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TIMMINS, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, DEC. 30th, 1926

EVERY ELECTOR SHOULD VOTE ON MONDAY FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE TOWN.

The municipal election on Monday is probably the most momentous event in the history of the town. On its outcome depends the progress and prosperity of the community. During the past nine months the incompetence, the ill-will and the absurd muddling of what is termed the "new" council has placed Timmins in a most unenviable position. The situation has been so absurd that it has been humorous, and so its seriousness has not perhaps, been fully realized. The town has been paying and must continue to pay to some extent for this ill-advised humour. There has been such a disorganization of affairs that business generally has been adversely affected. The town has been made to appear ridiculous in the eyes of the outside world. The position is such that it will take an able and careful mayor and council to remedy the situation in 1927 and assure a safe, sane, broadminded administration of public affairs in the interests of the people. The candidates for seats at the council are practically all good men, and an efficient and fairminded and public-spirited council is assured. The town, however, does appear to have very decided need for a strong, experienced, capable man as mayor, and it would appear in the best interests of the municipality to elect Councillor E. L. Longmore as mayor for 1927 by a majority so large that the full confidence of the people will be expressed. Every elector,—every man and every woman,—should vote in this election for the advantage of Timmins.

The "new" council slipped into office on the strength of wild promises and misunderstandings. Their whole term appears to have been devoted to muddling and bungling. This was due no doubt to the fact that they have been actuated by the wrong aims and ideas. They were so determined to upset the former organization of municipal affairs and do things differently to previous councils that the town has suffered seriously. They apparently sought deliberately to alienate people and influences that were of decided service to the town. They lost the co-operation of town officials and employees who found it impossible to work in harmony with the bitter spirit that seemed to prevail. It is unnecessary to repeat the details of the long list of blunders with which the name of the "new" council will always be associated. "Gravel and sand," "tanks," "poll tax," "the assessment muddle," the menace to the town through the discharge of the town engineer, the loss and inconvenience through the dismissal of the town solicitor, the unnecessary loss to the people through the delay in submitting the light and power by-law, the disorganization of the police department, the misrepresentation of municipal affairs so that the town lost all chance of securing any addition to the mines royalty this year, the spending of \$4,500.00 on a useless auditor's report, the improper delay in striking a tax rate,—these are a few of the items to be charged against the present mayor and his supporters in the council. Their action in forcing through an improper tax rate is the grand finale. By the direct evasion of the true facts and figures a reduced rate is announced, when it is patent that this rate will not cover the expenditures. Despite the fact that practically no public works have been undertaken this year, and despite the material reduction in the requirements of the public schools, the rate this year in actuality would be little less than last year for public school supporters, and higher for separate school supporters. The reduction made in parts of the assessment has made a higher rate necessary for the separate school purposes.

Disregarding the facts of the case, however, the "new" council last night actually passed a by-law setting the rate at 50 mills for public and 64.9 for separate school supporters. To justify this action they disregarded the material items of bank interest, of uncollectable taxes, and arbitrarily fixed other expenditures much below the actual figures necessary. To crown it all, they had the temerity to include on the receipts side of their balance sheet, \$35,000.00 for additional royalty. While the Premier and the Minister of Mines have promised every assistance to Timmins in securing a larger share of the mines royalty, nothing definite has been promised in the way of the amount of such increase. In any event nothing can be done until the Legislature meets and passes on the matter. Timmins has not received, and can not possibly receive a single dollar from any increase in the royalty until well along in the new year. The law requires that in striking the tax rate the town council shall provide for all expenditures out of the revenue available. There is no additional royalty available, and will not be until next year. It may be counted upon next year, but it can not honestly be placed as revenue for 1926 account. It would be as fair to use next year's taxes this year and reduce the rate this year proportionately. Indeed this is really what the council has attempted to do. The procedure does not appear to be legal, and there would seem to be graver danger of the town being involved in litigation over this plan of using promises as assets.

