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Suggests New Town Hall and Post Office for Timmins

Writer Points Out Need for Permanent and Fire-Proof Buildings in this Progressive Town. Municipal Building Should be in Keeping with the Community. New Post Office Building Badly Needed.

The Editor of The Porcupine Advance

Dear Sir:—It is being freely and frequently predicted by many influential papers and periodicals in their pages dealing with mining and financial news, that in the very near future Timmins is in for a decided boom.

No one but a persistent pessimist can deny, in view of the recent discoveries of valuable copper-gold ore at Kamiskotia, and other places geographically nearer, the almost phenomenal progress in accelerated and increased production of gold in local mines, that Timmins' growth as a great mining, supply and civic centre is assured. And while duly appreciating to the full the publicity given to this community by the aforesaid publications, there yet remains the proven fact that booms are oft-times apt to be converted into boomerangs.

The too rapid growth of a community is liable to overtax the municipal administrative capacity of the corporation, fortunate indeed as we of Timmins can count ourselves in that respect with our present council.

But it is in building that the greatest errors are made during a boom period. Could the pioneers of this town have but foreseen the undoubted permanency, the wonderful prosperity and progress made in a few short years, I venture to predict that some of the buildings in the centre of the town, that now constitute not only an architectural eyesore but an actual fire danger, would have been built better, bigger and of BRICK. Unfortunately, even yet there exists in the heart of the town some glaring constructional errors of wood, admittedly built during a boom period. Is it policy, or is it poverty, that prevents their owners from converting their present business places from board to brick, from blots to beauty?

No one can believe that it is policy, for the suspense created and endured by the very real danger of fire, and the additional expense of insurance, effectively disposes of that. Nor can it be poverty—for the proprietors are known to possess more than one dollar!

I dare not be so impertinent or impolitic in writing so strongly had I not the genuine excuse of my sincere wishes for the betterment of this town, which provides me with my livelihood, together with the added excuse of generalization.

But there are two instances which I must particularize, in spite of my natural timidity, and the first of these is the town hall. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever"—but can anyone by any stretch of imagination connect that quotation with our present Town Hall (and Police Station)? Admittedly, those who pay "Ten and costs" have not the desire to search for the beauty, nor yet the joy of that building! Admittedly, also, the fact remains that the late unlamented "New Council," by their weird and wondrous financial operations covering the period of their office, have left the present council about enough dollars to devote to a new town hall as had the winner of the Whiskerino Contest whiskers to spare over his nearest rival—and that was mighty few.

But the fact remains that we require a new town hall, more commodious and more in keeping with the community—and it must be of brick, built with an eye to beauty and business.

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ness. Why not, when finances permit, a combined town hall and community hall—a revenue producer, as well as a revenue extractor?
And the Post Office!

I have no fault whatsoever to find with the service, handicapped as are the staff with an obsolete building; but, for the good of Timmins, I do earnestly wish that the prominent politician who promised Timmins a new and more commodious post office would at least think of putting into performance that promise immediately, and provide us with a post office worthy of the town, and the staff who so ably carry on under difficulties; but it simply must be of brick, and so more fire-proof than the present structure, and of a design that will be a credit even for a creditable town.

I am, dear sir,
Yours truly,
T. F.

INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR NORTH

Premier Ferguson Mentions Plan in Policy for Increased Development of North Land.

Those who follow the thoughtful work of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade will recall that a couple of years ago a resolution introduced by Iroquois Falls suggested the creation of a committee that would carry on a scientific research in regard to industrial matters in the North Land. The resolution dealt with ways and means that might be devised or the utilization of by-products of the industries of the North Land, and naturally the pulp and paper industry was chiefly considered but at the same time it was clearly indicated that the proposal was capable of extension to other industries and to other lines. The Iroquois Falls Board of Trade touched on the pulp and paper industry because that was the one concerning which the Board of Trade had the most information and the largest array of data. It was pointed out in the discussion that there were many by-products possible in the handling of pulpwood from the forest to the mill, and that new industries would develop following a complete study of conditions. It was also pointed out that what applied to the pulp and paper industry also no doubt held true of other lines. The Associated Boards of Trade delegates gave the question much attention, but it is a question whether the general public realized the importance of the matter under discussion.

