

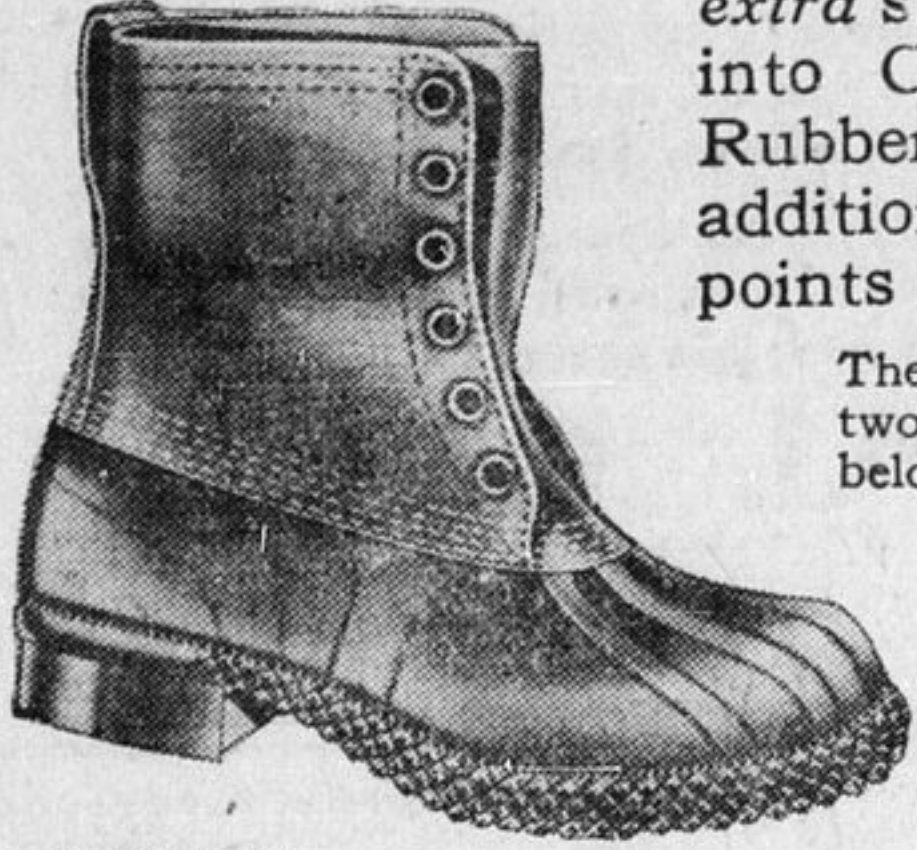
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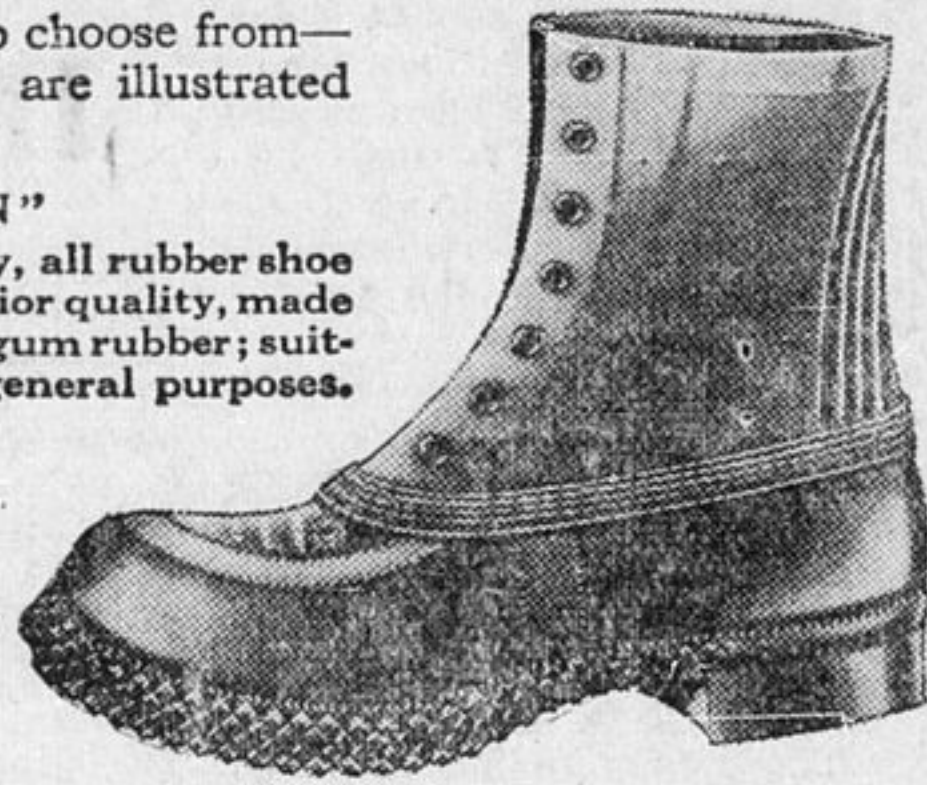
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G. H. Gauthier Reads Address At Council Meeting Monday

