

## Council Moves To End Taxi Tie-up

### Mayor Rises To Defend Councillors Resume Operations By Friday Noon Or Else, Is Council's Demand

#### Bonhomme's Newspaper Statement "Cowardly" Mayor Tells Council

Philip Fay Demands Apology For Statement; Demand Is Refused

"It is my duty to see that people work together," Mayor J. E. Brunette told the council on Wednesday afternoon. "This is the first time in my seven years as Mayor I have had to come down to speak in this way."

The Mayor had asked Councillor W. P. McDermott, as Deputy-Mayor, to take the chair, so that he could take freer part in the council discussion. He sat next to Councillor J. V. Bonhomme, whose press interview suggested the miner-councillors refrain from voting on the water contract. Below -- Councillor Philip Fay who demanded an apology from Councillor Bonhomme.



#### HERE'S WHO!

At the right -- Mayor J. E. Brunette, who started the fireworks yesterday in defending the integrity of his miner-councillors. At the left -- Councillor J. V. Bonhomme, whose press interview suggested the miner-councillors refrain from voting on the water contract. Below -- Councillor Philip Fay who demanded an apology from Councillor Bonhomme.



#### Pass Building By-Law

A letter from the Ontario Municipal Board advised Council on Wednesday that they could not consider approval of the amended building by-law until it had received its third reading. This the council attended to and the by-law is now passed so far as council is concerned.

#### Timmins Is Growing

A small section, north of Jubilee Ave., as extended and west of North Road is to be annexed by the town of Timmins, on a resolution passed by Council on Wednesday. Councillor J. V. Bonhomme, stating he was an interested party, received permission to refrain from voting.

#### Mayor Proposes District Judge Pass On Merits Of Town's Water Contract

"I have no apology to offer for the statements made in the 'Timmins Press,'" Councillor Bonhomme retorted. "When I see that already results have taken place."

Councillor Bonhomme claimed to have in his possession a letter which would necessitate amendments in the Gore-Storrer report on the waterworks question. He stated the letter had to do with a matter of assessment which had not been considered by the engineers making the report, and which he thought would upset the conclusion they had come to.

"You are not creating the right atmosphere here," Mr. Bonhomme told the Mayor. "I have nothing else but appreciation and admiration for the gentlemen who devoted their time to the welfare of the people."

Councillor Bonhomme voiced his disagreement with the Mayor's contention that he had offended the councillors who worked in the Hollinger Mines.

"I was much touched when I saw the Press," Councillor Fay stated. "I never thought when I joined up the second time that I would have a finger pointed at me by a man who said I was dishonest."

"It is an insult to me and to my comrades and to the men working with me in the mines," Councillor Fay continued. "I demand an apology."

"I will not give it," Councillor Bonhomme retorted. "Where is this statement you refer to?"

"In the Press," replied Mr. Fay.

"I heartily concur with Councillor Fay," Councillor Roberts told the council.

#### Eighty-One Fires Cost Timmins Citizens \$7735

The report of the Timmins Fire Dept., given to Council yesterday afternoon, stated there were 81 alarms received in January with damage assessed at \$7,735, \$2,540 of which was covered by insurance.

The Mayor also surprised when I read the Press. It is not often one gets publicity, and I don't care for that type of publicity. I've carried a lunch pail for 25 years and have been a member of council for seven years. I will leave it to the people to decide what they think."

"I am surprised that a colleague of mine should try to guide me in how to vote," Councillor Roberts continued. "You may rest assured that when the question comes up I will do the proper thing -- it was not the Hollinger Mine who elected me."

"I would like to answer Mr. Bonhomme's contention that if he had his own way this report would have been referred to a committee," Mayor Brunette stated. "When something is brought before council, we set up a committee to report on it, but when a report comes back from competent people, we accept it."

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#### Merchants Ponder Possible Change In Shopping Hours

Petitions for the purpose of determining whether Timmins merchants will continue to remain closed on Wednesday and open all day Saturday or reverse the procedure by taking a holiday Saturday afternoon and remain open Wednesday, are now being circulated by the Timmins Merchants Association.

It is stated that some 75% of the merchants must sign petition for early Saturday closing before it can be made effective. Meanwhile stores hours will continue as at present, and the public will be advised of any change in their shopping hours.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in the early part of March.

#### Even Police Force Has Valentines, Reporter's Investigations Disclose

Despite Dubious History, St. Valentine's Tradition Is Carried On Today

To day is St. Valentine's day and any readers who might have forgotten the fact have doubtless by this time been reminded of their neglect and have made a quick dash down to the corner for a box of chocolates or have promised to take the girl to the All Services Ball tonight, to make up for it.

