

## COUNCIL ONLY PARTLY RESPONSIBLE

"Something had better be done about the tax setup, or mining communities like Kirkland Lake will be threatened with a return to the slump conditions of 1942-43," states The Northern News in its "Editorial of the Week."

The editorial goes on to say that with a rising cost of living and widespread strikes breeding more and more inflation, there will have to be a revision of municipal taxes. "The average working man," states the editorial, "cannot continue to be carrying the weight of a heavy industry on his shoulders. The municipal councils have all spoken their piece and Queen's Park has committed itself to do something. Now it is time for the federal government to place its cards on the table," the editorial concludes.

All of which we support, in an effort to draw to the attention of the Timmins Ratepayers Association the fact that if they want to inform themselves on the reasons for the present tax rate, they will need more than the two men delegated to attend meetings of the Town Council.

The Taxpayers' Association, we suggest, would do well to appoint another committee to study the proposals already made to the provincial government concerning mining taxation; another committee to approach the federal member of parliament with the same idea in mind; and still another committee to attend meetings of the various school boards in Timmins.

We would, in short, point out to the Ratepayers Association exactly what Ex-Mayor Bartleman might have pointed out at its first meeting -- that the Town Council controls only a portion of the expenses which result in the present tax rate. A committee attending the council meetings will learn only a quarter of the story, and certainly not enough to give the Ratepayers Association intelligent guidance in reading the entire book.

The conditions which have created a higher tax rate in Timmins are giving similar difficulty to other northern mining municipalities. Obviously, therefore, the members of the Timmins Council are not entirely responsible. If there is a genuine desire to create a better situation in Timmins, steps will have to be taken in other directions than that leading up the town hall steps.

## NEITHER MANAGEMENT NOR LABOR

In a well-reasoned editorial, the Smith Falls Record-News says that neither management nor organized labor can create the buyers -- whom both depend for their welfare.

"The two, in partnership, can produce goods at a price," the editorial points out. "And this in turn can create buyers. It is therefore neither management nor labor which determines wages and profits. It is the public and that includes in its mass both organized labor and management. On the public's ability to buy the commodities produced, the whole economic structure stands."

"If this is true, then the public becomes the real factor in the case, and the earnings of this public a more important factor than the wages of labour and the profit of management. Therefore any wage agreement that is sharply out of line with the earnings of the vast group of unorganized workers is bound to end nowhere. The monetary prosperity of one group, that forces prices upward until they are beyond the reach of all other groups, will also result in killing the goose that laid the golden egg."

"If the principle of equal pay for equal work, one of the tenets of organized labour, is applied to all labour, then all will be well, for then these unorganized groups that represent about four fifths of the total workers in Canada will be able to consume the surplus of goods beyond its own needs, that organized labour can produce. But if we permit a sharp disparity to arise between the two groups so that the unorganized worker cannot purchase the high-priced goods that high-priced labour can provide, then there will be no jobs to pay these wages."

"For their own protection, then, Capital-Management, must have a thought that the average man's dollar shall not lose its relative parity with the wages that organized labour is demanding or the profit margins that management seeks. The little man who calls the tune is watching."

## CLEAN OUT THE ROWDIES

The writer has on several occasions this year, and last, "sat in" on meetings called for the purpose of holding dances or entertainments for young people. When the question of where these might be held was brought up, several places within the town boundaries of Timmins were suggested, only to meet with the question: "Would you allow YOUR son or daughter to spend an evening at that place?"

The answer was, invariably, a resounding "No!"

It appeared that a number of places in Timmins had acquired such a reputation that parents with some regard for their own good name had refused to allow their teen-age children to attend any function held there.

When any entertainment was held in these places, it was stated that drunks and rowdies, teen-agers among them, hung around the entrances bothering those going in and out, and giving the affair the general appearance of a brawl.

We suggested then, and we suggest now, that something should be done to change such a condition. A new season is starting. Several groups interested in the welfare of the young people of Timmins are planning their schedules of entertainment and dances for the fall and winter. If these organizations find it worthwhile putting their time and effort into providing decent recreation for the young people, they should have some assurance that the results of their efforts should not be muddled up by the presence of a few irresponsibles.

