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Very Able Explanation of Municipal Problems

Councillor P. H. Laporte Addresses Kiwanis Club, Touching on Present Finances of Timmins, Plans for Future, the Tax Rate, the Waterworks Question, the Hospital Grant and Other Matters.

Addressing the Kiwanis Club on Monday, P. H. Laporte, in addition to giving a great deal of information about how town affairs are being conducted and as to what the council has planned for the year, told how the tax rate had been reduced.

How Tax Rate Was Reduced
"Government relief grants were increased from two-thirds to three-quarters of actual expenditure," he said, "or about one mill. This was a genuine reduction. Last year's council had a net deficit of \$17,000, which was almost wholly occasioned by capital assets paid for out of our current revenue and construction work for which no debentures were issued. It was decided this year not to take the deficit into account in striking our tax rate but to defer it until such time as we could cover this amount with a debenture issue. This was a reduction of roughly two mills.

Paving Planned
"The reduction of roughly two mills in the estimates for public works which was so well advertised is occasioned by the fact that we are considering paving some eight miles of streets which, if we do, will cut down maintenance cost by roughly the two mills mentioned. Should we decide not to do all this paving or be unable to sell debentures for this work, then, no doubt, this department will show a deficit at the end of the year."

"No doubt," he continued, "some small economies can be practised in the police, fire and health departments and in general administration. These reductions are at best small and generally mean reduced efficiency. The council have practically no control over the expenditure for schools and for relief. These two items combined make up over 47 per cent. of the total expenditure.

Reducing Costs of Streets by Paving
"However, the maintenance cost of streets, sidewalks, and so on can be greatly reduced by paving. This is a genuine saving but is smaller at least for the first few years than is generally imagined, as improvements cost money and therefore must be financed by debenture issues, a debt which must eventually be paid.

"The following improvements are being considered this year, subject to the approval of the municipal board and the issuing of debentures:
"Street paving, estimated cost, \$50,000.

"Waterworks and sewer construction, estimated cost, \$56,000.
"Town hall, including public lavatories, garage, scales and equipment, \$101,000.

May Increase Debenture Debt
"If all these improvements go through we shall have increased our debenture debt by over \$200,000. In the long run, though, these improvements are absolutely necessary and the people of Timmins will, I hope, not regret the expenditure."

In opening his address to the club, Mr. Laporte spoke as follows:

Timmins Bids Fair to Become City
"If the economic factors underlying the activity in gold mining which we have witnessed in the last few years continue favourable, I think Timmins bids fair to become a second Johannesburg. New mines, all over the district, are springing up and the older ones are employing more men. The population of Timmins keeps pace. Year after year an ever-increasing influx of people keeps pouring into Timmins: workmen, professional men and business men; and but few leave Timmins.

"How does this trend affect Timmins? A large proportion of these newcomers find work in the mines; a few more professional men are added to those that are already here; and yearly more businesses start up.

"Those that do not find useful employment have eventually to be assisted by their friends or by the town relief.

Competition Keen Here
The consequences are that competition is keener in the business and professional fields; profits become smaller; workmen hang onto their jobs more carefully than ever; the wise cut down their expenditures to meet the keener competition and watch their businesses more closely. A few make money; many make a living; and some go bankrupt."

Town in Good Financial Condition
In discussing the financial position of the town, Mr. Laporte presented a consolidated revenue and expenditure statement of the town for 1935. It showed revenue at \$640,904.60; expenditures at \$672,967.04; a deficit of \$32,062.44; surplus from the waterworks department was given at \$14,454.63. Total assessment, \$7,400,000. Total debenture debt, \$862,208.46.

"These figures disclose the following facts," Mr. Laporte went on. "In point of debenture debt, considering that we are a comparatively young town, we are in very healthy financial position, probably better than any other town this size in Ontario. Our assessment is growing steadily and healthily. And finally that we have been a bit lax in

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No Stables in Main Section of the Town

Board of Health Orders Removal of One on Spruce Street. Odour and Flies Causes of Complaint.