Defeated Candidate in Recent Municipal Election Advises Town Fathers How to Run the Town. Points Advanced by Him Replied to by Mayor and Members of Council. Mr. Gauthier Also Suggests Compromise in Regard to Protest Proceedings.

The inaugural meeting of the 1926 town council was held at 11 a.m. on Monday. The Mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis and Councillors J. H. Bacon, E. L. Longmore, H. Charlebois, Geo. S. Drew, J. Morrison and Dr. J. E. I. Joyal, were duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk, Mr. H. E. Montgomery, J. P. In a few words the Mayor welcomed the members of the 1925 council to the town's service again for 1926, and gave special welcome to the new councillor, Dr. Joyal, trusting that all would co-operate for the best interests of the town. "If the Council this year works as hard and as sincerely for the welfare of Timmins as did last year's council, I am sure," said Dr. McInnis, "that 1926 will be successful for the town, and the ratepayers will be satisfied." Councillors Longmore, Drew and Charlebois were appointed the Striking Committee to name the various committees for the year. The three withdrew, returning shortly with the committees selected, their report being unanimously adopted by the council. The following are the committees for the year, the first-named in each case being the chairman:—

Finance—E. L. Longmore, chairman; H. Charlebois, G. S. Drew.
Police—J. H. Bacon, chairman; G. S. Drew, E. L. Longmore.
Waterworks—J. Morrison, chairman, E. L. Longmore, Dr. Joyal.
Fire and Light—G. S. Drew, chairman; Dr. Joyal, J. Morrison.
Public Works—H. Charlebois, chairman; J. H. Bacon, J. Morrison.
Contingencies—Dr. Joyal, chairman; H. Charlebois, J. H. Bacon.

Mr. G. H. Gauthier asked permission to address the council, and this is the way he started:—
"I have prepared a written speech this time as I intend asking the Advance to publish it. The Advance has published so many pastoral letters and messages from His Worship lately, that I am sure, in fairness, they will not decline to publish this speech for me. For once I am like the small boy, 'I want to get my name in the newspaper'—even if it is in the Advance."

"You will remember that the Mayor published the fact that he wanted to remain in office another year so he could build an elaborate civic building, construct more sewers and water-mains, and all that sort of thing, until I announced my programme of economy, efficiency and lower taxes and lower light and telephone rates. Then he forgot all about his extravagant projects. He switched over and adopted my platform. Just what I expected, for His Worship in public affairs has always been for everything, and anything and everybody."

"To be serious, I became a candidate for Mayor entirely from a sense of public duty. Little or no interest has been taken in municipal affairs for several years, and it seemed to me that a contested election would direct the attention of the ratepayers to the town's affairs and the great things that can be accomplished by an efficient council this year."

"I was more or less indifferent about winning or losing, for, as you know, the Mayorality demands time and attention, which I could not very well spare from the practice of my profession. I did not personally canvass a single voter and I expected that the campaign would consist of friendly rivalry, and a discussion of the means whereby reduced taxes, lower light rates, efficiency and better conditions generally, for the ratepayers, could be accomplished. Unfortunately my hopes in this regard did not materialize."

"The Town Hall and Fire Hall blossomed out as a sort of campaign headquarters for the old council. Most of the civic employees, both permanent and part time men, with their wives and their sweethearts, their brothers and their sisters, and their cousins and aunts, made a formidable campaign committee, and I am afraid the members of the old council did not discourage their activities very much. Personalities were indulged in, which were known by those who whispered them to be untrue, but I did not take the trouble to refute them then, and I am not going to do so now. It is quite unnecessary."

