

Mines Royalty Tax Discussed at Meeting of Town Council

Councillor Bartleman Says Town May have Lost Money Through Failure to Assess Profits of Mines. Resolution Passed to Send Assessment Notices. Several Relief Cases Before Council. Daylight Saving Suggested. Other Matters at Town Council Meeting Thursday.

At the regular weekly meeting of the town council on Thursday evening last Mayor R. Richardson was in the chair and all the members were present. The crowd of spectators present was smaller than usual, there being few fireworks expected.

The minutes of the last meeting were not passed without some discussion. Councillor Bartleman objected to the adoption of the minutes claiming that a motion had been voted on while he was still on his feet discussing it. This was the motion accepting his resignation from the finance committee. He said it was irregular and contrary to parliamentary procedure. "Did you withdraw from the finance committee?" the mayor asked him twice, but he would not reply to that question. The vote was taken and the minutes duly passed.

A young man presented a letter to the mayor from his father, the latter having received a final notice for payment of taxes. Apparently the man was on relief and so unable to pay his taxes. The mayor explained that in such a case the man would not be pressed for payment now.

A lady who was keeping a family in her house wanted to know why the man could not get relief, and also why she would pay the rent. It appeared that the case of this family had been brought before the relief committee but no action had been taken. Councillor Paquette promised to have the case investigated.

A man claiming that he wasn't getting sufficient relief was referred to the finance committee.

A man who wanted to sell peanuts on the street from a pushcart wanted to know if a license was required for this. No such license had ever been issued here and there seemed to be no by-law covering it. It was pointed out that the man was a local citizen who was crippled and also was the sole supporter of a blind father. His plan was to sell peanuts and potato chips. Councillor Bartleman thought that the pushcart sales might interfere with the stores selling licenses and taxes. The matter was left over for consideration.

When an application was received for the position of town chimney sweep one suggestion was that a by-law be passed requiring all chimneys to be kept clean. A counter suggestion was that fines be imposed in cases where fires started from dirty or defective chimneys. The question was laid over.

A gentleman present asked council what it intended to do in regard to his wife who was in the hospital suffering from cancer. If the woman were sent to Ottawa for radium treatment her life might be prolonged for three or four months, but she wished to remain in Timmins to be near her family. The husband also wished to have her remain here, so the council decided that would be the best thing under the circumstances and so she will stay in the hospital here.

A letter was read from the Government outlining the plan of the "back-to-the-land" settlement plan, under which the two governments and the municipalities shared in the cost of settling suitable men on farms. There is an application from an experienced settler of the town to give him a chance under this plan. The plan was to be discussed further at a special meeting on Monday.

A letter was read from John Gregson resigning his place on the Timmins police force. The letter was referred to the police committee.

In reply to a letter from the council, J. A. Ellis, of the provincial relief department, pointed out that direct relief must be paid by voucher and not by cash or cheque.

Councillor Bartleman reported on his conference with the power company in reference to securing the new commercial rates for lights in town buildings, etc. He said the power company promised to see that the town got the cheapest rate in each case. Councillor Bartleman also thought that the council should enquire from the power company why a 100-watt light cost more than a 200-watt light.

Fees for membership in the Sewerage Association and the Waterworks Association were authorized to be paid.

Mayor Richardson suggested daylight saving time might be adopted here. He mentioned that it was in effect from May to September in some of the towns of the North and seemed to prove a success. The matter was left to the next meeting, general opinion on the question to be secured in the meantime. Councillor Maltais said that it had been tried here before and had not been satisfactory.

Mayor Richardson reported interviewing the Employment Bureau manager in regard to the quoting of low rates for wages for odd jobs. Mr. W. Stewart had called the attention of council to this matter at a previous meeting pointing out that the standard wages maintained by the town should be upheld by the Employment Bureau. Mr. Murphy had told the mayor that people usually stated what they were willing to pay and generally this was

Asks Big Jap Navy



ADMIRAL MINEO OSUMI

Japan's Minister of Marine, who recently announced that because of the passage by the U.S. Senate of the Vinson Navy Bill, designed to bring the U.S. Navy up to treaty strength, Japan must build additional warships. Observers predict a naval race between the world's great powers.

between 35 and 40 cents per hour.

