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Police Dept. Under Commission

Judge, Magistrate and Mayor to Govern Police

Leo Gagnon Made Chief Constable. Arthur Olson Promoted to Inspector. New Man Taken on Force. W. O. Langdon Appears Again for Godson Paving Company. Special Meeting Will be Held.

The formation of the Police Commission to administrate the Timmins police department was provided for yesterday in a by-law which was passed by the council at its regular meeting. At the same meeting Leo Gagnon was made Chief of Police, Arthur Olson, an inspector, and a new man added to the force.

The Police Committee recently held a meeting. It made recommendations to council yesterday. Motions were passed making Leo Gagnon, who has been Acting Chief Constable since the resignation of Ralph Paul, Chief, at a salary of $225 a month.

Sergeant Olson was promoted to the position of Inspector, which corresponds to Deputy-Chief, at a salary of $175 a month. The promotion of F. E. Devine from constable to sergeant which was effected some time ago, was confirmed. Sergeant Devine's salary will be $160 a month. Roland Munro was taken on the police force for a probationary period of six months at a salary of $125 monthly.

Under the by-law which was passed the Police Commission will be composed of three members, the Mayor, the District Judge and the Magistrate.

Remuneration for members of the Commission will be $125 annually. They also will receive reasonable expenses for travelling.

The question of a Police Commission has been given consideration for some time by the Police Committee of the Council. When Hon. Mr. Leduc, Attorney-General, was here prior to October 6th, the chairman of the Police Committee, Councillor Cousins, called a meeting of the committee and the members discussed the matter with Mr. Leduc, who gave his consent. All members of the committee were present at the meeting with the exception of Mayor Bartleman.

Langdon Makes Further Plea

William O. Langdon is asking the council to reimburse his clients to the extent of $1,120 for the out-of-pocket expenses they incurred in connection with the awarding of the contract to pave Timmins streets.

He contends that his clients were given assurance that they would receive the contract, and acting on that assumption, they sent two men to Timmins and prepared machinery for shipment here. Then, at another meeting of council the contract was not awarded them but to Leo Mascioli, another tenderer.

There is a moral obligation, considers Mr. Langdon, for the council to reimburse the Godson company. The barrister admitted that he had no legal recourse but thought the council should consent to payment nevertheless.

The discussion, which has gone on at several other meetings was continued yesterday. At the last meeting of council the members agreed to get the opinion of the Toronto consulting engineer, Mr. McLean, whom they engaged when tenders were being considered.

Mr. Langdon asked if that had been done. The Mayor explained that it had not as the council felt that it would be pointless considering that it was the consulting engineer, Mr. McLean, who advised the acceptance of Mr. Mascioli's tender.

The obligation, if any, said Mr. Cousins, was on Mr. McLean. He sat and heard the discussion and then advised acceptance of the Mascioli contract. The Mayor thought the responsibility would evolve on Mr. Mascioli who submitted an ambiguous contract.

The engineer, said Councillor Laporte, was asked at the first meeting, if the tenders were supposed to include curb and gutters as an integral part of the pavement. He said that they should be considered separately. The Godson contract had the two items separate.

When the council found out that the first Mascioli tender was complete and the price included curbs and gutters it was found to be lower than any other and was accepted.

The crux of the whole thing, said Councillor Laporte, was that the council was misinformed. If there was any leaning to the Godson Company at that time it was because of the misinformation. Furthermore, Councillor Laporte definitely remembered the Mayor, at that time, telling the Godson representatives not to go to any expense until the advertising date had expired.

Must Not Use Rifles in Timmins

In View of Recent Fatality and Other Accidents Here This Year, All Asked to Turn in Rifles.

In order to avoid another fatality such as the one which cost Augustine Kader his life last Saturday morning the Town Council, at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon, made a plea to owners of rifles.

Men and boys owning rifles are asked to either turn them in to the police department or to stop using them anywhere in the vicinity of Timmins. There have been several woundings this year, one of which proved fatal.

The council warned that further reckless use of rifles would mean that the police would be instructed to turn out in force and make an example of the next person caught with one in his posession.

Walls Going Up On New Town Building

Marked Progress has Been Made on Construction Job in Past Few Days.

Marked progress has been made on the construction of the new town hall in the past few days. Walls have risen to a height of more than four feet.

