

## New Telephone Franchise to be Submitted to People

### Council Give By-law First Reading on Monday. Rates Remain Same, with Two Exceptions, One a Reduction in Party Lines, and Other an Increase for Desk Phones. Other Town Council Business.

The regular meeting of the town council was held Monday afternoon, with Mayor E. L. Longmore presiding, and Councillors Carson, Pritchard, Dougall, Drew, Richardson and Ramsay present. The council had a committee meeting before the regular session and were late in starting the regular session, the work of the session, however, being speeded up.

One of the chief items before the meeting was the matter of a new franchise for the Temiskaming Telephone Co. The by-law was given a first reading and will be submitted to a vote of the people. There is only one reduction in rates, this being in the case of telephones on party lines, where there is a drop of 50 cents per year in some cases. An increase of \$2.50 per year net is made for residential desk phones. All the rates are increased 25 per cent, with a discount of 20 per cent, leaving the net rates as before, except that there is the additional 25 per cent. penalty if the account is not paid within thirty days. The by-law will be published before the voting so that its provisions may be known.

Mrs. Gauthier, convener of the committee in charge of tree planting, wrote the council asking the support and co-operation of the council in regard to the Kiwanees' plan for planting trees this year on the streets and in the public places in town, such as schools, etc. The Kiwanees will supply the trees and will have an expert here to oversee the planting of them. The letter suggested that the town council might assist by supplying pickets for the trees on streets and otherwise assisting in the extended plans. Council left over this matter until next meeting, the feeling apparently being one of sympathy with the proposals.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade made application to be allowed to have a tag day on April 28th, and this was granted.

A petition, signed by thirteen, was received for water services and sewers on Way avenue from Mountjoy to Preston street, and this was filed in the usual way.

A letter from Mr. T. F. King asking that bowling alleys be allowed the same license rate as billiards was laid over to next meeting.

A letter was received from Mr. C. H. Fullerton, acknowledging receipt of the council's resolution regarding the condition of the highway at Cunnah and the unsafe state of the bridge there. Mr. Fullerton said the matter was under consideration.

The by-law for the early closing of shoemakers' shops in town was given its required readings and duly passed.

Accounts were passed for payment, rebates authorized for due reason on water rates, and other routine matters dealt with.

In discussing the proposed Temiskaming Telephone franchise, it was pointed out that the rates were well within those charged in other towns of similar size. Also, it was noted that the Telephone Co. agreed to install new phones within a week of order. Councillor Drew referred to the necessity for avoiding duplication of pole lines in town so far as possible.

The matter of the purchase of a motor ladder truck equipment was laid over to another meeting. A special meeting may be called to deal with this matter. Fire Chief Borland has recommended equipment along this line as necessary with the growth of the town and the increased size of buildings here.

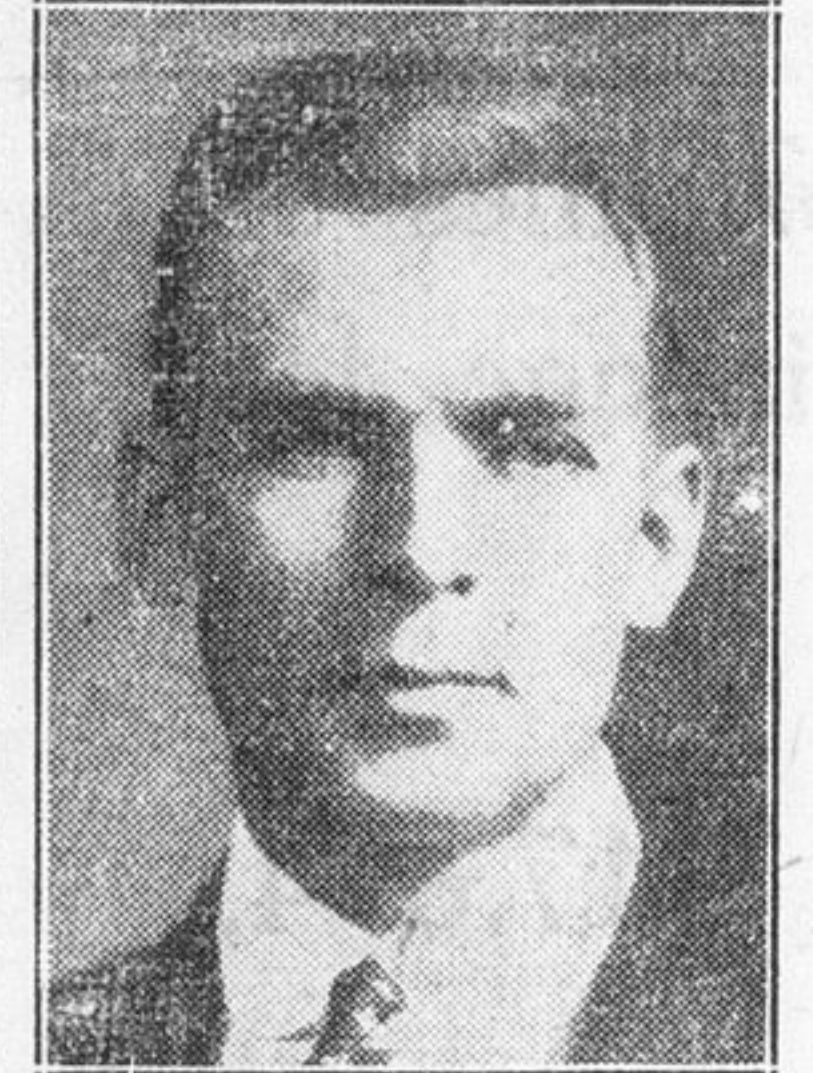
## BOARD OF TRADE OFFERS FULLEST CO-OPERATION

