

Annexation of Gauthier and Bartleman Townsites Upheld

Railway and Municipal Board Hold Sitting in Timmins to Hear Any Objections to Annexations. Mr. J. P. Bartleman Asks for Part to be Used as a Park to be Left Out of Annexation, but Board Does Not Favour This View. Annexation Now Final. Town Will Collect Taxes This Year.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board held a session in Timmins on Tuesday morning to hear any objections to the annexation of the Gauthier and Bartleman townsites to the town of Timmins. The members of the board present were A. B. Ingram, vice-chairman, and J. A. Ellis, commissioner. Mr. Dean Kester was present for the town of Timmins and Mr. W. G. Bowles was the solicitor representing the township of Tisdale. Reeve Gallagher, Councillor Williams, Clerk P. C. Evans and Assessor Max Smith of the township were also present at the hearing, while Mayor Geo. S. Drew, Councillor A. G. Carson, Clerk H. E. Montgomery, Assessment Commissioner H. E. Channen, and others of the town of Timmins were interested members of the audience. During the hearing there were some lively passages. In both the Gauthier and Bartleman cases the town and township were agreeable to the annexations being completed. In regard to the Gauthier townsite there was no objection from anyone as to the completion of the annexation on the plans outlined. In respect to the Bartleman townsite while town and township and the majority of the lot holders were agreed, there was one objection made by one owner of land in this townsite. This objector was J. P. Bartleman, one of the original owners of the townsite. Mr. Bartleman asked the board to leave out of the annexation the strip

of land which he has reserved for park purposes. Mr. Bartleman argued that this particular strip of land was mining land and so should be left out of the annexation. Against this view, it was pointed out that the land in question was touched on three sides by other land that was to be annexed. To leave the park strip out would be to exercise undesired discrimination. The building on the lots adjacent to the park strip had increased the value of the strip. The people who had bought the lots had done so in the belief that the townsite would be annexed to the town and so it would be possible for them to secure modern conveniences. The board pointed out to Mr. Bartleman that it did not appear to be fair to consider the leaving out of the strip of land referred to. After hearing the viewpoint of the parties to the annexations, the commissioners gave their final approval to the annexations, their approval to make the annexations effective as from January 1st, 1929. This means that the Gauthier and Bartleman townsites are now a part of the town of Timmins. The town will collect this year's taxes on these townsites. The assessment of these two townsites as set this year by the township of Tisdale, will be accepted and used this year by the town. With this assessment as the basis the town will levy the town rate of taxes for the year. The notices are now being figured up and will be sent out shortly.

NOTED AUTHORITY TO GIVE LECTURE HERE ON BIRD LIFE

Miss E. L. Marsh's Illustrated Lecture on "Birds," to be Given in United Church Basement Friday Evening

There should be very general interest in the illustrated lecture to be given by Miss E. L. Marsh, of Pease-marsh Farm, a noted authority on bird life, in the United Church basement, Timmins, on Friday evening of this week, May 3rd, at 8 o'clock.

The event is under the auspices of the Timmins Home and School Association, and in sponsoring this lecture the Home and School Association is doing a distinct service to the town and district. Miss Marsh has international reputation for her interest, knowledge and work in connection with bird life. She has lectured all over Canada and in several of the States and wherever she has spoken interest has been quickened in the conservation of bird life. Miss Marsh's home, Pease-marsh Farm, was the first Crown game preserve in Ontario, her efforts along this line resulting in the enlisting of the support and sympathy of the Government. What Jack Miner has done for the wild geese and ducks, Miss Marsh has equalled for the smaller feathered tribes, the songsters, the little beauties and the useful smaller birds of Ontario.

Miss Marsh's lecture is illustrated by lantern slides, and not only does she know her subject thoroughly, but she also knows how to present the case in most interesting way. All who attend the lecture will be delighted with it. Those who are already interested in bird life will find their interest increased in notable measure, while learning much of information that will be new. Those who may not even think they care anything about birds will be surprised at the way their interest will be stirred by the lecture. They will be surprised at the number and variety of the birds of Ontario. It will be a revelation to them to learn: how useful the birds are in practical way and how necessary it is for the country's welfare that bird life be preserved and conserved. The song birds will appeal to those who love music, while the beauty of the gaily-coloured birds will attract those who love beauty. No matter whether song, beauty or utility are concerned the birds as reviewed by Miss Marsh are interesting every minute.

