

## DONOVAN SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS

### Council Announces Reduction in Public and Separate Tax Rate

Public School Rate This Year 61 Mills; Separate School, 73.13 Mills. Public Works Committee Plans to Spend \$146,000 on Equipment and in Local Improvements. Estimates Have to be Approved by Municipal Board.

Tax rate this year for Public school supporters will be 61 mills and for Separate school supporters, 73.13 mills if the Ontario Municipal Board approves estimates drawn up by the Town Council.

At the regular meeting of Council on Tuesday night the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councillor Armstrong, announced the 1939 rate. It is a reduction of close to three mills for public school supporters and four mills for supporters of separate schools.

Break-down of the rate, with last year's figures for purposes of comparison, are as follows:

General and debenture	1938	1939
Public school rate	24.10	21.36
Separate school	21.48	20.69
High and technical school	35.00	33.00
Public library	9.97	9.46
Local improvement	1.02	1.22
debentures	2.25	2.39
Welfare rate	5.13	5.88

Total for P.S. 63.95 61.00  
Total for S.S. 77.47 73.51

The local improvement rate this year for residents of the Timmins Heights annexation will be 876 mills and for taxpayers in the Bartleman township annexation, 9425 mills.

The announcement at Tuesday's meeting was prefaced by short talks from each of the three Councillors in which they gave some idea of what had been planned for this year and what had been done during their term of office.

Councillor McNeill, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, said that that department was going to ask the Municipal Board for permission to spend approximately \$146,000, of which \$85,000 would be for sewers and \$33,000 for sidewalks. Fifty-five per cent of the sidewalk appropriation would be spent in the Hollinger township.

The engineering department hoped to buy two new trucks, a road roller and a sanding machine for sidewalks. Also a sidewalk snow-plow would be needed.

By the installation of a storage gasoline tank, said Mr. McNeill, the town would save five and a half cents on every gallon of gasoline used. That would amount to \$700 or \$800 in a year.

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### Will Fly Two Pioneer Prospectors to Meet the King at Sudbury

Prospectors Association Planning Honour for George Bannerman and Harry Preston, Two of the Discoverers of Porcupine. Prospectors Hear Report from Delegates.

At a meeting of the Porcupine Prospectors' Association in their club rooms in the Florio hotel, Spruce street north on Tuesday night, it was decided to arrange to take Geo. Bannerman and Harry Preston by airplane to Sudbury next month so that these two esteemed discoverers of the Porcupine gold camp may be specially presented to the King and Queen on the occasion of the royal visit to Canada next month. In view of the fact that this is the 30th anniversary of the discovery of the gold mines of the Porcupine, it is felt that the proposed action of flying these two popular prospectors to meet the King and Queen at Sudbury is a particularly appropriate and timely gesture.

At the meeting of the Porcupine Prospectors' Association on Tuesday night, President W. B. Nicholson occupied the chair, and probably the most important item on the programme was the reports of the delegates from the Association to Toronto to visit the Cabinet and others in authority with the purpose of securing more favourable use for the prospector. After the two delegates, President W. B. Nicholson and George Henderson, had fully reported, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered these two gentlemen for the good work done in Toronto in behalf of the prospectors.

The delegates reported that they had been given a careful and sympathetic hearing by the Minister of Mines and the Minister of Lands and Forests and other officials at Toronto. All the requirements in the resolution passed by the Association had been presented to the members of the Cabinet. The resolutions or requests had been duplicated so that each and every member of the Legislature had a copy to study. Most

### Calls Hitler Uncle



Because he wants to be original, Willie Patrick Hitler, Liverpool wears a larger moustache than his uncle, Adolf, head man in Germany. Those were Willie's very words as he allowed his moustache to be photographed when he arrived at New York aboard the Normandie for a lecture tour.

### Township, Town Fathers Postpone Medical Talk

Municipal officials of the township of Tisdale and the Town of Timmins were to have conferred last night on the merits and disadvantages of a common Board of Health for the Camp, but the conference was postponed. It will be held in the near future.

### WILL RESIST CHANGE IN MEDITERRANEAN STATUS

Great Britain and France have announced that they will resist any changes in the present status quo in the Mediterranean. Announcements have come from both nations to the effect that things in the Mediterranean will remain just as they are or there will be trouble.

