

Citizens League Head Finds Himself Stymied

Mayor Gives Explanation to Eugene Lafontaine at Council Meeting. Jerry Poulin in Very Angry Mood, Harangues Council for Long Period. Is Replied to by Mayor and Council.

Four requests were made to the council at its regular meeting on Monday night by the Timmins Citizens' League. They asked that all town employees be paid a minimum salary of 50 cents an hour; that the job of hiring men for town work be taken out of the hands of the employment agency; that the cost of sewer connections, \$60, be spread over a period of months, and that the salary of I. E. Dunn, former relief officer here, who has been off duty for a number of months, be reduced.

All the resolutions embodying the requests, were passed at League meetings held in the town hall.

Dealing with the 50 cents an hour, the first resolution pointed out that other Northern municipalities were paying that minimum wage and that two of the elected 1939 councillors had used that as a plank in their platforms during their campaigns.

"We have been paying 50 cents an hour minimum for a year or two," said the Mayor. "There is no one working in the town hall who does not receive that amount."

Speaking on behalf of the Citizens' League, its president, Eugene Lafontaine, said that it was not the employees in the town hall with whom he was concerned but the men who were working for cash, on the streets and elsewhere.

"There are none working for cash,"

said the Mayor. "They all work for vouchers, under the relief system."

Mr. Lafontaine's grievance was that the town was not paying relief workers that amount. He understood Tisdale was.

Probably they did, replied the Mayor. And also they probably chose their men. Timmins did not want to have to choose men out of whom the most work could be obtained. In order to safeguard wives and families the town wanted to be able to take all.

With regard to the request about the employment agency and transferring the selection of men from the agency to a "responsible member of the Board of Works," the Mayor said that the council was, at present, endeavoring to revamp the whole system of hiring men. It wanted to institute a system such as was in force at Kirkland Lake. There all employable men were examined by a doctor and X-rayed. If they came up to specifications physically they were on call for work at the mines.

Mayor Bartleman also had a reply for the resolution regarding sewer connections. If the town spread the cost of making connections from a main to a lot over a period of months it would be similar to a loan to the lot owner. In that case the town would have to take a mortgage on his property.

Under the Home Improvement Plan, said the Mayor, a man could borrow money from the bank at a rate cheaper than that which he would get it from the town. Furthermore, he did not have to mortgage his property.

Mr. Lafontaine then changed his tactics. Why did not the town put sewer connections in when it laid mains in new streets, he asked? The Mayor had him stymied there too. Why should the town put in connections in new streets when they might not be used for years? It was burying the taxpayers' money and not putting it to use.

Thwarted at every turn, Mr. Lafontaine asked about the salary for Mr. Dunn. He understood that Mr. Dunn had been paid his full salary over the period of his long illness. Why was not employment insurance instituted to do away with such a thing? Why was something not done?

They Mayor had the jump on the League Secretary. Something had been

Outstanding Picture Coming to the Palace

New Film "Jesse James," Hailed as Most Exciting of Recent Releases.

Rated by people and critics alike as the most exciting and thrilling picture on the modern screen, "Jesse James" is coming to the Palace theatre next week, Feb. 19th 20th and 21st. Theatre-goers will have a decided treat in this outstanding picture, showing Sunday midnight and Monday and Tuesday.

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Thrills... thrills... Thrills! The exciting epic of a lawless, lawless era... spectacular in the magnificence of Technicolor!

done, he said triumphantly. Mr. Dunn had been reduced to half pay. He got full pay for some time because his illness was a direct result of work done for the town. He had been a good servant to the town of Timmins.

Baffled, Mr. Lafontaine asked if there could not be a conference arranged between the Citizens' League executive and the council "to talk all these problems over." The Mayor assured him that it could be arranged at any time.

Jerry Poulin, in a very angry mood, took up the time of the council with a harangue which lasted half an hour. It came to an end only when Councillor McNeill reminded the speaker that he was speaking to the Timmins town council and not to the League of Nations.

Principal theme of Poulin's dissertation was that the high-salaried man had the advantage over the low wage earner. That, he said, was proven by the case of Mr. Dunn, who was paid for five months when he was not at work.

Heads of departments could be sick, or off on pleasure trips and still get paid, he alleged. The "working man" did not get those privileges.

Another grievance was that two months notice had been given the former town clerk, Mr. H. E. Montgomery, and although he was dismissed for unsatisfactory services, he was paid \$300.

Legally, said Councillor Armstrong, the council had no alternative but to give Mr. Montgomery two months notice. When it was decided to take action it was well on into one month. Notice had to be given from the end of that month. The crown attorney told the council that it would have to pay Mr. Montgomery's wages until March 10.

Edmonton Journal: An apiarist vetoes any suggestion of a stingless bee. His argument is irresistible. These defenceless bees to attacks of other insects and soon there would be no bees. Preparedness and armaments, it is clear, are necessary even in the insect world if the race is to survive.

