

Town Council Decides to Secure New Chief of Police

"Majority of Council Dissatisfied With Conditions in Town," Says Mayor in Response to Request from Chief McLaughlan. Deputy Chief Given Notice by Chief to Take Effect March 1st. New Man Appointed Temporarily to Force. Constable Moore Acting Chief. Council Considers Situation in Committee. Mayor Gives Casting Vote in Council.

During the past ten days or so there have been several changes on the police force in town, the situation culminating on Monday in the formal request by resolution in council for the resignation of Chief McLaughlan, after the whole matter had been thoroughly thrashed out at a lengthy meeting of the council as a committee of the whole.

The first recent change was indicated several days ago when Chief McLaughlan gave Deputy Chief Wyman Orr a letter notifying him that his services would not be required after March 1st. This contemplated change was followed last week by the sudden death of Constable McCord after a couple of days' illness. Later last week Leo Leblanc was appointed a constable, in this regard Chief McLaughlan explaining to council on Monday, being made on the recommendation of the chairman of the police committee and the appointment being for a month on probation.

The whole council sat Monday afternoon as a committee to deal with the situation, it being considered that all concerned should have a fair hearing in the matter, but that public welfare and the morale of the police force would not be advantaged by having the meeting of the committee a public one. Chief McLaughlan and Deputy Chief Orr were both before the committee. While the council meeting was in progress later in the afternoon, Chief McLaughlan brought the matter up. The chief said that he had been asked for his resignation and he requested that definite reasons for this should be given. "I haven't heard any general kick from the public," he said, adding that the town compared favourably with other towns in its order and policing. In regard to charges that members of the police force had been intoxicated, he suggested that this was much overdrawn. In one case where this charge had been brought to his attention he had investigated and other men on the force had told him the accused man had been ill not drunk. He said the record of the town for law and order was good, better than most towns. "I have been here four years, and I want to know how I have been delinquent."

Mayor Drew said the council had carefully considered the whole matter from all sides at their special session, and the majority of the council were dissatisfied with the conditions in town so far as the police department was concerned. There had been a number of complaints as Chief McLaughlan knew, council having drawn his attention to them on several occasions. The chief asked why these complaints were not made to him. As to the blind pigs, he said he had sent all the big blindpiggers to jail. He knew that there were always people who objected to the police, but these were probably not so many as they appeared. He said the town was free from drunkenness, to which the mayor replied that he saw quite a few drunks around. The chief said there were not nearly as many blind pigs here as in Cochrane for instance. In regard to employees drinking he asked if they were discharged for this on other departments. He again asked for a reason for the attitude of the council.

Mayor Drew said that it was the opinion of the whole council that conditions were not right. He said that fault was found because the police department was money-making concern. Council decided to conduct the department conducted on the revenue-making principle, but to keep good law and order and to serve the people. At the same time he mentioned a municipality near Toronto where the revenue exceeded the costs of the department, thought this was perhaps due to fines for speeding, etc. The department

here, however, seemed to cost too much for the service obtained. Councillor Richardson said that the chief's services were not satisfactory, and no other reason seemed necessary. The question had been fully dealt with by the council and he saw no good purpose to be achieved by further discussion in public.

During the discussion several references were made to the letter sent to Deputy Chief Orr by Chief McLaughlan and Councillor Morrison wanted to know why the chief had made certain suggestions in that letter. Councillor Morrison also thought that the reasons given in the letter were not the ones really actuating the chief in the matter. Chief McLaughlan said that he had spent long years in the secret service and had ways of securing information.

Chief McLaughlan referred to the deputy chief as sulking on occasion, refusing to speak to members of the force when displeased. The deputy chief's complaint about one of the men being drunk on duty and in charge of a car had not reached him for twenty-four hours. He said that if the deputy chief had thought the man intoxicated in charge of a car it was his duty to arrest the offender and report immediately, which he had not done.

Councillor Morrison said that the only real accusation against the deputy chief was that he had mislaid or lost a couple of search warrants and that no complaint had been made about this at the time. On motion of Councillors Richardson and Honey it was decided to ask for the resignation of Chief McLaughlan to take effect immediately, a month's salary to be given in lieu of notice. Councillors Richardson, Honey and Morrison voted for the motion, and Councillors Caron, Chenier and Chateaufort against. Casting his own vote in favour Mayor Drew declared the motion carried.