Councillor Bartleman wanted to know why the mines were not assessed for income in accordance with one section of the assessment act. He said that the municipality is entitled to 11 per cent. of the profits of mines within the municipality up to \$35,000.00, and then to 21 per cent. of the profits. He suggested that the town had collected less than this amount each year since 1927 and so the town had lost some \$160,000.00.

Mayor Richardson said that it might be possible for the councils of the past twenty years to be lax on some things, but he didn't think they would all slip up on a thing like this, unless there were some reason.

"It looks as if they've slipped up and slipped up badly," was Councillor Bartleman's retort. He then went on to outline what the councils since 1926 had not done. When Councillor Bartleman completed this part of his talk, the mayor commented that a couple of town halls could be built with all that money.

"We would have a 35-mill rate anyway!" said Councillor Bartleman.

"It doesn't seem to me that the Government would do a municipality out of all that money," commented the mayor.

"You don't know them as well as I do," replied Councillor Bartleman.

Councillor Bartleman wanted the mines placed on the assessment roll for income tax. He urged that they be sent an assessment notice at once. If they cared to appeal to the court of revision they could do so, he argued.

The town clerk pointed out that the assessment roll had already been accepted and could not be added to now.

Councillor Bartleman quoted from the Assessment Act to show that additions could be made to the roll under certain conditions.

Councillor Chateauvert and other councillors thought that if there were any chance of collecting more money this way it would be a good thing. Eventually after changing the motion a couple of times a resolution was drawn up and passed to have the clerk enter immediately in the assessment roll the income assessment for profits on the mines within the municipality and assessment notices be sent at once showing this assessment for profits. The town solicitor was also asked to go into the matter to see if the back amounts could be collected.

Police Force Look Well in Their New Uniforms

This week the members of the Timmins police force received their new uniforms, and they all look very smart in the new dress of the force. The uniforms are blue, with plain blue trousers, without stripes. The uniforms are all numbered in brass figures on the collars. As the numbers run from 19 or 20 on his collar that there are that many men on the force. On account of the fact that the winter wear is still here and the new police overcoats have not arrived, most of the constables are wearing their civilian suits except for appearance in court. The overcoats are expected here almost any day now and when they arrive all the men will be wearing their full uniforms. The new police uniform will be accompanied by the wearing of helmets instead of the usual caps or hats. When the police force has its full equipment it will be impossible to tell a town policeman from one of the Hollinger police unless the constable in question is known.

Pretty Wedding in Town on Friday Morning Last

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Briggs, Friday morning, March 16th, when their only daughter, Evelyn Hilda, was united in marriage to Ralph Purdie Mitten, by the Rev. Bruce Millar. Miss Emma McClure was bridesmaid and Mr. Bill Thomas ably supported the groom. The bride looked charming in a powder blue ensemble, with gray hat. The bridesmaid wore a suit of bernice blue, with blue hat. Both bride and bridesmaid wore shoulder bouquets of roses and lily-of-the-valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitten will reside in Timmins. Both bride and groom have hosts of friends in town and all will join in extending best wishes to them.

Board of Trade and Kiwanis Club Supper

To be Featured by Address by C. W. Wright, of Englehart, a Speaker with Eloquence and a Message, who will Speak on Matters of Special Interest.

Business men and professional men of the town of Timmins and all other thoughtful citizens should reserve Monday evening of next week, March 26th, for the notable event at the Empire hotel, Timmins—the annual banquet of the Timmins board of trade and the local Kiwanis Club. The event will commence at 7 o'clock, and the board of trade and the Kiwanis Club extend a very cordial invitation to all to attend the event. Tickets for the occasion are only one dollar. The tickets may be secured from the secretary of the board of trade or from other members of the board of trade or the Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis Club has on several occasions co-operated with the board of trade in putting on specially good meetings. In recent years the Kiwanis Club has joined with the board of trade for the annual banquet event and the result has been a good attendance and a profitable evening. The event on Monday evening, March 26th, promises to be even more successful than its predecessors. There will be a programme of very special interest for the occasion.

