

TIMMINS LADIES DOING MUCH WORK FOR THE RED CROSS



Huge Increase in Blind Pig Convictions Annual Police Report Indicates

Number of Illicit Liquor and Gaming Convictions Increased. No Increase in Juvenile Delinquency. Chief of Police Feels Special Effort Should be Made in 1940 to Improve Situation. Feel Traffic Safety Can be Obtained Only Through Teaching.

Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon presented his annual report to the Board of Police Commissioners when it met this year for the first time, on Tuesday evening. Present at the meeting was Judge Rene Danis, newly appointed judge for the District of Cochrane.

The following is the personnel of the Timmings Police Department as at December 31st, 1939. Chief Constable—Leo H. Gagnon. Inspector—A. M. Olson. Sergeants—G. Desroches, F. E. Devine, J. P. Downey. Constables—P. Amlin, G. Archambault, J. Atkinson, R. Boissonneault, E. Gagnon (Investigator), J. Gariepy, A. Grieve, A. Guolla (Investigator), O. Hanson, A. Lepic, R. Munroe, J. O'Neill, A. Reed, W. Thompson. Magistrate's Court Clerk and Police Clerk—R. Godin. Assistant Clerk—V. Tremblay.

A substantial increase was noted by the Chief in the number of convictions for illicit liquor traffic and for gaming. He did, however, believe that there had been a great increase in the efficiency of the force over the past few years.

The report, in full is as follows: Timmings, Jan. 23rd, 1940 To the Board of Police Commissioners: Gentlemen—I have the honour to submit my third annual report covering the activities of the Timmings Police Department during the year 1939. As a matter of convenience, I am attaching special reports made by Constable Archambault and Atkinson covering the special duties performed by them during the year.

During the whole of the past year the Force has been under the direction of the Police Commission and it is to be noted that convictions for gaming and illicit traffic in liquor have substantially increased.

I must say that there has been a great increase in the efficiency of the Force over the past few years which is borne out by the fact that they are now doing efficiently a great deal more work than has ever been done in previous years. Our young officers have gained more experience; they are willing and devote much of their own time to study and attend police school. During the year all officers have received St. John Ambulance badges for First Aid and we are grateful to Mr. M. Madden and others of the Brigade for their instructions and help.

During the year 1939 there has been no decrease in juvenile delinquency in the Town of Timmings and I feel that a special effort should be made in 1940 to improve this situation. As an experiment, I have appointed Constable E. Gagnon to take charge of all this work as he is specially qualified to do so and I feel should make a success of it. In addition to the benefit to the children of the town a decrease in juvenile delinquency would amount to a considerable saving as \$3,361.75 was spent during 1939 for maintenance of children committed to industrial schools alone.

Fail to stop at intersection on red signal light—25. Unnecessary blowing of horn—4. Switching car markers—6. Overloading truck—9. No operator's license—26. No chauffeur's license—3. No car markers for the current year—4. No muffler—4. No rear vision mirror—1. Dirty markers—1. No garage license—3. Possession of car with obliterated serial number—1. Fail to send record of wrecked cars to Department—1. Total—272.

**Liquor Control Act of Ontario** Drunks, 1st offenders—290. Drunks, 2nd offenders—49. Drunks, 3rd offenders—43. Illegal possession of beer—28. Possession of beer with non-government caps—1. Consuming beer whilst interdicted—5. Serve beer to minors—2. Having wine in a public place—20. Consuming liquor in a public place—18. Permitting drunkenness in his home—4. Supplying liquor to an intoxicated person—1. Furnish liquor illegally—3. Furnish fictitious address when apply for liquor permit—2. Having liquor in a place other than own residence—19. Having liquor with a permit—7. Having liquor whilst interdicted—3. Keeping liquor for sale—62. Total—537.

