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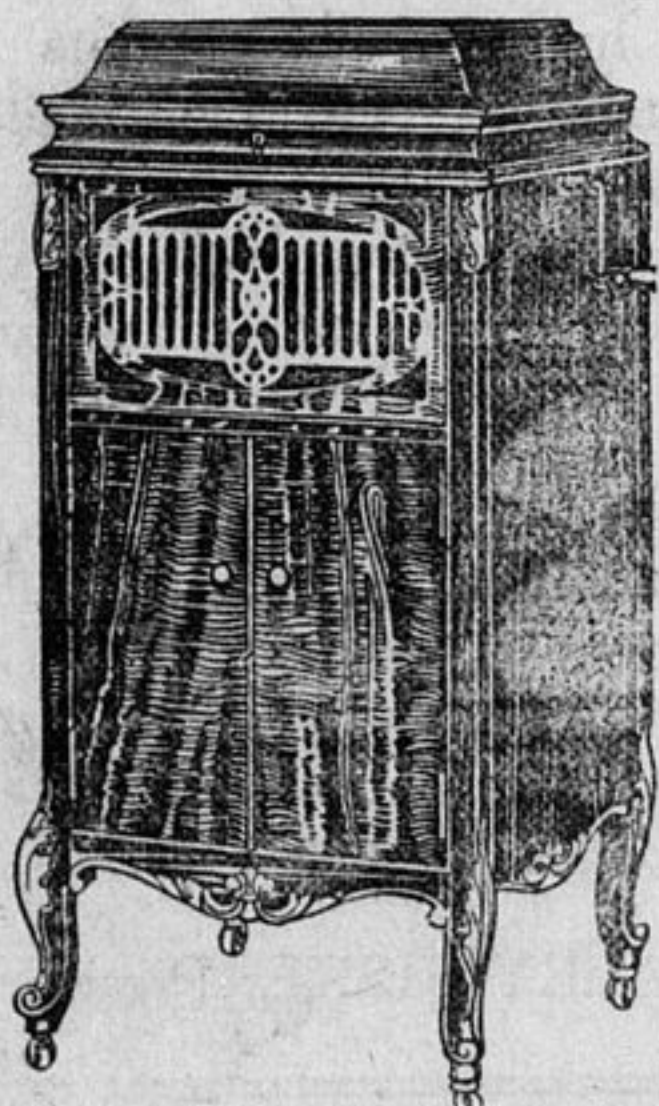
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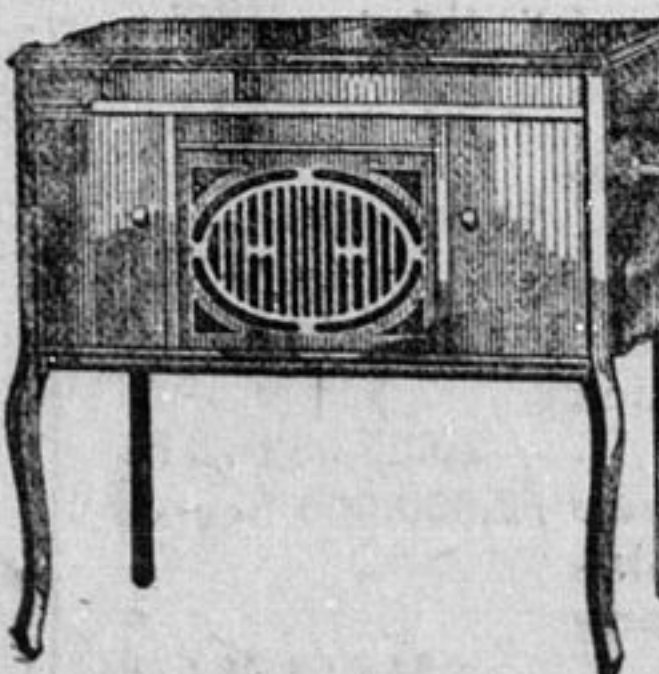
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Reports to be Submitted on Town Officials and Employees

Standing Committees to make Report to Council To-Night. Time of Regular Meetings of Council Changed. Applications Solicited for Assessor's Work. Mayor to go After Larger Share of Mining Tax. Interest Rate Reduced Half per cent at Bank. New Council Wants Printing and Advertising Divided.