At a meeting last week of the board of health, it was decided to order the removal of a stable on Spruce street south. Although the place was conducted at all times in accordance with town by-laws, it was felt that the time has come when all stables should be removed from at least the central part of the town.

Objection to the stable was voiced by the owner of a neighbouring property who said that if the business were not removed from the district, he would lose his tenant. Odour and flies were the chief causes of complaint. The council discussed the question briefly at a meeting two weeks ago, asking that the board of health recommend removal.

Man from Lumber Woods Near Rouyn Won \$48,000

In its issue last Thursday The Rouyn-Noranda Press had the following paragraph:—"Reports are in circulation locally that a man named Wm. Allard, who came from the lumber woods to Rouyn a few days ago and purchased a ticket on the Army and Navy Veterans sweepstakes from Edmond Lemire, has received notice that he has won a prize of \$48,000. Diligent efforts by The Press to locate Allard, who was stopping at a local hotel, have so far been unsuccessful. He informed Mr. Lemire some days ago that he had received notice of his good fortune. The list of winners has not been published in the press, and Mr. Lemire, who would be entitled to a substantial prize as the seller of the ticket, has not yet received any notice of Allard having been a winner."

Timmins Young Set to Give Dance Wednesday, April 15

The Timmins Young Set announce a dance to be given in the Oddfellows' hall on Wednesday of next week, April 15th. This dance promises to be a particularly happy event. It is sponsored by a group of young people who have planned a pleasant, friendly evening for all, and who extend a cordial invitation to all lovers of good dancing and a good time to attend. Tickets are now on sale for the event. There will be served. The Timmins Young Set are perfecting plans for an enjoyable and successful social event on Wednesday evening, April 15th, at the Oddfellows' hall.

Kincairdin's Review:—Hope we're not prime minister when it comes time to really pay back all those loans.

Meeting of the Ontario Educational Association

Teachers of all classes of schools, urban and rural trustees, county councillors, inspectors, and all such persons in the province of Ontario responsible for educational progress and development will gather in Toronto next Monday morning for the four-day meeting of the 75th convention of the Ontario Educational Association.

The convolve is expected to be the most largely attended in the association's history. Among outstanding events is a musical evening, open to the public, at Massey hall, Wednesday night, at which choirs and orchestras of public and secondary schools will entertain. Half of the programme will be rendered by a complete symphony orchestra of 125 pieces drawn from secondary schools extending from Port Arthur to Ottawa, and the Bell Ringers from Hamilton also will be on the programme.

On the same night a theatrical arts programme is planned at the Central Technical School at which ten provincial finalists in the verse-speaking competition will be heard and plays will be presented.

Delegates will register at the University of Toronto Monday, and Tuesday morning at a mass meeting in Convocation hall they will be officially welcomed by Mayor Sam McBride, Dr. H. B. Spaulding, chairman of the board of education of Toronto, and Hon. L. J. Simpson, minister of education. During the afternoon honorary degrees will be conferred by the University of Toronto to mark the 75th anniversary of the association, and at night President A. T. Morrow, of Maxville, and A. E. Morgan, M.A., principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, will address the association. A reception to the O.E.A. by members of the University of Toronto will be given after the night meeting.

Badminton Club Dance on Friday Evening, April 24th

Friday evening, April 24th, is the date for this month for the monthly dance of the Porcupine Badminton Club. These dances are for members and their friends and have proved especially popular. The dance on April 24th will be held in the club rooms. Invitations for the event were sent out some days ago.

Resumed Work at Cochrane on New Dominion Building

Work on the new post office and public building at Cochrane is to be resumed this week. The contractor, Fred Levesque, Sudbury, is busy taking delivery of additional materials.

The work was started early in September last and after the excavation and concrete in the basement had been completed, the work was discontinued for the winter during which time the entire structure has been covered in and kept heated.