### Fire Damage \$75 to Gillies Street Home

Fire in Vacant House Believed to Have Been Caused by Children Playing With Matches.

Fire which began when stove pipes became overheated and ignited the wall damaged a home at the north end of Gillies St. to the extent of \$75 early yesterday morning. The damage was covered by insurance.

Firemen were called to the house, which is just outside the boundaries of the Town of Timmins. They used chemicals to extinguish the minor blaze.

On Tuesday afternoon a call was received from a box on Cedar St. S. A vacant house at 411 Cedar St. S. was seen to be burning inside. Firemen arrived in time to bring the blaze under control. Damage was small.

The fire was believed to have been caused by children playing inside the house with matches.

There were two chimney fires, both of them yesterday. The first was at 222 Maple St. N., and the second at 8 Balsam St. S.

### Purse Snatcher At Work

Snatches Purse Last Night From Mrs. Maloney and Runs. Contained Only \$1.25.

A purse snatcher is at work in Timmins. Last night at about 9:25 o'clock Mrs. Maloney, of 17 Tamarack St., was walking on Fourth Ave. near the corner of Cedar St. Suddenly a man darted out from the shadows, snatched her purse from her hand, and ran.

Mrs. Maloney did not get a good look at the culprit and she was so taken by surprise that he made a clean getaway with her purse, which however, contained only \$1.25 in money. Police are investigating.

Not unfamiliar with most types of crime, Timmins police have had little trouble with purse snatchers. They ask any victims of snatchers to co-operate with them by immediately reporting to the police station.

### Six Juveniles are Accused of Breaking Into T. & N. O. Cars.

Attempt to Break Into the Brewer's Warehouse Last Night Foiled by Officer.

Six juveniles will face serious charges in police court on Tuesday as the result of a raid which was made on T. & N. O. box cars early this week. The boys, all of them quite young, are alleged to have broken seals on cars, opened them and stolen goods under the value of \$25. They were arrested soon after the raid by Timmins police working in co-operation with T. & N. O. constables.

A call was received yesterday from Birch St. N., from a resident who complained that a man was using abusive language. Police responded and picked up the man.

When he was brought to the police station he was found to be wearing two suits of long underwear, both of them much too large for him. He admitted that they had been stolen from a clothes line. Police now are waiting for a complaint from a housewife.

An attempt was made last night to break into the brewers' warehouse. The unidentified man had broken a window preparatory to making an entry when a police officer, making the rounds of his beat, came into sight. The man ran and the officer gave chase.

Later a man, who is suspected of the attempted break-in was arrested. He is in jail here at the present time.

### T. & N. O. Buses Not to Reduce Service

Buses to be Supplementary and Not to Replace Regular Trains.

Englehart, April 13.—(Special to The Advance)—Inauguration within the near future by the T. & N. O. of a bus service along the more than 260 miles of main highway linking North Bay and Porcupine is not expected to affect the railway's train schedules to any great extent, according to information gleaned in this district, although no official pronouncement on the subject has yet been made.

No word has been issued yet regarding the T. & N. O. summer timetables, which usually go into effect during May, and there has been nothing to indicate what changes, if any, will be made when schedules are under review for the coming months. Railwaymen told the correspondent their unions had not been advised of routine changes, which provide opportunity for senior men to take over runs if they so desire.

Reports had been heard that introduction of buses might mean the withdrawal of the local trains, which at present operate tri-weekly along the North Bay-Timmins route and every day between Cobalt and Timmins. So far as could be learned, there is no intention of dropping this service, and it was indicated the buses would be regarded as complementary to the trains and not as substitutes.

Railwaymen pointed out that in many places the highway route is far removed from the tracks, so much so that in some sections entirely different areas are tapped. Also, it was stated, buses do not provide the accommodation available on trains. The bus service has been under consideration for some years. No date has been announced for the first trips.

### Event in Honour of Bride and Groom

Reception Last Night to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kuusivirta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kuusivirta, (nee Catherine Suoma Yli-Heljo), whose marriage took place at the Finnish United Church on Sunday, were honoured on Wednesday evening at a reception held by their friends in the Harmony hall. A very large number of their friends were present to wish the popular bride and groom much happiness, and to present them with many valuable and beautiful gifts.