For the day of St. Valentine, an Italian Saint, has been celebrated as a lover's festival since the middle ages.

The origin of St. Valentine's day is surrounded by many pretty legends, but scholars say there is no proof for any of them, naturally.

Some of the stories regarding the occasion state that the exact source of the custom is not known. Others offer the opinion that St. Valentine was in no way connected with the origin and still other tales of the day imply that St. Valentine was definitely responsible for the starting of the age-old custom.

One of these stories states that St. Valentine was thrown into a dungeon that had but one small window, his only misdeed, being that of having too many friends.

Shortly after he had been taken by his enemies and thrown into the dungeon, one of his pigeons, previously trained to carry small gifts to his friends among the poor, perched on the little opening that served as a window.

Immediately Valentine thought of a way to get his little gifts to his many friends. He had with him a small piece of paper and a few violets, and by tearing the paper into heart-shaped sections, placing the violets in two small holes made in the heart

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#### BOY SCOUT WEEK COMMENCES ON SUNDAY, FEB. 17

#### Will Begin With Parades To Various Churches

Boy Scout week will be held in Timmins from Sunday Feb. 17, to Saturday Feb. 23. Commencing Sunday, the troops will meet at the Hollinger Hall at 11 a.m. and from there will proceed to the different churches. Roman Catholic church parades will be held at the Church of the Nativity at 11.30 a.m., and the Protestant parades will be held at St. Matthews Anglican church at 12 noon.

Beside the special events scheduled for the week the flag at the Cenotaph will be raised and lowered by each of the different troops for that period.

On Tuesday night the South End Troop will hold a father and son banquet and the local troops will hold their banquet on Thursday night for patrol leaders and sixers.

#### Wants Algonquin Gladioli Planted In Station Park

K. G. Cambridge, obviously a keen gardener, urged in a letter read to council on Wednesday, the planting of red Algonquin gladioli in the Station Park. They were available at \$80 per thousand, Mr. Cambridge stated.

"A very beautiful thought," Councillor Wm. Roberts, comments, and Council agreed the matter merited further consideration.

#### Mayor Describes Drivers' Wages As "Damn Shame" Congratulates Dalton

"We have no by-law to compel operators of taxi stands to go back into business," Mayor J. E. Brunette told the council yesterday afternoon. "But we have the authority to cancel their licenses at a moment's notice."

"The public is concerned in this matter," the mayor said. "I don't think the taxi owners need to raise the fares."

The Mayor asked for authority to speak over the radio, advising the operators to get back into business by Friday or their licenses would be cancelled.

"I congratulate Dalton's," the Mayor said. "They are the only ones in business. They went on the eight-hour day at \$5 a day, a week ago. It is a damn shame how the others have been paid."

"On Sunday I got a call about Dalton's and what they were paying and the others said they would join a union to get the eight-hour day. The employers asked their men if they had joined the union, then fired them all," the Mayor stated.

"Then it is a boycott by the companies?" Councillor Ellen Terry asked.

"Yes," the Mayor replied.

"I don't think we should dictate," said Councillor Wm. Roberts. "But if the strike has been started by the operators, we should tell them to get back into business or else."

"Let's have a meeting with the operators," suggested Councillor Bonhomme.

"We will get the same answer as

#### Val' Dor Suggests Action For Northern Air Route

Council on Wednesday afternoon considered the invitation from Val-D'Or to attend a conference to be held there on the subject of northern airlines, particularly a project to establish a Montreal-Toronto flight that would include landings at Kirkland Lake, Timmins and other northern towns. There is everything to be gained if we act together with a single purpose," the letter stated.

They have already given," the Mayor stated. "Let them come to us."

"I believe there are other firms who have had trouble with labor but they did not close down, even if they took a loss," Councillor Wm. J. Doran pointed out. "I do not think the operators should have closed down."

"I agree with the Mayor's suggestion," said Deputy-Mayor McDermott. "How about sending the operators a registered letter?" asked Councillor Terry.

"That might be an idea," the Mayor agreed.

"Then they would not have the excuse that they were not listening to the radio," Mr. Doran said.

"Anything that will get results," the Mayor said.

The Mayor's motion, "that the local taxi-stand operators be instructed by registered mail to resume operations by noon Feb. 15, 1946; failing which, a special meeting of the council be held on Friday, Feb. 15 at 4.15 p.m. to consider cancellation of the licenses," was seconded by Councillor Bonhomme and passed unanimously.