The address in the United Church basement to-morrow night should make a very general appeal to all adults, men and women, but its attraction should be especially keen for the youngsters. Study of the birds has already proved a fascinating occupation for many children in Timmins. They have found great interest in the habits, beauty, song and history of the birds native to the North. Teachers at the public schools here opened a land of delight for the youngsters by directing them to a consideration of the birds. For all the children the lecture by Miss Marsh will be a treat and parents would do well not only to attend themselves but also to see that all the youngsters have a chance to enjoy the event.



NEW UNIVERSITY HEAD

Hon. Harry Cockshutt, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, who has been elected Chancellor of the University of Western Ontario, London, in succession to Hon. W. J. Roche of Ottawa.

LEGION PLANNING TO STAGE BIG MUSICAL COMEDY SHOW

W. Elphick and His Concert Party and Ladies' Auxiliary Working on Feature That Should be a Big Hit.

The outstanding success of the short sketch by members of the Canadian Legion on the evening of the Vimy Day has resulted in several requests being made for the members of the concert party putting on that sketch to give a public presentation of their talent. The Vimy Night sketch delighted the soldiers. There was a very general opinion that those taking part in the sketch had the Dumbells famous players equalled or bettered. Accordingly, there has been a general demand for a show for the general public on the same sort of comedy lines. With this in view, Mr. W. Elphick has written another comedy plot and with the aid of several of the Canadian Legion concert party artists and the Ladies' Auxiliary, preparations are now under way for rehearsals. The event will take the form of the up-to-date musical comedy shows of London, England. Special talent will provide the solos, and the humorous side will be taken by the Timmins Post's own comedians. No one who has had the fun of listening to Mr. Elphick and his side-splitting partners will doubt the ability of the group to put over the promised musical comedy event and put it over big. The public should watch for dates and particulars, and in the meantime The Advance will keep in close touch with this big production by local Legionaries, for it is sure to be an extra special.

Kirkland Lake ladies have notified the secretary at North Bay of their intention to enter a team in the Northern Ontario Ladies' Softball League now being organized.

Married at Montreal on Tuesday of This Week

A marriage in which hosts of Timmins friends of the young couple will be interested took place at St. Thomas Aquinas church, Montreal, on Tuesday of this week, April 29th, when Miss Irene Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Richardson, of Timmins, and Mr. Arthur Pinder, formerly of Timmins, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Pinder, of Thessalon, Ont., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. M. P. Reid being the officiating clergyman. Both bride and groom were formerly residents of Timmins, being on the staff of the Arthur E. Moysey & Co. office here, and they have hosts of friends in town and district who will extend sincerest good wishes to them. Mr. and Mrs. Pinder left Montreal this week for Tampa, Florida, for a short wedding trip. On their return they will take up residence in Montreal.

OFFICERS FOR TEMISKAMING BASEBALL LEAGUE ELECTED

Annual Meeting Held at Porquis Junction on Saturday. Big Season of Good Baseball Expected

The annual meeting of the Temiskaming Baseball League was held at Porquis Junction on Saturday of last week, April 27th, with a representative attendance of the teams of the district present.

The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing season:—

President—F. C. Magurn, Iroquois Falls.

First vice-president—C. V. Webster, Kirkland Lake.

Second vice-president—D. Sutherland, Haileybury.

The secretary-treasurer is to be appointed by the president.

