

COUNCIL RESOLUTION SUGGESTS SECESSION

Timmins Making Strong Protest About Injustice

Resolution Passed Unanimously at Inaugural Council Meeting Against Treatment of North. Question of Secession Mentioned. Organization of Northern Municipalities to be Formed.

Timmins will lead the municipalities of Northern Ontario in vigorous objection to the treatment of the North by the Ontario Legislature. "The advisability of Northern Ontario seceding from the Province of Ontario... because of the utter disregard of conditions peculiar to Northern Ontario" is to be discussed at a conference of Northern municipalities to be held here in the near future, if present plans are carried through.

By motion of Councillors Wren and DesRoches, Timmins will invite Tisdale, the township of Teek and other municipalities to meet the mayor and council of Timmins to discuss their common problems, to discuss recent provincial and federal legislation, and to form an association of Northern Ontario municipalities.

The "motive" behind the motion, the mayor explained, was the recent news that the government had decided not to allow the municipalities any income tax. "This means a loss to us of ten or eleven thousand dollars a year," he said. "There are other matters, too: Workmen's Compensation, Mother's Allowance, Old Age Pensions. The cost of living is higher here, yet the amounts given are the same." The motion, he said, might be thought by some to be a little extreme, but the conference was to be just for discussion.

Suggests Reasoning with Queen's Park!

Councillor Laporte expressed himself as in favour of the conference but did not think the clause about secession should be put in just now, until the municipalities had an opportunity to discuss it all. "At least not until we have got in touch with the government and reasoned with them."

Councillor Wren said that other matters would be discussed too, but that the government had to be shown "that we are not playing in this."

"I'm not in favour of making it any milder," said Councillor DesRoches. "Unless we make it clear what we intend to do—this is the only way we can draw their attention."

"I favour the resolution just as it is," said the mayor. "I've been trying to persuade the government for years. It's time to take a determined stand."

The resolution passed unanimously.

Invitations to the conference will go out soon, it is understood.

Although Northern municipalities have often had conferences on such matters as share of mining taxes, this is the first step taken to form an association.

Busy Day for New Council

Met This Morning and Likely to be Busy Till Late This Evening.

This is a busy day for Timmins new town council.

At noon, a summary of their activities for the day looked like this:

11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.: Inaugural meeting at the town hall.

12:10 to 1:10 p.m.: Civic Day at the Kiwanis club with the mayor and council as guests of honour.

5:00 p.m.: Meeting of the police committee.

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Timmins Volunteer Fire Department annual banquet, Legion hall. Mayor and council to be guests.

8:00 p.m.: Open meeting of the council at the town hall.

Died at South Porcupine Following an Operation

Frank Ozohonics, aged 32, died in South Porcupine hospital this week-end, following an operation. He had been employed for some time at the Paymaster mine. His wife had come out from Hungary just a short time ago to join him here.

Three brothers, who live in the United States, are expected to arrive here within a few days for the funeral.

Fire in Unoccupied House Did \$100 Damage To-day

Fire in an unoccupied house at 45 Main avenue did more than \$100 damage late this morning when a stove there became overheated. The place was being re-decorated for new tenants, and at the time the fire broke out, workmen were not inside.

Box 52 was rung in and firemen laid 200 feet of hose. Before the fire was out the ceiling had been burned through and the south wall badly charred. W. Carriere is the owner and carried insurance on the place.

At 12:10 this afternoon, Box 21 was rung in for a chimney fire at a boarding house at 59 Balsam street north. There was no damage.

BURNS BANQUET TO BE HELD MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 25TH

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Burns banquet under the auspices of the local Sons of Scotland. Tickets may be secured from any of the members of Camp Castle Douglas S.O.S. The event is to be held on the birthday of the great Scottish poet, Jan. 25th, in the Oddfellows' hall.

New Truck-Plough Doing Useful Work

Clears off Streets and Road to Ankerite and DeSantis in Speedy Time.