#### WPTB Speaker Urges Greater Understanding Of Govt. Regulations

More Milk Consumed Therefore Less Butter Available, Women Told

Mrs. C. M. Wright of Toronto, National Convener of Price Study panels, in connection with WPTB accompanied by Mrs. Harvey, Field Representative, WPTB active in press and radio work, gave a most interesting talk to women in the Oddfellows' Hall, Timmins on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. A. Rose of Timmins acted as chairman at this meeting and the guest speaker was introduced by Mrs. Maxwell-Smith of South Porcupine.

The meeting was not attended by as many ladies as should have been interested but those who did attend enjoyed and were thoroughly interested in Mrs. Wright's topic.

Mrs. Wright, north country born, was thrilled to be back in this country again, she said, and paid the women of the north, and of Canada, great compliments concerning their activity through the war years in the consumers branch of the WPTB, and the excellent results obtained.

Price control is only effective by co-operation, which she urged. Inflation is the bugbear which must be kept down, now that the war is over. "We still are trying to control and keep a controlled and orderly decontrolled system."

She spoke of the problems of the next few years. Supplies of necessities are adequate, but of necessity there must be waiting for some things which are scarce on the market today. Women are urged to understand conditions, the speaker stated.

Emergency war time rationing and controls must now give way slowly to peace-time democratic ways, and trade competition, she said.

"A delicate balancing operation" she described the present situation, preventing inflation, and yet allowing for competition.

Plants must be reconverted to peacetime production.

The board has no intention of removing controls on the fundamental essentials of living, only on luxury goods, she said.

Controls will be removed when supplies are adequate. Subsidies are being gradually removed.

The food situation is grave, she said. Draughts in different countries have lessened production and there will be no difference until new crops come in.

The "bottomless pit" of supplying sufficient children's underwear must gradually right itself. There will still be shortages but we are urged to be patient.

#### Thos. Twaddle Found Dead

Mr. Thomas Twaddle, 57 Elm St. South, was found dead in the basement of his home this forenoon.

Police were notified of the happening at 10.40 and Sgt. Lepic answered the call. Mr. Twaddle was found lying on the floor near a 22 rifle, with wounds to the side of his head, near the ear. On the arrival of the police, Mr. Twaddle was dead and both Dr. Day and Dr. Minthorn, coroner were summoned.

Mrs. Twaddle, an invalid, was in the upper storey of the house at the time and unable to investigate herself, she called to town employees, working outside the home, to come to her assistance.

Mr. Twaddle has been a resident of Timmins for many years, operating a small grocery store on Birch St. South.

Information other than this is as yet not available.

#### Library Board's Annual Report Shows 162,389 Circulation Last Year

Seventy-Six Classes Of Children Visited Library During 1945

A total of 162,389 books was circulated by the Timmins public library in 1945, according to a report presented by the librarian, Miss Alice Habib, to annual meeting of the library board last week.

Of the adult books, 64,846 were English and 17,769 were French. In the juvenile class, 48,595 books were circulated, in English and 31,179 in French, the report stated.

A slight decrease in circulation occurred this year, it is reported, due in part to the fact publishers had difficulty in supplying all books ordered, and school libraries supplied students with more reference books.

With the object of introducing all school children to the library, classes are invited to visit, listen to book talks and to browse around the shelves

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#### John Blackshaw Elected Chairman of Board Name Building Committee

The following book buying committees were appointed: Miss A. Habib, K. Stubbs and C. McCann as buyers of fiction; Fr. O'Gorman and J. Blackshaw as buyers of non-fiction; Miss C. MacKeracher and S. M. Robinson as buyers of juvenile books, Miss C. Vachon, F. Gauthier and L. Bouley as buyers of French books; Miss A. Habib, F. Burt, S. M. Robinson and F. Gauthier as buyers of periodicals and newspapers.

Mayor J. E. Brunette, J. Blackshaw, K. Stubbs and F. Gauthier were appointed as members of a building committee.

Besides the election of officers and appointment of committees, estimates for the coming year were discussed.

A review of the work of the Public Library and Board, prepared by the chairman, Mr. J. Blackshaw, was given.

#### Presbyterian Church To Honour Memory of Soldier

A special memorial service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. George Aitken at the Mackay Presbyterian church on Sunday morning for the late Tpr. Munroe MacLeod, who was killed in Normandy following the D-Day operations.

A presentation of furniture for the primary department of the Sunday school is being made on behalf of the late Mr. MacLeod, and a small tablet will be unveiled in his memory.

#### Permits Issued For Two New Houses

Two new homes are among the plans indicated by the taking out of building permits this week.

M. Daher, 66 Birch St. South, will construct a house at an estimated cost of \$8,000, and Wm. Pigeon, 158 Commercial Ave., is building a \$1,200 home. F. W. Gill of 30 Knox Ave., is building a new woodshed and Wm. Pater-son of 101 Elm St. South is renewing the posts of his present home.