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Fergus News-Chronicle: It begins to look as though those Alberta farmers who kept on sowing wheat instead of waiting for their social credit dividend may have come out on top after all.

Mines Rescue Station Will Be Erected Here

Workmen's Compensation Board Announce New Building in Letter to Town Council. Mayor and Councillor Wren Cross Swords on Motion of Mayor Regarding Cancellation of Tax Exemptions on Mine Buildings and Equipment.

The Workmen's Compensation Board of Ontario will erect a new Mines Rescue Station here in the immediate future, it was announced in a letter to the town council at their regular meeting on Monday afternoon. A representative of the board will be in Timmins some time this week to discuss the matter further with municipal heads.

The new building, the proposed site of which was not disclosed, will also contain a silicosis prevention department and living quarters for the superintendent, Austin Neame.

The proposed station will be considerably larger than the quarters at present in use on Cedar street, which are held under a 99-year lease from the town.

Cemetery Board
Councillor Bill Roberts expressed the opinion that the Council is receiving undue criticism with regard to the appointment of a cemetery board. "This was turned over to the Board of Health some time ago," said Mr. Roberts.

Tax on Mine Buildings
Councillor Wren and Mayor Bartleman crossed swords when His Worship charged that the Council are apparently hesitant about taking steps to reduce taxes. The remark was made in the course of the Mayor's report of the proceedings of the Ontario Mayors' Association meeting in Niagara Falls last week where he sponsored a motion to have an amendment passed to the Ontario Municipal Act which would cancel tax exemptions on mine buildings and equipment. The motion was strongly supported, Mayor Bartleman reported. In discussing the motion, the mayor charged that it is unfair for rich mining companies to be granted tax exemptions on buildings and equipment when all their employees are required to pay their taxes in full. He admitted that the Council might not be in favour of the motion but declared that it was his own personal conviction in the interests of the taxpayers at large.

Councillor Wren felt that the Mayor as head of the municipality should be directed and governed by the opinion of Council in the sponsoring of any resolution before a group such as the Ontario Mayors' Association. "We are working just as hard as you are for reduced taxes and have already made application to the government for a greater share of the mines profit tax in the hope of achieving this end," declared Mr. Wren.

While no formal registration of opinion was taken on the motion sponsored by the mayor it was evident that it lacked council approval.

Councillor Eyre—"I strongly object to the Mayor's suggestion that we are not interested in tax reduction."

Councillor Wren announced that a meeting of the Northern Ontario Mining Municipalities will be held in Timmins within the next ten days at which time a definite reply will be received from the Ontario Government with reference to the application made this spring for a greater share of the mines profit tax.

Complain About Sign
Declaring that its location is a detriment to value of residential property in that area, a lengthy complaint was read from six property owners near the corner of Preston street and Bannerman avenue regarding a sign erected by the Northern Post Service Company. The matter was referred to the town solicitor Councillor Eyre informed the meeting that if the sign is on private property, the Council has no jurisdiction.

Library Board
Owing to the resignation of Mrs. A. A. Rose, Council was requested to appoint a new member of the Timmins Library Board. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Parking By-Law
No action was taken regarding a request from Canadian Industries Limited for exemption from parking restrictions during business hours in front of their premises at 7 Fourth avenue. "If we do it for one we would have to do it for everybody," was the opinion of Council.

Heads 'Plane Builders'



Paul F. Sise, Montreal industrialist, is expected to head the organization of Canadian manufacturers which will handle construction of bombing airplanes for the British war office in Canada. It is expected that the organization will build at least two assembly plants and that parts made in factories across Canada will be shipped to these stations for final assembly. Mr. Sise is president of Northern Electric Company.

Gold Receiving Charge Against Lamothe Fails

Count Involving \$41,000 in Refinery Precipitates Collapses When Alphonse Labrecque, Chief Crown Witness, Repudiates Statement Made to Provincial Police After Robbery on June 8.

The prosecution of Charlie Lamothe, of South Porcupine, on a charge of receiving \$41,000 in gold precipitates, stolen from the refinery of Dome Mines on the morning of June 8, came to an abrupt conclusion here Tuesday night when Alphonse Labrecque, star witness for the crown repudiated the greater portion of a statement given to Provincial police some time ago. Crown Attorney Caldwell admitted that the entire case depended on Labrecque's evidence and agreed with Magistrate Atkinson that a committal for trial was unwarranted. Lamothe was represented by Dean Kester, K.C., who at the outset, pleaded not guilty on behalf of his client and elected to be tried by a higher court. Labrecque was the only witness called by the Crown.

"The whole case depended on Labrecque's evidence and there is no point in calling any of the other witnesses," said Crown Attorney Caldwell.

The statement given by Labrecque to the police was not read into the records, strong objection being made by defence counsel. He was asked by the Crown Attorney to examine the document and

underline any statements he had not made and after looking over the typewritten sheets told the court that he had not given the information in the last two pages. "I wasn't under oath when I gave the statement and I have told the truth to-night," he declared.

In opening his evidence Labrecque told of meeting Lamothe whom he had known for the past four years, at a ball game in Schumacher on July 2. Lamothe asked him for the loan of his car and was absent for about one hour and fifteen minutes. When Labrecque left the ball game he noticed that the car had been driven 34 miles, having looked at the mileage on the speedometer earlier in the day in making a trip to South Porcupine over the Back Road.

Asked if he had heard of the Dome robbery at the time he replied that he certainly had as two policemen had been trailing him night and day for more than two weeks.

