

MAYOR SAYS CROWN NOT CONCERNED IN APPEAL

Produces Letter from Deputy Attorney-General That Crown Attorney Acted in Private Capacity as Solicitor

Mr. E. G. Dickson, Mayor of Timmins, this week called the attention of The Advance to what he considered an error on the part of this paper in reporting the withdrawal of the appeal from Magistrate Atkinson's decision in the case of the recent charges of bribery, etc., preferred against Messrs Dickson and Eplett. The Advance, in its reference to the withdrawal of the appeal, said the "Crown had withdrawn the case." The Mayor says the Crown was not concerned in the matter and that private persons inaugurated the appeal and carried it along. In support of this Mayor Dickson showed The Advance a letter from Mr. Bayley, Deputy Attorney-General of Ontario, in which it was stated that Crown Attorney Greer had informed the Department that he was acting in the matter in his private capacity as solicitor. Mr. Bayley said that the Department was not concerned in the appeal.

Previous to the Mayor's explanation, The Advance had no reason for suspecting otherwise than that the Crown was sponsoring the appeal. At the trial here before Magistrate Atkinson, the Crown Attorney stated distinctly that he was acting as Crown Attorney in the case. Accordingly, it was natural to believe that the Crown would also be concerned in the appeal. It does not seem to be a matter of any particular moment whether the Crown Attorney was solicitor in the case, or the solicitor was Crown Attorney. The material facts were that the case was laid, decided, appealed, and then the appeal abandoned. These facts were given by The Advance in the regular course of business. As the Mayor says, however, "it is as well to get things exactly right," so this explanation is accordingly made.

CONCERT TO BE MONDAY EVENING IN NEW EMPIRE

The concert scheduled for May 2nd in the Goldfields, under the auspices of the R.C. Altar Girls' Society, will be held instead in the New Empire Theatre, Monday evening, May 3rd. The programme includes plays in English and French, singing, dancing and specialties, and should prove unusually pleasing.

ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE OF LOCAL ODDFELLOWS

Despite the stormy weather on Sunday nearly one hundred members of the local Oddfellows Lodge attended Divine service in the United Church here, the occasion being the annual church parade of the members of the order. The Rev. J. D. Parks took as his text "Why be Odd," and his sermon was on the relationship of the Oddfellows order to the Christian religion. The members of the lodge met in the Oddfellows Hall at 10.30 and paraded to the church, returning to the lodge rooms after the service. An interesting feature of the morning service was that the choir was composed entirely of members of the organization. Mr. W. Ramsay also favoured the congregation with a solo.

ENJOYABLE AT HOME BY EASTERN STAR LODGE.

The members of the local lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star and their friends spent an enjoyable social evening on Tuesday night after the closing of the lodge. The evening's entertainment consisted of bridge, five hundred and a short musical programme and dancing.

The prize winners for the bridge were: Ladies' first, Mrs. Harry Rinn; gentlemen's first, Mr. Henry; ladies' consolation, Miss Inez Carruthers; gentlemen's consolation, Mr. N. Leaman. The prize winners for the five hundred were: Ladies' first, Mrs. MacFarlane; gentlemen's first, Mr. Kerr; ladies' consolation, Mrs. Kerr; gentlemen's consolation, Mr. A. H. Cooke.

The musical programme consisted of a number of very enjoyable selections. Mr. R. Johnston gave a much appreciated pianoforte selection, Mrs. Barrett delighted the gathering with a solo, receiving an encore. Mr. A. Snow was another artist who gave an enjoyable selection. Mr. A. Inkley received a very decided encore to a violin selection.