### Ready to Assist and Give Its Services to Any Worthy Effort for the Public

The new president of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. O. Langdon, is very anxious that this year the Timmins Board of Trade should prove of the most complete benefit to the town and people. "The Board of Trade is here to help in the town's welfare and progress," he said this week to The Advance. Along this line it may be noted that the services of the Board of Trade are available to anyone who has a worthy cause to forward in connection with the town's general advancement. Merchants, business men, professional men and others may know of something that is in the town's interests; they may have some plan or proposal worthy of consideration. If so, the services and good offices of the Board of Trade are at their disposal and the officers of the Board of Trade will only be too pleased to co-operate to the fullest extent. If anyone has some project or plan in the interests of the town, he should place it before the Board of Trade at the earliest possible moment. The Board of Trade should be a clearing house for ideas for the benefit of Timmins, and all should take advantage of this fact. There are a number of questions now before the Board, and more will be welcomed,—the dealing with such problems being the particular province of the Board of Trade. This year an effort is being made to secure a specially large membership, and it is to be hoped that such a membership will be accompanied by an equal measure of enlarged interest. At the present time the town has been divided into sections and is being systematically canvassed for members for the Board of Trade. The canvassers should be welcomed wherever they go, and all business and professional men and others should lend their interest and support, for the advantage of the town.

## DEATH OF MR. J. LOUGHTON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24

There will be general regret at the death of Mr. J. Loughton, 19 Montgomery avenue, Timmins, on Saturday, March 24th. The late Mr. Loughton was in the employ of the town for the past six years and was well-known and highly regarded. He leaves a widow and two daughters,—Mrs. Knott, of Timmins, and Mrs. St. John, of Cochrane,—and also one brother, Mr. C. Loughton, of Timmins. To these and to the other near relatives and friends the sympathy of all is extended in their sad loss.



NEW TRADE COMMISSIONER  
O. M. Armstrong, who has been appointed Assistant Trade Commissioner for Canada at Buenos Aires.

## CLOSING EXERCISES OF EVENING SEWING CLASSES

### Diplomas and Prizes to be Awarded on Friday Evening of This Week at Technical High School

The ladies of Timmins are invited to attend the closing exercises of the Evening Classes in Sewing, at the Technical School on Friday evening of this week, March 30th, at 8 o'clock.

The work done by the pupils in these classes will be on display. Diplomas and prizes will be awarded.

The occasion will also afford an opportunity for any who have not yet inspected the new school to do so.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE P.D.F.L. THIS SATURDAY.

Announcement is made by the secretary in this issue of The Advance that the annual meeting of the Porcupine District Football League will be held on Saturday of this week, March 31st, at 6.30 p.m., in the town hall, Timmins. All clubs are asked to have full representation present. All interested should make a special note of the time and place and be present to see that football gets away to a good start this season.

Mr. J. E. Stewart left this week for Toronto and Montreal to select the latest and best in the newest spring modes and models, and will return the beginning of the week with a very comprehensive selection of the most up-to-date in ladies' wear for spring.

