

Hydro Survey Before the Town Council

Men Refusing to Work Cut from Relief List

Timmins Unemployed Workers' Association Neglected Chance to Take Work Offered. Discussion on Power Question. Other Council Affairs.

The usual delegation from the "Timmins Unemployed Association" was not present at Wednesday's council meeting when the council were told that a large group of men whose names appeared on the association's list had refused to go to work. Previous to this announcement, the council had shown considerable sympathy for the men listed and had in fact stipulated that any 15 or 20 of them were to go to work on the Swastika-Matachewan road.

On Wednesday they issued orders to Relief officer I. E. Dunn that none of the men who refused to be given meal tickets the next time they apply.

After the members of the council had been told the circumstances the mayor asked, "I want the council to decide right now whether we are going to continue giving them meal tickets."

The members of the council agreed unanimously that they could no longer support men who would not work when given the chance.

It came out later that some of the men had said "they couldn't go because they were taking part in a concert." All those who turned down the opportunity to work will be recorded and when they apply for relief again the information will be available.

Hydro Question Discussed

In the correspondence for the fortnight appeared a letter from the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission in which a detailed survey of the Northern Power Co.'s equipment in Timmins, made last fall, was given. The numbers of poles, transformers, supports, guys, wire, insulators, meters, lighting arresters, relay switches, street lights and so on were listed and the "replacement" value as well as the "depreciated" value of each item given. The total replacement value was given as \$152,097; the depreciated value as \$88,645. No equipment outside the limits of the town was included.

Mr. Bartleman inquired when the letter had been received. He was told that it reached the clerk's office on

Feb. 13th, yet the letter itself bore the date of Feb. 9th. "This survey shows that we're much down on our assessment," he commented.

"How much is the assessment down?" asked Mayor Richardson. "I understand it's down about \$10,000," answered Mr. Bartleman. "The assessment on the transformers is now \$13,500 yet even the depreciated value given by the hydro is over \$17,000. On the meters we assess them at \$18,400 and the depreciated value shown by the Hydro is \$33,000.

The clerk was instructed to report to the Court of Revision an error or omission in the assessment of the Northern Power Co.

May Prepare Legislation

When a motion made by Councillor Bartleman and seconded by Councillor McDermott was read to the effect that the clerk be asked to prepare "enabling" by-laws on the purchase by the town of power from the Hydro, Mr. Bartleman said, "If we want Hydro here, we must start something. We should prepare by-laws for presentation at the next election. In the meantime we can enter into negotiations with the power company for the purchase of their equipment. We will give the people the opportunity to decide at the end of the year. We can't leave it later than next December or we'll be out of luck." He explained that the power company's franchise expired on Dec. 1st 1936 and that if the electors want to renew it, they must do so at this year's election.

Mayor Richardson:—"You feel that the vote should be taken at this election?"

Mr. Bartleman:—"Yes."

The Mayor:—"If the power company want another franchise that would have to be voted on then too?"

"Yes."

Negotiate for Equipment

Then a motion by Mr. Bartleman and Councillor Caron was read asking that

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Austin Neame Again President of Legion

Had Very Large Majority of Votes Cast Monday. Members of Executive Committee Nominated.

There was an exceptionally good attendance at the monthly general meeting of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion on Monday evening in the clubhouse. The main interest centred around the choice of president for the coming year. There were three candidates in the field these being Comrades Austin Neame, J. Nicolson and A. Bellamy. All day long the members voted in approved parliamentary style and the returning officers were kept busy.

The result of the poll was as follows:—Austin Neame, 102; J. Nicolson, 16; A. Bellamy, 9.

There was no doubt left as to who the members wished to be their head next year.

Much business was carried through and mention was made of the coming attractions for the branch.

Some interesting discussions took place with some very fine addresses by the members.

Nominations closed for the executive committee, and when those who desire to run for office are in line these will be published in this paper.

It was a very interesting meeting and there was no doubt but that the members were well served.

To Fight Italy



HUBERT JULIAN
Sailing from New York for Europe Col. Hubert Julian, "the Black Eagle of Harlem" and ex-head of the Abyssinian air force, hinted that he is en route to Abyssinia to prepare for threatened hostilities with Italy.

John Massie, who has been ill for the past few weeks, is reported this morning as improving in health satisfactorily.

