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## ASSESSMENT OF THE TOWN SHOWS INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Assessment Commissioner Channen has completed his work, and the assessment is now open for inspection. There are the usual number of complaints regarding assessments, but it should be remembered that the assessment is still open for revision, and any inequalities or errors may be remedied by appeal to the court of revision. There is reason to believe that the work has been very carefully and conscientiously done and sincere effort made to make each and every assessment fair and equitable, and according to law. When it is remembered that the total assessment dealt with exceeds \$7,760,000.00, it is easy to see where there is room for the chance of error in dealing with so large an amount of values and so many individual accounts. Every effort has been made to secure accuracy and fairness, and the majority will no doubt be satisfied. If there are individual cases where mistake has been made, it is an easy matter to secure adjustment through the court of revision.

The assessment of the town has grown to very large proportions. This year's figures are nearly a million and a half greater than last year's. The chief increase, however, is in the non-taxable assessment, the total taxable assessment only being increased \$450,000.00 or so.

There is always objection at assessment time. Few people, however, would object if they were sure that all assessments were equitable. If they knew they were assessed no more than others with similar property, their sense of fairness would make them contented. In this connection The Advance would again point out the benefit and value of the publication of the assessment roll. Ratepayers would be able to compare assessments and fair valuations and equitable assessing would receive due credit. The chief objection to the publication of the assessment roll is the expense involved. This may be overcome by the plan adopted by the town of Barrie, Ont. voters. It simply means another column in the printed voters' lists. The Each year Barrie publishes the assessment figures along with the list of information available conveniently to the public by such a plan is certainly to be desired. The town council of Timmins would do well to give this plan consideration.

In considering the assessment another matter is worthy of note. It is well known that the tax-payer is affected by the assessment only as it touches upon the tax rate. A low assessment and a high tax rate, or a high assessment and a low tax rate amount to much the same thing. This year, the tax rate of Timmins promises to be little, if any, more than last year's rate that was not collected until this year. There was a sum of about \$50,000.00 which the 1926 rate as struck by the 1926 council did not cover. This deficiency, of course, has to be made up this year. Under ordinary circumstances the tax rate this year would need to be many mills higher than last year, but through good management by this year's council, and other aids, such as the additional royalty, the increase in the income assessment (despite larger exemption rates), it is hoped to keep the 1927 taxes close to the rate improperly fixed for 1926. In other words, taxes in 1927 will be fairly as low as the 1926 rate and yet will honestly cover the expenditures.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

There is an odd matter in connection with the preparations for the observance of Canada's Diamond Jubilee. The committee is spending money quite freely, and quite properly, for electrotypes, bunting, flags, literature, pictures, and a score of other things. The supplies needed are being paid for in the usual way, which is what should be expected. Naturally, the firms supplying these necessities could not be expected to contribute their wares free. That would surely be unreasonable. But on the other hand, the National committee in charge are fully aware of the fact that success can not be made to secure the largest possible amount of publicity for the plans be attained without newspaper advertising. Accordingly a special effort has been made to secure the largest possible amount of publicity for the plans be attained without newspaper advertising. Accordingly a special effort has been made to secure the largest possible amount of publicity for the plans be attained without newspaper advertising. Accordingly a special effort has been made to secure the largest possible amount of publicity for the plans be attained without newspaper advertising.

There was no rush at Toronto, Ottawa, North Bay, Pembroke, Sudbury, or any of the other towns or cities noted in the matter of applications for liquor permits under the new Government Control Act. Pembroke, for example had only 14 applications last week. Neither Sudbury nor North Bay required fifty of the permits. Ottawa issued only about 156 permits. In about half a day, five hundred permits were called for in Timmins. Timmins in this has apparently established a record. In any event, the record proves that this town was sincere in its vote on the O.T.A., last year.

Now, is the most opportune time for Miss Agnes MacPhail, M.P., to emphasize the evils of war and the beauties of peace—to her dear friends, the Russian Soviet, whom she evidently loves more than her own country.

At the present time there appears to be many minors driving cars in this district. Girls and boys in charge of motor cars are undoubtedly a menace to themselves and to the public. With the increased traffic on the roads to-day, even a careful adult has all he can do to avoid danger when driving a motor car. Consideration should be given to preventing the charge of cars being left in the hands of those too young for the responsibility. Unless attention is given to the matter before a serious accident occurs some sad fatality is all too likely to occur to emphasize the fact that the charge of a car should only be left to those of adult age and good nerves.

Golf is responsible these days for considerable truancy. The attraction of the game tempts men to play truant from business, which, perhaps, is a good thing for health, and after all may harm business but little. Boys, also, are playing truant from school, and find the golf links a centre of attraction. This is not so good. Recently a number of lads of school age have been frequenting the golf links during school hours, and this is a hint to them, that they are liable to find more trouble than lost golf balls. In the time when school is over, the boys will have lots of time for the golf-links, and

in the meantime, they should remember that they need education more than anything.