The boiler which will serve to heat the building and provide heated water has been brought to the building and located. It will be in the centre of the construction.

The walls are being built of brick tile faced with brick. The outside brick covering is a mottled colour. Now that workmen have started to build the walls it is expected that the construction will go ahead at a faster rate than it has since it was begun.

Corner Stone Laying at South Porcupine Sunday

Formal Start on New Hospital Building at South Porcupine. Member of Women's Missionary Society of Presbyterian Church to Come from Toronto for Event.

South Porcupine, Oct. 13—(Special to The Advance)—The Porcupine General hospital is coming along rapidly. Foundations are in, and early next year the building will be up and ready for use. A nurses' residence, separate from the main building is also commenced.

On Sunday next (17th) a ceremonial corner stone laying will take place. A copper box with the history of the beginnings of the hospital, plans etc., will be placed under the stone, which will be formally laid by a member of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, who is coming from Toronto for that purpose. It will be remembered that the hospital on Connaught Hill, which was a godsend to this end of the camp when it was originated, was due to the Presbyterian Missionary Society, and South Porcupine's heartiest thanks are due this Society for the use, help, and comfort the Tisdale hospital has been to us during the past years. In token of the appreciation felt by us all, the Society is asked to perform this ceremony for the new hospital.

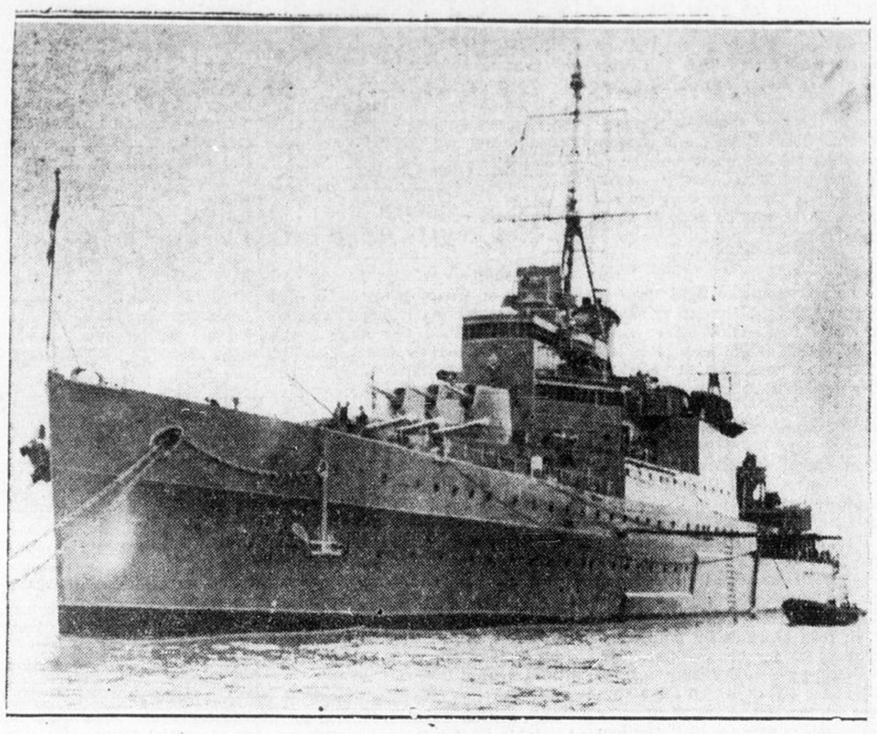
The Churches will be represented on Sunday, the Reeve is to be there, and our new M.P.P., Mr. C. V. Gallagher, as well as all contributors who can attend.

The directors of the new Porcupine General hospital are proud to know that there is now sufficient money in the treasury to complete the hospital building. Twenty-seven beds, all on one floor, are to be installed when the building is ready.

Annual Meeting of the Badminton Club Tonight

The annual meeting of the Porcupine Badminton Club will be held this evening (Thursday) at eight o'clock in the Badminton Club hall. All members are asked to attend and so start off in auspicious way what should prove to be the best year yet in the history of the popular sport of badminton in this camp.

LATEST BRITISH "MESSENGERS OF PEACE"



The 9,000-ton cruiser H.M.S. Sheffield, the latest British warship afloat, as she started her trials from Sheerness. She is the second of the Southampton class, named after English towns. Her armament consists of 12 six-inch guns.