Pipe Band Presents Pleasing Programme

Numbers Included One by the Prince of Wales; Given First Time in Canada.

Porcupine District Pipe Band, under the leadership of Pipe-Major James McLennan, assisted by Pipe-Sergt. Hugh O'Neill (also Drum Major Douglas Cotcher) broadcasted a pleasing programme of pipe music from the St. Anthony's parish hall, Timmins, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26th. The use of the hall for the purpose was granted by the kind permission of Rev. Fr. Theriault. The programme presented was a very interesting one and was greatly appreciated by all who heard it. The following were the numbers given: "Cock o' the North," quick step, dedicated to George Rodgers, the base drummer for the band, who this week underwent an operation in South Porcupine hospital.

"Glendaruel Highlanders" march, "Highland Laddie," "Miss Drummond of Perth," "Tall Toddlie," march, strathspey and reel.

"Maldorea," slow march, composed by the Prince of Wales and played for the first time in Canada by a pipe band

"Road to the Isles," march, "Earl of Mansfield's March," "Loudin's Bonnie Woods and Braes," "High Road to Linton," march, strathspey and reel.

"Bonnie Dundee," march "My Love's She's but a Lassie Yet," "Athol Highlanders," march.

"There was a Lad was Born in Kyle," "The Portree Man," march "Bugle Horn," march.

Municipalities Confer on Taxation of Mines

Special Meeting of Town Council Last Night to Discuss Question with Tisdale and Teck Representatives. No Statement Issued.

Timmins town council held a special meeting last night to take up with representatives from Teck and Tisdale townships the question of taxes from the mines in the municipalities concerned.

As the fourteen representatives gathered about the table in the board room over the clinic on Fifth avenue, it was moved that Reeve C. Gallagher of the township of Tisdale be chairman. This was unanimously agreed to. In his opening remarks Reeve Gallagher said: "This is a similar occasion to those on which we have gathered for the past 15 years. It is not to 'get more taxes out of the mines' but to get those taxes that are due us according to the statutes of the province of Ontario."

Among other matters up for discussion, he said, was the possibility of prevailing upon the present government to alter the assessment act so as to allow the mining municipalities a greater share of taxes taken from the mines.

It is rumored in Toronto now that there is legislation ready, requiring only the signature of the lieutenant-governor, to amend the income tax act so as to make it possible to tax non-operating capital. Should this become law, it would undoubtedly be an aid to the municipalities for their income tax levies.

FIRE AT OTTAWA TO-DAY

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—A tenement fire in Ottawa to-day caused damage of about \$5,000 to a place in which a number of families made their homes. Nearly thirty people were left homeless.

Messrs Ray and Harvey Webb were guests at Kirkland Lake last week-end.

Death on Tuesday Mrs. J. G. Lefebvre

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Paquette Passes After Illness of Only Ten Days.

Very deep sympathy was extended by all to those bereaved in the death of Mrs. J. G. Lefebvre, who died on Tuesday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Paquette, 164 Birch street, south. She had been ill only ten days, death being due to heart trouble following an attack of influenza. The late Mrs. Lefebvre, formerly Rollande Paquette, was 23 years and 4 months old at the time of death. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Paquette and had lived in Timmins for seven years, making wide circles of friends here.

The funeral will take place tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9 o'clock. Service will be held at St. Anthony's church. The funeral will be from the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Paquette.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Charged in police court there to-day with the theft of 15,000 shares of Sudbury Mines stock and 300 shares of Teck Hughes Gold Mines stock from Mr. and Mrs. William Carter of Toronto, N. T. O'Sullivan was released on \$3,000 bail.

Sullivan is secretary-treasurer of H. S. Polson & Co. Ltd., stock brokers.

Council Considers Plan of Taking Over Power

Will Negotiate with Power Co. and Secure Terms. May Submit By-laws to Vote. Other Matters at Town Council Meeting.

A summary of the council's most important work on Wednesday includes:—

Preparatory work in connection with the proposed purchase of power from the Hydro. The clerk was asked to look up the law regarding the submission of a by-law at the next election asking the electors whether or not they wished to buy power from the Hydro. He was also asked to arrange a meeting sometime in the near future (probably before April 1st) between the council and the Northern Power Co. to open negotiations for the purchase of their equipment by the town.

