

## Discussion at Council of Drug Store Fined on May 17

### One Councillor Critizes Chief of Police for Employing "Spotters." Mayor Replies That Methods are Recognized as Necessary for Law Enforcement. Police Committee Approved. Other Business at Council Meeting Monday.

At the council meeting on Monday, Mayor Longmore presided, and Councillors Carson, Pritchard, Drew, Joyal and Brennan were present.

Mr. G. H. Gauthier asked council to pass a resolution relative to the mining rights and minerals in connection with lots formerly owned by the Moneta Mines and now used for streets and roads by the town. In transferring the lots the company had omitted to have the required clause inserted reserving these rights. The rights had been reserved in the case of all lots sold to the public, but had been inadvertently overlooked in those transferred to the town and township. A similar request was being made to the township. The council passed the necessary resolution.

Resolutions were passed for the spending of \$200 on the north end of MeLeod street for road work, and for the construction of a wood walk on Charles street, across Second avenue to Avenue road to cost \$400.

The date for the court of revision on the assessment roll was set as Wednesday, June 22nd, commencing at 10 a.m.

A complaint from Mr. J. N. Pilon regarding the charges on his eight-room house for water was referred to the waterworks committee. He had only one tap in use, and half the house had the water shut off, he said, there being two separate shut-offs for the property.

Mr. J. Goulet asked for the rebate of business tax assessment, as he did not conduct any regular business on the property. The necessary resolution for the rebate was made and a resolution also passed to change one of his assessments from public to separate school supporter.

Council authorized the purchase of a No. 8 Straight Wheel Galion Grader with scarifier at \$1200 f.o.b. Timmins also a Rotter Plough at \$80 for work on the roads.

Permission was granted the Imperial Oil Co. to install a gasoline tank opposite Hill's Vulcanizing shop on Pine street, provisional as usual on the approval of the town engineer.

A number of rebates on water rates were authorized where people had moved or there was other just reason.

Mr. Eli Leblanc asked in regard to his assessment for business tax. Councillor Drew explained that there had been a mix-up last year in assessing Mr. Leblanc, the wrong lot numbers being charged against him. Councillor Drew thought that the business assessment may have arisen from this mix-up. The matter was left in Councillor Drew's hands to investigate and adjust.

A man who had spent a year at the sanatorium for consumptives asked council for assistance. What he specially wanted was some light work that he could do to earn enough to support himself. Council promised to secure him a job if possible, and in the meantime assistance will be given him for a month.

When the account for special police work came before the council, Dr. Brennan put in strong objection. He said he had not brief for the drug stores, but he objected very much to the methods used to secure convictions and draw fines from people who were taxpayers. He suggested that in the case he referred to a woman had been used and he doubted apparently whether her character was spotless. He wanted to know what authority the procedure had been followed.

The mayor explained that the chief of police had secured the authority of the police committee for the plan.

Councillor Carson, as one of the police committee, said that Chief McLachlan had interviewed the committee and said that he had a man who would secure convictions in cases where the law was being broken. The man would work on a percentage plan. The committee authorized the plan.

Dr. Brennan referred to the plan as a "slimy piece of business," and asked that the chief of police come before council and explain.

Mayor Longmore said that he had received more complaints about the drug stores than about anything else since he had been in office. "It was not my prohibition friends either who complained," he said, "but good citizens who wanted the law observed."

Chief of Police McLachlan informed Dr. Brennan that he had been authorized by the police committee to proceed in the case referred to. When Dr. Brennan proceeded to question the chief, using language that reflected on the character of the woman that the councillor accused of being improper.

Dr. Joyal expressed himself as opposed to the use of spotters. He thought the Provincial police could be left to see about the enforcement of the O.T.A.

