

Improvements in Police Equipment

Tax Rate to be 4.91 Mills More than the 1936 Rate

Loss of Provincial Revenue, Increase in School Rates, Relief, Deficit from Last Year Factors in This Year's Increase, Despite Material Increase in Town Assessment.

Despite an increase in assessment of nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, Timmins' tax rate will rise this year by 4.91 mills for public school supporters and 3.12 mills for separate school supporters.

Total tax rates, arrived at after a meeting of the council on Tuesday night and to be formally presented at the regular meeting of the council on Wednesday, April 14th, are: public school supporters 62.24 mills; separate school supporters 76.11 mills.

Factors working toward the rise in taxation are: the taking by the provincial government of revenue from income tax and two-fifths of police court fines; the making up of a deficit from last year; increased expenditures for relief; education (except separate schools); and departments of the town such as fire, police and public works.

Provincial Grant Considered
The grant by the province which is to be equal to a mill of taxation, was taken into account when the rate was struck, even though there has been no official word from the provincial government.

No provision has been made in the estimates for contingency, it has been learned.

Division of the tax rate is clearly seen in the following comparison with last year's rates:

1937	1936
General and debenture	19.33 19.34
Public school rate	21.13 19.34
Separate school rate	35.00 35.00
High and Vocational school rate	11.05 10.93
Public library	.74 .77
Local Improvement	
Debenture rate	2.11 2.58

In addition to these taxes, residents of Bartlemans township will pay an additional 1.13 mills for local improvement; residents of Gauthier township will pay an additional 1.01 mills for the same purpose.

Differences between this year's and last year's tax rate are: public school rate of 1.79 mills; general purpose rate up 3.36 mills; high and vocational school rate up .02 mills; local improvement rate down .47 mills; welfare (relief) up .14 mills; library down .03 mills.

Only Living Siamese Twins to Visit Here

Announcement is made to-day that Daisy and Violet Hilton, the world's only living Siamese twins, joined at birth, and inseparable except by death, will be at the Palace theatre in person at an early date. They are presented here by the Affiliated Theatrical Offices of America. These young ladies are considered as one of the greatest wonders of the age in theatrical circles, and they have been drawing large crowds wherever appearing.

Construction to Start Soon on Model Home

Prize Winning Plans in Dominion Housing Competition to be Used by Lions Club for Home to be Built at Corner of Toke and Leone Streets, as Feature of Silver Jubilee Celebration Event.

Actual work of construction will be started very soon for the erection of a genuinely modern home in Timmins, this home to serve as a pattern for those who desire an ideal residence and as an inspiration in home-building for the town. As noted previously in The Advance the model home is being sponsored by the Timmins Lions Club, partly as a service to the town in the way of pointing out the most desirable type of home, and partly as a feature of the attractions of the Timmins Jubilee and Porcupine Old Home Week this summer. Thousands of old-timers and visitors will be shown through the model house this summer, while other thousands of the people from the town and district will also inspect it and it is hoped will secure from it valuable hints and helps for their own homes, whether in the way of suggestions for a new home or improvements and additions for one already built.

The modern home to be built under the sponsorship of the Lions will be erected from the plans that won first prize in the Dominion Housing Competition last year. "Important manufacturers of builders' supplies and many local merchants are enmeshed with the Model Home idea and are pledging the Lions every co-operation," Lion Barney Sky, the builder, told The Advance this week, adding:—"The Cook-

Trial for Murder on Wednesday

Preliminary Hearing in Charge Against Mrs. Emma Beaudoin.

Next Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, the preliminary hearing of the murder charge against Mrs. Emma Beaudoin will appear on the docket of the Timmins police court.

Although Mrs. Beaudoin was brought to the courtroom late Tuesday afternoon from the cells in the basement, she was remained in custody for another week.

The laying of the charge followed the findings of a coroner's jury here Monday night at the inquest into the death of Miss Evelyn Lapine, upon whom Mrs. Beaudoin is alleged to have performed an illegal operation.

The Timmins woman in the event of being committed for trial will not come up for trial before judge and jury until next fall, it was learned yesterday. The preliminary hearing next Wednesday will be too late to have the case included in the spring sessions of the Cochrane court.

Full details of the inquest appear elsewhere in this issue of The Advance.

Relief Costs Down for February Here

Better Conditions and Stricter Relief Measures Help Situation.

Relief cases for February in Timmins have shown a great decrease from those of last February according to the Timmins Relief Department. The number of people on relief for February 1937 was fixed at 1038, as compared with 1440 in the same month in 1936. The improvement is said to be the result of better conditions and stricter relief measures and leads to the expectation of a new low mark in the near future.