The building will for the present house the post office and custom's house. The building is to give ample space and is being constructed on the main street, opposite the location of the present post office.

It is expected that the construction work will be completed within three months, and will greatly enhance Cochrane's Sixth avenue.

Goldale Townsite House Again Declared Public

General Warning Given Against Having Liquor in Interdicted Places. Jos. Landry Fined \$100.00 or Three Months. Vag Wanted Soap. Other Court Cases.

Violin Recital at Schumacher, April 21

Sidney Schmerling, Concert Violinist, with Miss Anne Schmerling, Assisting Artist, Under Auspices of the Lions.

The Schumacher Lions are living up to their reputation as a service club, always ready to assist in anything for the advantage of the community, in sponsoring the violin and piano recital to be given in the Croatian hall, Schumacher, on Tuesday evening, April 21st, commencing at 8.15 p.m. The artists providing the programme for the occasion are Mr. Sidney Schmerling, of Chicago, concert violinist, and Miss Anne Schmerling, assisting artist. Both these gifted artists have been heard at the Schumacher Lions Club and their notable musical work found very general approval at the club. Mr. Schmerling has visited in Timmins and district on previous occasions and his outstanding talent as a concert violinist has been duly noted. Miss Anne Schmerling has been a valued member of Timmins musical circles for some years and her gifts as a pianist are well known and appreciated. The recital to be given by Mr. Schmerling and Miss Schmerling will be a genuine delight to all music-lovers. The programme to be presented in the Croatian hall, Schumacher, on April 21st, under the auspices of the Lions Club will be announced in a coming issue of The Advance. In the meantime tickets for the event are on sale and may be secured at the Schumacher Hardware or Wilson's Drug Store, Schumacher, or Moisiey and Balls, Timmins, or from members of the Schumacher Lions Club.

Preferred Jail Term to Meeting Fine and Costs

Appearing before Magistrate Atkinson at New Liskeard on Friday morning, Fred Smith, Harley township, was convicted on a charge of assaulting Charlie Dunn and was assessed \$5 and costs or 30 days.

Smith struck Dunn several blows in the face following an argument at the home of Lionel Ducharme on the night of March 23, with the former being the aggressor, according to witnesses. He accepted the jail term in lieu of the fine.

Boy Remanded on Charge of Possessing Stolen Wheel

A 13-year-old boy who appeared in juvenile court on Tuesday afternoon, charged with receiving a bicycle, knowing it to be stolen, was remanded for a week. He and his mother were told that the police had not yet completed their investigation.

Warning to those who would open blind pigs in the Timmins district—28 Second avenue, lot 94, Goldale townsite referred to in the evidence at court as "Mrs. Pigeon's place" is a public place—it has been since April 23rd, 1935, and will be until April 7th, 1937. Joseph Landry will pay \$100.00 and costs or spend the next three months in jail because he didn't make certain that the former Pigeon place was "public" for purposes of the Liquor Control Act. A Provincial and Mountie walked in on him one night last week, found a bottle of liquor and 39 pints of beer on the premises, and promptly haled Landry to court. It was a long involved argument that A. Seguin, attorney for Landry, put up, but Magistrate Atkinson had no hesitation in making the conviction following the disclosure of unsavoury details. The charge was simply "keeping liquor in a public place."

According to Constable J. W. F. Pretorius, Landry is a "fall guy" for bigger interests. "He isn't the man who really rents the place," the officer told the court.

"You saw a receipt made out to the accused?" queried Mr. Seguin.

"It doesn't mean a thing," retorted the constable.

Women Were New Arrivals
Provincial Constable George White told of raiding the place at 1.30 a.m. on April 4th. Three men were sitting in the parlour drinking beer, while upstairs there were two women who had arrived in town just three days before. "They didn't know anyone there," the officer said. There were 39 pints of beer in an upstairs bedroom. Landry had said he was the tenant of the house.

