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TOWN TO FLOOD OPEN AIR RINKS AGAIN THIS YEAR

Council Leaves Matter in Hands of Town Engineer to be Followed Along Lines of Last Year. Other Council Business.

The regular meeting of the Timmins town council was held on Monday afternoon with Mayor Geo. S. Drew in the chair and Councillors A. G. Carson, P. Dougall, R. Richardson, Alfred Caron and C. P. Ramsay present.

H. Kideckel appeared before the council to ask for a reduction in the taxes imposed on him for business taxes. He was assessed as a wholesaler, the rate for this class of business being 75 per cent. of the value of the part of the premises used for business. Mr. Kideckel said he could not afford to pay business tax as a wholesaler and claimed that his wholesale business had not been either large or profitable. He also did a retail business and thought he should be assessed on this basis which meant that his business taxes would be on a basis of the assessment of thirty per cent. of the value of the premises occupied. Mr. Kideckel also told the council that he had not had the store open or in use from November last year until April 10th this year and he thought he should have some reduction on this account. Councillor Dougall pointed out that there was no doubt that Mr. Kideckel had been conducting a wholesale business and so the assessment had been made on the only basis possible. Councillor Dougall showed Mr. Kideckel's name in the telephone book listed as "wholesale fruit," but Mr. Kideckel countered this by saying that he had not had a phone for a year as he felt the business could not afford it. Mayor Drew thought Mr. Kideckel in the case might be through an allowance for the time the store was not in use, but as the store had not been kept closed the council did not feel that anything could be done along his line.

J. P. Bartleman appeared before the council in regard to the allowance asked for vacancy in the building on Spruce street formerly used by The Citizen. He said that the upstairs of the building had never been used and was not in condition for occupancy. In reply to the suggestion that part at least of the upstairs had been actually used Mr. Bartleman said that any such use was without authority as only the ground floor had been rented. The matter was left over.

M. MacIntosh again asked council for consideration of the case of the house he had purchased from Dr. Brown and moved to another part of the town. As this house had been unoccupied for several months during its removal and re-modelling he thought some rebate might be allowed. Council considered the case as presented but no action was taken.

Several small rebates for water rates were authorized in cases where the water had not been used on account of removal.

Payments on account to the high public and separate schools were passed.

The payroll and current accounts were authorized for payment. A payment of \$1250.00 on account was authorized for the public library.

An account of \$125.00 being balance on the purchase of a new work team to replace the town team used on public works was passed for payment. There was a request before the council from the Telephone Company asking for approval to change the town fire telephone number to 1000. The Telephone Co. said that there was a plan to make a uniform number for all telephone numbers for fire departments in the North Land. The proposal was to have each and every fire hall in the North known as 1000. Anyone then would always know the fire hall number even if they were out of their own town. This number would always be reserved for fire calls and "1000" would soon become so famous that everyone would know it as the fire call. Fire Chief Borland was asked for his opinion on the question, and pointed out that to change the Timmins number to "1000" while Schumacher had the same call would be a dangerous thing. There would be chance for the greatest confusion as Schumacher had a number of streets and avenues of the same names as Timmins. The people here were now well acquainted with the fire hall number and a change would be inconvenient. Fire Chief Borland made it plain that he thought a change would be dangerous without serving any good purpose, and the council agreed with his view. Accordingly the clerk was asked to write the Telephone Co. asking that the present fire hall number be retained, and explaining why this was specially desirable under all the circumstances here.

Councillor A. G. Carson asked council what was to be done this year in regard to the flooding of the town in various sections of the municipality. Last year the town flooded half a dozen small rinks at schools and other places for the benefit of the youngsters. Council decided to have the engineer's department look after the matter again this year on a similar plan to last year. The only cost or trouble to the town is in the first flooding the rinks being maintained and kept free of snow by

Welcomed at McGill



On the occasion of his visit to Montreal, Great Britain's Premier, Right Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the hands of E. W. Beatty, K.C., Chancellor of McGill University. Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Beatty are seen in the above photograph as they were drawn through the campus of McGill by the enthusiastic students. On the box-seat is Max Ford, the students' cheer-leader.