Drunks and rowdies must be taught that it is not good policy to hang around places where young people are trying to enjoy themselves in decent fashion. Action taken now will do much to remove the bad reputation acquired by several such meeting-places in Timmins, thereby making them available to organizations which would like to use them in a good cause.

## PUBLIC FRIENDS, NOS. 1, 2 AND 3

It is much easier to write a critical editorial than one of praise, particularly if the writer is cursed with a mind such as ours. Perhaps it is because pointing out the faults of other people makes one's own foibles look better in comparison. We wouldn't know about that, of course.

The fact remains that most editorials in this and other papers could be classified as "beefs" -- and few could be classified as "boosts."

This editorial, we hope, will be classified as a "boost" -- and it is rather difficult to write. It concerns the recently-held Youth Rally, sponsored by the Junior Youth Welfare Council. Considerable planning was necessary to make that rally possible, we understand, and we're told that a lot of work went into its actual staging.

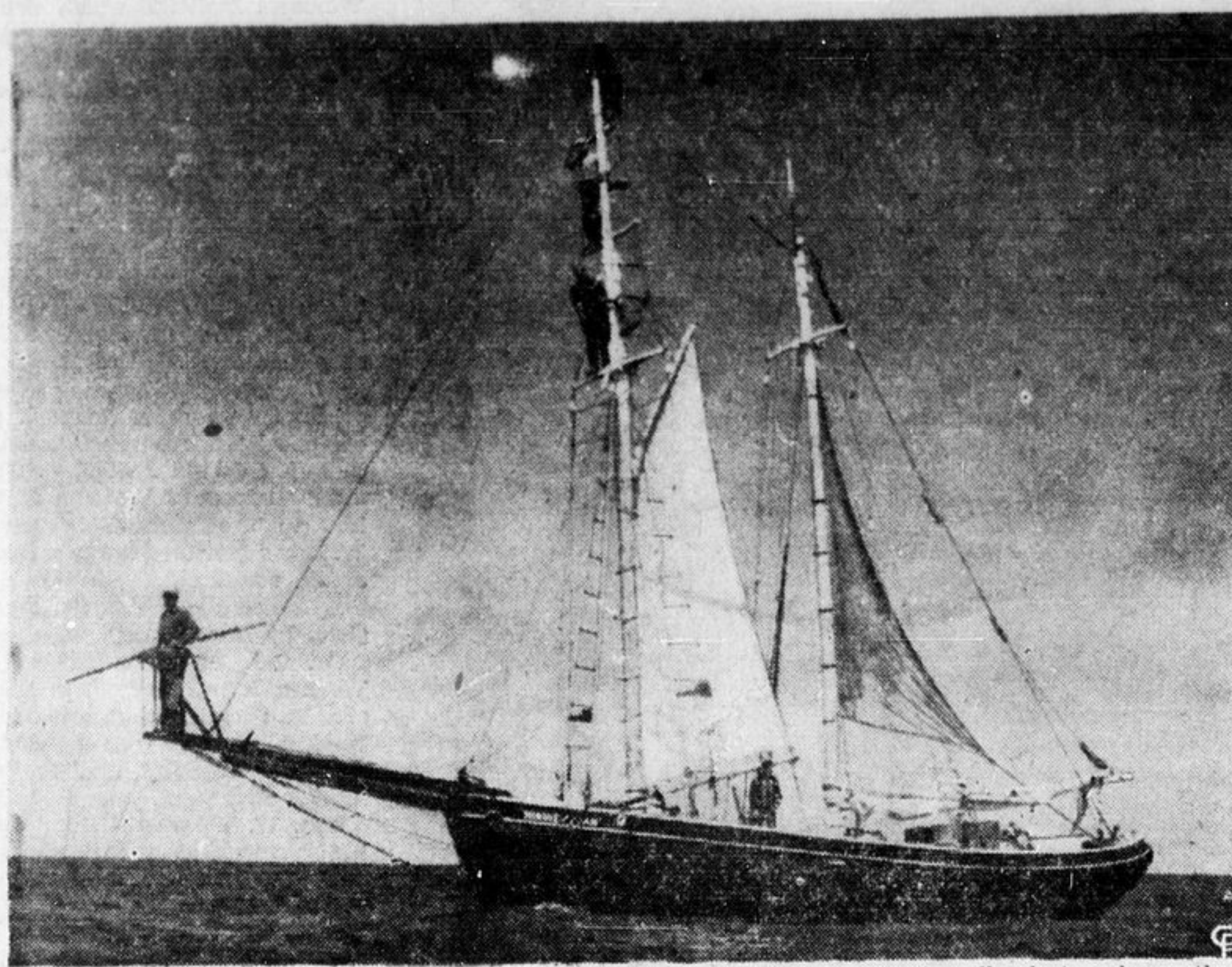
We also learn that all the planning and all the effort would have come to nothing without the assistance of three men. A lot of others helped a great deal, but these three, we are told, were indispensable.