The regular meeting of the new town council was held in the Council Chamber on Monday afternoon, and the room was crowded to the doors with an interested audience, many of whom expected interesting doings. The Mayor, E. G. Dickson, occupied the chair, and Councillors J. H. Bacon, E. L. Longmore, S. G. Eplett, Geo. S. Drew, Dr. A. P. Brennan and Dr. Joyal were present.

A letter was read from the Northern Ontario Light and Power Co., saying that the business carried on by them in the supply of light and power and telephone service so far as the town of Timmins and the township of Tisdale was concerned had been taken over by the Canada Northern Power, Limited, the transfer to be effective March 31st. The letter was referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

The letter from the Provincial Secretary regarding proper jail and courtroom accommodation, and the suggestion that a community hall might be built, the town to supply the site and town and province to go fifty-fifty on the plan, was referred to the Public Works committee. This letter was before the last meeting of the old council and was referred to in these columns last week.

A letter was received from Mr. G. H. Gauthier on behalf of a client whose house was occupied by an indigent kept by the town, the purpose of the letter being to see if the town would pay the rent as due.

Another letter from Mr. Gauthier was in behalf of another client, Mr. Tattersfield, who had his shoulder dislocated by a fall on an uneven strip of sidewalk on Third avenue Sunday night. The letter explained how the accident occurred, and suggested that it would be three weeks before Mr. Tattersfield would be recovered and likely longer than that before he could resume his usual occupation. Mr. Gauthier's letter suggested that the town notify the Indemnity Company so that the proper insurance could be collected for the accident.

Mr. J. Morrison brought to the attention of council the case of a widow in town who was at present under the doctor's care and was greatly worried by a distress warrant issued, or to be issued, in connection with taxes due on a small property. After very heavy expenses during a long illness, the husband had died last year, and the rental from the property was scarcely sufficient to keep the widow. Mr. Morrison suggested that the council might make a grant to cover the taxes due and assist the lady who was highly respected. Councillors Drew and Longmore were inclined to agree, but Councillor Eplett thought the taxes might be paid this year or next. He moved, seconded by Councillor Drew, that the distress warrant be withdrawn, the amount being \$97.19.

A number of accounts were passed for payment.

Mayor Dickson said he had been asked to allow the distribution of green ribbons in town on St. Patrick's Day. "No objection that I know of," said Councillor Longmore. All the other councillors felt the same about it, and so the permission was granted without question.

The time of regular meetings of the council was changed on a motion proposed by Councillors Brennan and Joyal, and carried, that the regular meetings of the council be held in future on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m., commencing on Thursday, the 18th inst.

The Mayor suggested that it would be well to get a report from all committees as to the town employees in the various departments, to see if any of the staffs could be cut down or efficiency or economy increased. Dr. Brennan had the motion ready in this regard, and the following resolution was passed without discussion:

"Moved by Councillors Brennan and Joyal, that the standing committees of the council report to the next meeting of the council in writing regarding the Town Officials and employees under their respective departments, with any recommendations they may have to make in the interest of economy and efficiency."

Another suggestion by the Mayor was that every town official give his whole time to the work of the town. Employees received good salaries, he said, and he felt it was only right that all their time should be devoted to the town's interests. A motion was submitted along this line, and Councillor Longmore suggested that it be amended to refer only to the hours the employee was employed by the town. The Mayor thought this was fair enough and the motion, proposed by Councillor Joyal and seconded by Councillor Brennan was amended to read, "that all permanent employees of the town shall be required in future to give their whole time and attention to town business, inside the hours to which they are employed by the town." The motion passed without dissent.

