

Councils Meet Here Saturday to Discuss Secession

Other Councils Accept Invitation of Timmins

Tisdale, Teck and Timmins to Meet Here Saturday and Discuss Secession and Other North Questions. Mail Delivery Discussed at Council. "No Free Peddlers' Licenses," says Councillor Cousins. Other Council News.

Timmins, Tisdale and Kirkland Lake councils will get together on Saturday night this week to talk over their difficulties with the Ontario government and to consider the advisability of seceding from the province. It was learned at yesterday's council meeting, Mayor J. P. Bartleman had been in touch with the township of Teck council (Kirkland Lake) by telephone and Tisdale had agreed that Saturday would be an ideal time. The Northern municipalities are losing no time in showing Queen's Park they mean business. The movement has followed the cutting off by the province of the municipalities' shares of income tax.

The mayor said the conference would be "very, very important." Letters will be sent out to the councillors confirming the time, place and date.

Stay in Ontario Association

But just because Timmins is to consider separating from the province was no reason, the council decided, why they should drop their membership in the Ontario Municipal Association, a province-wide organization that collects information for towns and cities and aids in presenting their cases to the government. Annual membership fees of \$25 will be paid immediately.

To Ask Mail Delivery

A movement is now under way again to have mail delivery instituted in Timmins. The mayor said he had approached about it and asked the

Only Three More Days to Buy Markers

Only 680 of the 3,000 Passenger Cars in Porcupine Have New Plates.

Just 680 of the three thousand passenger cars in the Porcupine have their 1937 license plates. It was learned this week at the office of A. W. Lang, local issuer of motor and driving licenses.

Three days remain in which owners must secure plates or leave themselves open to the chance of being brought to police court and fined. Mr. Lang asks that as many as possible buy their plates to-day, to-morrow and Saturday, so as to avoid a Monday rush that would otherwise swamp the office.

Although many cars are laid up for the winter, there are still hundreds in the Porcupine that have not bothered yet to renew their licenses.

Two hundred and forty-eight trucks have the new red and white plates. Renewals of operators' licenses total 558; chauffeurs' licenses 630; new chauffeurs' licenses 57; beginners' licenses 76.

Second Bridge Series to Start at Badminton Club

The second series of bridge tournaments at the Badminton Club will start on Monday night, Jan. 18th, at 8 p.m.

Express Disappointment at the Talk of Secession

Ontario Associated Boards Wire President Langdon of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade Regarding Resolution of Council. President Langdon Suggests North Should Wait to See if Government Appoints Commission.

After having tried to help Northern Ontario to get a commission appointed to see to the needs of the North, and preparing to go with that proposal to the Ontario legislature during the session that begins this month, the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade are disappointed in the attitude being taken by Timmins, Kirkland Lake and Tisdale to-day in suggesting secession.

Such is the interpretation put by W. O. Langdon, president of the Northern Ontario Associated Board of Trade, on a telegram received by him yesterday from F. D. Tolchard, of Toronto, general manager of the Ontario Boards.

Mr. Tolchard asked confirmation of the report that the three northern municipalities were talking secession and intimated that it would be a sad blow to the Associated Boards' plan of asking the government for a Northern Ontario Commission to make a thorough study of the needs of the North.

It is understood that the Timmins council's resolution will be forwarded to Mr. Tolchard immediately.

Thanks Council Should Wait

Asked his opinion of the secession idea, Mr. Langdon said that he believed

Another Change in Weather

"And Still Another Coming," Says the Weatherman.

A mild south wind last night brought the temperature from nine degrees below zero to 33 above, a change of 42 degrees in a few hours. Last night's storm that brought four inches of salt-like drifting snow is also attributed to the south wind.

The mildness won't last long, the weatherman promises. "Generally colder with occasional snow" was the way he put it this morning.

Temperatures this week have been: Monday max. 27, min. 5 below; Tuesday max. 20, min. 9; Wednesday max. 33, min. 8 below; last night's minimum 9 below, eight o'clock this morning 33.

