

## Timmins and District Notes

Mr. Jean Pare left this morning for a holiday visit to Ottawa, Montreal and other points east.

Mr. Sam Elties leaves this week for a visit to Toronto, where he will take in the Toronto Exhibition.

Miss Rose Abrams, Toke street, has recently returned from a sojourn of several months in Montreal.

The famous Pete Taylor, formerly of the Volunteer Fire Brigade at Timmins, now residing in Hamilton, was a Timmins visitor last week.

The next open air band concert will be on Sunday evening, August 29th, after the church services, the weather of course, permitting.

The Red Lake Lookout last week says:—"Mr. P. D. McCormick, from South Porcupine, passed through Sioux Lookout last week on his way to his claims at Red Lake, and will be there a month doing his assessment work."

Mr. H. Martin, of Chas. Reekin, Limited, Cobalt, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. Lawrence.

Dr. Hare, specialist, of Toronto, formerly of Cobalt, was a Timmins visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Abrams, Toke street, have as their guests Miss Yentelle Fred and Miss Dorothy Schregge, both of Winnipeg.

Miss Edith Gordon and Miss Marjorie Martin have been visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Lawrence, Elm street south for the past month.

For fear the youngsters might forget, it may be noted again that the schools will re-open on Wednesday, September 1st.

The New Liskeard Speaker last week says:—"Messrs Stewart Brown and Osborne Alton, of Timmins, Liskeard boys when little chaps, are in town spending holidays, guests with relatives here."

Miss Josephine Tremblay left this week for a two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Gosselin, at Temagami, Ont.

Mrs. G. A. Macdonald returned on Tuesday evening from an extended visit to Peterborough, Toronto, Chatham and other southern points.

Mr. Martin Fraser has left on an extended vacation and will visit Ottawa, Toronto and other southern points.

Her many friends will be pleased to know that Miss Doris Harrison who has been ill for the past two weeks, is now fully recovered.

Mr. Pernie Faulkenham, who was in town last week for a few days, left on Friday morning for Red Lake Camp.

The Haileyburian last week says:—"Mrs. Roy Lafferty and daughter, of Schumacher, are visiting Mrs. Lafferty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sutherland, Sr., Russell street."

The North Bay Nugget this week says:—"Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson, of Timmins, are visiting at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. H. Fisher, Fraser street."

Remember the date—Labour Day, September 6th. And the place, McIntyre Recreation Hall. And the event, the Musicians' Ball, for the benefit of the Hockey Club.

Mr. Percy Younton leaves on Friday morning for Cornwall, England. Wednesday evening he was presented with a handsome pipe and pouch from the Cornish F. C., with all sorts of good wishes for his future.

Mr. C. G. Williams returned last week after a visit overseas, where he enjoyed a well-earned holiday, spent chiefly on a pleasant motor trip through interesting sections of Europe.

Last Open Air Meeting of El Shadi Bible Class to be a hike and corn roast. Members to meet at church at 7 p.m. sharp on Tuesday, August 31, 1926. All members kindly turn out for last meeting.

Mrs. D. Mackie, who was sufficiently recovered some weeks ago to return from Toronto to her home here in Timmins, continues to progress towards full recovery of health and strength. Many friends here have been delighted to welcome her back and to see her able to be out and around much as usual, and all will sincerely wish her a rapid restoration to the best of health.

Timmins High School will re-open on Tuesday, September 7th.

Schumacher public school will re-open on September 2nd.

Mr. Geo. A. D. Murray was a visitor to Ottawa last week.

Mrs. Brunton left this (Thursday) morning for a visit to her home in Mattawa.

Dr. G. F. Mitchell returned last week from an extended holiday in the southern parts of the province.

Mr. S. R. McCoy left on Sunday on a holiday to Ottawa and other centres in the east.

The North Bay Nugget last week says:—"Miss Ida Gagne, of Timmins is the guest of Miss Florence Sava, Second avenue west."

The next open air band concert (weather permitting) will be held on Sunday evening, August 29th, after the church services.

Mr. J. Hamilton left on Monday for a holiday visit to the south. He will motor from North Bay, having shipped his car ahead last week.

Mrs. and Miss M. Hogg, after having spent a week's vacation at Timmins, returned to Niagara Falls on Sunday. Miss Hogg will leave for New York the first of September.

Mrs. Dickenson last week won the ladies' championship of the Haileybury Golf Club, carrying off the D.L. Jemmett cup offered annually for the competition.

Mr. Godfrey Johnson returned last week from Toronto where he was in Wellesley Hospital for an operation for appendicitis. The operation was successful, and Mr. Johnson is rapidly making progress to complete recovery.

M.W. Bro. J. A. Rowland, of Toronto, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, A.F. & A.M., will pay an official visit to Golden Beaver and Porcupine Lodges at Golden Beaver Lodge, Timmins, this (Thursday) evening.

The Red Lake Lookout says that Dan S. Hill, old-time prospector from Timmins, has made a real gold discovery on the shore of Lost Bay, Clearwater Lake, which is situated on the east side of Woman Lake.

