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**Mother of Col. McAlpine Passes Away at Lindsay**

The death occurred at Lindsay on Monday morning of Mrs. John McAlpine in her eighty-third year. Born in Durham Township, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, the deceased moved to Lindsay with her husband after their marriage, and had resided there ever since. She was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and an active worker in all church organizations. She was also a charter member of Kawartha Chapter I.O.E. She is survived by one son, Colonel C. D. H. McAlpine of Toronto.

Barrie Examiner: Burnest Heard, a Barrie-born boy, claims to be world champion pie eater. If his performances in this respect can surpass that of some local business men who attend the country tea meetings, his capacity must be very considerable.

## Magistrate Chairman of Police Commission

### Mayor Bartleman Charges Police Lax in Checking up on Beverage Rooms, According to Toronto Complaints. Answered by Police Chief. Dismissal of Two Constables to be Considered.

Magistrate Siegfried Atkinson presided over the first Police Commission of the town of Timmins at a meeting held Monday night in the offices of the town clerk, H. E. Montgomery, who was selected to fill the office of secretary of the new board. His Honour, Judge J. B. T. Caron, of Cochrane, and His Worship, Mayor J. P. Bartleman, are the other two members of the Commission. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 21.

The annual report of Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon was received, covering activities of the force for the past year. The chief's full report, including certain recommendations, appears elsewhere in this issue.

#### Claims Hotels Lax

Mayor Bartleman, at the conclusion of the meeting, declared that there had been a number of complaints from Toronto that the Timmins police are not looking after local beverage rooms properly.

Magistrate Atkinson stated that the police have no right to wander around beverage rooms, indiscriminately.

At this point Chief Gagnon told the meeting that he could send his constables into the beverage rooms but warned that a lot of licenses would be cancelled if the regulations are to be enforced to the letter. "There isn't one of them that keep strictly to the law," said the Chief.

Judge Caron smilingly pointed out that there must be at least two or three hotels operating within the law.

Chief Gagnon came to his feet again and told the Commission that this was the first time that he had heard anything of the complaints that Mayor Bartleman spoke of. "I have compiled a 'black list' which I have supplied to the hotels, under authority of the liquor control board and have been complimented on this action by all of the hotelmen. In this way habitual drunkards and persons known to have the reputation for starting fights have been kept out of the beverage rooms," he stated.

At this point Mayor Bartleman requested that the remarks heard in regard to hotels be eliminated from the report to appear in the newspapers, but the suggestion was not endorsed by the other two members of the commission, who took little or no part in the discussion. The representative of The Advance, who was the only newspaperman present, informed the Mayor that in view of the fact that the meeting was a public one, the question of inclusion of the story in the regular report of the meeting, was a matter that the editor of the newspaper would decide.

#### Complains Re Constables

Two letters were read from the Chief Constable, in which the dismissal of two constables at present on the force, was recommended. Judge Caron explained to the meeting that all complaints of this nature should state specifically the nature of the charges and complaints against a man who is recommended for dismissal. He felt that the Chief's letter did not give sufficient details to guide the commission in their decision. Both cases will be dealt with fully at the next meeting at which time it was suggested that the principals and various witnesses would be summoned and examined under oath. At the request of the entire commission, the names of the two constables involved are omitted.

#### Woman Complains

A letter was received from Mrs. Alphonsine Neveu, 159 Birch street, north, in which she complained that her house is being searched several times a week by police. She claimed that if the searches continued that her boarders would leave her and that she would have to go on relief.

No action was taken by the commission when Chief Gagnon told the meeting that the woman had been fined \$50 and costs last year for supplying liquor to a juvenile.

#### Constable III

It was decided to recommend that a new constable be hired to take the place of John Clements, provided he does not recover from his illness within a reasonable time. Clements is at present confined to Gravenhurst Sanitarium.

#### New Regulations

Copies of the new rules and regulations governing the police force were distributed to each member of the commission. They will be considered at the next meeting.

#### Nash Sales up Over 31 p.c. During the Last Quarter

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Shipments of Nash automobiles into Canada during the last three months of 1937 were 51 per cent. ahead of those of the same period of 1936, it was announced today by Claus Anderson, Canadian sales manager of the Nash Motors Division of Nash-Kelvinator Corporation.

