Brief Submitted to the Ont. Mining Commission by the Town of Timmins

Supported by Charts and Figures Showing Details of Population, Assessment, Taxes, etc., of Town. Deals Only With Financing of Municipality. Suggestions Made.

Ontario Mining Commission, Councillor tributed to these high rates. The at-J. W. Spooner, chairman of the local titude of the bond purchasers towards committee of council preparing the the mining municipalities has always brief, presented the brief on behalf of resulted in our having to conform to the town. The committee decided that more stringent conditions in financing the Town of Timmins brief should only than other municipalities of similar deal with the one point - "Financing size, Another factor is the high cost of Mining Municipalities" — and that of education which may be accounted the other representatives heard by the for by the fact that almost twenty-five local committee, in regard to prospec- per cent of our population is attending ting, silicosis, education and other mat- school compared to an average in the ters should be presentd by those closely Province of about fifteen per cent. It concerned. The committee in taking has been found necessary to pay higher this stand were also influenced by the than average salaries to induce capable fact that the Association of Northern teachers to come north, and the cost of Mining Municipalities - of which Tim- erecting and heating suitable school mins is a member — was also presented buildings in our severe climate also cona brief to the Commission which cov- tributes to the higher cost. ered many subjects.

mins brief, as presented:-

Memorandum of Financing

standard of municipal service which of all municipal public works and utilwould compare with that rendered by ities cost more in Northern Ontario, any city or town of comparable size owing to the severe climate and disin the Province of Ontario. The result tance from sources of supply. of this insufficient revenue is shown. The protection of persons and pro-

The Town of Timmins came into ex- It should be pointed out that the preers. The town is entirely dependent tion upon the gold mining industry, but it That these conditions should be rem-

live in the Town of Timmins and the too are familiar with the problem. mines themselves do most of their business through commercial houses es- which exemplify the position of the stablished here, and the result has been Town of Timming as outlined above. a rapid building-up of the necessary We believe that the situation can best ard of municipal service.

vice it is to be noted that the post-war committee of the municipal council has it is desirable to avoid. prepared a program of municipal work that should be undertaken after the war. This program does not provide for any overdevelopment nor for any nonessential services. It includes the construction of water and sewer lines, house. The estimated expenditure of 39 of the Assessment Act. for it without imposing an undue bur- than under this subsection. commercial tax payers. The underde- 30 velpoment of the community is shown by the fact that the total capital expenditure of the Town up to the present time is just over \$2,000,000,00, in 1941. (The 1943 figure was 24,036, and there is evidence that the decline has been halted.)

There are a number of factors which brief time in which capital expenditures have had to be made, and the high interest rates and short terms imposed by or for the owner, tenant, holder, les-

At the sessions here last week of the upon our capital borrowing have con-

Public Health services, even at the The town brief as given below was minimum standard provided, are a consupported by charts and details of the siderable item of cost not only to the population, assessment, taxes, expendi- Town but also to the Province. Clitures, etc., of the municipality. Coun- matic conditions, the arduous nature of cillor Spooner also spoke briefly in in- the work of most our citizens, and subtroducing the brief to the Commission standard housing make the control of The following is the Town of Tim- disease a difficult problem, particularly in the matter of tuberculosis. The

safeguarding of the health of our childof Mining Municipalities ren, who form such a large proportion The purpose of this submission by of the population, is another essential the Town of Timmins is to point out to service which can not be neglected at the Commission the difficulties facing any cost. Inadequate housing, which the mining municipalities, the financial may be attributed in large measure to causes which have contributed to the high property taxation, is a major facdifficulties, and some of the unfor- tor in the health situation. The Public tunate consequences, as well as to sug- Welfare services also cost more than gest a remedy The Town of Timmins, in the southern part of the province in common with the other mining mun- and, the mining towns of the norte icipalities of the north, has all through have been faced in the past with large its existence faced the problem of in- expenditures for relief on account of sufficient revenue. The Town's income employment conditions in other parts from the gold mining industry has al- of the country. It should also be noted ways been inadequate to provide a that the installation and maintenance

by the poor housing conditions, and by perty is another essential service which the low standard of some municipal fa- engages the best efforts of the Town to cilities and the entire absence of others, operate in the most efficient manner. We believe that the remdy for this con- Costly as these services are, the police dition list in suitable amendments to and fire departments are maintained on the mining tax legislation of the Pro- a much lower standard than recommended by competent authorities.

