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Town Makes First Grant to Hospital

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there being another hospital in town but Mr. Brady pointed out that a hospital operated like the Toronto General or other municipal institutions would cost the corporation a great deal more money than St. Mary's does or will even with the grant added. The laws of the nursing order are that no financial statements can be given to any other than the provincial or federal governments, he said, but that the council would be given a summary if they desired it. The Sisters themselves could not organize as men can, he said, and get out to build up an organization to battle for them.

Interviewing 25 prominent business men, all heavy taxpayers, Mr. Brady said he did not find one who was not in favour of allowing the hospital a grant for the necessary new building. "Tell them one thing or another," he asked the council. "Tell them they'll get a grant or they won't." He asked that a final decision be made at the meeting.

Mr. Bellamy, in answer to Mr. Brady, said that there was no question of giving the hospital a grant, provided they need it.

A. M. Stuart questioned the legality of handing over money to St. Mary's. "I don't think there's anybody in town who holds more feeling for the hospital than I," he said, "but I claim they have no legality to make a grant."

He made reference to other municipal business and insinuated that all was not as it should be in the handling of the town's business. "In the distributing of relief and other things, you've got to give an account in the near future." "There's no use calling it a public institution—it's not," he said of the hospital.

"I resent very much the innuendo that the council is implicated in so-called misappropriation," Councillor Laporte retorted.

"Yes, but you weren't a member of last year's council," interjected Mayor Bartleman.

Speaking of "graft" again, Mr. Stuart said: "I'll come back at him and ask what graft is going on... I'm not sure whether it's going on now or not."

Uncollected Accounts
Returning to the financial statement part of the discussion, Mayor Bartleman asked Mr. Brady if he could give any details.

"They're in the hands of one of the proper people now," he replied.

was whether or not it is legal for the town to make the grant. A two-page letter from Dean Kester was presented in which the provision was cited that any municipality could make a grant to any public hospital. Copies of telegrams were presented in which Mr. Kester asked the department of health on a ruling as to whether or not St. Mary's is a public or private hospital. The department's reply stated quite definitely that St. Mary's is a public hospital.

"It is true that we have not got an audited statement," he continued, "but I have the Sisters' word for the financial condition. I feel they have been able to run the institution but don't make a profit. They may pay the interest on the wing, but they can't pay the principal." The "mother house" has not the money to help St. Mary's, the doctor said, and tells each hospital that if it is not self-supporting it must close its doors. "One institution is foreclosed right now since it can't pay its way," he said.

"The training school will have to be closed if better accommodation is not given," he continued, "and to replace those nurses-in-training, trained nurses would have to be engaged at a much higher cost."

Beds in Hallways
Beds in the hallways and in the sun porches, places that the government says cannot be used for hospitalization, have made it possible to get 112 beds into the present place. Even with 112 beds, there is a waiting list. Should the hospital be forced back to 70 beds, a bad condition would immediately arise.

"Just as Well Let Them Die"
"We might just as well let the patient die in peace as attempt a major operation in the home," the doctor said. Timmings is too far removed from other centres to make possible a transferral of patients such as other towns might have.

Agreeable to Audit
"I'm sure they would," replied Mr. Chateauvert. "When the town goes to the government and asks to borrow money, they get turned down, because of debts. The same thing applies to the hospital. They still owe \$75,000 on the building and can pay the interest only. The cost of the new building would be \$100,000 or \$125,000 equipped. That will be spent in Timmings. The cost per taxpayer of a one-mill addition to the rate would be little, Mr. Chateauvert said, and figured at \$1.00 for every \$1000 of assessment. Operating expenses of the hospital be placed at \$100,000 a year, with \$25,000 paid in salaries. Uncollectable debts have totalled \$44,000 since the hospital went into operation, he said.

The provincial grant of \$10,000 to the hospital, which has been paid for the past ten years under the government's agreement, has now been stopped, Mr. Brady said, since the government's contract is at an end. Dr. Faulkner, the minister of health, said that he was amazed that the town of Timmings had not made a grant to St. Mary's hospital, Mr. Brady said.