A sharp earthquake shock followed by earth tremors lasting about 30 seconds, was felt at Pembroke on Monday. There was a roar like that from a blast, and houses in all parts of the town were shaken. No damage resulted.

A very successful meeting in the interests of the Conservative candidate, Mr. J. Ray O'Neill, was held last night at South Porcupine, the same speakers addressing the meeting at South End as spoke at the Timmins meeting.

Mr. M. Greer returned last week from a visit to Ottawa where he went to see his father and mother and his family. He found all well, and returned here to pack up and move his household effects to Ottawa, where the family will reside. Mr. Greer will be here, however, most of his time this year looking after interests that he has in the district.

Red Lake Lookout last week says:—"Mr. Joe Brisson and a gang of ten men from South Porcupine passed through Sioux Lookout last week-end on their way into Red Lake, to do the assessment work on the claims belonging to Mr. G. S. Drew, of Timmins."

## Closed Special Meetings of Council Are Irregular

**To Have Closed Meetings the Council Needs to Have Resolution, in Writing, Saying That Public Interest Requires Meeting to be Closed. Legal Authorities Not Agreed on Whether Business Already Transacted at Private Sessions is Null and Void.**

The present town council is in its place because of the use of legal technicalities to void the regular election of Mayor and Councillors in December last. Also, to hear some of the members of the new council talk one would imagine that they had superlative legal knowledge and advice at their disposal. Because of these things, it might be thought by those who do not really know the members of the new council that they would observe all the technicalities of the law to the last little letter. Yet, it is the careful opinion of at least one prominent lawyer that the many "special" meetings of the town council held in the past few months are illegal, and that the business transacted at such meetings is open to question. In support of this stand the revised municipal act is quoted.

Section 199 of the Municipal Act, says:—

"(1) The ordinary meetings of every council shall be open, and no person shall be excluded therefrom except for improper conduct. (2) The head or other presiding officer may expel or exclude from any meeting any person who has been guilty of improper conduct at such meeting."

Section 202 of the Municipal Act, says:—

"If there is no by-law or resolution fixing the place of meeting, a special meeting shall be held at the place where the then last meeting was held, and a special meeting may be either open or closed as in the opinion of the council expressed by resolution in writing the public interest requires."

From a reading of the above it is apparent that special meetings of council shall be held in the same place as regular meetings, except when there is a special resolution governing otherwise. In the present case there is no resolution allowing the special meetings to be held in the clerk's office, while the regular meetings are held in the council chamber.

It is also evident that each special meeting must be open, unless there is a written resolution to the effect that the council believes it in the public interest to have it closed. There is no such resolution for any of the many special meetings held by the

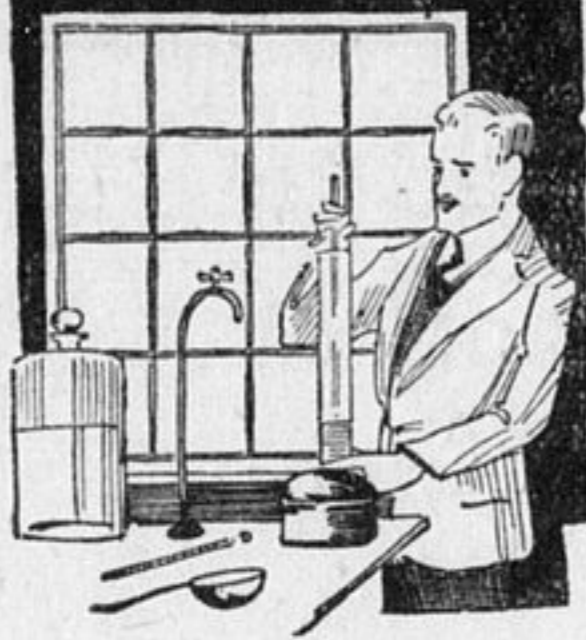
present council so far as the minute books show, or the old councillors know.

The present council has held considerably more "special" meetings than regular meetings. With former councils, "special" meetings were a rarity. Former councils transacted council business in the open, and were always ready to have the public present.

The present council started out with a big palaver about having the public at regular meetings, as if previous councils had excluded the ratepayers from the meetings. Of course, this impression was unfounded. Former councils not only had their meetings open, but any and every ratepayer was always sure of a courteous and friendly hearing if he had anything to bring forward. Former councils did not try to make a show of their meetings, but they did honestly try to keep their meetings open and aboveboard, and to conduct them so that they were at the real service of the people.

Many have objected to the inconvenient time at which council meetings are held now. Still more have protested against the private and closed sessions. It is known that members of the old council are not favourable either to the evening sessions or to the private meetings. Apparently no public advantage is served by either, whatever private ends may be attempted. If the council met to provide amusement or entertainment, evening sessions might be considered necessary, but council should be a business affair and conducted along business lines. Previous councils found, by experience, that open sessions, that could stand the broad light of day, were what suited councillors and ratepayers the best. In this age of the world, the people are not willing to accept a show affair as a recompense for star chamber methods. In view of the present council's apparent predilection for technicalities the public will be anxious to know why the technicalities are not observed in regard to the matter of "open" and "closed," "ordinary" and "special" meetings of council. The public will always be the better pleased when all meetings of council are "regular."