The chief feature of the evening will be an address by C. W. Wright, a very gifted speaker, who will deliver an address on "Board of Trade and Kindred Topics." Mr. Wright is not only eloquent, but he also has a wide knowledge of board of trade matters and he always has a message of value to deliver when he speaks. Mr. Wright was for years president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, and during that time did much for the advantage of the North. No one should miss Mr. Wright's address on Monday evening, March 26th, at the annual banquet of the Timmins board of trade and Kiwanis Club.

Boys' Work Subject Address to Kiwanis

Kiwanian Ed. Archibald, Toronto, Gives Interesting Talk to Local Club, Next Meeting an Evening Session, March 26th.

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club in the Empire hotel on Monday, the vice-president, Arch Gillies, was in the chair, and the meeting proved a very interesting one.

The speaker for the day was Kiwanian Ed. Archibald, Toronto, who spoke on Boys' Work, giving an address that was of very much interest to the Kiwanis. He referred to the value of boys to the life of the nation and then touched on some of the activities carried on by those interested in Boys' Work. He made special reference to the camps for boys and suggested the ways in which these camps developed the boys physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. The address was of particular interest to the Kiwanis, following lines that find favour with Kiwanis aims and ideals for the development of the best citizenship.

Reference was made during the meeting to the International convention at Toronto, June 10th, to 14th.

Reminders were also given the members of the Kiwanis concert in St. Anthony's hall Monday evening at which event Kiwanian Ed. Archibald and his wonderful dog, "Bijou," were to furnish the greater part of the programme.

The meeting of the Kiwanis Club on next Monday will be an evening meeting being held jointly with the Timmins board of trade. Further reference to the meeting is made elsewhere in this issue.

Kiwanian Len Heil was appointed assistant secretary of the club to carry on the work of the office during the absence of Secretary W. H. Wilson who is still laid up from the effects of having his hands badly frozen during one of the severe spells of the winter.

The Porcupine branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy is giving a supper party in the Badminton Clubhouse, Schumacher, this (Thursday) evening, March 22nd, in honour of J. J. Denny, M.Sc., in recognition of his valuable services to mining and the district by his notable work, particularly in the methods of treating ore.

Work Starting on the Frederickhouse Dam

Preliminary Work Opens on the Building of Dam at Frederickhouse Lake to Preserve Hunting Ground There.

The good work of the Porcupine Fish and Game Protective Association, together with the co-operation of A. F. Kenning, M.P.P., and the sympathetic attitude of Hon. Wm. Finlayson and Hon. Chas. McCrea, has resulted in a start being made this week on the building of the dam at Frederickhouse Lake. This dam was necessary to preserve the hunting ground at Frederickhouse Lake, and it is equally necessary that the work be well under way before the ice goes out if the feeding grounds of the ducks are not to be destroyed. Accordingly, it is particularly pleasing that all concerned have moved with such commendable speed. The Government suggested that while it was anxious to help, it was not ready to shoulder the whole cost, but that if the sportsmen of the district were ready to bear a reasonable part of the expense entailed the Government would provide the main part of the cost for this very necessary and desirable work. The Porcupine Fish and Game Protective Association kept on moving with speed in the matter. They promptly agreed to raise part of the cost of the work and through The Advance others were notified in regard to this call upon the sportsmen of the district. The response was prompt from all sides. Subscriptions came in and last week the association forwarded a cheque for the amount to the Government. The Government responded with equal promptitude. A. F. Kenning, M.P.P., sending word that preliminary work was being taken up at once. Soon there will be active work in full progress at the work. It is understood that Don Lough, district engineer of the Northern Development Dept. will have charge of the work. A number of men will be employed on the work as soon as construction is started and the erection of the dam will be rushed through to completion.

Bijou Makes Big Hit in Timmins Monday

Event Under Auspices of the Kiwanis Proves Unusual and Interesting Entertainment. Youngsters Fascinated by the Wonder Dog, "Bijou."