R. Richardson, mayor last year, addressed the council, stressing the overcrowding, and stating that he had begun the move last year by asking that provision be made in this year's estimates for a grant to the hospital. "Had the Sisters not started the hospital, we would certainly have had to have a public hospital here and that would have cost us plenty," he said. "I think the council would be commended for making the grant at this time."

Dr. Day Clears Situation
Councillor Dr. Day settled more than one question about the hospital. The first thing to be considered, he said,

Encourage Citizens to Own Their Homes

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ed up this year, it is now definitely assured. Appointed by the council to make recommendations in regard to the place, A. Wright, A. Gridley, D. LaPrairie and A. DesRoches, the committee asked that a clear title to the land be obtained; that a permanent cemetery board be appointed each year by the council; and that a grant be made toward cleaning up the grounds and erecting a proper fence. The money has been provided for in the estimates, the council said.

Another fireman will be added to the force, according to a motion passed. The quarterly grant of \$500 to the volunteers is to be made, and tenders will be called for new uniforms for the whole fire department force.

Borrow \$400,000
The town will borrow \$400,000 to meet current expenditures until the 1936 taxes begin to come in. The interest rate on the loan will be five and a quarter per cent. \$77,000 has already been borrowed.

The mayor and the clerk will pay a visit to Toronto some time in the near future to interview the municipal board about the possibility of borrowing money to build the new town hall and to finance street building and installation of water works.

More stop signs may be erected in the town. Councillor Caron invited the members of the council to let him have their opinions on the matter and he would take it up with the police department.

Mr. Stuart brought before the council the case of a man whom he claimed had been deafened by the roar of a machine at the mine. The Workmen's Compensation Board had refused aid, and Mr. Stuart asked the town to help fight the case and provide relief for the deaf man. "The relief committee is well aware of the case. There are certain circumstances enter into it that rather influence the committee not to give relief," he mayor told him. His worship did agree, however, that there were many injustices of the compensation board, particularly where the town was concerned in paying sanatorium charges for those who were direct contacts of silicotics who had afterwards developed tuberculosis. It costs the town \$65 a day to provide for these, the mayor said. He advised those who had complaints against the compensation board to get in touch with Mr. Stuart and the council would hold a special meeting to consider the whole question.

A local fruit merchant who makes trips to Toronto with a truck to bring back produce for sale here, objected to paying a \$100 transient traders' license. The mayor offered to straighten the matter out for him.

Objects to Stable
Objection to a stable on Spruce street south was voiced by a property owner who claimed that the place was dirty, smelly, and that he would not be able to rent his property any longer if the place were allowed to remain.

"The board of health will be asked to order its removal. It's getting now so that I think stables should be removed from the town unless they're on a sewer," Mr. Dunn said.

O. Goulet asked again for the position of life saver. This was left over for a time.

Petition for Sidewalk
A petition was received from C. P. Ramsay in which a concrete sidewalk was requested for Patricia boulevard. Eighteen names appeared at the bottom. The town will probably build it this year.

A letter asking that the license fee for transient traders be increased from \$100 to \$250 was referred to the finance committee.

The town may license taxi drivers, the town's lawyer replied in response to a query from Councillor Brunette. Some move such as this is under consideration by the police department.

Accounts totalling \$6,709.04 were approved, as was the payroll.

Lights will be placed at the intersections of Cameron and Mountjoy, and Columbus and Rea. Another will be placed at the end of Balsam street.

According to a motion introduced by Councillor Laporte, seconded by Councillor Caron, no capital assets will be purchased without the consent of the council, after having received recommendation from the committee concerned.

To Rouse China by 25,000 Lions Roaring in the Land

Despatches from Canton, China, say that 25,000 roaring lions, each about 50 feet in length, will soon go tearing through the streets of the 25,000 towns and villages of Kwangsi province if orders of General Pai Chung-Hsi are observed.