SICK FLIER MAKES THREE RECORDS



Blood streaming from his nose and too exhausted to stand, Alex Henshaw, 24-year-old British aviator, landed at Gravesend, England, Feb. 9, with three air records and more than 31 hours knocked off the mark for a round-trip flight between England and Cape Town. The aviator was reported stricken with malaria. He completed the round trip in four days, 19 hours, 43 minutes, thus beating the record made in November, 1937, by Flying Officer A. E. Clouston and Mrs. Betty Kirby-Green, by one day, seven hours, 13 minutes.

Jail Term Remanded in Drunk Driving Charge

Magistrate Compliments Accused for Truthfulness. "Trouble with Housekeepers," Says Mike Baleck. Crown Agrees, Magistrate Dismisses. Several Drunks and Traffic Offenders.

Branch V.O.N. Doing Noteworthy Work

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been 10.4 on week days, and 7.4 on Sundays and holidays. Interpreted in terms of working days this means that both nurses, all year round, get up at six o'clock six days of the week, work through from 7 o'clock until 12 noon, and, after an hour's intermission for lunch, go on duty again until half past six. Even on Sundays and holidays, the nurse's day stretches from 8.00 to 5.30 o'clock. There is undoubtedly work here for a staff of three, or even four, full-time nurses. We, who are carrying on the work, feel that because so much of our nursing service has been emergency work, our health education program—perhaps the most vital of all our services—is suffering. Also, many who are actually on relief, or nearly so, are not getting our service despite their need. These conditions constitute a challenge to this branch. Of the 7,855 visits we made last year, 3,370 were free.

The problem of night calls has become rather serious and will require careful and constant consideration. In this branch we have responded in one month to more night calls than are answered during an entire year by branches with as many as seven nurses. Last year we had 147 night calls for confinements, and 207 for other cases, averaging practically one call a night.

Although Miss Sherritt and I take such calls night about, it often happens that we both have to go out on the same night. We try to get relief nurses when we need them, but they are not always available. Last year we used relief nurses to the extent of 643 hours, or three months. This year a concerted effort is being made to eliminate night calls other than those for confinements or emergencies. In passing, we should perhaps explain that any call received between 5 o'clock at night and 8 o'clock the next morning is considered a night call.

Another aspect of our work in Timmins last year was the conducting of the last four of the Home Nursing classes begun in the fall of 1937. These courses for High School students were organized by the Public Health Nurses of Timmins and carried on under the auspices of the Canadian Red Cross.

Several of the families to whom we gave nursing care required other help; this help and Christmas Cheer was given them by various organizations. We should like here to acknowledge with grateful thanks, donations of money and supplies from private citizens and from organizations interested in our work; also, the generous and cheerful co-operation of the telephone operators at the exchange and in the municipal building. Without the taking and relaying of telephone calls when the nurses are out on duty, our work would be considerably handicapped. We also wish to record our appreciation of the clerical work done for us by the office staff of the municipal building, and of the service given in our emergency night calls by the Timmins Garage.

When the new municipal building was opened last spring the Victorian Order was given the privilege of sharing the beautiful new clinic rooms with the Public Health Nurses of the Town of Timmins, office, cupboard and desk space being provided through the kindness and courtesy of the Mayor and Council of Timmins. We should like to place on record our appreciation of the interest in our work and also of the help and co-operation given us by the local doctors the Public Health Nurses and Dr. McInnis, Medical Health Officer.

Our National office at Ottawa provides consultant and supervisory service twice a year. Miss Mary McCraig, Western Supervisor, visited this branch in May and September, and Miss May Ferguson, Ontario East Supervisor, spent 10 days with us in December. During her visit she addressed members of the Kiwanis Club at their luncheon meeting. Our supervisors give us valuable professional advice and guidance, and they enjoy the opportunity afforded them of discussing the work of the Victorian Order with the local physicians and other interested citizens.

In closing, I should like to pay tribute to my colleague, Miss Sherritt, who, since her appointment last July, has given valuable service to this branch; to the relief nurses who so ably assist us at need; and I wish also to express our grateful appreciation of the loyal co-operation accorded us by the President and members of this branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey L. Price,
Nurse in Charge.

Women Appear Better Able to Stand Slushy Weather

(From Boston Post)

With the streets of slush and snow, the sidewalks sloppy and slippery, many of the girls go hopping along in their thin-soled shoes and silk stockings, disdaining overshoes. Meanwhile what few men do not wear rubbers are equipped with stout thick-soled shoes. How do the girls get away with it without all sorts of trouble from colds and other dangers from exposure? Yet they seem indifferent to wet feet and ruined stockings. Men take precautions against the rigors of winter, the women do not. They must be extra hardy.