A study of the financial statement issued last week gives contributory evidence of the failure of the "new" council, when contrasted with the previous year. The figures show that "economy" is no more noteworthy than "efficiency." In 1925, for instance, the police department cost \$23,304.00 for maintenance, and gave a revenue of \$24,100.00. This year the cost was \$22,009.00, and the receipts only \$9,400.00. A hundred dollars less in dog taxes were gathered this year than last. Charity and relief this year totalled \$3,000.00 more than last. Printing, advertising and stationery is shown as over \$700.00 more than in 1925. These were points on which the "new" council made particular promises of the most unreasonable type. The results indicate that promises and propaganda are poor material upon which to elect a municipal council.

If the record of the "new" council is an unfavourable one, the municipal record of Councillor Longmore is one to inspire confidence and hopefulness. He has had the experience in municipal matters. He has shown the capability and public spirit. He has given the helpful service that has aided the town in the past. He is honest, upright, efficient, broadminded,—a man who trusts the people and who is worthy of their trust. Experience in the past has shown that he serves no interests but the interests of the town in municipal matters, and it would appear to be the part of wisdom that the electors not only elect E. L. Longmore by a large majority, but also that they give him a strong council of good men to support him, so that 1927 may be a better year for Timmins than 1926 has been.

"GRAVEL AND SAND"—AND PLACER

"Happy" New Year for Timmins.

Put "Happy" in the New Year for Timmins for 1927.

If the electors make it a "Happy" New Year, it will be a bright and prosperous new year for Timmins.

Everybody is disposed to be friendly to the hockey boys. They should feel assured of this fact. For clean sport, this town of Timmins will give

the fullest support and enthusiasm. The town of Timmins in the past has shown itself always ready to stand by good sport, win or lose. The hockey boys in each of the different leagues should remember this. They should also remember that they owe it to themselves, to the public and to sport, to keep themselves in the best of condition, to train diligently, and in every way to maintain sport on the highest possible level. With the support of the public, and the support of the hockey boys, this will be the best season yet for hockey.

Newspapers contain a great deal that is not news. Recently the daily newspapers have been featuring a story about a fish being on exhibition at Knoxville, Tennessee, the said fish being so built that it could easily swallow a man like Jonah. What about it? There are fish on exhibition nearly everywhere who can swallow nearly anything.

The famous, or otherwise, firm of "Diekson and Eplet" was apparently dissolved this week. And now the silent partner of the firm (the term being used only in a comparative sense) is about to retire from municipal business.

One reader of The Advance last week after noting the advice to put "Happy" in the New Year for Timmins for 1927, commented:—"For that the ratepayers Longmore than for anything else."

On Thursday evening, October 14th, 1926, Inspector Constable was murdered at Cochrane by a cowardly assassin. The Government should not forget this fact, nor the accompanying truth that the people of this North Land expect something to be done about it.

An old-time resident of Timmins returned to town this week and was canvassed by one of the gravel and sand people in connection with the municipal election. The old-timer was told that though the town was in bad condition at present, this was altogether due to the obstructionist tactics of Councillor Longmore, who had held up the assessment, the tax rate and everything. "He must be a very bad man, then," said the old-timer. "Worse than that," suggested the gravel and sand man. "And how many councillors are there?" asked the old-timer. "Six Councillors, and the Mayor," was the prompt reply. "Then, if 'Happy' Longmore could hold up the six others all by himself," said the old-timer, "then I think he must be a very good man, and I am glad I came home to vote for him."

One of the most popular forms of Christmas gifts in London, England, this year has been the giving of babies. The National Home Adoption Association has been doing a thriving business in supplying babies for those adopting this unusual but singularly appropriate form of Christmas gift. The idea has assumed almost epidemic form in London this year. It is said to have commenced through the publicity given the case of a woman of middle-age who walked excitedly into the offices of the National Home Adoption Association and said:—"I want the prettiest baby boy you have; I've just had the idea of giving my husband one for a Christmas box. You see, he is fond of children, and we have never had one of our own." If this new Christmas custom continues, the man in London with a Christmas "baby" that adopts presents, and the "baby" adopted as a present, will be glad that Christmas comes but once a year.

