

## Serious Charges of Fraud and Forgery Here

### Business Finished in Record Time by Council

To Take up Question of High Taxes Across Railway Track. Survey for Public Works to be Made. Extension Asked of Lake Shore Road. Other Matters Before Council.

The council has no power to lower the taxes of the section of Moneta beyond the railway track. Town Solicitor Gordon Gauthier informed the council by letter at yesterday's regular meeting. Laws governing taxes and assessment prohibit a municipal body from doing this; the assessor cannot even be instructed to reduce the assessment. For some time the council has felt that the taxes in the section referred to have been too high. The only possible way of making the taxes lower would be for the Court of Revision to re-open the whole question and set a lower assessment on the lands, it was explained.

"I think the Court of Revision should sit and discuss the matter," said Mayor Richardson. "There should be some reduction down there."

**Road Extension Asked**  
Ratepayers on Lake Shore road requested that their street be extended along the shore of Gillies Lake to meet James street. To do this, Town Engineer MacLean explained, would require a great deal of fill, as the corporation owns very little property there, except on the side of a steep hill. "It's quite a big job," he said. "We looked at it once before." Estimates will be made again and the question dealt with at another meeting.

Another request came from ratepayers on First avenue between Preston and Rea streets. They want a concrete sidewalk. This part of the town is very sandy. Councillor Chateaubert said, and even if a cement walk could not be constructed, a wooden walk might serve the purpose.

The council as a whole is to make a survey of the town in the near future and in company with the town engineer will inspect several places for which public works have been requested. Councillor McDermott, as

chairman of the public works committee, will make the arrangements. It is usually a three or four hour job, the mayor said.

**St. Catharines Asks Help**  
A letter from Herbert L. Smith, clerk of the City of St. Catharines, asking that the town of Timmins help them oppose a bill in the Ontario Legislature, threatened some prolonged discussion until it was explained that the bill had been refused passage in committee of the Legislature. The proposed regulations would have put all fire departments in centres of 10,000 and over on an eight-hour day basis. It would have meant, the letter said, that a fireman would be committing an offence if, even in fighting a fire, he worked more than eight hours a day. St. Catharines estimated (Continued on Page Five)

### Annual Meeting of Timmins Golf Club

To be Held on Monday Evening, April 29th, at 7.30 p.m., at the Golf Club House.

The 1935 annual meeting of the Timmins Golf Club will be held in the club house at 7.30 o'clock on Monday evening, April 29th. It was announced yesterday by W. L. Hogarth, secretary. All members of the club are expected to be present.

The first games of the season were played on Good Friday and over the week-end a number of other golfers took advantage of the open season. The links are dry at present and would be much better for a moderate rainfall.

### Land Bonus Needed for Settlers in the North

D. J. Pomerleau Shows Kiwanis Club Value of Agriculture and the Absolute Need for Land Bonus. Ninety per cent. of Settlers on Relief in This Part of North.

At the Kiwanis Club luncheon on Tuesday of this week the guest speaker was D. J. Pomerleau, district representative for Cochrane district for the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Pomerleau's address was of outstanding interest and value. After a general discussion of the depression, its causes and cure, Mr. Pomerleau pointed out that in this part of the North ninety per cent. of the settlers are on relief. They are not even producing enough to meet their own needs. Settlers on relief are actually buying pork, milk, butter and eggs, said Mr. Pomerleau. Little could be expected in the way of progress in agriculture under such circumstances.

Mr. Pomerleau read a few interesting notes about Boston, famous as the city of culture. The Massachusetts Agricultural Club is 94 years old and one of the important organizations in Boston to-day as for nearly a century past. In the very centre of Boston there is a pasture for cattle. This shows the standing of agriculture in the city of culture. Mr. Pomerleau thought it would be well for this district if townsmen made a hobby of agriculture. Men with wealth might not find much money in farming, but they would find great interest and their example and experiments would be of great value to the development of farming. "Make a hobby of agriculture," advised Mr. Pomerleau.

