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Agreement is Reached by Cochrane and Province Cochrane, Nov. 30.—After three years of negotiations it appears that Cochrane's debarment problem with the Ontario government has reached a final settlement and only necessary legislation holds up the agreement.

MUGGS AND SKEETER "SAY LISTEN EFFIE!! MUGGS N' SKEETER HAVE FOUND OUT THAT HOIMAN IS BRINGIN' YA DOLLAR BILLS EVERY DAY!!" "YEAH?" "AND I JUST WANT TO TIP YOU OFF THEY'RE SPYIN' ON YOU AND 'HOIMAN' TRYIN' TO FIND OUT WHERE 'HOIMAN' GETS THE MONEY!!" "SO THAT'S IT!" "Y'KNOW, AH'VE BEEN THINKIN' 'THER HORSE OVAH THAR WALKED AWFUL FUNNY!!"

Again Deny Citizen's League Use of Chamber

Mayor Absolves Self of Blame in First Refusal but Councillor Wren Indulges in Repartee. "Cut Out Propaganda," Councillor Brunette Tells Mayor.

A request of the Timmins Citizens' League to be allowed to use the council chambers for a meeting on Wednesday night met with refusal from the council on Monday afternoon. The request was made by Eugene Lafontaine, who, in addition to being secretary of the league is also a candidate for council at the forthcoming municipal election.

"By whose order and what authority was the league recently forbidden to use the council chambers," asked Mr. Lafontaine. Immediately Mayor Bartleman absolved himself of all blame for the action of the council. He was eloquent in his denials of any responsibility for the decision.

However, his worship could see some reason in the decision. He had been told that it was against the law to have the council chambers used for purposes of municipal politics. Still, so far as he personally was concerned, he was not to blame. Why, he believed, organizations such as the Timmins Citizens' League should be assisted and work in harmony with the council. Why, he asked, looking accusingly and sadly at Councillor Wren, should these organizations with which the council had always been on such peaceful relations, be stirred up.

Councillor Wren's brusque, factual reply was in decided contrast to the sweetly sympathetic tone adopted by the mayor. The decision, he said, was made by the finance committee. It was arrived at because of the well-known law that municipal buildings could not be used for political meetings. The Citizens' League wanted the chambers to nominate candidates. Therefore, their meeting was political. Therefore, they legally could not use the chambers.

"You were notified that the meeting was going to be held. You were not present. The decision of the Finance Committee was unanimous. If you wanted to hold a political meeting," he said to the mayor, "you would not use the council chambers. You would hire a hall."

"But I am not an organization," said the mayor. "You could form one as substantial as some," said Councillor Wren, adding that the mayor should back the decision of the Finance Committee.

"I was not informed," began His Worship. "Not informed?" barked Councillor Wren. "It was your Secretary who called and notified me."

"I knew nothing of it," blandly insisted the mayor. Mr. Lafontaine thought that Councillor Wren had a wrong idea of what the Citizens' League was. Its members consisted of respectable citizens. Why even the mayor was a member.

"Did you get your fee?" asked the mayor. Smiling broadly, the secretary said that he did get the mayor's membership fee, whereupon His Worship launched off into a commentary to the effect that he was always ready to assist worthy organizations, etc.

Finally after Mr. Lafontaine asked for the use of the chambers on Wednesday, Councillor Wren again insisting that they could not legally be used for political purposes, asked members of council if they wished to rescind the decision of the Finance Committee. All said no but the mayor, so that was that.

Later during the meeting members of council unheeded the sharp edges of their tongues. A Mrs. Tessier, who has appeared several times before the council, was present to ask for damages occasioned her home by flood waters.

The mayor suggested that the clerk write the Hollinger, and state the woman's claim, as her house was in the Hollinger township.

Councillor Wren could not see that her misfortune was the responsibility of the Hollinger. If something had to be done send her to the town's solicitor for advice, he suggested.

