

Town Council to Try Out Local Peat

Stricter Enforcement of Early Closing Requested

Grocers Will All Stay Open if Some Persist. E. M. Stenhouse New Building Inspector. Mayor Asks Help for Hospital. By-law for Vote on New Town Hall. Other Council Business.

At the council meeting yesterday in addition to the matters dealt with at length in another column in this issue, there were several questions of special public interest.

Grocers Give Ultimatum

Twenty-two Timmins grocers delivered to the council what amounted to an ultimatum. They will remain open after legal closing hours, on Sundays and on legal holidays unless the council instructs the police to enforce strictly the closing by-law they said.

The complaint of the business men is that the corner stores sell groceries and meats long after legal closing hours and in addition, sell on Sundays and holidays. Most of the important food stores in Timmins were included on the list.

Although a check up was made in the spring, none has been made recently, a police officer told the council. Mr. Caron and Mayor Richardson were authorized to confer with the Chief of Police on the matter.

Stenhouse Appointed Inspector

E. M. Stenhouse was appointed plumbing and building inspector by motion of the council, to which unanimous agreement was made. He is also to do "any other work Mr. McLean may ask him to do." His salary was fixed at \$130 a month.

The town had been without an inspector for some weeks now, but it was thought advisable that the council should wait to see what applications were turned in before making the appointment. Mr. Stenhouse had applied for the position some time ago.

Jack Dalton Buys Debentures

The debenture issue of \$30,000, made for the addition to Moneta school, was taken in its entirety by John Dalton, it was learned when a motion approving the sale was passed. The debenture bonds, now in the hands of the town clerk, will be delivered to Mr. Dalton within a day or so.

Paving Almost Assured

W. M. Brodie, chairman of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, was in Timmins this week, the mayor told the council. "I feel certain we'll get permission to do the paving," said his worship. "Of course we won't be able to do anything this fall, but if possible we'll get permission this year so as to make a start next spring."

Mr. Brodie could make no promises, the mayor said, but after having seen Timmins streets and being told about the whole situation, he had felt that the paving was a necessary work. Informed of the present financial condition of the town, the chairman found it satisfactory, and believes that Timmins is in even better shape than Kirkland Lake. The Board had been sitting at Kirkland Lake on the question of issuing debentures to pay for the building of sewers.

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Richardson had told the council that "the town's bank balance is in very satisfactory condition again this year. If we had the money from the Hollinger for the sidewalk debentures, we would show a credit balance of seven or eight thousand dollars. The taxes are coming in very well if we'll only leave the balliffs alone."

Mayor Asks Help for Hospital

"This town is very fortunate in having a hospital such as we have," said the mayor later. "The council has never contributed anything to either the building or maintenance of the place. It is now crowded so badly that they must make arrangements for more accommodation. They propose, I understand, to build a residence for the nurses, leaving the whole third storey free for patients. I feel that the council should, if not this year, then next year, set aside a sum of money for that purpose. It seems to me to be a very worthy cause and one that should be partially taken care of by the town. Right now there are four beds in a sunroom which was to have been set aside for the sisters. They really have room now for 81 patients, yet there are at all times more than that number of beds set up. There are even beds in the hall at times, I understand."

Invariably Full, Says Doctor

Councillor Dr. E. A. F. Day agreed that the hospital was crowded every week. "When it is necessary to send a patient to the hospital, they almost invariably say they can't take any because they're filled up," he told the council. There is a plan being worked out now, he said, whereby the third storey will be taken for patients and the sisters will sleep in rooms over the laundry. He agreed that either a nurses' residence or another wing should be built.

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ROUMANIAN ARCHBISHOP VISITS TIMMINS



His Grace Archbishop Polycarp of the Roumanian Orthodox Church of Canada and the United States, as he stepped from the train in Timmins last week, to be greeted by a large crowd of his countrymen. It was the Archbishop's first visit to the North, and he expressed himself as much impressed with Timmins and its surroundings. He came here to dedicate the new St. Mary's Roumanian Orthodox Church at a ceremony on Sunday.

Kirkland Mines Upheld in Assessment Appeals

Judge Hayward Decides in Favour of Case of Kirkland Lake Mines. Suit Has Special Interest Here, on Account of Local Appeals.