The only other snow of the week fell on Tuesday morning, a quarter of an inch.

Kept Streets Open Despite Snow Storm

Town Department Did Good Work in Clearing Streets Without Delay of Traffic.

A hundred men who were out of jobs yesterday got work to-day helping to clear away the four inches of snow that fell last night from Timmins' 29 miles of streets.

Thirty-five were taken on at 7:30 this morning when the Government Employment agency opened at that early hour in order to supply the town's demand. Even then there was a good-sized crowd of unemployed waiting at the office.

Additional men and about 15 trucks were taken on at noon to complete the clearing of the streets. The town's four trucks went into service early.

The back road to the Ankerite, Preston East Dome and Paymaster was ploughed out by 4:30 this morning. The DeSantis road, a heavier job, was completed as soon as possible this morning.

There was no hold-up in traffic, for the town's crew went to work about 1:30 this morning to begin opening streets.

Railwaymen Busy

In addition to the men taken on by the town, 25 workers were taken on by the T. & N. O. this morning to clear the yards of snow. Employment agency officials said to-day that few private firms took many men for snow shovelling.

Railwaymen were on the job at one o'clock this morning and snowploughing equipment left here soon after that to keep the line open. There has been no interruption in railway traffic.

The council should wait to see whether or not the government will grant the commission asked for by the boards of trade. "If the government favours a commission, that commission will hear all about the injustices the North is suffering. If the municipalities want to get together beforehand and prepare a brief to present to the commission, that would be fine. It seems to me that the council's present attitude militates against the efforts the board of trade is making."

Of the Ontario government's decision to take away the municipalities' share of the income tax and substituting for that the removal of the share now paid by the municipalities of mothers' allowance and old age pensions, Mr. Langdon said: "It isn't as unfair as they try to make it out to be, but for the next few years Timmins will certainly be the loser."

"Will Adjust Itself"

He explained that in older towns, like North Bay, where there is a great deal more mothers' allowance and old age pension paid than in Timmins, the municipality is actually ahead of the game. "In time it will adjust itself, as Timmins people get more of the allowance and pension."

Underground Safety at Hollinger Mine

Illustrated Paper Will be Given at the Porcupine Branch of C.I.M.M. on Tuesday Next.

"Underground Safety Work at the Hollinger Mine" is to be the subject of a paper to be read by George Gedde before the Porcupine branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy on Tuesday evening next week, it was announced yesterday by Orville Atkins, secretary of the institute.

The paper will undoubtedly be an interesting one since Hollinger is well known among the mines of the North for the research along safety lines. Discussion by the members is to follow the paper. Members of the institute are asked to make special efforts to attend. The meeting is to begin at 8:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Empire hotel.

First 1937 Meeting of Legion Monday

Much Business to Be Done. New Officers Will Take Chairs for a Busy Year.

The first meeting of 1937 for the Canadian Legion will be held on Monday evening, January 18th, in the Legion hall. The newly-elected officers will take their chairs and in doing so face a very busy year.

In February of this year the Canadian Legion in the Porcupine will celebrate its tenth birthday and work is under way for the fitting observance of this occasion. Then comes the Vimy celebration, and in August the local branch will be hosts to hundreds of Legionnaires from all corners of the province. The provincial convention of the Ontario Command will take place around the 23rd of August, and will last about four days.

In addition to the above the new officers are out to clear the building of debt before 1938. This will entail a lot of work and earnest co-operation of all.

All members should make very special effort to be present on Monday and give the officers of the branch a good send-off on the "Good Ship 1937."

New Feature to Start on Monday

Twenty Years Ago in the Porcupine to be Reviewed Each Monday.

Commencing on Monday next The Advance will add another regular feature to its long list of specials. Like the most of the features of The Advance the new one will have a distinctly local touch. The Advance also seeks to hold to this local touch as this newspaper is a distinctly local newspaper published in the particular and the North.