Judging from articles in the Toronto newspapers, however, Premier Ferguson is one who sees the possibilities of the idea. Premier Ferguson is apparently fully alive to the possibilities of Northern Ontario and is missing no chance for the development and expansion of this country and its resources along the best lines. According to one of the newspaper articles referred to, the creation of an Industry Research Institute, with an endowment of perhaps \$2,000,000, is the ultimate aim of Premier Ferguson in his policy of increased development of Northern Ontario.

From the present mobilization of forces in Ontario, there will grow, the Premier Minister confidently expects, a nation-wide organization expending its time and money in solving scientifically all problems of production and continuation of industries and natural resources.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson, according to The Toronto Globe, gave some inkling of his plan when he stated that a personal canvass of the province had revealed the fact that many industries would be glad to co-operate in the building up of such an organization. Such an institute, he contended, would do much to cheapen processing methods in mining, woodworking, paper and allied industries in the country.

BENEFIT DANCE, APRIL 30, BY CORNISH FOOTBALL CLUB

The Cornish Football Club are holding a benefit dance to assist one of their members who is ill. The dance will be held in the Hollinger hall on Saturday evening, April 30th, commencing at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Music will be furnished by the A.S.D. orchestra. The evening is sure to be very pleasant one, and the cause also is most worthy. By attending this dance all will be having a good time and helping a good fellow.

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TO BRING LARGE TIMBER WOLF BACK TO TIMMINS

Interesting Letter About Conditions and Progress at Red Lake. Airship Service, Etc.

The Advance has received a very interesting letter from Mr. John Jones, the well-known prospector, who has been in the Red Lake country for some time. The letter was sent by airship and mail from Red Lake and reached Timmins a few days after being posted in the far north mining camp.

Here is the letter in its essential parts as sent by Mr. Jones:—

"Just a few lines! I thought you might like to hear a little news of Red Lake. I have been a hundred miles north of Red Lake, near the Manitoba boundary, in the Patricia district. I have seen some very nice-looking stuff.

"Red Lake itself is going ahead fast; lots of activity; and it is beginning to look like a mining camp. The Howey Red Lake Gold Mines have a large equipment of machinery in and a good supply of food. I am told that over 300 tons of machinery and supplies have been taken in to the Howey from Hudson, a distance of 140 miles. They had eight Fordson tractors and a large number of teams of horses rushing the stuff in. Everything is in now; there are no teams on the road; and the eight Fordson tractors belonging to the Howey Gold Mines are being left at Red Lake.

"The ice is going fast, and there is very little snow in the bush. We have had two days of rain, and the lakes and rivers are badly flooded. With two and three feet of water in places, there is hardly anyone travelling by foot or dog teams.

"There have been two airships flying here. One big plane is owned by the Patricia Air Service, and the Western Canada Air Service has a Folker plane. They have been bringing in cement, eight or ten bags on each plane, amounting in all to about 810 lbs. per trip, for the Howey Gold Mines. The Patricia Air Service made two trips a day and the Western Canada Air Service, with their Folker plane, had one trip a day. These two planes have brought in a good many dozen bags of cement. The planes charge ten cents a pound for bringing in freight, so the cement will cost a lot by the time it is laid down at the Howey Mines.

"The Howey has men sinking a three-compartment shaft. Their power house and office and store camp are up.

"There is quite a lot doing around Woman Lake district also. Over fifty tons of stuff have gone into that country. Gold Pines is quite a place of its own. Quite a difference since I was there a year ago.

"The Hudson Bay Co. have brought their trading post closer to the Howey Red Lake.

"You have heard lots of wolf stories! I am bringing a large timber wolf back to Timmins with me. It was captured in the Patricia country. I handle her just the same as I would handle my dogs. My wife is with me on this trip—the only white woman who went north of Patricia country. She can handle this wolf too. I have two other timber wolves at my camp in Deloro township, near Timmins, but they are harder to handle, as they like the taste of human blood. I have to watch this one here at Red Lake; one time she went for me and got my hand. One hears stories of timber wolves being tamed, but they are very hard to tame, having that wild, sly nature in them.

"I have taken some very interesting films up here. Some of them I have sent to the Fix films. These films I

have taken myself and not relied on any camera man.

"I will be making for the railroad any day now, with my outfit and dog teams and outfit."