The lions will be made of leather and fur and each propelled by 50 hidden men equipped with horns and bass drums, but orders are the lions must be "good imitations—and terrifying."

Object of the demonstration is to "arouse the sleeping lion of China," according to an official announcement. No Chinese official names Japan in any enterprise of this kind. The phrases closest to identification are "a certain country" or "our national enemy." Ostensibly, Kwangsi "roaring lions" will be designed to arouse public interest in a revival of ancient Chinese forms of boxing and gymnastic dancing.

Kwangsi is allied with the semi-independent government of Canton and the Kwangsi leaders are bitterly critical of Nanking's policy toward Japan. They advocate open resistance and a state of formal warfare and denounce giving away of the country bit by bit without resistance.

Mail and Empire:—Premier Hepburn says that the Hon. David Croll is held in the highest regard by all. It would be interesting to know who is held in the second highest regard.

Schumacher High School Plans Dance for April 17

Schumacher High School students have made plans for a dance at their school on Friday evening, April 17th. A good orchestra has been engaged and invitations will go out soon.

Ottawa Announces Relief Programme

Nine Point Relief Plan. Land Settlement Program of Works, Efficiency Board

The government's relief programme was disclosed in part to the House of Commons at Ottawa on Tuesday, when Labour Minister Rogers introduced a bill giving the administration power to co-operate with provinces, organizations and individuals to relieve distress conditions.

The Government's programme includes:

1. Specific sums of money will be voted in supplementary estimates to cover relief costs, ending "blank cheque" legislation.
2. An employment commission will be established to co-ordinate all relief efforts and promote efficiency and economy.
3. Land settlement schemes will be extended to take more men from the cities and back to the farms.
4. The government will have power to negotiate direct relief agreements with the provinces, continuing or extending the monthly payments now in force.
5. The government will have power to initiate programmes of public works to provide jobs.
6. Agreements could be signed with companies, partnerships or individuals relating to the expansion of industrial employment.
7. The Government will have power to loan money to provinces.
8. Arrangements with private companies must be sanctioned by Parliament.
9. The Relief Act will expire March 31, 1937.

1,080,831 on Relief
The labour minister said the number of Canadians receiving direct relief, working on public works, resident in camps or who came under the farm replacement scheme was 1,310,423 at the end of February. The corresponding number last year was 1,431,093.

The number on direct relief at the end of February was 1,080,831 and in 1934, 1,136,840.

Provisions for the Dominion to enter into agreements with the provinces and also with corporations, partnerships or individuals engaged in industry respecting the expansion of industrial employment were contained in the relief bill.

The bill is designed "to assist in the relief of unemployment, the promotion of agricultural settlement and rehabilitation and in the development, conservation and improvement of certain natural and other resources."

"It is in the national interest," the preamble declares, "that the Dominion should co-operate with the provinces of the Dominion and other organizations and individuals in their endeavour to expand industrial employment, to foster agricultural settlement and re-settlement, to conserve and develop natural resources and to construct and to assist in the construction of public works for the purposes among other things of further accelerating the recovery of trade, industry and employment and thereby lessening the present governmental burdens consequent on unemployment."

The Government under the bill may initiate works and undertakings if found to be in the general interest of Canada, and in that connection may execute agreements and contracts deemed necessary or expedient. Money for these undertakings will be appropriated by Parliament. In this there is a variation from "blank cheque" provisions of former relief acts.

Relief Works Plans
Persons on relief, as far as it is reasonably efficient and economical to do so will be employed on these works.

Good Ore Located for the Leitch Gold Mines

Karl Springer, president of Leitch Gold Mines, states that recent diamond drilling at the property in the Beardmore Sturgeon River area has given vein intersections over a length of 240 feet. Combining this new ore section with the two previously proven, there is now a proven and indicated total ore length to date of approximately 700 feet, with three-quarters of a mile of open ground to the east remaining to be explored. The new ore shoot, so far as at present can be determined, begins about 200 feet east of the No. 1 shoot.

