

# Chief of Police Urges Increased Force Here

### Should Have Man for Every 1,000 Population. Annual Report Submitted to Police Commission Meeting on Tuesday Evening. Also Reports Finger Print and Traffic Departments.

An increase in the size of the police force was recommended by Chief Constable Leo H. Gagnon, in his annual report for 1938, which he submitted to the police commission at a meeting on Tuesday evening. The report recommended an officer for every 1,000 of population in Timmins.

The report in full is as follows:  
**Annual Report**  
Timmins, Ont., Jan. 24, 1939  
To the Board of Police Commissioners: Gentlemen:

I have the honour to submit my second annual report covering the activities of the Timmins Police Department during the year 1938. As a matter of convenience, I am attaching special reports made by Constables Atkinson and Archambault, covering the special duties performed by them during the year.

Since the month of March we have been occupying the new police quarters in the municipal building and the accommodation is excellent.

In the month of March last I inaugurated a Police School for all members of the Force. Meetings have been held once a week in the police quarters and such matters as the rules and regulations, the Highway Traffic Act, the Liquor Control Act and the town by-laws have been discussed and examinations held; latterly members of the Porcupine Law Association have been giving lectures. This school has been conducted on the same lines as those in larger cities and the results have been highly satisfactory.

The Department of Identification under Constable Archambault has been operating throughout the year and now compares favourably with best bureaus of this kind in the country.

A number of safety lectures were made during the year and as a result the Timmins Safety League was organized by the Lions Club, the Kiwanis Club and the Police Department.

The Timmins Police Amateur Athletic Association has been active during the year and the result is that when the children are active in sports the juvenile delinquency drops to a minimum.

We had our first bank robbery in Timmins this year. I am pleased to state that the robber was arrested within ten hours after the crime was committed.

There was an increase in assaults with intent to rob throughout the year but fortunately we were able to make arrests in nearly all these crimes. The majority of these criminals were from out of town.

We had a conviction for job selling and since then no complaints of this nature has been reported to us.

Seventy-three per cent. of all property reported stolen during the year has been recovered and is or will be returned to the owners. This is in large measure due to the good work of the Investigation Department under Inspector A. M. Olson.

Officers have been instructed to take keys left in automobiles and this together with constant patrolling of the streets by the police cars and our efficient telephone and signal light system has reduced car thefts from 74 in 1937 to 47 in 1938.

The officers on patrol have found 849 doors of business places left open. We have made an effort to make such places more secure and requested a great number to install night lights.

The department have a large number of homes to protect while residents were away on holidays, etc. We also encourage our citizens to notify us when they leave town.

There is a tremendous increase in lodgings given to transients.

During 1938 the Council passed by-laws regulating traffic, the signs were placed under the direction of the Police Department. Traffic lights were installed on two of our busiest corners. With the rigid enforcement of the Highway Traffic Act by the Department a decrease in the number of accidents and persons injured has been noted. This is shown in Constable Atkinson's report which is attached hereto.

The new by-law for licensing of bicycles has been a help to the investigators and has also resulted in a decrease in the number of bicycles stolen.

Special duty by the Department in escorting prisoners to Halleybury, attending Civil Courts and High Courts in Cochrane have taken approximately 345 days.

The following is the personnel of the Timmins Police Department as at December 31st, 1938:

Chief Constable—Leo H. Gagnon.  
Inspector—A. M. Olson.  
Sergeants—G. Desroches, F. E. Devine, J. P. Downey.  
Constables—P. Amlin, G. A. Archambault, J. Atkinson, J. Barlow, R. Bois-soneault, E. Gagnon, J. G. Garipey, A. Grieve, A. Guolla, A. Lepic, E. Lynn, R. Munroe, J. O'Neill, W. Thompson.

Magistrate's Court Clerk and Police Clerk—R. Godin.

It will be noted that the change during the year has been as follows: Constable Downey was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

I also attach hereto a summary of the work carried out by the Department during the year.