"Mr. Dickson and his councillors might have done better had it not been for the obstructionist tactics of the other councillors," is one gravel and sand type of suggestion. In answer to this, it is only necessary to point out that the present mayor and the "new council" had a clear majority, and were quite ready to use it in strong arm fashion any time they felt like it. They used their majority power to buy gravel and sand at \$2285.00; to sell tanks at \$56.00; to discharge the town engineer; to collect poll tax illegally; to purchase a motor cycle at \$589.17; to disorganize the police department; to reduce the pay of the police; to impose a \$4,500.00 expense for a so-called Provincial audit; and for a score of other absurd and harmful purposes. If there was any delay or obstruction in the business of the town during the year, the Mayor and the three councillors with but a single thought must accept the full responsibility. They held the power in their own hands.

Every voter should exercise his franchise in the present municipal election. This is the only fair thing to yourself or to the town.

Vote! Vote one way or the other! Vote as your conscience dictates. But be sure that your conscience dictates for you to vote for "Happy" Longmore for Mayor for 1927.

According to the so-called Provincial Auditors' report, the public schools last year received \$10,000.00 less than the levy made for public school purposes, and the separate school was paid over \$2,000.00 more than the amount raised by the levy in their behalf. Accordingly, by the plan adopted by the "new" council of 1926, the public schools will receive \$10,000 from the general fund, while the separate schools are charged with the excess amount received last year. In both cases extra burden is placed upon the separate school supporters. This method of handling the school funds accounts in part for the decrease in the rate for the public schools and the increase in the separate school levy.

The electors of the town of Timmins are particularly urged to disregard all last-minute propaganda and misrepresentation regarding municipal affairs. The "new" council was elected by a fluke last March simply through the diligent use of such propaganda and misrepresentation. The issue of this election is only this:—Is there to be another year of the incompetence, ill-will, bitterness and muddle that has made 1926 absurd, or will the electors redeem the town by electing an experienced, competent, broadminded man like E. L. Longmore for mayor, with a good council to support him? The Advance has every faith in the good judgment and loyalty to the best interests of the town of the people of Timmins, and believes that the issue will be in no doubt, if the people guard against the innumerable deceptions attempted against them. The town surely has had enough of wild promises and absurd muddling. The deficit planned now as a final touch of impropriety for this tax-less year will have to be met, and the general muddle achieved in municipal affairs will have to be remedied. To achieve this result an honest and efficient mayor and council are very imperative for 1927. The Advance can not believe that the people will allow themselves to be deceived by any of the side issues raised. The interests of the town are at stake, and every elector should vote and vote right.

The municipal contest really centres in the election of a mayor this year. The two candidates should be judged on their municipal records. Contrast the efficient and helpful services of Councillor Longmore with the absurd muddle made by the present mayor. Then vote as your common sense suggests.

It was at a fashionable wedding. The bridegroom had no visible means of support save his father, who was rich. When he came to the stage of the service where he had to repeat:—"With all my worldly goods, I thee endow!" his father said in a whisper that could be heard all over the church: "Heavens! There goes his bicycle!"

\$40 WEEKLY FOR YOU

Ambitious, inexperienced men wanted. Write at once for free catalogue explaining how you can earn while learning: Garage work, Engineering, Electricity, Chauffering, Brick-laying, Barbering, Hairdressing, etc. HEMPHILL PRACTICAL SCHOOLS 163 King Street West, Toronto.

WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT.

Read These Columns Every Week. It Will Pay You.

ROOMS

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms. Apply to 52 Kirby Ave. 52p.

