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## Town Manager System Explained at Meeting

**Question is Reviewed at Public Meeting by A. L. Thompson, Ex-Mayor of Chatham. Mayor and Council Would Still be Elected if Manager Were Appointed Here.**

That the city manager form of municipal government makes for greater efficiency through the closer co-ordination of departments, stricter supervision of purchasing and a proper system of costs for local improvements, was the declaration of A. L. Thompson, former mayor and city manager for the town of Chatham, who addressed a public meeting at the Town Hall here Monday night.

Mr. Thompson, who was for seven years city manager in Chatham, came here at the request of the town council, who for some time have been discussing the advisability of adopting the manager-council system of civic administration here. He was introduced to the gathering by Mayor J. P. Bartleman, who said that the Council had been anxious to get a recognized authority on the subject to explain in detail the various workings and advantages of the plan.

Mr. Thompson likened the difference between ordinary council administration and council-manager form of government to the change that has taken place in the highway through the Temagami Reserve. Beauty and tradition are standing aside to give place to utility, he pointed out in referring to the program of grading and straightening that has taken place. Many unnecessary "turns" can be removed from municipal affairs and more utility achieved with the adoption of a well-founded form of city managership, he claimed. He assured his listeners that a city manager is in no way to be classed as a "frill."

In referring to the duties of a city manager, Mr. Thompson declared that an official of this kind is the administrative head of the municipality only. The mayor and council remain the same and will continue to pass on all local legislation and municipal policy.

In addition to being the head of all municipal departments, including tax collection, assessing, treasury, engineering and town clerk, a city manager fills the post of purchasing agent. All purchases, large and small, pass through his hands and when ratified must also carry the signature of the Mayor. He also serves in the capacity of secretary of the police commission and Board of Health.

Mr. Thompson was strongly of the opinion that a municipality should be able to prepare its own estimates accurately for local improvements, without errors in calculation showing up in the form of "extras." In this connection he told the meeting that at the first of the year tenders should be asked for all necessary building materials, including lumber, cement, gravel, brick, tile, cement blocks, etc. With this information on file, the task of making estimates is made much easier and gives the municipality a method of arriving at proper costs for the various local improvements that are undertaken during the year.

Petty complaints of ratepayers are handled by the city manager but any matters of policy that must be decided are referred to the Council to be considered at their next meeting.

If and when an application is made for a private bill before the Ontario Legislature for the appointment of a city manager, Mr. Thompson felt that provision for rotation of Council on a two-year term basis should also be included. He was strongly of the opinion that it requires two years for a Council to become fully acquainted with municipal administration. Continuity of office is most important if the greatest efficiency is to be obtained, he declared.

Speaking of the possibility of adopting the city manager plan here, Mr. Thompson advised the meeting that the system should be introduced only with the full approval of the ratepayers. One of the principal requisites of municipal administration is the mutual respect and confidence of the electors, he pointed out.

The speaker complimented the town of Timmins on their system of budgeting, tax collection by instalments, absence of long-term debentures and election of Mayor and Council by a general vote of the electors. "Towns where the reward system of election is still in vogue,"

still have peanut politics," he claimed. "Every member's main interest is to get money spent in his own ward," he claimed. He pointed to Toronto as a striking example of the disadvantages of elections by wards.

In reply to a question from the audience, Mr. Thompson told the meeting that in many places where a city manager is employed, the appointee is a qualified engineer. In other places men from a variety of walks of life have filled the position successfully.

## Another Card Party by Ladies' Auxiliary

**Social Evening and Masquerade Party Planned for Oct. 31st.**

A very enjoyable 500 card party was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Hardy, president, 6 Transmission Line, by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, on Monday evening. A very good attendance of members were present to take part in the cards, at which the winners were as follows: 1st, Mrs. J. Shaw; 2nd, Mrs. E. Price, and 3rd, Mrs. J. Ormston. Later in the evening a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, and members were reminded of the regular Tuesday afternoon social meeting.

On Monday, October 31st, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion are holding a social evening and masquerade party in the Legion Hall. All members and their families and friends are invited, and members of the Legion and their families and friends. A very interesting programme has been arranged for the evening, and the event will be one of the special big nights of the season.