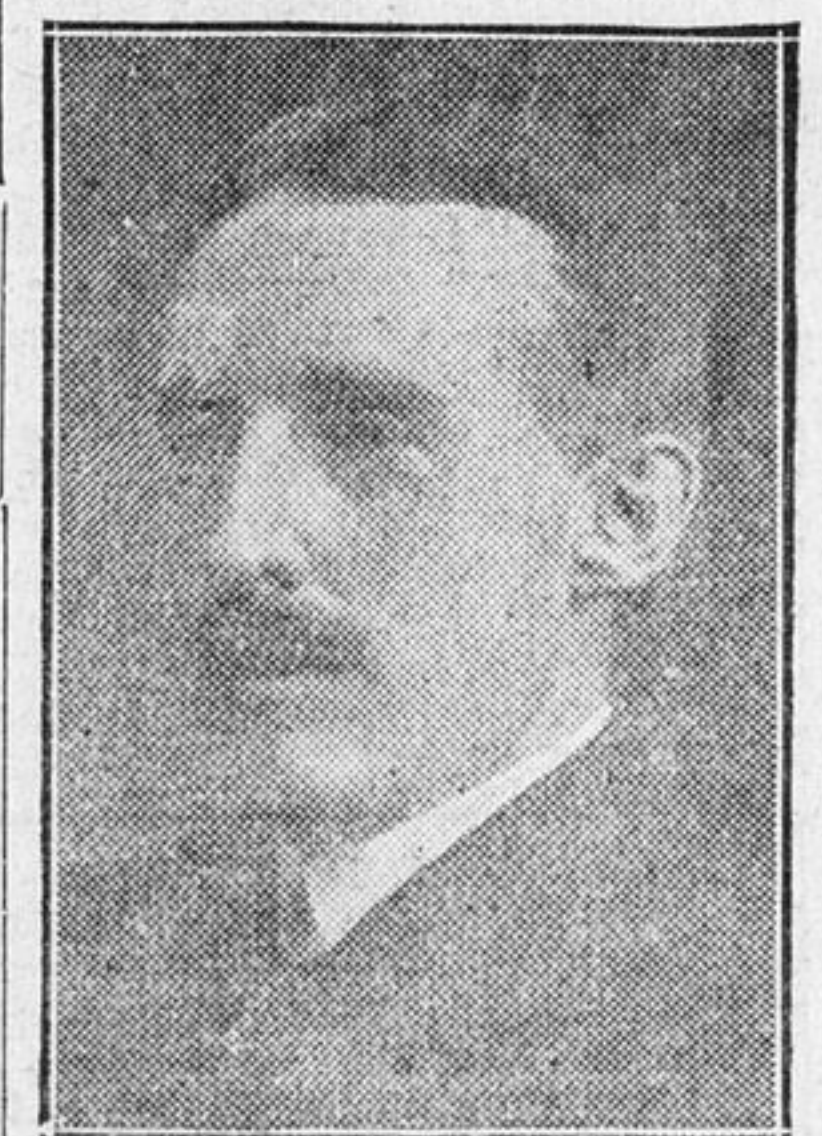
The committee in charge of the evening was Mrs. H. W. Darling, convenor, and Misses Jean Watt, Mary Boyd and Maude Boyd.

KIWANIS CLUB HEAR FINE ADDRESS ON POETRY

Mr. M. B. Scott the Special Speaker at Monday's Luncheon. Original Poems Please Big Gathering

One of the largest gatherings yet of the Timmins Kiwanis Club was the luncheon on Monday, and all attending were specially pleased. The speaker of the day was Mr. M. B. Scott, whose address on "Poetry," was greatly appreciated. His review of the subject was both interesting and effective, and the address was generally considered as one of the best yet. A special feature was the reading by Mr. Scott of a number of poems of his own composition. The members were particularly pleased with these examples of poetic thought and efficient versification. The original poem covered a variety of themes, including North Land subjects, humour and philosophy, and each and every poem was handled with the skill of a master.

Another feature of the day was the new Kiwanis Orchestra that furnished much appreciated music



PREMIER TASCHEREAU of Quebec, who defies the United States film distributors who threaten to boycott Quebec unless censors are more lenient to their productions.

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY STARTS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Business Places Will Close Every Wednesday Afternoon During Summer Months

The town by-law regulating the early closing of stores for a weekly half-holiday, is good from year to year, unless amended, and so commencing next Wednesday, stores and business places will close every Wednesday afternoon for the summer months—May, June, July, and August.

NEW CHIEF OF POLICE TAKES UP DUTIES HERE

Sergt. Pascoe, of the Dominion Police, Haileybury, arrived in town Monday evening with Mrs. Pascoe and their two children, and will take up residence in the house occupied by the present Chief of Police M. Greer. Sergt. Pascoe took up his duties as Chief of Police at Timmins this (Thursday) morning.