**Criminal Code of Canada** Vagrancy—97. Begging—14. Disorderly conduct—3. Common assaults—30. Assault causing bodily harm on male person—53. Assault causing bodily harm on female person—22. Threatening to do persons injury—3. Impersonating a police officer—3. Indecent exposure—16. Indecent act—3. Indecent assault on female—1. Gross indecency on male person—1. Carnal knowledge of girl under the age of 16—1. Rape—1. Attempted suicide—2. Attempted murder—1. Murder—1. Shooting with intent—1. Robbery with violence—8. Attempted theft—2. Thefts (including shoplifting)—74. Theft by conversion—5. Theft from person—7. Illegal possession of gold ore—14. Receiving stolen goods—13. Break and enter and theft in dwellings by night—18. Break and enter and theft in stores and shops by night—30. Break and enter and theft in place of worship—4. Attempted break and enter in store by night—7. Forgery—18. False pretences (worthless cheques)—20. Fraud—10. Possession of revolvers not registered—6. Being an alien, have rifle without a permit—1. Refusing to work and maintain wife and family—6. Deserving wife and family—6. Conduct lotteries—12. Permit a common gaming house—1. Keep a common gaming house—19. Found in a common gaming house—29. Keep a common bawdy house—3. Inmate of a common bawdy house—4. Found in a common bawdy house—2. Attempted arson—1. Cruelty to animals—2. Theft of automobiles—3. Take car without the owner's consent—4. Drunk in charge of car—30. Dangerous driving—49. Fail to remain at the scene of an accident—11. Operate a car while license under suspension—3. Wilful damage to property—12. Total—687.

**Juvenile Delinquents' Act** Break and enter and theft in shops by night—14. Break and enter and theft in dwellings by night—43. Break and enter and theft in place of worship—4. Theft—45. Purse snatching—13. Take car without the owner's consent—9. Forgery—1.

**Game and Fisheries Act** Possession of moose meat out of season—3. Possession of partridge out of season—6. Possession of muskrat skins out of season—1. Possession of undersized trout—1. Possession of rifle without a license—6. Fishing by means of artificial lights—2. Carry loaded rifle in car—1. **Industrial Standards' Act** Underpaying carpenters—4. **Master & Servant Act** Non payment of wages—83. Total—176. **Mental Hospitals Act** Mentally ill—19. Epileptic—1. **Municipal Act** Impersonation at the polls—1. **Parents' Maintenance Act** Non support of mother—7. **Public Health Act** Fail to comply with Medical Officer of Health's orders—10. **Radio Act** Fail to purchase radio license—4. **School Attendance Act** Habitual truant—1. **Standard Hotel Registration of Guests' Act** False registration in Standard Hotel—1. **Vicious Dogs' Act** Allowing vicious dog to run at large and attack people—1. Total number of cases for the year 1939—2150.

**Special Service** Number of Coroners' inquests—10. Number of lost children taken to their homes—365. Special protection granted to citizens and property—353. Animals destroyed at the request of citizens—172. Automobile brakes tested by the police—418. Officers attending High Court at Cochrane (days)—45. Officers escorting prisoners to Hailcybury (days)—48. Officers escorting prisoners from other cities to Timmings (days)—31. **Miscellaneous** Calls and complaints answered by Police cars—9989. Number of arrests—1176. Number of arrests for other Police Departments—30. Number of summonses to defendants—974. Number of summonses to witnesses—672. Assistance to other Police Departments and bailiffs—176. Executed liquor search warrants—1157. Fires attended by the Police—113. Doors found unlocked in shops, warehouses and stores—498. Shops, warehouses and stores left insecure—274. Freight cars found open on railway sidings—33. Sudden deaths investigated—11. Physicians called for prisoners also examinations—132. Lodgings given to transients—1271.

Timmings Red Cross workers are very busy these days, rooms at the town hall, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bardesson, and at the Singer Sewing Machine Co. store for the work. In the picture at the left, taken at Mrs. Bardesson's a group of workers are seen busy at work. The group includes Mrs. Weir, Mrs. F. Stock, Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Neame, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Warnock, Mrs. Bruce Leek. In the centre picture some of the work done is shown. At the right another busy group are shown at the town hall, including Mrs. Claude Desaulniers, Mrs. W. O. Langdon, Mrs. M. B. Scott, Mrs. G. S. Lowe and Mrs. Francis Woodbury.

**Children's Protection Act** Incorrigible boy—2. Incorrigible girl—3. Neglected or dependent child made ward of shelter—6. Child born out of wedlock made ward of shelter—1. **Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada** Gambling on the Lord's Day—41. **Deserted Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act** Failing to support wife and family—7. **Excise Act** Illegal possession of illicit spirits—1. **Explosives' Act** Transport explosives in a dangerous manner—1. **Farm Products, Grades & Sales Act** Sell produce other than correct grade for same—7. **Game & Fisheries Act** Possession of moose meat out of season—3. Possession of partridge out of season—6. Possession of muskrat skins out of season—1. Possession of undersized trout—1. Possession of rifle without a license—6. Fishing by means of artificial lights—2. Carry loaded rifle in car—1. **Industrial Standards' Act** Underpaying carpenters—4. **Master & Servant Act** Non payment of wages—83. Total—176. **Mental Hospitals Act** Mentally ill—19. Epileptic—1. **Municipal Act** Impersonation at the polls—1. **Parents' Maintenance Act** Non support of mother—7. **Public Health Act** Fail to comply with Medical Officer of Health's orders—10. **Radio Act** Fail to purchase radio license—4. **School Attendance Act** Habitual truant—1. **Standard Hotel Registration of Guests' Act** False registration in Standard Hotel—1. **Vicious Dogs' Act** Allowing vicious dog to run at large and attack people—1. Total number of cases for the year 1939—2150.