The clerk was also asked to inform the Court of Revision that the Northern Power Co.'s assessment on equipment may be too low.

Relief Officer I. E. Dunn was instructed not to issue meal tickets to any men who refused to go to work on the Swastika-Matachewan road when they were asked to do so.

A light fire truck will be made from the chassis of the former police car.

W. C. Ringsleben was re-appointed to the Timmins Public Library board.

Eli Lebanc was assured that his contract for garbage removal would be renewed.

A complete account of the council meeting appears in another column in this issue of The Advance.

Nearly 550 Attend the 1935 Purim Ball

Mrs. Leslie J. Mackey Chosen as Queen Esther for 1935. Happy Event Last Night at Riverside Pavilion.

Last night's Purim Ball, where the annual coronation of "Queen Esther" is one of the big events of the year in Timmins, this year scored another brilliant success when nearly 550 Timmins people were present at the Riverside Pavilion.

Mrs. Leslie J. Mackey was chosen as Queen Esther for 1935 amid the hearty applause of the happy crowd. Miss Elsie Anderson and Miss Ruth Babcock were chosen ladies-in-waiting to Queen Esther. The judges chose seven from those on the dance floor and then, with the aid of applause from the audience, named the one who should represent the beautiful Queen.

Covenor Bernard Sky officially opened the dance at 11 o'clock and in his remarks thanked the people of Timmins and all those present for their co-operation in making the ball a success. He particularly conveyed his thanks to the Timmins Curling club where all draws for the evening in the present bonspiel were cancelled.

An enjoyable feature of the entertainment was community singing, directed by Dave Miller, who chose a number of popular songs and soon had the whole crowd singing them merrily.

The good things to eat at suppertime, prepared by the Hebrew Ladies Aid society, and for which the Ball has become famous, were as usual one of the most enjoyable features of the evening. Supper was served efficiently and quickly.

The Ball was sponsored by the Hebrew congregation B'nai Israel, the Hebrew Ladies' Aid, the Timmins Chapter Hadassah, and the Young People's League.

The Purim Festival is observed by the Jewish people in commemoration of a bright chapter in their history. During the reign of Ahasuerus, King of Persia, a certain Haman, attache of the court, conspired to destroy all the Jews of Media. Meanwhile the chaste and beautiful Esther was chosen by King Ahasuerus to the throne as Queen. Through her uncle Mordecai she learned of the persecution and plight of her people, and exposed Haman's treacherous plot to the King, whereupon that worthy was promptly hanged for his efforts and thus a catastrophe for the Jews was averted. The devotion and loyalty to her people set Queen Esther in history as an example of noble womanhood while Purim has become a day of festivities and good-will.

At the Ontario Legislature on Tuesday of this week John Rowlandson, M.P. for Cochrane South, presented a private bill to empower the town of Timmins to collect \$10.00 per year from those liable to poll tax instead of \$5.00 as in the usual municipality. Tisdale and Teck townships already have this authority.

Died This Morning as Result of Burns

Mrs. Desanges Perron Succumbs to Injuries from Fire Caused by Gasoline in Furnace.

Severely burned when she struck a match to light a gasoline-saturated furnace yesterday morning, Mrs. Desanges Perron, aged 68, died in St. Mary's hospital early this morning as a result of the burns.

According to the story told by her relatives Mrs. Perron had been successful in extinguishing one fire in the basement in that morning, caused by the fact that gasoline had been used in mistake for oil in order to start the wood fire. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alphege Perron, had been down to the furnace earlier in the day and had lit the fire but apparently left a pan containing just a little gasoline too close to the fire. Mrs. Perron, Sr., had gone down and put that blaze out.

About a quarter to twelve, she went down again and must have found the furnace fire out. She struck a match, and when speaking to a friend just before she lost consciousness, she said that was all she could remember. Her clothing became a mass of flames. She struggled up the basement stairs and began to take off her charred clothing before collapsing.

She was taken to the hospital as soon as possible, but the burns had destroyed too much of the skin surface, particularly about the feet, legs and face. They were described by the doctor in attendance as "severe, intensive second and third degree burns."

Mrs. Perron lived at 28 Tamarack St., with her son, Alphege. Four other sons live in Timmins, Leon, Aimie, Leodore and Henry. There are 13 grandchildren, 12 of whom live here, as well as a number of nieces and nephews. She had been a resident of Timmins for 11 years, coming here from Chiswick, Ontario. Her husband and one daughter died some years ago.

