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ONLY THE ONE WAY

Once a year people in general appear to take an active interest in municipal affairs. It may seem like an Irish manner of phrasing it, but if people would take a more active interest in the affairs of the town all through the year they would find less need for interest once a year, but it is likely that their interest once a year would be more active than it is.

The yearly spasm of interest in Timmins has brought forward a number of ideas for expected betterment in the conduct of municipal affairs. One citizen, looking back on events suggests that a town manager would solve some of the problems. A town manager would take the employment or discharge of municipal officers out of the hands of councils elected yearly, he suggests. But would it? With a town manager, there would still be a town council, and while the council would not be in position to discharge the few municipal employees they might desire to sacrifice, the council would be able to dismiss the town manager and employ a new one who would deal with all town employees as desired. The town council could thus replace all town employees and blame it all on the town manager. That plan has actually been tried in towns and cities of the United States where the town manager plan has been in force. The town manager plan has not yet been able to bring perfection to civic government.

Another suggestion is that town councils should be elected for two or four or more years. It is argued that the longer term for council would do away with the chance of the loss of a good council after only a year's service. In reply, it may be noted that a poor council, once elected, would be fastened upon a town for a longer term, and so the virtue of the longer term for municipal service is more than offset by its possible evils.

It is well to remember that there are no short cuts to good municipal government. The only way to secure the best municipal administration is for the ratepayers to take at all times a keen and intelligent interest in municipal affairs. Men must be chosen for their integrity and ability and not for other reasons. The voter must look upon municipal government as his own particular business in which he has made a large investment and which is calling upon him yearly for more payments for stock. The average voter is inclined to be ready to tell the average member of the council board after a year or two years' service:—"I don't think you know how to conduct council business." When the average voter is less critical of the councillor who has shown his worth, and more inclined to question the capabilities of the aspirant for municipal honours, there will be a step further made in achieving better municipal councils. In the past there has been too little attention paid to the good work of men who have served in council, and too much notice given to the critic and the man who is willing to promise anything and everything and who talks wildly and at random.

When voters look upon council service from the business standpoint and seek men for office on their personal qualifications and business ability then some progress will be made to betterment. In the meantime it is well to remember that there are few short cuts in this matter. There is nothing that can take the place of fairness, common sense and good judgment. A town will have as good or as bad a council as it deserves by reason of thought and intelligent interest given in the choice of its administrators. Further it is unfair and useless to blame others. Each citizen must take his own share of the blame that may be meted out for failure to secure the best in government in this democratic country. There is only one way to good municipal government and that is through each citizen being determined that the town shall have the right kind of administrators.

A MATTER FOR MANY REGRETS

What may for convenience be termed the Soroleil case is certainly a matter for many regrets. It is to be regretted that an address delivered in private to a group of social workers should be made the subject of sensational articles in the press.

It is still more to be deplored that the original utterances should have been distorted and misrepresented until they bore little resemblance to the actual statements made.

Another cause for regret is the fact that the Minister of Public Welfare should have acted on press reports and that

the Cabinet should support the Minister of Public Welfare in this action.

Then there should be special regret that announcement in the matter by the Premier should be couched in such objectionable terms as to create natural resentment.

Still more to be regretted is the bitter rejoinder of Dr. Little to the Premier's crude announcement of the suspension of Dr. Soroleil.

Further regrets are necessary for the reaction of the Premier to the natural criticisms of the Government for its ill-considered and ill-advised attitude.

Even in the announcement of the re-instatement of Dr. Soroleil as Deputy Minister of Public Welfare there is reason for regret. Hon. Davd Croil missed his opportunity to prove himself big enough and broad enough for his place. Instead of contenting himself with acknowledging that the Government had made a mistake through haste and lack of investigation and consideration, Hon. Mr. Croil apparently seeks to leave the impression that in some way or another Dr. Soroleil was to blame. As a matter of fact Dr. Soroleil was fully within the path of his duty in addressing a group of social workers. He did not overstep the actual facts in stressing the evils that he knew beset the paths of children in the industrial schools. Dr. Soroleil did not accuse the school children of the province of anything. It is very deeply to be regretted that even isolated cases in many towns and many schools should give such grounds that his remarks might appear to have application to a much wider sphere than intended.

