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Words of Appreciation at Last Meeting of Council for 1932

Mayor Drew Thanks Councillors for Co-operation and Good Work During This Year. Councillors Appreciative of Mayor and of Each Other. Other Business Dealt with at Monday's Meeting of Town Council.

The regular meeting of the town council on Monday afternoon took up a little time in expressions of friendliness and good wishes between the members of the board. Mayor Geo. S. Drew was in the chair and Councillors A. Caron, Dr. Honey, R. Richardson, P. Dooley and J. Morrison were present.

Mayor Drew took the opportunity to express his deep appreciation of the co-operation shown by all the members of the council and the good work done by each for the interests of the town. It had been a friendly year and as a consequence it was possible with all working together, to achieve more than would have been possible otherwise in these trying times. Mayor Drew in referring to the loyal support given by all the councillors said he regretted very much that Councillor A. Caron, A. P. Dooley and J. T. Cheer would not be with the 1933 council. It was a loss to the town, but no doubt it was a gain to the councillors themselves, in view of the large amount of time they had given so generously to town affairs, often to the injury of their own concerns.

Each of the councillors spoke briefly referring to the pleasant association during the year with the mayor and the other members of council. Each one in turn had kind words to say for all the others. This was a pleasant incident in the final meeting of the Timmins town council and it was the more pleasing because of the fact that the kind words in each and every case were true and well deserved.

In addition to this pleasing feature of the afternoon the council dealt with considerable routine business.

The council will have no further regular meetings this year. The new council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at 11 a.m., to be sworn in and to start the business for 1933.

On Monday afternoon the council had an application from Mrs. M. Shishard in regard to a building permit for the construction of a basement wall under her building at the corner of Fourth avenue and Cedar street. After consideration the application was granted as requested.

Messrs A. R. Harkness and W. C. Jamieson were appointed members of the High School board for a term of three years.

Rev. Bruce Millar was appointed a member of the public library board for a term of three years.

Routine accounts were duly passed for payment.

The sum of $1,000.00 to the treasurer of the public library was passed for payment.

A number of rebates were made in water rates where the water had not been used.

On motion of Councillors R. Richardson and A. Caron the usual honorarium of $1,200.00 was authorized to be paid to the mayor for the year 1932.

By-law No. 422, being a by-law to sub-divide the municipal corporation of the town of Timmins into polling sub-divisions was given its required readings and duly passed. This by-law provides for thirty polling sub-divisions in the town and one for public school supporters only in the union school township. This nearly doubles the former number of polling sub-divisions in town. This is necessary on account of the increasing number of voters. The law requires that not more than 300 voters be in any one polling sub-division and a less number is favoured for the general convenience of the electors. The former sub-division into polling places left some booths crowded, and accordingly the new sub-divisions have been authorized by the new by-law. In voting hereafter, either the plan of establishing polling places in the various sub-divisions will be followed, or else it will be necessary to make use of two schools instead of the one as at present. This latter method seems the better for the public as the accomodation at the schools is better than the average polling booth would be if each sub-division had its own polling booth.

After transacting considerable general and routine business the town council adjourned to the call of the mayor. It is not likely that the council will meet again as a body this year. There will no doubt be meetings of the various committees to handle any matters that may arise in the various departments, but the next meeting of the council of the town of Timmins will likely be the 1933 council in session for the commencement of the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at 11 o'clock, when the new council will be duly sworn in, committees struck for the year and other business carried through to give the 1933 council a good start for the year. On account of Monday being a holiday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday as noted before.

Mrs. Wm. Johnstone Passes Away Friday

Highly-Esteemed Resident of Timmins for Past Nine Years Dies on Dec. 23rd from Heart Trouble.

Many friends will learn with the deepest regret of the death on Friday of last week, Dec. 23rd, of Mrs. Johnstone, 168 Balsam street. Death was due to pneumonia and heart trouble, the late Mrs. Johnstone having been troubled with a heart condition for a year or so past.

The late Mrs. Johnstone was born in Salem, Mass., some 49 years ago but had lived in Canada for about years. She had been an esteemed resident of Timmins for over nine years past and had many friends to whom her death will come as a shock. In addition to the bereaved husband there of thirteen children survive, nine of them being married and living in their own. The following are the sons and daughters surviving:—Fourth avenue; William, Hoyle; A. McMillan, Vimy Road; Harry; Leonard, Vernon, Harold; Agnes, Ona, Reginald, Garnet; Doris, Timmins.