The speaker outlined the situation as it exists to-day. "What may be done about it?" he asked. Education was one thing that would help a lot. Some of the settlers do not know their business; they do not know how to handle stock, poultry, etc., properly; they do not understand soils, cropping systems, and so on, to produce enough for themselves and their stock. There was another side to the picture however. He pointed out that there were many settlers who were not on relief.

because they used their heads and their hands to get along. At Val Gagne for instance, there were farmers paying as much as \$500 per year on mortgages. These people were not on relief. This was proof that farming here could be made to pay.

Farm life, Mr. Pomerleau noted, was not as interesting as it should be. It was especially hard on women. Washing by hand, the use of oil lamps, were disadvantages that discouraged many. Relief plans also often spoiled some settlers. They depended upon relief instead of industry. He strongly advocated a land-clearing bonus instead of direct relief. It would mean help in proportion to the effort and industry of the settler. If possible, Mr. Pomerleau would also have hydro electricity, the telephone, etc., at cheap rates for farmers and settlers. He felt that the man carrying on successfully on the farm helped everybody in the country. He caused more demand for goods of all kinds.

Mr. Pomerleau also pointed out that the District of Cochrane was too large to be handled by one representative of the Department of Agriculture. He felt that another representative should be added for the best results. Mr. Pomerleau quoted one striking case where a man who had not done well in this country was advised to take up poultry. The man followed the advice and has done well. He is no longer talking as a red. He is too busy.

At the meeting on Tuesday the president, Arch Gillies, was in the chair.

Dr. Lee Honey introduced two boys who had been helped materially by the Kiwanis Club.

Rev. Bruce Millar officiated at the initiation of four new members—A. F. McDowell, of McDowell Motors; O. Sauve, barrister and solicitor; T. Glaister, manager of the local branch of the Robt. Simpson Co.; and J. P. Passmore, of the Star Transfer.

Dr. Lee Honey presented the buttons to the new members.

Arch Gillies, the president, introduced the guest speaker, while Frank Feldman expressed the appreciation felt for the helpful address given.

The Kiwanis Club has decided to put a float in the May 6th parade.

### The Semi-Weekly Smile

A young lady in town sent in this one:—  
"She was contemplating marriage and she had put the suggestion to her father.  
"But my dear girl," he exclaimed, "you can't seriously think of marrying young Brown. Why, he only earns about \$15 a week."  
She sighed happily.  
"I know, dad," she returned; "but a week passes so quickly when you are in love."

### Funeral Monday of Little John Hooker

Six-year-old Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hooker Laid to Rest This Week at Timmins Cemetery.

Early Saturday morning John, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hooker, passed away. He had been in the hospital for some days and although his illness was known to be serious, there was hope that he would recover right up to the end.

During the short time before the funeral on Monday floral tributes in profusion were sent to the lad's home. Rev. Bruce Millar, who conducted both the private service at the home at 74 Maple street south and the public one at the church, chose as the text of his short sermon, "And He sent a little child into their midst." He referred to the little lad's genius for building things from any simple materials that came to hand, and to many other little traits for which the boy was kindly thought of by his own friends and by the adults who had come to know and love him.

Of the large number of Timmins people who attended the church service, many went to the graveside in the Timmins cemetery to pay their last respects to the little fellow.

The pall-bearers were William Dunn, Charles Ramsay, Walter Ramsay, Morton Lake, Ronald Lake and Jack Lake. Mrs. E. M. Main, Dundas, sister of Mrs. Hooker and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Culham of St. George, Ont., sister and brother-in-law of Mr. Hooker, came up by motor to attend the funeral.

### Indian Customs are Shown by C.G.I.T.

Timmins Group Entertains South Porcupine and Schumacher Girls at Unusual Evening Event.

On Tuesday evening the five groups of Canadian Girls in Training in the Timmins United church entertained the groups from South Porcupine and Schumacher in Indian fashion.

Indian exhibits, maps, posters, models and souvenirs were explained by girls in Indian saris, and some games native to India were enjoyed. Following a meal in which foods peculiar to India were served, a musical programme was provided by the guests. Later, in the church, an Easter worship service, illustrated with slides, and a lantern lecture on the church's missionary work in India were presented. This project concluded a six weeks' study from the text, "India on the March," by Alden Clark.

The local C.G.I.T. groups aer among the 1,174 registered groups in Ontario and through worship, study, play and service seek to live up to the C.G.I.T. purpose.