F. C. Magurn was appointed delegate for the Temiskaming Baseball League, to attend the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association meeting at Ottawa on Saturday, May 4th. The Temiskaming League is looking to greatly increased interest in baseball this year with the Temiskaming League entering the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association and taking part in the competition for the Ottawa Journal cup which is one of the most coveted trophies in amateur baseball in Ontario. There is a general belief that baseball will boom in the North this year with the added interest given by the extension of the affiliations of the Temiskaming League. The competition for the championship of the Temiskaming League and for the possession of the handsome R. A. McInnis trophy will also assure good sport and keen competition in this part of the North.

As in past years the Temiskaming League this season will be divided into groups with play-offs at the end of the season between the group winners to decide the league championship and for the possession of the trophies played for under the league. In this group, the Northern group, there will be three teams, Iroquois Falls, Porcupine and McIntyre. All three teams are reported to be classy outfits and ready to put up good ball. Although losing many of last year's games McIntyre team is still in the game and believes that Schumacher can field a good team this season.

On Saturday, May 11th, there will be a meeting at Schumacher to arrange the schedule for the Northern group.

Wednesday Half-Holiday In Force at All Stores

The Wednesday half holiday for the business places in town went into general observance on Wednesday of this week, May 1st. All through the winter months the barber shops and a limited number of stores have been observing a weekly half-holiday, but the majority of the business places have been open on Wednesday afternoons during the winter. In the summer months, however, all business places observe the weekly early closing, and it is to be hoped that the good plan will soon be extended to include the whole year with the exception of the week or two around the Christmas time. For a dozen years or so the weekly half-holiday during the summer has been observed and no one has suffered for it, while merchants and their staffs have benefited. For a week or two the public may forget the early closing, but it is remarkable how quickly customers adapt themselves to the stores being closed for the one half-day in the week. It makes a very welcome and helpful break in the week for merchants and clerks who are compelled to put in very long hours during the week. As The Advance pointed out last year it would be a good thing if the business men would get together and make the half-holiday idea an all-the-year-round plan. It has daylight saving beaten seven ways.

Last week the birthday anniversary of Rev. Fr. Theriault was observed by an entertainment of much merit in the parish hall of St. Anthony's church while the popular Rev. Father was showered with good wishes for "many happy returns."

ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE OF ODDFELLOWS ON SUNDAY

The Timmins Oddfellows lodge will hold its annual parade to church on Sunday, May 4th. Brethren are requested to meet at the hall at 10.30 a.m. The members of the lodge and visiting brethren will parade to St. Matthew's Anglican church for the 11 o'clock service.

WINNERS AT ALL-BRITAIN SOCIAL CLUB WHIST DRIVE

The winners at the All-Britain Social Club event this week were:—ladies, Mrs. W. James, Mrs. E. Wheeler, Mrs. A. Jopson; gentlemen, A. F. Ackerson, R. Gray, S. Wheeler.

The next whist drive of the club will be held in the Hollinger Recreation hall on Tuesday next, May 7th.

KAPUSKASING BASKETBALL CLUB TEAM WINS AND LOSES

Kapuskasung Club basketball team last week visited both Timmins and Iroquois Falls playing interesting games at both centres. At Iroquois Falls the visitors suffered defeat by a very large score, but at Timmins they were successful in winning from one of the High School teams on Saturday by a good margin.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN REGARD TO MISSING MONEY

There are no new developments in regard to the missing parcel of money from the local post office. Post office officials from the district headquarters have been busy in investigating the matter, but no action has been announced as yet. There parcel disappeared after arrival at the local post office. It contained some \$9,000 in bills for one of the local bank branches.

Ontario Liberal Leader Planning to Visit North

W. E. N. Sinclair, leader of the Liberal party in the Ontario Legislature, is planning to visit the North inside the next few weeks. Arrangements are now being made to have him address meetings at various centres in the districts of North and South Cochrane and in Temiskaming. It is understood that the Liberal party leaders of New Liskeard, Haileybury and Cobalt may combine to give a banquet for the party leader in Ontario. Public meetings are also being planned to be held in various towns in the North during the visit of Mr. Sinclair.