The funeral took place on Monday, Dec. 26th, service being conducted at the family home on Balsam street by Rev. Bruce Millar. There was a large attendance at the funeral and the many beautiful floral tributes expressed in some measure the regret at the death and the sympathy with the bereaved. Among the floral tributes were tributes from: Star Theatre staff, Express Co. staff, Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lambury, Miss Jean Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. D. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. McMillan, Mrs. E. Colbourne and Family, Hollinger Mines Hoistmen, Miss David (Cochrane), Roy Family (Porcupine), Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wright (Schumacher), Eaton's staff, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Dad and Family. Interment was made at the Timmins cemetery.

COBALT MINES HOSPITAL TO SURRENDER CHARTER

Notice appears in the Ontario Gazette that, under the provisions of the Ontario Companies Act the Cobalt Mines Hospital, Limited, incorporated by letters patent, dated December 4th, will make application to the lieutenant-governor for acceptance of the surrender of its charter on and after a date to be fixed by the lieutenant-governor.

Mercy Slayer

ROBERT JONAH

Because he could no longer bear to see her suffer from an incurable disease, Robert Jonah (above) killed his foster-mother. Then, deciding that his 58-year-old foster father would suffer mental anguish at the loss of his wife, Robert killed him too, after which he attempted to commit suicide.

ILLUMINATED CHRISTMAS TREES ADD TO HAPPINESS

The practice of having an illuminated Christmas tree on the front lawn is one that adds to the attractiveness and pleasure of the happy season. In cases where the expense can be met without inconvenience it is certainly a pleasing feature and helps to brighten the town and give it a particularly happy Christmas appearance, pleasing passersby as well as those who have it erected. In the North this year the illuminated Christmas tree on the front lawn has been popular. There were several of them in Kirkland Lake this year. Swastika had a community tree illuminated on the public square. Timmins had a number of illuminated Christmas trees. In one block alone there were three in a row on a street in the southwest part of the town.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF VICTORIAN ORDER NURSES

The regular monthly meeting of the Timmins branch of the V. O. N. will be held on Tuesday evening next, January 3rd in the clinic, Fourth avenue. All interested in the work are asked to attend this meeting.

King's Address Heard in the Dominions Overseas

A cable from London, England, this week says that the British Broadcasting Company announced this week a check up showed the King's radio address on Christmas day was clearly audible in Canada, South Africa and Australia.

In New Zealand only the words "I am speaking from my home" were very clear and in India reception was not very satisfactory.

In South Africa the entire speech was as clear as a local broadcast and the country was deeply stirred by the message. Reports from Sydney, N.S.W., said reception was very good in Australia.

To this it may be added that large numbers in Timmins were greatly disappointed because they were unable to get the King's Christmas address on their radios. Reception here was generally considered as worse than poor. The matter has greatly increased the demand for a broadcasting station to serve the North Land so that British and Canadian features may be received in this North by radio owners. There is on the part of many a feeling that the drowning out by some of the powerful United States stations of less powerful ones on this side of the line should be dealt with. Canadian radio fans are inclined to resent the idea that the United States takes the attitude of graciously allowing Canada the use of certain wave lengths, but that after all the generous permission for the free use by Canadians of the Canadian air, the dice are so loaded that the radio fan feels he has not a fair chance for his money.

Sad Death of Fred Orr on Wednesday

Young Man Just Past Twenty and Married Only a Few Months, Dies After Operation for Appendicitis.

News of the death of Fred Orr on Wednesday of this week comes as a shock to wide circles of friends and acquaintances in the town and district. He had been ill only three weeks, first having an attack of the prevalent "flu" and as he recovered from this it was found that an operation for appendicitis was necessary. The operation was successfully carried through on Wednesday of this week, but complications set in and he passed away shortly before five o'clock last night.

At the time of death the late Fred Orr was only twenty years of age. His death has added sadness from the fact that he was married only a few months ago, and passed away at the opening of a bright young manhood leaving behind a young widow in addition to the bereaved family and the hosts of friends he had made in the town and district.

Born in Haileybury, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyman W. Orr, Fred came to Timmins to reside some twelve years ago. He grew to young manhood here and his sunny disposition, his cheerful and friendly ways made him a general favourite with wide circles. As a boy he was on the staff of The Advance as one of the newspaper delivery lads for some years and he was valued for the good service given. He was prominent some years ago in Trail Ranger and Tuxis activities. He was educated in the Timmins public, high and technical schools, and was generally considered as a real North Land lad, bright, reliable and resourceful. In recent years he has occupied various clerical and other positions in town.

The late Fred Orr is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wyman W. Orr, of Timmins, by his young widow, formerly Miss Jean Esson, and by three brothers, Eldridge, Weldon and Arthur. To these and to the other near relatives and friends the most sincere sympathy will go out in their sad and sudden loss.