Mayor Longmore pointed out that special methods had to be taken to enforce the law. There had been general complaint about the conduct of some places, but the people who complained, though often saying that they saw illegal acts, were not ready to come to court and give evidence of what they knew. The provincial police did not move in the matter, except in cases where the municipal police fell down on their duty. Conditions had been so bad here that it was necessary to take action. The offenders against the law had not apparently responded to the leniency shown them a couple of weeks when more serious charges could have been made against them, but they had continued to break the law in some cases. In regard to the suggestion that in the particular case referred to \$500 of the town's money "had been thrown away," the mayor pointed out that instead the town had netted \$1500 from the case.

Chief of Police McLachlan pointed out that the Dominion parliament had passed legislation in different cases giving fifty per cent of the fine to the informer in certain cases, so the twenty-five per cent. plan was quite reasonable.

The mayor said that if the town did not enforce the law, the provincial authorities would send in men to do so.

The \$500 for special police work referred to by Dr. Joyal, Dr. Brennan called for the yeas and nays. Councillors Carson, Pritchard and Drew voted for the payment and Councillors Joyal and Brennan against.

Later in the meeting Councillor Brennan re-opened the question and the following resolution was passed, Councillors Joyal, Brennan and Drew voting for it, and Councillors Pritchard and Carson against:

Moved by A. P. Brennan, seconded by Dr. Joyal, that the particulars of the payment paid to the "spotter" used on May 17th be made known to the council, that is the name of the operator, and also the amount paid.

There was some discussion on the danger to the school children through the number of cars parked on Fourth avenue in front of the school grounds. Eventually the following resolution was passed:

It was moved by Councillor Joyal and seconded by Councillor Drew that the police committee report to next council meeting with recommendations regarding parking of automobiles on streets and particularly in front of the public school on Fourth avenue. Also regarding traffic officer at corner of Third avenue and Pine street during particularly busy hours and at Fourth avenue and Pine street while school children are leaving school.

Mr. W. A. Field appeared before the council relative to a bill sent to the Amateur Athletic Association (the Grounds Committee) for work done on the instructions last year of ex-Mayor Dickson. The secretary of the T.A.A.A. thought the town not the committee was responsible for work so ordered. He was asked to give the council a copy of the bill which he said he would do.

Authority was given for the paying for an operation for goitre on a woman with a family of six children. The woman was in an alarming condition and the operation was imperative.

A by-law was given its required readings, and duly passed to prevent certain unnecessary noises that may disturb the inhabitants of the town. Dr. Joyal pointed out that it was possible of very wide application and might be construed to include barking dogs, joyful parties and so on. Councillor Drew said it would only be used in case of necessity, and would give the town the power to stop public nuisances. It was the result of complaints about the merry-go-round.

Councillor Brennan reported that the committee appointed to see if a new athletic field were available had inspected a number of sites. He thought the one on the end of Pine street in the Bartleman township would cost too much to fix up. It would cost, perhaps, \$2000 to put in shape. He thought also that the "slimes" would be as good as the present field.

On motion of Councillors Pritchard and Drew the sum of \$500 was donated to the Kiwanis playground, with the understanding that the Kiwanis Club donate an equal amount.

## MASKED MAN SHOTS AT BOYS DRIVING MILK WAGON

### Orders Lads to Put up Their Hands, but They Whip Up Horse. Attempted Hold-up Near Dalton's Farm.

On Saturday about noon while Pete Desautels was driving the milk wagon past the end of Dalton's farm, a man with a handkerchief over the lower part of his face stepped out and called:—"Put up your hands!" Instead of obeying, Pete, who is about fourteen years of age, put the whip to the horse and got away. The masked man sent a shot after the boy, the bullet going through the side of the wagon, not more than six inches from the lad's head. A couple of other boys about the same age were with Pete at the time of the attempted hold-up and agree that had it not been for the prompt action of the lad who was driving, the man might have succeeded in holding them up. Pete had the milk money with him, and though this was no very large amount it would no doubt have appealed to the type of man who would try to hold up a lad with a gun. After taking the wagon home, Pete came back to town and reported the matter to the police. As the attempted hold-up occurred out of town the case was taken up by Constable Finger of the Provincial Police who is working on the case.