istence just over thirty years ago, as an sent reasonably sound position of the essential part of the newly established Town of Timmins is largely due to the mining industry, and has continued to careful administration which the affairs fulfill the function for which it was or- of the Town have received from the ganized ever since that time. The cit- earliest days, and to the extreme econizens of Timmins are the employees of omy that has been practiced since war the mines in the district, and those who conditions forced a curtailment of gold supply necessary services for the min- mining and consequent loss of popula-

is also true that the mines in this area edied has been acknowledged on many would be severely handicapped in their occasions in the past by government operations if the municipality were not authorities, and by the mining industry. here to provide these essential services, Successive provincial governments have and indeed could not carry on at all recognized the need for additional reunless they, themselves, assumed this venue and have made tangible acknowburden at their own direct expense, ledgement of this need by enacting cer-Such a condition exists in certain parts tain changes in mining tax legislation of the Province where mines have been as well as by making special grants to forced to provide housing and other the municipalities in the north. The services ordinarily considered as muni- Dominion Government too, has shown cipal, at considerable cost, considered its awareness of the situation by enas part of their ordinary operating ex- acting legislation which would permit additional revenue from the mines to be The rapid growth of the mining in- diverted to municipal uses. In fact no dustry in the Porcupine, in past years, government agency to whom the prohas demanded the rapid expansion of blem has been presented has denied municipal facilities to meet the re- that something should be done to alquirements of the employees of as many leviate the situation. Various proas twenty-two operating mines. About posals have also been put forward by seventy-five per cent of these employees mine operators which indicate that they

Attached hereto are various schedules

commercial and residential buildings be remedied by a revision of the legislarequired to handle this growth This tion which provides for municipal taxaexpansion has been temporarily halted tion of the mining industry. In the by conditions arising from the war, best interests of all concerned, we feel but all indications point to its resump- that the basic principle of the present tion in the period following the war, system should be retained - that is, and it is evident that the present sour- taxation -based upon value which has ces of municipal revenue can not pro- been shown to be present in the land. vide and maintain the facilities required A study of methods of taxation used to conform to even a moderate stand- elsewhere reveals very little that would prove of value in this Province, as these As an indication of what is required plans tend to retard the industry, or to provide a minimum standard of ser- fail to provide the needed revenue, or lend themselves to various abuses which

The proposed changes in legislation

Act (R.S.O. 1937, Chap. 28).

posal plant, water filtration plant, and tion from the Provincial mines tax of the use of the chief's car on police and the construction of a new fire hall, any amount paid to a municipality un- other town work. An assistant is also public library, and municipal ware- der proposed subsection 6a of section to be provided for Chief Miller for

\$2,250,000.00. In order to be able to tion 39 of the Assessment Act to pro- clude the looking after work required embark on this program of necessary vide for taxation of buildings of opera- to be done on streets, roads, etc., towork, it is essential that the munici- ting mines when taxes paid to the gether with collecting arrears due the pality be assured of sufficient revenue municipality under proposed subsection town for taxes, water rates and rentals. over a period of years to be able to pay 6a (see item 5 below) would be less Kapuskasing for some years has had a

section 39, as follows: (6a) (1) In addition to any assess- standing executive ability.

ment under the provisions of subsection while the population increased from a (5) of this section, the real property Announcement Regarding employed, owned, used or occupied by any person in operating a mine shall be assessed at a sum ascertained by deducting from the gross receipts from the output of the mine during the year have compelled the levying of a high tax ending on the preceding 31st day of rate in the past. The comparatively December; or, in case the ore, mineral or mineral bearing substance or any part thereof is not sold but is treated

see, occupier or operator of the mine upon the premises or elsewhere, then the actual value of such output at the pit's mouth; or if there is no means of ascertaining the market value or if there is not established market price or value, the value of the same as appraised by the mine assessor appointed under the Mining Tax Act, the following and no other deductions, that is to