## Pembroke Regrets Death of the Late A. F. Kenning

(From Pembroke Standard)  
General regret was felt in Pembroke when it was learned that Alfred Franklin Kenning, a member of a prominent Pembroke family and a former member of Ontario's Legislature for South Cochrane, had died at his home in Winona, Ont., Saturday morning at the age of 54.

Mr. Kenning had not been in good health for some years and his death followed a seizure with which he was stricken last Thursday. His sisters, Mrs. W. J. Moore and Miss Hazel Kenning, went to Winona when word came of his serious condition.

Mr. Kenning was born in Pembroke, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Kenning, and his early life was spent here. He went to Northern Ontario as a young man and spent most of his life there. He was in business for some years in Halleybury and later in Timmins and it was while residing in the latter place that he was elected to the Legislature as a Conservative member in 1926. He continued to represent the riding until the general election of 1934.

During the war, Mr. Kenning served overseas for 31 months. He went overseas with the Borden Armored Battery and later transferred to the 7th Canadian Siege Battery. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, a Mason and an Orangeman.

Surviving are his wife, formerly Miss Edith Sexsmith, of Ridgeway, Ont.; one son, Robert; two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Moore and Miss Hazel Kenning, Pembroke; and one brother, W. H. G. Kenning, Montreal.

The body was brought to his old home in Pembroke for burial and the funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from the home to the First Presbyterian Church, with burial in the church cemetery. The minister, Rev. R. Bertram Nelles, officiated.

North Bay Nugget: The Nugget seeks to again impress its readers with the folly of economizing in forest protection and in safeguarding families who are forced to eke out livelihoods in remote forested regions.

## Council Invite King, Queen

**Their Majesties Asked to Come Here**

A formal invitation has been despatched by Timmins town council to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, inviting Their Majesties, King George and Queen Elizabeth, to visit the Porcupine Camp on their Canadian tour next Summer.

The resolution pointed out that the Porcupine will afford the royal visitors an opportunity of seeing the greatest gold producing area in the Dominion.

The chance that the King and Queen might include Timmins on their itinerary is lent weight by the fact that they have announced their intention of coming to Callander to see the Dionne quintuplets.

## Miners' Union Request is Refused By Council

**Will Not Send Delegate to Accompany Union Deputation Who Will Confer With Minister of Labour on Friday Seeking Conference With Mine Heads on Demand for Holidays With Pay.**

Declaring their intention of taking no part in the settling of differences between the mines of the Porcupine Camp and their employees, Timmins town council at a special meeting on Tuesday afternoon refused to appoint a delegate to accompany a deputation to Toronto on Friday from the local International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, who will interview the Ontario Minister of Labour, Hon. Norman Hipel, with a view to arranging a conference with mine owners for the purpose of discussing a demand for holidays with pay.

At the regular meeting on Monday afternoon, a group of union representatives presented a petition to Council, signed by miners throughout the Camp and bearing a total of 6,000 signatures. Decision in the matter was deferred at that time until Tuesday. Reeve Carter and Councillor Cavanagh have been appointed delegates from Teek and Tisdale townships, respectively, to accompany the Union deputation to Toronto.

The discussion prior to the final decision of council precipitated a warm discussion on a story from South Porcupine on the proceedings of Tisdale Township Council in the Timmins Daily Press, in which it was stated that the local Council had appointed Mayor Bartleman as a delegate.

Councillor Wren immediately asked the Union representatives on what grounds they told the Tisdale Council that Mayor Bartleman would accompany their deputation.

W. R. Armstrong, union president, denied that he or any member of the union had referred in any way to the Timmins Mayor. He recalled that someone, possibly one of the Tisdale councillors had suggested that in all likelihood Mayor Bartleman would be appointed.

"The Timmins Press just printed it as a piece of propaganda," declared the Mayor. "If the paper were run by responsible people this kind of thing wouldn't happen," declared His Worship with some heat.

"I accept Mr. Armstrong's explanation," said Councillor Wren.

Referring to the request of the Union for a delegate from Council to accompany their deputation to Toronto, Mayor Bartleman drew the attention of the members to the fact that the union are merely seeking to arrange a conference with the mine heads. "We are not trying to tell the mines what to do," he continued.