Mr. McLaughlan said that being on a monthly basis he should be given notice as from March 1st, to which the mayor replied that there would be little chance of quarrel about that. Councillors Chateaufort said that he thought the one case had been in the open as it were, and the other should be also, to which the mayor replied that both cases had been fully considered by council and treated on the same basis.

Mayor Drew referred to the appointment of Constable Leblanc, of which he knew nothing until after it had been done. Chief McLaughlan said the appointment was made with the approval of the chairman of the committee and Councillor Chenier supported this. The mayor thought this not right, as there had been a number of other applications not considered at all. "I was engaged on the direct understanding that I had the power to hire and fire," said the chief. "It was made very plain last year after a similar engagement of a police officer that as long as I am mayor I intend to be acquainted with such matters," replied the mayor. The mayor asked the chief if the newly-appointed man had not been in court recently for breach of the law, to which the chief replied that he had heard so after the appointment, but no real crime had been concerned, the offence being the alleged possession of moose meat illegally. The chief also pointed out that the appointment was a temporary one, the new man being on trial for a month. The mayor replied that the appointment in any case was an injustice to all other applicants.

Council decided to advertise in Toronto and local papers for a chief of police. Constable E. Moore being appointed to act as chief until the new appointment is made.

Free But Troublesome



MAHATMA GANDHI

Leader of the Indian Nationalists, who has been cooling his heels in the jail at Poona since last May, has been released to confer with his colleagues on the matter of the result of the Indian Round Table Conference. Already Gandhi has shown that he does not think much of Britain's generous offer and predicts he will be back in jail in two months.

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS AT UNITED CHURCH, TIMMINS

Addresses by Rev. Bruce Millar on Sunday of Special Interest, Anniversary Supper Given by Ladies Aid Proves Notable Feature as Usual.

The anniversary events in connection with the United Church, Timmins, this week proved of much interest and attracted much attention.

On Sunday the special anniversary services were conducted by Rev. Bruce Millar and proved unusually pleasing and attractive. On Sunday morning Rev. Bruce Millar, the minister in charge of the church, preached a particularly interesting and inspiring sermon. He dealt at some length with the history of the church in Timmins, its humble beginnings, its early struggles and the progress that had followed the loyalty and devotion of its faithful members. From the very interesting and informative account he gave of the story of the church he drew the lessons that could be learned and pointed the inspirations for the future.

The special feature for Wednesday evening of this week was the anniversary turkey supper given by the Ladies' Aid. As usual this supper was largely attended, and as usual it fully deserved the largest attendance and was a pleasing success from every standpoint. All who attended this happy annual event were delighted with the elegant repast provided by the ladies and the splendid service given.

ILLUSTRATED ADDRESS ON TRIP ACROSS DOMINION

Kiwanis Club Much Interested in Excellent Series of Slides Shown by Capt. Ford. Many Scenes from the North Land Included.

The special feature at the Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday of this week was the illustrated address by Capt. Ford, of the Salvation Army, on "A Trip Across Canada." Capt. Ford has a large number of unusually attractive lantern slides illustrating a tour of Canada from coast to coast, and his explanatory remarks added very materially to the interest and helpfulness of the pictures. The members of the club found the tour across Canada under the skillful direction of Capt. Ford one of marked attraction and most useful information. From New Brunswick and Nova Scotia he literally pictured by word and lantern slides the beauty spots and centres of interest in the Maritimes, the famous Gaspe area of Quebec, Ontario, the West and through to British Columbia. The views of the North Land were of course of special interest, particularly those of Temagami and Rouyn, while the pictures of the Flin-Flon area and the winter scenes at Jasper Park were of special attraction. The pictures were out of the usual stereotyped ruts and Capt. Ford kept interest in each and every one of them.

The visitors for the day included Messrs C. A. Byam, and J. Beman, members of the New Liskeard club. Vincent Woodbury, who has just returned from attending the convention of the District Trustees at Toronto, followed by a visit to the United States, was welcomed back to the family circle of the club, and promised a report in full of the convention at next week's meeting.

