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Councillor Bartleman agreed, adding

The other members of council a'so

finance committee full authority to

Acting Mayor Chateauvert brought

up the question of appointing a solici-

Councillor Bartleman recommended

securing judgment against Perreault,

Dr. Day said that the amount sug-

one. He felt it was the duty of the

Discussion in Payroll Cases

Councillor Bartleman said he thought

Councillor Bartleman:-"Have you

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All and Rhymes for Many.

To-day (Monday) the event at the

'Father and Son Luncheon,' the mem-

appeal. The programme included num-

Last Monday's meeting was the regu-

lar Kiwanis Christmas party. Following

each member of the club brought a

present for some specified other mem-

ber. There was a gift for each one

limit of 25 cents. That was about the

only limit, however. The presents were

novel and interesting, while the special

feature in nearly every case was the

greeting message accompanying each

gift. Many of these messages were in

poetic form and practically all were

humorous. As usual the members had a

happy time and many a hearty laugh in

the reading of the various greetings,

some of which were both clever and

numorous. The rest of the meeting was

of equal pleasure and interest and the

1935 Christmas session of the Kiwanis

of St. Matthew's Church

On Friday evening the annual Christ-

hall. Presentation of prizes won during

will long be remembered.

capacity for the occasion.

bers by brilliant lads of the town.

there would be a report on the Coch-

but it is not to be a precedent."

sign the payrolls.

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The Pioneer Paper

of the Porcupine

To One and All A Very Happy New Year

Recent Payroll Cases Discussed by Council Big Crowd and Very Enjoy-

Intention to Press for Largest Possible Amount of Restitution. To Seek Judgment in Courts. Holidays for Works Dept. Man Referred to. Other Matters at Town Council.

In another column of this issue will as occasion arose. be found reference to the last regular | Councillor McDermott endorsed what meeting of this year's council, held on Town Engineer MacLean had Friday afternoon last with all the mem- about the custom of giving holidays to ever attending a similar event here and bers of council present, except Mayor town foremen after lengthy service. all present, children and adults alike, Richardson, who was called to the West However, in view of the fact that they on account of the serious illness of were paid by the hour, their case was Mrs. Richardson's brother. In addition different to those on monthly pay, and to the matters touched on in the other this was the reason that the holidays presents, fruit and candy. The Christreport elsewhere in this issue there had been questioned. were other discussions as noted here- Dr. Day suggested that the payroll

Holidays for Men in Public Works Department

Councillor Bartleman asked if there were certain men in the public works department included on the payroll, though not working. Acting Mayor Chateauvert said that the matter had been taken up with the mayor and the public works department and that there To Secure Most Possible in Restitution were a couple of such cases, these being men who were on regular holiday. Town Engineer said it had been the tor to secure as much money as poscustom to give holidays to men in this sible in connection with the recent department as in other departments Perreault and DeLuca misappropriation after they had given long service. The cases. "Our lawyers," he said, "advise acting mayor said that he had sug- that we make every effort to follow up gested to previous councils a regular the case and secure all possible." The plan whereby a man after five years' mayor was away, and personally he service to the town in the works' de- felt undecided in the matter and would partment would be entitled to one like the opinions of other members of week's holiday, while if he had ten the council. years' service he would be entitled to two week's holiday.

Dr. Day couldn't understand why a and perhaps against DeLuca. man in the public works department was not entitled to holidays with pay gested as restitution had been a paltry as in other departments.

Councillor Bartleman commented council to attempt to secure all posthat while the number of men working sible. If they secured more than the for the town had been cut down, the amount offered it would be better, and number of foremen remained the same, even if they didn't they would have

Acting Mayor Chateauvert who is done their duty in trying. chairman of this year's finance com- | On motion of Councillors Bartleman mittee, said that the judge at Cochrane and McDermott it was decided to enhad found fault with him for signing ter action against Perreault and Dethe payrolls without knowing exactly Luca to recover the money misapprowhat he was signing and he did not priated. The appointment of a soliciintend to lay himself open to question for this was left to the chairman of in any further case. He would not sign the finance committee. the payroll except after the council had approved the case of the men on holi-