A steady decrease is now expected in the number on the relief rolls.

Broke Wrist in Fall on Icy Walk on Saturday

E. H. Hill, Division Court clerk, had the misfortune to fall on an icy patch of sidewalk on Balsam street north, on Saturday night, falling on his arm and breaking his left wrist. Medical attention was secured at once for the injury, and Mr. Hill is able to be back at his office this week, though it will be some weeks before he will have the use of his left hand again.

ICE ON WINGS BLAMED FOR AIR LINER DISASTER



Formation of ice on the wings was believed the cause in which 13 persons lost their lives in a plane disaster just outside of Pittsburgh. Examination by government and airline officials of the wreckage, above, indicated that the ship had lost altitude because of the heavy weight on the wings.

Highway to Meet High Specifications of South

Porcupine Road to be Straightened, Paved, Brought up to Standards of King's Highways in South. Petition from South Porcupine Against Turning of Highway Past That Town.

Clearing up the whole highway situation, news yesterday from authoritative sources indicates that the one idea of the Provincial Department of Highways is to provide the Porcupine as soon as possible with a road whose specifications will be equal to those of King's Highways in Southern Ontario.

That means, for one thing, that there will be visibility on all parts of the road for 600 feet ahead. In order to do this, it was explained to The Advance, sharp corners must be eliminated and some hills re-graded. At South Porcupine, for instance, present highway plans call for a long curve to avoid the sharp turn onto the main street of that town, going to the northwest of the town. The Rea hill will be cut down so as to provide better visibility. All this work will be undertaken this year along with the paving of a stretch of road from the Pamour eight miles in the direction of Timmins, or to somewhere near the Rea hill. The distance from Pamour to Timmins is about 11 miles.

To Repair Back Road

While construction work is going on, the back road from Timmins to South Porcupine will be put in the best possible condition, it is promised.

"The people of the North must be patient for this year," The Advance was told. "The government cannot do everything at once. But now that they have definitely decided to give Northern Ontario the same kind of roads Southern Ontario has enjoyed for many years they will get the work under way just as quickly as possible."

It was learned yesterday that a petition has been circulated in South Porcupine, has been widely signed, and has been forwarded to the Department of Highways. It asks that the govern-

To Avoid Chimney Fires

Town to Inaugurate Chimney Sweeping Service. Other Fire Prevention Plans.

After about May 1st, Timmins householders will have their chimneys cleaned by town employees. William Wren, chairman of the fire and light committee of the town council, told The Advance yesterday.

Chimney sweeps will call at every house in the town and will do a thorough job of cleaning out soot and accumulation of pitch.

"Since December 15th, the Timmins Fire Department has answered 137 calls," said Councillor Wren. "More than eighty of them have been for chimney fires and we consider this much too high a proportion. The solution to a lot of the fire department's troubles seems to be in this municipal chimney cleaning service."

New Inspection Service

Fire department inspection service is being extended immediately to include residences, Mr. Wren said. Recent appointment of Firemen Albert Cooper and Jack McKinnon as assistant fire marshals coincides with this idea. Fire inspection of business places only has been carried on.

With the chimney sweeping and inspection, the number of fire alarms here should drop off almost immediately, Mr. Wren believes, and in this way will save the cost of buying new fire fighting equipment for this year at least. Prevention of fires on a wholesale scale is the basis of the present fire department programme.

In addition to the new chimney sweeping department, two firemen are to be added to the permanent force, Mr. Wren said.

Three Held Over the Passing of Alleged Wrong Cheques

Noranda, March 31.—On a charge of cashing false cheques Leo Roy of Bathurst, N.B., Joseph Albert Brouillette of Lorraine, Que., and Emile Hachez of Campbellton, N.B., were arrested here by Constable Rheault of the provincial police on March 16 and will appear at the next magistrate's court to be held on April 12.

Four cheques had been cashed in Rouyn and Noranda totalling around \$250 and the men, police claim, were arrested before they could get a fifth, which was found in their possession, honored.

Unemployed Here Total 1040

According to the Ontario Government Employment Bureau, the report on placements of unemployed for March of this year shows a large gain over that of March last year; proof that the work of the officials here is bearing fruit. The figures for this year are a total of 437 placements as against last year's total of 405. These figures are made up of: March 1937; Farming, 6; Logging, 62; Building, 18; Mining, 27; Female, 114; Miscellaneous, 38; Municipal, 108; and Relief 64. For March 1936; Farming, 1; Logging, 4; Building, 5; Mining, 18; Female, 74; Miscellaneous, 41; Municipal, 93; and Relief work, 169.