## GRAND OFFICERS VISIT EASTERN STAR LODGE

### Delightful Banquet Held at Timmins on Tuesday Evening of This Week

Arbutus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Timmins, gave a banquet Tuesday evening of this week in the Masonic hall, in honour of Sister Florence Tomley, Cobalt, District Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Robina Mains, Grand Warden of the Grand Chapter and Past Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, and Sister Maud Brewer, Past District Deputy Grand Matron of District No. 16. The event also commemorated the fact that the local Chapter was three years old on April 6th. The event was a very pleasing one and greatly enjoyed by all, every feature of the evening being attractive and pleasant. There were over 80 present for the occasion, about twenty being in attendance from South Porcupine. Bro. C. G. Kemsley acted as toastmaster for the evening, carrying the office with efficiency and skill. After the toast to the King had been observed in the customary way, Mrs. J. Watt proposed the toast to the Grand Chapter, which was ably responded to by Mrs. Tomley and Mrs. Mains. "The Visitors" was proposed by Mrs. V. Woodbury, and responded to by Mrs. Costain, of South Porcupine. All the addresses of the evening were noteworthy for their interest and ability. During the evening presentations were made to Mrs. Tomley and Mrs. Mains.

## LEGION HAS NUMBER OF EVENTS FOR NEXT MONTH

### Vimy Banquet on April 9th at Beginning of Month and May Dance on April 24

Notices recently sent out by the Timmins Post of the Canadian Legion show that there are many interesting events on the programme for next month.

First, there is the annual Vimy Banquet, to be held in the I.O.O.F. hall on April 9th, Easter Monday, commencing at 8 p.m. Among the speakers expected for that occasion will be Mr. Barrow, of the Legion Headquarters, Ottawa. The catering will be done by Mrs. Howse, and a specially successful and pleasing evening is confidently expected. Tickets for the banquet may be obtained at Saave's Pharmacy or from the committee.

The following Legion event is the monthly general meeting to be held in the town hall, Timmins, on April 13th, at 8 p.m., where business matters of interest to returned men will be given attention.

On April 17th, a social gathering is planned to be held in the I.O.O.F. hall, at 8 p.m. Cards and other social pleasures will feature this event. There will be prizes for the various events of the evening. Refreshments will be served. Ladies are particularly invited to this meeting.

The fourth feature of the month is the Grand May Dance to be held in the McIntyre Recreation hall, Schumacher, on April 24th, commencing at 8 p.m. At this big event there will be the presentation of draw prizes and bazaar.

## RUNNING TIME OF TORONTO TRAIN MAY BE SHORTENED

From Cobalt this week there comes the suggestion that a plan is now under consideration whereby the running time of No. 47 may be cut down. This would mean that the train could leave Toronto a little later and still arrive at Northern points about as at present. This would be agreeable to the North in general if it could be done. The big thing here is to see that No. 47 is not timed to reach here later, as that would mean that Toronto mail would not be available here at night. To have no mail distributed at night would certainly be an undesirable arrangement and it would not suit at all. Writing from Cobalt on Saturday a correspondent says:—"A hint that the C.N.R. had under consideration a scheme whereby No. 47, the Toronto to Timmins train, would be operated at a saving of an hour and a half over its present schedule, was dropped at the meeting of the Cobalt Board of Trade this week. S. R. Austin, of the C.N.R. Express, told the meeting he understood that the suggestion had been advanced that the train might be run in nineteen hours, instead of twenty and a half hours, as at present. He said that it would be arranged, if the proposal went through, to have the train leave Toronto later than at present, but that the times of arrival at different northern points along the T. & N. O. would not be disturbed."

North Bay Agricultural Society this week set Sept. 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd as the dates for the North Bay Fair, which will also include a pageant.

## COMMISSION TO RESUME AT HAILEYBURY APRIL 12

### Royal Commission to Continue Enquiry Into Hollinger Disaster

A telegram received yesterday from His Lordship Judge Godson, who is presiding over the Royal Commission enquiring into the disaster at the Hollinger Mine on Feb. 10th, says that the Royal Commission will resume sittings at Haileybury at the court house there on April 12th.

At these resumed sittings any new evidence that may come forward will be heard and also there will likely be several mine managers and others before the commission with a view to securing all possible data, information and suggestions relative to any possible additional precautions that may be taken to make the mines safer for men working underground and generally to perfect safety measures.

The Royal Commission evidently intends to make a very wide enquiry, and it is apparent that information is being gathered to put to use for the advantage of perfecting safety measures and avoiding as far as it is humanly possible the chance of any similar misfortune as that which occurred last month at the Hollinger.