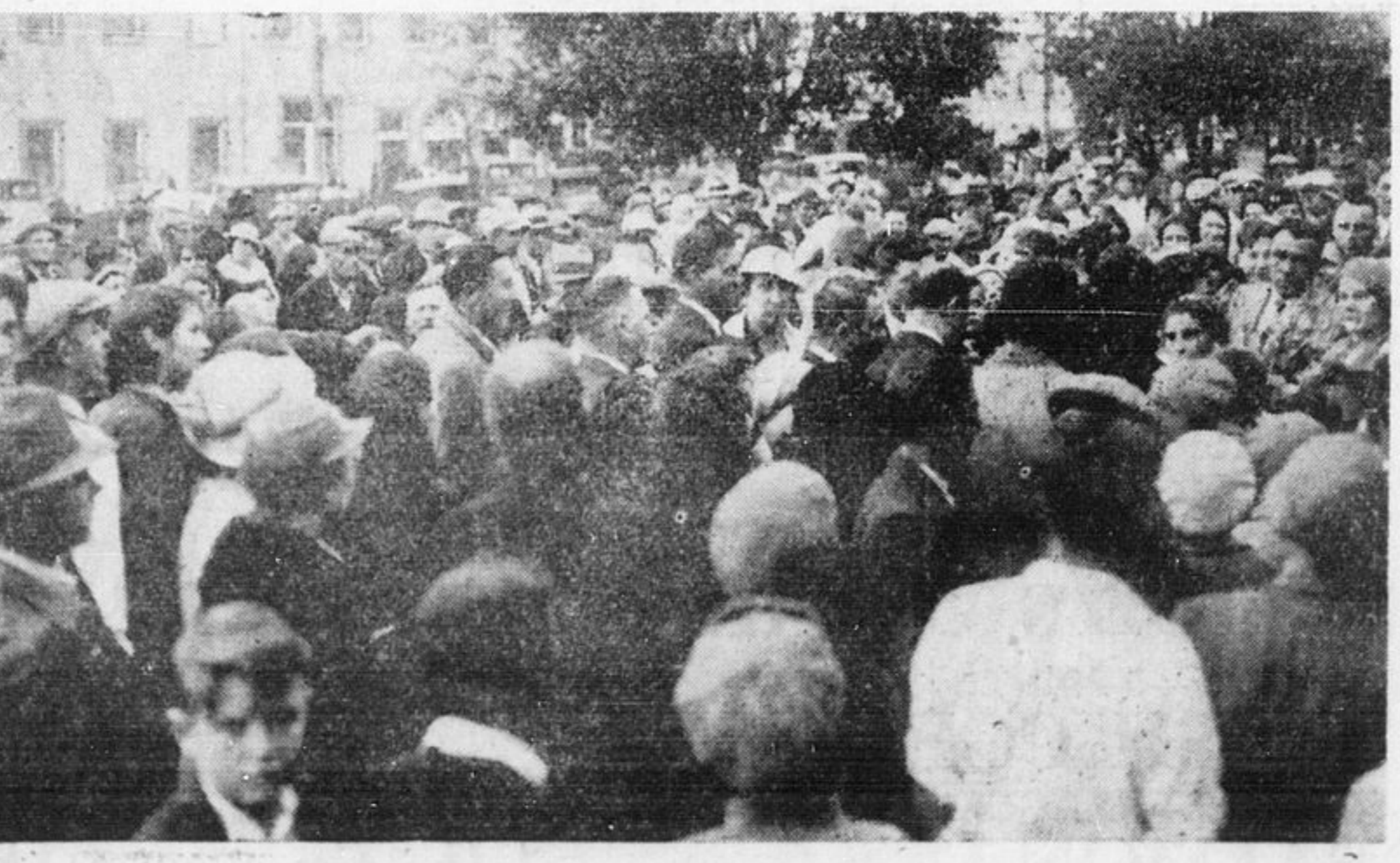
In view of the fact that the Hollinger has an appeal before the county judge in regard to assessment of the mine for income, the following despatch from Kirkland Lake yesterday should be of more than passing interest.

"Stating that he did not interpret the amendment to the act to apply to the mines, Judge Hayward's decision upholding the appeal launched by three local mining companies against their 1935 income tax assessment levied by the township of Teck has been received by Kirkland Lake council. Whether the case will be carried still further is not definitely known at present. There has not yet been time for township council to study the judgment so no statement can be made at the present time, Reeve R. J. Cartier replied in answer to questions to-day.