Sentence of ten days in jail, imposed upon John Lapalme, who was convicted in police court on Tuesday of being drunk in charge of an automobile, was deferred for a week. Lapalme's car was ordered impounded for three months.

The defence admitted that the accused was under the influence of liquor but an array of witnesses testified that he was not the driver of the car. Accusing Sam Neveu, one of the witnesses, who said that he and not Lapalme was the driver, of trying to put something over on the court, Magistrate Atkinson complimented Lapalme on his truthfulness on the stand.

Police Constable Guolla said that he and Mr. A. R. Hubert were driving in the police car when a truck passed them on the Mattagami Boulevard. When the truck was about 200 yards ahead of them it went into the ditch it brushed another truck coming in the opposite direction. The second truck was towing a third one.

He parked the police car behind the truck and watched Sam Neveu and two other men trying to push it and rock it out of the ditch, said Constable Guolla. Finally he went over.

When he got over to the truck Lapalme was driving and, said the constable, "he was drunk." The motor was running at the time, the constable added.

Mr. Hubert said that he saw Lapalme step out of the truck on the driver's side when the Constable walked over. The motor was running.

He met Lapalme coming out of the Riverview Hotel, said Sam Neveu. Lapalme asked him to drive his car and he consented to do so as he could see Lapalme was drunk. They met an oncoming truck towing another one and the fender of Lapalme's truck, which he was driving, brushed the wheels of the truck that was being towed. He shut the engine off, said Neveu, and got out.

Napoleon Morin, who was riding in the back of Lapalme's truck, said that the driver was Neveu. He said that Neveu got out after the minor accident and left Lapalme in the truck.

The position was, interjected the Magistrate, that when Neveu got out, he left the keys in the truck and Lapalme in charge. If the evidence of the Constable was correct and the truck was being driven back and forth to get it out of the ditch, then Lapalme must have been in charge.

Another witness for the defence, Noel Brien, also said that Neveu was the driver. When Neveu got out after the accident, said Brien, Lapalme stayed inside on the right hand side of the seat. Similar testimony was given by Piers Morin.

On the stand Mr. Lapalme said that he asked Neveu to drive when he did not feel able to do so after coming out of the hotel. He was not at the wheel, he said, when Neveu got out of the truck. He did not know whether or not the keys were left in the car.

"If the constable's evidence is true there is no doubt that the man was in charge of the car," said Magistrate Atkinson. "He could have done a lot of harm." He imposed sentence of ten days and later remanded the sentence for a week.

Not So Afraid
Marie Robitaille said that she had been working for Baleck. He told her that he did not want her there any more and threatened to kill her. "I'll kill the whole bunch of you. I am going to kill all of you tonight," he said to her.

Mr. Baleck laughed deprecatingly throughout Miss Robitaille's testimony. Once he interrupted to deny.

"He has had a lot of trouble down there," said Crown Attorney Caldwell. Magistrate Atkinson agreed and dismissed the charge of threatening after Miss Robitaille admitted that she was not afraid of Baleck now but only when he had been drinking. He told the accused to pay Miss Robitaille \$10 wages he owed her for the time she worked in February.

Only a Push
Two aged men, Joseph Nadon and J. B. Clement were involved in an assault charge which was dismissed. Mr. Clement said that Mr. Nadon hit him on the jaw when he disputed with him about wages. Mr. Nadon denied. He only took him by the arm and put him out of his shop, he said.

"That is probably what happened," said the Crown. Magistrate Atkinson dismissed the charge.

Four men were each given the alternative of \$10 and costs or thirty days in jail, when convicted of drunkenness. Ambrose Miron was charged with being drunk, a second offence. His fine was \$50 and costs or thirty days.

Three speeders were fined \$10 and costs and one driver was given the same fine for overloading a truck.

Police said that Lloyd Fulson caused a disturbance in a local dance hall by shouting and swearing. When told to go home he refused. Ten dollars and costs or 30 days was the penalty.

Toronto Star: Vitamins are having a non-stop tour around the world. Soviet Russia now has a factory exclusively devoted to the production of vitamins in liquid and tablet form for general consumption. It is reported that during 1938 the factory turned out 62 million doses of anti-scurvy vitamin C, in addition to other concentrates. The Russians claim to have mastered the processes of production of a liquid concentrate of vitamin C with sugar which is pleasant to the taste and keeps well.