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 31st, leaving the family residence, 61½ Wilson avenue and service being held at the United Church at 2.30 p.m.

Theatres Treat Patrons During Christmas Week

In addition to good programmes at both the New Empire and Goldfields theatres last week, there was a special Christmas treat for all attending the shows on Friday and Saturday. Following the usual generous Christmas custom both theatres gave a pound box of candy to each adult attending the shows on Friday and Saturday. There was a special matinee for the children at 12.30 on Saturday and each youngster attending received a free chocolate bar with wishes for a merry Christmas. As usual the children of the Shelter were the guests of the Goldfields theatre for the Christmas programme on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lafary, of Englehart, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Church, Balsam street, south.

Head Needle Filler

MR. X

Mr. X, the head needle-filler at the laboratories of a famous British firm of radium specialists, works only three months and then has three months' holiday. He has a dangerous job and a responsible one. He receives radium in the form of salt and packs it into tiny needles, and in this way is in the unique position of holding life and death in his hands at one and the same time. Mr. X works with his hands in a case heavily lined with lead while working with the deady yet healing power of radium—if the precious material is not packed evenly in the needle some unknown person will suffer for his error. What a job!

ACKNOWLEDGING DONATION TO VICTORIAN ORDER NURSES

The Timmins branch of the V. O. N. acknowledges with thanks and appreciation a donation of $25.00 from the Royal Arch Masons, Timmins Chapter.

Annual Meeting Friday Evening of Curling Club

As noted in The Advance last week the annual general meeting of the Timmins Curling Club, Limited will be held at the curling club to-morrow evening (Friday), Dec. 30th at 7.30 p.m. All members of the club should attend or send proxies. The chief business before the annual general meeting will be the receiving of reports for the past year and the election of the officers for the ensuing year. The Timmins Curling Club had a very successful season in the year just closing and look forward with confidence to similar success and pleasure in the coming season.

Father and Son Day at the Kiwanis Club

Music a Feature of the Occasion. Annual Event Again a Happy Success. Directors' Meeting After the Regular Session.

On account of Monday of this week being a holiday the regular weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club was held on Tuesday. It was Father and Son Day and this annual event as usual proved unusually pleasing and interesting. The event was featured by community singing and other music, Rev. Bruce Millar very effectively acting as musical director for the occasion. The idea of the Kiwanis Father and Son event is for every member of the club to bring along his son, or his father, or both, and in case this is not convenient, to bring along somebody else's son as the guest of the member for the day. The boys present all enjoyed the occasion to the limit and the members were likewise happy. There were short addresses to the boys by P. T. Moisley, Dr. Lee Honey and Rev. Bruce Millar. A special feature of the day, and one that won very sincere applause, was the responding address of Claude Desaulnier's five-year-old son. The little fellow was placed on a chair, where he could be seen, and then he made himself heard in very capable and pleasing way, his voice being clear and distinct and his short address being cleverly delivered.

Dr. H. H. Moore was in the chair as president for the last meeting this year, his term of office expiring with the end of the present year.

Rev. Bruce Millar gave a report on the progress made by the committee dealing with the plan of the Timmins Relief Fund under which it is hoped to have all men in steady employment contribute a day's pay for the helping of those in need in town. The plan seems to be meeting with very general endorsation. The committee had been unable to meet together last week on account of the prevalent cases of "flu", but prospects are the best possible now to carry out the plan effectively and helpfully for the citizens of Timmins.

After the regular session of the Kiwanis Club, the directors held a meeting to discuss affairs of the club.

MEN OF GOLF CLUB TO HOLD DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

Invitations have been issued by the men of the Timmins Golf Club for a dance to be held in the McIntyre Recreation hall on Friday evening of this week, Dec. 30th. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. on. There will be the best of music and a pleasant evening assured for all attending.

Rain Falls Christmas Eve in This North Land

Timmins had a rather rare occurrence on the Christmas Eve just past when a heavy rain fell for two or three hours. The rain commenced about 5 p.m. Christmas Eve and continued in showers the greater part of the evening. It is not often that there is rain at Christmas time in Timmins, but there was considerable of it Saturday night. The experience of Timmins was fairly general throughout the North. Most of the snow was taken away by the warm rain and rivers and lakes that had been frozen over were no longer available for skating. The rain Saturday night proved a considerable handicap to business. There had been a splendid trade at practically every store until the advent of the rain. Then all who could do so remained comfortably at home. Of course, those who braved the weather, were actually out for buying not for window shopping. Later in the evening the rain ceased. If the rain proved bad for business, it was favourable to the prevalent "flu", many cases developing over the holiday and in several cases whole families being laid up by the disease. Better weather this week will no doubt help to decrease the number of new cases.