Timmins' new combination four-ton truck and snowplough is doing good work. Town Engineer J. D. MacLean told The Advance to-day. In its first real try-out last week, the new truck showed off the main streets of the town so that early morning motorists had no difficulty in getting about and then opened the road to the Buffalo-Ankerite and the DeSantis in plenty of time for the shift going on. Cars followed the big plough all the way to the mines.

The diesel tractor plough is used for heavier work and places where turning is tricky.

The big advantage of the new truck-plough is that streets and roads can be opened hours earlier than was formerly possible.

Schubert Choral to Resume Rehearsals

Starting Again To-night at the Central Public School.

The Schubert Choral Society of Timmins enters the second phase of the season's work to-night, therefore, all members are expected to be present, bringing with them the copies of the "Messiah."

Innumerable, unsolicited compliments were paid the singers and conductor for the successful rendering of the initial performance in December, also requests that the whole work be performed at or about Easter, thus affording the citizens of this district another opportunity to hear what is regarded as the most successful oratorio composed by George Frederick Handel.

Believing there are quite a number of individuals both keenly interested and capable of participating in the activities of this noteworthy society, whose altruistic aims and ideals are the study and performance of the higher and worth-while compositions of the masters, thus providing an educational and cultural value to all interested in the development of music, the officers, members and conductor take this opportunity to extend to those a cordial and hearty welcome. Start 1937 by becoming a member of the society.

The register will be closed around the end of January therefore prospective members are urged to be present to-night.

An invitation is also extended to instrumentalists, whether string, woodwind or brass players, who are interested in the formation of an orchestral branch of the society to attend the meeting tonight. "Why trail behind other towns and cities of this province when it is ours to join in this noble and stimulating work of music-making?" asks the leader of the Society.

Only Two Chimney Fires Since Thursday Last Week

Two chimney fires, one on Friday at 13 Borden avenue and the other yesterday at 59 Balsam street, south, rear, were extinguished by firemen before any damage was done.

History of the Jews Told to Timmins Lions Club

Persecution of Jews by Egyptians, Romans, Spaniards and Others Touched Upon. Counterpart in Modern Germany Under the Nazis. Lions Club Delighted with the Address by Barney Sky.

Persecution of the Jews in Spain in the 15th century led to the driving out of Spain of all the Jews. Since that time the road of Spain has been downward, Barney Sky told the local Lions club on Thursday evening when he outlined in brief a part of the history of the Jewish people.

The Jews were harassed by the Egyptians before Rome rose to power; then Rome exacted her tribute from Palestine and crucified more than one Jew. Four hundred years ago in Spain, and to-day in Germany, the Jews have suffered under oppressors. To-day in Germany does not follow the teachings better off than they were under the Romans 2,000 years ago. In the country of the Nazis, no Jew is allowed to hold a position, Jewish children in the schools are left until the last. Ger-

Take Madrid in Week?



CHANCELLOR HITLER

Despatches from Europe suggest that Chancellor Hitler, of Germany, has sent 15,000 or 20,000 soldiers to help the Spanish rebel leader and has spent \$180,000,000 to aid the cause, expecting to have Madrid captured within a week.

New Empire Theatre to Re-open in a Few Weeks

Being Touched up at Present with Some Minor Changes to be Made. New Empire Likely to Specialize in French Pictures. Many Good Ones Already Booked for Showing Here.

New Mill to be Ready in a Month

Feldman Mill Destroyed by Fire Soon to be Replaced.

With new equipment now on the way from the manufacturers and the big new building completed, Feldman Timber expects to have the planing mill part of their lumbering operations running within a month.

The old planing mill was destroyed by fire some months ago and work has been going ahead steadily since then to replace it.

Coming Weather to be Just as "Usual"

Changeable and Continuing Moderately Cold, Says the Weatherman.

There doesn't seem to be anything unusual on the weather books for the Porcupine in the next couple of days. No extremes of mildness or cold and no bad storms are indicated by the weatherman to-day. "Changeable and continuing moderately cold," was the way he put it.