I wish to thank all the members of the Force for their loyalty and splendid work during the past year, also the Police Chiefs and officers in the Porcupine Camp for their kind and helpful assistance as they were instrument-

Furious driving	1
Criminal negligence	3
Willful damage to property	13
Impersonating a police officer	1
	552

<b>Juvenile Delinquents' Act</b>	
Breaking and entering shops by night	17
Breaking and entering dwelling houses by day and night	10
Theft	64
Taking cars without the owners' consent	17
Willful damage to property	3
Contributing to juvenile delinquency	3
Turning in false fire alarms	2
Common assault	1
Sexually immoral	4

<b>Children's Protection Act</b>	
Incorrigible boy	1
Incorrigible girl	2
Neglected or dependent children made wards of the Timmins Children's Aid Society	2
<b>Industrial School Attendance Act</b>	
Habitual truant	1

<b>Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act</b>	
Failing to support wife and family	3
Failing to comply with Court order	1

<b>Parents' Maintenance Act</b>	
Non support of mother	1
<b>Tobacco Restraint Act</b>	
Selling cigarettes to juvenile	1

<b>Mental Hospitals Act</b>	
Mentally ill	12
<b>Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada</b>	
Gambling on the Lord's Day	37
Selling groceries on the Lord's Day	2

<b>Employment Agencies' Act</b>	
Selling jobs	1
<b>Standard Hotel Registration of Guests' Act</b>	
Procuring lodging in a Standard Hotel by false registration	1

<b>Master &amp; Servant Act</b>	
Non payment of wages	25
<b>Industrial Standards Act</b>	
Underpaying carpenter	6
Underpaying log skinner	2

<b>Air Regulations</b>	
Act as air pilot without license	1
<b>Radiotelegraph Act</b>	
Operating radio without a license	6

<b>Vicious Dogs' Act</b>	
Allowing vicious dog to run at large and attack people	2
<b>Sheep &amp; Livestock Protection Act</b>	
Allow dog to attack livestock	1

<b>Game &amp; Fisheries Act</b>	
Possession of moosemeat out of season	1
Possession of partridge out of season	2
Possession of game out of season	1
Possession of gill nets without license	3
Possession of rifle in lumber camps	2
Catch pickerel out of season	1
No gun license	1

Total number of cases for the year 1938	1650
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Calls and complaints answered by patrol cars	3907
Complaints dealt with in Police Office	5100
Number of arrests	703
Number of arrests for other Police Departments	18
Number of summons	964
Assistance to other Police Departments & Bailiffs	208
Number of Coroner's Inquests	7
Executed liquor search warrants	950
Special protection at fires	132
General warnings	1975
By-law warnings	900

Number of lost children found by Police and taken to their homes	497
Doors found unlocked, in shops, warehouses, stores, etc.	849
Doors, shops, warehouses, stores, e.c., left insecure and owners notified accordingly	533
Freight cars found open on railroad siding	109
Special protection granted to citizens and property	202
Sudden deaths investigated	10
Physicians called for prisoners	83
Lodging given to transients	1039
Cars removed from the streets	73
Cars reported stolen	47
Stolen cars recovered	47
Keys found in automobiles	209
Animals destroyed at the request of citizens and the pound-keeper	183

Lights out on the streets, Power Company notified accordingly	1035
Bicycles stolen	60
Bicycles recovered	44
Street hazards reported to Town Engineer's office	633
Residences protected by Police while occupants on vacations or otherwise	178
Special duty, officers attending High Court and escorting prisoners to Halleybury, etc.	271
Merchants requested to have night light in their stores	156
Truant officers assisted	41
Automobile brakes tested by the police	247
Stolen property reported	\$13,299.00
Reported stolen property recovered	\$9,712.00

The following is Constable G. A. Archambault's report mentioned in my annual report:	
December 31st, 1938	
Leo H. Gagnon, Esq., Chief Constable, Timmins, Ontario.	
Dear Sir:	

I beg to report that an exhaustive study of the traffic problem in Timmins has shown an appreciable decrease in each type of accident as compared with 1937. One death marred a near record.

The following is a comparison of the different types of accidents:

	1937	1938	%
Accident over \$50.00	95	80	16%
Accidents under \$50.00	343	172	50%
People injured in auto accidents	75	35	54%
Deaths	0	1	100%
		(increase)	

The following is a comparison of enforcement measures:

	1937	1938	%
Drunk in charge of a car	11	21	46%
Reckless driving	73	96	24%
Speeding	23	46	40%
Improper parking	102	148	31%

In conclusion may I say that the above figures and percentages show conclusively that our method of close supervision has had a decided effect on the traffic accident problem. There is a great deal of work to be done in educating the pedestrians and most of the children. Motorists will profit by lessons and suggestions in safer driving and it is our aim to give this work considerable attention throughout the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) J. Atkinson.  
**Recommendations**  
The work of the Force has materially increased during the year as shown by the increase in the number of complaints and influx of many undesirable characters. I think the Force should be increased so that we would have one man for every thousand population.

Constable G. A. Archambault should have an opportunity for some special study with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Ottawa in connection with the Department of Identification and should also have the special camera mentioned in his report.

The police garage should be properly heated and proper doors installed so that the cars could be taken out quickly.