Payments Cause Concern High Insurance Claim

$9,900 Paid in Claims in Past Three Years. Council Would Renew Insurance at a Premium of $3,250. Claims This Year May Top $5,000; No More Water Extensions.

Timmins' high insurance claim rate was the cause of some concern at the regular meeting of the council yesterday afternoon. The subject was introduced by Mr. A. E. Wilson, of the A. E. Wilson Company who pointed out that the town insurance expired on Tuesday and that companies taking risks were asking a higher premium rate this year.

Timmins, said Mr. Wilson, had a bad year again in 1935 with regard to claims. Several companies cancelled their policies with the town in past years because it was costing them more to pay claims than they received in premium. Three years ago the insurance was put with Lloyds.

Since that time claims totalling $9900 had been paid which meant an average of $3300 a year. Last year's premium paid the underwriters was $2250. The insurance company had to get more out of the premium than it paid in claims as it had a large overhead.

The company was not complaining of the six thousand dollars it was out in the past three years, that was past and gone, but it wanted the town to get on a sounder basis in the future.

The company this year had suggested a premium of $4000. If the council thought that too high, said Mr. Wilson, would it pass a motion informing the company what it was willing to pay.

It had come to the time, thought the mayor, when the town should carry its own insurance. If it had to pay out claims the council would be more willing to investigate them and cut them down.

There were, continued Mr. Wilson, 22 claims against the town since last October. Of that number 4 were not allowed by the courts. Eight claims were paid over $100 each and eight claims under $100. Two claims outstanding, would, if the town lost in the courts, cost in the neighbourhood of $1110. It was estimated that $4191 had been paid out and before the year was over that total would probably mount to more than $5000.

The council, said his worship, could use the $4000 it paid in premiums as an insurance fund and handle claims itself.

Mr. Wilson did not agree with that idea. He wanted the town to carry on for one more year and "to play ball with the company" and try to prevent accidents. He suggested that the council make an offer of premium somewhere between $3000 and $4000.

Councillors Laporte and Wren moved that the insurance be renewed at a premium of $3250.

Summing it up, said the mayor in the discussion which followed after the passing of the motion, was it not just that the town had not been sanding streets properly? He asked the town engineer, Mr. MacLean, for an explanation of the town's system of sanding.

There was, replied the engineer, a regular staff of four men in the winter who did nothing else but sand streets. In times when the streets were more than ordinarily slippery as many as 25 or 30 men might be put on the job. Last year 700 yards of sand were hauled. Records were kept of all the sanding that was done and when, and a foreman inspected the job when it was completed.

There was a good deal of discussion of the technicalities of sanding streets before members of council decided that a special meeting should be held to discuss the question of sanding and ways and means of cutting down on accidents occasioned by slippery streets.

Claim Costumes Damaged

"Flo" Nickerson, who recently brought a theatrical troupe to Timmins to put on a stage production here, wrote a letter to the Claims Department of the council, which in Timmins is composed of the mayor and six members of the council.

Miss Nickerson claimed that during the time she and her company were here the sewage backed up into their dressing rooms in the theatre and ruined several costumes and dancing slippers. She wanted the council to pay for cleaning some of the costumes and to remunerate her for the loss of others. Council took no action.

A petition, signed by 17 people, to have the council put a back lane from Sixth to Seventh avenues between Maple and Birch streets north, was referred to the Public Works Committee for consideration.

Several residents of Lincoln avenue appeared as a deputation to ask for water connections in their district of the town. They were told that arrangements had been made yesterday morning to install a winter hydrant so that an ample water supply would be provided all during the winter season.

Members of the council made it clear that no future water extensions could be made this year. They also specified that the council could do nothing for residents outside the town.

The spokesman for the people of Lincoln avenue, prior to the explanation

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Goes to Washington

Dr. W. A. Riddell, who has been transferred from his post of Advisory Officer at Geneva to be Councillor at Canadian Legation at Washington.

Gillies Lake Begins Drilling Programme

Underground Men Paid Off. To Centre on Drilling Work.

Underground men have all been laid off at Gillies Lake Porcupine Mines Limited pending a diamond drill programme which will begin early next week. More than fifty men were let out.

About twenty men are employed in the mill at present cleaning out the run and doing other work but they will be released when that work is finished.

Next week a diamond drill program will be begun to ascertain what ore bodies are on the company's property. Diamond drilling is expected to continue for about two months.