Suing Town for the Recovery of $26.28

J. P. Bartleman Enters Suit Against Town for Taxes Claimed to be Paid on Property Not Owned

Some days ago Mayor Geo. S. Drew received formal notice that suit had been entered by J. P. Bartleman for the recovery from the town of $21.98 and costs, the total being $26.28, aside from any court costs that may arise further. Mr. Bartleman claims that the money was paid by him in taxes for property that he does not own. He also alleges that he received no notice of assessment for this lot charged against him and that as a consequence he had no opportunity to appeal the assessment. Mr. Bartleman shortly after the municipal nominations presented his side of the case to the council. When he went to qualify as a candidate for the town council he found that he was not allowed to qualify because he owed four cents to the town on the year's taxes and so was in arrears of taxes and under the provisions of the law was not eligible as a candidate. Mr. Bartleman told the council that on looking into the matter he found that instead of owing the town four cents, the town really was overpaid as he had included in his payment of taxes the amount charged for a lot for which he had received no assessment notice and which he did not own.

The town's side of the case is that for Mr. Bartleman's convenience he is given each year a list of the properties for which he is assessed, with the amount of assessment on each lot shown. On this list the lot in dispute did not appear as it was not known at the time of making up this list that the lot in question was owned by Mr. Bartleman. Later, however, a letter from the Crown Lands Dept. gave the lot in question as passing from the ownership of the Crown and being sold to Mr. Bartleman. Accordingly, the lot was transferred from the assessment to the Crown to appear as the property of Mr. Bartleman. The town holds that Mr. Bartleman was given a separate assessment notice indicating that this lot was assessed to him, and that he did not appeal and that as a consequence the town had every reason to believe that he was the owner of the lot concerned, and still believes that he was the owner when the assessment was made.

The town has retained G. H. Gauthier to look after the municipality's interests in the case. It is not known when the case will come before Judge Caron, but the outcome of the suit will be watched with much interest. There are some who believes that in case the decision is in favour of the plaintiff, it will mean the upsetting of the recent municipal election, because they figure that if Mr. Bartleman is credited with paying more than he was entitled to do then his taxes were overpaid and not in any arrears, so that he was entitled to be a candidate at the election referred to. On the other hand, others are of the opinion that even if a clerical error were shown in this case, this fact would not invalidate the election in itself. In the meantime the town officials are confident that Mr. Bartleman was not unfairly used and that throughout he was given all the consideration that is required, and that the law was carefully and fully followed throughout and that as a consequence the position of the town can not be assailed successfully.

Miss S. Burke, R.N., left on Wednesday for a month's holidays at her home in Ottawa.

Organization Completed for Timmins Relief Fund Plan

Permanent Chairman and Secretary Appointed. Representatives Appointed from Hollinger Mine to Committee. Town Relief Officer to Have Charge of all Relief with Assistance of Committee. Thorough Investigation in All Cases. Active Canvass Under Way for Worthy Cause.

Owing to the holiday season and particularly to the prevalence of the flu during the past few days, the work of the Timmins Relief Fund Committee has been somewhat handicapped. However, the town relief resources are ample to look after all the cases to date, and organization is now complete to assure the active co-operation of the Timmins Relief Fund Committee immediately and the inception of the proposed fund to augment the relief work of the municipality. So far as possible the Timmins Relief Fund will continue the plan of the town to date to give employment rather than direct relief. All cases will have the most careful and thorough investigation. Emphasis is also made of the fact that only bona fide residents of the town will benefit from the Timmins Relief Fund, so that those in steady employment who contribute to the fund will be sure that their donations are actually going to the assistance in the best possible way of their less fortunate fellow citizens.

On Wednesday afternoon of this week the Committee of the Timmins Relief Fund held a meeting in the Empire hotel to complete organization and to get the good work well under way.

The first step was the election of Rev. Bruce Millar as permanent chairman and Dr. Lee Honey as secretary.

Rev. Fr. Caufield was elected a member of the committee.

Messrs Wm. King and Len Cousins were appointed as members of the committee as representing the employees at the Hollinger Mine.

It was decided that I. E. Dunn, relief officer for Timmins, will be in charge of all relief with the assistance of the committee and others.

Cards are to be placed in the windows of all business places adopting the Timmins Relief Fund plan, noting the fact that they are 100 per cent. in support of the Fund.

Also cards are to be printed and posted up in the town and at the mine calling attention to the Timmins Relief Fund and briefly explaining just what the proceeds will be used for, especially pointing out that only residents will receive relief and only after the most careful investigation of each case.

