

## WATER RATES MAY BE FURTHER REDUCED

### Little Promised to the Delegation to Toronto

But Mayor Thinks Town Got Valuable Advice on Type of Streets to Build. Further Reduction in Water Rates Forecast. Town Offers to Pay Government Refund at \$1,000 per month. Other Council Business.

The water users of Timmins may get a further reduction this year in their bills, it was intimated at council meeting yesterday. The rates may be reduced by ten per cent.

The delegation to Toronto didn't get very far with their requests for government aid of one kind and another in the North, although they did get some recommendations as to the type of road it would be best to build in the town. On this latter point, the mayor, at the conclusion of his report said: "I think as a result of that trip many thousands of dollars of the people's money will be saved."

Mayor Bartleman and Councillor L. Cousins interviewed the Hon. David Croll and pointed out to him that there were a large number of single men in Timmins who had no employment at all. "He gave us no encouragement at all," the mayor reported. "He said it was up to the municipalities entirely but he admitted that they were using single men in the building of the trans-Canada highway from east to west in lower Ontario."

**Can't Do Anything Till March**  
His department couldn't do anything before March or April, Hon. Peter Heenan, minister of lands, forests and northern development, told the delegation. They were awaiting money from the Dominion government with which to carry on.

The government asked that Timmins repay to them about \$7,000 in connection with the relief funds here and the government wanted it all within three months. The town will "try to raise \$1,000 a month until the debt is paid off," the mayor suggested. "The papers said we agreed to pay in three months," the mayor said. "On the contrary, we didn't do anything of the sort. We decided last night to pay \$1,000 a month and now await a reply from Mr. Croll."

Uniform forms for accounting will soon be used in every municipality in Ontario, the mayor said. The government has already begun a move in that direction. In two interviews with the department of municipal affairs, the department advised very strongly that the assessment be gone over and a survey of the accounting made by a St. Catharines man. A letter of application was on hand from a Mr. Bird, saying that he would be pleased to do the work for a minimum fee of \$250 and expenses.

From the railway and municipal board the councillors received some encouragement when they informed the board that Timmins would need to float a bond issue soon for public improvements. "We informed them that we were going right after taxes," said the mayor.

**Advise Roads for Timmins**  
Spending several hours with the department of highways, the delegation received help in the matter of streets for Timmins. Councillor Cousins recommended a stabilized road base, similar to that tried on parts of the Ferguson highway, with a waterproof tar composition top. The road would cost about \$4,000 a mile. Present annual costs of maintenance of roads in Timmins is between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The stabilized road would require about 22 per cent clay instead of the 30 per cent used on Northern roads last year which was found to make the road too soft. The type of road building would provide a considerable amount of employment.

**Assessment Fight Still On**  
Dean Kester wrote the council stating that he would engage Mr. Manning of Long and Daley, Toronto, legal firm, as expert counsel in the town's income assessment case with the Hollinger, Mr. Manning's retaining fee would be \$250.00.

"I'm of the opinion that Mr. Kester will get us just as much in this as any outside man," said Councillor Dr. Day. "I don't want to depreciate Mr. Kester," replied the mayor, "but you know what happened in Kirkland Lake."

"Kirkland Lake has already lost," commented Councillor Laporte, "and unless we have advice from a superior court, it's only a waste of money."

"Our own lawyer advises us to go ahead. Would you go against his advice? It will not be before the same judge," the mayor replied.

"What amount is involved?"  
"About \$25,000."

The decision about legal help will be made at a special closed meeting of the council, to be held on Tuesday evening at 7.30, where tax sale and other important matters will be discussed.

**Let Province Collect Income Tax**  
Timmins was asked by J. A. Smith whether it was considered advisable to call an emergency meeting of mayors of Ontario to consider the income tax bill now about to have its third reading in the legislature. "The municipalities are to be reimbursed on the basis of

### Landlubber Now



ROBERT CRAMPTON

One shipwreck was enough for 18-year old Robert Crampton (above) of Vancouver, who returned after his first voyage to sea. "I'm through with the sea," he declared. "A land job would certainly appeal to me." Crampton signed on S.S. Fortbridge, which sailed from Vancouver in December and was lost by fire in the China Sea just off the coast of Japan. He and other members of the crew had a narrow escape from death.