### Spoke at Timmins



E. C. WARD  
Ontario vice-president of the Life Underwriters Association in Canada, who addressed the Timmins Life Underwriters Association last week. He is a former resident of Cochrane, and has wide circles of friends in Timmins and throughout the district.

### Tag Days Arranged for May 4 and May 6

Councils of Town and Township Give Permission for Tag Events. Proceeds for King's Cancer Fund.

The councils of both the town of Timmins and the township of Tisdale have granted permission for the holding of Tag Days for the King's Cancer Fund on Saturday, May 4th, and Monday, May 6th. The Legion is arranging to assure a very thorough canvass of the whole Porcupine camp for the Tag Days. All loyal and humanitarian people should give as generously as possible on these Tag Days. The entire net proceeds of the Tag Days will be forwarded by the Legion to the King's Cancer Fund.

### Pleasing Easter Dance by Porcupine Badminton Club

Monday evening's Easter dance at the Porcupine Badminton Club was another well attended affair. Favors given out to all the dancers during the evening made the dance an unusually bright affair and with the good music, these who attended say that it was a most successful evening.

### Twentieth Anniversary of Local Masonic Lodge

To be Celebrated on May 11th, 12th and 13th. Number of Prominent Masons to be Here for the Occasion, Including the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Golden Braver Lodge, A.F. & A.M., will celebrate its twentieth anniversary on May 11th, 12th and 13th. It is expected that there will be many prominent Masons here for the occasion. On Saturday, May 11th, at 7 p.m., there will be a banquet in the Masonic hall.

On Sunday, May 12th, the members of the Craft will parade from the Masonic hall to the United Church.

where Rev. J. Morris, of Woodstock, Ont., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, assisted by the Rev. Bruce Millar, of Timmins, will officiate at a Masonic service.

On Monday evening, May 13th, there will be a social evening at the Masonic hall where cards and dancing will be in order for Masons and their friends in the district.

### Daffodils in Bloom Picked This Morning

Hyacinths Also in Bloom. No Doubt About Spring Being Here at Present.

This morning, April 25th, Mrs. S. F. Monck picked four daffodils in bloom from her garden on T-ke street, Timmins. There were also hyacinths in bloom in the same garden this morning. If this is not a record for flowers in the spring in Timmins, it is a lead-er anyway. April 25th is early for this part of the North Land for flowers in bloom, and suggests that spring is surely here and summer close at hand.

### More Floats Assured for Carnival Parade, May 6

Since the article in regard to the parade on May 6th, as appearing in another section of this issue, was set in type, there have been assurances of three more important floats given the committee, also a special float by the pupils of the Timmins High and Vocational School. The older pupils of the High and Vocational School will also march in the parade.

### Two Employees of Town are Arrested This Week

Romeo De Luca Taken from Train at Haileybury. Henry Perreault, Assistant Town Clerk, on \$15,000 Bail. Amount of Loss to Town Not Known. Other Arrests Expected.

Following the work of the town auditors on the books of the town and especially in checking up payrolls and relief vouchers, two arrests have been made this week of town employees. On Tuesday Romeo De Luca, formerly employed in the town engineer's office as a clerk, was taken from the train at Haileybury by provincial police at the request of the Timmins police who had a warrant for his arrest. De Luca was brought back to Timmins last night and after his arrival, Henry Perreault, assistant town clerk, was arrested at his home at 30 Hemlock street.

The information laid against De Luca reads to the effect that "within the space of ten months, on the 22nd day of August, 1934, at the town of Timmins in the district of Cochrane, did, knowing a certain cheque dated August 22nd, 1934, drawn by the Town of Timmins in favour of O. Charette, and endorsed by O. Charette, to be forged, deal with it as though it were genuine, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada, section 467."

The charge against Perreault was that between the first day of January, 1934, and the 24th day of April, 1935, he did concur in the making by Romeo De Luca of false entries in the payroll book of the said corporation of the Town of Timmins, contrary to section 415 (b), Criminal Code of Canada."

Bail in each case was set at \$15,000 property. In about an hour Perreault was released on bail, \$7,500 by his father, and \$7,500 by J. Dalton.