Town Engineer MacLean said that rane cases for this meeting. He felt it had been the custom for years to that the public expected it. allow holidays to the men permanently Acting Mayor Chateauvert reviewed a very short illness. He had been in on the public works staff as foremen or what had been given the recent special St. Mary's hospital for only a few days straw bosses. This year was the first meeting held in the matter. On April previous to his passing. time it had been questioned and by 24th when the misappropriations had that time two of the men had had their come to light, he had gone through the holidays. In answer to Councillor Bar- ledgers and other books of the town tleman Mr. MacLean said there were and found the posting away behind. 45 men now employed by the town, Some of the books were months behind with two foremen, and six "straw and the arrears of taxes were not postbosses." The latter worked the same ed. Some had wanted to blame the as the men and only received their or- auditor, and a special meeting with Timmins. dinary pay but they were in charge of the auditor to explain why the work the various groups. Councillor Bartle- had not been done had been suggested. man thought this too many bosses for the number of men employed, but the town engineer explained that in view of the fact that there were a number of small groups of men at different Kiwanis Father and parts of the town it was necessary to have the "straw bosses" for efficiency. Son Luncheon Today

Reference being made to the long hours that firemen and police might have to work without extra pay while men on public works were paid for extra time. Dr. Day said that as an old fireman himself he knew firemen sometimes had to continue twenty or twenty-two hours on a stretch, but this would be followed by day after day when their work was comparatively Timmins Kiwanis Club is the annual easy, while the police department had a grind all the time, with extra work on bers bringing their own lads or a boroccasion. Chief Borland commented rowed boy for the occasion. The "Father that the firemen did not ask for extra and Son" luncheon has always been of pay for extra work, but were ready to outstanding interest and to-day's event do their part to the best of their ability had many features of more than usual

Porquis Building Destroyed by Fire the custom in force for many years.

Warehouse of Northern Development Dept. Burns and no two gifts for any. Further, the Down. Man in Charge cost of any present was restricted to a has Narrow Escape.

At an early hour on Tuesday morning of last week the warehouse of the Northern Development Department at Porquis Junction was destroyed by fire, the contents as well as the building itself falling prey to the flames. The man in charge of the building, Thos. Parliament, had a narrow escape. He was wakened by live coals from the ceiling above him falling onto the bed in which he was sleeping. He managed to make his way from the burning building, but did not have time to save any of the contents or to rescue any of his own personal belongings which in- Pleasing Christmas Tree cluded clothing and Christmas presents that he had in the building. Mr. Parliament's home is on a farm between Nellie Lake and Devonshire, where he mas tree of the St. Matthew's Church spends the week-ends. On other nights | Sunday School was held in the parish he remains at the warehouse.

The cause of the fire is thought to the year by the students was made and have been overheated stovepipes setting | there was fruit, nuts and candies for fire to the woodwork through which all those present. The hall was full to they passed.

Christmas Tree at the Salvation Army

able Event on Monday! Evening. Excellent Programme Presented.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment under the auspices of the Salvation Army was held Monday evening in the S. A. hall, Fourth avenue. The crowd was probably the biggest had a delightful time. Of course, the big feature of the evening was the visit of Santa Claus, who distributed the mas tree itself was noteworthy for its decorations. Then the programme for be passed and the matter could be dealt the evening was especially attractive with for the future by next year's coun- and delighted all. The following is the

programme, as given:— Chairman's Remarks.