(a) The actual cost of transportation of any output sold if paid or borne by the owner, tenant, holder, lessee, occupier or operator:

(b) The actual and proper working expenses of the mine, both underground and above ground, including salaries and wages of necessary superintendent's captains, foremen, workmen, firemen, enginemen, labourers, and employees of all sorts employed at or about the mine,, together with the actual and proper salaries and office expenses for necessary office work done at the mine, operation thereof:

(c) The cost of supplying power and light, and of hire of horses used in the mining operation or in handling the ore or mineral;

(d) The actual cost price of food and provisions for all employees aforesaid, whose salaries or wages are made less by reason of being furnished therewith and of fodder for horses used as above

(e) The actual cost price of explosives, fuel, and any other supplies necessarily consumed in the mining The Presbyterian Church in

curred in safeguarding or protecting the mine or mineral product;

(g) The cost of proper insurance upon the outfit if paid or borne by the owner, tenant, holder, lessee, occupier or ocupant and upon the mining plant, machinery, equipment and buildings, used for or in connection with the actual mining operations, or for storing the ore or mineral.

(h) An allowance of a sum for annual dspreciation, by ordinary wear and tear. of the said plant, machinery, equipment, and buildings, such sam to be based upon the probable annual average cost of repairs and renewals necessary to maintain the same in a condition of efficiency, and in no case to exceed for any year fifteen per centum of the value at the commencement of such year, such value to be appraised by the mine assessor:

(i) The cost of actual work done in the municipality in sinking new shafts, making new openings, workings or excavations, of any kind or of stripping or trenching in or upon the lands upon which the mine is situated or other lands. In the case of a mine lying only partly within a municipality, the assessment in such municipality shall be that proportion of the balance remaining after making the aforesaid deductions which the gross receipts from the output of the mine in such municipality bear to the total gross receipts of the

(6a) (2) The tax payable in respect of the assessment made under subsection (1) hereof shall not exceed (a) fifteen mills upon the amount of such Evening Service-Golden City-7.00 p.m. assessment up to and including \$2,333,-333.33 and (b) twenty-five mills upon the amount of such assessment in excess of \$2,333,333.33.

7. Provision for determination of the assessment of operating mines by the See that your children are at Sunday Provincial Mine Assessor, but reserving the right of appeal through ordinary channels provided by the Assessment Act, or direct to the district judge, by the municipality or its assessment offi-

These proposals would provide sufficient revenue to enable Timmins and the other mining municipalities to fulfill their proper functions in providing adequate service to the citizens without levying exorbitant taxes, and to avoid the annoyance and expense of continual appeals to the Government for assistance. By placing the municipal mines tax system in the Assessment Act, it will be possible for the Province to adjust its own mines taxation set-up without affecting municipal revenues.

It is assumed in this submission that the proposal of the Ontario Government to make a greater contribution to the cost of education will be implemented in the immediate future. Respectfully submitted.

Corporation of the Town of Timmins 10.00 a.m.-Sunday School Elsewhere in this issue will be found references to the tables and charts given | 11.00 a.m.-Morning Prayer with the brief.

Liskeard Appoints Chief as Town Superintendent

Last week at the regular meeting of 1. Repeal of paragraph (j) of subsec- the town council at New Liskeard, Chief tion 3 of section 4 of the Mining Tax of Police P. H. Miller was appointed to the position of town superintendent. 2. Amendment of section 13 of the the salary to be \$175.00 per month and street pavements, sidewalks, sewage dis- Mining Tax Act to provide for deduc- an allowance of \$50.00 a month for these projects would amount to over 3. Amendment of subsection 4 of sec- ties as town superintendent will intown superintendent and the plan has den upon the ordinary residential and 4 Repeal of subsection 5 of section been eminently successful. This, of course, is largely due to the man in the 5. Enactment of new subsection 6a of position - Mr. C. R. Murdock. - a highly qualified civil engineer with out-

Tea and Coffee Coupons

Ration coupons E-1 and E-2 in ration book 3 may be used for purchase of tea and coffee on February 17, according to a Wartime Prices and Trade Board announcement. After that date two yellow "E" coupons which are on the second to last page of the ration veille." - The Communique, Camp! book will become valid every three Livingston, La.

