

### Number of Minor Matters Before Council Meeting

#### Some Matters Deferred Pending By-laws in Preparation.

There was little business of importance transacted at the short formal meeting of Council which took place in the council chambers on Friday afternoon. As is customary much of the discussion of current business matters took place at the pre-Council meeting on Thursday.

A letter from the Imperial Motor Sales asked that the road in front of the garage and sales show rooms be made a "no parking" area from 2 to 10 p.m.

"This matter will be taken care of in the new parking by-law we are working on. Let us defer the matter until it is prepared," said Councillor Roberts.

#### Shooting Gallery

Request of M. S. Nerheim to be allowed to operate a shooting gallery was deferred inasmuch as a by-law to prevent slot machine and pin ball machines and to bring under municipal control such things as shooting galleries, is under preparation. Mr. Nerheim's letter pointed out that a .22 calibre rifle would be used in the gallery and that a patron would be unable to remove the weapon as it would be fastened in some way to the counter of the establishment.

The Ideal Hardware Company had a complaint to register about a ditch across from the company's warehouse on the North Road. In rainy weather said the letter, the water ran across the road and was destructive to the foundations of the warehouse. A ditch should be dug on both sides of the road at that location. Matter was referred to the Board of Works.

#### "Eagle and Hawk"

"The Eagle and Hawk," a picture glorifying the exploits of the R.A.F. is coming to the Goldfield's Theatre in the near future. The management asked permission to build up the front of the theatre with sandbags in order to create the proper atmosphere for the film. The letter promised that the sandbags would "not bar the entrances."

Eight residents signed a petition for a sidewalk on Spruce Street, north of Eighth Avenue. Seven more presented a petition asking that a street light be placed on Commercial Avenue between Young and Fogg. Another petition asking that Elm Street south be made a restricted area and that an undertaking firm be refused permission to build there was signed by nine residents. Members of Council said there was nothing they could do with regard to the latter petition.

With regard to the petition for the sidewalk, the Mayor pointed out that there was little that could be done when a petition was presented after the Municipal Board had made its visit. The petition could be sent down to the Board but there was not the likelihood that the work would be approved. "It might also point out," said Councillor Roberts, "that the Municipal Board objects to doing work on properties whose taxes are in arrears."

#### Tag Day June 11

The Victorian Order of Nurses was given permission to hold a tag day here on June 11.

Bellview Drug Store, 85 Pine Street, south, was granted a license to sell fireworks.

Next formal meeting of Council will be on May 23 inasmuch as Friday, May 24, is Victoria Day.

### Great Britain Was Able to Combat Magnetic Mines

(By a Naval Correspondent)  
Magnetic mines are laid on the sea bottom, and are only effective if ships passing over them are inside the danger area of the explosion. They are useless in depths of 300 feet or more, and are thus complementary to the ordinary moored mines floating beneath the surface and designed to fire on a ship striking them. The development and laying of magnetic mines forced Britain to provide special methods of clearance over and above ordinary sweeping of moored mines.

As regards the antidote, much has recently been heard of "de-gaussing" belts fitted to ships of all types, from trawlers to battleships, for the purpose of neutralizing their magnetism and so rendering them immune from magnetic mines. Dr. Gauss, one believes, was a Scandinavian professor who died in the middle of the nineteenth century, but gave his name to the unit of magnetic flux, just as the names of Ohm and Ampere are now used in the technical language of electricity.

The "de-gaussing" belt or girdle, or "D.G." equipment, as it is now called, consists of a number of strands of ordinary insulated cable passing round the ship about the level of the upper deck, and energized in a special way by an electrical current. It neutralizes the permanent magnetism of the vessel, so that she is able to pass over a magnetic mine without deflecting the needle and firing the charge.

Total immunity against mines, magnetic or otherwise, can never be guaranteed. However, no ship fitted with the new gear has yet been damaged, while an officer responsible for its development expressed himself as being prepared to take a "de-gaussing" ship over any number of magnetic mine-fields.

It should be added that the apparatus, which was suggested by the officers of one His Majesty's Naval Establishments, with the able advice and assistance of civilian scientists, was developed in less than three months from the time the need for it became apparent.