President J. R. Walker occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance with many matters of interest and helpfulness before the gathering.

Friends are pleased to see J. D. Brady able to be out again after his recent illness.

Kiwanees' Valentine Dance Very Successful Event

The dance held last night in the McIntyre Recreation hall, Schumacher, was another of the successful events of this nature this season.

The event was held by the Kiwanees, and the good attendance, and excellent time each and all had is a splendid tribute to the ladies of this club.

An excellent luncheon was served during the evening, and this and the good music furnished by Tommy Stevens' orchestra were contributing factors to the success of the first of the Kiwanees dances held this year.

A number of feature dances, in which prizes were awarded were held during the evening, and it was a tired crowd who departed for their respective homes near four o'clock this morning.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES PLEASE CROWDED HOUSES

Events Last Week in Connection With Timmins High and Technical Schools Delight All. Unusually Attractive and Plesing Programme Each Evening

For years past the commencement exercises of the Timmins High and Technical Schools have drawn large houses and the programmes have been much enjoyed. On Thursday and Friday evenings of last week the annual event proved even more popular and meritorious than usual. Each night the auditorium of the school was crowded to capacity and all were delighted with the remarkably fine programmes presented. There was a complete change of programme for each of the two nights and there was not an item on the long list of numbers that did not win special approval and favourable comment for teachers and pupils alike. It has been customary to charge an admission fee for the commencement exercises, but this year this fee was abolished and simply a collection box left at the door so that any who might desire to contribute for the benefit of the fund for students' purposes might do so. The collections thus given last week totalled close to sixty dollars. As the students are planning to present plays this year and funds are necessary for costumes, equipment, etc., the donations at the door will prove specially helpful.

At Thursday evening's event the chairman was D. Ostrosser, for many years a member of the High School board, who introduced the programme for the evening in fitting manner. Principal S. E. Henry also made a brief address that was helpful to the students and the others present. Two plays, one in English and one in French, featured the evening. The students presented these with notable talent and the plays were greatly enjoyed. Those in the cast of "Brothers-in-Arms" were Grant Barron, Mary Williams, Ray Wallingford, R. E. Hoar, and the cast for "La Pharmacie" included—Emile Clement, Claude Lejambé, William Shields, Roger Dupuis, Lorraine Charbon, The violin solos by David Horwitz and William Shub were remarkably fine numbers. Miss Vera Charbonneau was the accompanist at the piano in each case. Another special feature that was much enjoyed and appreciated was the gymnastics display by Second Form girls. The presentation of departmental certificates to successful students at the June, 1930 examinations was duly made by Mr. Ostrosser.

Thos. Blackman presided effectively for the event on Friday evening and opened the proceedings with an interesting talk on school affairs. Again, a play by the students added very materially to the interest and pleasure of the occasion. Each member of the cast gave a very effective presentation of the role taken and the play itself was of much interest. The cast of this play, "The Dear Departed," included—Beatrice Dowzer, Jennie Hill, Robert Collins, Donald McLaughlan, Francis Woodbury.

Friday night's event was also featured by outstanding violin selections by William Shub and David Horwitz, with Vera Charbonneau playing the piano accompaniments.

The brief address by S. E. Henry, principal of the school, was a specially helpful feature of the evening.

The dancing by Rose Zarriski, Rachel Vitassari and Nellie Stachow won the very heartiest of well merited applause.

Boys' gymnastics by boys of the High and Vocational Schools added very much to the interest of the evening and lent further novelty and variety to the evening.

Musical selections of particular interest and merit marked the progress of the programme.

On the second night presentation was made of the medals and athletic prizes. Owing to the unavoidable absence of J. P. Burke the presentation was made by J. D. MacLean, another member of the Vocational School board.

The programme each evening was concluded by the singing of "God Save the King."

There were no less than three airships in town at one time this week, all making landings and take-offs at Gilles Lake and Pearl Lake, Timmins is having visions of being an airship centre in the near future as a consequence.