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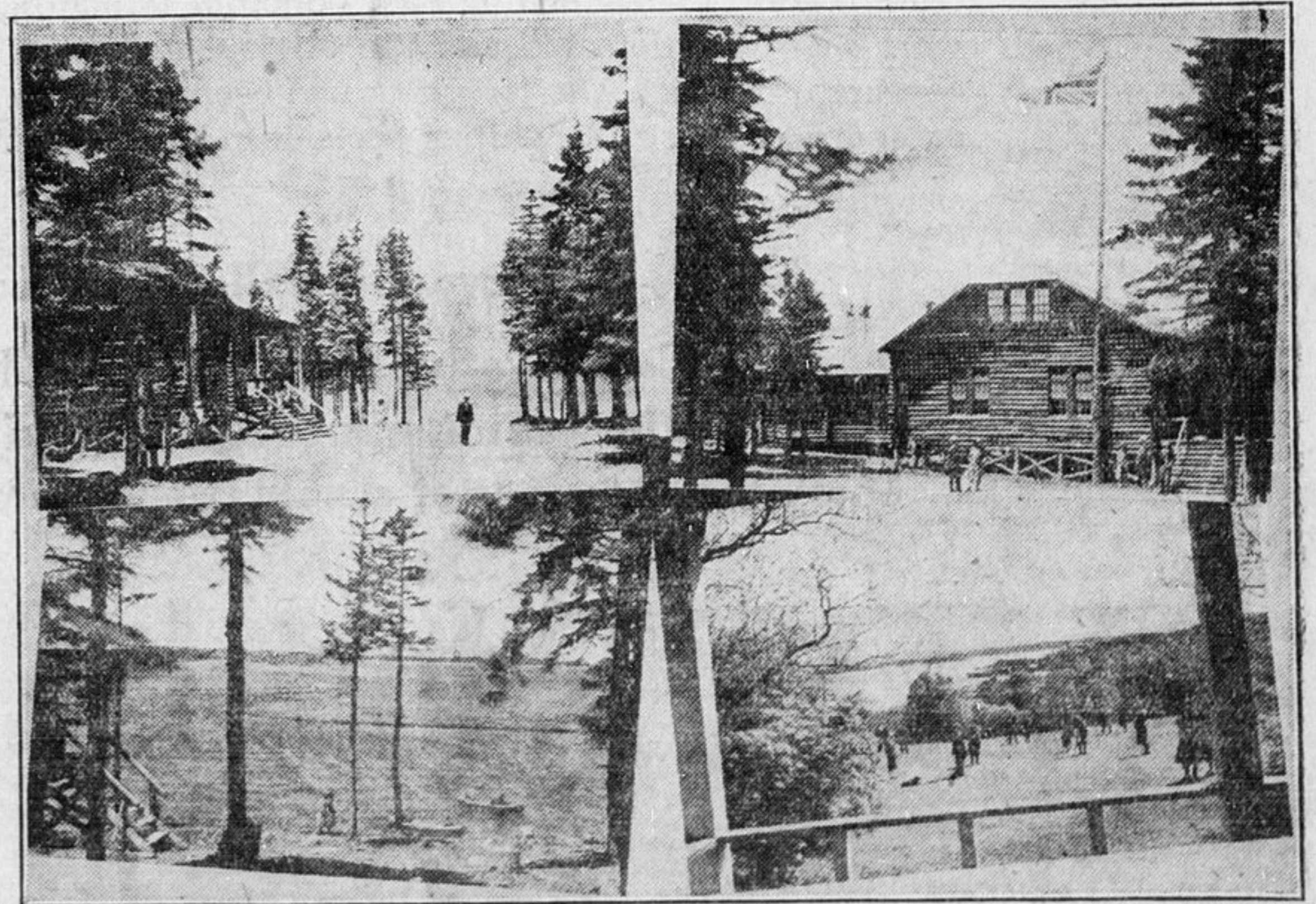
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## New Lodge Delights Visitors to Pictou



Wentworth Park Lodge, near Pictou, N.S., which was recently opened by the Canadian National Railways, has already proved its popularity with Canadian and American holiday-makers. The Lodge is located on Northumberland Strait, near Pictou, N.S., and consists of a group of rustic bungalows surrounding a central lodge. Guests have the advantage of both fresh water and sea bathing, boating and fishing, while the Pictou Golf Club, only a short distance away, is open to those who are lovers of the Royal and Ancient Game.

Rev. Fr. O'Gorman, for many years at Cobalt, came to Timmins last week to reside permanently. On street last week he was meeting so many old friends that five feet was a good average distance that he was able to walk without being stopped by some old friend who wished to welcome the Rev. Father to Timmins, his friends including all classes and creeds.

#### ARLIE MARKS CO. HERE DURING LAST WEEK-END.

The Arlie Marks Company were at Timmins at the New Empire Theatre on Friday and Saturday last. On account of the big political meeting at the Rink on Friday evening, the attendance was small, but it was better on Saturday, though not up to the usual crowds greeting the popular company here. The Arlie Marks Co. featured clean plays, comedy, vaudeville and specialties, and were up to the usual standards.