Mr. Pearce, also of the Haileybury staff of the Dominion Police, was in town this week and may be added to the police force here.

DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF PUTS IN RESIGNATION

Mr. W. McCord, for several months deputy chief of police for Timmins, and previous to that for some years on the force here, last week tendered his resignation to take effect on May 20th. Mr. McCord has made many friends in town by his attention to duty, his good humour and his quiet efficiency as a police officer, and there will be general regret at his resignation.

Many friends have been exercised over the report that Mr. Jack Christian has been missing since noon last Wednesday. He left Mrs. Cole's where he was rooming and though saying nothing and taking no clothes away with him, he did not return to his room since. Eventually, as he has been ill all winter and it was feared that something might have happened to him, the police were notified. The case was taken up and eventually it was learned that Mr. Christian had gone through to Iroquois Falls and that he is all right and his friends have no reason for any alarm or worry.

Annual Banquet of Board of Trade Noteworthy Event

Outstanding Address by Hon. Chas. McCrea, Who Makes Many Important Announcements. Other Interesting Addresses. Over Two Hundred Enjoy Pleasant Banquet at Empire Hotel.

The annual banquet of the Timmins Board of Trade was held in the Empire Hotel on Monday evening, with over two hundred present. The event was not only the most largely attended but also probably the most interesting and successful of the long list of successful annual banquets of the Board of Trade. Everyone present found the evening inspiring and helpful, as well as interesting.

Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario, was the special guest of the evening and his earnest and thoughtful address was one of the big features of a very attractive evening. The reception accorded Hon. Mr. McCrea by the biggest gathering ever in the big dining hall of the Empire Hotel was only exceeded by the regular ovation tendered him at the conclusion of his excellent address. During his address Hon. Mr. McCrea made a number of announcements that were of special importance, some of them being of particular concern to this immediate district. Accompanying Hon. Mr. McCrea were Mr. R. Matthews and Mr. Massey, of Toronto.

In addition to the business and professional men of the town and district, there was a large attendance of mining men the Porcupine Mining Institute heartily co-operating with the Board of Trade for the evening. Indeed, the Board of Trade invited Hon. Mr. McCrea here on the suggestion of the Mining Institute and now all present Monday evening feel they owe a special debt of gratitude to Mr. Geo. Cole and the others connected with the local Mining Institute.

After a banquet menu most creditable to the Empire Hotel had been enjoyed, with the best of service adding to the perfection of this part of the programme, Mr. T. F. King, chairman of the Timmins Board of Trade, in a few well-chosen words, opened the toast line for the evening calling first upon Mr. E. G. Dickson, Mayor of Timmins.

The Mayor, on behalf of the town, tendered special welcome to Hon. Mr. McCrea. Mr. McCrea was a real North Land man, he said, having lived 25 years in this country and aided materially in making it known. The Mayor referred particularly to the value of Hon. Mr. McCrea's visit to England, where his knowledge and ability had made such appeal to financial and mining men. Red Lake was also instanced as another example of the sincere and intelligent and helpful interest taken by the Minister of Mines in the development of the North. The Mayor referred to the kind consideration given himself and Councillor Eplett on their recent visit to Toronto to secure a fairer share

of the royalty for the town. He hoped the Minister would make some announcement regarding the royalty. It was felt that the restriction limiting the town's share to \$35,000.00 should be removed. Perhaps, however, the Minister would not be able to make any definite statement in the matter until the question had received further consideration.

Mr. A. F. Brigham, general manager of the Hollinger, spoke briefly but effectively of the value of mining in the development and prosperity of the country. He instanced the growth of the town of Timmins and showed that the mining industry among other things was responsible for bringing a lot of good men to the town as citizens. The Board of Trade did good work in its intelligent efforts for co-operation between town and mine, business and industry and people. Referring to the Ontario Government's attitude to the mining industry, Mr. Brigham referred to it as efficient and intelligent, and commended Hon. Mr. McCrea as the most earnest and sympathetic Minister of Mines that any Province could desire.

Mr. R. Dye, manager of the Vipond Mine, and president of the Kiwanis Club, spoke of the optimism of the smaller mines of the district. Some measure of success was won by tenacious effort, and with the example of the bigger ventures, they went hopefully forward in the faith that success would be assured.