"The plan of campaign decided upon appears to have been to deprive as many ratepayers as possible of their votes, so there would be that many less to intimidate or influence. It worked out splendidly, and not more than half of the ratepayers who desired to vote succeeded in doing so on election day—but more of that later. I venture to believe the result of the election would have been very different had everyone entitled to vote been permitted to do so."

"The campaign did justify itself however in stimulating interest in the town's affairs. I would like you and the town's people to believe that I am accepting this defeat in a sportsman-like manner, and that what I am saying is advanced by way of constructive criticism only, and in the hope some good may come from it."

"It seems to me that the town's affairs have reached a point where

economy can be practiced to good effect, and a considerable reduction made in the town's overhead expenses. "This is a payroll town, and an effort should be made to collect taxes in instalments quarterly, if possible. "I am satisfied that if the matter is handled properly the Provincial Government will increase its grant from the moneys collected under the Mining Tax Act."

"I would suggest that a resolution should be passed preventing civic employees from interfering in municipal elections. "The light and telephone franchises terminate in June. Apparently there are two companies prepared to compete in supplying these utilities and the Township of Tisdale has refrained from renewing franchises for the purpose of co-operating with the Town of Timmins in establishing light and telephone systems on the public utility plan. "The Railway and Municipal Board have experts who are at the disposal of the council to survey the local situation, and recommend the best plan to adopt under the circumstances, and I would suggest that this matter should be taken up right away and arrangements completed before the contract with the present company terminates in June, so that it will not be able to take advantage of the situation by threatening to discontinue the services before new ones are available."

"The difficulty seems to be that the administration of the town's affairs have been carried along on the same lines as when the town was first organized with a population of 500 or thereabouts. It is now a near city, but no provision has been made to meet changed conditions. Council meetings are still held in the afternoon, at a considerable sacrifice to the members of the council, who are business men, instead of in the evening when the public could attend. The same number of Councillors represent 15,000 people as originally represented 500, but Section 47 of the Municipal Act provides that the council by by-law can increase the number of Councillors to 9, so that all sections of the community could be represented."

"Section 391 of the Municipal Act requires the Council to sub-divide the town into polling sub-divisions, one for each 300 names on the voters' list, but this has not been done, and at the last election three polls were provided instead of the 14 polls required by law. As stated before, I am bringing these matters to the attention of the council in the hope that they will be rectified for the general benefit of all."

After reading this speech Mr. Gauthier proceeded to refer to the protest proceedings. He had discussed the situation with those interesting themselves in the protest. Personally he had favoured the sportsmanlike attitude of saying the election was over and let it go at that, or words to that effect. Mr. Depantier was the relator in the protest proceedings, and a fiat had been granted by the Judge. He was authorized to say, however, that those concerned in the protest were willing to drop the matter and forget about it, if the Council would pass a by-law raising the number of councillors to nine, and then resigning and holding another election, on a correct voters' list.

Replying to Mr. Gauthier's written address, the Mayor, Dr. McInnis pointed out that the Council had been working on the matter of an increased royalty for some years past. He had interviewed the Premier and the Minister of Mines on more than one occasion, and he believed that something might be accomplished soon. In regard to the light and telephone franchises this matter had also been under the careful attention of the Council for some time past and the interests of the town were being carefully considered. Nothing, however, could be done until the expiry of the franchise in June. Regarding Mr. Gauthier's reference to the town employees, the Mayor said the employees had not taken any improper part so far as he knew, though the campaign had been more or less directed against them. In regard to the reference to the municipal building the Mayor pointed out that everybody knew that the present building was utterly inadequate and out of keeping with the town. The matter would be considered this year, but, of course, might have to be deferred for a year or two on account of financial reasons. Touching on the suggestion of personalities, the Mayor said he had not indulged in any personalities during the election and he did not think any of the councillors had either. If there were any irregularities they were certainly not deliberate, nor had there been any attempt to defraud anyone out of a vote. Some of those who had no vote had only themselves to blame, as it was the duty of every man to see that his name was on the list. The lists were duly posted up for this purpose and every facility given the electors to assure them a

vote. In regard to the tax defaulters not being allowed to vote, the Mayor explained that the council's attitude on this had been in accordance with the advice of the previous town solicitor.