Tableau, "Home Scene. Recitation, "Welcome,"

agreed, thus giving the chairman of the Loader. March, "Jingle Bells," Sand Tray

> Solo, "Away in the Manger." Beulah Blackmore Guitar Solo, "Silent Night," Edgar

> Nicholls. Dialogue, "Telling the Story." Recitation, "Christmas Story," Fleta

gels Sing," Mrs. R. Havens. Monologue, "Peterkin's Faith in Santa Claus," Catherine Richardson. Dialogue, "Converting the Infidel," Shirley Dunbar and Ross Hart. Solo, "Christmas Time," Mona David-

Cornet Solo, "Hark the Herald An-

Piano Solo, "Star of the East," Mrs Dialogue, "Getting Ahead of Grand-

Recitation, "Christmas Greetings,"

Phyllis Keats. Dialogue, "Mother," by a number of Recitation, "If You're Good," Lyman

Dialogue, "Looking on the Bright Side," by four boys. Recitation, "Light of the East," Mrs

W. Potter.

Death on Friday Last of Charles Henry Pearce

The death of Charles Henry Pearce aged 54 years, occurred on Friday after

Mr. Pearce had been a highly respected citizen of Timmins for the past 15 years and had been employed steadily at the Hollinger. He came directly to Timmins from his birthplace in England. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, all of whom live in

The funeral service was held from the Timmins United Church this afternoon and burial took place at the South Porcupine cemetery.

Death Friday of Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cote

Roger, 10-months-old son of Mr. and Last Week's Meeting was Mrs. T. Cote of 279 Cedar street north, died in St. Mary's hospital on Friday the Regular Christmas after a short illness.

Event with Presents for The short funeral service was held



EDWARD SARGENT

The 15th Ontario Boys' Parlia ment now in session in Toronto, wi'l be headed by Premi r Edward Sargent (above) of Owen Sound. Regithe opposition.

Burns Not Serious from an Explosion at Garage

first thought he was severely injured, it | 88. Canadian Legion. later proved that the burns were not

Death of Mrs. A. Metagay at the Age of 87 Years

The death occurred last week of Mrs Alfred Metagay of 117 Wilson avenue at the age of 87 years. Mrs. Metagay had lived in Timmins for the past three years and had come here from Quebec. She was born in St. Famille d'Orleans. She is survived here by her husband and some members of her

The funeral service was held to the Timmins Roman Catholic cemetery on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cousineau were visiors to Sturgeon Falls last week

New Year's Message to The Porcupine Advance

(by The Hon, T. A. Crerar, M.P. Minister of Mines, Ottawa).

It is a pleasure indeed to extend, through the columns of your paper, the Greetings of the Season to the mining fraternity of Northern Ontario, and to congratulate them on the excellent record of Ontario's gold mines during the past year.

The big producers in the Forcupine and Kirkland Lake areas have been making generous us3 of their surplus funds in the development of new gold enterprises and by so doing they have made an important contribution toward the perpetuity of the indus-

May the achievements of our gold mines in 1935 be an incentive for greater achievements in the coming year. Ottawa, December 21, 1935.

Legion Distributes Cheer to Settlers

Local Branch of the Canadian Legion did Good Ser servicemen among Northern Settlers.

Christmas has gone! A New Year faces us! Will it bring better times? morning and even with remands asked some appeared to believe. In cases of Such are the thoughts of many, but and granted in some of the cases it this sort fraud had to be shown, and perhaps among those who are hoping was necessary to hold an afternoon if it were understood at the time that and trusting it will are the settlers of session of the court to deal with the there were no funds or insufficient Away to an early start last spring, with kinson after the holidays. On account, In two of the cases against McGee the a spendld opening summer season, of the holiday last week there was no magistrate registered a dismissal and weather conditions at the close of the hold good for this week, court again ended the same way, Saari not being growing season were not at all favour- to be held on Friday of this week. Af- present to prosecute. In dismissing the able and in consequence the settlers ter this week the regular sessions on cases the magistrate warned McGee were the losers. Among these were sev- Tuesdays will be resumed. ral ex-servicemen and the Timmins. At Friday's court among the specially land in serious trouble if he followed distressed condition, set to work to make their lot a little brighter. Exservicemen's families in the Connaught, Hoyle and Nellie Lake districts were sent hampers of foodstuffs and the nald Kingdon of Peterborough leads) children also toys and candies. In all 42 hampers were distributed and over 200

The thanks of all are extended to Austin Neame, and his assistants, including his two sons, Garth and Porter. In a short interview with Mr. Neame B. Decarie, an employee of the Ever- while busily packing, he said: 'Don't eady service station at Schumacher, make too much fuss, as it is just anwas burned about the hands and face other Legion service." This exemplilast week when a small exp'osion took fied the spirit of goodwill displayed place in the garage. Although it was at by the officers and members of Branch

Peculiar Fire Here **Christmas Morning**

Thought that Stove Explod-Hardwood Floor

Timmins fire brigade had a busy week while most people were preparing to celebrate. A total of 9 alarms were turned in since last Monday.