"The appeal launched individually by three local mines is from the amount of income assessment levied by the municipality for the current year, the amount of the income against Teck Company being as follows: Lake Shore Mines Ltd., \$219,869.20; Wright-Hargreaves Mines Ltd., \$76,712.85; Teck Hughes Gold Mines, Ltd., \$44,663.10.

"The amount of the tax against each company was arrived at by charging 1½ per cent. on income up to two and one-third million dollars and 2½ per cent. on all incomes above that sum. The mining companies, in launching the appeal, contended that the 2½ per cent. charge over and above the \$2,333.33 was illegal and contrary to the provisions of the Act."

TIMMINS GIVES AN ARCHBISHOP A ROYAL RECEPTION



The above photo shows a section of the crowd gathered at the Timmins station last week to welcome Archbishop Polycarp of the Roumanian Orthodox Church. As he raised his hand in prayer, the two hundred people stood bareheaded and silent. The archbishop himself can be seen at the right of the picture. Timmins Citizens' Band was on hand for the distinguished churchman's arrival and played during the presentation of a huge bouquet of flowers to the Archbishop.

Liberal Ladies of Timmins Organized

Two Hundred Ladies at Interesting Meeting Addressed by J. A. Bradette, M.P., Last Night.

A part of the history of the Liberal party in Canada since Confederation is that it reduces the cost of living under its governments, Jos. A. Bradette, M.P., told 200 Timmins ladies at an organization meeting held in the Moose hall last night. Since wartime, Liberal governments have made it a policy to reduce nuisance taxes—postage was two cents, sales tax was one or two per cent, instead of the present nearly six per cent., and cheques under five dollars were exempt from excise tax.

Committee rooms will be opened within a few days, it was decided, and literature will be made available while the campaign gets under full swing.

Strong Executive Elected

A strong executive was elected for the ladies' association and great enthusiasm was shown. A number offered to help with the immediate organization and with the work at the committee rooms.

The men, meeting later in the basement of the hall, also heard a short address from Mr. Bradette and from Dr. J. A. McInnis. Most of the business done was in line with organization plans.

In speaking to the ladies, Mr. Bradette reviewed the Liberal policy and pointed out the many ways in which it is designed to help the housewife in reducing the cost of staples. It was already during a Conservative regime, the speaker said, that third and fourth parties were formed, an indication of dissatisfaction, he termed it.

Officers of the ladies' association were:

President—Mrs. J. A. McInnis.
First vice-president—Mrs. Sebastian.
Second vice-president—Mrs. C. M. Boutin.
Secretary—Mrs. Miss Toner.
Executive committee—Mrs. D. Ostror, Mrs. J. R. Todd, Mrs. A. W. Lang, Mrs. Philbert, Mrs. L. Cousins, Mrs. W. Dufau, Mrs. D. Kester, Mrs. A. P. Brennan.

C. W. L. Convention Here Sept. 23 to 25

Seven Different Sub-Divisions of the Haileybury Diocese to be Represented.

The Catholic Women's League will hold a diocesan convention in Timmins on Sept. 23rd, 24th and 25th. At this convention the seven different sub-division of the Haileybury diocese will be represented.

The C.W.L. has a large membership in this part of the North and the various branches are all active and proving of value to their communities.

Premier Bennett Favours Controlled Inflation

Premier R. B. Bennett defended the financial arrangements made by his government during the past few years in his third radio address last night. He believes in controlled inflation, he said, but is absolutely opposed to uncontrolled inflation. Turning on the printing presses to make greenbacks amounted to selling "your birthright for a madman's dream which can never come true."

George Shaheen has returned from a trip to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

Council Decides to Test Mountjoy-Produced Fuel

Large Amount of Business Dealt with at Meeting of Town Council Yesterday. Town Buys Some Tulips. Franklin Report Received. Some Relief Cases.

Council decided yesterday: To try out locally-produced peat. To consider more strict enforcement of the early closing by-law. To appoint E. M. Stenhouse plumbing and building inspector. To approve the sale of \$30,000 in town debentures to J. Dalton. To consider the granting of a sum of money to St. Mary's hospital for an addition. To prepare a by-law for submission to the electorate on the question of building a new town hall. To grant permission to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind to hold a tag day on Saturday, September 21st. A complete story of the meeting will be found in other columns of to-day's Advance.