## MOOSE JUMPED FENCE AT JUNCTION AND BROKE NECK.

A young cow moose yesterday got in the yard at Berger's at Porquus Junction, and soon a crowd gathered round the yard. The moose made several attempts to get over the fence and away but was unsuccessful until at last in a mighty leap it crashed down head first over the fence, breaking its neck.

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SOFTBALL SEASON

The Timmins Softball League was officially opened last night on the Cyanide, back of the Curling Rink, when the Holly Rees. and the Knights of Columbus met in the first scheduled match. His Worship Mayor Longmore opened the season, by pitching the first ball. After a hard battle the Knights of Columbus won out from the Holly Rees. by a score of 10-7.

Despite counter attractions there was a good crowd present for the opening match.

## FAREWELL PARTY TO TWO POPULAR YOUNG LADIES

A large number of friends and relatives of the Misses Winifred and Ina Cornell, wards of Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton, of Main avenue, Timmins, gathered at the Hollinger Recreation hall, on Monday evening, to wish them god-speed, on their journey to their native land of Ireland. The two young ladies, who have been very popular among the younger set, will join their father in Dublin, Ireland, sailing from Montreal on Friday of this week. The High School Orchestra played the music for dancing and Mrs. McNaughton provided the refreshments.

During their stay in Timmins Misses Winnie and Ina Cornell have gathered a very large circle of friends, among whom they are held in the highest esteem, due to the pleasant Irish disposition of both. The large number of presents they carry away with them evidence the regard in which they are held.

## Assessment for Year Shows Big Increase Over Last Year

### Much of the Increase, However, is in Connection With Exempt or Partly Exempt Property. Increase of \$588,580 on Taxable Income, Despite Increase of Exemption Rates This Year.

Assessment Commissioner H. R. Channen has the assessment roll for 1927 completed and totalled. The figures for 1927 show a marked increase over 1926 figures. The total assessment for this year including land, buildings, income and business is \$7,761,541, as against \$6,306,300 for 1926, an increase of \$1,455,241. The chief increase is in regard to exempt or partially exempt property the churches, school and other properties being assessed more nearly at their value as a matter of proper record. The total taxable assessment for this year is \$5,214,574 as against \$4,752,782 for 1926, an increase of \$461,792. The total exemptions for the year total \$746,825.

Despite the fact that the exemptions this year have been raised to \$1500 for single men and \$3000 for married men or householders, the total income tax assessment this year totals \$1,063,847, while last year it was only \$475,267. The business tax assessment for 1927 is \$522,628 as against \$452,036 for 1926.

## MOTORED HERE FOR I.O.O.F. LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

### 140 Oddfellows from Cochrane, South Porcupine, Iroquois Falls and Matheson, Here for Event on May 24th.

One hundred and forty members of the Oddfellows lodges at Iroquois Falls, Matheson, Cochrane and South Porcupine, were here for the fourth annual Lodge of Instruction in the I. O. O. F. hall on Tuesday, May 24th. The four lodges all motored here, and it is pleasant to know that an improved road system now makes this possible.

The Lodge of Instruction consists of a degree competition, the lodges winning place in the following order:—Iroquois Falls, Porcupine, Cochrane, Matheson. Timmins was the entertaining lodge and so did not compete. The Timmins Rebekahs provided a fine luncheon and dinner for the visitors in the United Church basement. The meeting started at 10.30 a.m., and continued until seven o'clock, with an hour each off for lunch and dinner.

Among the visitors for the occasion were the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Bro. Byam, of New Liskeard, and the D.D.G.M. Bro. Dan Johnston, of Matheson.

## GOLF MONTHLY MEDAL HANDICAP ON SATURDAY.

The Monthly Medal Handicap and Sweepstakes at the Golf Club will start this week-end, play to commence at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 28th.

