

First Phase of Invasion Successfully Completed

Council Again Discusses Question of Tag Days and Events of Similar Kind

Questions Arises from Request of French-Speaking Residents to Sell Maple Leafs on St. Jean Baptiste Day. To Instal Fountains at Beaches. Other Matters Before Town Council.

At the regular meeting of the Timmins town council on Monday Councillor J. W. Spooner, acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Brunette, conducted the session in very effective way. There were a great many questions before the meeting, some of them easily contentions, but the acting mayor showed such tact and patience that the session was a very harmonious one, despite decided differences of opinion.

One matter that created much discussion was the request of a committee of French-speaking residents to be permitted to sell maple leaf souvenirs on street on St. Jean Baptiste Day. Some of the council felt that this permission would upset the arrangement under which the Timmins Welfare Federation functions with the express purpose of limiting tag days. Acting Mayor Spooner pointed out that the Federation plan had been adopted following complaint of many at the unusual number of tag days in town. "One every day," commented one councillor. "And some in between," was another comment. There were only four tag days now allowed, and if another request were granted it would open the way to a return to the old and unsatisfactory plan. Spokesman for the committee and Councillor Bonhomme both pointed out that the Welfare Federation was organized for charitable and patriotic organizations. St. Jean Baptiste Day was the national day of French Canada and was observed all over the Dominion. It was national in the same way that the National Institute for the Blind or the Boy Scouts were national. Councillor Bonhomme thought the council would do well to grant the request. The spokesman for the committee said that the maple leaves would be sold only to those who wished to buy to wear them in honour of the day. Councillor Eyre thought that if the maple leaves were sold only to French-Canadians the case was not like an ordinary tag day where all were approached. Acting Mayor Spooner suggested that the emblem might be sold at the church doors without contravening the town regulations and also he was of the opinion that no permission was necessary from the town to sell such emblems in local business places. The regulations did not extend to private property. Councillor Bonhomme proposed a motion that the permission be given but as this motion did not get a seconder the matter was dropped.

The members present at the meeting were the acting mayor and Councillors Gladstone, Eyre, McDermott and Bonhomme.

Councillor Eyre advised the earlier opening of town playgrounds and this was endorsed by Councillor Bonhomme who added suggestions for extensions in this service.

District Services Limited asked for the rental of a street allowance not used by the town. Councillor Eyre thought that the town should have such revenue as the land in many cases was used without disadvantage to the town. It was all right so long as the town could take over the property whenever the need arose.

The question of coal sheds permitted when there was danger of coal shortage was referred to Councillors Eyre, Bonhomme and McDermott to investigate and see if such sheds, not needed now were being continued in use.

The J. O. C. was granted permission to use the Timmins Park for a picnic on July 30th. The Educational Committee on Co-operation was also granted the use of the park for June 25th.

The necessary permission for a Corpus Christi parade on June 11th was granted to the Parochial Committee of the Notre Dames des Lourdes Church. Permission was also given for the erection of arches on the street for the occasion.

The Ontario Municipal Dept. approved expenditures of \$75,294.20 by the town for waterworks extensions. It was explained that this covered the increase in the size of the watermain in the Patricia Blvd. section, which was planned to do as soon as possible, but it also included other work that would not likely be undertaken this year.

Permission was granted to Boy Scouts for their big parade on Saturday.

The grant of \$3,000 to St. Mary's hospital was passed for payment.

A letter was received from Timmins Citizens' Band pointing out that owing to the fact that the Hollinger grant this year would not be more than \$250.00 the band would be faced with a deficit unless the council could increase its grant. The question was referred

to Councillor Eyre for a report and recommendation.

A letter signed by 15 property owners called attention to the extremely low water pressure on Railroad street. The pressure was so low that it was not enough for gardens or homes, to say nothing of fire protection. On the suggestion of Councillor Gladstone the question was referred to the Chairman of the Fire and Light and Waterworks Committees.

In the Fire Chief's report for the month reference was made to the value of the boat purchased for life-saving work. Councillor Gladstone asked if the town had the latest and best in the way of life-saving equipment. If not, he would urge that the most modern equipment of this kind be secured.