"I told them before that they should have holidays with pay but I'm not elected to interfere between the mines and their employees. I certainly will not support this move," said Councillor Wren.

Similar opinions were expressed by Councillors Eyre, McDermott and Piche.

Mayor Bartleman—"A great many have signed this petition and it's a case of a request by the citizens, who have asked us to help them in getting

## Reckless Driving Main Topic at Police Court

**Three Out of Four Drivers Dismissed When Evidence Taken. Two Others Plead Guilty and Pay \$10 Fines. To Issue Warrant for Thomas Mackay, Who Was Fined \$40 for Shooting Partridge Out of Season.**

### Amos St. Bernard Bites Senneterre Prospector

Harry Leblancq, president of the Senneterre prospectors' association, is recuperating from wounds he received early last week in Amos when he was severely bitten by a St. Bernard dog.

Mr. Leblancq started to pet the animal when it jumped at him, ripping his face and the back of his neck. He received immediate medical attention and two stitches were required to close one of the cuts.

Three out of four reckless driving charges that were heard at the regular sitting of police court on Tuesday before Magistrate Atkinson were dismissed. John O'Shea and Joseph Deslozes, who pleaded guilty before court, were fined \$10 and costs.

Charged as the result of a collision at the corner of Mountjoy street and Bannerman avenue last Sunday and convicted, Alex Potosky was fined \$25 and costs and had his license to drive suspended for thirty days. Roger Allard, driver of the other car in the mishap, told the court that he was stopped on the right-hand side of the road when Potosky hit him after making a left turn off Second avenue. Helen Ayoite, who was a passenger on Allard's machine, testified that she smelled liquor off Potosky and two passengers in the car he was driving. Constable Joe Gariepy and Inspector Art Olson both testified that Potosky had been drinking. The accused strongly denied that he had taken a drink on the day in question. "I don't drink or smoke when I am driving, but sometimes I chew gum," Potosky told the court. "That's the worst vice of all," the magistrate remarked with a smile.

Sherman Duggan, Lake Shore Road, charged following an accident, which took place at the intersection of Park Road and Schumacher Highway, and involving a truck driven by Archibald Mitchell, was dismissed. According to the evidence there was no stop sign erected at the intersection and the magistrate ruled that under these conditions Duggan had the right of way. Mitchell testified that he swerved his truck to the left to avoid an accident when Duggan's car entered the highway in front of him.

Richard Gauthier and Vicenzo Spada, charged with reckless driving were dismissed. Gauthier was alleged to have pulled out from the curb on Pine street and struck a car driven by Leonard Heil. Both the accused and a defence witness, Albert Allaire, swore that they had travelled thirty feet in the line of traffic before Heil's car crashed into them after cutting in.

Only one crown witness was called in the case against Spada as the result of an accident on Pine street south, a week ago last Saturday. N. Boyers testified that the accused put out his hand to signal but stopped before making a left turn to allow another car to pass. The second vehicle hit a parked car but the driver, Albert Timiney, was dismissed on a charge of operating a car with defective brakes.

**Heavy Fine Imposed**  
Despite the fact that he failed to answer a summons, a fine of \$40 and costs was levied against Thomas Mackay on a conviction for shooting four partridges out of season. The fine was arrived at on a basis of \$10 per bird. A warrant will be issued for Mackay's arrest.

**Had Gun Illegally**  
A plea that she kept the weapon for self protection failed to save Mrs. Sairni Korbi from a fine of \$10 and costs on a charge of possession of firearms in a lumber camp without a permit. Mrs. Korbi is employed as a cook. A similar charge against Frank Labine was adjourned for a week.

**Remand of Two Weeks**  
William Vichoff, alleged to have struck and seriously injured John Piere at McDonald's Hill on the Back Road, was given a two-week remand on a reckless driving charge. The court hearing at that time will likely take place at St. Mary's Hospital where Piere has been confined for several weeks. Since the accident it has been found necessary to amputate one of the injured man's legs, which was badly fractured.

