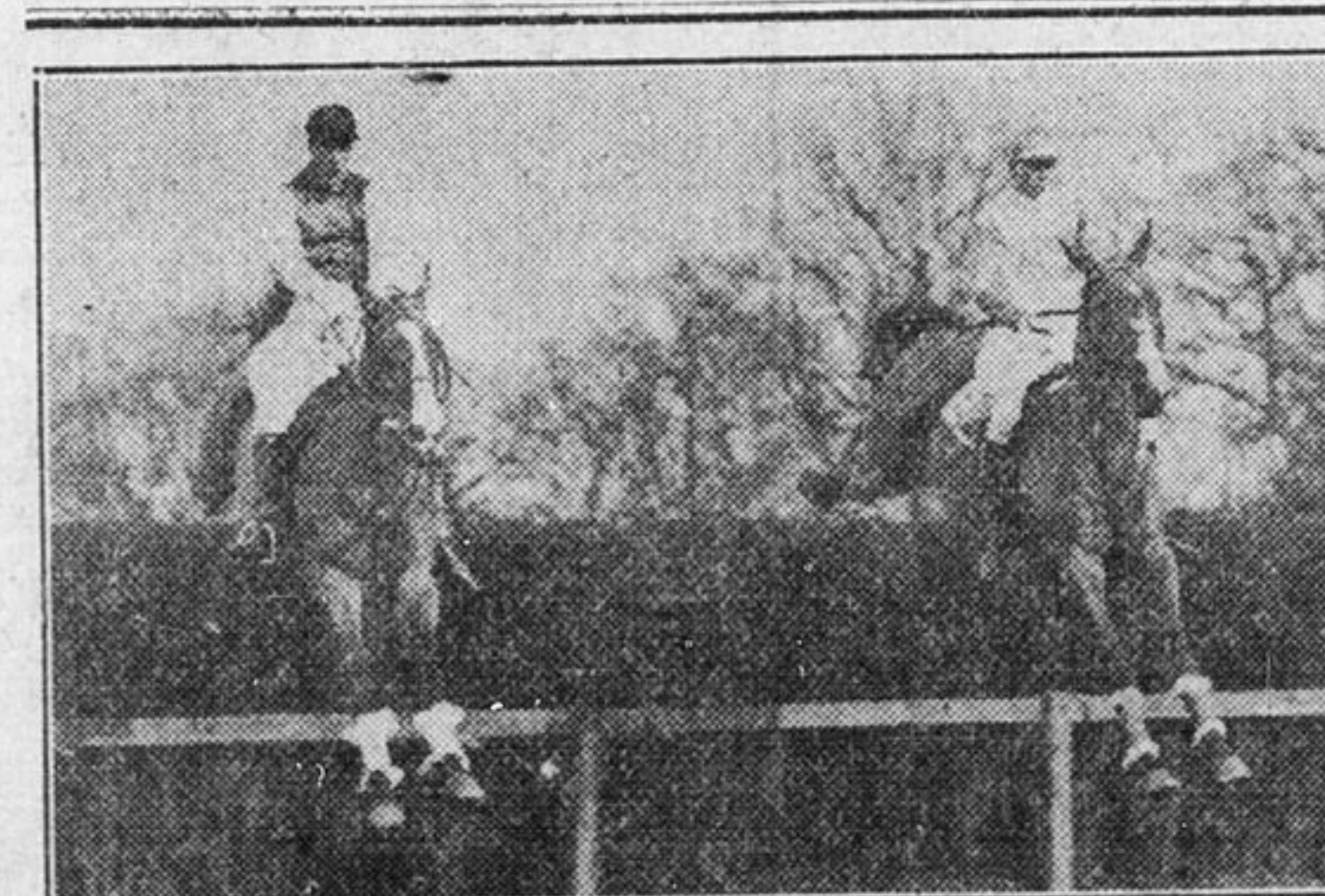
The visit of a flock of grosbecks to North Bay last week is accepted by some in that town as a sure harbinger of spring. As the guy in the motion picture said, "If winter comes, O, wind, can Spring be far behind?"

average of adjoining mining properties of great promise with considerable development work done. On such a property work could be carried on with freedom from the danger of boundary disputes, etc., and the strength of the merged interests would promise big things for the section concerned.

## MATTAGAMI RIVER OPEN AT EARLY DATE THIS YEAR

Apart from a strip at the Timmins Landing the Mattagami River is open again this year. This makes a record for an early break-up of the ice. This early break-up follows the old-time method of testing, the ice. It used to be more or less humorously suggested in these columns that the river was not safe for travel on the river until some time after a team went through in the late fall, and that the ice was again unsafe after a team went through in the spring and were drowned. A couple of weeks ago a team was drowned near the Landing by going through the ice. That meant that travel on the ice was through for the season, and that an early break-up could be expected.

For the Cobalt Old-Timers' Re-Union, June 25th to July 1st, the 48th Highlanders' Band, of Toronto, has been engaged. There will be 20 bandmen, 3 pipers and 2 drummers.



## TWO HOOPS THAT BEAT AS ONE

This unusual picture was taken recently at Cambridge, England. It shows two horses taking the jump in a Steeplechase event. The two horses came along the stretch in exactly the same gait, they took the jump at precisely the same moment and were in absolutely the same position in the air when the photographer caught them in his lens.