One of the most peculiar conditions ever seen in a Timmins fire was investigated on Christmas morning about ght o'clock when the department was called down to 73 Commercial avenue The house was found to be full of smoke and two holes each nearly two feet square had been burned through the floor. At the time of the investigation the fire was out although the house had been unoccupied for more than eight hours. Leaving the place about midnight, the residents had banked the coal fire well and shortly afterwards the stove had exploded, it is believed, tossing live coals out onto the hardwood floor. These had burned Damage amounted to more than hundred dollars.

Another dangerous condition was found at 68 Third avenue on Friday when it was found that rubbish had been piled too close to the furnace and had caught fire. No damage was done. Other calls were for chimney fires: on Monday at 54 Messines avenue; Tuesday at 2 Elm street south; Friday at 70 Birch street south and 117 Pine street south; Saturday at 2521 Balsam street north and this morning 771 Hollinger avenue.

Warning to Merchants About Cashing Cheques

vice in Helping the Ex- Magistrate Points Out that There Must be Evidence of Intention to Defraud on Cheques that "Bounce." Both Number and Variety in Cases at Police Court on Friday.

in the cases at police court on Friday the law was not nearly as drastic as amount of work facing Magistrate At- funds, the case could not be upheld. the court on Tuesday and the same will the third case, that of Toivi Saari,

tion with the issuing of cheques that "bounced." Magistrate Atkinson again made it plain that the police court i not meant for the collection of account and that in fraud cases connected with the issuing of cheques the evidence must show intention to defraud or the case falls down. In cases where the man issuing the cheque explains that he has no money in the bank at the time or that he has not sufficient money to meet the cheque, but that he hopes to have it at a certain time, there is no proper legal ground for charging fraud. It was also pointed out that postdated cheques were practically admission that there was not at the moment sufficient money in the account to meet the cheque, the inference being that this fact was the reason for the postdating.

The first cheque cases at Friday' court were those against R. G. McGee. There were three separate cases in connection with cheque: cashed at F. M ed, Coals Burned Holes in Burke's store, Harvey Graham's store and by Toivi Saari, South Porcupine In each case the defence was that the accused had explained to the parties cashing the cheques that while for the | moment there was not sufficient in the account to meet the cheque it was intended to have the money ready in a few days. It was admitted in two of the cases that it was understood at the time that McGee would meet th cheques in a few days, but that he had failed to do so. The onus of proof of intention to commit fraud was on the prosecution, the magistrate pointed out. He added that some merchants seemed to be under the impression that if cheque were issued and there were insufficient funds, then an offence had been committed. He pointed cut that was a most pleasant one.

There was both number and variety this was not the case. The charge in that he was liable to make a slip and interesting cases were those in connec- the plan of issuing cheques for which there was not a sufficient bank balance. The acting crown attorney, Mr. Yates, told the court that McGee had deposited with him a sum sufficient to cover the three cheques concerned, thus showing his willingness to pay the amounts in question.

Other "Bouncing" Cheques Another series of cases in the matter (Continued on Page Eight)

January Meeting of Tuxis Grads Club

Event to be Held on Monday Evening, Jan. 6th, at the Green Apple Pie, Fourth Avenue.

The January meeting of the Tuxis Grads Club will be held a week from to-night at the Green Apple Pie, in accordance with arrangements made at the last meeting of the club.