Retail deliveries of Nash cars in Canada during the final quarter of 1937 also showed a considerable increase. They were 31 per cent. ahead of the last quarter in 1936.

## Be Sure You Have 1938 License Plates for Car

While the unusually deep snow has kept many cars off the roads and the police accordingly have not apparently been picking up many cars for not having the necessary 1938 plates, no one should forget that there is no extension of time and no last year licenses can be used now.

## Police Chief Requests Force be Raised to 24

### Annual Report of Department Is Presented to First Meeting of Police Commission. Stop Lights Recommended at Two Intersections. Complete Report for Past Year Gives Comprehensive Review of Police Activities

An increase in the present strength to twenty-four, installation of traffic lights, additional street lights in certain sections of the town, thirty-minute parking in the busy downtown area, a heated garage for police cars and the adoption of a set of rules and regulations to govern the force, were the recommendations contained in the annual report of Chief Constable Leo H. Gagnon to the Timmins Police Commission at their inaugural meeting held here Monday night.

The complete report, which outlines in detail the above recommendations and a recapitulation of various offences investigated and prosecuted, appears herewith.

Reports on the fingerprint and photograph department which is under the supervision of Constable George Archambault, and the Timmins Police Amateur Athletic Association which is directed by Constable J. P. Downey, are also included.

#### Recommendations

(a) The Police Department has never had a set of rules and regulations for the information of members of the force. I think that such a set should be prepared and adopted as soon as possible so that officers, in carrying out their duties, would know exactly what is required of them.

(b) It is further desirable that the streets of the town be as well lighted as possible, and although improvements in that respect have recently been carried out there are still a number of streets in the town which should be better lighted. This would, I believe, have a very definite effect in the prevention of certain classes of offences and would also be of assistance to the force in the apprehension of offenders.

(c) Motor traffic is becoming a very definite problem in the town and I think that "Stop and Go lights" should be installed at the corners of Third Avenue and Pine street and Third Avenue and Cedar street. Pine street should be made a through street; Kirby Avenue from Pine street to Mountjoy should be made a through street.

(d) Parking rules should be altered to provide for thirty minute parking in the area bounded by Spruce street, Second Avenue, Balsam street and Fourth Avenue with the exception of the east side of Spruce street and the south side of Second Avenue between Pine and Cedar, and to provide that no trucks may be parked on the streets of the town after seven p.m. unless in use. In this connection proper parking signs hanging from poles should be installed.

(e) A heated garage should be provided for police cars and would, I believe, result in some saving.

(f) The present force is insufficient for the needs of the town. There should be at least one officer for every one thousand of population which would bring the strength up to twenty-four. If this were done a permanent morality squad could be established to deal with liquor, gambling and vice and the establishment of such a squad is very desirable.

Timmins, Ont., January 25th, 1938  
To the Board of Police Commissioners: Gentlemen:

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report covering the activities of the Police Department during the year 1937. I should mention that from January 1st to August 16th, 1937, I acted as Detective Sergeant under Chief Ralph Paul and was appointed acting chief on August 16th, 1937, the appointment being made permanent during the month of October.

Since the demolition of the town hall in the month of July last the police office has occupied what was formerly the hay loft of the fire department and the lockup has been underneath the office. The cells have been very unsatisfactory and numerous attempts to escape have been made which were only prevented by the constant vigilance of the officers. One person did escape but was apprehended shortly afterwards. No vault accommodation has been available for the storage of exhibits and seized liquor, etc., and these articles consequently have been a constant source of worry to the officers on duty. These remarks are not made by way of complaint as I realize that these conditions have been unavoidable, but I think it only fair to the force to have these facts made known.

Since taking over the duties of chief constable, I have had a system of police telephones and police lights installed and these systems are now working effectively and have been found of very material assistance in carrying out the work of the force. I have found it possible since the installation of this equipment to establish a more regular and effective patrol of the streets of the town, both day and night. At the main intersections of the town a 24-hour patrol has been made possible and from eight p.m. to seven a.m. a motor patrol has been constantly on the street.