The new feature starting Monday will review Timmins and the Porcupine twenty years ago. This feature will appear in each Monday's paper. The feature, "Ten Years Ago in Timmins," has been one of the most popular sections of The Advance each week for a number of years. It is hoped that "Twenty Years Ago in Timmins and Porcupine," will prove equally appreciated.

A number of readers of The Advance have been clipping out "Ten Years Ago in Timmins" for several years past. Some of these readers have emphasized the fact that the "Ten Years Ago in Timmins" really provides a complete history of the town and district. For this reason the articles from week to week have been carefully clipped and put away for reference, the readers feeling that in this way they have to hand a complete and accurate story of this town and district.

Watch for "Ten Years Ago in Timmins," to be published, as heretofore in Thursday's issue of The Advance.

Another Smoker Billed for Legion on Saturday

Those who have been guests of the Legion at their monthly Saturday night smokers will be pleased to learn that another of these special nights is planned for Saturday next. At the time of writing a fine list of artists has been received. Those who missed hearing the Legion orchestra at the last smoker will have the opportunity on Saturday. There will be lots of fun and seeing that previous events have surpassed those held in months gone by, Saturday's smoker should be a real top-notch.

French Naval Chief



Vice-Admiral Darlan, who recently was raised to the highest post in the French navy, succeeding Admiral Durand-Viel. His appointment comes at a difficult time, when the French fleet is being held in readiness at the threat of European war.

Dr. J. C. Cochrane to Visit Here During Week-end

Rev. Dr. J. C. Cochrane, superintendent of missions for the North, is visiting the churches of Northern Ontario. He is to be in Timmins this Sunday and will address the congregation of Timmins United Church in the morning.

The evening service at the local church is to have a well known speaker, too. Miss Eunice Tyhurst of the Ontario Girls' Work Board will speak on "Girlhood and the Church." The C.G. I.T. will attend in a body, it has been announced.

Important Mining Deal in the Night Hawk Area

Hollinger Signs Option for Claims in Macklin Township. Deal Runs into Six Figures. Increased Interest Aroused in Night Hawk District as a Consequence.

One of the biggest mining deals for some time was concluded this week when Hollinger signed the option on a group of claims in the Night Hawk area. The option included a substantial cash payment and the holders of the claims retaining an interest in the property. The group of claims is in Macklin township, Night Hawk area, not far from the Electra Mine. The latter property this week held increased public interest as a result of the optioning of the claims in question. In the group under option to the Hollinger there are twenty claims extending from the Electra to the border of Bond township. These claims were recently staked by a group of local men including Chas. McInnis, A. H. Cooke, F. C. Evans, Arch Gillies and O. E. Kristensen. The option was signed on Tuesday morning. It is understood that the figure involved in the deal runs into six figures, and that work will be pushed forward immediately on the property.

Still Opportunity to Help the T. B. Fund

Contributions Still Being Received for Work in the Porcupine.

The work of the Christmas Seal committee in Timmins and the Porcupine through the past month has been agreeably successful and the total amount gathered for the carrying on the fight against tuberculosis in the Porcupine area has exceeded the previous year by several hundred dollars. The committee has given unusually effective and generous service and deserve more than just praise and appreciation. They set a high objective and have not quite reached the sum aimed at. If any who have failed to respond to the call will forward in their subscriptions at once, this will prove the finest form of appreciation that the committee could ask. There are a number of letters sent out with seals enclosed to which the committee has received no reply. A response at once would be appreciated. Also, if there are any who have been overlooked, it may be said that donations are still being received. All are agreed that the cause is a most worthy one. Every dollar received goes to efforts for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis in the Porcupine district. It is a cause that deserves the hearty support of all. If you have not yet sent in your subscription, do so at once. Remittance may be made to Mrs. H. W. Darling, the head of the committee here.