A new industry for the Timmins district; a saving to the council and the town at large; and more comfort for its citizens may be accomplished through the council's decision yesterday to try out locally-produced peat.

Weldon Brewer, who with some others is interested in a farm about five miles west of Timmins, on which there is estimated to be 100,000 tons of peat, brought his proposal before the council. He will supply about a carload of the specially prepared peat at \$9.00 a ton this year for the town to try out in its own furnaces as well as in relief cases.

"The members of the council who saw the demonstration fire were quite satisfied," the mayor told him, "I think you'll get an order."

Processed to Remove Water

The peat, Mr. Brewer explained, was dug from the ground at his farm and then subjected to a treatment breaking down the water cells and retarding the forming of air cells. The finished product comes in pieces from 12 inches by four inches by three inches, downward.

Jackpine, at an average cost of \$3.50 a cord, figures out at about \$10.50 a ton and gives about 5,000 units of heat per pound. The peat, at \$9.00 a ton, gives 7,800 units of heat per pound, so the saving over a period of time would be considerable, Mr. Brewer pointed out. Should the town accept this offer, he will make it a point to follow up with a service to see that the fuel is being used properly and to instruct people in its best use. The usual price is 18 cents a bushel, he said, with 55 bushels to the ton. The carload lot price represents a considerable saving.

Members of the council who had seen the fire agreed that the fuel burned very well and were enthusiastic about the prospects.

Town Buys Tulips

Mr. Noble, a gardener at South Porcupine, wrote asking the council if the town required any plants for the park next year. He will be able to supply tulip bulbs, he said.

"I think we should encourage anything in that line, especially when it comes from the Porcupine district," said Councillor H. E. Chateauvert. "I am in favour of starting in a small way now."

The mayor spoke of George Straatman's work at the station park this summer. "It was very nicely set up," he said, "and at very little expense to the town."

One dollar had been used to buy seed this year, but next spring about \$15 worth of tulips will be planted, to make it even more of a beauty spot.

Lifeguard's Duties Over Now

The services of the lifeguard, Oscar Robertson, will be dispensed with this Saturday, council decided.

"I don't suppose there's anyone bathing there now, is there?" the mayor asked.

"He says not," replied the fire chief. "The only other expense in addition to his salary was \$5.00 for the renting of a boat."

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First Meeting on Monday of I.O.D.E.

Feature of Event to be Address on Ethiopian Situation by Mrs. W. W. Tanner

The first meeting of the Timmins Chapter I.O.D.E. after the holiday season will be held on Monday evening next in the Moose hall, Fourth avenue. The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock, and will prove particularly interesting and valuable. One of the special features will be an address on the Ethiopian situation by Mrs. W. W. Tanner. The members are looking forward to an unusually pleasing and informative meeting, and all are sure that Mrs. Tanner's address will be one of special value. A large attendance of the members of the Daughters of the Empire and their friends is confidently expected.

Building in Timmins to Reach Half Million Mark

Total of Estimated Value in Building Permits for Last Six Months, \$391,023. This Figure above below value. Large Number of New Houses. No Building Boom.

The total amount of building in Timmins this year will approximate half a million dollars, it is conservatively estimated now.

Permits for the period from June 1st to August 31st were issued for buildings estimated to cost \$249,704, though it is known that in many cases the actual value of the building done will exceed the figure for which the permits were granted. In the previous part of the year, January 1st to May 31st, permits totalled \$241,319.50, so that the total taken out to date is \$491,023.

The amount of the last three months is split as follows, according to a report of the town engineer's office:

Business Section	
New buildings, 10 permits	\$ 77,350
Alterations and additions, 7 permits	\$ 7,410
Residential Section	
New buildings, 111 permits	\$131,819
Alterations and additions, 106 permits	\$ 26,365
Garages and Sheds	
New buildings, 33 permits	\$ 2,835
Alterations, 7 permits	\$ 925
Totals spent to date this year, as shown on the report, are:	
New buildings, business section	\$225,750
Alterations and additions	\$ 24,210
New buildings, residential	\$184,839
Alterations and additions	\$ 52,160
Garages and sheds, new	\$ 3,122
Alterations	\$ 942.50
Assessment Increase Greater	

The assessment roll will undoubtedly show a greater increase than that shown by the actual building permits, it is predicted, since it is the usual thing in the case of very large buildings to take out permits for much under the value of the finished structure, of which plans have been approved by the town.