The only snowfall since Thursday was a quarter of an inch that fell in intermittent flurries on Friday afternoon.

Temperatures have been: Thursday max. 24, min. 14; Friday max. 4, min. 4 below zero; Saturday max. 6, min. 4 below; Sunday max. 14, min. 6 below; minimum last night 5 below; eight o'clock this morning 10.

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SOCIAL EVENING AT THE LADIES' AUXILIARY TO-NIGHT

A social evening will be held this evening, Monday, Jan. 11th, by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion at the Legion club rooms, commencing at 8:30 p.m. All members are asked to attend this event and have a happy evening.

Choosing Dog Team for Trip to Ottawa

Lions Club has Many Entries for Message to be Sent to Premier.

The dog team that carries an invitation from Timmins to Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King at Ottawa this winter should be the best the Porcupine can produce. Right now the Lions Club committee in charge of the Silver Jubilee celebration to be held here next summer has several entries in for the job of the long haul to the capital.

The Lions want to get the best possible team. So they ask that anyone in the district who has a strong team, well equipped, turn in an entry to the club.

Within a short time, the choice of a team and driver will be made. Then final arrangements will be completed for the long trip.

Committee Named for Year by the 1937 Council

Inaugural Meeting This Morning of New Council. Wednesday Closing By-law to be Discussed at Open Meeting To-night. Regular Meetings of Council Second and Fourth Wednesday Afternoon. Other Council Business.

New Church Ready in Two Weeks

New St. Anthony's to be in Use in Couple of Weeks.

Although the finishing touches will not be put on the new St. Anthony's church for a few months, services will be held there within the next two weeks. The Advance has learned.

For more than a year now parishioners have been using the Empire and Goldfields theatres for Sunday services. St. Anthony's church is the first place to be built of locally-cut stone.

Library Patronized Well in the Mornings

Housewives Find the New Hours Very Convenient.

Timmins public library is steadily patronized during the mornings now. For the first few days the place was kept open from ten o'clock until noon, few citizens took advantage. But now the reading public is taking advantage of the new hours and a steady stream of people borrow books.

Housewives who are down town in the morning to do the daily shopping find the time before noon most convenient for getting reading material.

Funeral Friday of Mrs. Jacob Coombs

Service Held at Church of the Nativity Last Week

The funeral of Mrs. Jacob Coombs, who died on Tuesday last, was held on Friday morning at the Church of the Nativity, Rev. Fr. Gabriel officiating. The late Mrs. Coombs had been an esteemed resident of Timmins for some ten years. She had been ill for about a year. Pallbearers at the funeral Friday were—H. Chynoweth, J. Shaw, E. MacElwhee, O. McCain, D. Fox, J. Fox.

Among the floral tokens were flowers from—St. John Ambulance Brigade, Pioneer Stores, Senior Second Class Room, Mattagami School, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Webber, Mr. and Mrs. McCann, Mr. and Mrs. Chynoweth, Miss Ruby McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Neill, Miss E. Laporte, Eddie Ringstead, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ormston, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shaw and family, Mr. and Mrs. Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Harrower, J. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. C. Latham, Mr. and Mrs. George Meredith.

Men Arrested Twenty Minutes After Thefts

Murtagh Drug Store Entered and Large Quantity of Narcotics Stolen. Employee of Store Notifies Police While Men are Still in Store. Prompt and Clever Work by Police Leads to Arrests.

Not twenty minutes after they are alleged to have broken into the Murtagh drug store, corner of Sixth avenue and Maple street, Arthur Pilon (alias Joseph Pilon) and Arthur Pepineau, were in the Timmins police station.

Quantities of valuable drugs, many of them containing narcotics, were found in their possession by police when they were arrested shortly after 1:30 Saturday morning. Both will appear in police court to-morrow afternoon charged with breaking and entering.

Had it not been that Smith Rogers, employee of Murtagh drug, who lives in the same building, heard men breaking in the front door, the valuable drugs might never have been recovered.