Officers for 1937 for Fireside Club

Meetings of the Club to be Held on the Second and Fourth Monday of Each Month.

Officers of the Fireside club of the Timmins United Church elected at the annual meeting this week are: honorary president, Mrs. Bruce Millar; president, Mrs. J. M. Douglas; vice-president, Mrs. Wendell Brewer; secretary, Mrs. Donald McInnis; treasurer, Mrs. Paul Grant; convener of the social committee, Mrs. Beverly Weir; convener of the finance committee, Mrs. A. G. Irving; convener of the flower committee, Miss Griffith; convener of the social service committee, Mrs. William Wren; convener of the programme committee, Mrs. A. A. Rose; convener of the membership committee, Mrs. I. Whitney.

Meetings of the club will be held on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Carson Armstrong was in North Bay this week attending the funeral of the late Mrs. George E. Palmer, who died on Saturday and who was buried at North Bay on Monday.

Street Mail Boxes Arrived Last Night

Will be Erected in a Few Days. Fred Passmore has Contract for Collection.

The street boxes for mail collection in Timmins arrived last night and will be erected in a few days. They are to be placed at strategic points in the town to serve the convenience of the public in the matter of sending out mail. They will save trips to the post office and be a decided convenience to all in outlying sections of the town. Jos. A. Bradette, M.P., has been working earnestly for some time to have the boxes installed for public convenience.

Fred Passmore of the Star Transfer has the contract for the collection of the mail from the street boxes.

New Public School Opens Here Monday

Arrangements Completed for Transfer of Pupils to New School.

Arrangements have been completed by the public school authorities for the transferring of pupils and teachers from overcrowded public schools of the town to the new public school in the north-west part of Timmins. The change will take place Monday morning.

SCHUMACHER LIONS TO HOLD SMOKER IN NEAR FUTURE

Schumacher Lions decided last night to hold a smoker in the near future for members. Last night's was almost purely a business meeting. Guests were W. McKee and Mr. Kirkland, of Schumacher.

Several Stores Closed Despite Defective By-laws

At least five Timmins stores in the dry-goods, hardware and furniture classes closed yesterday afternoon despite the fact that it was generally agreed on Monday this week that the by-laws were ineffective.

Test and Exhibit of Dog Teams, Sunday

Lions Club Committee to Select Dog Team for Trip to Ottawa.

The Timmins Lions Club have had so many dog teams offered for the trip to carry a message from Timmins to Hon. W. L. M. King, premier of Canada, at Ottawa, in connection with the twenty-fifth anniversary event of the founding of Timmins to be observed this year, that the committee now has the job of selecting the best team for the purpose. Accordingly on Sunday, January 17th, from 1:30 to 2:30, a test and exhibit of dog teams is to be held. The dog teams are to gather at the T. & N. O., where judges will be stationed to examine the teams. Dr. Durkin will be one of the judges and the other judges will include men with long experience in dog team work. The test on Sunday will include a little run to show how the drivers can handle their dogs. The teams will go from the station down Third avenue to Elm street, up Elm to Second, along Second to Spruce and round the block.

Noted Explorer Dies as the Result of Air Liner Crash

Martin Johnson, whose explorations of central Africa have been among the most interesting of the century, is dead. Both he and his wife were seriously injured late Monday night when an air liner crashed in the hills eight miles from San Francisco. There were 11 other passengers. The liner was en route from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles when the engine is believed to have failed.