After Labrecque returned to Timmins that day and had supper he told his wife that he thought he would go over (Continued on Page Four)

Huckabone Fined \$500 Alternative One Year

Former Hollinger Paymaster Convicted of Job Selling. Given Scathing Rebuke by Magistrate. Salvadore Committed for Trial on Receiving Count. Many Other Cases Heard.

Harry Huckabone, former paymaster at Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and costs with an alternative of twelve months in jail when he was found guilty in police court on Tuesday afternoon on a charge of acting as an employment agent without a license.

"This is one of the most heartless rackets in the North," said Magistrate Atkinson. "Even unfortunate women borrow from their relatives to give money to these people thinking they will get jobs. It's a criminal, wicked shame and I am going to make the sentence the maximum," he told the accused. At first the sentence was \$500 and costs or six months in jail, but when it was pointed out that the maximum alternative is twelve months, Huckabone was again brought forward and told that the longer term will be imposed in the event the fine was not paid.

Two witnesses, John Kowalasky and George Boris, whose testimony was corroborated by Paul Rubel, swore that Huckabone had promised to get them jobs in local mines for \$100 each. The men first met the accused at a local hotel on August 18 when the question of getting jobs was discussed.

Kowalasky and Boris both swore that they gave Huckabone \$25 which had been supplied to them by Chief Gagnon and Inspector Olson, of Timmins police department. When arrested Huckabone is alleged to have had \$21 in his possession which tallied with serial numbers of money given the men for the purpose.

John Kowalasky, the first witness called, said that they were to pay \$100 for a job, \$25 down and the remainder in instalments. In company with the two other witnesses he had paid Huckabone \$25 in a beverage room on August 20. He identified his signature on a typewritten identification, which also bore the initials, "W.H.H." Huckabone, he claimed, had taken the information. The document was found in the accused's pocket at the time of his arrest along with a note that read as follows: "This is the man I was talking to you about for 550 job in building Preston mill."

George Boris said he had met Huckabone at the same time as the other two witnesses and had agreed to pay \$25 down on a \$100 charge for a job. The payment was to have been made at the same hotel on Saturday, August 20, at 3 p.m. Earlier, he said, he was met by the accused who told him to bring the money down to his room on Fourth Ave. In company with Rubel

he went to the room and after having a drink of wine paid the money over, he told the court. He claimed that he had been promised a job at Moneta Mine.

Dr. O. J. Stahl said that Huckabone had sent thirteen men to him in 1937 and 1938 to be examined for surface work.

Paul Rubel corroborated the evidence of Boris that he had paid Huckabone \$25 at his room on August 20, and had also offered Kowalasky a job at Preston East Dome for \$100.

Inspector Art Olson, of Timmins police, said that of the fifty dollars given Kowalasky and Boris, twenty-one dollars was found on the accused when arrested on the afternoon of August 20. A list of the serial numbers of the bills had been taken in advance and kept on file.

Chief Gagnon told of searching Huckabone's room and finding three other typewritten descriptions and other memoranda relating to jobs in his effects.

Taking the stand in his own defence, Huckabone said that he had taken the two descriptions found on his person for a Mr. McMaster, who had asked him to get two men for bush work. He told the court that he had met the three witnesses in a hotel and one of them asked him to have a drink of beer. After three rounds of drinks, he claimed that one of them suggested that they get some whisky. He told them that he didn't have a permit but said they could drink some wine in his room. One of the men, he testified, gave him \$2 to buy wine and they had all gone to his room. Later more drinks were suggested and one of the trio was said to have pushed some bills toward the accused and told him to get three bottles of gin. It was this money that was found on him when he was arrested, Huckabone told the magistrate.

Asked by the Crown Attorney to explain why he had had thirteen men examined by Dr. Stahl, he claimed that Burton Tanner, of Hennessey & Hennessey, of Haileybury, had asked him to get some men and he had sent them to the doctor to be examined. "There is no examination necessary for bushwork, and in any event bush work isn't surface work," remarked Mr. Caldwell.

Huckabone denied that he told his accusers that he could get them work in the mine. Asked what he did for a living, he said that he writes letters and gives information. "Lots of men come to me every day," he added.

Magistrate Atkinson refused to accept the plea of Huckabone that he had been given the marked money to buy gin and could see no reason why the testimony of the three witnesses couldn't be believed. "You admit that men are coming to you every day and the evidence shows it," said the bench.

Salvadore Committed
Pleading guilty to three charges of issuing worthless cheques on the Northern Typewriter Company, of Sudbury, A. E. Boyd, former Timmins salesman, who was arrested in Kirkland Lake, was sentenced to concurrent sentences of three months on each count. The charges were laid by Thomas Bird, J. W. Latimer and M. Standbrook, of Timmins. The accused explained that he was just hard up at the time of

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Stole Rifle—30 Days

Convicted on a charge of stealing a rifle from Pete Desautels, which police claim he denied having in his possession, Harvey Perron was sentenced to 30 days in jail. The accused told Inspector Olson that he had taken this (Continued on Page Four)

SNAPPY UNIFORMS FOR TRANS-CANADA AIRLINE CREWS



Here are the snappy uniforms which Trans-Canada Airways stewardesses and pilots will wear when big Lockheed passenger airplanes open the aerial route across the Dominion linking east and west by a few hours flying time. Sections of the line are already being flown experimentally. This picture was taken after a TCA airplane had flown from Seattle to Vancouver, and the group shows S. J. Hungerford, president of the line, Lucille Garner, first TCA stewardess and Walter Fowler, pilot.



By WALLY BISHOP