Yours sincerely,  
Leo H. Gagnon, Chief Constable.

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## Laughing It Off



It's a good thing Elijah J. Pavis, full-blooded Ontario Indian, has a sense of humour. He made the trip to Cleveland to confer with an attorney over a \$1,500,000 claim for his Potawatomi tribe. While there a "blonde" and "brunette" tied him up at the point of a gun, robbed him of \$67.85—the reward of a week's trapping.

of criminals sent to the R.C.M. Police at Ottawa, we learned that 118 of them had lengthy records throughout the Dominion of Canada and the United States. Through this medium we were able to keep in closer contact with them here and found that these assisted us in our investigations of similar crimes committed in our municipality.

Acknowledging the co-operation extended to us by the R.C.M. Police at Ottawa and the Federal Bureau of Identification at Washington, D.C., we have sent 219 photos and fingerprints with complete records as known by us of criminals convicted here.

Photographic copies of forged cheques, documents, counterfeit currency have been instrumental in the apprehension of criminals in our town.

The camera we now have is only suitable for taking small photos and I would suggest that a camera 4" x 5" with synchronizer attachment be supplied this Department in order that we may photograph scenes of crimes, serious automobile accidents, etc., during the day or night.

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## To Bring Faymar On to Production

### Detroit Interests To Carry Property to Success.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Following the annual meeting of Polaris Gold Mines in Detroit last Saturday, a statement was issued to shareholders over the signature of President P. W. Selter, in which it is stated that during the year under review Polaris completed full payment for the shares of Faymar Porcupine Gold Mines, optioned in October, 1937, and that since the last progress report was issued in November drifting has been continued on both levels, with results so encouraging that funds deemed sufficient to carry the development program through to production have been arranged for by Faymar.

Detroit interests, who financed development in early stages, have now acquired a direct participation through Senior Corporation, which has concluded a firm underwriting agreement with Faymar for the balance of the treasury shares.

It is also announced that Shoemaker and Burnham have been retained to design the electric plant and supervise its installation. Preparatory to sinking the shaft to 625 feet and opening two additional levels, the headframe is being enlarged and strengthened and a new power house constructed to house the electric plant. Contracts with Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario are in preparation for early signature.

The speed with which the development program followed the diamond-drilling campaign of last winter, the statements says, made possible through anticipation of option payments by Polaris. Funds were advanced as rapidly as required and the options exercised in full in a period of less than a year, although running to 18 months. The interests controlling Polaris now step forward to assume the balance of financing direct. At no time has there been a public offering of Faymar stock.

The original Polaris properties have been kept intact, but no expenditures have been made in that direction during the year.

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## Another Reduction in Power Company Rates

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### Arbutus Porcupine New Subsidiary of the Augite

A wholly owned 3,000,000-share subsidiary, Arbutus Porcupine Mines, is being formed by Augite Porcupine Mines to take over and develop the Fuller group of claims, comprising 48 acres, lying immediately south of the Schumacher claims and adjoining Buffalo-Ankerite ground on the west, just acquired under 99-year lease by Augite. Ore zone outcropped on the Fuller group and dipped into the Augite ground at 600 feet. It is planned to develop the Fuller group by extending the 1,000-foot level crosscut at Augite and later the 875 level drive. An important parallel zone has been disclosed to the south on the Fuller group which will also be explored.

Meanwhile, 225 feet of drifting has been carried out east and west of the crosscut on the Augite 1,000 level, last face east returning \$30.80 across 5.0 feet with west face yielding \$6.65 over 3.5 feet. North vein has been reached on the 875 level and shows 2 feet grading \$8.75. Coarse visible gold has been seen in two places.

### Dangerous Fire at Val d'Or Results in Loss of \$50,000

Val d'Or, Que., Feb. 2.—Fire that raged six hours swept through a three-story building at Main and Seventh streets Saturday, destroying several offices and one store at an estimated loss of \$50,000.

The flames, believed to have originated in the ceiling of Hillier's Men's Wear Shop, spread to the upper floors and gutted several offices occupied by lawyers, doctors, dentists and insurance agents.

Only the frame shell of the building remained when firemen finally left the scene after their six-hour duty. Canadian Bank of Commerce quarters, in the only other main-floor office, were flooded, but bank officials said "everything is pretty well intact."

No one was injured but several firemen had a narrow escape from possible injury when the ladder on which they were attempting to reach the roof, collapsed. It remained caught to the wall, however, and men descended on a second ladder placed by other firemen.

Toronto Telegram: Of course, low temperatures don't phase some folks. Even when it is zero it means nothing.



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## Former Timmins Young Lady Wedded at Noranda

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