## WORK STARTED ON THE NEW BREWERY BUILDING

Work has started on the building of the new brewery for Timmins, excavation and other preliminary work being in progress on the site on the cyanide ground across from the station.

## REV. FR. RIVET, OF YUKON, VISITS HERE THIS WEEK

Rev. Fr. Rivet, of the Oblate Order, who has been for many years in the Yukon, was a visitor to town last week remaining over until Monday as the guest of Mr. L. McLauchlan. Mr. McLauchlan and Rev. Fr. Rivet are old friends, having been acquainted in the booming days of the Yukon when the present chief of police of Timmins was on police duty in the Yukon. Rev. Fr. Rivet has just completed his 25th year in the priesthood and is on a short vacation. He brought many interesting souvenirs from the Yukon, and could speak of that mining area in most interesting and informative way. Rev. Fr. Rivet preached a sermon to the children at the Church of the Nativity on Sunday and this was very greatly appreciated by all for its interest, information and inspiration.

## STURGEON FALLS MAN DEAD IN A SNOW DRIFT

### One of the Results of the Blizzard and Cold Spell in the North Land This Week

All through the North Land this week cold weather and storms prevailed. On Sunday evening there was a fierce windstorm in the Porcupine area, with a little sleet and a whole lot of wind. On Monday night the thermometer dropped to 20 below zero, and some even claim it was lower still. Tuesday morning was reported as one of the coldest mornings of the year. According to advices from North Bay and other points in the North, the storm wave this week covered a wide area stretching from the Great Lakes east to the Ottawa valley and as far north as the Transcontinental. Hornepayne enjoyed (or otherwise) one of the snappiest nights of the winter, the temperature there being reported as 32 below. From Hearst on the Transcontinental west of Kapuskasing, 30 below zero is reported. Kapuskasing had it only a few degrees milder. From the north also comes word that Cochrane had a temperature of 15 below. One of the sad features of the storm of wind and cold was that the weather was partly responsible for a death at Sturgeon Falls. Richard Flannigan, who was nearly eighty years of age, and who was an employee of the Sturgeon Falls paper mill, was found dead in a snow drift. It is believed that worked out in his battle to force his way through the drifts he collapsed. The late Richard Flannigan was a prominent Orangeman, and was well-known all through the North. He is survived by a widow and four children.

## GOLDEN BEAVER A. F. & A. M. AT HOME LAST FRIDAY

Though the attendance was not so large as usual an enjoyable evening was spent by the members of Golden Beaver Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and friends, at an At Home held last Friday evening in the Masonic Temple here. The At Home was first announced for February 23rd, but due to the disaster at the Hollinger Mine it was postponed until last Friday evening. The best of music for the dancing was provided, an excellent luncheon served, and an all round good time had by those attending.

## Jury Says Fire at Hollinger Was Due to Gross Negligence

### After Being Out Over an Hour Coroner's Jury Gives Verdict Suggesting Carelessness on Part of Management and Executive. Verdict Recommends Cleaning of Old Stopes, and More Government Inspectors.

After being out an hour and a quarter the coroner's jury enquiring into the deaths in the Hollinger disaster last Friday afternoon returned the following verdict:—

"We, the jury assembled, find that Lindsay, Kampula, Gardez, over whose bodies the inquest was held, and others came to their deaths between the morning of Friday, Feb. 10, 1928, and Monday, Feb. 13, 1928, at the Hollinger Mine from carbon-monoxide poisoning due to the fire in stope 55A.

"That fire was due to gross negligence on the part of the Hollinger management and the operating executives in allowing a condition to exist where by their subordinates dumped large quantities of inflammable material in old stopes.

"We recommend that the old stopes whereby their subordinates dumped be cleaned out or made safe under the supervision of the government inspectors and that more mining inspectors be appointed."

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a review of the evidence at the inquest at its morning session. In the afternoon, Mr. Brigham was again on the stand for a time. In reply to Mr. White, Mr. Brigham said he would put the matter of dumping the thaw house waste in the same category as other things that would come under the application of safety measures, such as loose rock, etc. He did not consider it a matter that he should deal with, unless it came under his attention. "Do you consider it a matter of judgment for the men doing the work?" asked Mr. White. "No," was the reply, "men get killed when they make questions of safety a matter of judgment." "Details of that kind should be dealt with by those under you?" he was asked, and his reply was in the affirmative. Mr. Brigham said that as general manager he shared of course the general responsibility with all others concerned in all matter relating to the mine. Jurymen G. H. McQuarrie, the only member of the jury to accept the opportunity to ask question, queried Mr. Brigham as to whether he was not ready to share responsibility with the rest of the organization for conditions at the mine, the jurymen prefacing his question by saying, "I don't think for a minute that you knew the powder house was being dumped as it was." Mr. Brigham replied that he accepted the general responsibility. "That is just what I said," he replied. "Well, I wanted to make it plain," said Mr. McQuarrie.