Corporal Nelson, R.M.C.P. produced a blanket warrant under the Excise Act, used on complaint that alcohol was being sold in the house. He had seen the accused go from the front of the house to the kitchen and place a bottle of liquor behind the window blind. Landry had answered "No," when asked if there was any liquor in the house.

A letter signed by E. G. Odette was produced, in which the house was declared public for one year, dating from April 23rd, 1935, following the conviction of one John Lesic under the L.C.A.

Thos. Torrance, manager of the local liquor store, told of inquiries made by two men at the liquor store as to whether or not 26 or 27 Second avenue Goldale townsite, was a public place. The men had said they wanted to rent it, but not if it were a public place. That address was not on Mr. Torrance's list. "We get these inquiries day in and day out," the manager said, when asked if he remembered who the men were.

Didn't Have Right Black List
Jos. Kante, of the brewers' warehouse, told a similar story, but said he hadn't the 1935 list of public places.

"Now I don't want any more of this," the magistrate told him, "I want the list for 1935; that's the one he's supposed to look at, and all that haven't run out. I've had trouble getting evidence like this before."

Leo Charlebois, town hall employee, disclosed the identity of the man who accompanied Landry on their tour. They had come to the town office asking about "Mrs. Pigeon's place." Mr. Charlebois said that according to the town's records, 28 Second avenue, Goldale townsite and Lot 94 were the same location. Asked who accompanied Landry, he said: "A dark fellow. I think his name is Lemaire."

"Do you know Lemaire?" Acting Crown Attorney Chas. Yates asked Constable Pretorius.

"Yes He is the man who came to me and asked me if 28 Second avenue was a public place. I told him it was. He lives there now and was there on the night of the raid. He asked me if he could start a blind pig there."

When the magistrate had passed sentence, Constable Pretorius asked that the place be made public for another year. "It's just a blind pig," he said.

Vag Swore When Refused Soap
"I plead guilty. I ask people for soap and towel, you see," said Joe Cook, charged with vagrancy by Constable Wood, of South Porcupine. "Of course, I don't know why the lady got sore. I say all right but you don't need to get sore. Then I ask another man. He said 'I haven't got one,' and he come out and want to fight me. Of course I don't want to do that."

Constable Wood had a different story. He had been called at 11.30 this morning to a residence in South End where several people said Cook had been swearing at them and trying to pick fights. The constable had had to pursue the man across some fields before capturing him.

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A South Porcupine man was successful in gaining an acquittal from a charge of not stopping at a stop street in Timmins at 10.15 p.m. on April 3rd. He had been in Timmins until 1.30 on that day, he told the court, but had not left his home, nor had his car been out of the garage.

When the constable was giving his evidence as to having seen the car and noting that it failed to stop, the accused interjected: "He's all wet."

"You needn't make remarks like that," the bench admonished.

Four first offence drunks paid \$10 and costs.

John Lanther, of the Russell hotel, paid \$50 and costs for supplying liquor to an intoxicated person. A similar charge against A. Munro, of the International, was remanded to next week.