Tremors of Earth Felt at Iroquois Falls Sunday

Word from Iroquois Falls this week is to the effect that distinct earth tremors were felt there on Sunday afternoon. The tremors while not very violent nor long prolonged were felt very plainly. At first it was thought that there had been some sort of an explosion not far from the Falls, but enquiry showed that nothing of this kind had occurred in the district. When all other explanations had been found to be unsuitable to the case, it was decided that the tremors were due to a very mild earthquake. People in Iroquois Falls observed the phenomenon very clearly and now are questioning those in neighbouring towns as to whether the quake was noticed elsewhere. So far as can be learned in Timmins no one noticed any earthquake or any earth tremors here on Sunday.

Several Pay Penalties for Breach Liquor Act

At police court this week there were a number of cases, chiefly for breach of the Liquor Control Act, though variety was given by six charges on the docket for failure to pay dog licenses.

Before court five of these were charged with harbouring dogs without tags paid the dog tax and the cases were withdrawn. The sixth case went to trial and the owner of the dog was fined \$1.00 and costs, or \$11.00 in all, and the license fee must be paid, or the dog destroyed, as well.

In the liquor charges, Jimmy Salomone pleaded guilty to having liquor not on his permit. He was found late at night or early in the morning conveying a case of beer. He paid \$100.00 and costs, and his permit will be lifted.

Joe Bielle, charged with selling liquor was given a term of three months in jail.

Antonio Laconi, of Schumacher, was fined \$100.00 and costs for using a permit other than his own to secure liquor from the Government store. He has not paid the fine so will go down this week for the alternate jail term. For a similar offence Frank Shudeck was fined \$25.00 and costs. He had had an order from another man to get some liquor but lost the order and represented himself as the owner of the permit.

Two drunks paid the regular ten and costs, a total of \$22.50 each. It is expensive these days to get drunk.

Remands were given for a week in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Joes. Snyder. The latter was charged with having liquor not secured on her permit, while both of them also face charges of supplying liquor to minors.

Mr. D. G. McMillan returned on Sunday from a visit to Finch, Ont.

Dancing Recital and Children's Dress Ball

For several years past the dancing recital and children's dress ball by the pupils of Mrs. R. B. Simms has been one of the most enjoyable and appreciated features of this season of the year. Large crowds attend the events and all are delighted with the charm of the children and the evident skill with which they have been trained.

This year Mrs. Simms announces the annual dancing recital and children's dress ball to be held in the Masonic hall, Timmins, on Friday evening, May 17th, commencing at 6.45 p.m. and on Saturday afternoon, May 18th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The admission fee is a nominal one and tickets are now available. The programme for this year will be particularly interesting and will be sure to appeal to lovers of dancing and all interested in children.

BUSINESS MEN TO MEET ON MONDAY FOR JUNIOR SPORT

All Business and Professional Men Should Attend and Give New Plan a Thorough Trial

This week notices will be sent out to 150 business and professional men in town specially requesting their attendance at a meeting to be held in the town hall on Monday evening next, May 6th, at 8 o'clock. The meeting is for the purpose of proceeding with the plans to organize all junior sports in town under the one head and so make for economy and efficiency and avoid duplication and overlapping. Already a personal canvass has been made of the business and professional men of the town with a view to ascertaining their opinion of the plan, and practically all so approached have favoured giving the scheme a fair trial. The boys of the town from the ages of ten to twenty at a big mass meeting held some week ago went on record as fully in favour of the proposed plan. As repeatedly explained in The Advance, the multiplicity of organizations and the duplication of calls upon the business men has been a hardship to the merchants and a detriment to sport. The new plan suggests that a hundred or a hundred and fifty business and professional men take out memberships at ten dollars each per year, and the amount so raised, together with the fees paid by the boys themselves, would provide ample funds to conduct all junior sports without any further calls upon the merchants during the year. The plan includes the idea of the business men taking membership electing an executive of business and professional men to supervise all junior sports. The boys would more or less run their own teams as in past years, but the financing and general supervision would be conducted by the committee of business men. There is a general opinion that the plan is well worth trying and that it will prove a pleasing success if fairly tried. To make it a success the interest of all is necessary, and accordingly a very large and representative meeting of the business men is desired on Monday evening, May 6th in the town hall at eight o'clock. When the call was put out for a meeting of the boys, the hall was not large enough to hold them. If the business and professional men show equal interest and attend in anything like as large numbers, the success of the plan will be assured from the very start.