There was great interest in the visit here on Monday of "Bijou" the Wonder Dog, said to be the most gifted dog on the continent. Kiwanian Ed. Archibald, of Toronto, brought Bijou here under the auspices of the Timmins Kiwanis Club. On Monday afternoon there was a matinee in St. Anthony's parish hall, the hall being crowded and the youngsters being fairly fascinated with the remarkable Bijou and her wonderful intelligence and talents. In the evening there was a concert in St. Anthony's hall, Bijou being the leading feature of the event. The attendance was not as large as the event deserved, but again in the evening the youngsters were present in force to see Bijou. Vice-President Arch Gillies was chairman and introduced the programme in his usual pleasant way. He made the point that kindness was the chief feature in securing training such as would be evidenced by Bijou during the evening. Solos by Mrs. P. H. Carson pleased all and added much to the interest of the evening. Instrumental selections by the Studio Trio (Bill Davis, piano; Fred Fossin, violin; and Walter Rossipheil, cello) proved very popular. Mr. Ed. Archibald showed two films of motion pictures entitled, "Bijou, the Wonder Dog in Ontario's Great North Land." These pictures evidenced the remarkable talent of Bijou, and they also showed some of the wonderful scenery in the Temagami area, as well as picturing by camp life. Mr. Archibald also gave an interesting talk on the training of Bijou, supporting Mr. Gillies' suggestion that kindness and patience and friendship were the essentials in training animals. He pointed out that all Bijou's tricks were done to please him and not for fear or bribe. He mentioned incidents in Bijou's life where she had rescued boys from drowning, put out fires in the bush, found lost articles, saved people lost in the forest, and other wonders. The demonstration in which Bijou herself figured was the big feature of the evening. She showed her ability to answer signals, do problems in arithmetic, retrieve lost articles, fetch and carry on command, stand on guard, play dead, engage in games, and other interesting things. Bijou made a big hit with all.

Wedding This Week of Popular Couple

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A wedding of special interest took place on Wednesday, March 21st, in St. Matthew's church, Timmins when Mr. Herbert Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Thomas, of Cornwall, England, and Miss Edna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Arnold, of Arnprior, were united in marriage by Rev. Canon Cushing.

The bride was given away by Mr. F. Harrison.

The bridegroom was supported by Mr. L. Hocking.

The bridesmaid was Miss Isobel Hocking.

The bride was dressed in a gray spring ensemble and carried a bouquet of roses and lily-of-the-valley.

The presents were numerous and beautiful, the couple being very popular. Among the gifts was an electric coffee percolator presented by the Timmins Citizens' Band of which the groom has been a member for several years.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, 26 Wilson avenue. After the breakfast there was a reception held for the many friends of the couple. After the reception supper, the bride and groom thanked their many friends for the handsome gifts received, the bride concluding her little speech of thanks by presenting Mrs. Harrison with the bridal bouquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will take up residence in Timmins, and will receive the best wishes of hosts of friends.

LOCAL YOUNG LADY WINS ON TICKET IN SWEEPSTAKES

Among the list of tickets drawing horses in the Dublin sweepstakes the newspapers announce:—"Isobel," Box 746 Timmins, Ont., with ticket AH-03623 on "Lazyboots." It is understood that this is a young lady school teacher in the town. It is also understood that the drawing of this horse will mean a prize of \$3,500.00, with a possible chance at the \$150,000.00 prize, and a probable chance for a prize amounting to a sum over \$3,500.00.

S. G. Fowler returned last week from Ottawa where he was the delegate from Timmins to the Legion convention there.

"The Seven Last Words," to be Broadcast, March 25th

The sacred Lenten cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Dubois, will be given by a selected choir under the direction of Mr. James Gellis in St. Anthony's church on Sunday evening, March 25th, at 8:30 p.m. The choir will be assisted by a symphony orchestra, and Mr. F. C. Sprague will preside at the organ. The soloists will be: Mrs. Geo. Jenkins and Mrs. Jos. Everard, soprano; Mr. J. T. Heffernan and Mr. J. L. Jutras, tenor; Mr. W. R. Dodge, baritone.