### Dividend of Two Cents per Share by Young-Davidson

At a meeting Friday of directors of Young-Davidson Mines, Matachewan district, controlled and operated by Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, a dividend of 2 cents per share was declared, payable May 27 to shareholders of record May 20, 1940.

The payment, second of the same size, the first having been distributed last November, calls for disbursement of \$31,682.16 upon 1,594,108 shares issued and brings total distributed to \$63,346. This is one of the lowest grade gold mines now under operation in Canada, reflecting excellent management in low costs. During the first three months of this year production was \$343,051 from 92,767 tons for average recovery of \$3.70 per ton. Since milling was started in 1934 total output to end of March, 1940, has approximated \$5,806,535.

### Interesting Meeting of Finnish Y. P. S. Friday

A very interesting "Programme and Fellowship Night" was provided at Y. P. S. of Timmins Finnish United Church Friday, May 10th by Group No. 1. Miss Gertrude Heinen, convenor, was assisted by Miss Onerva Lehtinen, Miss Taimi Jokela, Miss Ellie Heinen, Veikko Lehtinen, Veikko Paakkola, Aale Passi and Aaro Martin.

The meeting opened with a devotional period conducted by Miss Gertrude Heinen, assisted by Veikko Paakkola and Miss Ellie Heinen. Vocal duet, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," was sung by Misses Gertrude and Ellie Heinen.

During a short business period the president, Helge Hongisto, presided and Miss Elma Nykanen acted as Recording Secretary.

During the remainder of the evening Aale Passi acted as chairman, while the following programme was delivered: Choral singing by Miss Onerva Lehtinen, Miss Taimi Jokela, Miss Gertrude Heinen, Miss Ellie Heinen, Veikko Lehtinen and Veikko Paakkola; duet, "In the Gloaming," by Ellie and Gertrude Heinen; instrumental trio, "South of the Border," by Ellie Heinen, violin, Gertrude Heinen, guitar, Veikko Lehtinen, mandolin; jokes, told by Aaro Martin; choral selection by Group Chorus; poem read by Miss Taimi Jokela; vocal duet by Gertrude and Ellie Heinen; jokes, told by Aale Passi; "Fashion Parade" by girls. The National Anthem.

### Great Britain Takes Iceland Under Guard for Duration of War

London, May 11—In a lightning-like move to bar Germany from a strategic base in the Far North, Britain today took protective custody of Iceland.

The island, linked to German-occupied Denmark by its allegiance to King Christian X, will be under British protection only until the "conclusion of hostilities," it was announced.

It was not believed that the British force—of an undetermined size—encountered any opposition from German civilians who are known to have entered Iceland since the outbreak of the war.

Britain, in explaining the move, stressed that it had no intention of interfering with the existing administration and shortly after the occupation of the foreign office announced it already was negotiating a trade agreement.

The foreign office, in explaining the move, said that "it is clear that in the face of an attack even on a very small scale, the Icelandic government would be unable to prevent their country from falling completely into German hands." The island has a defence force of only 70 police.

The little northern kingdom is especially important in the Allied scheme of things as an excellent submarine base—as well as an airplane base.

Although the move was dramatically timed and enforced, it was not entirely unexpected by observers who recalled that on April 10 the Allies announced that they would prevent any German landing on Iceland, Greenland or Denmark's Faroe islands.

With that announcement, Iceland's parliament took full control of the nation's affairs.

A day later, the first lord of the admiralty, Winston Churchill, told the House of Commons that Britain was occupying the Faroe islands and that "no German will be allowed to set his foot there with impunity."

Iceland, about the size of the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, has been a sovereign state since the signing of the Danish-Icelandic union pact of 1918. It lies in the North Atlantic about 200 miles off the coast of Greenland and its main industries are fishing and sheep farming. Its principal exports are fish, frozen mutton and wool.

Only about one-fourth of its 40,000 square miles is habitable, and its population of 118,000 is concentrated in the coastal lowlands. The capital, Reykjavik, has a population of 36,100.

Before the war, experts recalled, Germany sent frequent expeditions into Iceland, nominally for "scientific purposes" and in connection with projected air routes.

When the war broke out there was in Iceland a considerable larger number of Germans than was justified, the British felt, and since the outbreak, the number had been augmented by crews of several shipwrecked German vessels.