Five residents of Birch Street south of the track wrote in regard to improvements in their section. They had no roads, walks, street lights, hydrants or sewers. Councillor Gladstone expressed the opinion that very early consideration should be given the matter if the properties were within the town limits.

Councillor Karl Eyre suggested that a resolution be drafted after the meeting to send to Mayor Brunette for submission to the Canadian Mayors' convention which he was attending. This resolution urged that control of air lines after the war be not confined to one or two controls as no monopoly was desired in regard to air service.

The question of purchasing a page advertisement in the anniversary and mining edition of The Daily Press was re-opened. Councillor Eyre said that when the question was considered before he did not know it was a mining edition. The acting mayor said that he was not interested in any anniversary numbers but a mining edition was a different matter. Ralph Jackson, advertising manager for The Press, spoke on behalf of the edition. Eventually the matter was left for the acting mayor to decide.

Councillor Eyre told Council that there had been a lifeguard at Gillies Lake since May 24th, on a part time basis and under the direction of Fire Chief Stanley.

Councillor Gladstone called attention to the fact that the only way to get a drink at Gillies Lake was direct from a tap. There had been a tin cup attached to the tap but that was equally unsanitary. He recommended that a drinking fountain be installed. Councillor Eyre replied that provision had been made in the estimates for this. Councillor Gladstone thought that in the interests of public health there should be a fountain at both Gillies Beach and at the river.

Heavy Rains Check Bush Fires

All Fires in This District Now Fully Curbed.

The heavy rains during the past week have completely curbed all bush fires in this district. Through the good work of the Forestry Dept. and the Auxiliary crews helping, including the Timmins firemen, the fires near Timmins had been checked, and rain and hail falling in the past week put the finishing touches on the good work.

Lieut. H. J. Gurnell's Injuries Not Serious

Mr. John Gurnell, 7 John Street, received a letter to-day from his son, Lieut. H. J. Gurnell, who was reported last week as being wounded in action in Italy. Lieut. Gurnell is in base hospital and is not seriously wounded. He was hit in the head, but the injury is not a serious one. In the letter he notes that while the Nazis got a few of the boys, it was nothing to what the troops gave them.

PLEASURE TRIPPERS



Crowded coaches, men and women of the armed forces standing in the aisles and leaning against the seats: these are familiar sights on Canadian railways these days. After four and a half years of war, and when all facilities are strained to provide transportation for the invasion tools of war, unessential travel should be off the books. Passenger trains everywhere are overtaxed enough now with essential travellers, without having 'pleasure trippers' tagging along as well.

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Several Hundred Meet Mr. John Bracken on His Visit to Timmins Friday

Dinner in His Honour at Empire Hotel. Progressive Conservative Leader Spends Several Hours Meeting People Here. Mr. Bracken Describes his Tour of All Canada. Sees Great Future for North.

Mr. John Bracken, national leader of the Progressive Conservative party, visited Timmins on Friday last on his tour of the North Land. He came here from Kirkland Lake after visiting Haileybury, Cobalt, New Liskeard, Larder Lake and other centres. He left here on Saturday morning for Cochrane, Smooth Rock Falls, Kapuskasing, Hearst and Sauls Ste. Marie.

Mr. Bracken was accompanied here by Mr. Harry Willis, chief organizer of the party for Ontario.

On his arrival here he was the guest of honour at a dinner at the Empire Hotel. The other guests at this dinner included the members of the executive of the Conservative association of Timmins, S. Porcupine and the district of Cochrane, among those present were, Mr. Bracken; Mr. Willis; Mr. Frank Bailey, president of the district Association; Mr. Frank McDowell, secretary of the district; Mr. Don McInnis, president of the Timmins Association; Mr. Geo. Richards, secretary of Timmins executive, and Mrs. Richards; Roy Hardy, P. J. Dunlop, Councillor J. W. Spooner, G. A. MacDonald, Dr. McClin-ton, Mrs. W. O. Langdon, Mrs. Munroe, Timmins; Mrs. H. Shook, president of the Women's Division of Timmins; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans, W. Skinner, South Porcupine; Geo. Cameron, Mr. Fagen, Iroquois Falls; Robt. Potter, Matheson; A. C. White, Hoyie; and others. After the dinner had been enjoyed, Mr. Willis in a bright and happy address introduced the guest of the evening, Mr. Bracken, who spoke briefly but very effectively.