Mr. R. C. Matthews made close to the ideal after-dinner speech—stories, humour, flattery, philosophy and sound sense and inspiring thought. His story about the lady whose husband had a "obby" brought down the house, as did also his cleverly pictured account of Hon. Mr. Raney's re-organization of Heaven,—thrown out by the angel because they could not be contented with the Lord simply as vice-president. Inspiringly, Mr. Matthews touched upon the great possibilities of the North and the faith that had grown in the South in the wonderful future of this country.

The esteem in which Hon. Chas. McCrea is held in this North was evidenced by the continued rounds of applause that greeted him on rising to address the gathering. After expressing his pleasure at being present and at seeing his old friend, Tom King, in the responsible position of president of the Board of Trade, Hon. Mr. McCrea touched on the value of boards of trade as non-partisan forces for betterment of towns and districts. Mr. McCrea then reviewed the development of the North Land since he came to Sudbury in 1901. At that Continued on back page of this section.

Apparently Large Beds of Good Coal North of Cochrane

Coal Tested at Toronto and Found to be of High Grade. Much Work Now in Progress North of Cochrane. Coal Found Every Place Drilled. Looks Like a Big Thing for the Country.

Last week tests were made of samples of coal from the deposits north of Cochrane along the Mattagami. Coal from these deposits was burned in the King Edward, Toronto, and all who were present at the "burning" are enthusiastic regarding the prospects for the coal fields. The coal is graded as bituminous, but appears to be a very superior grade. Analysis made of many samples also proved unusually favourable. Financiers and others, however, were specially impressed with the actual burning. The coal throws off a high heat, holds fire well, and burns to an ash, without clinkers or stones. The comparatively small amount of ash left is also very favourable. The tests last week would indicate with a considerable measure of surety that the far North has large deposits of coal. Last year a large amount of drilling was done on the McCarthy claims and every place the drill went down coal was encountered. Near the surface there is lignite, but at one hundred feet and lower a good grade of coal is available. The work so far would indicate large deposits. The McCarthy interests have had a number of men at work for some time and considerable development had been done. Every step forward indicates increased good prospects for a big coal deposit of high-grade kind. The McCarthy interests have ten square miles staked; Grant, of Drumheller, has three or four square miles; a North Bay syndicate has three square miles; a

Cochrane syndicate a square mile staked at the fork of the Abitibi; the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. is also understood to be investigating the field; and Haileybury and Englehart prospectors, representing syndicates, are also interested in the area. Grant, of Drumheller, heard of the coal, investigated, and promptly got in the field himself. He has a number of men now busy at work and he is enthusiastic.

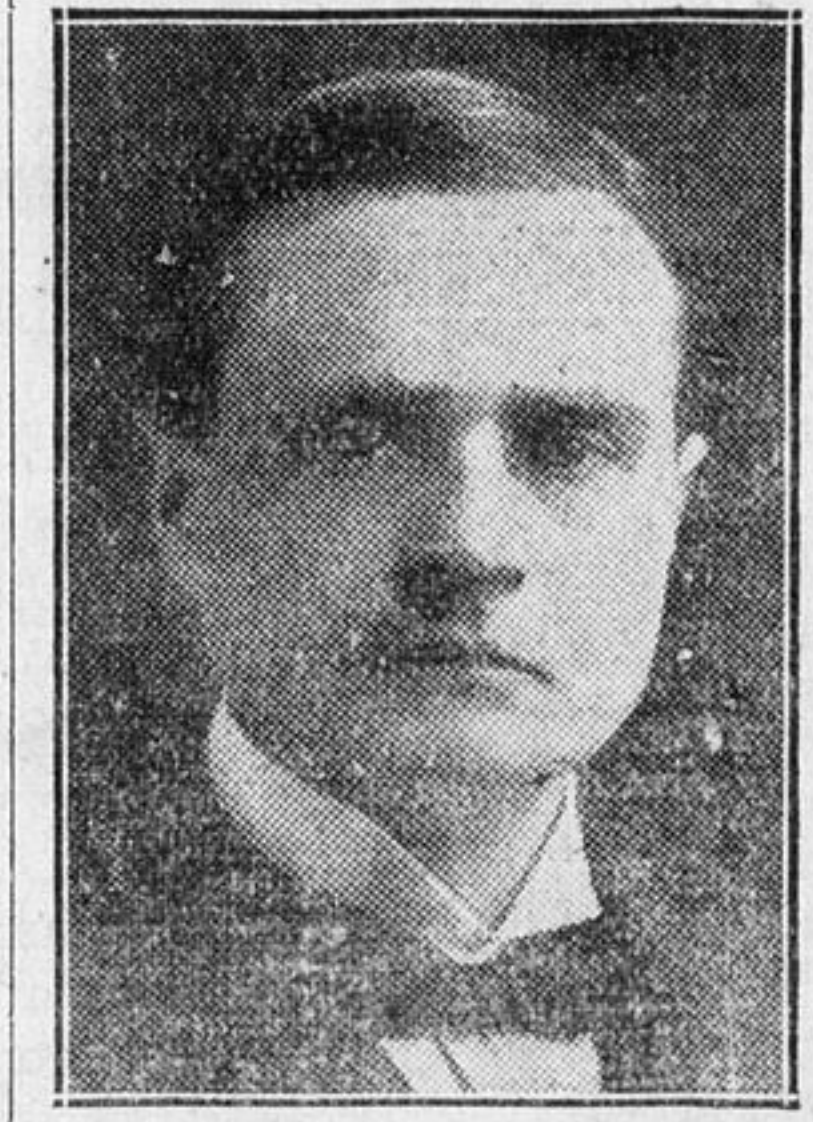
Mr. Chas McCarthy has organized a syndicate, capitalized at \$2,500,000, and they are going right ahead to develop what is believed to be unusually fine coal deposits.