**Re: Finger Print and Photography Departments** Sir:—I have the honour to submit my report for the year 1939, setting forth work done by the above departments. **Finger Prints—Offenders:** Offenders finger printed—449. Finger prints of outside offenders received—32. Offenders identified through finger prints sent to R.C.M.P. Central Bureau of Identification, Ottawa—276. Offenders giving fictitious names and identified through their finger prints on local files—27. Fugitive criminals wanted by Police Departments in United States and Canada, identified by this Department—3. Finger Prints—Civilians: Number of civilians finger printed at their own request and registered at Personal Bureau of Identification at Ottawa, Canada—129. Identification cards issued to civilians—129. I have found in many cases reported to me by civilians that the identification cards issued by this Department have been of great benefit to them while travelling; especially for immigration identification at the border. May I also add that there has been no charge whatsoever for this service and it is maintained for the convenience of the public. In 1939 a man was killed by a train not far from Timmings and his body was found terribly mutilated and beyond recognition. I took finger prints and we were able to identify this man through the Central Bureau of Identification at Ottawa. **Photography:** The following is a list of cases in which photos were taken in order to simplify investigations and trials: Murder scene—1. Rape—1. Indecent assault—1. Strange deaths—5. Hit and run, reckless and dangerous driving—7. Safe blowing, shop and housebreakings—5. Dilapidated buildings—1. Number of photos taken of forged cheques, documents and counterfeit currency—68. Number of prisoners photographed—449. In one instance of a strange death a man was identified by some of his

friends from a photo I had taken of him prior to his burial. We were successful in obtaining convictions in hit and run cases by photos taken at the scene of the accidents. In the past we have had only an ordinary photo album to keep our criminals' photos which has proved very unsatisfactory as we have approximately a thousand photos on file. It is most important that we purchase a standard Rogues' Gallery with a filing capacity of two or three thousand photos. May I further report that last Spring I graduated in the Finger Print course of the Institute of Applied Science of Chicago, Ill., and received from them my diploma which entitles me to give expert evidence in court in cases involving finger prints. I want to thank you for your encouragement and assistance as well as the whole staff for the co-operation I received during my course and the building up of the above departments. G. A. Archambault.

The following is Constable J. Atkinson's report mentioned in my annual report: Sir:—I have the honour to report that I have examined and recorded the details of each accident for the year just ended. There were 6,000 vehicles registered in 1939, an increase of 10% over 1938. The following is a comparison of the accident records: 1938 1939 Increase Total accidents 252 355 41% Injuries suffered 35 96 174% Deaths 1 1

In comparison we increased our efforts in traffic enforcement measures as shown below: 1938 1939 Increase Drunk in charge of a car 21 30 42% Dangerous and careless driving 96 76 -21% Fail to remain at accidents 4 11 166% Disregard of traffic control 40 87 117% Miscellaneous 148 227 53%

The above comparison shows conclusively that enforcement alone is insufficient to reduce the huge loss suffered in the community by accidents. A permanent reduction can be achieved only through a balanced program of activities based on three fundamentals of traffic: safety, engineering, education and enforcement. In conclusion may I take this opportunity to recommend the organization of a School Boy Safety Patrol, a program which is working huge success and which is being adopted by most leading cities; a program such as this

means more than all other measures for this reason: the children once educated will in turn educate the adults who from observation are shown to us to be the worst offenders. A closer contact and some form of education for drivers and a By-Law governing taxis and taxi drivers would be helpful in traffic control work. J. Atkinson. **Recommendations** 1. In view of the tremendous increase of work I would respectfully submit that we should have at least two more officers as they are absolutely necessary. 2. Constable G. A. Archambault requests in his report that he be supplied with a standard Rogues' Gallery. Our investigation department makes daily use of our criminals' photos and I feel that such a Gallery should be added to our equipment. Yours sincerely, LEO H. GAGNON Chief Constable

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