The British described the German consular official in Iceland, Herr Gerlach, as a "notorious Nazi." His activities were regarded by the British as "extra-consular and political in nature."

### Send a Letter of Recognition to Capt. Charlebois

#### Town Honoured to Have Man From Here Chosen Captain of the Guard.

Recognition of the fact that the Town of Timmins felt it an honour that a soldier from here was selected as Captain of the Guard from the 22nd Royal Canadian Regiment, which recently took over the duties of guard at Buckingham Palace, will be shown in a letter which the Council ordered sent to Captain Charlebois and to his mother and father, here in Timmins.

The resolution, passed by the Council, and the letters which will be sent are as follows:

The resolution:—  
"WHEREAS the honor of being appointed Captain of the Guard at Buckingham Palace has been bestowed upon Captain J. G. Charlebois of the Royal 22nd Regiment of Quebec, and WHEREAS the people of Timmins feel that the honor of this appointment has reflected upon the Dominion and on this community;

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Timmins feel that it is their duty to express to Captain Charlebois and his family the pride of the citizens in the distinction that has been awarded him, and do order that the following letter be sent to Captain Charlebois:—

The Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the Town of Timmins desire to express to you the profound sense of gratification and pride experienced by our citizens in your recent appointment as Captain of the Guard, which was chosen from your famous regiment for the great honor of protecting the persons of His Majesty, the King, and our gracious Queen, at Buckingham Palace.

Your selection for this important duty reflects honor upon yourself as an officer of His Majesty's Forces, upon the Royal 22nd Regiment as one of the most highly regarded units in the Empire's military establishment, and upon the Dominion and the community which you so ably represent.

We assure that the people of Timmins are deeply sensible of and will long remember the honor that has been bestowed upon you, and through you upon them in this signal mark of distinction."

### Leader of Noted Band



Mart Kenney, leader of the popular band of "Western Gentlemen," to be at McIntyre Arena on May 29th, under the auspices of the South Porcupine Kiwanis.

Two years, six months and thirty days respectively. The theft of goods by employees of the T. & N. O. line has been so rare that the incident was genuine matter of news. T. & N. O. employees generally through all the years have been of superior type, which probably accounts for the successful conduct of the road.

A fire in a shack behind John Power's place at the river caused some excitement twenty years ago. The flames appeared so extended from the main part of the town that it was feared that the Pierce lumber mills were on fire. The fire destroyed the shack, which was occupied by T. Lessaur, but no other damage was done, though for a time the stables owned by Mr. Power appeared to be endangered. A bucket brigade did good service. The origin of the fire was not known, Mr. Lessaur not having been at the shack for some time.

Twenty years ago A. G. Luxton, previously with the W. R. Lewery Wholesale, took charge of the press offices here in succession to W. Cheesman transferred to Lindsay.

Nearly \$500.00 was raised in the Canadian Jewish War Relief Fund. The amount was raised by subscriptions and tag days. The money went to the relief of Jewish people in the European countries who were such heavy sufferers from war conditions.

"I see a number of prospectors hereabouts getting interested in outside gold camps." The Advance twenty years ago quoted Mr. James McCann as saying: "I cannot understand it. If they are looking for gold they do not need to go beyond the Porcupine. We have it here. That's proven surely beyond all question. We have the producing mines here actually proving the richness of the Porcupine by the millions. And there are scores of properties to be explored and developed, with the chances all to the good. For gold I'll stake on the Porcupine." What Mr. McCann so wisely said still holds good.

### Premier to Inspect Northern Lignite Area This Month

#### Several Prominent Figures to be in Party to Visit the North.

According to an article in The Northern News last week, a Provincial Government party headed by Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn will make a personal inspection of the Onakawana lignite field near Cochrane towards the end of the month while on a weeks' tour of this section of Northern Ontario. It is expected that the party will come north arriving in North Bay about May 27.

Members of the party will be Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn; Hon. Dr. J. L. Simpson, minister of education; Hon. A. St. Clair Gordon, chairman of the Ontario Liquor Control Board; Hon. Paul Leduc, Ontario minister of Mines; W. G. Nixon, member for North Temiskaming who is personally in charge of the lignite project, and A. R. Crozier, department of mines geologist, who has been working out many of the details of the lignite development, and Hon. H. C. Nixon, provincial secretary.