Fire in Cleaning Plant

Fire Damages Harry Herman's Cleaning Plant to Extent of Several Hundreds of Dollars.

Damage of several hundred of dollars was done at Harry Herman's cleaning plant at 19 Ogden avenue last week by fire which started in the back section.

How the fire started is unknown. Although there was some damage from flames, smoke caused the greater part of the loss which will exceed $200 There was some damage to clothing in the plant for cleaning.

On Friday fire started in the rear of Pic Holtze's jewellery store. It is believed to have begun from spontaneous combustion of an oily cloth in a corner. Damage amounted to about $50.

There were two calls on Friday for chimney fires. One was to 19 Main avenue, and the other was to 4 Laurier avenue. Another call to a chimney fire was received on Tuesday morning. It was at 12 Laurier avenue.

The department was called upon three times yesterday. The first was at 3.03 a.m. Workmen had built a fire in an open can in the new wing of St. Mary's hospital, now under construction. Some one in the hospital saw the glow and turned in an alarm. There was no fire outside of the can.

At 4.13 in the afternoon a car took fire at the corner of Kirby avenue and Wilcox street. It was easily extinguished with sand. Damage amounted to about $5.

Pipes became disconnected at 26½ Second avenue at 11.02 o'clock last night and filled a storeroom with smoke. No damage.

C. V. Gallagher, M.L.A., in City on Mining Business

After devoting the past few weeks to intensive efforts for the public interests, C. V. Gallagher, recently elected as member for this riding in the Legislature, is giving a little attention this week to personal nterests, being in Toweek to personal interests, being in Tomining interests that have been deferred through the election campaign.

Three Teachers' Institutes Now in This Part of North

Change Made at Convention Last Week. Officers Elected for Three Institutes. Addresses of Much Interest at Combined Teachers' Institutes Here.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found various articles covering the proceedings of the Teachers' Convention here last week. The convention included North Temiskaming Teachers' Institute and Cochrane Teachers' Institute, the two combining to hold their annual convention at Timmins. On page one of the second section of this issue there are two articles on the convention; on page one of the third section, and page 5 of the third section there are also articles covering the convention.

During the business meeting held on Thursday as part of the programme for the Teachers' Convention last week Mr. Connell, president of Men Teachers' Federation addressed the assembly. He stressed the need of more unity among the teachers, and said that if they would take a greater interest in the Federation, it would be a greater success. He outlined the accomplishments of the Federation, and spoke about its future work. He mentioned that although Ontario is supposed to be highly advanced in every phase of education, Australia and New Zealand pay 100 p.c. of the costs of education, while the province of Ontario only pays 11.5 p.c.

Mrs. Dr. Armitage, of Schumacher, who until recently was director of music at the Regina Normal School, gave a very pleasing and inspiring address on music. She stated that teachers should help the students to learn to love and appreciate music.

The Teachers' Institutes were now divided into three sections — North Cochrane, South Cochrane and North Temiskaming—whereas before there have been only two. North Cochrane is to take in the area from Nakina to the Quebec boundary and from Moosonee south, half way between Cochrane and Porquis Junction. South Cochrane extends from Timmins to Iroquois Falls, and from the North Cochrane Institute south to Ramore. North Temiskaming covers the area south of Ramore.

The following are the officers elected for the North Cochrane Teachers' Institute:

Hon. Pres.—Mr. Hiscocks, Mr. Masse, Miss Pitre; President—Elliot Fels; Vice president—Sister Ste. Amelie; Secretary-Treasure—E. A. Fairman; Honorary-Treasurer—Mr. Hiscocks; Assistant Librarian—Sister Ste. Ameria; Executive committee—Miss Dorothy Gracie; Miss D'Aoust, Miss O'Gorman, Mr. Robert Ison, Mr. J. H. Parkhill. Auditors—Munroe MacLeod, J. E. Horton.

Elected to the South Cochrane Teachers' Institute were: Hon. Pres.—Messrs Masse, Hiscocks and Maurice; Past Presidents—Mr. Malowney, Porquis Junction, and Miss Pitre, Timmins; President—Mr. Harkness, Iroquois Falls; Vice-president—Mr. Hurtibise, Ansonville; Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Duhaime, Iroquois Falls; Honorary-Treasurer—Mr. Hiscocks; Librarian—Miss Lynch, South Porcupine; Assistant-Librarian—Sister Ste. Jean, Timmins; Executive—Mr. P. O. Kloss, Timmins, Mr. Sparks, Schumacher, Mr. Beatty, Timmins, Miss Boutin, Val Gagne; Auditors—Mr. Shaw, Ansonville, Mr. Malowney, Porquis Junction.