The matter for the greatest regret, however, is the fact that the attitude of the authorities in this matter would seem to have the tendency to curb all those in public employ from telling the truth at it appears to them on any occasion. The attitude of the authorities would seem to discourage any Government official from venturing to express himself no matter what he may know or believe. Such a condition is truly deplorable. It will mean that evils may flourish and civil servants will fear to say a word. The case of Dr. Soroleil will stand for many a day as an example of the danger that threatens the conscientious public servant in seeking for improvement of conditions and the betterment of citizenship. It is not enough to say that the question of conditions must rest with the heads of the Government. It is very evident that the morals of the people and the safety of the rising generation are not secure in the hands of the Government. Hon. Mr. Hepburn has satisfied that the beer parlours are proving beneficial and satisfactory. Any man who could suggest anything like that is certainly not equipped to avert moral evils in this country. The Soroleil case, however, practically serves notice on all civil servants that they must not speak whatever they may know—that it is their place simply to applaud what their supposed superiors may suggest. In all the many regrets that must arise at the Soroleil incident, none are more deplorable than this—that men in high place in public service—men fired with the desire and the ability to serve their day and generation—should be curbed and cribbed to serve only political purposes and partisan expediency.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Only eighteen more days before Christmas! Shop early!

Why not start the Christmas spirit now? The friendly, genial, happy Christmas spirit, with its thought for others, would start people shopping early so as to save the merchants and their staffs from the nerve-wrecking Christmas rush. A little Christmas spirit now would help to make Christmas itself so much more like Christmas when it does arrive.

So many products and businesses are being taxed out of existence that governments will soon have to consider putting a tax on taxes.

Some people severely condemn the idea of refusing the municipal vote to the man who has not paid his taxes. But after all is it fair that the man who is not helping to pay the piper should be in the position of calling the tune. The man who has a vote has some influence on the policy of the town. Thus he is in the position of directing how the money of the taxpayer shall be spent. For instance, there may be a proposal for some particular expenditure, with two opposing views on the matter. Indirectly, the man who votes but does not pay taxes is in this position:—if he votes in favour of the expenditure he is telling the taxpayer how to spend his money. If he votes against the expenditure, he is practically refusing to allow the taxpayer to spend his own money. It certainly is hard luck when a man is unable to pay his taxes, but it is equally hard luck when men who do not pay taxes control the taxes that are paid.

Mayor Nolan, of Ottawa, suggests that a deposit should be required from each candidate for municipal office. Some municipal candidates enter the contest for improper purposes, and the requirement of a deposit might reduce the number of undesirable candidates. The idea, at least, is worthy of consideration.

Many Extensions and Additions to Buildings

Total Value of Building Done in Timmins in 1934 Estimated at \$302,235 on Building Permits. Additions and Improvements Total More than New Buildings. Increase Over Last Year. Some Comparative Figures.

The total value of building done in Timmins for the year 1934 will be approximately \$302,235, according to figures released by the town engineer, J. D. MacLean.

December is a poor month for the business of issuing permits for alterations or new buildings so that these figures, complete to the end of November may be taken as those for 1934, the engineer explains.

A peculiarity of the tabulated report is that it shows alterations and additions in the business section as \$50,000 greater than the value of new work done (new buildings \$31,250; alterations and additions, \$80,165). This is the first time in the history of Timmins as far as the records reveal that such a thing has happened. It tends to show that the buildings of Timmins are in a greater proportion of the permanent type, now than ever before. In the residential section new buildings total \$180,965 and additions and alterations \$23,047. Sheds and garages totalled \$4,903.

Though this is by no means a record for Timmins building activity it shows a comfortable increase over last year and is the best showing since 1928. Since 1930 the rate of building here has been steadily increasing. In that year it fell as low as \$94,870. Comparative figures are—1931—\$213,220; 1932—\$231,018; 1933—\$243,850. 1923 was a big year in the construc-

tion industry here when \$514,475 worth of permits were issued from the town office. In 1924 the total fell to \$495,630 but there was not as much public money spent on schools. In 1925 even with the building of Ma'tagam school, half of which was credited, that year and half the next, the Bank of Commerce, and extensive alterations to the Goldfields hotel, there was only \$290,560 spent. In 1927 with the building of St. Charles school, the vocational school and the Moneta addition, and the St. Mary's hospital there was \$487,000 spent on construction.