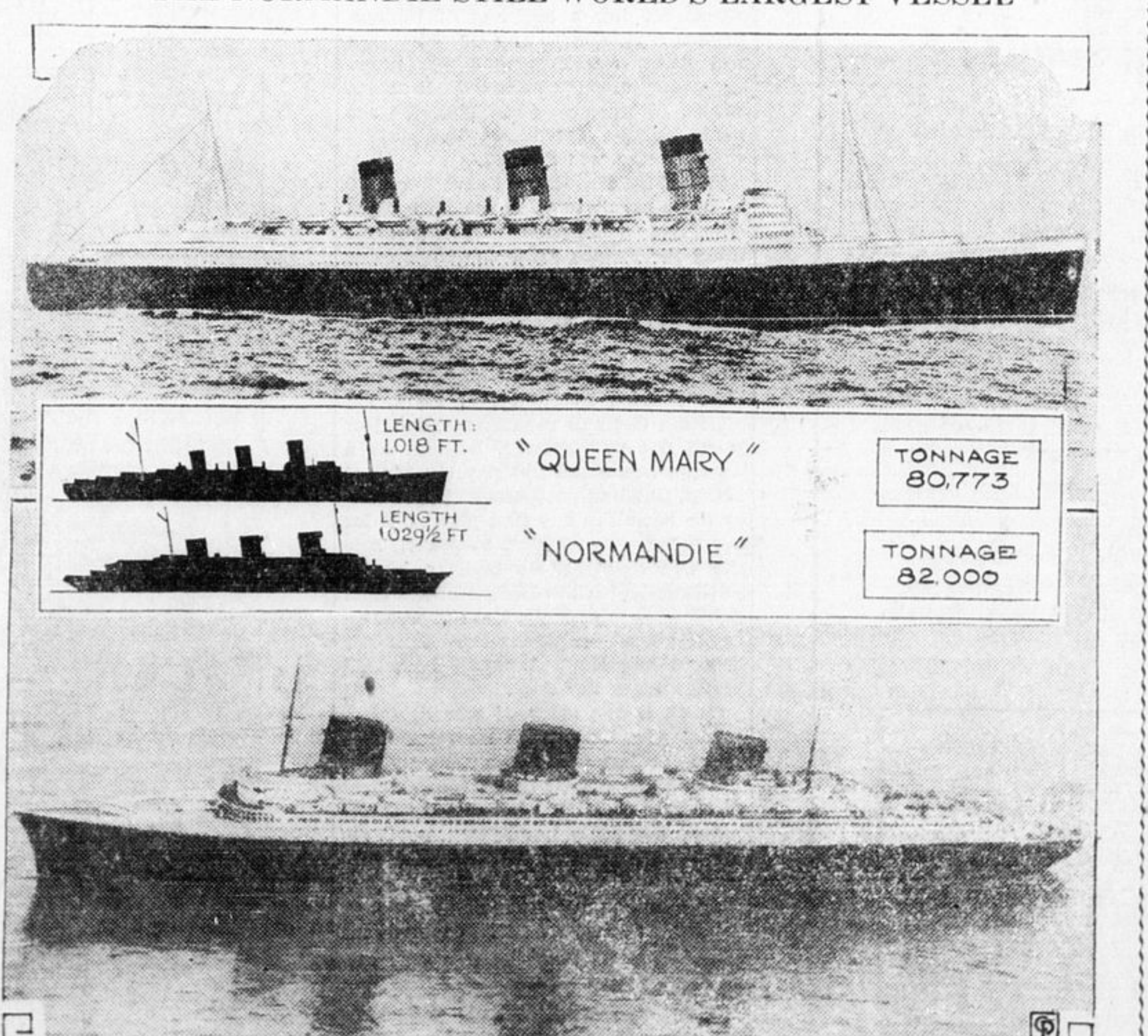
One driver was fined \$1.00 and costs for left hand parking, while another paid a similar amount for obstructing traffic. Improper lights cost another driver \$5.00 and costs.

Two women, charged with vagrancy last week and given a chance to get out of town, failed to answer their names.

A number of remands were granted, since several local lawyers could not be here to defend clients, on account of the Cochrane assizes.

**Y.M.C.A. to be Established
Soon Now at Kirkland Lake**
Kirkland Lake expects to have a Y.M.C.A. in the near future. At the week-end a committee was formed to study organization and to plan a membership campaign. H. Ballantyne, secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. in Canada, recently visited Kirkland Lake and assisted the committee in its work. The committee comprises: Reeve E. J. Carter, Alex. Fulford for his job, he may have to sue the Kirkland Lake hospital board, he said, intimating that others were in the same position as himself. He was given Fitzgerald.

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