A fine programme is assured and it has been requested that as many members as possible make it a point to turn out to the club's first meeting of the new year. Tickets may be procured from any of the executive, from Secretary Harold Craig, or from P. T. Mois-

Staffs of Theatres at Dinner at Empire Hotel

About 20 members of the staffs of the two local theatres, the Goldfields and the Empire, were entertained last night at a dinner at the Empire hotel given by Leo Mascioli. The affair

Christmas Collection of the basement but for some reason or other the fire had burned itself out. Poll Tax Before Council

Explanation Made by Clerk as to Why Collection at Mine Left so Late This Year. Complaint About Damage and Rowdyism in Lower Section of Town. Other Questions Before Council.

noon, but little business of importance asked Mr. Pletsch. was dealt with in the long session, much "Do you think that the police have of the time being taken up with dis- failed in their duty in the matter?" cussion of a variety of subjects. These asked Acting Mayor Chateauvert. subjects included:-the collection of "I wouldn't say that," replied Mr. a number of relief cases; holidays for to stay at the scene for some time, goodwill, and good wishes for the new ing the law.

H. Chateauvert was voted to the posi- ers be secured. The chief said this had tion of acting mayor in place of Mayor been done and warnings given. Richardson who was called last week | Councillor Bartleman asked Mr. to the West on account of the serious Pletsch why he did not prosecute those illness of his brother-in-law. Acting responsible when he knew who they Mayor Chateauvert as usual handl d were. "I will," replied Mr. Pletsch. the position of presiding officer in very effective way and expedited business A gentleman conducting a restaurant

as much as possible. Property Damaged by Hoodlums registered a complaint with the coun- matter for the police committee." sugcil in regard to what he termed "riots" gested the acting mayor. Councillor that occurred near his place recently. Caron, chairman of the committee, said Property was destroyed by hoodlums the matter would have consideration. and damage done in various ways while "That's the first I knew that the police he had himself been assaulted on committee had anything to do with the several occasions. Big boys and some matter, though I'm on the police comadults were responsible, he said, add- mittee," commented Councillor Bartleing that some of the parents were much man. Councillor Caron explained that worse than "their lousy sons." One to give everybody a fair deal the compractice had been to gather a heap of mitte had followed the principle of pebbles and pelt him with these. More passing the contract from one to anrecently snowballs had been substitut- other of the restaurants nearby that ed for the pebbles. He had notified could conveniently and profitably the police, but the conditions continued. handle the business. This principle When the police arrived on the scene was now a matter of routine, and the the thugs disappeared like the wind (Continued on Page Eight)

There were many matters of interest and everything was quiet until a few at the last regular session of the town minutes after they left. "Can't somecouncil w hich was held Friday after- thing be done, or must I get a .22 rifle?"

poll tax at the Hollinger just before Pletsch, "but the sight of the police Christmas: complaint by Chas. Pletsch car or a man in uniform is enough to as to damage to his property and row- make the fellows fly, and then they dvism near his home; the case of a return later to continue their evil woman who wished to have the town work." He thought a plainsclothesman instal a sewer to her property where would be the only kind that would be spring water created serious difficulty; able to do anything and he might have

the permanent men in the town public. The acting mayor suggested that works department; plans to secure as Chief Paul be asked for his opinion in much as possible in the way of re- the matter. The police chief said that stitution from the two former town he had sent officers from time to time employees recently convicted of the in answer to the complaints of Mr. misappropriation of money from the Pletsch. This stopped any trouble for town funds; thanks to the members of the time being. The police could not this year's council for co-operation and act unless they found someone break-

Acting Mayor Chateauvert suggested At Friday's meeting Councillor J. E. that the names of some of the offend-

Meals for the Prisoners

at 7 Cedar street, north, asked for a chance to supply meals to the prisoners Chas. Pletsch, 73 Hollinger avenue, at the Timmins lock-up. "That is a

MEXICANS RALLY IN PROTEST AT RETURN OF CALLES



A scene outside the national palace in Mexico City showing the 100,000 citizens who gathered in a combination hostile demonstration against former Dictator General Flutarco Elias Calles (INSET) and a patriotic demonstration in favour of President Lazaro Cardenas, who witnessed it. Since Calles' return from voluntary exile, the country has been seething with anti-Calles feeling

interestation of the second se