After the tables had been cleared away, Mr. Bracken spent a couple of hours just meeting and greeting people of the town and district, several hundred having accepted the general invitation extended on behalf of Mr. Bracken who had expressed the desire to meet as many as possible. The dinner and reception were in the main dining room of the Empire hotel, Mr. Bracken made a very decided impression on all he met, his personality and his interest and sincerity winning all. The personal interest he showed in meeting new people and the way he remembered all he had met before were noted by all. If he wins as many friends everywhere on his tour of Canada as he did here, he will most assuredly be the next premier of Canada.

During the evening, Mr. Bracken addressed the large number gathered in the main dining room. He was introduced to the gathering by Dr. McClin-ton, and the story he told in response to the introduction won his audience. He explained the purpose of the tour he has made to visit every part of the Dominion. He said that he wanted to be well acquainted not only with every section of the country but also with the people of every

section. He gave a vivid description of Canada from the extreme east to the distant west, and from the south border to the Far North, every part of the Dominion having been visited by him. He made graphic reference to the industries and people of each area, and showed that he had a thorough acquaintance with every part of the Dominion. This fact was illustrated by his references to this North Land and its main industries. He emphasized the fact that the gold mines would play an important part after the war. There will be need for extension of industry so as to provide employment. If proper care is taken, the mines will be able to employ an increasing number of men and this will mean more employment in other lines also. There was the danger of undue taxation. Present taxation of mines forced the industry to avoid low grade ore, and this meant that unless there was a change the country would lose forever a large amount of wealth in the ground. He had firm faith in the future of gold and believed that a policy should be adopted that would encourage the fullest possible operation of present mines and the encouragement of the development of new mines. Prospecting should be encouraged. There are 13,000 mining concerns in Canada, he said, giving direct employment to 100,000 men, and indirectly but assuredly making a livelihood for 1,000,000 people—one eighth of the population of Canada. Mining accordingly was very important. It is the third largest industry in the Dominion, being only excelled by manufacturing and agriculture. While championing the cause of the farmer and labour, Mr. Bracken urged a square deal for all and a chance for all. In referring to the war and after, Mr. Bracken said that the present is the most challenging period in all history. Equipped as the world is today with the accumulated knowledge of the ages, all the inventions and the progress that has been made, he called on all to put their best efforts into the task of winning the war, winning the peace, and helping to build a better world for the common man.

The applause that followed the address gave its own message of approval, and the words of thanks to Mr. Bracken for his visit and for his address, as expressed by the chairman of the gathering, Mr. Frank Bailey, indicated the appreciation that all present felt for the speaker and his address.

The late Mrs. LaRue resided at 107 Sixth avenue.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the Church of Nativity, Funeral arrangements are under S. T. Walker.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, John, and several children.

Death Yesterday of Mrs. Josephine LaRue

The death occurred on Wednesday, June 7th, at St. Mary's hospital of Mrs. Josephine LaRue, at the age of 53 years.

Big Initiation to be Held at Legion Hall on Saturday

Special Ceremony to be Both Interesting and Impressive.

With the completion of plans for the large initiation ceremony to be held in the Legion hall, on Saturday, June 10th, the members are assured of a very interesting evening.

For the past two months a number of the members have been studying their parts in the degree work, special effects have all been prepared and are now ready to go ahead with the degree work in connection with the initiation ceremony. So that as large a number of members as possible can witness this work for the first time a special night was decided upon.

There will be over 30 in the class for initiation and at the close of the ceremony a social evening will be held with a "pasty" supper as a special feature. All members are requested to be in the hall before 8.30 p.m. on account of the fact that the ceremony cannot be interrupted once it has been commenced.