The family believe that had not Mrs. Perron been the one to light the furnace, someone else would surely have met the same fate. It is understood that the wood being burned was not dry and that the family had been in the habit of using some sort of oil to get it started. They had not used gasoline as a rule.

Four Fire Calls Since Monday Noon. None Serious

Four calls, all for minor fires, have been answered by the fire department since Monday noon. Monday at 5:35 p.m. a phone call to 57 Maple street south where a small fire caused by defective wiring. Others, at 7:25 p.m. Monday at 89 Fifth avenue; at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday at 59 1-2 Wilson avenue; and at 11:20 a.m. yesterday at 30 Viny Road were all chimney or stove pipe fires.

Miss Rita Mondoux, who was recently operated on for appendicitis in St. Mary's hospital, is now much improved in health.

Connaught Home Burns in \$5,000 Blaze Monday

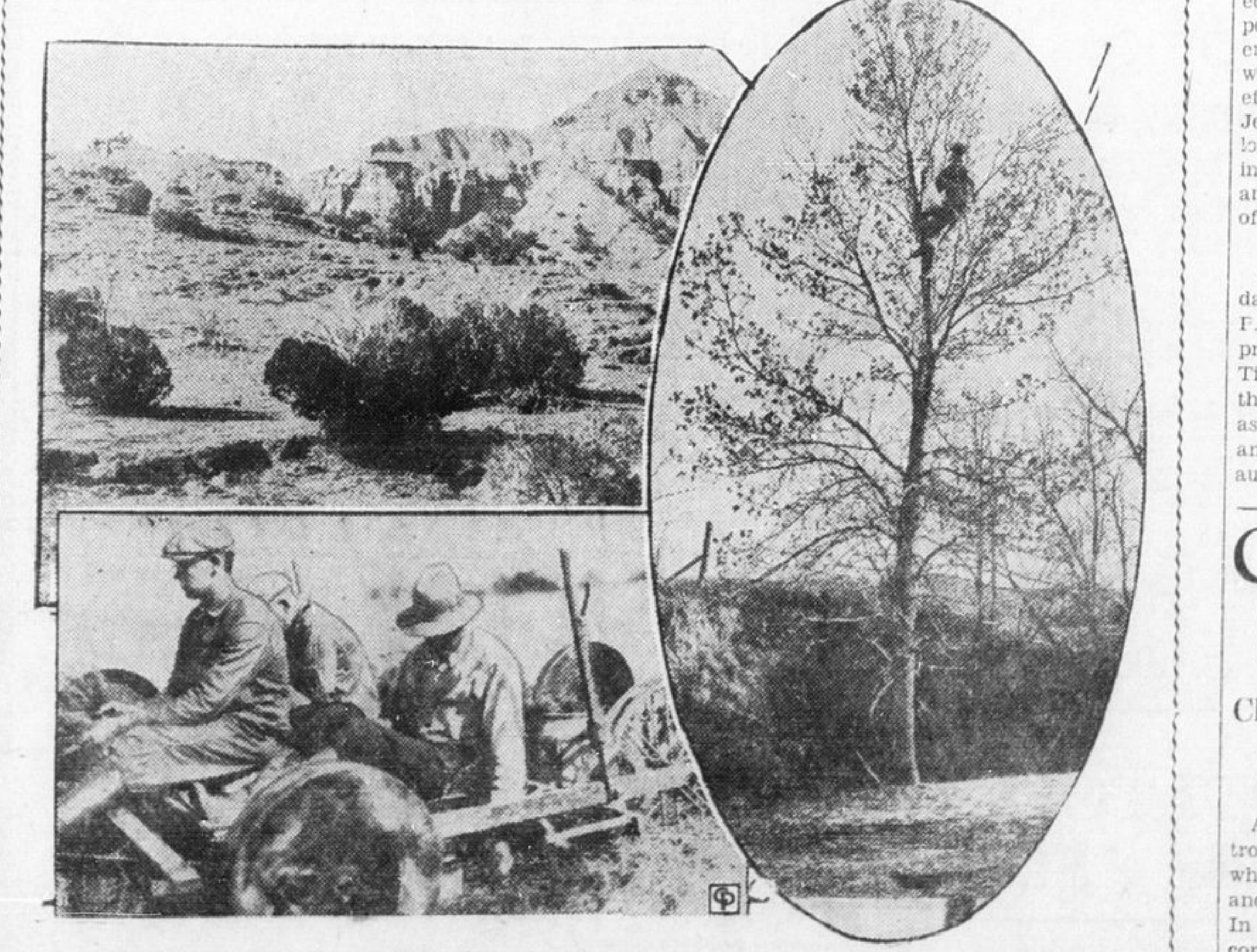
Chimney Fire Gets Beyond Control and in Less than an Hour Consumes Woollings Co. Building. Jas. Reid Occupied House.