During the evening, a buffet lunch was served at a beautifully decorated wedding table, and Mrs. Taskinen, on behalf of the gathering, presented the bride and groom with a number of gifts. According to Finnish custom, the bride and groom danced the "wedding waltz," after which the assembled guests enjoyed dancing. The bride was becomingly attired for the occasion in a two-piece suit of japonica boucle wool, and wore a corsage of butterfly roses.

The Harmony hall choir added to the evening's entertainment with several wedding selections. Hyvama's orchestra provided music for the dancing.

Police are alert to catch drivers with 1938 licence plates.

### Must Clean Newstands Priest Tells Knights

Speaking at K. of C. Initiation, Father Roney Condemns Salacious Literature. Says is Largely Cause of Sex Crimes. Could Clean Stands Through Civic Action or Boycott.

"We must clean the newstands," said Father Robert Roney last night, speaking at the first degree initiation of the Knights of Columbus, held in the basement of the Church of the Nativity.

Side by side with respectable magazines, and often overcrowding them on newstands are others that contain nothing more or less than mental poison, said Father Roney. As suggested by Bishop Noll, the speaker believed they should be listed under several classifications, (1) Those which glorify crime and criminals; (2) Those whose contents are largely "sexy"; (3) Those which carry disreputable advertising.

J. Edgar Hoover, of the United States Federal Criminal Investigation Department recently said the following, said Father Roney: "The increasing number of sex crimes is due precisely to sex literature badly presented in certain magazines. Filthy literature is the great moron maker. It is forming criminals faster than jabs can be built."

Almost a year ago, said Father Roney, a delegation headed by Sir Edward Beatty, called on Premier King to urge the Dominion government to take effective measures to prohibit the entrance to this country and prohibit the publication and sale in Canada of the scores of salacious, immoral, degrading and crime advertising magazines and publications that are freely exhibited for sale on the streets of Canadian cities, the number and circulation of which were increasing to an alarming extent.

Since that time, charged the speaker, magazines from the United States which have been specifically banned by the customs were well scrutinized before they were allowed into this country.

Positive civic action in a municipality was one way to check the sale of such literature. Through the local administration, if enough pressure were brought to bear, newstand dealers could be forced to give their stands a housecleaning.

Another method was to boycott them. That, perhaps, in the long run, was more effective. Members of the degree team at last night's ceremony were H. P. Andrews, C. W. Yates, Dr. J. Martin, Phil Fay, P. N. Dafoe, O. D. King and P. J. Dolan.

Fifteen new members were received into the Knights of Columbus and received the initiation for the first degree. Following the ceremony a banquet was held.

### Dies Here While on Visit to Daughter

Mrs. John Warner, of New Liskeard, Passed Away Last Night.

The death occurred on Wednesday evening of Mrs. Florence Warner, wife of Mr. John Warner, of New Liskeard, at the home of her daughter, 117 Maple St. N. The late Mrs. Warner was born in Southern Ontario, and was forty-nine years of age. She had resided in New Liskeard for many years, coming to Timmins about one month ago to visit with her daughter in town. Mr. Warner had accompanied his wife to Timmins, and her death came as a great shock to the family and her friends in Timmins and New Liskeard.

### Newly Appointed



William O. Douglas, chairman of the securities and exchange commission at Washington recently was appointed to the United States Supreme Court by President Roosevelt. He succeeds Louis Brandeis, who resigned.

### Verdict of Guilty is Returned by Jury in Hold-up Charge Today

Deliberate Only Half Hour Before Return Verdict. Mr. Justice Hogg Imposes Eight Year Sentence. Will Also Serve Two Years of Former Term for Breaking Parole. Made No Outburst.

#### To Serve Eight Years



The above photograph, taken at the time of his arrest here ten hours after he robbed the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, shows Neil Donovan, alias Austin Craft. Donovan was sentenced in Cochrane at noon today to serve eight years for the hold-up.

#### Another Programme by the Symphony Orchestra

Timmins Symphony orchestra announces a concert to be held in Harmony Hall, Fourth Ave., Timmins, on Sunday evening, April 23rd. A short children's programme will precede the regular service. The event will commence at 8:30 p.m. Under the very efficient leadership and direction of Mr. H. P. Schroeder the Timmins Symphony Orchestra has achieved a high reputation, and the concert on April 23rd will no doubt prove a genuine delight to all local music lovers.