Merchants to Vote Regarding Parking

Timmins and District Business Men's Association Take up Matters at Special Meeting and Opinion Sought from Members.

Seeking to co-operate with the town council regarding the passing of the parking zone by-law and also in regard to the proposal, for daylight-saving, the Timmins and District Business Men's Association will send out a questionnaire to each of its 225 members asking their opinion and wish in these matters. In the matter of the parking zone by-law the business men are the chief ones interested and their joint opinion should have very special weight in the matter. In regard to the proposal for daylight saving the opinion of the merchants is also of much interest and should be carefully considered. The daylight saving question has much wider effect on the people in general and other opinions, such as the school boards, the mothers of the community and others should be sought on this question before any daylight saving by-law is passed here. With the present-day tendency to reduced hours of labour, an extra hour might be taken from the latter part of the day and thus make daylight saving of very effective kind for all concerned. In Kirkland Lake all the stores have agreed to close at 6 p.m. instead of 7, and a similar shortening of hours might be practical here.

The vote by the merchants on the parking zone by-law should be of very special help to the council in arriving at a decision in this matter.

A very extensive "buy-at-home" campaign is being planned by the Business Men's Association.—This is to be supported by radio programmes and newspaper publicity with the purpose of showing the many advantages and benefits derived by the community when the dollars are kept in circulation at home.

Free Vaccination March 29 for Children Pre-School Age

Consent cards have been sent out recently in town for parents to sign so that their children may be vaccinated as protection against smallpox. Children of pre-school age may receive free vaccination for smallpox at the clinic room, Fourth avenue, on Thursday afternoon, March 29th, between 3 and 4 o'clock.

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HAMILTON ECIMINATED FALCONBRIDGE IN THE O.H.A.

Hamilton Tigers, Senior Ontario Hockey Association champions, Monday advanced to the semi-final round of the Eastern Canada senior amateur title race by defeating Falconbridge, Northern Ontario Hockey Association champions, 3-1. With last Friday night's 3-1 victory Tigers took the round 6-2.

Believes Town Receiving Full Share of the Mine Profit Tax

Highest Legal and Taxing Authorities Consulted. Income from Mine Profits Assessed by Government Mine Assessor Other Mining Town in Same Position. Efforts to Secure More Failed in Past. Mining Tax Act Perfectly Clear on the Taxation Allowed on Mine Profits.

The suggestion that Timmins has not been receiving all the taxes collectable from mine profits and that \$160,000 has been lost by the town in this way since 1926 would perhaps have passed without serious notice were it not for the fact that the suggestion was made by a councillor of the town at a regular meeting of council.

Former Mayor Geo. S. Drew this week told The Advance that the town so far as he could figure it had received all that the law allowed in this respect. Legal and taxing authorities had confirmed this. The matter had been very thoroughly gone into by legal talent and also taken up with the Government. W. O. Langdon had been in Toronto some years ago and from one interpretation of one section of the Assessment Act had argued that the town was entitled to an additional one per cent. on all mine profits in excess of the amount that would yield \$35,000.00. The Government, however, had taken another view. Mr. Drew admitted that the section was not very clearly worded and effort had naturally been made to secure the higher amount for the town. The Government, however, had taken the other view. So far as the town was concerned the assessment of mine profits was based on the Mining Tax Act, Chapter 28 R.S.O., which was very clear and explicit. The assessment was made by the Government mine assessor. The Government would not likely permit any assessment lower than proper as it would mean loss to the Government. The amount going to the town was deducted from that paid to the Government. The mine would naturally prefer the town to receive as much as possible of the total tax that had to be paid.

The section referred to by Mr. Drew, and on which Councillor Bartleman apparently bases his cases is Section 9, Chapter 238, Assessment Act, as follows:—

"Subsection 9—Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, the income tax payable to any municipality upon a mine or mining work liable to taxation under Section 4 of the Mining Tax Act shall not exceed one and one-half per centum of the annual profits of the mine or mining work upon which the tax payable under the said section 4 is based, unless the amount of such annual profits, exceeds a sum which will yield \$35,000.00 in respect of such income tax, when an additional one per centum of such excess annual profits shall be payable to the municipality. 1927, c. 63, s. 9."