A \$5,000 home at Connaught was destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon when a chimney fire got beyond control and spread throughout the structure. In an hour the house, and most of its contents, was a pile of ashes. With no fire-fighting apparatus at hand and no way of getting a truck through, there was no possible way of stopping the blaze once it had a firm hold.

The house was just across from the station and was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James Reid and their child. No one was injured in the fire but a considerable amount of personal property was lost. The place was owned by the Woollings Lumber Company and so far as can be learned the loss was covered by insurance.

Although the Woollings Company no longer operates a mill at Connaught, the offices of the company are kept there and Mr. Reid is employed by the company there. The pulpwood business is mainly carried on with United States.

This Scheme Has Been Proposed For Canada



Of great interest to Canada is the new tree "shelterbe it" being planted right across the United States from the Canadian border to Texas. The belt will be 100 miles wide and will be as straight as it can possibly be made. The underlying idea is to provide a source of moisture to prevent the terrible drought such as was experienced in 1934. A scheme similar to this has been proposed for Canada by the department of agriculture. It is hoped for the U.S. plan that a forest will be built up stretching right across the country. Above layout shows scenes from various districts of the work in progress.

Record Price To-day for Gold in London

New All-Time High Made on London Market. Figures out Over \$35 per Ounce in Canadian Money.

The price of gold in London soared to-day to a new all time high, as rumors of international changes in dealing with gold grew stronger. The price of 144 shillings, one penny, translated into Canadian money without taking into account the fractional exchange is slightly over the \$35 United States fixed price.

New Ambulance Arrives for the Hollinger Mines

The new Dodge ambulance has arrived for the Hollinger Mines and will be put into service immediately. This Dodge type KH15 has an outstanding stylish appearance and should be very suitable for ambulance work. It is a very smart and up-to-the-minute addition to the already smart Hollinger fleet of motors.

Work on Frederickhouse Dam has been Resumed

Work will be Completed, Thanks to the Efforts of the Porcupine and Iroquois Falls Fish and Game Protective Associations and John Rowlandson, M.P.P.

Rebuilding of the dam across the Frederickhouse river which was stopped a short time ago under the Department of Northern Development orders was resumed this week, following a strong protest from the Porcupine Fish and Game Protective Association and the Iroquois Falls and District Rod and Gun club.

As soon as it was known that the job of making the dam water-tight had been stopped, both clubs got in touch with John Rowlandson, member for Cochrane south, and Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests. After some correspondence between the clubs and the government, it was decided to allow the work to continue.

Full details in connection with the matter will be disclosed at an important meeting on Monday night at eight o'clock in the town hall. This meeting is open to all sportsmen of the district and in fact anyone interested in shooting or fishing should make it a point to be on hand, as the matters to be discussed are of utmost importance to sport in this section of Northern

Ontario. The club has made application to the government for a supply of hatchery fish with which to stock the lakes and streams of the district.

Frederickhouse Lake, near Connaught on the Timmins-Porcupine Junction road, was once a lake of good size. Prospecting in the early days led some miners to blast in such a manner that the level of the lake fell quickly leaving a large marsh, which in later years became the seasonal feeding ground of large flocks of migrating wild ducks. The level of the lake has continued to drop during the past few years to such an extent that the ducks no longer find it such an excellent stopping place and in order to protect sport in the district the fish and game associations petitioned the government to build a dam. This was done but the dam did not hold enough water to change conditions very much. Recently repairs were begun that would put the dam in good condition. It was these repairs that were stopped and then re-commenced.

Part of the funds necessary for the rebuilding were contributed by the associations interested.