New School Inspector for Temiskaming South

The Haileyburian last week says:—"The local public school board has been advised this week that, at the beginning of the new year, J. R. Pickering, B.A. of North Bay, will take over the duties of inspector for this part of the district. The information came in a letter from D. G. Smith, who has carried out the duties for this section since the transfer last summer of R. A. A. McConnell to Perth, Ont. Mr. Smith will make one more visit, on December 15th he is intimated. He is being transferred to another inspectorate, but did not say in his letter where he is to be located."

Hugh Cole Funeral Thursday Afternoon

Burial at the South Porcupine Cemetery. Services Conducted by Rev. Bruce Millar.

The funeral of Hugh Cole, resident of Timmins since 1911, was held Thursday afternoon from the parlors of S. T. Walker, on Third Avenue. A large number of friends and relatives attended the ceremony conducted by Rev. Bruce Millar.

Pall bearers were:—Hugh Kincaid, MacDonald, Patrick McCormick and Albert Groulx, Daniel Leahy, George Vincent Cunningham. Burial took place at the South Porcupine cemetery.

Floral tributes were sent by the family; Eva; Randall, Rose; Harry, Maude (Sophia); Maxie and Ken; Frank, Elsie and family; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kincaid; Mr. and Mrs. George Kenty; the Rae family; Charles Bernard; Mrs. and Mrs. A. Shaheen; Eastern Star; Mrs. Boyd and Harry; Mr. and Mrs. George N. Moore; C. Hodgins; Dr. Murtagh; Mr. and Mrs. Vansickle and Randall and Daisy; the Holland family; George Murray; Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Pierce; G. Albert Groulx; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Desaulniers; Dr. and Mrs. Brennan; Mr. and Mrs. J. Huddleston; G. Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis; Fred Dwyer; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arundell; Donald McClary; Loyal Order of Moose; Roy Hamilton and Vincent Cunningham.

His many friends are pleased to see W. B. Paterson able to be out and around again after a spell of serious illness at St. Mary's hospital. Several blood transfusions were necessary, but Mr. Paterson is now well on the way to complete recovery.

Returns of Municipal Elections in Timmins

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|---------------------|-----|---------------------|----|
| Merrison | 133 | Thachuk | 3 |
| Paquette | 41 | Stuart | 26 |
| Stuart | 35 | Stuart | 15 |
| Thachuk | 4 | Sub-division No. 29 | |
| Sub-division No. 18 | | | |
| Bartleman | 74 | Bartleman | 39 |
| Belec | 89 | Belec | 52 |
| Caron | 111 | Caron | 56 |
| Chateauvert | 106 | Chateauvert | 59 |
| Cousins | 54 | Cousins | 21 |
| Day | 83 | Day | 31 |
| Drew | 23 | Drew | 16 |
| Laprairie | 33 | Laprairie | 56 |
| McDermott | 123 | McDermott | 50 |
| Morrison | 70 | Morrison | 25 |
| Paquette | 73 | Paquette | 44 |
| Stuart | 32 | Stuart | 24 |
| Thachuk | 12 | Thachuk | 6 |
| Sub-division No. 30 | | | |
| Bartleman | 22 | Bartleman | 22 |
| Belec | 48 | Belec | 48 |
| Caron | 53 | Caron | 53 |
| Chateauvert | 62 | Chateauvert | 62 |
| Cousins | 16 | Cousins | 16 |
| Day | 22 | Day | 22 |
| Drew | 6 | Drew | 6 |
| Laprairie | 53 | Laprairie | 53 |
| McDermott | 32 | McDermott | 32 |
| Morrison | 22 | Morrison | 22 |
| Paquette | 46 | Paquette | 46 |
| Stuart | 23 | Stuart | 23 |
| Thachuk | 2 | Thachuk | 2 |
| Sub-division No. 32 | | | |
| Bartleman | 20 | Bartleman | 20 |
| Belec | 9 | Belec | 9 |
| Caron | 12 | Caron | 12 |
| Chateauvert | 10 | Chateauvert | 10 |
| Cousins | 11 | Cousins | 11 |
| Day | 29 | Day | 29 |
| Drew | 8 | Drew | 8 |
| Laprairie | 11 | Laprairie | 11 |
| McDermott | 22 | McDermott | 22 |
| Morrison | 25 | Morrison | 25 |
| Paquette | 12 | Paquette | 12 |
| Stuart | 9 | Stuart | 9 |
| Thachuk | 4 | Thachuk | 4 |
| Sub-division No. 33 | | | |
| Bartleman | 6 | Bartleman | 6 |
| Belec | 1 | Belec | 1 |
| Caron | 5 | Caron | 5 |
| Chateauvert | 1 | Chateauvert | 1 |
| Cousins | 11 | Cousins | 11 |
| Day | 16 | Day | 16 |
| Drew | 7 | Drew | 7 |
| Laprairie | 5 | Laprairie | 5 |
| McDermott | 13 | McDermott | 13 |
| Morrison | 14 | Morrison | 14 |
| Paquette | — | Paquette | — |
| Stuart | 2 | Stuart | 2 |
| Thachuk | — | Thachuk | — |