### Annual Banquet of Credit Association

Committee Formed to Work in Conjunction with the Timmins Board of Trade.

The annual banquet of the Porcupine Credit Association was held on Monday evening in the Empire hotel with over 60 business men present. Councillor P. H. Laporte presided and many questions of interest were discussed. Among these were the work of the Board of Trade, peddlers, employment for young men and other topics. Among the principal speakers were Mayor Bartleman, J. P. Lynch, W. Nicolson, D. Laprairie, Cliff Caesar and A. J. Shragge. After a discussion in the work of the Board of Trade, a Retail Merchants' Association was formed, with the idea of the executive of this body meeting and co-operating with the Timmins Board of Trade. The first meeting between the committee and the Board of Trade was set to be held within the next couple of weeks. The officers of the new Retail Men's Association were elected as follows:—President, J. P. Lynch; vice-president, A. J. Shragge; secretary, Cliff Caesar; treasurer, P. H. Laporte; executive, J. E. H. Chateaubert, Councillor Alfred Caron, Councillor J. E. Brunette, D. Laprairie, B. Service, C. Hodgins, Dr. McKenna, M. McLarny, M. Sullivan, W. Burns, B. Gallagher.

A feature of the Monday evening banquet was the community singing led by W. H. Wilson and the music supplied by Ken Tomkinson for the evening.

### REPORT AT STOCKHOLM THAT JOSEPH STALIN SHOT IN HEAD

From Stockholm this morning there comes a rumor that Joseph Stalin, dictator of Russia under the Soviet, had been shot in the head. There is no official confirmation of the rumor from Moscow, but the story is said to have general circulation in Stockholm.

## Address on Education Pleases Kiwanis Club

E. J. Transom, Principal of Central School, Guest Speaker on Monday. Open Discussion After Address. Other Matters at Kiwanis Luncheon Here.

E. J. Transom, principal of the Central public school, Timmins, was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club luncheon here on Monday, and his address was greatly appreciated. He was introduced to the club by Kiwanian W. Rinn, a member of the school board. Rev. Bruce Millar expressed the sincere thanks of the club for the interesting and valuable address on education in general, with Mr. Transom's able address giving much basis for the discussion. The address was particularly timely, this being Education Week in Canada. The address is given practically in full elsewhere in this issue of The Advance.

Kiwanian Joe McCorkill, director of Windsor Kiwanis Club, was a visitor here on Monday and spoke briefly at the luncheon. He emphasized the value of Kiwanis work for boys, this work giving the lads a fine foundation for citizenship. He also suggested more scholarships for clever students unable to go on further with their studies without some assistance.

Ernie Stevens was another visitor for Monday's luncheon and was given hearty welcome.

Kiwanian Tom Glaister, chairman of the sports committee, reported on the proceedings of the committee's last meeting. It was decided that play for the Kiwanis curling trophy should be deferred until Karl Eyrer returned to town. It was agreed that swimming instruction should be carried on again this summer under Kiwanis auspices, but the same in regard to field sports was not decided upon but was left for further consideration.

A challenge was received by the Kiwanis for a broomball match with the Lions at an early date. Also efforts are to be made to arrange for a bowling match between the two clubs.

The club was pleased to have reports to the effect that Past President Arch Gillies is making good progress to recovery at his home, and that Kiwanian S. Cohen is also making good progress to recovery from his recent illness.

**Five Fire Alarms During Past Two Days; \$10 Damage**

Five fire alarms during the past two days were all due to overheated stove pipes or chimney fires. In only one case, yesterday at 156 Spruce street south, was any damage done and the firemen were able to hold that down to ten dollars.

Chimney fires on Tuesday were at 165 Pine street south, at 104 First avenue and at 102 Cedar street, north. Yesterday's other alarm at 11.15 p.m. was at 72 First avenue.