Cards will be printed for employees and employees to sign showing the amount they wish to subscribe, and when. A number of the members of the Timmins Kiwanis Club will look after the distribution and collection of these cards among the business places of the town. This work will be carried through on the "man-a-block" system and it will be rushed to completion at the earliest possible date. In this work the co-operation of the public will be very helpful and will greatly expedite matters. From the reception already given the plan by practically all approached it seems evident that the people in general are in favour of it and will give the heartiest support.

To repeat what has been said in previous issues of The Advance, the plan is to provide a fund to augment the resources available for relief, without further burden on the taxpayers, many of whom are themselves out of employment or otherwise handicapped by the conditions of the day. The plan is to have each and every man in steady employment contribute one day's pay to help his less fortunate fellow citizens. Any who desire to give more than the one day's pay are welcome indeed to do so, while those who may feel that the paying of one day's pay at the one time may prove a burden can arrange with their employers to have the amount spread over two or more pays.

There is no doubt about the need for the fund before this winter is over. There will be enough cases of real need to be attended to from present indications. Not only will families be in need of food and shelter, but the necessity for clothing, boots, etc., is very evident. The people of Timmins will not wish to have this need go uncared-for. The town has been doing all it can well do, and further burden can scarcely be considered practical. The Timmins Relief Fund is designed to fill the breach, without undue hardship to any. It is not likely that any in steady employment will begrudge a day's pay to help the less fortunate. From the reception already given from many quarters to the plan it is proving popular and the probabilities are all to the effect that the fund will be raised to meet the need of the coming months.

There seems to be a general opinion that the employees of the Hollinger Mine will do their part. The mine itself has made the offer that it will put up dollar for dollar for all donated by the men. Down town the business places are falling into line as a hundred per cent. with the plan. Already a large number of firms have reported themselves and their employees as in favour of the plan and ready to carry it out to success.

A cordial welcome should be given to the canvassers who will come in a few days with the cards for employees and employers to sign to show what they are ready to do.

With the completion of the holiday season there will be opportunity for all to speed up the successful completion of the drive to raise the Timmins Relief Fund, donated by those in steady employment for the aid of those less fortunate. In this good work all can do their share and assist in making the plan the success it ought to be.

All contributing to the Timmins Relief Fund can rest assured and confident that by this plan there will be the maximum of value from the money expended. All the relief under the fund, as in the case of the present town relief, will be in charge of I. E. Dunn, town relief officer, with the assistance and co-operation of the Timmins Relief Fund Committee. There will be thorough investigation of each and every case. Only residents of Timmins are to be helped, and there is the fullest assurance that every dollar will be expended wisely and well for the relief of the distressed.

Help the Timmins Relief Fund plan! Do your share! You may be certain that practically all others are planning and arranging to do their part in the fairest manner.

Visits King George

RAJAH OF KHALLICOTE

Here is the Rajah of Khallicote, who has reached London, to pay a visit to the King-Emperor. The picture as taken when the Rajah arrived in Victoria Station.

LEAVING COBALT AFTER LONG SERVICE IN THE CAMP

A despatch this week from Cobalt says:—G. A. Cavin, for 10 years secretary of the Temiskaming Mine Managers' Association, and formerly secretary of the Cobalt Mines Hospital, will leave Cobalt on the first of the year to join a Toronto firm. He also was chairman of the Cobalt High School Board.

Firemen Make Over 50 Children Happy

Toys and Novelties Made by Firemen Give Large Number of Youngsters a Merry Christmas.

Mention was made last week of the pleasing way in which the Timmins fire department had given a needed helping hand to Santa Claus this year, by repairing a number of toys and making a further number of new ones. It is interesting after Christmas to sum up just what the Firemen accomplished by their good deed in this line. As a matter of fact they provided a happy Christmas for over fifty children who would have otherwise gone shy on toys and novelties for this Christmas. The firemen, who were using their time off duty for the work, intended in the first place to make a few toys for the youngsters at the Shelter, but their good work eventually went far beyond that. The Shelter youngsters were duly remembered with unusually pleasing and substantial toys and novelties but after this there were some twenty-odd toys of special interest and the firemen donated these to families where the youngsters otherwise would have been without toys and other joys of Christmas. Capt. P. Jeffrey and Fireman A. Ayotte were the chief workers in the able work of helping Santa in the toy and novelty line, but they received active help and support from all the other boys at the fire hall. They put in a lot of effort and work and skill, but no doubt feel repaid by the fact that they made over fifty youngsters happy this Christmastide. Needless to say Chief Borland did not fail to help along the completion of the good work and adding to the merry Christmas provided for over fifty youngsters.