The coal fields are 48 miles from the end of steel north of Cochrane. About 23 miles of the country between is so level that little more would be necessary than laying the tracks and ballasting. There are no engineering difficulties in the other 25 miles. Of course the development of the coal fields depends almost altogether on the building of a railway to the deposits. It is understood that development work has now been carried along far enough that it is possible to foretell the prospects of the field with reasonable accuracy. It would appear to be a good thing for the Government to send in experts to view the coal fields, and if things are as they appear, there should be an immediate building of the necessary 48 miles of track. The opening of a coal industry in Ontario would mean much indeed to the North and the Province in general.

KIWANEEES CONTRIBUTE TO FUND FOR THE V.O.N.

Cheque for \$25.00 Added to the List From the Ladies' Branch of the Kiwanis Club

The ladies' branch of the Kiwanis Club, the Kiwanees, have forwarded to Mr. E. Richards, P.O. Box 692, Timmins, treasurer of the fund to inaugurate a V.O.N. service in Timmins, a cheque for \$25.00 to add to the amount already collected. This brings the total collected now to \$650.00. The objective is \$3,000.00. It will be noted that there is quite an amount to secure yet. There are a number of societies and other organizations that have agreed to contribute, but they have not actually done so yet. There seems to be general confidence that the objective will eventually be reached, but at present the going is a little slow. The following are the amounts already acknowledged:—Town of Timmins \$500.00; Kiwanis Club, \$75.00; Kiwanees, \$25.00; Golden Beaver Lodge, \$50.00.



SEEKS JUBILEE FUNDS Senator John Lewis, who has started the ball rolling by seeking senate support for appropriations for the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of Confederation, which comes in 1927.

BARBER SHOPS CLOSING AT SEVEN EACH EVENING

On Saturdays Closing Hour is Ten o'clock. By-law Went into Force Wednesday

The new by-law to regulate the closing of barber shops in Timmins went into effect on Wednesday evening of this week.

Under the new by-law all barber shops close each week-day evening at seven o'clock, except on Saturdays and the nights preceding legal holidays. On Saturdays and the evenings before holidays, the barber shops are to close at 10 p.m.

Heavy penalties are provided for breach of the by-law. The new hours are much fairer to the barbers. Previously the hours were too long for such tedious work. The public will be in no way inconvenienced by the new hours, and should assist in every way to make the present plan successful.

MORE THAN USUAL TIME AT THIS WEEK'S COURT

Police court this week continued to-day and at the time of going to press was not concluded, the case of Geo. and W. Daigle, charged with assault being in progress.

Messrs Mondeau and Bayeur were committed for trial in connection with charges laid by a bonding company. The case of A. Turmell, charged by A. Rondeau with theft, is also to proceed this afternoon.