MILLER LAKE TO BE SCENE OF THE ANNUAL DOG RACES

Main Race to Start and Finish on Miller Lake and Travelling Back Road to West Dome Lake and Return. Other Features of Event.

As noted in The Advance last week the arrangements for the annual Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival are now under way and it has been decided to hold the event on Wednesday, Feb. 25th.

The main race will start and finish on Miller Lake (more generally termed the Cyanide), across from the T. & N. O. station. The race will travel the back road to the West Dome Lake and return, according to the plans announced last week. This is a change of course from previous years when the dog teams went to South Porcupine by the back road and returned by the highway, starting and finishing at the corner of Pine street and Third avenue. The new course will have the advantage that it will have less general travel to interfere with the dogs.

The freight race course is also to be changed this year. Instead of to Schumacher and return it will be three times around Miller. The advantage expected from this change of course is that it will allow all the crowd to see all of this race.

The boys' dog team races will also be run completely on Miller Lake, the various lengths desired being secured by the number of times around the course. The committee in charge of the dog race this year intends to have a course kept open on the lake for the various events.

Conditions and prizes are understood to be about the same as last year. This year the committee announce that outside competitors will be very welcome.

In addition to the main dog race, usually termed the Porcupine Dog Race, and the freight race for dog teams, there will be ski races in the afternoon and a carnival at night on Feb. 25th.

IROQUOIS FALLS ADDS ONE MORE TO HOCKEY VICTORIES

Timmins Lost Monday's Game 3 to 1. McKinnon Only Timmins Lad to Score. Falls Now Ahead on the Second Half Standing.

Once again the Iroquois Falls team trimmed Timmins. This time it was 3 goals to 1. There was a good crowd from Timmins going over on the hockey special for the match at Iroquois Falls arena on Monday evening of this week. Both teams stepped on the ice minus their regular left-wing men. Spence, of Timmins, was laid up with a broken nose, while Bennett, of the Falls aggregation was off the game for a similar reason.

Although the first period opened up with slow hockey, Wimperis scored for the Falls after twelve minutes of play and the score ended that way for the period. Hodnett played another great game in goal for Timmins, having stopped 17 shots in the first period, as against 8 stopped by Powers.

Both teams played brilliant hockey in the second period. Walsh, on a nice individual effort scored for the Falls, after 19 minutes of play. He drew Hodnett out of goal, and although he lost his balance he shot a fast one into the centre of the net. The combined efforts of Arundel, Auger and McKinnon were shattered each time by the stellar work of the Porter boys on defence for the Falls. When the second period ended the score stood 2 to nil.

In the third frame Arundel passed to "Spider" McKinnon, who tallied the first and only counter for Timmins, while Pender scored another for the Papermakers in the final minutes of the game.

The teams lined up as follows:— Timmins—goal, Hodnett; defence, Krupka and Hackett; centre, McKinnon; wings, Auger and Arundel; subs, Rice, Boyd and Richer. Iroquois Falls—goal, Powers; defence, Porter brothers; centre, Wimperis; wings, Smith and Pender; subs, Cybulski, Fraser and Walsh. Referee—J. Jamieson, South Porcupine.

First period—Wimperis, Iroquois Falls. Penalties—Cybulski, Arundel, Krupka. Second period—Walsh, Iroquois Falls. Penalties—Hackett, Pender, Richer, Fraser. Third period—McKinnon (Arundel); Pender (Wimperis.)

Associated Boards to Meet at Liskeard Feb. 16

This morning, too late for use in this issue The Advance received a circular re Associated Boards annual meeting at New Liskeard next Monday and Tuesday. This is the first official notice received here. The circular was dated Feb. 6th, but post-marked at Englehart Feb. 11th, yesterday. There seems to be room for "compromise" in such notice to the press.

Extension of Time Asked for Inaugurating Pasteurization

Dairies Petition to be Allowed Until July 1st to Install Plants on Account of Frost in Ground. Abuse of Market Privileges Discussed. Matter to be Considered by Representatives of Merchants and Committee of Council. Other Matter Before Council.