GOOD NEWS EXPECTED FROM THE CHIBOUGAMAU AREA

Airplane flights to the Chibougamau mining district are again under way and it is expected that some interesting information regarding the district and its operations since the freeze-up will be forthcoming in the near future. Particular interest is focussed on the results of the diamond-drilling campaign on the water section of Chibougamau claims of Chibougamau Prospectors, Ltd., at Merrill Island, where three drill outfits have been at work throughout the freeze-up under the direction of Resident Engineer Lionel Brooke. This is the strike on which earlier drill results were productive of such excellent showings and it is expected that cores to come out with the first plane will establish not only a continuation of high commercial values but also check the direction of the ore-bearing zone across the narrows to the mainland from Merrill Island. All signs point to a winter season of great activity in Chibougamau proper and in the newly discovered Opemiska section of the Chibougamau district where the Lindsley interests are planning an energetic exploration campaign on properties recently acquired which have returned surface showings of an amazing character. In Chibougamau itself, Chibougamau Prospectors Ltd., plan to carry on their diamond drill campaign with three drills in constant service. At Sorcerer mountain a drilling campaign, said to be under the auspices of Dome, will be carried on to test depth values of properties held under option from the Campbell-Cooper interests. The Blake syndicate, Fosberry mines and Obalski Chibougamau Mining company are others in the field planning active winter campaigns.

Youngsters and others concerned. Councillor P. Dougall said that he understood he had been appointed a member of the court of revision for this year at the last council meeting. It would be absolutely impossible for him to act in this capacity at the time the court would sit and he asked the council to appoint another member in his place. This was done, Councillor A. G. Carson being added to the court of revision in place of Councillor Dougall.

Blairmore (Alberta) Enterprise:—Then there was the Scotchman who bought the car because the clutch was thrown in.

Schedule of First Five Games Ostrosser League

The following are the first five games in the Ostrosser bowling league. In each case the first game is on alleys 1 and 2, the second on alleys 3 and 4, and the last named under each date on alleys 5 and 6. All bowlers should clip out this schedule and keep it for reference. Dec. 4—Tuxis vs. Gold Belt; Tigers vs. Supremes; Lions vs. Hounds; Gold Belt vs. Lions; Tuxis vs. Tigers. Dec. 11—Supremes vs. Hounds; Gold Belt vs. Lions; Tuxis vs. Tigers. Jan. 8, 1930—Tigers vs. Lions; Tuxis vs. Supremes; Gold Belt vs. Hounds. Jan. 15—Tuxis vs. Lions; Tigers vs. Hounds; Gold Belt vs. Supremes. Jan. 22—Gold Belt vs. Lions; Tuxis vs. Hounds; Supremes vs. Tigers.

Six Old Age Pensions Being Paid in Timmins

Under the Old Age Pensions Act the town council can appoint a pensions board to deal with applications under the act or can itself act in this capacity. The Timmins town council elected to deal with the Old Age Pensions cases itself and the whole council has been acting in this capacity, with I. E. Dunn as secretary. Up to the end of last week six applications had been granted and all these six pensioners had duly received the first month's pension under the act. There are half a dozen more applications to be dealt with, these being taken up at the meeting of the pensions board after the regular council meeting on Monday. Timmins is the only town in this part of the North that comes under the section of the act requiring a separate pensions board, the applications from all the rest of the area being dealt with by the District of Cochrane Old Age Pensions board, of which Mr. F. K. Ebbitt, of Iroquois Falls, is the secretary. The town of Timmins has to pay a part of all pensions granted in the town. Other municipalities in the district do not have to contribute in this way.

For an offence against his daughter, a girl under 15 years of age, a man named Amede St. Germain, of Fox township, near Cochrane, was sentenced last week by Police Magistrate Tucker to seven years imprisonment in Kingston penitentiary. St. Germain pleaded guilty to the charge in police court.

GEO. B. NICHOLSON, EX-M.P. WEDS AT TORONTO LAST WEEK

Geo. B. Nicholson, formerly member of parliament in the Dominion house for Algoma East, is well-known in the North Land and has many friends in Timmins. Accordingly, there will be general interest in the announcement that the marriage took place on Saturday afternoon at Toronto of Mr. Nicholson and Mrs. Margaret W. Keefer, widow of the late F. H. Keefer, of Port Arthur, who was public trustee for Ontario at the time of his death. The ceremony was a quiet one, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present. The couple left after the ceremony for a wedding trip after which they will take up residence at Chapleau, Ont., where Mr. Nicholson has made his home for several years.