Their names are Henry Kelnick, who has an orchestra, the members of which share in his interest in helping out the young people; Art Dougan, who, when he is not giving the young people a boost, spends his time selling and repairing radios, installing public address systems, intercommunications, and the like; and Dan Mascioli, who, to the great joy of the Youth Welfare Council, has something to do with theatres.

As a result of their efforts we understand the three men mentioned above have been given, for the month of September, the titles of Public Friends, Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

We would say the titles are well earned.

## SWORDFISHING IN NOVA SCOTIA WATERS NEARING SEASON'S END



Typical schooner engaged in swordfishing off the coast of Cape Breton, N.S. is this one which usually lasts until the end of September, is drawing to a close as fishermen make preparations to return to their home ports.

## Timmins, South End Meet On Rugby Field Friday

### 5,800 Smiths In Armed Forces, Kiwanians Told

### System of Records at National Defense H.Q. is Described At Luncheon.

The guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis on Monday at the Empire hotel was Capt. J. M. Belanger, Algonquin Regt. (Ret'd), whose subject was "Records, National Defense Headquarters."

Any one who imagined that this might be a dry subject were agreeably surprised by the interesting way in which the guest speaker dealt with this important branch of the National Defence Dept. work. After serving in the Algonquins, the Air Force Defence and at Newfoundland, Capt. Belanger had been with N.D.H.Q. Records from 1942 to the end of last year.

He showed the necessity for the most complete record of everyone in the services, officers and men, and he described the ingenious card index system whereby this information was kept up to date and available whenever needed.

He illustrated one of the difficulties encountered in keeping such records by mentioning that there were over 5,800 "Smiths" on the roll of service for Canada. So complete were the records that from them it was possible to know exactly where each man was at any given time. In addition to identification details, the records recounted transfers, discharges, honors, casualties, A.W.O.L., next of kin and address, and many other particulars.

The system of card indexing and other methods used were clearly described, and the club members found the address very interesting as well as informative. When the speaker concluded, members of the club felt that they understood now the remarkable work done in the listing of casualties and the notification of next of kin and other details that had impressed thoughtful people.

Kiwanian Frank McDowell introduced the guest speaker. On behalf of the club, Kiwanian A. W. Pickering expressed the thanks of all for the address.

Col. Jack Akehurst, O. C. Algonquins (Reserve), of Kirkland Lake, was another very popular visitor for the day. Since his last previous visit to Timmins Kiwanis, Col. Akehurst has seen many distant and different places in his service with the Commandos, in which he won high honors as an officer. He was asked to say a few words to the club, and in response urged all to give all possible support and moral influence to the Reserve Army, the success of which would have material bearing on the preservation of peace in the world and the defence of Canada.

Community singing was led by Kiwanian F. A. Woodbury, with Secretary W. H. Wilson at the piano.

Guests for the day were: Capt. J. M. Belanger, guest speaker; J. H. R. Akehurst, Kirkland Lake Kiwanis; Vincent Woodbury, Kiwanis, San Antonio, Texas; Dr. P. S. Miller, Columbus, Ohio; W. M. Black, Winnipeg; C. P. Stern, Kiwanis, Brantford; P. Speers, North Bay Kiwanis, (the first visitor from the recently chartered North Bay club to Timmins); H. Lloyd, Bourlemacque, Que.