ANNUAL
Turkey Supper
Assesses Timmins United Church Ladies' Aid.
In the Church Basement
Saturday, Feb. 18th
5.30 to 8.00 p.m.
Adults 60c
Children up to 12—30c

Mascioli Theatre, Schumacher
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th and 18th
CLAUDETTE COLBERT and HERBERT MARSHAL in
"ZAZA"
AND
"HILLS OF OLD WYOMING"
MONDAY AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th and 21st
MIDNIGHT SHOW SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th
JOE E. BROWN and LEO CARRILLO in
"FLIRTING WITH FATE"
AND
"MY BILL"
With KAY FRANCIS, ANITA LOUISE and DICKIE MOORE
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd and 23rd
CHARLES BICKFORD and NAN GREY in
"THE STORM"
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th and 25th
TYRONE POWER, HENRY FONDA and NANCY KELLY in
"JESSE JAMES"
AND
"RIDIN' THE LONE TRAIL"
WITH BOB STEELE

AT THE TIMMINS THEATRES

<h3 style="text-align: center;">PALACE</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">TELEPHONE 560</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LAST SHOWING TO-NIGHT HIT NO. 1 JOE E. BROWN and LEO CARRILLO in "FLIRTING WITH FATE" With Beverly Roberts, Wynne Gibson and Steffi Duna</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HIT NO. 2 KAY FRANCIS in "MY BILL" With Bonita Granville, Anita Louise, Bobby Jordan, John Littel and Dickie Moore.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And on the Same Programme on THURSDAY NIGHT ONLY "PALACE THEATRE AMATEUR CONTEST"—(4th Series)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, Friday Midnight and Saturday February 17th and 18th "THE STORM" Starring—CHARLES BICKFORD, BARTON MACLANE, PRESTON FOSTER, TOM BROWN, ANDY DEVINE, and FRANK JENKS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Midnight, Monday and Tuesday, February 19th, 20th and 21st "JESSE JAMES" IN TECHNICOLOR Starring—Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda, Nancy Kelly, Randolph Scott. With Henry Hull, Slim Summerville, J. Edward Bromberg, Brian Donlevy and Many Others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday and Thursday, February 22—23 "GARDEN OF THE MOON" Starring PAT O'BRIEN, JOHN PAYNE and MARGARET LINDSAY. With Joe Venuti and His Swing Cats, Johnnie Davis and Jerry Colonna and Jimmy Fidler. ON THE SAME PROGRAMME—THURSDAY NIGHT—8.55 "PALACE THEATRE AMATEUR CONTEST" 5th Series</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">GOLDFIELDS</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">TELEPHONE 531</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matinee Daily at 2.30 p.m. Evenings 7.00 and 8.50 p.m. MIDNIGHT SHOW Every Sunday Special Children's Matinee every Saturday Morning at 10.30 a.m. Children's Ticket 10c</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday and Friday, February 16th and 17th JOHN BOLES and LULI BESTE in "SHE MARRIED AN ARTIST" "YOU'RE AN EDUCATION"—A Coloured Cartoon "TWO BOYS AND A DOG"—A Sports Novelty "BLUE BARREN"—A Musical Novelty</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, Sunday Midnight and Monday February 18th, 19th and 20th Special Children's Matinee Saturday Morning at 10.30—10c "THE THREE MESQUITEERS" in "HEROES OF THE HILLS" "Wolf's Side of the Story"—Terrytoon Pictorial No. 6 Paramount News Episode No. 8 of the "PAINTED STALLION"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21—22 JACK HOLT and KATHARINE DE MILLE in "UNDER SUSPICION" For Your Added Enjoyment "Night in a Music Hall"—A Musical Novelty "Mechanic Illustrated" No. 1—A Coloured Variety "Dreams Come True"—Floyd Gibbons Adventure Story "Stranger Than Fiction" No. 48—A Coloured Novelty</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">NEW EMPIRE</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">TELEPHONE 173</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MIDNIGHT SHOW EVERY WEDNESDAY Every Wednesday and Thursday there will be first-run features, together with Dick Tracy serial.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LAST SHOWING TO-DAY "SHARPSHOOTERS" Starring BRIAN DONLEVY, LYNN BARI and WALLY VERNON ALSO Bergen & McCarthy in "Two Boobs in a Balloon" DON'T FORGET—DICK TRACY—Serial No. 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday and Saturday, February 17th & 18th "HISTORY IS MADE AT NIGHT" Starring—JEAN ARTHUR and CHAS. BOYER ALSO "PICTORIAL" No. 11 "PORKY'S DOUBLE TROUBLE"—Looney Toon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday and Tuesday, February 20th and 21st Three Big Stars—CLARK GABLE, LORETTA YOUNG and JACK OAKIE. ALSO "VITAPHONE CAPERS"—A Novelty "ISLE OF ENCHANTMENT"—Color Tour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, Wednesday Midnight and Thursday, February 22nd and 23rd A Timmins First Run Feature "SPEED TO BURN" Starring—MICHAEL WHALEN and HENRY ARMETTA ALSO "DAFFY DUCK AND EGGHEAD"—A Coloured Cartoon "CALIFORNIA GIANTS" "PICTORIAL" No. 5 "DICK TRACY"—Serial No. 10</p>
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