### Funeral of Baby to be Held To-morrow Morning

The funeral service for the 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pilon, 219 Balsam street, north, will be held to-morrow from the Church of the Nativity, it was learned this morning. The baby died yesterday after a short illness.

### Death This Morning at South Porcupine

Joseph Thomas Smith, Old-Timer of the Camp, Passes Away Suddenly.

South Porcupine, Feb. 27.—(Special to The Advance)—The death occurred at about 20 minutes after midnight today of Joseph Thomas Smith, aged 64 years, one of the old-timers of the camp who had lived in South Porcupine since the early days.

Mr. Smith took ill suddenly on Tuesday night after returning from a trip to Timmins and he never regained consciousness before he died. He was born in Warrington, Lancashire, England, and he leaves his widow and three sons, Joseph, of South Porcupine; William James in Govan, Scotland; and George Scott in London, England. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

He had been in the meat business in South Porcupine years ago with Gordon Davies, later opening a shop of his own. Until two years ago he operated a grocery and butcher shop beside the post office. At that time he was forced to go to Toronto for medical treatment and had never been in good health since.

### Timmins Curlers Do Well at Quebec City

Reach Semi-Finals With Both Irons and Granites in Big 'Spiel.

Timmins curlers who went to the big invitation (consplet) at Quebec City surprised the eastern sportsmen by going through to the semi-finals in both the irons and granites events. Although they had never before curled with the metal "stones," they did extraordinarily well and excited much comment from the other visiting rinks. The group of Timmins curling club members who did all this included J. W. Eccleston, skip; Ken Fitzpatrick, Harry Herman and Dr. L. Hudson.

Two other rinks, one skipped by Harvey Graham and the other from South Porcupine also made the trip but did not go far in any of the events, although they had a thoroughly enjoyable time and speak highly of the hospitality of the Quebec curlers.

### DEATH OF INFANT DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. ALEX RICHARD

Doris, 16-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Richard, 16 Bannerman avenue, died on Tuesday after a short illness. The funeral service was held from the Church of the Nativity yesterday.

### Major Urquhart at the Salvation Army

Evangelistic and Musical Services Here Friday to Monday. Odd Instruments

Special meetings will be conducted by Major T. Urquhart, in the Salvation Army Citadel, Fourth avenue, from Friday, February 28th, to Monday, March 2nd. The Major visited Timmins last year and led a very successful series of evangelistic and musical meetings, which are still remembered by those who attended them.

The Major is an earnest speaker, and a splendid musician. He will give a special programme of music and song on Monday, March 2nd, at 8 p.m., and will play several novel instruments. On Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock a musical programme will be given in the interest of the young people.

All young people are invited to attend.

### Legion Smoker on Saturday Evening

Interesting Programme of Songs, Music, Etc., to be Given at Legion Hall.

The Canadian Legion, Timmins branch, announces a smoker to be held in the Legion hall on Saturday evening of this week, Feb. 29th, commencing at 8.30 p.m. There will be a good programme of songs, music, etc. Comrade Walter Greavs will be in charge of the smoker as chairman for the occasion, which is assurance that it will be a successful and pleasing event. All members of the Legion are given cordial invitation to be present and enjoy the evening.

## Toronto Reports Bob Gallagher Doing Well

South Porcupine Young Man Making Progress to Recovery from Serious Accident to Eye. Record Run Made by Railways to Get Him to Toronto Hospital.

South Porcupine, Feb. 26th Special to The Advance.

Latest news of Bob Gallagher (whose eye was badly injured on Sunday while playing hockey) telephoned last night from Toronto, is that he is doing well. The reason for the necessity of getting the operation over and expert attention so quickly was in order to save the sight of the uninjured eye. Infection might possibly have developed from delay and the tragedy made much worse. As it is, the sight of one eye is absolutely gone, the eye itself having to be removed. This was known to the doctors before the boy left for Toronto but it was left for the two specialists at St. Michael's hospital to perform the operation and save the sight of the other eye. The record rail run in the special train (made possible by the action of Mac Lang, chairman of the T. and N. O. Commission) which took Bob down on Monday from North Bay to Toronto was done in 4 hours and 44 minutes.