The department of identification, which has been established under Constable G. A. Archambault, is carrying (Continued on Page Eight)

## WHEN PORCUPINE WAS YOUNG



The above is a picture of Porcupine (Golden City) in the early days. The picture was taken in 1911, while Golden City was still the "big town" of the Porcupine Camp, Pottsville running a close second. It will be noted that the town of Porcupine had a "City Meat Market," of which Mr. Proulx was one of the proprietors, the building showing in the picture at the extreme right. [Advance Engraving]

## Legion Reports for Past Year Very Satisfactory

### First Regular Meeting of Legion Under New President Holds Interesting Meeting. Legion to Support T. P. A. A. A. Plans for Speed Skating Carnival in February. Other Items of Interest.

"Very gratifying," was the remark passed on Monday in connection with the attendance at the Legion monthly meeting. The heavy storm kept a few of the regulars home, but all in all there were around 40 present. It was the first meeting conducted by this year's president, Walter Greaves, and he conducted the business in a very prompt, efficient and courteous manner.

Nine applications were received for membership. The main business of the evening was the reading of reports. These included the auditors' statement for the year and the report of the Porcupine Veterans' Hall, Ltd. (this being the holding committee of the Legion building). The striking of committees was another important item.

At the opening of the meeting silent tribute was paid to members who passed away recently. These included Col. George "Buster" Reid, a very popular figure during the convention here, and Comrade Jimmy Chambers, who died in Toronto on Monday; and Mrs. Goode, the wife of Comrade Joe Goode, who passed away here on Saturday. Letters of sympathy were ordered sent along with floral tributes.

The minutes were read and adopted, and the annual report read. It showed the branch in a sound financial position, despite heavy items such as repayments of loan on building, and relief. They totalled over \$1400 for the year, as against \$1500 for 1936. The membership stands at 250 paid-up members, some of these extending into 1938, and close to 50 a quarter or more behind, bringing the total to around the 300 mark. Relief at the present time is the heaviest item, but activities planned should hold the fund at a level.

The matter of pensions was discussed, and the latest report on the P. Fraser case was given, this being a disagreement on X-ray plates by the specialists and the ordering of evidence to be taken in Timmins on February 11th by a coroner board in connection with this comrade. Another matter was the paying of own transportation to hospital for treatment of a pensioner. A ruling has been written away for in this connection.

The report of the "holding committee" was given by F. A. Burt, and showed that the club is holding its own and paying its way. The speaker outlined the new interior decorating scheme, which should tend to give the downstairs hall the desired conditions. Experts have looked into the air-conditioning system and this will be attended to. It was a very carefully executed report, giving the ups and downs of those in control. A vote of thanks was accorded Comrade Burt for his address.

Letters of thanks by the dozen were on hand, re Christmas cheer, and showed in no uncertain manner that the efforts of the Timmins branch in its annual distribution of hampers are more than appreciated. Letters from the Mines re the repayment of building loans showed the high regard in which the Legion here is held.

A proposal to assist the T.P.A.A. in holding a speed skating meet at the ball park met with unanimous response and a very strong committee, with A. C. Brown as chairman, was appointed to look into the matter and make the

necessary plans for the holding of same.

W. D. Forrester was re-appointed secretary for 1938, as also was the auditor, S. G. Fowler.

The full list of committees will be found elsewhere in this issue. The entertainment committee calling a meeting for Wednesday of this week. The meeting adjourned, with the next monthly meeting being called for Monday, February 28th, at 8.30 p.m.

## "Spotter" Given 3 Months

### Angus St. Cyr and Companion, Pleaded Guilty to Two Charges of Theft.

Angus St. Cyr, formerly employed by the police department as a "spotter" and a companion, George Longpre, were sentenced to three months in jail in Police Court here Tuesday afternoon when they pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing gasoline from a car belonging to E. Robinson on Main street and a second charge of theft of a roast and roasting pan from 117 Hollinger Lane. A concurrent sentence of three months was imposed on each count.