Drill hole No. 20, the first of the new series, intersected what is presumed to be the westerly limit of the new ore section. The core showed a number of narrow stringers with low values. Eighty feet east, drill hole 21 gave three vein intersections at 65, 173 and 195 feet. Sampling results are: 10 inches \$12.95; 12 inches \$18.55; 32 inches \$6.10. Hole 22, 80 feet east of 21, cut 13 inches of \$3.50 grade material at 187 feet. Hole 23, 80 feet east of 22, cut 24 inches of ore at 176 feet, grading \$11.90 and at 221 feet 41 inches running \$18.14. In hole 24 at 170 feet the drill cut 34 inches of \$14.70 grade ore. Drilling along the eastward extension is being continued.

Sinking of a shaft is progressing satisfactorily with the second level established at 225 feet. Sinking is again under way towards the objective at 350 feet. The third and bottom level is to be established at 325 feet. On completion of the shaft lateral work on three levels is to be carried on concurrently, which will give six developed faces.

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Author of Chu Chin Chow Passes in England, Aged 65

Oscar Ashe, actor and dramatic author, died at Marlow, Buckinghamshire, England, this week, aged 65. He was the author of Chu Chin Chow, one of London's greatest stage successes, which ran for five years at His Majesty's Theatre in London—from 1916 until 1921.

Ashe, whose full name was John Stanger Heiss Oscar Ashe, was born in Geelong, Australia, of Norwegian parents. He studied for his stage career at Christiania, now Oslo.

His first stage appearance was in the Opera Comique in 1893. He joined Sir Herbert Tree in 1902 and two years later assumed management of the Adelphi Theatre in London. In 1907 he became manager of His Majesty's Theatre there.

He played in numerous productions in America, Australia and South Africa, and wrote or collaborated with other playwrights in many plays.

Alberta has Sixty Taxes Hidden in Loaf of Bread

There are sixty taxes hidden in a loaf of bread, says The Blairmore Enterprise, speaking of course, of Alberta. Of this number ten are direct taxes paid by bread companies. These are municipal business tax, property, provincial corporation, provincial income, federal income, gas tax, motor license fees, excise tax on sugar, sales tax on shortening and printing. Manufacturers of bread ingredients pay taxes concealed in the price of flour, milk, powdered sugar, salt, shortening, malt and yeast. These manufacturers pay the same taxes also as the bread companies. Bread contributes to the payment of taxes by railways, elevators, etc. The farmer who grows the wheat pays property tax. One might include tax on farm machinery, steel, coal, iron ore and all contributory operators.

All these eventually show up in the price of bread and are passed on till they eventually reach the consumer.

Duty on Rum from France and Colonies Now Reduced

Rum from France and the French colonies will enter Canada subject to a duty of \$7 per gallon instead of \$10 under a new arrangement between the two countries. The British preferential rate on rum is \$5 per gallon.

Under the new arrangement, which will enter into force on March 31, rum from France and French colonies will be dutiable at the intermediate tariff less 30 per cent.

Cigarette paper, gummed or not, in rolls, which has hitherto been dutiable at 20% per cent, ad valorem, will be dutiable at 15% per cent. Cigarette papers, gummed or not, in tubes, booklets or packets, hitherto dutiable at 27.63 per cent, will be reduced to 22.75 per cent.

The British preferential rates on these items, since the budget of last year, is respectively 10 per cent, and 17½ per cent.

To Hold Memorial Service at Rouyn for N. A. Timmins

The following paragraph is from the Rouyn and Noranda section of The Northern News on Tuesday:—


"On Saturday morning at 8 o'clock there will be a memorial service held in St. Michael's Church in memory of the late Noah Timmins, who died last January. Mr. Timmins was a benefactor of the parish in many ways, having donated the high altar of the church and also, before ever the school board was organized in Rouyn, completely equipped two school rooms in the first school of the town."

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