In the live files of the Employment Bureau, the figures for unemployed stand at 1040 for March, 1937, and 866 for March 1936. The increase in the number of unemployed can only be laid to the fact that more of those job-seekers who come North every year are remaining to find work than they have done in former years and it is natural to suppose that with the condition of the roads improving, the numbers of those coming North will increase.

The above figures give complete reply to the silly suggestions recently made in some outside newspapers that there is lots of work for the unemployed in this part of the North. With over 1,000 here already looking for work others should hesitate to take a chance on travelling up here to add themselves to the list of unemployed gathering here from all over the earth.

Will be Here April 6



BETTINA VEGARA
outstanding violinist who will be the artist at the second concert in the New Empire theatre, Timmins, on Tuesday evening, April 6th, under the auspices of the Porcupine Canadian Concert Association.

Signal System and Box Telephone for Police

Officers to be Kept in Close Touch with Station by New Plans. Will Greatly Increase Efficiency of Force. Two New Men to be Added to Police Here This Year. No Traffic Lights to be Installed.

Record in Number of Fire Calls

Fire Trucks Have Been Out 137 Times Since December 15th.

The year in Timmins so far has brought more fire calls than any other period in the history of the fire department, it was shown this week. Since December 15th, the beginning of the brigade's year, the trucks have been out 137 times, or nearly three times every two days.

Although a large number of calls were for chimney and stovepipe fires, many were caused by carelessness with hot ashes and carelessness of smokers. The number of calls will be reduced by municipal chimney cleaning.

Timmins police will soon have all the accoutrements of a city force, it was learned this week as the police committee struck estimates for the year.

A box telephone system will be installed so that men may report from any part of the town while on their beats. Each officer will be provided with keys to the telephone boxes so that he will be able to get in touch with police headquarters at any time.

In addition a signal light system that will cover the town is to be installed, making it possible to summon all men or any one man on the beat, to headquarters within a few minutes.

These two systems will be the equivalent of adding at least two men to the police force, since it will mean that fewer will have to be kept at headquarters on duty for calls.

In addition to that, two men are to be added to the present force.

No traffic lights will be installed this year, it has been decided. The new equipment will leave enough police free during heavy traffic hours to conduct it from street intersections.

Many Here Benefit by Home Improvement Plan

Approximately \$7,000 Loaned by Banks to Date for Improvement of Homes in Town and District. General Meeting Called by Local Advisory Committee for Friday April 9th.

Four Licenses Held Up

One Club and Three Hotels Fail to Receive License to Sell Beer.

To-day, the end of Ontario's fiscal year when all provincially granted liquor licenses, individual and hotel, expire, finds some Timmins standard hotels and one club without the authority to sell beer.

Of the 21 places in town that are licensed to sell beer by the glass or bottle, it is believed that at least four will be missing when the final check-up is made. Among these is the Canadian Legion clubroom which may be granted later.

Many telegrams were despatched this morning to the chairman of the Liquor Control Board when last night's mail failed to bring licenses to some hopeful hotel proprietors. Some still hope that the license is merely delayed in the mail and will arrive to-night.

In the meantime, Timmins police are making a complete check of beverage rooms in the town to make sure all the ones in operation have the required authority.

Any found operating that have not licenses will be charged with selling liquor illegally.

Miss Violet McKinley, of Central public school staff, is spending Easter in Cobalt.

Government Studying Land-Clearing Bonus

Also Medical Contracts with Mines. Bills Introduced by John Rowlandson, M.L.A., Not Dealt with Owing to Rush at End of Session. Committees and Departments Considering Them Now. Bills Likely at Next Session.

Junior Hockey Club Dance Happy Event

Well Attended and Pleasant Throughout. Many New Gowns Graced the Occasion.

On Monday, March 29, the Timmins Junior Hockey Club held their fourth annual dance at the Riverside Pavilion with Andy Cangiano supplying the music. The Easter Parade was delayed on Sunday, but, of the large crowd that attended the Junior Hockey Club dance several ladies wore lovely gowns of the latest fashion. Novelties and falcons did much to add to the success of the evening, and a good time was had by all.

Two proposed government measures of interest to Northern Ontario are under discussion now by committees and departments of the government. The Advance was informed here yesterday.

One has to do with the land clearing bonus scheme for Northern settlers, under which the government will pay settlers a stated amount for each acre of land that is brought under cultivation each year. This is being studied now by the Department of Agriculture and will, it is predicted, be included in bills presented by the government at the next session of the Legislature. It is too late now to make the measure effective this year.

The other proposed bill has to do with medical contracts made by Ontario mining companies, following allegations made in the Legislature during the past session by John Rowlandson, M.L.A. for Cochrane South. This has been referred to the Department of Health for complete investigation.