Temiskaming Junior Ball League Again to Operate

The Temiskaming Junior Baseball League will operate again this season and a good season of junior ball is anticipated. For this Northern Junior group the teams will likely be the same as last year, Timmins and South Porcupine. There was some thought that perhaps the junior ball would not be going in the district this year, but the chances now are all for an excellent season. South Porcupine says the junior team there is stronger than ever and will be a specially good one this year. Timmins also expects to field a junior team that will make them all travel, so the chances are excellent this season for junior baseball.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY GRAND DANCE, SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

A grand dance under the auspices of the Caledonian Society of Timmins will be held in the Hollinger Recreation hall on Saturday evening, May 4th, at 8.30 p.m. The music will be provided by Burton Holland's orchestra. Everyone will be welcome to this event and will find it a happy evening.

The following meeting of the Caledonian Society will be on Tuesday, May 14th. Details of the arrangements for that date will be announced in The Advance next week.

The annual relay race for the English Cup will be held on May 24th, weather permitting. The course will be from Charlton school to the Royal Bank, Englehart, 7 miles in all. The race is under the auspices of the Englehart Junior Athletic Association.

SOFTBALL TEAM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AT THE DOME

Winners in Cribbage Tournament at the Dome. Another Series Started. Dome News from the Dome Mines.

Dome Mines, May 1st, 1929. Special to The Advance.

In the cribbage tournament at the Dome O Spiers and Jock Robertson were the winners of the first series. A new series is being started and these two players are still leading.

A softball team has been organized at the Dome. The Dome is well-known throughout the district for the efficient and thorough way in which it takes up anything, sport or anything else. Accordingly, it can be taken for granted that the Dome will have a good softball team and the team will take a worthy place in the sport in the district. Softball appears to be increasing in popularity all over the country and finding special favour in the North. It may be taken for granted that the Dome softball team will be one of the leaders in this popular sport in this part of the country.

Mrs. Flewelen, of the Dome, has been called to the Frood Mines, Sudbury, owing to an accident to her brother there.

Mr. J. H. Stovell is confined to his bed with illness.

WHIST DRIVE NEXT MONDAY BY DAUGHTERS OF ENGLAND

On Monday night, May 6th, the Daughters of England will hold a whist drive in the Hollinger Recreation hall. The event will commence at 8.30 p.m. There will be good prizes for the event, and refreshments will be served during the evening.



HON. W. D. MCPHERSON

Former Provincial Secretary of Ontario, is seriously ill in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto. Mr. McPherson is well known throughout Canada in legal, Masonic and Orange circles.

TAX BILLS FOR THIS YEAR TO BE ISSUED NEXT WEEK

About 3500 Tax Bills Necessary. Most of Tax Notices to be Delivered. Over \$1,200.00 in Back Taxes Paid Tuesday.

Tax Collector H. R. Channen and his staff have been very busy for some time past making out the tax notices for 1929 for the town. There are about 3500 separate bills to make out and this is some work. There are about 3900 lots in town, but while some lots are grouped on the one tax bill, on the other hand it is necessary in a great many cases to make out several tax notices for the one lot, so the estimate of 3500 tax notices is a conservative one. The work making out the 1929 tax bills is now practically completed and the notices will go out the first of next week. Following the plan of last year, the majority of the tax notices will be delivered. In the case of vacant lots and where owners reside out of town the notices will be mailed.

Taxes for past year and for arrears for previous years have been coming in very well recently though there are still many in arrears who will have to pay the penalty and other costs of collection. In addition there are a number of properties that are to be put up for sale for taxes due. The penalty of ten per cent. on taxes in arrears went into force for 1928 taxes on Wednesday of this week. Some made honest effort to avoid the payment of the ten per cent. by getting in before the date it started. Accordingly, Tuesday was a specially busy day in tax collections, over \$1,200.00 being taken in that day in 1928 taxes.