President G. N. Ross called attention to the fact that Kiwanian Fred Burt was soon to leave Timmins, being trans-

### Schumacher Reputed To Be School To Beat, On Last Year's Record

Some thirty students of the Timmins High and Vocational School are undergoing the toughest training of their young lives at the Hollinger Park. They are prospects for the newly established twelve-man rugby team, preparing for their first game of the season on Friday, against South Porcupine.

Location of the game was stated to be dependant on the result of the Hollinger-McIntyre baseball game last night. As Hollinger won, completing the series, the rugby game will be held at the Hollinger Park and school will probably be let out.

The local players are quite confident of success, but Coaches Clark, Sellars and Murray are keeping the boys steadily at the training program. There has been a practice every day, including Saturday and Sunday, for the past week.

This year's brand of football is new to the players, as they have played only six-man rugby in previous years, but plenty of action is expected. The team to beat in the current schedule is Schumacher, it is stated, as they won both intermediate and Senior titles last year, and are reported to have all last year's players available.

The Timmins team will be limited to playing members under 18 years of age, while the other teams, it is stated, may use players under 20 years.

## Heart Attack Claims War Veteran

A resident of Timmins for the past 19 years, William Martin Meredith, 68 Lakeshore Road, died suddenly from a heart attack early Sunday morning. He was in his 53rd year.

A member of the Canadian Legion here, he had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bird. He was a son of Mrs. M. A. Meredith, South Wales, Eng., who survives him, as do a sister, also of South Wales and two brothers, Victor of Matachewan and George, of London, Ont.

Both brothers were able to attend the funeral services which were conducted on Tuesday afternoon from the First United Church, with Rev. Gilmour Smith officiating. Interment was made in Tisdale cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Hale, Bryn Jones, Jack Thomas, Sandy Bannerman, George Nippers and Ben Stevens. Interment was in Tisdale cemetery.

ferred to Orillia. The president paid earnest tribute to Kiwanian Burt's services to the Timmins club and to Kiwanian ideals.

"He is one of the most hardworking and sincere Kiwanians I have known," the president said, in expressing the regret of all at his removal, and the sincere good wishes that follow him. Secretary W. H. Wilson also paid tribute to Kiwanian Burt's good work for the Kiwanis.

In responding, Kiwanian Burt said he had been a member of Kiwanis since 1933, and any work that he had done had been more than repaid, to his mind, by the friendship he had won and the pleasant associations he had enjoyed in the Kiwanis. He had the sincerest good wishes for the success of Timmins and the Timmins Kiwanis, and extended cordial invitation to Kiwanis visiting Orillia in the future to call on him there.

## POLICE INQUIRY

The long-awaited results of the Commission which inquired into the affairs of the Timmins Police Department, following the discharge of the police chief, deputy-chief and one sergeant this spring come up for consideration by the Timmins Police Commission on Tuesday, it was learned from the town hall today.

## Oscar Roy At Bottom In Pontiac Election

### L.L.P. Candidate Gets Poor Reception When He Goes To Rouyn From Timmins

Oscar Roy, former regional director here for Labor-Progressive (communist) activities, polled 472 votes out of 29,512 cast in the Pontiac by-election this week.

Mr. Roy was heckled off the platform on several occasions in his campaign in Rouyn-Noranda, and ended up in the cellar position when the votes were counted. He had help in his campaign from Ray Stevenson, present regional director for the Labor-Progressive in Timmins, and formerly with the educational department of the Workers' Co-op here.

The election resulted in a surprise victory for Real Caouette, running under the banner of L'Union des Electeurs, a Quebec version of the Social Credit party. Campaigning against the federal government's action in establishing the Canadian dollar at par with the U.S. dollar, which he claimed hit the mines and would result in lower wages and unemployment for miners, Mr. Caouette chalked up 10,515 votes.

The Liberal candidate, Lucien Labelle, polled 9,896 votes. Hector Belec, Progressive Conservative, 6,893, and Bernard Molloy, CCF candidate, polled 1,736.

