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"Old-Timer" Thinks Council Made Mess of the Poll Tax Affair

And as Bad a Mistake in the Method of Paying Back the Money Collected Improperly. "Why in the Name of Gravel and Sand Should People be so Unjustly Inconvenienced?" He Wants to Know.

Timmins, Sept. 27th, 1926

To the Editor,
Porcupine Advance, Timmins.

Sir:—Being a regular reader of The Advance, I must say that I admire your straightforward criticism of the "would-be-rich New Council." Their method of collecting the Poll Tax was out of all reason, and considering the educated men on the Council it is regrettable that they tried to collect it in that way.

But what is more regrettable, is that a large number of men had to stand out in the cold while the "Assessment Commissioner" went over their particulars. Then to crown all the funds ran out, and a large number had to make the second visit, to collect their own money, which was illegally taken from them in the first place. The clerk told the writer, that he had paid out $2,000, then, and could pay no more till the Mayor signed a cheque to get more money. How in the name of "Gravel and Sand," did the Mayor and Council think that $2.000 would meet the demands of over 2,000 men. And to crown all the clerk had to sit there and explain why there was no more "funds," long after the "funds" ran short.

If there is any "Commission" on the Tax at all, well I believe the clerk should have some, as he had a very unpleasant task, and a very hostile crowd to deal with. Considering the situation he was in, he sure did his part like a man.

"Where and Who" was the town's "legal adviser" in this matter or did they have a "legal adviser" at all?

It is also regrettable that some of the old council are in the same "Boat" as the new one. Considering the "Big Four" hold the "Fort" the members of the old council would be just as good watching the proceeding with the spectators. The "Little Three" have a very slim chance against the "Big Four" when it comes to a show of hands.

One Councillor made the remark to the effect—that "some of us may not be here next year to hear the annual report" in question at the time. Let's hope that the "Big Four" will hear next year's annual report, as spectators amongst the crowd only.

It was up to the Town Council to provide the Hollinger officials, with a list of who was exempt, and who was not. All Hollinger tenants received an assessment notice two months or so ago, or were supposed to get one. The Council knew where to find these people to post the assessment notice to, so why in the name of "Gravel and and" did they not send in these names to the Hollinger officials to be exempted from Poll Tax. The names of all owners of property, could have been listed also, and sent up as exempt. Considering the expert "Assessment Commissioner" that was brought from Toronto this little matter should only be a mere trifle to him.

The "Chief of Police" and his men, ought to account for the persons who are liable, who have not been assessed or are not property owners. What in the name of "Gravel and Sand" are we paying these people for? Not to be in "glass cases" or for "exhibition purposes" I hope. This is part of their duties, so it's time they got busy.

Several men who live in Schumacher and in Tisdale Township, have had some trouble to get their five dollars. They have had to be indentified first. This means in some cases two trips to Timmins. In this case they either have to walk, or be out about 50 cents on the deal for car fare. There was no identification needed when the money was illegally stopped, so why in the name of "Gravel and Sand" should they have to be identified to collect their own money. They would be justified in collecting their car fare from the Town Council.

The Chief of Police was the man authorized to collect the money, so why he was not authorized to return that money where it was collected from, is something we would like to know. There would have been no standing in the cold, and no two trips needed. The Council got out of it very light, and they can consider themselves lucky that no one went to law over it. They not only collected the money illegally but they rubbed it in also. Standing out in the line in the cold, then answering questions already on the assessment notice, some making two trips, was sure rubbing it in, and as one man told them it sure was a "mean and dirty trick" for an educated lot of men to do. Even some of the "fairer sex" had to stand in the line, also they had to make two trips as the "Council ran out of funds." One fair lady remarked "Well, I sure helped to put in the "Big Four" and I'll sure help to put them out." Needless to say she got considerable backing from the waiting crowd.

Yours truly,
"Old-timer"