Principal of McGill at High School on Friday

Dr. A. E. Morgan to be Guest Speaker at Annual Commencement To-morrow. Distinguished Educationalist to Visit Timmins. Medals and Prizes and Trophies to Be Presented at High and Vocational School

Dr. A. E. Morgan, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, Montreal, will be the special speaker at the Timmins High and Vocational School commencement at the school to-morrow (Friday) evening. The commencement event at the Timmins High and Vocational School always attracts a particularly large attendance, the programme being of special interest. With Dr. Morgan as one of those giving addresses the event will have even more than the usual value and interest. Dr. Morgan is considered one of the outstanding educationalists of Canada to-day and the High and Vocational School feels fortunate in being able to secure a visit from him. Dr. Morgan, an Englishman educated at Dublin, was professor at Exeter University for 15 years, and then for 2 years was travelling lecturer at American Universities. Next, he was Professor of English at Sheffield University, then principal of a university at Hull, England, for some nine years. For the past two years he has been principal of McGill University. He is acknowledged to be one of the foremost authorities on English literature of the 18th century.

In addition to the address by Dr. Morgan, there will be many other features of interest at the commencement. The usual graduation diplomas will be presented to the High School graduates, the Industrial graduates, the Domestic Science graduates and the Commercial graduates.

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The Dr. S. L. Honey prizes will be presented to the students of the different forms who have made the greatest scholastic improvement during the past year.

School crests will be presented to the members of the rugby team who won the championship of Northern Ontario last fall.

During the evening the school orchestra will provide music that is sure to be appreciated.

Council Passes By-laws for Wednesday Closing

New By-laws Given Special Care and Attention. Will be Rigidly Enforced. Not in Force Until After Next Wednesday. Council Supports Closing Plan.

Monday Busy Night for Firemen

Evening of Annual Banquet Saw Unusual Number of Runs.

Fire last night at 60 Vimy Road, caused by overheated pipes, did about five dollars damage when woodwork, to which the pipes were too close, was scorched. Firemen used chemicals to extinguish the blaze.

Monday evening, the one chosen for the annual firemen's banquet, was the busiest one they've had at the fire hall for some time. None of the fires were serious, but calls came in close together so as to keep the department on the run. At 3:35, \$35 damage was done at 26 Rea street south when overheated pipes that had been run through a wooden partition without protection of any kind set the woodwork afire. Chemicals were used to douse the flames. At 5:20 there was a chimney fire at 48 First avenue; at 5:30 the same reason was given for a call to 28 Middleton avenue; at 6:10 Box 65 was rung in for a chimney fire at 217 Cedar street south; at 7:02 there was a similar condition at 175 Maple street north; and at 7:24 the last call of the day came in for a chimney fire at 154 Elm street south.

The new laws will come into effect to close stores on January 27th, S. A. Caldwell, town solicitor in the matter, advised the council yesterday afternoon. Under the municipal act a week must elapse before the laws become effective and not more than two weeks can elapse. Since the by-laws were given the necessary three readings by the council yesterday, they cannot come into effect until after next Wednesday.

"The public may feel sure that these by-laws will be enforced," Mayor Bartleman told the gathering. A large delegation of clerks had turned out to be held by W. G. Nixon of New Liskeard.

Affidavits Attached to Petitions

The solicitor advised that the councillors should assure themselves that the signature on the petitions presented to the council some months ago are really those of the merchants they purport to be; and that those signing the petitions make up 75 per cent. of the people engaged in the trades mentioned in the by-laws; hardware, dry-goods shops and furniture stores. Affidavits from Homer Gauthier, who saw the petitions signed, were attached and the council accepted this as evidence of the validity of the petitions.

The new by-laws, a sample of which is to be seen in a Town of Timmins advertisement in this issue of The Advance, repeal the former by-laws that were expected to accomplish the same purpose but which were considered "nullities" by Mr. Caldwell when his advice was asked.

Presentation Made to Mrs. Bert Hall

Honoured by Ladies' Aid Prior to Leaving for Ottawa.

Yesterday afternoon (Wednesday) the Ladies' Aid of the United Church held a tea at the home of Mrs. Dunn, 117 Maple south in honour of Mrs. Bert Hall, corner of Kirby avenue and Birch street. Mrs. Hall, who has lived in town for a number of years is moving to Ottawa. Mrs. Hall was presented with a silver cake plate and the good wishes of all will go with her. She will be missed by her many friends in town.

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