Children at Shelter Delighted with Magic

Some weeks ago T. Nixon, well-known for his remarkable talent as a sleight-of-hand artist, conjurer and magician, kindly volunteered to give the children at the Shelter a free entertainment. Last Wednesday night he arrived at the Shelter for the purpose, bringing with him so little baggage that the bigger youngsters were not prepared for the number of tricks he carried through. They are still wondering where he got all the rabbits, eggs, flags and other things that he took at will from pockets, hats and other places. He kept the youngsters busy and interested for hours and though they tried their best they could not discover the secret of any of his magic. "It was great!" is the general verdict of the youngsters at the Shelter in regard to the entertainment by Magician Nixon. The smaller tots enjoyed it no less than the bigger ones.

Report for November of District Children's Aid

The following is the report for the month of November, 1934, of the District of Cochrane Children's Aid Society, as presented by the superintendent, A. G. Carson:—

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| Applications for children for adoption | 4 |
| Office interviews | 67 |
| Interviews out of office | 52 |
| Complaints received | 45 |
| Investigations made | 39 |
| Children involved | 51 |
| Mail received | 62 |
| Mail sent out | 75 |
| Children in shelter | 30 |
| Wards visited | 7 |
| Children boarding out | 6 |
| Court attendance | 5 |
| Juvenile court cases | 5 |
| Children made wards | 2 |
| Wards placed in foster homes | 3 |
| Children placed out (not wards) | 1 |
| Adoptions completed | 1 |
| Official warnings given | 1 |
| Mileage travelled | 1,243 |

Jail Term for Illegal Place at Matachewan

Joseph Shamass, well-known Sudbury man, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Magistrate Atkinson last week at Haileybury on the charge of keeping a disorderly house in Matachewan. Shamass claimed that women found in his home were housekeepers, but one of them testified for the crown and said she was there for immoral purposes. It was stated after the trial that the conviction would be appealed. There have been reports from Matachewan as to more than one disorderly house and also several blind pigs, operating in the area.

THREE-YEAR TERM GIVEN TO KIRKLAND LAKE MAN

Vincenzo Monteleone was given sentences totalling three years when he was convicted of illegal possession of narcotics and spirits at the Kirkland Lake court on Thursday. Magistrate Atkinson sentenced him to six months in the district jail at Haileybury on the spirits charge, while a further sentence of two and a half years was imposed for his possession of narcotics. The seizure of opium in this case by Deputy-Chief Hughes and Constable Johnston, of Kirkland, was the largest seizure of opium in inland Canada in recent years.

Dies from Injuries from Fall of Rock

Wm. Nichols, Well-Known and Respected Here, Died on Friday. Funeral on Monday Afternoon.

Injured Sunday, Nov. 25th, when a 500-pound piece of rock struck him, Wm. Nichols, miner at Hollinger Consolidated, died at St. Mary's hospital on Friday. His chances for recovery, according to Dr. McKechnie, who was called, were at no time very good. Spine, pelvis and thigh were fractured. He was born in England 48 years ago. His wife and children live here at 81 Rae St.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Salvation Army chapel, Major Hilliard officiating. He was a member of the local branch of the Canadian Legion and the local chapter of the Loyal Order of the Moose. The latter organization took charge of the service at the cemetery.

Times of Trains in the New Timetable

Toronto Train Now Leaving Here at 12.35 p.m. Three Trains Each Way on Porcupine Branch.

The times of trains under the new timetable effective on Sunday will be of interest.