Another point stressed is that the entertainment committee would like to see a very good attendance, with all helping in the programme.

The ceremony is very impressive and elaborately carried through and those taking the initiation will be glad they have become full-fledged members of The Canadian Legion.

Time is 8.30 p.m. Place is Legion Hall. And the Date is Saturday evening, June 10th.

F.O. Hugh Murphy Now Reported as Prisoner-of-War

Former Sports Editor of The Advance Recently Listed as Missing.

Flying Officer Hugh ("Pat") Murphy, formerly sports editor of The Advance, was recently reported as "missing" after operational flight over enemy territory. Information to this effect was sent to his parents who reside in Falconbridge. Pat's hosts of friends have been "pulling" for him ever since the news reached here of his being on the missing list. This week the good news is given out that he has turned up safe and sound, but as a prisoner-of-war. All in Timmins will be glad to know of Pat's safety, while regretting that he has been taken prisoner, but there is the comfort that at the present rate of progress in the war it will not be long before his comrades will be along to free him.

Former Esteemed Resident of Timmins Dies at Shillington

Funeral of Mrs. George Starling Largely Attended.

There was very general regret here to learn of the death at her home at Shillington on Friday last of Mrs. George Starling, for many years a valued resident of this town.

The late Mrs. Starling was born in London, England, in 1877, and came to Canada in 1913, arriving at Waterville, Que. The family moved to Timmins in 1923, residing here until 1935, when they moved to Shillington.

In Timmins Mrs. Starling was a member of Arbutus Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and also of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Timmins Branch 88 of the Canadian Legion. For several years she was stewardess at the Timmins Golf Club. She was widely known and highly esteemed, and there will be general sorrow at her passing.

The funeral took place on Monday, the Order of the Eastern Star conducting their beautiful service at the house. A large number from Timmins and district went to Shillington for the funeral on Monday.

The near relatives left to mourn the loss of Mrs. Starling are: the bereaved husband, George Starling, of Shillington; three sons, George, of Timmins, now in the Veteran Guards of Canada (Active), Cecil, of Cornwall, Ont., and Robert, of Timmins; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Mrs. Alfred Rodell and Mrs. Robt. Cornish, both of Lennoxville, Que.; one brother, Herbert, of Chingford, Eng.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the Church of Nativity, Funeral arrangements are under S. T. Walker.

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Allied Landing Beaches Have Been Completely Cleared of Resistance

Capture of Bayeux Announced. Allied Casualties Less Than Expected. First Counterattack of Enemy Has Been Repulsed. Not a Canadian Plane Lost, but Canadians Bag Nineteen Enemy Planes.

Expect Better Weather

To-day will be mostly cloudy but turning fair and gradually warmer, said Mr. S. Wheeler of the Hollinger Weather Observatory this morning, and the week-end will be mostly fair and warmer. At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer stood at 42 degrees. Rain-fall for the week was .57 inches.

Maximum and minimum temperatures for the week were Thursday, June 1st, 66 and 38; Friday, June 2nd, 44 and 27; Saturday, June 3rd, 50 and 29; Sunday, June 4th, 65 and 48; Monday, June 5th, 77 and 42; Tuesday, June 6th, 43 and 37; Wednesday, June 7th, 52 and 40.

Linen Shower to be Held June 12 to 26 for Aid to Russia

Valuable Prizes Donated for Ticket Holders.

Throughout the province of Ontario from June 12th, to June 26th, a linen shower is to be held by the benefit of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund work. The gallant Russian allies are in great need of the articles that will be gathered in this shower and it is expected that the response will be ready and generous. Valuable prizes have been donated for ticket holders so the shower will have double interest.

In the Porcupine area the committee in charge of the Aid to Russia Fund is making preparations to assure the success of the linen shower. Mr. Sol. Sky, of South Porcupine, is the chairman of this committee and he and his assistants in the work are doing all possible to make the linen shower outstandingly successful.

A message to the readers of The Advance from Mr. Sky this week says: "Make ready what you can spare of your own towels, pillow slips, sheets, bed spreads, quilts and blankets, all in good shape, or you may buy linen for this shower so that you too may make a contribution to this worthy cause."