Eight years in Kingston Penitentiary was the sentence given Neil Donovan, alias Austin Craft, by Mr. Justice Hogg, at the session of the Supreme court of Ontario in progress in Cochrane today. Sentence was passed on Donovan at noon.

In addition to the eight years Donovan will serve two years of an uncompleted sentence. The additional two years is added to today's terms because Donovan broke the parole he was under at the time he robbed the Timmins branch of the Bank of Montreal on January 7 and stole close to \$5,000.

The jury deliberated for only one-half hour before returning with a verdict of guilty. Sentence was passed immediately after.

Donovan made no outburst in court as he did here during the preliminary hearing before Magistrate Atkinson. He did not even testify on his own behalf this morning when the defence presented its case. His counsel was Mr. Lafrance, of Timmins.

The Crown concluded its case last night. The several Timmins police officers who testified returned today. This morning the Crown rested and the defence put in its case. Conviction came about 11:30 o'clock and sentence a half hour later.

The grand jury brought in a true bill on Monday after hearing part of the evidence. A true bill was also brought in against George Subastick, of South Porcupine, who is facing a charge of manslaughter as the result of a blast at the Paymaster Mine which fatally injured a fellow employee. Subastick is charged with being willfully careless.

#### FOURNIER, GAUTHIER AND BRUNETTE APPEAR APRIL 20

Royal Fournier, Gaston Gauthier and Tony Brunette, all of Timmins will appear in Cochrane at the sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace, on April 20, to face charges of robbery with violence. They are alleged to have slugged and robbed several Timmins people.

### Brunette Makes Reply To Letter From Mayor

Denies Resigned to Suit Own Interests. Assurance of Co-operation "Comes at a Rather Late Date." Might Have Been Manifested in Deeds Rather Than Words. Charges Broke Precedent in Setting Committees.

#### Prospector Must Now Pay \$10

Charge Doubled After Final Day Yesterday. Have to Get Permission.

Yesterday was the final day for prospectors to get their 1939 licenses. From yesterday they will be required to get special permission to get licenses or to renew them and will have to pay double the usual fee.

Expiration date of licenses was March 31. Prospectors were given until yesterday to provide themselves with new licenses at the ordinary charge of \$5. Hereafter, if a prospector is able to get permission to take out a license, he will have to pay \$10.

The number of licenses issued for this division had not been determined yesterday.

#### Nearly 2,000 Motor Licenses Are Issued

Police Warn Will Prosecute Motorists With 1938 Plates.

Close to 2,000 automobile registrations have been taken at the Timmins issuing office in A. W. Lang's office, since the expiration date of old licenses, March 31. Motorists are still buying them.

Police have issued warning that motorists driving with 1938 licenses or markers will be arrested and prosecuted. Since their warning, only the odd set of orange and blue plates may be seen. There was one conviction in police court on that charge on Tuesday. Fine is \$1 to which costs of \$3.75 are added.

In response to a letter from Mayor Bartleman in which he asked each of three Councillors who resigned their positions on the Town's administrative body, to return, Mr. J. Emile Brunette has written the following letter to the Mayor.

In his letter the Mayor charged that the three resigned members had thought only of their own interests and not of the interests of those who elected them. He assured the trio that if they returned they would have the co-operation of the present members of Council.

Mr. Brunette's reply to the Mayor's letter is as follows:

Timmins, April 10, 1939  
James P. Bartleman, Esq., Mayor of the Town of Timmins, Municipal Building, Timmins, Ont.

Dear Sir:

"Your letter of the 5th inst. has been received and I have had the pleasure of carefully noting its entire contents. "While I thoroughly appreciate the spirit in which it was written it is not possible for me to agree with many of the statements contained therein.

"You, as Mayor, are or should be fully aware of the differences which have existed in the council which led up to the resignations of two councillors and myself and no good purpose would be served in my going into them in this communication.

"As you know, I have had three years' experience as a member of the council and during that time it has always been my desire to represent the people of the town and to do my utmost to look after the best interests not only of those who supported me at elections but of the whole of the citizens of our community.

"As to whether or not I have succeeded in my purpose is perhaps best answered by referring to the support accorded me at the last election when I headed the polls by a majority of almost one thousand votes.

"It seems to me that your assurance of your utmost co-operation should I return to the council comes at a rather late date."

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