Mayor Dickson next took up the

matter of the assessor and tax collector's departments. The two had been run together and that seemed the most satisfactory way. To split the offices might cost more. The assessing occupied part of the year and the tax collecting the other part. There had been a suggestion that the work be divided up and this would mean positions for two men. It was for the council to consider.

Councillors Eplett and Brennan submitted a resolution to ask for applications for an assessor and collector at a salary of \$200.00 per month, with a stenographer supplied for six months in the year, said stenographer to speak both French and English, and to be engaged three months in the spring while the assessing was being done and three months during the busy time of tax collecting, applications to be made within ten days, and the present assessor and any others to apply.

Councillor Longmore pointed out that one man could not get through with the work now for this year. He suggested that the applications be left open so that application could be made either for the positions separately or together.

After some general discussion the following motion was proposed and carried:

"Moved by Councillors Eplett and Brennan, that the clerk be instructed to have the following notice inserted in The Porcupine Advance and Timmins Citizen, one issue:—Notice—Applications will be received by the undersigned for the assessing of the town of Timmins for the year 1926. Time of completion of the Assessment roll and other particulars can be received from the finance committee or the town clerk. All applications to be in writing and in the hands of the town clerk not later than March 25th, 1926."

Reference was made to the town's share of the royalty. The town gets half, but this half can not exceed \$35,000.00 in any one year. This was all right when the town was small, the Mayor said, but it was not equitable now. Something should be done at once, he said. The following motion was passed:—

"Moved by Councillors Eplett and Brennan, that the Mayor be requested to take whatever steps he deems advisable to secure, if possible, action at the present session of the Legislature, in connection with a proper division of the mining tax, with full power to act at his discretion, on account of the little time available."

Speaking in reference to the printing and advertising for the town, the Mayor said that all possible of this work should be done in town. He thought, however, it should be distributed among the various plants in town. Following these remarks by the Mayor the following resolution was carried:—

"Moved by Councillors Eplett and Joyal, that the clerk be requested to report at the next meeting of the council the total moneys paid for printing, advertising, stationery, supplies, etc., during the year 1925 to The Porcupine Advance, The Goldfields Advertiser, The Timmins Free Press, The Timmins Citizen and any other job printers, and any money paid for printing, stationery, etc., to out-of-town concerns."

At the suggestion of the Mayor, Mr. J. Morrison presented an account of the money received and expended by the Associated Charities of Timmins. The Associated Charities was organized in October, 1925, to take the burden of the Contingency committee in the handling of charity and to prevent duplication, etc. All the churches and charitable organizations were represented on the Associated Charities, and there was an inspector to look after the cases of relief. In answer to a question, Mr. Morrison said that

the town was practically paying the expenditures of the Associated Charities. Councillor Eplett said that if the town was paying, he thought the matter should be in the hands of the Contingency committee. Mr. Longmore said that the handling of the matter would involve too much work for the committee, and the Associated Charities had been formed to relieve the committee, as well as to prevent duplication of relief. After some discussion it was moved by Councillors Bacon and Longmore that the Finance committee handle the funds of the Associated Charities. This motion was carried.

The Mayor said that on assuming office he had consulted the town's bank manager. There was a sum of \$200,000.00 borrowed from the bank and \$300,000.00 provided for the other day. "This is a lot of money," said the Mayor, "and I thought I would like to get the interest charges down." He said that after taking the matter up with the bank he was happy to announce that the rate had been reduced from 6 1/2 to 6 per cent, which would mean a saving to the town and help to reduce taxes.

"Don't you think we should get busy right away on the matter of light and telephones?" asked Councillor Drew. Council answered by passing a resolution, moved by Councillors Drew and Eplett, that the Fire and Light committee interview the manager of the Canada Northern Power, Limited, and learn what proposition they have to make, if any, regarding the light and telephone franchise.

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