Huntingdon Gleazer.—The village of Virja, on the Drave, Yugoslavia, has taken up Esperanto with enthusiasm. Nearly every inhabitant can speak it, and the village library has more books in Esperanto than in any other tongue. Now a number of children are being brought up to speak it as their mother tongue. One boy, Miladen Kitonich, aged four, speaks Esperanto only. His parents have spoken to him in this language alone since his birth.

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## Eye-Witness to Changes



THE MARQUESS OF LINLITHGOW Viceroy of India, has left Calcutta for Madras beginning a six-week tour. From Madras he will go to Hyderabad.

## Three Month Term in Faked Hold-up Case

### Sudbury Man Admits Story Was to Cover Shortage in Employer's Money

A Sudbury man found this week that it does not pay to tell the police tall yarns about faked hold-ups, with the idea of covering up actual crime committed by himself. At police court at Sudbury on Monday, Jimmy Pritchard, former truck driver for Wright's Delivery at Sudbury, pleaded guilty to converting \$753 of his employers' money to his own use, and also to giving false information to the police. The false information was to the effect that he had been slugged and robbed. On the charge of converting the money illegally to his own use, he was sentenced to three months' definite, while for giving the false information to the police he was given two months, this latter sentence, however, to run concurrently with the three-month term. In addition the man will have to serve another nine months if restitution of the \$753 is not made. In making the sentence as lenient as three months the court was considering that restitution should be made.

Both charges were the outcome of what was first reported by Pritchard to be a hold-up, near the Coronation Club on the Copper Cliff road, on January 7, when he told police he was slugged over the head by two men and his wallet containing \$200 stolen from him.

After constant questioning and investigation by provincial police officers, and Joe Mulligan, of the McKim township police, Pritchard broke Saturday morning, January 8, and admitted the hold-up was faked by himself to cover a shortage in his cartage collections. Pritchard was originally charged with converting \$297, but a check revealed the shortage to be \$753. The charge was altered in court Monday morning.

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## Mrs. W. W. Tanner Bereaved by the Death of Her Mother

The sympathy of her many friends will be extended to Mrs. W. W. Tanner in the death of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Walker, of Clinton, Ontario, who died on Monday morning at her home. Mrs. Walker had been very ill for some time, suffering from heart trouble, and a few weeks ago Mrs. Tanner was called to Clinton. Mrs. Walker was seventy-four years of age, and is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Dr. Wilson, of Ottawa, and Mrs. W. W. Tanner, of Timmins, and by three sisters, two of whom are in London, Ontario, and one in Detroit.

Mr. Tanner left on Monday afternoon for Clinton to attend the funeral.

Globe and Mail: Messrs Chamberlain and De Valera will meet to talk peace. If that fails it may be necessary for Mr. Chamberlain to talk turkey.

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## Death at Cobalt of Mrs. P. Redmond, Sr.

### Mother of Patrick Redmond, Jr., of Iroquois Falls, Died Sunday.

Cobalt, Jan. 26.—(Special to The Advance)—Mrs. Patrick Redmond, mother of Patrick Redmond, Jr., of Iroquois Falls, died at her home here on Sunday morning in her 78th year. In failing health for several years past, Mrs. Redmond had been confined to her bed for only the past month. Born at Dundrum, County Dublin, Ireland, on July 18th, 1860, the late Mrs. Redmond was formerly Margaret Byrne. She married Mr. Redmond, who for years was actively associated with the former miners' union here at Rathmines, Ireland, on July 31, 1882, and they came to Canada the same year. Living first at Sharbot Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Redmond subsequently made their home in Sudbury, the Michigan 800 and Mattawa, coming to Cobalt many years ago, where they had resided since. They celebrated their golden wedding at their home in town nearly six years ago. Mrs. Redmond was a Roman Catholic in religion and the funeral was held Monday from St. Patrick's church, with burial in the Mileage 104 cemetery. Rev. Father Caulfield celebrated Requiem Mass. Mrs. Redmond is survived by her husband, and by three sons, Joseph, Patrick, Jr., and John, and three daughters, Mrs. J. J. Skelly, Mrs. William Minor and Mrs. P. J. McKay.