Mr. V. H. Emery, mine superintendent, told Mr. White that in 1922 or 1923 he had taken up the matter with Mr. Williams in regard to changing the disposal of the powder thaw house refuse which was being burned under the boilers at that time. There was danger from dynamite getting in this waste. The witness and Mr. Williams had decided on the plan of mixing the refuse with the waste rock in the stopes being filled. He likely discussed the new system with some of the foremen as well. With Mr. Williams he took responsibility for the new plan. He gave instructions to those responsible. He felt it was the duty of all underground to see that these instructions were carried out. Mr. White suggested that was spreading the responsibility too far as there were 89 bosses underground. Mr. Emery agreed, and said that Captains Curtis and Pond would be the two immediately responsible for passing on his orders. He gave no written orders in the matter. To be safely dumped the refuse had to be mixed with concurrent waste. He said he was not in the habit of giving written orders, most of the instructions being verbal. He could not recall off-hand any written orders. "If the orders

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BRIG-GEN. D. C. DRAPER  
C.M.G., D.S.O., who commanded the 5th C.M.R. in the Great War, has been chosen as Toronto's new Chief of Police.

## WOMAN KILLED FRIDAY BY ENGINE AT COCHRANE

### Mrs. De Laurier, on Account of Deafness, Did Not Hear Approach of Engine.

Mrs. De Laurier, wife of a settler near Cochrane, was instantly killed on Friday last when struck by a T. & N. O. light engine while walking on the tracks. The unfortunate woman, whose home was a couple of miles from Cochrane, was taking a short cut home by using the railway line. She was a sufferer from deafness and so did not hear the approach of the engine, and those in charge of the engine did not see her until too late to stop. The late Mrs. De Laurier is survived by her husband and a grown-up family. Of the latter two daughters lived in Timmins for some time, residing near the corner of Pine and Fourth avenue. To the bereaved family and friends sympathy will go out in the tragedy. An inquest is being held this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynott arrived in town last night from the West. Mr. Lynott was a popular resident of Timmins in earlier days, having been one of the fire brigade here, and also having conducted a transfer and cartage business here. Old friends here will welcome this well-known and well-liked old-timer back to town. He intends setting up in business here in the upholstery line.

## AQUATIC ASSOCIATION TO MEET AGAIN TUESDAY

### Meeting Called for the Town Hall on April 3rd, at 7.30 to Hear Report on "Freedom of the River."

The Mattagami Aquatic Association formed on Tuesday evening has gone to work with a will. Another meeting is called for Tuesday evening next in the town hall, Timmins, at 7.30 p.m. All interested should be sure to attend this meeting. It is for the purpose of hearing the report of the executive committee in regard to the Boomen's Association and the keeping open of the river for traffic. The Boomen's Association promised the Aquatic Association the fullest co-operation in the matter of keeping the river free from traffic. Representatives of the Boomen's Association assert that it was for the very purpose of stopping the blocking of the river that their association was conceived. In the prospectus of the Boomen's Association, as read at the inaugural meeting of the Aquatic Association, there were some clauses that did not meet with favour. They were to be gone into thoroughly by the executive of the Aquatic Association, which will meet on Monday at Mr. Allworth's store. The meeting called for Tuesday is to consider the report of the executive in the matter. It is understood that the Boomen's Association is anxious to meet the views of the Aquatic Association in any way possible, and so the difficulties seen at last Tuesday's meeting may be straightened away. In the meantime it is most desirable that as large an attendance as possible gather for the meeting on Tuesday evening, April 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. in the town hall.

## MANITOBA VARSITY THE WINNERS OF ALLAN CUP

By defeating Montreal Victoria last night Manitoba Varsity win the amateur championship of Canada and the possession of the Allan Cup emblematic of that championship. The western team defeated the eastern champions last night by a score of 1-0, winning two games out of three. Both trophies for amateur sport are now in the west, western teams holding both the Memorial Cup (junior championship) and the Allan Cup (senior championship).

Mr. A. F. Kenning, M.P.P., spent the week-end at Timmins, returning to Toronto this week to resume his parliamentary duties.