The Rebekahs are holding a whist drive and bridge in the I.O.O.F. hall, Timmins, this evening (Thursday), commencing at 8.30. Like all Rebekah social affairs, the evening is sure to be a pleasant one and enjoyed by all attending.

SOFTBALL FANS ORGANIZE FOR THE SEASON'S SPORT

Good Turnout at Meeting on Friday Last, with Lots of Enthusiasm Shown. Officers Elected for the Year.

There was a good turnout on Friday evening at the meeting in the town hall to organize for the season's softball. There was all sorts of enthusiasm evident at the meeting and the general feeling was that the 1929 softball season will be the best yet. There was general regret that Mr. A. Morin who did so much for the popularity of softball last year was not able to continue to devote as much time to the sport for the coming season, but a strong executive was elected and it is hoped that the sport will continue to prosper and advance as it did last year.

After the reports for the past year had been received the election of officers for the ensuing year was taken up. The following were the officers elected:—

President—Jos. Jacobs.

First vice-president—J. W. Faithful.

Second vice-president—Ed Reed.

Secretary—W. Grant.

Treasurer—H. Boyd.

Plans are now under way in the matter of drawing up the schedule. It is hoped to open the season about May 24th, and to keep softball going strong from the start.

It should be particularly noted that all teams must have their applications in the hands of the secretary before May 10th. On that date there will be another softball meeting in the town hall at 8 p.m. Softball fans accordingly should specially note that the next softball meeting will be held on the evening of May 10th, and all teams must have their application in the secretary's hands before that meeting.

FIRST AUTO THIS SEASON TO MAKE TRIP FROM TORONTO

H. B. Cleveland Has a Hard Trip Over Poor Roadways, but Made the Journey, Having to be Towed Only Three Times

H. B. Cleveland, of the Canadian Packers, has the honour of making the first auto trip from Toronto to Timmins this year. About a month ago a car went from Toronto to Toronto, but it is understood that the complete trip could not be made by road under the auto's own power. Mr. Cleveland's car, however, made the journey without special trouble going all the way from Toronto to Timmins by road and under its own power. Only on three occasions had the car to be towed out of holes, though a whole lot more than three bad spots were encountered. Indeed, Mr. Cleveland says that the roadways generally were bad most of the way. This was to be expected at this season of the year, though some of the spots were worse than seemed desirable. The roads below North Bay are not any too good but they are worse north of the Bay. There are some particularly bad spots between North Bay and Cobalt, but these are fairly good when compared with a stretch or two between Matheson and Porquis Junction. Probably as bad a strip as any is that road the other side of Golden City. There is also a bad spot or two on the flats near Connaught. Considering all the conditions and circumstances, however, the road-way might be worse, and it may also be noted that it is drying out all right and showing chances of improvement in the very near future. It is also understood that considerable work is planned for the road this spring, and it would appear that before summer comes the Ferguson highway and the tributary roads should be in pretty good shape for auto travel. In some places the gravel dumped on the road-way during the winter is making travel difficult at the present time. When this gravel is spread and travelled down it will greatly improve the road. In some places the gravel has been dumped at the side of the road and is now ready for spreading on the road-way where needed. This is the plan used on much of the Ferguson highway and seems to be the better method. It is likely that in the next few weeks many will be attempting the Timmins-Toronto trip by auto and so as a matter of record it is noted that Mr. Cleveland made this year's first trip by car from Toronto, while the trip the other way was first made on April 1st. Mr. Cleveland reached here at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, having left Swastika at about 7.30 that morning.

The Haileyburian last week says:—"Fred (Noisy) Clark, arrived back in Haileybury this week, and his many friends were sorry to note that he still has to use crutches in navigating around. Fred has had a long session and the foot still remains in a cast, which he is afraid he will be unable to remove for some months yet. His many friends here and in other towns in the North are glad to meet up with him again, as Freddy is always a gloom chaser, and still retains his cheerful spirits."