It is unfortunate that the hold-up staged near Timmins last Saturday did not occur a couple of weeks previously. In the latter event it could have been charged to the man who committed the hold-ups at Sudbury and the Provincial police could say, "There is another mystery that is solved."

Pembroke town council has passed a by-law prohibiting the keeping of bees in that town. There is every prospect that the by-law will result in suits and other trouble if attempt is made to enforce it. The by-law, however, is of great value, furnishing as it does a happy foundation for the newspaper paragrapher to write epigrams with a sting. After the experience of the province with prohibition, Pembroke would apparently have been wiser to have adopted some form of government control of the bees. The bees would undoubtedly have lost their appetites while waiting for the establishment of the regulation Government shops.

Great Britain has severed diplomatic relations with the Russian Soviet. At a special meeting of the Dominion Cabinet last night, Canada decided to follow the same procedure. The severing of diplomatic relations between nations is considered as almost as serious a procedure as the actual declaration of war and no such step is ever taken these days without important reason. In the case of Russia, the severing of diplomatic relations has been long overdue. It has been notorious that Russia has used its diplomatic forces for the furthering of propaganda that is detrimental to the interests of practically all the established nations of the globe. Recent investigation by the British authorities proved beyond question that in Britain, in Canada and in the United States, the Russian Soviet has been carrying on a campaign that may be classed as a designed plan to overthrow the form of government in these countries. The immunity enjoyed by the diplomatic forces has been used as a cover for activities absolutely prejudicial to the interests of the countries allowing hospitality to the Soviet representatives. It may be that the Soviet is accused of doing more than it has actually attempted. The war in China, the trouble in Mexico, and disturbances elsewhere have been blamed upon the Soviet agents. It is a fact, however, that the Soviet has persistently attempted to undermine the forms of government approved by the vast majority of the people in several countries, and propaganda has been carried out of a type never before attempted by any nation enjoying diplomatic relations with other peoples. Russia has done its worst to the nations of the world, and even open war is preferable to the systematic plan of poisoning the minds of the people of other nations that Russia has specialized in during the past few years.

It is a matter for regret that the town council passed an improperly worded resolution regarding the drug store fined for breach of the liquor laws on May 17th. While the resolution has no force or effect, the use of the word "spotter" for an agent employed by the town does not add anything to the town's dignity. It is on a par with the use of vulgar words to describe the man who collects the town garbage. Both words are necessary for the health of the town, and nothing is to be gained by official recognition of the tendency to call ill names. The request for the name of the "informer" in the case in question was ill-advised. The law distinctly lays down the regulation that such names are not to be disclosed. Section 64 of the Ontario Temperance Act clearly states that when the Chief of Police, or other officer for the enforcement of the O.T.A., receives information relative to any breach of the law, he must lay the charge in his own name, and is not to disclose the identity of his informant. The necessity for such a regulation is surely evident. Even to disclose the name of the informer to members of the council would be highly improper and a detriment to the enforcement of the law. With such a name in his possession any councillor who had any interest in the matter would be in position to protect any friendly law-breakers. The responsibility for the enforcement of the law rests on the Chief of Police, and this responsibility can not properly be shared with any others. Where a police officer fails in his duty, the council can secure a more faithful or competent official, but it would be a direct contravention of law and justice for municipal councillors to interfere with police simply doing their duty. In past years special agents have been used here on occasion, and as Councillor Drew suggested at the council meeting on Monday, the council did not wish to have the slightest acquaintance with such people, further than to know that they did their duty properly. That the agent in the case in question did nothing improper is proven by the plea of guilty entered. Whether the offence for which the plea of guilty was entered was connected with the work of the agent being abused, or another one now unsuspected, remains to be disclosed.

"Gimme liberty or gimme death," roared Patrick Henry, the orator. "\$10 and costs or ten days in jail," said the magistrate. So he had to pay the fine.

After all the fuss and feathers about the wood alcohol alleged to have been improperly taken from the Meyers Block after the recent fire, the Fire Underwriters who claim ownership of the goods as part of the salvage taken over by them in the insurance adjustment, express themselves as grateful to the police for taking charge of the wares in question. The Fire Underwriters recognize that had the police not taken charge of this liquid, it would very probably have been removed by some one else, and the owners thus deprived of it. Further, there was the danger that some one might drink some of it in mistake for ordinary alcohol, with fatal results. The Fire Underwriters last week notified the police that they would call for delivery of the stuff at an early date. Thus another of the stories prejudicial to the police has been shown to be unfounded in fact or reason.