At the regular meeting of the town council on Monday afternoon the chief questions discussed were:—police affairs; the proposal to extend the time for the pasteurization of all milk sold in town from the date first selected, May 1st, to July 1st, on account of the fact that the earlier date would not allow time for the necessary building operations as the frost would scarcely be out of the ground; the question of the abuse of market privileges, and the effect of this upon local merchants and the town health. Reference is made in another column to the discussion on police affairs.

At Monday's meeting the whole council was present, Mayor Geo. S. Drew being in the chair and Councillors Alfred Caron, Dr. Honey, R. Richardson, J. T. Chenier, J. E. H. Chateaufort and J. Morrison present. The council chamber was crowded, many being present with the idea that there were special matters of interest to come forward. In view of the fact that council had previously met for a couple of hours to discuss police matters in committee, there was as much discussion at the council as some had looked for but there was considerable interest nevertheless in the public discussion at the council meeting.

A letter was received from the St. John Ambulance Brigade asking the assistance of the council in the cost of fixing up the brigade's new quarters on Third avenue. The medical depot was now fully established, and it was felt by the S.J.A.B. that financial assistance would be warranted in view of the public service given by the brigade. G. A. Gibson, the secretary, pointed out that the organization had dealt with 270 cases on public duty during the past year and 150 cases on private duty. The record of the S.J.A.B. merited consideration. Council will learn further facts about the new quarters and see what can be done.

An application for a place on the police force with reference and details was received from B. Tovey, and filed for later consideration.

A letter was read from F. Johnson asking the council to publish the disposition made of the fees for the issuing of motor licenses during the time that work was done by the town chief of police. Mayor Drew said that he was sure that proper returns had been made to the department at Toronto.

The Salvation Army asked permission to hold their annual tag day on May 14th, and permission was duly granted.

A petition signed by eight dairymen asked council to extend the time from May 1st to July 1st for the compulsory pasteurization of all milk sold in town. The necessary building operations could not be conveniently carried out at the earlier date on account of frost in the ground. The council felt the request was reasonable and the time will be extended as suggested if this is approved by the Medical Health Officer.

A petition signed by 22 local grocery and provision merchants asked council to deal with the sale of meat at the Timmins public market. It was pointed out that instead of the meat being brought in for sale by bona fide settlers and farmers the stalls were being used by jobbers, which was unfair to the merchants who were heavy tax-payers. The meat also was not subject to the proper inspection and some of it was unfit for use and might constitute a danger to health. The purpose of the meat market had apparently failed and the middleman selling meat at the market should be required to pay taxes or transient traders' licenses. S. C. Platus addressed council on behalf of the petition. He made it clearly evident that the present plan at the market was unfair to the merchants who were heavy tax-payers. The cattle were not subjected to sanitary inspection and the meat might be tubercular or otherwise dangerous to the public health. It would be poor economy to try to save a cent or two in the purchase of meat and take the chance of an epidemic. Under the present plan it was not the settlers or farmers of the immediate district who were being benefited but middlemen who bought up cattle throughout the country and followed the markets here and at other points. To assist farmers as far away as Ramore was of no benefit to the town. He named those selling meat at the market and showed that most of them were not bona fide settlers or farmers but bought the meat they sold. Two of them he said ran a confectionery store in Schumacher. Others were simply jobbers. The methods used were not favourable to the guarding of the public health, and were certainly unfair to the local tax-paying merchants. He asked the council to name a committee to meet a committee of two of the merchants and decide upon a fair and safe policy for the market.

Councillor Chenier denied the suggestion by Mr. Platus that there was only one bona fide settler selling meat at the market. He knew of three. He was in favour of giving the settlers a chance. The intention had been to help the settler in this matter. The meat was all bought from the farmers.

Councillor Caron pointed out that it would not always be possible for each farmer to sell meat at the market. Councillor Richardson said it did not seem fair that middlemen should go around buying up meat to sell on the market in competition with merchants paying taxes.

"They have to buy from the farmers, anyway," said a settler in the hall. Councillor Richardson said that what he objected to was the idea of the middleman using the market without paying a transient traders' license or anything else.

Council decided to have Councillors Chateaufort, Chenier and Morrison take up the question with representatives of the merchants and report at next meeting.