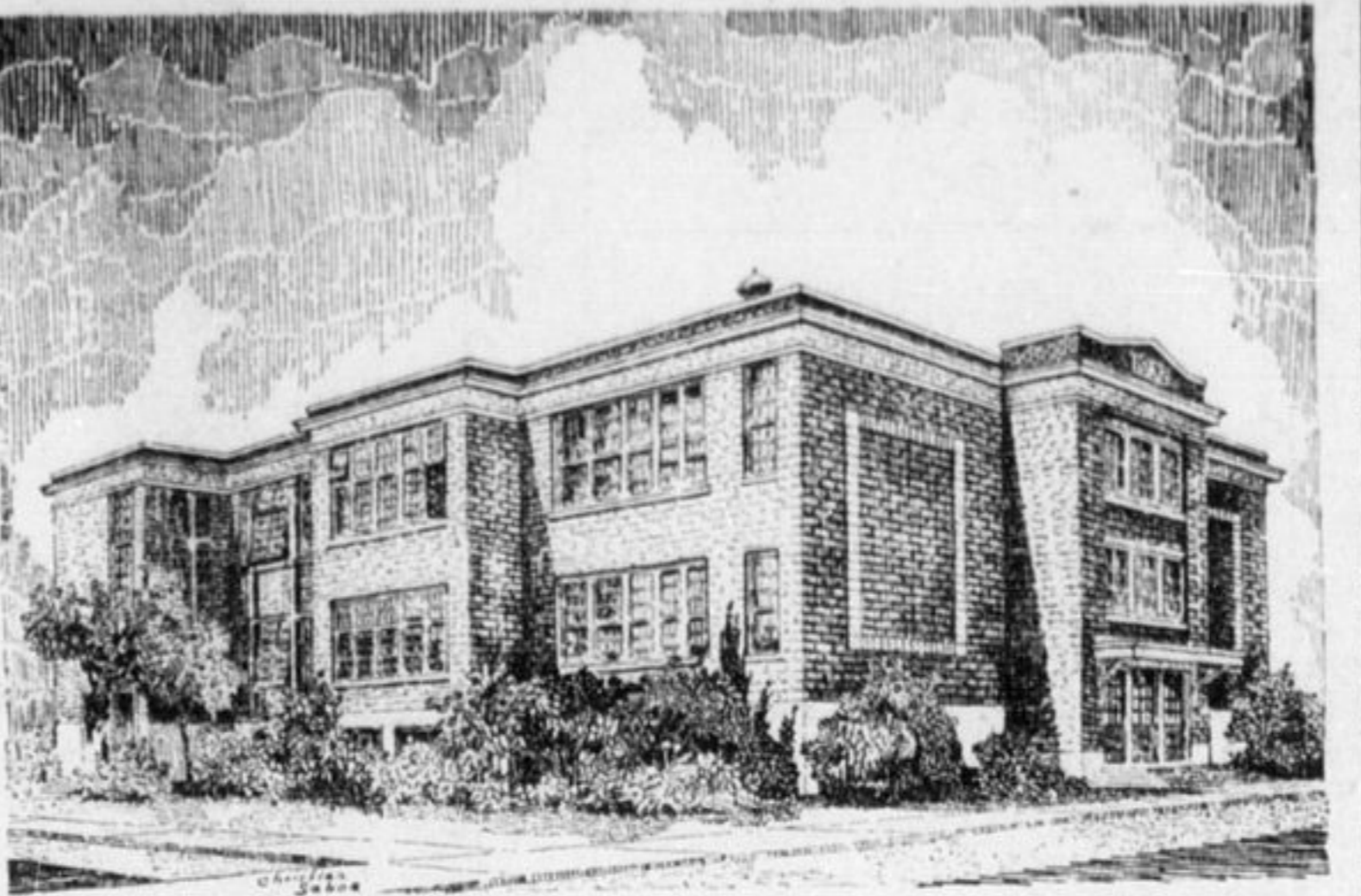
"The town was not responsible, insisted the mayor, adding that the house was on private property, owned by the mine.

How was that property private, asked Councillor Brunette. Could the Hollinger forbid a citizen to walk on the streets in that section. The mayor said that if it wished to be could. He added patronizingly, "You see, you don't understand all these things."

"Oh bunk, cut all that propaganda," exploded Councillor Brunette. "It is not difficult to understand all these things."

The mayor subsided and it was decided to have Mr. Montgomery, town clerk, make an appointment for Mrs. Tessier to see the town solicitor.

SCHUMACHER PEOPLE PROUD OF SCHOOL



The people of Schumacher are very properly proud of their schools—High and Public. The above sketch gives a good impression of the outside of the public school. What is produced within this building may be judged by the talent that will be shown at the annual concert to be given in the Croatian hall on Monday, Dec. 5th and Wednesday, Dec. 7th, by the pupils of the school.

Protests Taxing Air Before Town Council

"Why Not Tax Men With Big Feet," Asks George Drew, Protesting By-Law Taxing Signs, Coal Chutes and Fire Escapes. Council Maintains Tax Rental for Use Town Property.

A protest against the bylaw which taxes signs, fire escapes, coal chutes and areaways was launched by George Drew, former mayor of Timmins, at the regular meeting of council on Monday afternoon.

He could see some reason in the part of the bylaw which taxed swinging signs which projected over the street as he believed it might be construed as a measure to regulate their erection but he could not see how the council could tax coal chutes, fire escapes and areaways.

Using his own case as an example, Mr. Drew said that he placed a fire escape on his office building in accordance with the exact instructions given him by the building inspector. It cost \$500 to construct. Now, having placed it there to preserve public life, he got a bill taxing him for it. All areaways were built with the consent and approval of the council and now when buildings had them it was impossible to make alterations to do away with them, owners found a "discriminatory tax" slapped on them.