Church Directory

First United Church Timmins Minister:

REV. W. M. MUSTARD, M.A., B.D. Morning Worship-10.45 a.m. Evening Worship-7.00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL For all 12 and over-12.15 p.m. For all under 12-2.30 p.m.

Christian Science Society Oddfellows' Hall Spruce Street North SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1944 "MIND"

Golden Text: "Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength and wisdom." (Job 36:5) 9.45 a.m.-Sunday School 11.00 a.m.-Sunday Service

Christian Science Reading Room, Mc-Ginnis Block. 13 Pine St North Onen and in immediate connection with the Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Mountjoy United Church 100 Mountjoy Street S.

Minister REV. E. GILMOUR-SMITH, B.A. 11 a.m.-Morning Worship 7 p.m.—Evening Worship Sunday School

12.15-for 9 years and over 2.00 for 8 years and under.

Canada (f) Any actual and proper outlay in- MACKAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

113 ELM STREET SOUTH Minister: Rev. Dr. Geo. Aitken, Th.D 10 a.m.—Sunday School

11 a.m.—Morning Worship 7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship You Are Welcome

St. Matthew's Church Rector: Rev. Canon Cashing, B.A., L.Th 11.00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

3.00 p.m.—Sunday School 4.15 p.m.—Baptisms 7.00 pm - Evening Prayer

Holy Communion on 1st Sunday of month at 11 a.m., on 2nd and 5th Sundays at 8.30 a.m.; and on 3rd Sunday

B'nai Israel Synagogue Cedar Street North ISRAEL I. HALPERN, Rabbi W. LINDER, Cantor

Schumacher Anglican Church BANK OF COMMERCE BLDG. Captain Mitchell, C.A.

0.00 a.m.-Sunday School 11.00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Trinity United Church Schumacher

Porcupine United Church Minister: Rev. Lors W. Carlson, B.A. Morning Worship-Schumacher 11 a.m. Afternoon Service-Delnite 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Golden City--11 a.m. Delnite-1.30 p.m.

Schumacher-2.00 p.m. 6. Repeal of subsection 9 of section 39 Come to our friendly, inspirational Services

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church South Porcupine, Ont. (Missouri Synod)

Rev. E. Roth Pastor Divine Service at 8:30 p.m. in the Anglican Church South Porcupine. All are welcome.

The Salvation Army CAPT. and MRS. DOUGLAS CHURCH Services Sunday-11 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. Wed. 2.30-Home League

Thurs. 8.00 p.m.—Public Meeting Your are invited to attend these Gospel Services.

St. Paul's Church South Porcupine, Ont. Ven. J. E. Woodail, D.D., Minister

Sunday Services 10.15 a.m.-Juntor Bible Class 7 p.m.-Evening Prayer Holy Communion on 1st Sunday at 1

2nd and 4th Sunday at 8 a.m. 3rd and 5th Sunday at 7 p.m. Baptisms and Marriages by arrange-

United Church South Porcupine, Ont. BLOOR AVENUE.

REV. J. C. THOMPSON 11.00 a.m.-Morning Service Evening Service- 7.00 p.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10.00 a.m.-For all 12 years and over 11.00 a.m.-Dome Sunday School 2.00 p.m.-For all below 12 years

weeks until ration book 4 is issued. These coupons will entitle the usual consumer to purchase two ounces of tea or one half pound of coffee per coupon. However, it is emphasized that the "E" coupons in any ration book issued to a child under 12 years of found intact when ration book 4 is

NO BLAME

applied for.

Jeep: "Would you blame me for something I didn't do?"

Sergeant: "Of course not." Jeep: "Well, I didn't get up for re-

The Blood Donor's Clinic

(Or How to Get a Cup o' Coffee Without a Dime To the Masonic Hall We went one and all For the Red Cross was there, out for

blood. To the fat and the thin, They said "Come on in. We'll see if your blood's any good."