I. O. O. F. Patriarch Visits Here

Grand Patriarch of Grand Encampment Institutes Encampment in Timmins.

Grand Patriarch Brother W. Lenard, of the Grand Encampment of Ontario of the I.O.O.F., visited Timmins last week for the purpose of instituting an Encampment in Timmins.

The Grand Patriarch was accompanied by Brother Allan Jack, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment, and a degree team from Kirkland Lake.

After the several degrees were conferred, the guests retired downstairs where refreshments were served by members of the Rebekah Lodge, after which the Encampment was duly instituted, and the following officers were installed:—

Chief Patriarch—Bro. W. Wills.
Senior Warden—Bro. W. Cook.
High Priest—Bro. Levi Sauder.
Recording Scribe—Bro. J. G. Harris.
Financial Secretary—Bro. S. Spencer.
Treasurer—Bro. C. Lacey.
Junior Warden—Bro. W. Avery.
Inside Sentinel—Bro. J. Kern.

After the installation of the officers, interesting addresses were given by the Grand Patriarch, Bro. W. Lenard, the Grand Junior Warden, Bro. Allen Jack, and others.

Dr. Peter Bryce to Spend Weekend Here

The Right Reverend Dr. Peter Bryce, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, spoke yesterday morning from the radio station here, CKGB. Dr. Bryce conducted a fifteen minute devotional exercise.

After the broadcast he left for Kapuskasing. He will return to Timmins on Saturday to address a meeting of the Timmins United church on Saturday evening. On Sunday he will preach in the Timmins United church in the morning and at Schumacher United church in the evening. At noon, on Monday, he will address the Timmins Kiwanis Club.

He will leave on Monday afternoon for Haileybury. Dr. Bryce is making a tour of the North.

Thirty-one Registered at Classes for New Canadians

Interest again is keen in the classes in English for New Canadians conducted at the Central public school by Mr. Kestel and Mr. Transom. There are already 31 registered and further students will be welcomed and will find the classes an unusually beneficial opportunity.

Likely to Open Sudbury Seat for New Minister

J. A. Cooper, Recently Elected in Sudbury Riding, Will Probably Give Place to New Minister of Hepburn Cabinet. Plans Along This Line Said to be Under Consideration.

Word from Sudbury to-day suggests that J. A. Cooper, recently elected in that riding to the provincial house, may resign to give a seat to Colin Campbell, the new Minister of Public Works, who was defeated in his own riding of Addington. In announcing his new Cabinet Premier Hepburn was quoted in some newspapers as saying that he expected to find a seat for Hon. Mr. Campbell in the North. Asked yesterday about the matter of the Sudbury seat, the Premier said that he didn't know yet where Mr. Campbell would be placed. There were several ridings where seats had been offered. The Sudbury Star yesterday said that Mr. Cooper intimated that Sudbury had been considered as a possible seat for Mr. Campbell, but he had not been formally approached in the matter. Any action he (Mr. Cooper) would take would depend on the attitude of the Liberal executive of the riding. Mr. Cooper had a majority of 5,357 at the election last week.

Any action in regard to opening a seat has to await until the official returns are made, and this means that nothing definite can be done for a day or two in regard to the selection of a seat.

Mail Now Carried On Sunday Trains

From last Sunday mail was carried on the Toronto-to-Timmins train. For some time postal authorities have been endeavouring to have mail carried on the Sunday train as it is on trains running on week-days. It was only recently that permission was received by the Post Office Department to add mail cars to the Sunday train. The service was inaugurated last Sunday.

The new service means that mail from larger centres, where post offices operate on Sundays, will reach Timmins on Sunday evening rather than Monday evening.

It means that letters and mail posted in offices in smaller centres, where sorting and despatching is not done on Sundays, will reach Timmins provided it is posted up to the time the post office closses on Saturday.

A decided improvement will be noticed in the receipt of registered mail. Registered mail posted on Saturday, up until the time the train passes through the southern town or city, will reach Timmins on Sunday evening, instead of Monday evening.