FURNISHED ROOM TO RENT. Apply 80 Maple street, south. -52.

FOR RENT—Front bedroom; furnished; all conveniences; use of phone. Apply 80 Elm street south. Phone 628W. -52.

FOR RENT—TWO FIRST-CLASS FURNISHED BEDROOMS, with all conveniences. Apply 77 Balsam street, south, or phone 45M. -48p.

FOR RENT—One large room. Will rent furnished or unfurnished. Suitable for light housekeeping with all conveniences. Apply to 35 Wilson Ave. -50p.

TO RENT—Single and Double Bedroom, well heated, with bath, hot and cold water. Central. Very reasonable. Apply 6 Balsam street, north. -50p.

FOR RENT

TO RENT—3-roomed shack. Apply to 168 Maple St. South. 52p.

FOR RENT—2-roomed office suite in Ostrander Block. Apply to P.O. Box 239, or phone 115. 52t.f.

FOR RENT—5-roomed house with all conveniences. Apply to 57 Fourth Ave. between 10 and 12 a.m. 52-1p.

FOR RENT—A four-roomed house in good location. \$18.00 per month. Apply to 159 Spruce St. South. 52p.

HOUSE TO RENT—Four-roomed House; water and lights; toilet; all conveniences. Apply to 11 Cedar street south. -52p.

FOR RENT—5-Roomed flat with bathroom. Heated. Has hot and cold water. Apply to 51 Third Ave. 52-2p.

STORE TO RENT—Size 47 by 20. Located on Third avenue, near station. Apply to P.O. Box 1011, Timmins. -51.

HOUSES FOR RENT—for location and particulars apply Simms, Hooker and Drew, Dominion Bank Bldg., Pine St. N., Timmins. -51.

FOR RENT—Three roomed furnished house. Apply to B. Lennan, 60 Broadway, corner Broadway and Elm St. 47t.f.

FOR RENT—2-Roomed shack. Clean and comfortable. Good location. \$12 per month. Also 4-roomed house for rent. Apply to 35 Wilson Ave. 52p.

FOR RENT—Store building on Spruce street, with fine big cement basement. Fourteen good rooms upstairs. Plastered and well finished throughout. Good for hotel, wholesale, etc. Apply C. Martini, 3 Spruce street, opposite Freight Sheds. -29p.t.f.

HELP WANTED

DINING ROOM GIRL WANTED at the Canada House, Schumacher. Apply at the Canada House. -52p.

WANTED—Reliable girl for housework. Apply to 12 Wilson Ave. 52.

GIRL WANTED—for light housework. Apply Mrs. T. Brennan, Imperial Oil Limited. -52.

WANTED—Maid for general housework. Apply Mrs. B. D. Kelly, 23 Lake Shore Road. -52.

WANTED—Middle-aged woman as housekeeper. Must be able to cook. Apply to 5 Spruce St. North. 52p.

GOOD BARBER WANTED—Good wages. Apply King's Amusement Parlours, H. Hatton. -50.

GIRL WANTED FOR HOUSEWORK—Live in. Apply to Birrell Bell's Violin Academy, St. Onge Block. -47t.f.

CANVASSER WANTED—Lady or gentleman; liberal commission. Birrell Bell's Academy, St. Onge Bldg., opposite Gray's Drug Store. 46tf

POSITION WANTED

WANTED—For Jan. 30th, a 5 to 7 roomed house with conveniences. Heated or with furnace preferred. Apply by letter to Box N.J. Advance Office. 52p.

WOOD FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Green and Dry Birch, also Tamarack and Jackpine. F. Roy & Son, Phone 279 W.2, No. 79 First avenue. -14t.f.

"I'm sorry, but if you'll read my advertisement again you'll see that I distinctly said a Scandinavian cook!" "Lawsd's sake! What difference do it make what a lady's 'ligion am, if she can cook?"