The section from the Mining Tax Act makes the matter very clear as follows:—

"13—(1) Where a person liable for payment of a tax under section 4 in respect of a mine is also during any year in which such tax is payable liable for and paying to the municipality or municipalities in which such mine is situated, a tax upon income derived from such mines, he shall be entitled to deduct from the amount of the tax payable under the said Section 4, the amount of such municipal income tax to the extent of an amount equal to one and one-half per centum of the annual profits upon which the tax payable under Section 4 is based until a sum is reached which at the said rate of one and one-half per centum will yield \$35,000, and on the amount of such income in excess of a sum yielding at the said rate \$35,000, he shall be entitled to deduct an amount equal to one per centum of the remainder of

the total annual profits subject to tax under this Act; and provided further that notice of the amount and proof of the liability for and payment of such municipal income tax is furnished to the mine assessor at such time and in such manner as he may require."

Former Mayor E. L. Longmore said that the question had been very thoroughly dealt with in past years. When mayor of the town he had consulted the highest municipal legal talent in Ontario, also experienced and expert taxing authorities. The Government had been very definite in the matter and so far as he could see everything had been done to see that the town received its full share under the law. He believed that this share had been received in past years. Some other municipalities, he noted, had taken mine assessment matters to the courts, some of the cases costing much money but nothing had been gained by this. Timmins followed the same procedure in assessing mine profits as other municipalities in Ontario. Tisdale township, Kirkland Lake, etc., collected the mine profit tax (usually referred to as royalty tax) in the same way as Timmins. The procedure was based on the agreement made with the Government in 1927 when the percentage allowed the town had been raised. The mine profit assessment was made each year, like other assessments, the only difference being that it was made by a Government official, the mine assessor. Under the Mining Tax Act the town received 1 1/2 per cent. of profit up to \$2,333,333.33 (yielding \$35,000.00) and on further profits above that amount only 1 per cent.

Convicted Kidnapper



MANNY STREWEL
Maintaining a "poker face" Manny Strewel is pictured as he stood in court at Albany, N.Y., to hear the jury find him guilty of kidnaping John J. O'Connell, Jr., member of the powerful Albany political clan. State kidnap law makes the sentence of 50 years possible.

To Establish Demonstration Farm in Mountjoy Township

Will be Located at the Farm of A. Belanger. New Venture Expected to Prove of Great Advantage to the Settlers in This Area. Federal Government Promises Benefit to Agricultural Interests.

For several years past efforts have been made in the interests of the farmers and settlers of this section of the North to secure further advantages for the agricultural interests of the country. Strong representations have been made from time to time to have the Ontario Government appoint a second representative of the Dept. of Agriculture for this area. While D. J. Pomerleau, the representative now with headquarters at Cochrane does excellent work and has helped the farmers and settlers in this area to a great extent, the fact remains that he has so much territory to cover that two men could not do it as it should be done. The provincial government has considered the appointment of a second representative of the Dept. of Agriculture for this area, but last year and this year have pleaded lack of funds as a reason for not undertaking extensions of this kind.

On the Federal Government the matter of the need for an illustration or demonstration station in this area has been presented. The good work of the Dominion Experimental Station at

Kapuskasing simply emphasizes the value that would come to the settlers and farmers from the establishment of a demonstration station here. Accordingly, the following letter from A. F. Kenning, M.P.P., will be read with much interest and pleasure by all who are interested in the development of the agricultural possibilities of this section:—

March 19th, 1934.
The Porcupine Advance,
Timmins, Ontario.

Dear Sir:—I am to-day advised by the Federal Government at Ottawa that they propose establishing a Demonstration Farm in Mountjoy township at the farm of A. Belanger.

This matter has been up for some time and the Federal Government wrote me several letters regarding it as I think it will be a considerable help to the settlers in and around the town of Timmins.

I am taking this opportunity of letting you know their intention.
Yours very truly,
A. F. KENNING