Some people in Tisdale township recently petitioned the Government for a Provincial Municipal audit. The reply of the Provincial municipal auditor, published elsewhere in this issue, in effect advises the petitioners that the audit requested would be no more than an unnecessary expense. It is regrettable that a similar reply was not given last year to Timmins. Timmins lost over \$4,500 and gained nothing by the Provincial municipal audit here.

A few weeks ago Geo. Young (who most people will recall was connected in some way with chewing gum or something and who was famous for being born in Aberdeen) occupied the headlines in the daily newspapers. Now, it is Capt. Chas. A. Lindbergh, who made a non-stop airship flight across the Atlantic, going the long way round, to a total of 3,600 miles. He had good luck, and received \$25,000. He risked his life and so is now showered with offers to go into vaudeville. If he wanted to play with the Graveyard Shift Revue he would have to have acting talent, instead of a reckless disposition. It takes all sorts of people to make a world, and all sorts of news to make a newspaper.

The murderer of Inspector Constable at Cochrane has not yet been discovered. If the Government has forgotten about the cowardly murder of its faithful and efficient servant, the people have not. If there is no one in this country able to trace the assassin, the Ontario Government, to preserve its own standing, should send to Scotland Yard to secure a man who will bring the guilty to punishment in this case.

# ADVERTISE YOUR WANTS HERE!

**FOR RENT**  
 FOR RENT—2-roomed, furnished Shack. Apply 159 Spruce street, south. -18p.  
 TO RENT—Six-roomed house, warm and comfortable. Apply to 157 Pine St. North. -21p.  
 THREE-ROOMED HOUSE TO RENT—Apply to M. Matymitz, 186 Spruce St. North. -21p.  
 SIX-ROOMED APARTMENT FOR RENT—Apply to 66 Fifth Ave. -21p.  
 FOR RENT—Three-roomed furnished house. Apply to B. Lennan, 60 Broadway, corner Broadway and Elm. -15.  
 HOUSE TO RENT—With bathroom; hardwood floors; at No. 63 Elm street south. Apply 57 Elm street south.  
 STORE AND BASEMENT FOR RENT—Located on Spruce St. South. Suitable for any business. Apply to O. Desjardin, 11 Spruce St. South, upstairs. 19-21p.t.f.  
 FOR RENT—Furnished office in main office building in town. Lessee can also be accommodated by the services of a stenographer. Office very convenient and desirable. Apply to S. C. Platus, 5 Reed Block. 16 t.f.  
 FOR RENT—Store in the town of Schumacher, next door to Post Office. Possession June first next; for terms, etc., apply to Taylor Pipe, Haileybury, Ont. -16t.f.  
 FOR RENT—Basement 89 feet by 29 feet and 12 feet high. Suitable for wholesale house or club rooms. May be used as one room or divided in two parts. Apply to O. Desjardin, 11 Spruce St. South, upstairs. 19-21p.t.f.

**ARTICLES FOR SALE**  
 HOUSE PLANTS FOR SALE—Apply to 159 Spruce St. South. -20p.  
 FOR SALE—Baby's Bed and a light brown Sulky for sale. Call at 38 Tamarack street, Phone 468J. -21.  
 FOR SALE—Household furniture. All in good condition. Apply to 212 Balsam St. North. -21p.  
 GOOD COW FOR SALE—Apply to J. Jackson, Golden Centre, Schumacher, Ont. 21-22p.  
 FOR SALE—Ice Cream Parlour Fixtures and Dishes. Apply to N. King, Golden City. Also building to rent. -21p.  
 FOR SALE—Baby's Carriage, Two-wheel Sulky and Baby's Cot. All in good condition. Apply 28 James avenue. -21.  
 LARGE REFRIGERATOR FOR SALE. New. Bargain for quick sale. Apply to Radio Cafe, Pine street. -21.  
 FOR SALE—Two Barber Chairs and Mirror, for sale either separately or together. Apply to Finn Pool Room, South Porcupine. -21p.  
 FOR SALE—Heintzman Player piano in first-class condition. Will sell for \$300.00. Apply to 52 Sixth Ave. 21-23p.  
 McCLASKEY CREDIT SYSTEM FOR SALE—Also office supplies, stationary and novelties. Apply to 52 Third Ave. 15t.f.  
 FOR SALE—Ford Sedan, 1925 model, in good condition. Also, boy's bicycle. Apply to 26 Cambrai avenue, Hollinger townsite. -20-22p.  
 CEMENT MIXER FOR SALE—In good condition. Apply to O. Desjardin, 11 Spruce St. South. 19-21t.f.  
 FOR SALE—Child's two wheel bicycle. Suit boy or girl aged 7 to 10 years. In good condition. Price \$5.00. Apply to 30 James Ave. -21p.  
 FOR SALE—Household effects including bedroom furniture, single and double bed; phonograph, "Brunswick Seville"; cooking utensils, etc. Cheap. Apply to 15 Laurier Ave. -21p.  
 FOR SALE—Postcard size Kodak with Anastigmat lens. A good camera for all-round picture taking. Also a complete bathroom set; and team wagon for sale. Apply to 59 Cameron St., Timmins. 19-21p.  
 FOR SALE—12 Pure-bred S.C.W. Leghorn Hens and nice young Cockerel. Bred by G. B. Ferris, Grand Rapids, \$20.00. Apply to Hendry, Dome Extension, South Porcupine -16-22p.  
 FOR SALE—A nine tube Super Heterodyne radio set, in first-class condition, complete with all batteries, 2 sets of head phones and Baldwin loud speaker. Inquire at Doranda Hotel, 16 Second Ave. Room 1. -21p.  
 FOR SALE the following articles:—library table and bench, gramophone, Chesterfield chair, buffet and dining room chairs, draught screen, gray wicker chair, other odd chairs, stair carpet, refrigerator and books. Apply to 15 James street. -21.