## July Ore Grade Lowest Since 1933

The average grade of ore milled in Ontario dropped in July to \$8.59, the lowest recorded since December, 1933, according to a release by the Ontario Department of Mines. The return to parity of the Canadian dollar in early July is blamed for the decrease in value per ton of the ore milled.

In the month of July, 41 Ontario gold mines treated 625,359 tons of ore and recovered 152,215 ounces of gold and 20,790 ounces of silver for a value of \$5,374,170. Comparable figures for July, 1945, are: tons milled, 481,596; gold, 119,151, ounces; silver, 16,278; total value \$4,593,064. Average grade of ore was \$9.54.

In the Porcupine Camp the value of ore milled in July of this year was \$2,862,917 compared with \$2,580,040 in July of last year, an increase of \$287,777. Total production for the year to date in the Porcupine is \$20,876,576 compared to \$18,590,408, a total increase of \$1,596,168.

## Hang On To That Old Ration Book!

Stop and take a good look inside your old ration books before you chuck them into the ash can. This is the warning from the Ration Administration following reports that many consumers who have obtained their new books are discarding the old ones.

"Some coupons in Book 5 are still valid and good for the purchase of sugar, meat, preserves and butter.

## Mines Tax Distribution Seen As Chief Reason For High Taxes Here

### Ratepayers' Association Invites Mayor To Attend Next Meeting

The second meeting of the Timmins Ratepayers' Association, although it had but half of the attendance which graced the first meeting, covered considerable ground in its discussions at the municipal chambers last night.

After the Association's executive had, on Monday, gone over the mining brief which had been presented by the provincial government, Leo P. Lalonde, brought in a resolution that endorsed the brief as providing "temporary relief" and endorsed it also in its principle that the mining industry pay the same proportion of its taxes to municipalities as did any other type of industry.

That was the highlight of the meeting, but there were other items which brought fourth interesting discussion. "Mr. Lalonde is studying the town's financial statements for some years past," J. P. Bartleman informed the meeting. "He will have all essential information for you, possibly at the next meeting."

Mr. Gibson suggested that much information could be found on the reverse side of the town's tax bills, and suggested that ratepayers should compare these figures with those of previous years.

"This will give you a pretty fair picture of where differences can be found," Mr. Gibson stated.

J. E. H. Chateaufort, president of the Association, gave figures for school taxes for the past several years, pointing out that except in the case of separate schools, the school tax rates had come down slightly from 1944.

"You are here to learn these things, so when you leave this meeting, you will be able to speak with some knowledge," Mr. Chateaufort told the meeting. "I think it is your duty to make some notes on what is going on in Timmins," he added.

Mr. Lalonde reported that Mr. Belanger, the town's assessing officer, would meet with the executive to give them details of his work.

"Are there any questions which you would have us ask the assessor?" asked Mr. Gibson.

Questions were offered concerning an alleged difference in assessment in the various sections of town, the reported difference in assessment of mining property and other properties; and one man wanted to know why some residents at the north end of town paid for improvements, instead of the cost being borne by the town as a whole.

Mr. Bartleman pointed out that if the road in question had been put through as a local improvement, then those benefitting most directly, would have to pay for it.

Mr. Lalonde was then called upon to review the brief on mining taxation, during which he described it as a measure of temporary relief.

"The ultimate goal is to have mines assessed the same as any other industry," Mr. Lalonde said. "Major adjustments must be made by the federal authorities. My opinion is that there are very good provisions in the brief."

"Originally the government wanted to protect mines and mine prospects," stated Mr. Bartleman, explaining that a heavy tax on mining property in the early stages of establishing the mines had been disastrous.

Mr. Bartleman declared he disagreed with the principle of taxing mines on profits instead of on property, as tax income from the mines would drop where they failed to show profits or become inactive, whereas the taxes on their property in Timmins would carry on as long as the property existed as such.

He deplored the practice of submitting briefs to the government, he intimated.

"There are millions of dollars worth of property in this community that are exempt from taxation," declared Mr. Bartleman. "That is one reason why your tax rate is so high."