The charges are understood to arise from alleged frauds and forgeries in connection with the payrolls, vouchers and cheques in connection with relief work in town. The auditors have been checking up for some time past, suspicion having been aroused in connection with some of the accounts. When it was decided that names had been added to the payroll after the time sheets had been turned in, steps were started to protect the town. In the meantime it was found that De Luca and his wife had left town by the early train. They left their baby with relatives here. The police notified all centres in the area through which the wanted man could possibly pass. He was arrested at Haileybury. In the meantime Perreault was interviewed by the authorities and gave explanations for business dealings that he seemed to have with De Luca. He said that he had no part in any frauds or forgeries. On Wednesday morning, however, Perreault was suspended from duty at the town office. His arrest followed in the evening.

No information is available as to the amount of the frauds or forgeries sustained by the town. The auditors are still working on the books and further charges may follow. Ten days may be required to check all the losses. It is reported that other arrests may also be made shortly on charges of being implicated in the frauds and forgeries.

It is understood that the method of procedure was to add the names to the payrolls and then through forgery of names on vouchers and cheques and by means of fake accounts secure payments of the amounts involved.

Dean Kester has been retained by the town to look after its interests in the cases against those charged and any others who may be charged.

Perreault is bonded for \$2,000 as an employee of the town, but De Luca is not under bond, occupying only a minor position and not handling town money.

De Luca and Perreault will come up for preliminary hearing on the charges against them on Tuesday next. At the time of going to press De Luca had not secured bail.

### C.C.F. Member Here; Spoke to Full Hall

Edward S. Garland Not Opening Campaign, He Claims, but on Speaking Tour During Recess.

Edward J. Garland, C.C.F. member of parliament for Bow River, Alberta, spoke last night to a meeting in the Moose hall on Fourth Avenue. All available space in the hall was needed to accommodate the audience.

Mr. Garland credited the political leaders of the country with doing all they possibly could in the way of bringing about better times, but they are working on the wrong system, he believes. He criticized the banking system of the country and offered the C.C.F. banking idea in its stead. He is a gifted speaker and his address was listened to with much interest and appreciation.

During the long Easter recess, Mr. Garland is making a speaking tour of the province. He is not opening the campaign for the coming election, he explained.

### Ten Hours for Trip Noranda to Timmins

Visitors Here Found Roads Very Bad in Two or Three Sections of Trip.

A trip from Noranda to Timmins by motor car yesterday took ten hours, Mr. and Mrs. B. Labelle found, when they came here to visit Dr. C. M. Boutin. Muddy roads between Kirkland Lake and Noranda and a stretch near Ramore were the cause of the delay. At one point, it required ten men and a team of horses to get the car back onto solid road again. Repairs are being made as quickly as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Labelle left for Noranda to-day, after seeing "Yokohama Maid," last night. They will probably return via New Liskeard.

### Car Plunges Down Incline on Highway

Car and Taxi Collide and Both Damaged. No One Injured in Unusual Accident.