No. 50 daily except Sunday leaves Timmins at 7.10 a.m.; Schumacher, 7.15; South Porcupine, 7.28; and arrives at Porquis Junction at 8.30 a.m.

No. 52 daily (the Toronto train) leaves Timmins at 12.35 p.m.; Schumacher, 12.40; South Porcupine, 12.53; and arrives at Porquis Junction, 1.55 p.m.

No. 54, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, leaves Timmins at 6.10 p.m.; Schumacher, 6.14; South Porcupine, 6.25; and arrives at Porquis Junction at 7.25 p.m.

Train No. 51 arrives at Timmins at 10.10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Train No. 53 (the Toronto train) daily reaches here at 5.36 p.m.

Train No. 55, daily except Sunday, arrives here at 9.05 p.m.

DEATH OF BABY DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. D. HOLMES

Irene, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Holmes, of Timmins, died Saturday.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon and burial was at the Roman Catholic cemetery.

Playing Whist Drive Auspices of the L.O.L.

Mrs. F. McLean, Mrs. Hawse, W. McNeil and R. Morris were the winners at the Orange Lodge's whist drive on Friday night.

A large number of players turned out for the occasion and an entertaining evening is reported by all who attended.

Judge Caron Declares Holiday to Allow Voting

Judge Caron at the Cochrane sessions declared a court holiday for to-day in order to give witnesses, jurors and counsel an opportunity to return to their homes to vote in municipal elections.

The cases of the strikers arrested in the recent woodpulp workers' strike in the Cochrane and Ansonville areas are not expected to come up until to-morrow or Wednesday.

Want Ads FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Six-roomed house; all hardwood floors; furnace; basement; all conveniences. Apply at 205 Balsam Street, North, Timmins. -49ap

FOR RENT—Six-roomed house; all modern conveniences; at 58 Tamarack Street, Apply at 11 Cambria Avenue, Timmins. -49ap

FOR RENT—Two-roomed furnished apartment; suitable for couple; central location. Apply at 221 Second Avenue, Timmins. -49ap

FOR RENT—Nine-roomed house, all conveniences, furnace, six porch, garage. Rent reasonable. Apply 188 Elm Street, South, or Phone 609-W. -49p

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED—Gentleman wanted to canvass for cleaners. Apply at 4 Mountjoy Street, North, Timmins. -49ap

LOST

LOST—A brown-leop, tortoise-shell carrying, lost Wednesday, between Maple Street, South, and James Avenue, Timmins. Finder please leave at The Advance Office. -49a

CARD OF THANKS

W. B. Paterson wishes very sincerely to thank the many friends who were so kind during his recent illness, particularly those who gave blood transfusions, the nurses and staff of the hospital, Drs. W. O. and C. E. Taylor, Golden Beaver Lodge, Canadian Legion, and a host of other kind friends. -49ap

Russia Much Stirred by Assassination

Kiroff, Member of Political Bureau, and Stalin Aide, Shot down at Petrograd.


Kiroff, one of Stalin's aides, and a prominent member of the political bureau, was shot down at Petrograd yesterday. The slayer was arrested, but the purpose of the crime has not been made plain. There are reports, however, of a big plot to murder a number of the present leaders, and ten officers are said to have been executed. From semi-official sources it is suggested that the murder is a part of a plot against the "workers," and the alleged terrorist party is said to be threatened with extinction. Kiroff was mentioned as a possible successor to Stalin as head of the communist party. -49ap

No Vote Taken Here To-day Regarding "Daylight" Time

At a recent meeting of town council it was proposed to have a vote on "day light saving" time to test the opinion of the people of Timmins. The proposal was that the vote should be taken in connection with the municipal elections to-day. It was found, however, that to have the vote it would be necessary first for the council to pass a by-law and advertise it a certain length of time before the election. It was too late to do this, and accordingly there was no voting on the daylight saving question to-day.

His many friends will be pleased to know that Thos. Coad, James avenue, is making good recovery from his recent illness.

"He Wants CIGARS for Christmas"



Give Him These This Year

Our stock contains all the regular lines such as

Punch, Tucketts, Simons, Bachelor, Benson & Hedges

Besides these we have a large and varied stock of imported cigars. Drop in and look over our stock of cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and smokers' supplies. Our stock is fresh and in perfect condition and our staff is at your service in helping you select your Christmas gifts.

Luxton's Cigar Store
22 Third Avenue Timmins