There were eight drunks assessed the usual ten and costs. W. Dubois, charged by his wife with assault, was remanded to next Basker was also remanded. L. Hemming, charged with assaulting M. Kelly, was fined \$1.00 and costs, the light fine being due to the fact that the evidence indicated that Kelly had provoked the accused by bad language used, and also the accused lost his position at the Vipond where the assault occurred.

Magistrate Atkinson heard the case at South Porcupine against R. Gentile, accused of being drunk in charge of a car. Judgment was reserved to next week.

The next Band Concert will be at the Goldfields Theatre, on Sunday evening, May 9th. It is to be another of the National and County Nights—"Welsh Night"—and an unusually attractive programme is being prepared for the occasion.

OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE AT TIMMINS THIS WEEK

Event Under Auspices of Boys Work Board, April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd, at United Church

The Older Boys' and Leaders' Conference for this district is being held April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd, in the United Church, Timmins, and will be attended by boys, leaders, superintendents and pastors.

Friday evening, April 30th, delegates will present their credentials, and a Supper will be served for leaders and adults at 6.30.

Saturday morning's session will commence at 10 a.m. The Mayor will give an address of welcome at 10.20. Officers will be elected, and reports received. There will also be addresses of interest and some good songs.

Saturday afternoon there will be a service of song, discussion on subjects of vital interest to boys, Taxis Conclave Competition, Group and Challenge Games, Banquet, songs, toasts, etc.

Sunday there will be meetings of the Boys' Work Board, church services, etc.

Speakers and Leaders—J. M. Findlay, Field Secretary, Ontario Boys' Work Board; C. A. Meyers, Secretary, Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, United Church of Canada; Rev. F. J. Baine, M.A., B.D., South Porcupine; Rev. C. A. Sales, Schumacher; A. Gillies, Chairman, Porcupine District Boys' Work Board.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The T.A.A.A. (usually called the Grounds Committee) held their annual meeting last night, with football, baseball, tennis, softball and Hollinger Mine all represented.

The reports for the year were read and found very satisfactory.

Applications of the Hockey Club for the grounds for July 1st was granted on the usual terms.

The suggestion was approved that a conference be held with the Iroquois Falls A.A. and the Cochrane A.A. and Timmins, along lines for betterment of all sport in the North and closer co-operation.

Applications from the P.D.F.L. for direct representation was refused, the T.F.C. being the only body recognized by this association so far as football is concerned, and all teams wishing to play on grounds must make all arrangements with the Timmins Football Club.

The suggestion of the Tennis Club relative to turning over the surplus of their funds at end of season was accepted.

Grounds allotted to Timmins Baseball Club, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; to Timmins Football Club, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week, and that the Association will endeavour to obtain suitable grounds on "the slimes" for the use of softball.

It was decided that outside amusement concerns, shows, circuses, etc., must arrange for grounds through the T.A.A.A., and not through any one line of sport.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN T.&N.O. NEW TIME TABLE

Summer Service Looks Like the Best Yet. Splendid Service to Toronto and Montreal.

Hon. Chas. McCrea in his address at the Board of Trade banquet Monday night made special reference to the new T. & N. O. time table, going into effect on Sunday, May 2nd. It is worth special mention and will no doubt find general favour.

Under this new time table No. 46 for Toronto leaves here each day, except Sunday, at 12.01 noon, instead of 11.30 as at present. The Toronto train reaches here each evening at 5.35 instead of 6 p.m.

There is a train leaving here at 10.20 a.m., and connecting at Porcupine Junction with the Continental Limited.

Passenger train No. 56, Sundays only, leaves here at 11 a.m.

The trains, No. 18, leaving here at 6.10 a.m., and No. 54, leaving here at 7.25 p.m., are increased daily except Sunday.

No. 51 leaves Porcupine Junction at 8.10 a.m., reaching here at 9.50 a.m. The Continental Limited daily is timed to reach Timmins at 8.25 p.m., and No. 17, daily except Sunday, reaches here at 11.05 p.m.

Mr. M. Greer has purchased the property, No. 13 Maple street south, and moved in this week to take up residence there. All will be pleased to know that the ex-Chief of Police and family intend to continue as residents of Timmins.