The improvements in Timmins during the past few months have been easily noticeable, even to the casual observer. Houses, being moved from one location to another, to make way for new blocks, have impeded traffic on the streets. Piles of sand, taken from basement and foundation excavations have been piled high across sidewalks. Third avenue and Pine street sidewalks have been partially cut off for short periods to allow for construction of new buildings, or new faces on old buildings. The main business streets do look brighter and better, taken as a whole.

New Districts Spring Up

New districts have sprung up, almost overnight. At the north and south ends of some streets, where only one house was in the spring, five stand to-day. As the population of Timmins grows monthly and more and more workers bring their families to live here, the housing problem becomes more acute. But it must be being attacked. Nearly \$200,000 goes a long way when it comes to building frame houses.

With all the building that has been begun here this year so far, there is still much to do. Nothing in the nature of a building boom has taken place, so the high figures for permits should continue at about the same level for many years to come, if Timmins is to progress as it has in the past.

Much in the Future

There is much to which the building trades may look forward. A by-law for a new town hall will be submitted in December. Even to-day, the schools are overcrowded and more accommodation is almost imperative. Frame business blocks will have to, in the near future, be replaced with brick structures, to conform with the fire laws. And most important of all, more and better homes will be needed as the year slips by. The old mining camp idea is gone. Never in the history of this continent has gold mining produced so substantial and normal a town as Timmins, yet its height of substantiality has not been reached yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Drew and family are spending a few weeks at Canbington, Ontario.

Special Concert at Timmins on Monday

Virginia Jubilee Singers to be at United Church Under the Auspices of the Choir.

According to the notices in the newspapers and the testimonials by pastors and other leading citizens in hundreds of towns and cities visited, the Virginia Jubilee Singers are a most attractive group of gifted vocalists and their programmes never fail to delight all. The Virginia Jubilee Singers will present a programme at the Timmins United Church on Monday evening of next week, September 16th, at 8 p.m. The event is under the auspices of the Timmins United Church choir, and would appear to merit a very large attendance. Among those giving the highest recommendation to the Virginia Jubilee Singers is Rev. J. D. Parks, now of Toronto but for many years minister in charge of Timmins United Church. Others who have heard the Virginia Jubilee Singers are equally enthusiastic.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richardson, of Listowel, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Guy Grayson to Play at Riverside Again Friday

Guy Grayson and his Royal Cellegians have been engaged by the management of the Riverside pavilion to play a return engagement there tomorrow night. The St. Thomas orchestra, who have been playing at Crystal Beach near Kirkland Lake this summer, where Porky Levine has been operating a dance hall, made a real hit here last week.

Major L. Ursaki to Visit Timmins This Week-end

Major L. Ursaki, Divisional Commander for Northern and Mid-Ontario Division of The Salvation Army, will conduct the week-end meetings in the Salvation Army Citadel, Fourth avenue. Saturday, 8 p.m., public Salvation meeting. Sunday, 11 a.m., Holiness meeting. 7 p.m., Salvation meeting. 3 p.m., Young People's meeting.

Mrs. Ursaki will accompany the Major, and will conduct a meeting for women on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., to which all women are invited. She will also assist in the meetings on Sunday.

Both Major and Mrs. Ursaki are interesting speakers, and everybody is heartily invited to hear them.

Paymaster Holds Annual Meeting at South End

August's Annual Production was \$53,000, Shareholders Informed. Officers and Directors Re-Elected. Conditions Very Satisfactory at Mine

August's production at Paymaster Consolidated was \$53,000, shareholders were told at the annual meeting in South Porcupine on Tuesday afternoon.

Increased milling capacity and greatly increased ore reserves place the mine on a much improved basis. June 30th, reserves were estimated at 166,400 tons, as compared with 27,761 during September of 1934. The mill is at present treating 270 tons per day on the average, and an increase is looked for in the near future. Operating expenses

have been substantially reduced, it was stated.

The former officers and board of directors were re-elected: Archie S. Fuller, Toronto, president; E. H. Walker, Toronto, vice-president and managing director; Edward L. O'Reilly, Toronto, secretary-treasurer; A. W. Hodgetts, Toronto, assistant secretary; Cornelius J. O'Brien, Brighton, Massachusetts; Chas. E. Cook, South Porcupine; H. D. Rothwell, Toronto. Mr. Cook is general manager.