"Thousands of dollars have been spent in travelling to present briefs," Mr. Bartleman claimed. "It is ridiculous to pay money out to get something we are entitled to anyway. They certainly get something when they go to Toronto, but it is in the way of a grant. We are continually going to Toronto on a begging expedition. It is most embarrassing for municipalities to beg for a dollar when we should get five dollars."

"The principle fault that the executive finds in mining taxation is in the distribution of the tax money," Mr. Gibson stated. "It is not a question of applying for a higher tax rate. It is a question of getting a greater percentage of the taxation already collected."

"I suggest we look into the exact cost of presenting the brief," said Buck Poitras.

"I think presenting the brief was a darn good thing for the taxpayers," centage o fthe taxaiton already colude taxes a little."

"I did not say it was not useful," Mr. Bartleman said. He voiced concern about the amount of \$2,000 for travel-

## Approach Corners Slowly; Save Money

When two cars collide at an intersection, it can be assumed that the slower-moving of the two had reached the intersection first and therefore had the right of way -- or to make the point in another way, the faster-moving car must have been farther away at the time the slower-moving vehicle entered the intersection.

The simple logic by which Crown Attorney S. A. Caldbeck made this point in police court on Tuesday resulted in fines of \$10 and costs levied against Wilford Mason, who collided with a Union Taxi at First Ave. and Birch St. on Aug. 3; and against Antonio Mascioli, who was involved in a similar accident on Sept. 11.

In both cases the cars met at the centre of the intersection, and in both cases it was the operator of the faster-moving vehicle who paid the fine.

## Wording of Charge Brings Dismissal

A charge of "unlawfully supplying liquor to Simone Roy, an interdicted person," was heard against Fred Nelson, 27 First Ave., in police court on Tuesday, and promptly dismissed when it was learned that the wording of the act had reference to "unknowingly supplying," and the charge made no mention of the word "unknowingly."

There was no evidence that the accused had known that the person was on the interdicted list, the Court decided, warning the accused that this would not hold good if the incident occurred again.

## Liquor Said Cause Of Broken Homes

"Liquor" was given as the excuse for two broken homes in cases of non-support aired in police court on Tuesday afternoon.

In the first case, both husband and wife accused the other of desertion, and the case resolved itself into an assurance that the husband would contribute to the support of his 15-year-old son if the wife would allow him to go to school.

"I have worked in the mine for 24 years," he stated, "and never lost a shift, so I could not be drinking too much. She has a great imagination, that is the whole trouble."

"I will support the children, but not my wife," he declared.

In the second case, there were four children involved, all under fourteen. The wife refused to live with her husband because of his excessive drinking, she stated. He in turn refused to live with her because he stated she had "deserted" him.

The Crown suggested that he had at one time supplied only one room for them to live in together.

"You get married for better or for worse," the Magistrate commented. "You can't measure it by rooms."

He urged the couple to "make it up, for the sake of the children," and issued an order for the husband to contribute \$12.50 weekly toward the support of the children.

## Young Cyclist Injured In Street Accident

Bruises on the right foot and leg and a cut on his right arm were sustained by 10-year-old Ronald Charrette, Floral Ave., when he was knocked off his bicycle on Tuesday in an accident on Birch and Seventh involving a car driven by E. Lamarche, North Road. No charges have been laid.

## Wins \$512 Radio Prize Plans Edmonton Trip

A much longed-for trip to Edmonton to visit her daughter has been made possible for Mrs. Herb Smith and family, of 31 Montgomery Ave., by a \$512 prize awarded here on Saturday evening by the "Share The Wealth" program.

ling expenses in the estimated expenditures for 1946. He had been told by the town clerk the money was for presenting the mining brief, he said. Another member suggested the money was the estimate for the whole year.

W. J. Stewart brought in a resolution inviting Mayor J. E. Brunette to the next meeting.

Mr. Lalonde wanted the visit put off until such time as the ratepayers themselves knew a little about the tax situation, and he and Mr. Weir suggested that the ratepayers would benefit if the Mayor were given some time to prepare for the meeting.

Messrs. Bartleman and Poitras teamed up against such a proposal, and when put to a vote the suggestion was turned down, by 16 to 6.