They asked us some questions About their suggestions, What we should have been eating that day.

We answered them rightly-If not very sprightly-We'd drunk water and eaten baled hay

No eggs and no fat. No this and no that, Nor you shouldn't have butter on

No milk and no sugar. Oh boy it's a ----corker Not even a slice of cold roast.

They gave us some water. But they didn't oughter Try drain the Mattagami River. For that stuff is damp, And gives us a cramp, To say nothing of rusting the liver,

But they filled us right up With cup after cup. Till our kidneys were floating like boats.

The toast with a splash Got caught in the wash And green sprouts appeared on the

Then they got down to "biz". And started a query:-

Do your legs form a bow? They wanted to know. Do you lister, to Mortimer Snerd?

Then when you had been Taken back of a screen, They sank a shaft down to your vein. They let down a rope And sharted to stope,

And" hollered" for motor and train. (This seems to be getting tangled with Wilson Thompson's mining 'poems' Sorry Wilson)

When you had been bleeded Of all that they needed, They helped you get back on your

And when you are able You go to a table, And there you get something to eat.

It's coffee and cream, Of such as you dream, With butter to spread on your toast And sitting quite handy A bottle of brandy

And now you may roam Round town or go home. The job has been done most hygienic If you're the right age, It's a great privilege

Clinic.

A. Jackson.

Masons Pay Tribute to N. J. McAulay, Haileybury

Aulay, the dean of Masonry in the North Country, at a recent banquet held after a regular meeting of the Haileybury Lodge, A.F. & A.M. There was a large attendance at the event. Masons being present from all parts of the North Land as an expression of appreciation of the notable services given the Craft by Mr. McAulay. His expressed his thanks for the kindly Honour Judge Hayward, also for many | thought shown him and for the friendyears a member of the Masonic Order, acted as chairman and gave a brief sketch of the Masonic career of the He gave many interesting incidents in guest of honour. Judge Hayward said regard to the North and to Masonry that Mr. McAulay had had a hand in | in the early days of this country. When the formation of every Masonic Lodge he came North there was only one Main the North, with the single exception | sonic Lodge in all the North, while now of New Liskeard Lodge which was the there are eleven, he said. first in the area. Mr. H. A. Day, in paying tribute to the guest of honour referred to Mr. McAulay's fine services, such as the Children's Aid, the public school board and the high school, as well as in the town ocuncil and other public and patriotic capacities. He said that Mr. McAulay had become a Mason in 1893 at Sudbury, coming to Temiskaming in 1906. Since then he had had a unique connection with the Craft, serving as D. D. G. M. and taking a part in all Masonic affairs in the North, as well as holding offices in the more advanced branches of Masonry, T. G. Tulloch, the present Master of Haileybury Lodge, during a brief address of appreciation, presented Mr. McAulay with a desk set and an electric razor as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow members of the Craft

J. F. Parker Nominated as Federal Candidate for Cochrane Riding

Four Ballots Necessary on Saturday Evening to Decide Party's Candidate for Federal House....Leo Lalonde a Close Second. Six Nominated, but One Withdrew.