## No Blame to Fire Dept. in St. Anthony's Fire

Chairman of Fire and Light Committee Submits Report to Council, with Number of Recommendations for Future. New Water Mains Needed. Physical Training Approved.

### A New Star



MARIE WILSON  
One of the newer stars twinkling on the Hollywood firmament there days is Marie Wilson. She is being given a nice "build-up" in despatches from the movie centre.

In the opinion of the fire and light committee of the Timmins town council, "It is doubtful whether any fire department, no matter how well equipped could have saved St. Anthony's church from destruction. A detailed report on the department's activities presented at last evening's meeting by P. H. Laporte, chairman of the committee, discussed the matter under five heads: Could the church have been saved? Water pressure. Equipment. Physical and other training of the department. Personnel. The answer to the first has been given.

Water pressure was poor on the morning of the fire, but the report asked: "Would water pressure have made a difference? We are evolving from a small town to a city. We must arm ourselves against the possibility of a bad fire. We must have all the water we need."

The cost of installing larger water mains, designed to give a better emergency supply of water to the business section would be \$10,000, the town engineer estimated. Six thousand of this would go for material, the balance for labour. The town engineer should be made a voluntary member of the fire department, it was recommended, so that he might check on pressure.

The installing of ladders in the home of every regular fireman and in the home of the town engineer would help, the report stated. The cost would be about \$600. Proper masks for working in smoke should be provided, it continued.

Three hours weekly military physical training and three hours a week drill in fire fighting should be taken by every member of the department, it was stated.

Nothing was recommended in regard to personnel, since there had not been time to go into the question, the chairman stated.

Councillor Caron asked if there were not masks at the hall. "We have some," Mr. Laporte replied, "but they're only suitable for saving life. They can't be used for working in a fire. What we want is the finest we can get."

Asked his opinion, Fire Chief Bordan said there were six masks in the equipment, two of which were of an excellent type. The use of masks had saved the Hollinger recreation hall from destruction, he said. "You can't work long in a fire in any of those masks," he said, "the heat is too much and you'd suffocate." Referring to the physical training, the chief told the council that there was a weight-lifting machine at the hall but that he would start a system of military physical training if the committee so desired. "I believe it's good business," he concluded.

"The water pressure is the most important thing in the report," Councillor Laporte remarked.

"We have discussed the whole thing," the mayor told him, "and decided to instal the mains as soon as the weather would permit. The cost would be ridiculous at this time."

Councillor Caron asked the chief if he knew the cause of the drop in pressure.

"I think Mr. McLean is the proper man to ask about that. The fact is, we didn't have pressure," replied the chief.

"I thought the reason for the low pressure was the bottle neck connection with the Hollinger supply," put in the mayor, "the water needed at the fire, combined with the domestic service coming along early in the morning was too much."

"It must have been partly the water mains," Mr. Laporte insisted.

"The water meter we have now will take only the volume of water we can get through the mains," explained the mayor, "for the ordinary domestic supply the opening through the meter is sufficient. It couldn't handle everything when the additional demand came. Until the Hollinger puts a new meter on there's no use in us putting in mains."

Town Engineer MacLean explained that Mr. Pritchard had been at his office a few days ago when they had worked out a system of shutting off the booster at the mine that puts water over to Schumacher, in case of a bad fire here. An additional 15 pounds pressure was obtained in this way. Any time the fire chief or the engineer calls the mine, the booster will be shut down.

The mine has promised to instal a meter having a larger capacity than the one now in use, the council was told by the mayor.

No action has been taken yet on the recommendations outlined in the report, although it is considered likely that the town will spend at least some money in making the fire fighting equipment better. Larger mains will probably incur the greatest expense.

Other council news will be found in another column of to-day's Advance.

### AMNESTY QUELLS JUBILANT CELEBRATIONS IN SPAIN



Jubilant radicals in Spain staged many a celebration in Spain after left-wing coalition government won victory in general elections. As pictured above, some of the celebrations turned into riots, and martial law was invoked in many cities. Uprising were quieted however, when President Alcalá Zamora (Above) granted amnesty to all political prisoners and exiles. Order has now been restored.