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—St. Onge Building, foot of Third Avenue; two good modern stores; plate fronts; steam heated; 14 rooms upstairs in two seven room flats. Two lots, 100 x 65. Dance Hall above, 45 by 35. Small cash payment. Easy terms. Apply to Mrs. Bouchard, Box 22, Kirkland Lake, Ont. 43-45p.

MISCELLANEOUS

RADIOS REPAIRED—Call and see O. Trumble, at 153 Cedar St. North. 49-52p.

COLD STORAGE FOR CARS. Apply to B. F. Lennan, No. 60, corner of Elm and Broadway 46

LINING OF FUR COATS and REMODELING FURS at moderate price. Apply to 114 Elm street South. -48-51p.

THE VANITY FAIR BEAUTY SHOP is now prepared to give professional attention in all branches of Beauty Culture, as well as hair cutting and waving. Also have a first-class manicurist on hand now. Room 10, Marshall-Ecclestone block Phone 344J. 35t.f.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

FURNITURE FOR SALE—Apply to 67½ Balsam St. South. 52p.

FOR SALE—One horse, 9 years old, weighs about 1550; 3 sets of Sleighs, Harness, Apply to 77 Wilson Ave., Phone 683W. 52-53p.

RADIO FANS LOOK—6-tube Super Heterodine, complete \$150.00. Cost \$375.00. Radio Shop, Theatre Building, Schumacher, Ont. -51

FOR SALE—A tent 16 by 20 feet. In first class condition. Also 6 cots. Apply to P.O. Box 58, South Porcupine. 50-52.

FOR SALE—Team of heavy horses. Apply R. Gordon, Clifton-Porcupine Cookery, South Porcupine, Ont. -48t.f.

FOR SALE—Five young Huskie Dogs. Apply to P. W. Curtis, foot of Laurier avenue, across the creek -50-52p

FOR SALE—One motor 15 horse power, 550 volts, 25 cycles. Reasonable price. Apply to Lady Laurier Hotel. -32t.f.

FURNITURE FOR SALE—Cheap. Must be sold before Friday afternoon. Buffet and china cabinet combined; Ivory dresser; Bed complete; Bedroom suite, 2-tone, 4 pieces; kitchen table, chairs and heater; Office chair; clock, sewing machine; medicine chest; 1 toboggan, 2 pairs snow shoes, etc.; 1 heavy collie dog, well trained for sleigh. Every thing must go cheap. Leaving town. Apply any time to 95 Sixth Ave., corner Elm St. North. 52p.

ROOM AND BOARD

ROOM AND BOARD in private family. Suitable for two. Phone 231-J-2, Timmins. 50-52

RUSSELL HOTEL-ROOM AND BOARD, BY DAY OR WEEK. Hot and cold water; free bath. We handle the best brands of 4.4. When on your way to the River, step in and sample a bottle of ice-cold beer. Don't forget the place, on the corner of Mountjoy and Wilson Ave. Phone 275 W. Wm. Hass, proprietor. What you want, when you want it. 1-4p.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mascioli wish to thank all the many friends who showed such kindness and sympathy at the time of the death of their little boy, Dario. Also to express appreciation for the many beautiful floral tokens sent. -52.

LOST

LOST—Pair of Snowshoes lost this side of Wawaitin. Finder please return to Jos. Moore, 72 Way avenue, Timmins. -52p.

SKATE LOST—Child's skate lost between school yard and Fourth avenue. Finder please return to 110 Spruce street, north. -52p.

LOST—Parcel containing two Jerseys, particularly valued as Christmas gifts. Lost in the Hollinger hall. Finder kindly return to 11 John avenue. Reward. -52p.

DOG HARNESS LOST—On Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, at the corner of Birch and Fourth avenue, some lads were seen taking two sets of harness off my dogs. I would ask these lads, or their parents, to see that the harness is returned at once to Moisey & Ball's Drug Store, Timmins. Robert Trollope, Box 373, Schumacher. -52p.