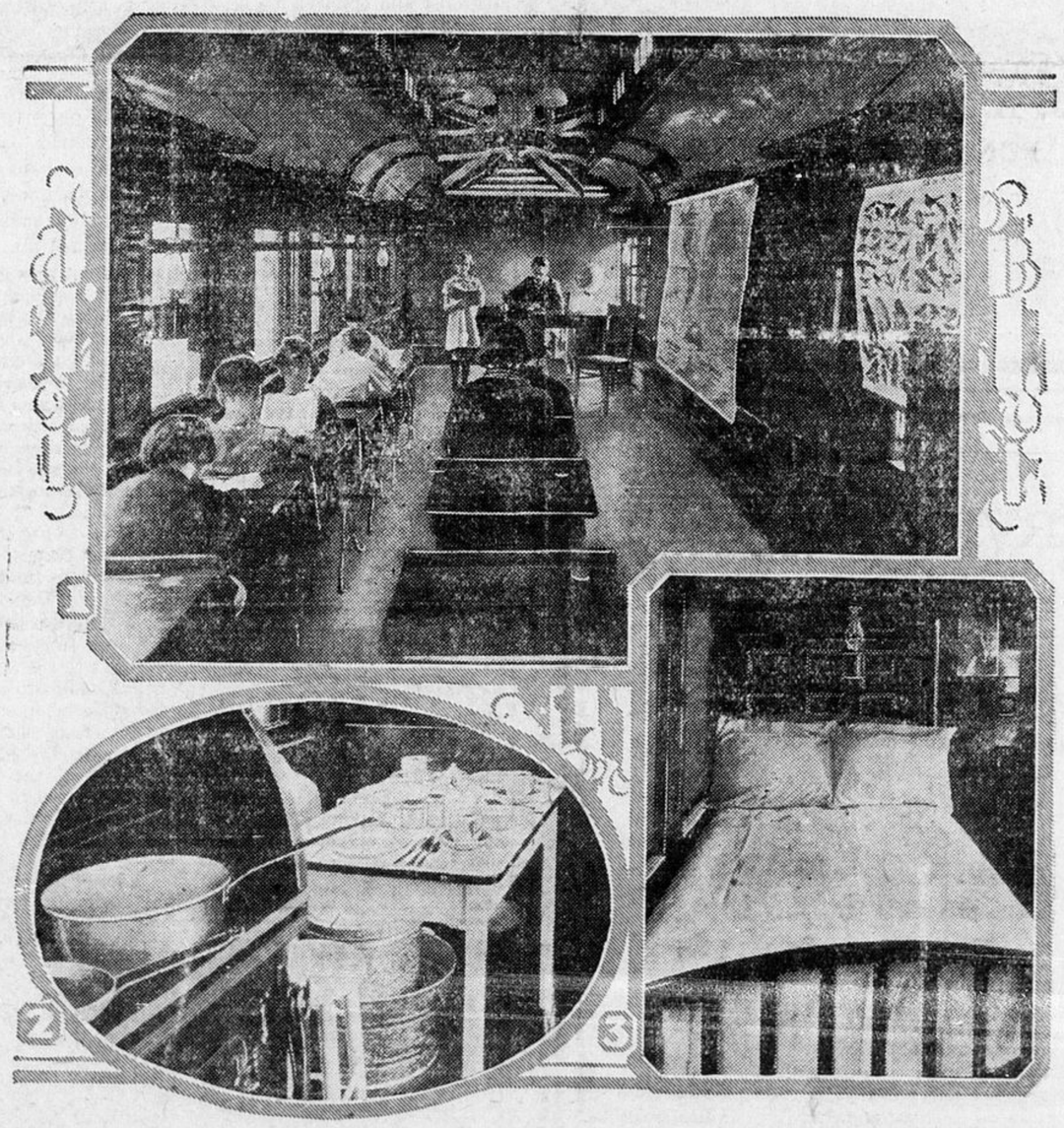
NOTE—On account of its length it was necessary to leave out part of "Old-timer's effective and well-written letter. He will note by comment elsewhere in this issue that in view of information secured after the letter was written, some of his remarks about "Commission" has already been dealt with. He makes an excellent case out in regard to the hardship caused by the poll tax on many families here, and also suggests that if the new council wants to do something they might see why the post office hours and the customs office hours (both Government offices) vary so much, and why the latter takes holidays and half-holidays on which the customs office is open —Editor

YOUNG VIOLINISTS HERE SHOWED GOOD TALENT

The generous offer of the Hart House String Quartet to give an hour of their time while in Timmins to hear and judge the talent and promise of young musicians here resulted in three pupils of Mr. Birrell Bell being examined in violin playing by the noted musicians in the Quartet. The three boys playing before the Quartet were Willie Shub, S. Katz and Bobby Miner,—the latter from the Dome. The three boys all "passed the examination" with flying colours, the musicians agreeing that they had good talent. Marks were kept on the lads for their playing, Willie Shub taking first-class honours, and Sam Katz taking second-class honours.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bowery returned Tuesday evening from a visit to Haileybury and Larder Lake district. While on the visit Mr. Bowery walked from Cheminis to Rouyn and return and found much of interest in this side trip. He is convinced now that no one in the Timmins district knows anything about muddy roads until they sample this Cheminis trail.

A School on Wheels



1. The interior of the classroom. 2. A corner in the well equipped kitchen. 3. Showing the spacious teacher's sleeping accommodations

IT is doubtful if the news of an approaching circus, heralded by dazzling and wonderful advance posters has ever caused as much joy and excitement, as the announcement of the coming of the "Canadian Pacific School Train" into the hinterland of Northern Ontario.

There are more than fifty children in just one sub-division of the Railway who have never been able to go to school for the simple reason that there was no school to go to; but they have all heard of the joys of "school days," and longed for the day when they too might skip to school with a bundle of nice new books under their arm.

A little furor of excitement passed over this district a few days ago when the proclamation went forth that the school train was coming in the middle of September. "School—just think of it—and not the kind of school that the envied city and town kids have, but a school on wheels—a school that suddenly appears one day and goes and comes again, like a magic castle."

This unique experiment of bringing the school house into the unbeaten paths of this sparsely settled country is being carried on by the Provincial Government of Ontario in co-operation with the Canadian Pacific Railway, with a view to providing educational facilities to the children of railway men and residents in the remote stations along the line in the Northern section of the Province between Chapleau and Sudbury. This territory was selected by the Department of Education after making a thorough survey of the education needs of the north, and should the travelling school prove to be a success it was intimated that the plan probably would be extended to include other railway subdivisions.

The School car is so fascinating that it would make anyone, no matter how old, want to go to school again. About one-half the car is devoted to the school room, which is fitted with desks for little boys and girls and big ones too, a desk for teacher, a blackboard, bookcases with school books and good fiction, and even a real bell to summon the scholars. Behind the schoolroom is the bedroom of the teacher and in the rear of this again comes a kitchen so thoroughly equipped with everything, from stove to icebox, as to bring envy into the heart of any housewife. The teacher's name is Walter H. McNally.

It is anticipated that the car will stop at about six communities during the month, making a brief visit of from three to six days. Upon leaving the teacher will give the children enough homework to keep them busy until the car returns again in the course of a month.

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