Mr. Drew described the tax as a "nuisance tax." Why not tax awnings, windows, men with big hats and big feet, he asked. It was just as sensible to place a tax on fences or maple trees as it was to tax such things as fire escapes. Timmins was the only town where, literally, the air was taxed.

Areaways caused all kinds of trouble, said the mayor. When it was necessary to put in coal the four or five inches of hard snow packed over them was removed to allow entry of fuel or whatever was going in. When they were closed again the areaway was not level with the street. It was four or five inches lower and people were liable to slip and fall and come on the town for damages.

Furthermore, added the mayor, the owners of such areaways were making and get the man's job back, and this reporter made a note to get in touch with the afflicted man and see to what extent the mayor succeeded.

A letter was received from C. W. Hodgins asking for permission to open a taxi and snowmobile taxi business. Mr. Hodgins said in the letter that he would employ only good respectable drivers that had no connection with beer agencies." Matter was referred to the Chief of Police.

A letter was received from the legal firm of Caldwell and Yates in reference to the claim of Hill-Clark-Francois, contractors who built the new town hall for money above the price contracted for. The letter pointed out that the delay in construction—the period of three months over the agreed time, could be accounted for partially by the council's change in the plans, but that the contractors were to some extent liable and that their claim for full compensation could be resisted.

Times Change

Mark Twain said that when he was a boy of 14 his father was so ignorant he could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when he got to be 21 he was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

Was Head Nurse

"Say, doctor, I asked that nurse to put a hot-water bottle at my feet and she stuck up her nose and walked away," complaining the patient. "What else could you expect? That was the head nurse," explained the doctor. "Oh, do they specialize that much? Then get me the foot nurse."

Schumacher School Concert, Dec. 5 and 7

Event Postponed to Next Week. Note the Dates.

Owing to the illness of one of the star actors in the operetta to be presented at the annual concert of the Schumacher Public School, the event planned to be held Nov. 29th and 30th had to be postponed, the boy taking ill on Monday, the day before the event. It has been decided to hold the concert on Monday and Wednesday of next week, Dec. 5th and 7th. There will be matinees for the children and the concert will be presented each of the two evenings, Monday and Wednesday. The concert will be held in the Croatian hall, Schumacher, on Monday, Dec. 5th and Wednesday, Dec. 7th, and the programme outlined should attract large crowds.

In addition to the operetta, "Peter Rabbit," with its costumes and scenic effects and interesting musical and other features, there will be music and literary numbers by the pupils. The annual concert of Schumacher public school pupils has always been outstanding and this year the high standards of past successes are to be maintained. Of course, all tickets are good for the new dates of the concert. All Schumacher and district people and others interested should make special note of the new dates for the annual school concert—Monday, Dec. 5th, and Wednesday, Dec. 7th.

Music and Literary Club Recital, Dec. 12

Schedule of Meetings of Club for Balance of Season.

The next meeting of the Porcupine Women's Music and Literary Club will take the form of a twilight recital, to be held in St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church on Monday, December 12, commencing promptly at 4:15 p.m. All members are requested to be at the church on time, as the performance will begin promptly at scheduled time, and interruption after the beginning of the programme would detract from the pleasure of the event.

At the twilight recital, no announcements will be made, and audience is asked to refrain from applauding. The programme planned is made up largely of Christmas music, and hymns, and Mr. Herbert Trencor, organist of the United Church, and Mrs. Stanlake will take part in the programme.

The following is a list of the conveners of the meetings in the new year:

Meetings to be held every second and fourth Monday of the month. First meeting, January—Mrs. Kearns, Mrs. Honey, Mrs. Murphy. Second meeting, January—Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Gabriel, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Woodbury, Miss Smythe. First meeting, February—Mrs. Theriault, Mrs. Piche, Mrs. Roberts. Second meeting, February—(open meeting)—Mrs. Neame, Mrs. Heaslip, Mrs. Todd. First meeting, March—Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Fitzgerald. Second meeting, March—Mrs. McClinon, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Lafontaine. First meeting, April—Will be a special request programme. Second meeting, April—Business meeting and election of officers.

All meetings except the open meetings, will be held in the Harmony Hall, Fourth Ave., and the place of the open meetings will be announced at an early date.

Orange Lodge Now Meets Second and Fourth Mondays

Timmins Lodge No. 2552 L.O.L. has changed its meeting night. Recently the meetings have been held on a Friday in the month. Hereafter there will be two meetings each month, on the second and fourth Friday. Visiting brethren will be welcome at these meetings.

Angry Wife

"The night before last you came home yesterday. Last night you came home today. If you come home tomorrow to-night there's going to be a real row!"

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Globe and Mail: What kind of election is expected in New York City on Nov. 8, when 18,000 policemen, including 1,800 detectives, are being instructed as to what to do during the balloting?

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