It is believed that the fate of the project will depend on the result of this inspection tour. The party will be in the north country the better part of a week and will spend two or three days in the Cochrane area.

Arthur H. Cavanagh, general manager and newly appointed chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway, probably will accompany the government party from North Bay on through the system. It will be the first trip of Premier Hepburn to this section of Northern Ontario in two years.

In announcing the trip Hon. Harry Nixon stated that he believed the premier had some important matters to take up with Mr. Cavanagh. Mr. Nixon will inspect the prison farm at Monteith, which comes under his jurisdiction as provincial secretary.

Word is expected in the near future from the Municipal Board as to what percentage of municipal improvements, proposed by the town, it will allow constructed this year. Immediately word is received from the Board work will be begun by the town or by contractors.

### Picnic for District Proposed at Zone Meeting of Legion

#### Smooth Rock Falls Representatives Welcomed to Zone Meeting.

Mr. Austin Neame, District Zone Representative, presided at the zone meeting of the Canadian Legion, held at Cochrane on Sunday, when representatives from Timmins, South Porcupine, Ironsides Falls, Cochrane, and Smooth Rock Falls were present to discuss matters of importance to the Legion branches in the northern zone.

The representatives from the various branches were especially pleased to welcome the representatives from Smooth Rock Falls, which is the newest branch of the Canadian Legion in the Zone. Representatives from Smooth Rock Falls were the president, Mr. R. H. Holmes, M.M., and Secretary, Mr. H. E. Rewald.

Many matters of importance to the Legion were discussed, and it was decided to send a delegate to the Dominion Convention in Montreal on May 27. The representatives from the branches also advocated the holding of a general picnic for all branches in Cochrane, early in August. The matter will be referred to the branches for final decision.

### Omar Lafontaine Chosen Head of Mining Institute

W. Omar Lafontaine was chosen to be Chairman of the Porcupine branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy at the annual dinner meeting of that organization, held in the McIntyre community hall on Thursday evening. Mr. Lafontaine succeeds Charles H. Kemsley as Chairman.

Vice-Chairman for the coming season will be John D. Barrington; Secretary, Orville Atkins; members of Board of Directors, Charles G. Kemsley, James M. Douglas, Phillip O. Parfitt, Stanley Saxton, Gordon Gibb, E. C. Keeley, John Beatty, Charles M. Beck.

Speaker was Mr. Oliver Hall, consulting engineer for Noranda Mines. Mr. Hall gave a technical address in which he outlined progressive mining methods used by Consolidated, Alaska Juneau, Leveack, Creighton, Frood, Asbestos, Noranda and Waite Amulet mines.

Mr. Robert E. Dye referred to the loss sustained by the institute in the death of Mr. J. J. Denny. Everyone in the industry was familiar with the extremely valuable work done by Mr. Denny on gold and silver ores and in the application of aluminum dust as a silicosis preventive. Mr. Dye said: "The speaker was thanked by Mr. Stanley A. Wooley."

### New Company to Take Over the Rahn Gold Mines

New Liskeard, May 19.—Shareholders of the Rahn Lake Mines Corp. were told at a meeting in St. Catharines on Saturday that the Johnson company will take over the Rahn interests and begin immediate development of the asbestos property. The result of a vote taken by the shareholders April 27, approving the deal, was announced. The project was favoured by holders of 1,666,828 shares and opposed by holders of 457,024 shares. Only a two-thirds vote was necessary for approval.

The agreement with the Johnson company was signed and sealed by directors of the two firms before the April 27 meeting and the Johnson company put up \$10,000 towards immediate development. Through the deal, Rahn Lake receives 1,100,000 shares in the new firm formed by the Johnson company. In return for money spent on development, the Johnson company will

receive shares in the new company but Johnson's will have to spend \$185,000 before holding an equal number of shares with the Rahn shareholders.

The new company's name will be decided upon by Johnson. Rahn Lake will have two directors on the board.

Another meeting of Rahn Lake will be held at St. Catharines on May 18, when the result of the vote for directors will be made known. There were 13 nominations for six places on the directorate.

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