## BERT STRAIN PASSES AWAY AT SOUTH PORCUPINE.

Mr. Bert Strain, a popular old-time resident of this camp, died at South Porcupine this morning at 5.30. He returned a couple of weeks ago from the Weston Sanatorium where his trouble had been diagnosed as tuberculosis of three years standing. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Strain, and was 38 years of age at the time of his death. He came to the Porcupine in 1910 and had wide circles of friends who will deeply mourn his death. A widow and one daughter survive.

## BRITAIN AND CANADA DROP RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

Following the breaking of diplomatic and trade relations by Great Britain with Russia, the reply of the Soviet government charging forgery of documents was awaited in London with great interest. The debate today in the British House of Commons will be listened to with great interest and the newspapers in general would like Premier Baldwin to make a clearer announcement on the break.

George Terrell, leading British manufacturer, says that to lose Russian trade for one year would not compensate for the loss during three days of the general strike last year.

The Canadian Cabinet in a special meeting last night decided to follow the lead of the Motherland and sever trade relations with Russia.

On Thursday, May 26th, Ascension Day—in St. Matthew's Church, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m., and Evening Prayer at 7.30 p.m. On Sunday, May 29th, His Lordship the Bishop of Moosonee will administer the rite of confirmation in St. Matthew's Church at 11.00 a.m. and will also preach at the evening service.

## Pembroke Kiwanians the Guests of the Timmins Club

### About Thirty in Party From Pembroke, Ont., Visiting the Club Here That They Sponsored. Pleasant Evening Spent Last Night at Empire Hotel Event. Visitors Bring Gifts of Home-Town Manufacture, and See the Great North.

A party of some thirty Kiwanians and their ladies from Pembroke, Ont., the club that sponsored Timmins Club, visited the North this week, the party arriving at Timmins by special car on Wednesday evening at 5.35. A section of the car was devoted to a display of made-in-Pembroke products, an imposing and pleasing array. The party was the guests of the North Bay Rotary Club on Tuesday evening.

Last night the Pembroke party were the guests of the Timmins Kiwanis Club at the Empire Hotel when a dinner dance was enjoyed. There was a large attendance of Timmins Kiwanis, their ladies, and friends, and all had a very happy time.

After the salute to the flag and the National Anthem, Dr. Lee S. Honey, president of the Timmins Club, welcomed the visitors, after which, following the usual custom, President Williams of the Pembroke Club took charge of the meeting. An eloquent and pleasing address was given by Col. Mackie who responded in apt way to the words of welcome from Timmins. A vocal solo by Mrs. Dunlop was a delightful feature of the programme given by the visitors. Songs by the Pembroke Quartette and the club were also much enjoyed. Another outstanding number was a well-rendered solo by Mr. A. Miller.

A humorous but pleasing touch was the missing ash trays which were said to have disappeared from Mr. Humphrey's private car and were found in the pockets of Messrs. Keddie, C. G. Williams, Rev. J. D. Parks, Dr. Hagne and Jos. Weston. Each of the culprits was promptly fined \$1.00. Instantly, Rev. Mr. Parks was on his feet to demand his customary right to take up a collection to defray his costs. The accused men were delighted to be allowed to retain the beautiful ash trays, made in Pembroke.

Another pleasing feature was the presentation by President Williams on behalf of the Pembroke Club of a handsome United States flag to the Timmins Club, the gift being duly accepted by President Honey. The flag was a gift from Mr. J. G. Stewart,

of Pembroke. The Pembroke Club had previously presented Timmins with a British flag.

The attendance prizes (all of Pembroke manufacture) were awarded as follows:—Bag of flour, Mrs. Keddie; gloves, V. H. Emery, D. Ostrosser, Jack Walker, Arch Gillies; moccasins, H. G. Laidlaw, Karl Eyre; peevies, Jos. Weston, Dr. Hagne; electric toaster, Mrs. Eyre; electric iron, Mrs. Brennan; bond box, J. E. Newton; waste paper basket, J. E. Sullivan; "wood bundle to keep himself warm," T. Sammon; rolling pin, Dr. Honey.