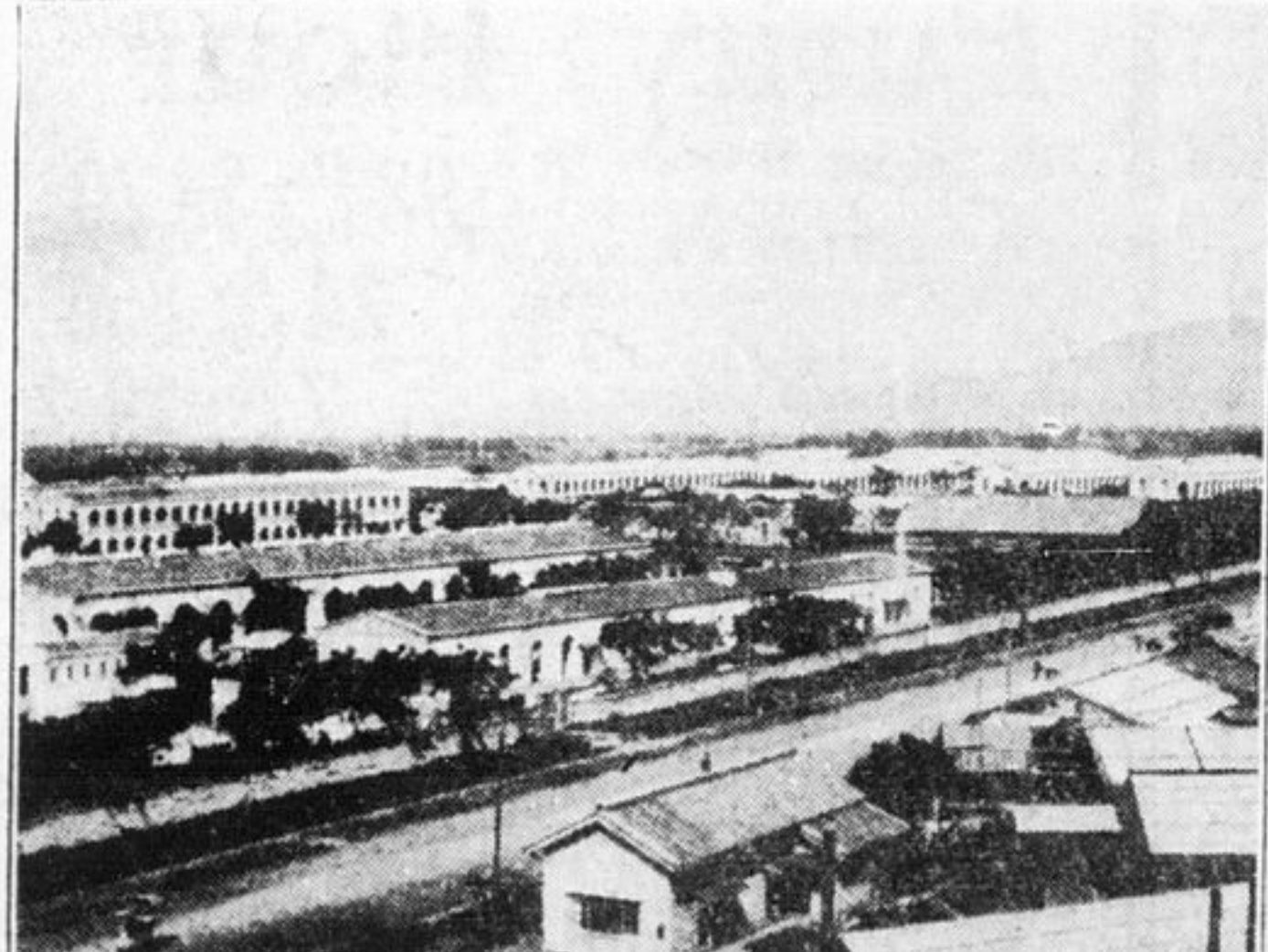
Considerable damage was done to a taxi on Monday night when a car driven by John Pelszynski crossed the Hollinger road near where James street enters, collided with the taxi and plunged down a steep incline to the ditch. The Pelszynski car smashed through the steel cable along the edge of the road but was not seriously damaged. The taxi damage was mostly along the left side, both fenders, running board and bumper being crumpled.

The taxi, driven by Eugene Guinaud, had been coming toward Timmins and was still on the right side of the road when police arrived. The other car which had been travelling east, was in the north ditch.

Although shaken up, none of the occupants of either car was injured. Miss Helen Senek, 111 Elm Street north, was a passenger in the Pelszynski car.

Earthquakes in Persia have followed those in Formosa, according to despatches from that country. Although not as severe in character as the Japanese quakes, they have taken an undetermined toll of life and property.

### Where Thousands Died in Formosa Earthquake



Death, disease and suffering followed in wake of terrific earthquake in Japanese-occupied island of Formosa. It is estimated that more than 3,000 were killed, and 15,000 injured, while at least 250,000 were rendered homeless in the island as reported safe.

Illustrations at TOP are scenes from city of Taihoku, showing street scene and industrial site. Canadian missionaries in south Formosa are shown below, LEFT to RIGHT: Rev. Duncan MacLeod, Miss Greta Gauld, Miss Marjory McKay of Toronto, Mrs. Wm. Gauld, Mrs. D. F. Marshall, Mr. Marshall, and Dr. and Mrs. G. Gushue-Taylor, of Stratford. The latter two are in charge of Formosa Medical College. Also shown is map showing position of island.