**MISCELLANEOUS**  
 WE BUY BEER BOTTLES—Pints and quarts. Apply to 74 Fifth Ave., Timmins. 18t.f.  
 COLD STORAGE FOR CARS. Apply to B. F. Lennan, No. 60, corner of Elm and Broadway 46  
 BAZAAR under the auspices of the Hebrew Ladies' Aid, on Thursday, May 26th, in the Congregational Hall, 11 Cedar street, at 2 p.m. sharp. All welcome! -19-21.  
 WILL MRS. AMY GILES, formerly of 15 Laurier avenue, Timmins, or anyone knowing of her present whereabouts, communicate with the Estate Service Bureau, 85 Richmond street, west, Toronto. -19-21p.  
 BARGAINS—156 Cedar street, North—Ladies' Dresses made up on short notice for \$2.00. House Dresses (own material) made up for 25c. Call for Bargains. C. Chulak, Dressmaker, 156 Cedar street north. -15p1/2.  
 TAKEN FROM DODGE CAR on Elm street, south, on Sunday night, two fishing rods, complete, with line, etc., also two souvenir plates of Timmins. Anyone holding these will kindly leave them at the Police Station at once. -21.

**POSITIONS WANTED**  
 POSITION WANTED BY MARRIED Couple—In boarding house, mill or mining camp. Experienced. Able to take full charge. Apply P.O. Box 75, out Porcupine, Ont. 17h.t.f.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
 TO EX-SERVICE MEN. Dr. J. Barry, M.B., has been appointed D.S. C.R. Medical Representative and any ex-soldiers requiring treatment for a war disability should report to him for investigation. -18-21.

**LOST**  
 LOST OR STRAYED—from Birrell Bell's, Third Ave., a gray small short-haired Fox-colored female dog. Answers to name of "Tiny". Finder please leave at 52 Third Ave., and receive reward. -21.  
 LOST—A RUSSIAN WOLF HOUND White with brown spot on side. Answers to name of "Monty". Finder please return to 35 Fourth Ave. -21p.

**NURSING**  
 MATERNITY NURSE OPEN FOR ENGAGEMENTS. Well experienced. Apply to 3 Elm St. South. 21-22p.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 The Timmins Fire Department wish to thank all those who patronized their annual Firemen's Ball for their support. Also, the ladies who kindly contributed the excellent refreshments served during the evening, and to all others who assisted in the success of the event. -21.

**WOOD FOR SALE**  
 DRY SLABS FOR SALE. \$5.00 per load. Apply to J. Goulet, 77 Wilson avenue. Phone 683W. 13-21.  
 LEO ROY—Wood Dealer. All kinds of wood; any length. Also dealer in hay and oats. Delivered to any part of town. Prices reasonable. 79 First Ave., Phone 279W. -19p.  
 PHONE YOUR ORDERS FOR STOVE-WOOD slabs and fence posts to S. B. Rawlinson, The Half Way, 55 Wilson Ave., Phone 477W. P.O. Box 174, Timmins. -18t.f.  
**NOTICE**  
 Township of Calvert Ansonville, Ont.  
**NOTICE OF COURT OF REVISION**  
 Notice is hereby given that a Court of Revision will be held, for the purpose of hearing appeals in reference to the Assessment Roll for the year 1927, at the Town Hall of Ansonville, commencing at Ten o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, the 7th day of June, A.D. 1927.  
 Dated this 19th day of May, A.D. 1927.  
 PAUL DUBE,  
 Clerk, Township of Calvert. -20-21