At each guest's place there was a box of matches and an eight ounce jar of honey, both of Pembroke make. A wire was received from District Governor W. Cockburn sending good wishes and regrets at being unable to be present.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Empire Hotel, and to the Timmins Club for the entertainment, and to Messrs Geo. Lee and H. J. Humphrey for courtesies on the tour.

After the meeting and the dinner, a dance was enjoyed by the crowd present. For this, the Croatian Tamburica Orchestra furnished the finest music, winning the highest compliments from the Timmins and Pembroke Kiwanians.

This morning the Pembroke visitors were taken on a trip through the Hollinger Mine. They left this afternoon for Iroquois Falls where they will inspect the big Abitibi Power & Paper Co. plant.

The following are the members in the visiting party:—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bruck, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brand, Mrs. E. A. Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gully, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pink, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rattray, Mr. and Mrs. H. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Finlayson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams, Col. H. J. Mackie, Mr. J. C. Stewart, Mr. F. G. Armstrong, Mr. S. L. Wooley, Mr. W. F. Behan, Mr. A. J. Miller, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Humphrey (Mr. Humphrey is General Supt. of the C.P.R. at North Bay), Mr. L. O. Tremblay, District Passenger Agent, C.P.R., North Bay, and Mr. Reg. Burch, of the C.N.R.



R. A. RIGG

Director of the Employment Service at Ottawa, who has gone to the International Labour Conference at Geneva as a delegate from the Canadian Government representing the Department of Labour.

## NO TRACE YET FOUND OF BOY MISSING SINCE MAY 18

Despite the fact that every possible clue has been patiently followed up, no definite trace has been found as yet of Hugo Hill, the five-year-old son of Mr. Chas. Hill, 68 Main avenue, who has been missing from his home since Wednesday afternoon of last week. Scores of reports have been followed up, most of them proving of little value. As several of the accounts given pointed to the probability of the child having fallen in the river, and as the boy's tricycle was recovered from the river last week, the water has been dragged. The grappling irons so far have failed to find the lad's body. The child was wearing a sweater, and the river being full of sunken logs, etc., it is quite possible that the body has caught on something in the water and may not be recovered for some time if it is actually in the river.

The Caledonians will hold their annual dance on Friday evening of this week in the Hollinger Recreation hall. There will be a full orchestra for the occasion and novelty dances will be featured. Refreshments will be served during the evening. Everybody attending will have a good time.

## SECOND ANNUAL BANQUET A.S.D. CLUB LAST NIGHT

### Popular Club Concludes Another Successful Season With Pleasing Event in I.O.O.F. Hall.

Last night marked the close of the A.S.D. Club for the fall and winter season of 1926-1927, the event being observed by a banquet followed by a dance in the Oddfellows' Hall here, this being the second banquet held by the club. There was a large attendance of members and friends for the closing event. The banquet started about half past seven, nearly one hundred people sitting down to the fine dinner provided. The Ladies' Aid of the United Church catered for the event. After the luncheon the club president, Mr. A. W. Pickering, made a short address. Mr. J. M. Belanger, the vice-president, also had a few of his usual witty remarks which never fail to get a good laugh.

After the banquet the A.S.D. Orchestra provided the best of good music for the dancing which lasted until well after midnight. A number of specials were run in, a Paul Jones and a Broom Dance making big hits. The club may run a couple of open nights during the summer months; members and their friends will receive notice of these.

The season just completed has been one of the most successful yet in the annals of the club, the average attendance at the regular nights being higher than in previous years, and the monthly guest nights being all well attended. The re-opening will take place the first week in September.

## SCOTTISH TEAM WINS FIRST CANADIAN GAME

At Montreal on Tuesday this week, the touring Scottish Football team that is to play at Timmins on July 1st won from a picked Montreal team the score being 3 to 2. The Scottish team won without difficulty. This was the first match played in Canada by the Scottish team on their present tour of Canada. The touring Scottish team are contemplating the same sort of record as that won by the touring English team last year—a record without a single loss.

Mr. J. L. Hunt was a visitor down the T. & N.O. over the week-end.