Ministerial Assoc'n Hears Address on Newspapers

The regular monthly meeting of the Porcupine Ministerial Association was held at St. Matthew's Rectory on Monday afternoon with practically a hundred per cent, attendance of members. The president of the association, Capt. Douglas Church presided. A feature of the meeting was an address on "Newspapers and the Churches," by North were represented. Councillor G. A. Macdonald, editor of The Advance who referred to the friendship and co-operation between press and pulpit in the Porcupine. One part of the address dealt with the four freedoms of the Federal riding of Cochrane, though the Atlantic Charter. Two of them were positive freedoms-freedom of speech and freedom of worship. These two could be freely translated as freedom of the press and freedom of the pulpit. The leading statesmen of the world believed these two freedoms to be the essentials for to-day. It was pointed out that without freedom of leaving five candidates to be voted upon. the press, all other freedoms would soon Those nominated were: Councillor J. V. be lost. On the other hand it was evi- Bonhomme, of Timmins; E. Lefebyre. dent that freedom of speech would be of Ansonville; W. Schweitzer, teacher vain without freedom religion. It seem- of history at Timmins High School; ed to the speaker that with these two Leo Lalonde, of Timmins; and J. F. freedoms at active work, other free- Parker, president of the C.C.F. Feddoms would follow as a matter of eral Association, president of Timmins Have you got spavins or are you course. The two other freedoms-free- C. C. F. Club and active in other C. dom from want and freedom from fear, C.F. circles were negative. The speaker suggested that press and pulpit should work to- dropped out. Mr. Lefebvre lost out in gether for general good, emphasizing the second ballot. The third ballot particularly the need for good homes saw Mr. Schweitzer defeated by a very to assure the new generation the right narrow margin. The fourth bollot was start to become good citizens. After the business of the meeting, the host served a very pleasing lunch.

Old Tubes No Longer slight misunderstanding at Toronto Necessary in Buying fully represented. Similar conditions Toilet Accessories

Public, However, Asked to question be allowed an extra delegate Voluntarily Return Old Tubes.

tario Prices and Supply representa- | condidates. tive. The official pointed out that as a result of Board order No. 175, four hundred thousand pounds of empty To give blood at the Blood Donor's tubes were returned, producing 90,000 tinued for some time, it is hoped that pounds of pure tin. This was salvaged at a very critical period and was a splendid contribution to the general war effort by the public in general. However, as the percentage of pure tin now used in the manufacture of these tubes is so vastly reduced, the Board Special honour was paid N. J. Mc- no longer considers the Order justifiable and has revoked it. In revoking the order it is pointed out that the sale of tooth paste, shaving cream and other commodities packaged in this manner should be greatly stimulated now that this inconvenient practice has

> In his address in reply, Mr. McAulay ship he had enjoyed during the many years since he had come to the North

Mr. J. F. Parker, who for some years has conducted an electrical supplies business in the Dalton building on Third avenue, featuring washing machines and other household appliances was chosen on Saturday last as the C.C.F. candidate for the coming elec-

tion in the Federal riding of Cochrane. The convention was held in the Empire hotel on Saturday evening, and Timmins, Tisdale, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane and other C.C.F. clubs in the Ames and M. McGuire, of Kirkland Lake, were also present in an advisory capacity, though not being regular delegates, Kirkland Lake not being in it is part of the provincial riding.

Four ballots were necessary to decide the winner and even then Mr. Leo Lalonde proved a very close second in the fourth frame

There were six nominated. One of these, Mr. David Revels, of Cochrane, declined to contest the convention, thus

After the first vote Mr. Bondomme between Messrs Parker and Lalonde. the latter losing out by only a very few

Before the meeting started it was called to attention that due to some headquarters Iroquois Falls was not were also said to be the case in regard to both Timmins and Schumacher Clubs. After some discussion it was agreed that each of the three clubs in to adjust the matter. This was done before the voting on the selection of a candidate.

Among those making brief addresses Commencing on Tuesday of this week during the convention were the fol-February 15, it is no longer necessary; lowing: G. Lowe, of Cochrane, who to turn in an empty tube before a new | nominated Mr. Parker: J. T. White, tube of any commodity put up in such 'Timmins, nominating Mr. Lalonde; J. centainers may be legally purchased G. Malkin, Schumacher, nominating In case you should give up the ghost. or sold. This announcement was made Mr. Schweitzer;; Edmund Madden, of at the Regional Office of the W.P.T.B. Iroquois Falls, nominating Mr. Lefe-Monday by A. T. Smith Northern On- byre; B. Poitras, of Timmins and the

> been eliminated. Nevertheless, as the salvaging of these tubes will be conthe public will voluntarily continue to "return the empties."

> > BOLD FELLOW

Housewife (to beggar just furnished with a meal) — Well, did it taste good? Beggar - Yes'm - what are we going to have tomorrow? - Globe and Mail.



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Fire Threatens, Let Us Help You Check Your Fire Insurance.

Simms-Hooker & Pickering

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