Special Service at Mountjoy United Church on Sunday

Thanksgiving to Celebrate the Paying Off of the Building Debt.

The Mountjoy United Church will hold a special service of thanksgiving on Sunday next, June 11, to celebrate the paying off of the building debt with which the church opened in January, 1942. Various officials will take part in the service. This will be followed on Wednesday, June 14, by a congregational social at which there will be a musical programme and refreshments.

Several Injured When Car Turns Over on the Road to Buffalo-Ankerite

Mrs. J. V. Neily Suffers Several Fractures in Accident. Three Other Ladies in Hospital as Result of Mishap. Car Goes Out of Control After Hitting the Soft Shoulder at One Side of the Road.

While Mr. R. V. Neily, of the Buffalo-Ankerite, was driving home from attending the funeral of Mrs. Geo. Starling, his car after hitting the soft shoulder of the road went out of control turning over a couple of times before it came to rest. In the car, in addition to Mr. Neily, were Mrs. Neily, Mrs. E. H. King, Mrs. M. MacMillan (Schumacher), Mrs. Fred Jackson and Mrs. Dave Bennett (Schumacher) and her little granddaughter, Anne. All in the car were injured with the exception of Mrs. Bennett and her granddaughter. Mr. Neily escaped with some bruises and a severe shaking up, but Mrs. Neily,

The Allied invasion of France, which opened on Tuesday this week, is making excellent progress, and the first phase of the operation has been successfully completed. Landings were made along 100 miles of Normandy coast between Cherbourg and Le Havre, 11,000 planes pulverized defences; 1,000 Allied planes and gliders carried thousands of paratroopers; 4,000 ships, with thousands of smaller craft safely transported the forces. Casualties are reported as small. The Navy helped in the silencing of enemy guns and the smashing of defences.

This morning London, Eng., reports the capture of Bayeux, 18 miles north of Caen, and the cutting of the highway from Bayeux to Caen.

Allied landing beaches have been entirely cleared of enemy resistance and most of the beachheads consolidated.

The first Nazi counterattack in the vicinity of Caen has been repulsed. Canadians are said to be fighting in that area.

London despatch this morning says the R.C.A.F. pilots flew almost 1,000 sorties yesterday. No Canadian losses reported, but the Canadians bagged 19 German planes.

Reports from Ankara suggest that the Russians are starting another big drive.

First Two-Piano Recital to be Given in Timmins by Local Students

Miss Claire Vachon and Miss Alice Giovannelli to Present Programme on June 16th.

For the first time in Timmins a two-piano recital will be given in St. Anthony's hall, on Friday, June 16th. The artists are graduates of Sister Claire of the Sisters of the Assumption convent. Miss Claire Vachon, and Miss Alice Giovannelli, both of whom have graduated in the A.T.C.M. class of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. This will be a real treat for music lovers. Tickets are now available for this musical evening which commences at 8.00 p.m.

Annual Conference Women's Auxiliary Moosonee Diocese

Being Held This Week at Iroquois Falls.

South Porcupine, June 7th. Special to The Advance.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Anglican Church, for the Diocese of Moosonee is holding its annual conference on Wednesday and Thursday this week at Iroquois Falls.

Attending from South Porcupine are Mrs. W. H. Johns (president), Mrs. J. E. Woodall (vice-president), and Mrs. Wm. Fairhurst (treasurer), Mrs. A. H. Cooke, of Schumacher, and Mrs. W. Pritchard of Timmins, with Archdeacon Woodall and Mrs. Renison are also attending.

Mrs. King, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. MacMillan all required hospital treatment.

Mrs. Neily is the most seriously injured, suffering fractures of the shoulder, wrist, breastbone, as well as shock and lacerations. Mrs. King, who was thrown out of the car, has a badly bruised and lacerated face. Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Jackson suffered bruises and lacerations. All are making good progress to recovery, and Mrs. King, Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Jackson are leaving the hospital to-night to return to their homes. Mrs. Neily is also progressing well, and will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.