GIRLS' BOWLING TEAMS SCORES FOR APRIL 14th

The following are the scores of the Girls' Bowling teams for April 14th:

A TEAM			
C. McDonald	169	137	306
O. Ramsay	139	125	264
M. Ferguson	119	54	173
G. Robinson	94	102	196
J. Bogie	146	142	288
B TEAM			
M. Morrison	124	106	230
J. Ross	156	80	236
J. Morrison	173	154	327
V. Jackson	66	77	143
M. Hanlon	152	189	341
C TEAM			
I. Carruthers	137	69	206
A. Hill	116	126	242
F. McDonald	125	201	326
L. McIntosh	55	126	181
K. Egan	122	172	294
D TEAM			
N. McLeod	122	118	240
M. Smith	160	143	303
G. Everett	114	130	244
M. Tackaberry	141	128	269
H. Sprague	96	107	203

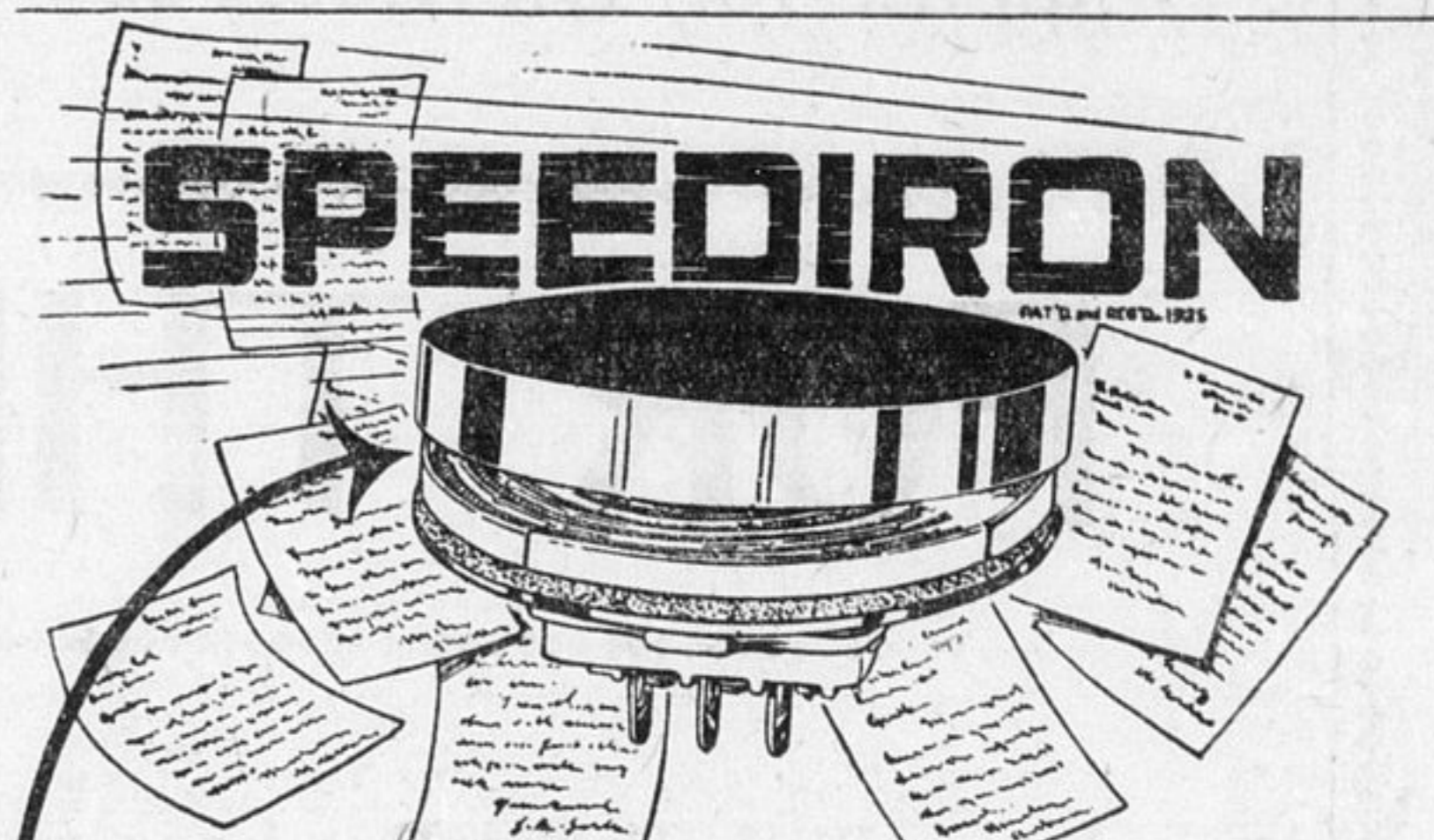
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A-0 B-3 C-1 D-2

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