Some questions in regard to back taxes will be taken up at a special meeting to be called for the purpose. Mr. Roy appeared before council again in regard to the decided nuisance caused by soot from the steam baths near his residence. He had lived at his present home for 16 years, and did not think he should be forced to sell out and move to escape the injury caused by the smoke nuisance.

The remedy he suggested was the passing of a smoke and soot by-law. Councillor Morrison, Fire Chief Borland and Town Engineer MacLean told about investigating the case and finding that Mr. Roy was suffering from a nuisance all right. The owner of the baths had promised to try hard coal. This had been found unsuitable and he now promised to try wood. It was thought that a mechanical stoker or other device might remedy the situation. Mr. Roy said the owner of the baths had told him that the town had given him a permit to build and he felt he didn't care. Mayor Drew said the smoke was a nuisance all right. The use of wood might stop it. The board of works and Mr. MacLean are to go into the matter further.

The usual by-law was passed for the borrowing of money from the bank until the year's taxes come in. The limit was set by the by-law at \$350,000. "That does not mean that we will borrow that much," said the mayor. "The amount mentioned is \$50,000.00 less than the limit set last year," commented Councillor Richardson.

The mayor said it was pleasant to announce that the interest rate at the bank had been reduced from 6 1/2 per cent to six per cent. It would mean a noteworthy saving to the town in interest charges. Councillor Richardson, chairman of the finance committee, explained that he had been endeavouring for the past two months to secure this advantage from the bank.

Mayor Drew referred to the splendid condition of the town milk as shown by the reports of the analysis made of the samples sent in by the sanitary inspector. The milk sold in town was certainly in good condition, even without pasteurization.

A by-law was duly passed, providing for the purchase by the town of the interest of the township of Tisdale in the incinerator now used only by the town. The first cost to the township had been around \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00. Timmins is to purchase it at \$3000.00, payments spread over two years, without interest.

Business taxes were written off in a number of cases where the persons assessed had left town, or for other cause that made it useless to carry the account.

Councillor Chenier called attention to the case of a woman who had three small pigs, too young for killing. She had been ordered by the sanitary inspector to get rid of them at once. Councillor Chenier enquired if it would not be possible to let the woman keep the pigs for a short time until they could be killed. Everything was clean and sanitary around her place and the little pigs did not make any menace in regard to health. The sanitary inspector said that he had received a complaint in another case and had at the same time thought it best to ask the lady in the case referred to dispose of the little pigs at once. The by-law did not allow pigs to be kept at all in town. Councillor Chenier thought it would be well to allow the little pigs to be kept until they could be disposed of in the usual way, so long as they were not a nuisance or danger.

At this stage Chief McLaughlan addressed council for a few minutes and police officers were in the limelight for a time, reference to this being made elsewhere on this page. S. D. Eplett, of New Liskeard, addressed council for a few minutes. (Continued on Page Five)

Boy of Twelve Passes After Brief Illness

Alfred Clermont, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Antheine Clermont, 154 Pine street, north, died on Friday of last week, February 6th, after an illness of only two days. The lad was taken ill with "flu" and pneumonia developed, all efforts to save the boy's life being unavailing. He was popular among the lads of his own age and his death will be deeply regretted while the sympathy of all will go out to the bereaved parents in their loss. The funeral was held on Monday, Feb. 9th to St. Anthony's church and cemetery and was very largely attended, there being a particularly large number of children present, and there being many floral tokens. The number of children present filled the church, the lad having been one of the altar boys at St. Anthony's church.

McINTYRE CURLING CUP COMPETITION IN PROGRESS

Play is still in progress this week in the McIntyre Curling Cup competition at the local curling rink. It is expected that by the end of next week the various group championships will have been decided and everything set for the final.

A challenge has been received from Iroquois Falls for the T. & N. O. Trophy. Two rinks will be over this Saturday night to play, with the possibility of a third rink coming over for a friendly game.

This is the first challenge of the Iroquois Falls club this year for the T. & N. O. trophy. The name of Mrs. Gregson was unavoidably omitted from the report of the Legion social to be found in another column of this issue. Mrs. Gregson sang in the style and was one of the contributing artists on the programme.