**Woman Is Remanded**  
Marcella Nowiska, charged with keeping liquor for sale, was remanded for a week. In broken English the woman told the magistrate that she

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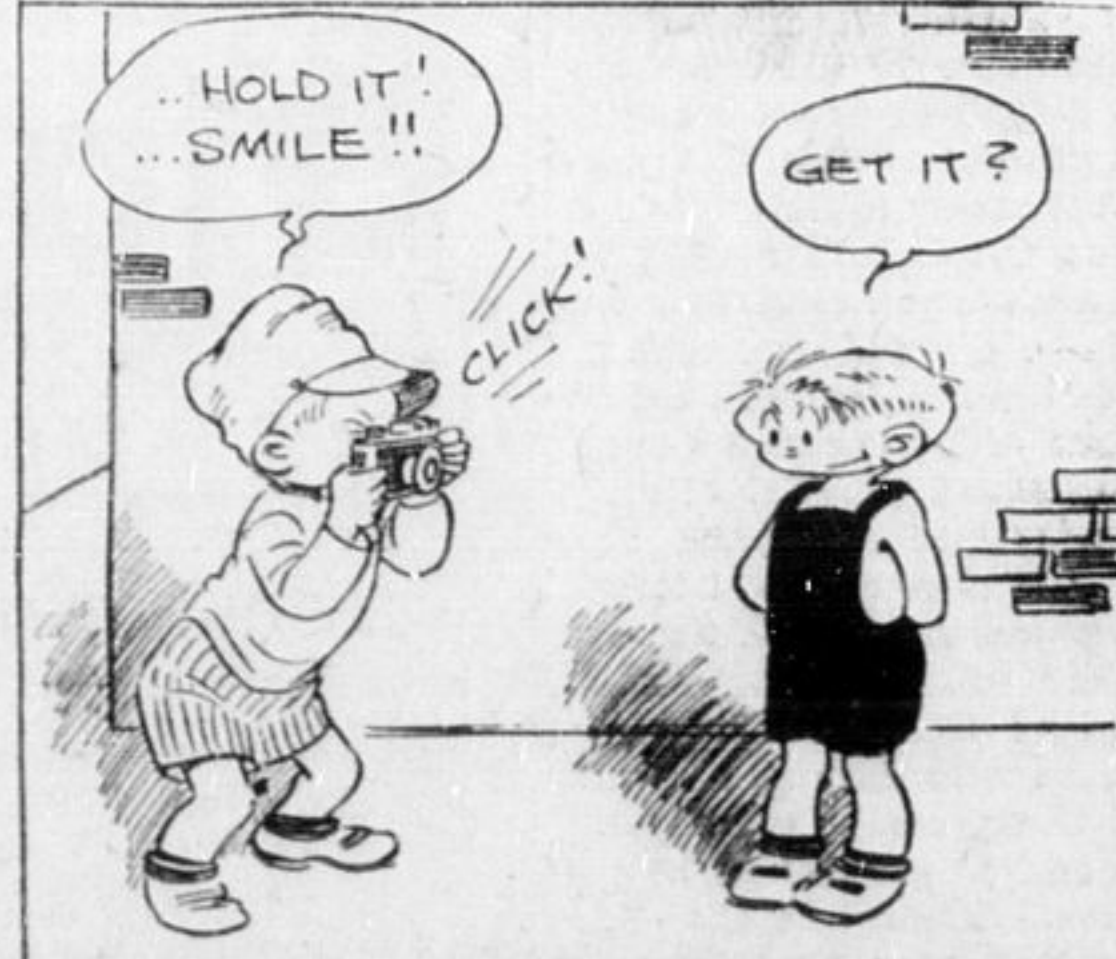
wished to get in touch with her relatives in Winnipeg to secure money for bail. She failed to appreciate that conviction on the charges means three months in jail.

**Supplied to Minor**  
Paul Benard, found guilty of supplying liquor to a minor, was fined \$25 and costs.

**Eight Drunks**  
The docket included a lineup of eight drunks, one of whom was a woman. Three paid their fines but the remainder, including the woman, took the alternative of thirty days in jail.

Onward: An English nobleman the other day is said to have received a magnificent armorial dinner service of Chinese porcelain from Canton. This dinner service had been ordered and paid for in the eighteenth century by one of his lordship's ancestors, and it had just been finished by the family of potters to whom the order had been given.

## MUGGS AND SKEETER



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