Employee Warns Police

Rogers slipped out a back door, got to a telephone as quickly as he could and warned police that the drug store was being robbed. Sergeant Arthur Olson and Constable Devine responded and just as they pulled up in front of the place, they saw two men peering out from behind a pile of wood in a nearby yard.

Pilon and Pepineau ran but surrendered at Elm street as the officers caught up with them and Constable Devine ordered the men to put up their hands.

Both are said to have made a statement to police in which they admit having stolen from the store.

Morphine, codeine and opium compounds, medicines of many kinds, cigarettes, chocolate bars, coppers, slot machine slugs, candy, and face powder were among the articles found either on the persons of the two men or in a box they were carrying.

Searched for "Dope"

A deliberate search of the shelves of the drug store seemed to have been made for narcotics. Almost everything that bore on the label the name of a "dope" and a great many other compounds that probably looked like dope were taken. In all (excluding the money) there were about 75 articles in the loot.

All of it has been recovered, the drug company believes.

Pilon had pennies hidden in his underwear, in both socks. Some of the drugs found on Pepineau were in the lining of his overcoat.

According to Mr. Rogers, the robbery occurred about 1:30 o'clock. He heard the crash of the glass of the front door about that time.

Both Pilon and Pepineau are well known to police.

Still Opportunity to Contribute to T.B. Fund

Christmas Seal Fund Now at \$2,000. About \$1,500 More Required for Work of Tuberculosis Association. Many Have Not Yet Returned Seals or Donation. Do It Now!

(From Christmas Seal Committee) An estimate has been made of the funds that will be required to do the work necessary in this district to curb the spread of tuberculosis and not only protect the people of this community but also to provide the certain amount of assistance advisable for those already afflicted and the estimated figure is \$3,500 per year.

Last year something like \$1,300 was realized from the sale of seals and it was found inadequate. This year it was hoped that the full sum required might be raised in view of the fact that the object of the sale is more fully understood and the more intelligent people of the community were responding to the plea for funds.

The mailing list is of course still very incomplete, carrying only about 2,500 names, but the committee hope and urge those people interested in fighting tuberculosis to send in their names and any donation they wish even though they have not received a personal letter with seals enclosed.

To the 2500 hundred letters which the committee sent out, approximately 1500 answers were received and very few of those answering failed to send in at least a dollar. Amounts from one dollar to \$50.00 were received from individuals. Some did all that they could afford by sending fifty cents. This was pleasing as it showed the right spirit. Business firms and mining companies sent sums from one dollar to one hundred dollars.

One company made the statement that they did nothing "for charity." Whether this company does or does not is immaterial, as the association will assist the tubercular children of its employees just the same. The tuberculosis association draws no lines but is a

true social service organization, not a "charity."

Members of the committee have been asked about the contribution made by firms which have only branches or offices here. It would be against the present policy of the local association to compare the contribution of one firm with that of another, just as of one individual with that of another, hence this question must go unanswered. This much can be said, that the committee will endeavour to remind branches of outside firms that money which they contribute to tuberculosis funds outside of the Porcupine district does not help the children of their customers here.

Funny incidents liven up the work of the unpaid committee. One which recently occurred was the sending of a substantial amount with the statement that the sender would have to forego a "bottle of Scotch" because of his donation. It's a good joke—but let him try to get as much satisfaction out of a bottle of Scotch as he will have to know that his contribution will pay for testing eighteen children!

Funds collected to date amount to almost \$2,000 which \$1,500.00 short of what is required for this year's work. There are 1000 letters which were sent out with seals for which no return has been made. The committee must account for all seals issued, so 1000 post-cards are now being sent to those persons who, in the Christmas rush or celebration, forgot to return either the seals or money. It is hoped that as a last Christmas act or a New Year resolution, they will hasten to make return. Remember that if each one will send at least a dollar, there will be sufficient funds to do a complete testing of the community for tuberculosis from Kamiskotia to Hoyle.