Councillor Longmore said he was opposed to four collections of taxes as impractical. It would mean that the town would have to make the assessment the previous year, and on account of conditions here that would mean an annual loss of several thousands. This could be proven by a study of the roll.

The Mayor said he could not see where any fair criticism could be made of the 1925 council as regards expenditures. In view of the demands from all sides and the needs he thought the council had been economical and efficient. He thought that for a year or so a halt, however, might well be called in regard to paving. The Mayor thought that the town had reached the peak of expenditures and from now on it may be possible to reduce taxes. He did not think a new election would be justified or that it would change the result.

Councillor Geo. S. Drew confirmed the Mayor's statement that the 1925 council had acted in good faith and without prejudice. There might be a loophole in the law that would upset the election, but Councillor Drew felt that the council was not to blame. In regard to those left off the voters' lists few had been hurt by the matter. Councillor Drew made a good point in regard to the Township of Tisdale, with which municipality Mr. Gauthier had been actively connected. Tisdale's tax notices had not been out until about a month before the election. Timmins tax notices were out three months before the election here so there was lots of notice. Yet in proportion to population there were more electors disfranchised in Tisdale than in Timmins. Councillor Drew thought the suggestion in regard to additional representatives worthy of consideration. Regarding the suggestion of a compromise he was not in favour of a new election. Such a procedure he thought would be an admission that the council of 1925 felt it had done wrong, and he was sincere in his belief that the council had acted in all good faith and fairness.

Councillor Longmore agreed with Councillor Drew. To consider resigning, he felt, would be to admit that the council had consciously permitted irregularities, which was far from the case.

Councillor Morrison referred to Mr. Gauthier's insinuation that the Fire Brigade had taken an improper part in the recent municipal election. The salaried men on the brigade, he said, had not taken any undue part, and so far as the volunteers were concerned it was nobody's business what they did. They had as much right as any other citizen.

Dr. Joyal said he did not doubt the goodwill of last year's council, but he thought the matter was a very serious one, and he suggested the calling of a special meeting, with the town solicitor present, to fully consider the whole question.

"Your point is well taken," said the Mayor, "and I will be glad to call a special meeting."

Councillor Charlebois said the last year's council had been straight and honest in the whole matter and he was not in favour of resigning.

After putting a question to Councillor Drew, which was duly answered, Mr. J. A. Theriault suggested that those who had been disfranchised by being on the defaulters' list would not have to pay their taxes. "You're wrong in that," said the Mayor, but Mr. Theriault did not think so.

Council agreed that it appeared to be a hardship where a large taxpayer had paid the first instalment and was unable to vote because the second payment was not paid, but the law did not make any provision otherwise.

SCORES OF GIRLS' BOWLING CLUB MATCHES LAST WEEK.

The following are the scores of the Girls' Bowling Club games last Thursday.

- A. Team—M. Smith—155, 144; N. McLeod—91, 46; M. Morrison—117, 108; O. Ramsay—138, 71; I. Carruthers—84, 105.
B. Team—B. J. Gowan—101, 67; G. Everett—78, 116; P. Sherlock—121, 65; M. Ferguson—113, 144; G. Robinson 82, 131.
C. Team—B. Hill—118, 147; K. Egan—85, 123; B. Ralston—147, 124; V. Jackson—68, 72; J. Watt—0—0.
D. Team—F. McDonald—82, 148; J. Purvis—62, 75; C. Macdonald—87, 73; J. Morrison—132, 122; L. MacIntosh—113, 138.

TWO TONS OF GOLD ARE RECEIVED AT ROYAL MINT

The Ottawa Journal on Wednesday this week says:—

"More than two tons of gold, valued at \$550,000 have arrived from the Ontario mining district for refining, and some of which is purchased by the Dominion Government."

"The Ontario mining districts of Porcupine and Kirkland Lake this year expect to mine approximately \$35,000,000 worth of gold, according to reliable information received here. The mines that are shipping are the Hollinger, the Dome, the Lake Shore, the Teek-Hughes, the Argonaut, and Night Hawk, and the yield is so great that in six days of the new year nearly 2,200 ounces of gold have been shipped."