PREMIER SEES NO CAUSE FOR AMERICAN INTERVENTION

When told on Monday that the American Newspaper Publishers' Association in special session in New York to protest against the proposed increase in the price of newspaper, had passed a resolution to request the United States Federal Government to look into the situation, Premier G. Howard Ferguson, of Ontario, interviewed at Atlantic City, N.J., said that he did not see the necessity for such action, or any basis on which the United States Government could act.

While reluctant to discuss this phase of the situation until he had a clearer idea as to just what action the publishers had taken at today's meeting, the Premier remarked that the question of the price of newspaper, as far as Canada was concerned, was purely a domestic one. He said that he had no quarrel with the publishers as provinces were only concerned about protecting the production of paper on a pro rata basis, so that it would be equitable for all the mills.

He said that the present price of newspaper was lower than it had been for years. Only a few years ago, he said, it was \$70 and \$75 and that the manufacturers were insisting that an increase now was necessary. He said that the settlers, who cut the timber in Northern Ontario, only received \$4.50 and \$5 a cord for delivering it at the railroad. They had to supply their own teams and it did not pay them.

THOUGHTS ON SURVIVAL PRESENTED TO KIWANIS

Kiwanian V. Woodbury Interests Weekly Luncheon by a Thoughtful Address on the Ideas of Immortality.

The speaker for the day at the Kiwanis Club on Monday at the Empire hotel was Kiwanian Vincent Woodbury who took as the subject of his remarks the ideas of survival of immortality. In opening his very clever address he commented on the fact that this was a subject little discussed among laymen even when they were on terms of special friendship. Indeed, it was quite evident that the present-day attitude was along the idea of Henry Thoreau in his phrase, "One world at a time." Mr. Woodbury proceeded to quote the opinions of eminent thinkers, including Carlyle, Emerson, Hubert Spencer, Socrates, Robert Ingersoll, Georges Sand, Bruce Barton and others. Through the writings of these men and others, irrespective of their professed beliefs on spiritual matters, there seemed to run the one sure thought of survival in some form or other. The speaker also quoted apt scriptural verses bearing on the thought of immortality. Mr. Woodbury thought the quest of truth in the matter of immortality to be supremely well worth while. "And, perhaps," he said, "our quest may resemble Nickajack Cave near Chateaubank of the Tennessee river but its outlook is on Lookout mountain." Mr. Woodbury referred to the way people elaborate heaven and hell for themselves, comparing this to two birds in the forest, one making the best of it and the other the worst,—the note of one a song, and the sound of the other a scream—the skies receiving the lark and the bittern finding himself in the marsh. "If we are not to perish," said Mr. Woodbury, "it is only because we possess qualities that are of themselves imperishable." The speaker referred to the joys of life, the struggles, the bitterness, the disappointments and the uncertainty. The struggles men men strong for the battle and the sorrows gave a zest for joy. His conclusion of the whole matter he summed up in the words:—"The Future is Serene." The address by Mr. Woodbury was greatly appreciated and won very general favour.

Dr. H. H. Moore reported to the club on the matter of the pictures he had been asked to obtain from the medical board in regard to the presentation of the case in the campaign against venereal diseases. These pictures are to be brought to town in the near future. Several members of the club had seen these pictures and were agreed that they were most beneficial in emphasizing the menace of this class of disease.

Jack Walker had secured two film showing the District Kiwanis Convention at Bigwin Inn this summer, and these films were effectively presented by "Chip" Ball. The pictures showed many local and international Kiwanis celebrities and were much appreciated and enjoyed.

There was general regret at the fact that for the first time in five years W. H. Wilson ("Scotty") was missing from the Kiwanis meeting. A couple of meetings previously it was discovered that up to that time "Scotty" had a hundred per cent. attendance record for five full years,—a record not equaled by any other member of the club. Monday this week he was absent for the first time in five years, but it was because he was unable to leave his bed. Saturday evening, while fancy skating at the rink he fell and landing on his hip suffered injuries that confined him to his bed. All Kiwanis and others will wish him a sure and speedy recovery.

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