

### Too Many Selling Potato Chips, But Council Can't Help

The vending of potato chips like any other type of business, has its ups and downs. Right now, so far as John Evanoff is concerned, it is having its downs.

Mr. Evanoff appeared before council yesterday, to ask for some measure of protection from too-direct competition from other vendors of potato chips.

He described himself as a Timmins taxpayer of many years standing who had been vending potato chips for a long time and supporting a large family by doing so. His health unfitted him for other types of work, he said.

Accordingly, Mr. Evanoff viewed with dismay the increase in the number of potato chip vendors during the past season, and took a bleak view of the fact that at least one vendor persistently parked his chip wagon directly behind his own, diminishing the volume of business, and the profits accruing therefrom.

The council, however, found itself unable legally to pass a regulation covering one potato chip vendor and not the others, and found itself absolutely incapable of regulating those who used the streets to sell their wares.

"If you get a petition from the majority of vendors, that you will all go off the streets, we can handle that," Mayor J. E. Brunette told Mr. Evanoff. "But we have no control of the streets, and we have to work for the majority."

### Lepie Named Chief

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Downey refused to sign the contract and claimed he turned to his Chief Constable and said "If you sign this agreement you're through in this town," and walked out.

"Gagnon, in his evidence admitted he attended the meeting and was president of the Board of Directors at that time, and he did not deny that what Downey gave in evidence is not substantially true," the report states. "Gagnon states that none of the directors had any intention of entering into the proposed agreement . . . he tried to adopt the attitude that every police officer at some time has been tempted in various ways. This explanation, in my opinion is not a satisfactory one, and I submit that when the Chief Constable attended that meeting as the president and when improper proposals were made to one of his junior officers and he failed to stop the proceedings, there is only one reasonable assumption one could reach, that Gagnon must have been in favor of some proposal."

#### COUNTER-CHARGES BY CHIEF

"Charge that the deputy chief constable had read the charges of maladministration he had lodged against the chief constable, before a number of officers a few minutes before the board of commissioners meeting on Jan. 30, 1946."

"The essence of this charge resolves itself into a statement allegedly made by the deputy chief to members of the force at the station on Jan. 30. . . when he read his charges of maladministration against the chief and ended by making the observation 'It is either him or me now.'"

"I do not consider that this paragraph sets out any definite charge and is merely an observation," the report states.

"Charge that the deputy chief constable worked very few hours each day."

"Downey was responsible to his Chief and to the Board for the discipline and activities of the night staff, and I submit that he could not be expected to perform his duties efficiently by being confined to his office for the entire period," the report reads, pointing out that the deputy commenced duties at 9 p.m. until 9 a.m., and never left his office without letting his sergeants know where he could be reached.

"Charge that on one particular occasion, a serious investigation was delayed owing to the fact that the deputy chief was not on duty at 5 o'clock in the morning."

"I fail to see how this charge can be supported as the three most responsible

### SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK



By R. J. SCOTT



### Ca-Bo-Gi Club Plans Activities; Seeks New Members

Classes will begin early next month in religious knowledge, French conversation, public speaking, photography, and radio technology, the executive of the Ca-Bo-Gi Club have announced.

Group leaders for the religious knowledge discussions are Pat Larmer, Armindina Romuladio, Lois McAlindin, Pat Connelly, Theresa Killeen, Joe Regel and Mervyn Villemaire.

The Club's bridge sessions will be resumed during the next meeting.

The Sports Committee reports the possibilities of future Badminton and Basketball activities, and also discussed placing a hockey team in the Mercantile league.

All prospective members are asked to contact Father Callaghan or Pat Larmer Jr., as soon as possible. Members are reminded that this Sunday is Communion and Breakfast Sunday for the Club.

plan would not in any way interfere or clash with existing facilities, but rather should prove an attractive addition. His idea was to dress up one spot (Gillies Lake) as a scenic winter centre. The McIntyre Arena provided a great service in the line of fancy skating, but there was need for further facilities in town for skating, speed skating, etc.

Mr. Huckerby referred to the plans carried out in Scandinavian countries, as shown in motion pictures and in books. He had a large map drawn to scale and showing the Gillies Lake area. With this map he illustrated details of his plan. His plan would have two sinks boarded off at the southwestern part of the lake. The town had a dressing room that would be available, while a control room would have to be added. There was a steep hill, with a 35-foot drop, that would provide a minor ski jump for juniors. Provision could be made for speed skating, tobogganing, etc.

Mr. Huckerby's idea included the planting of evergreen trees in appropriate places to increase the winter scenic motif. Coloured lights would add to the glamour of the scene. The plan considered attractiveness, along with the utility.

The guest speaker mentioned Sudbury, where a somewhat similar plan had been carried through with success and advantage.

Flood lighting for speed skating and other events, and a public address system for music and for control of the activities would be other necessities. The total cost Mr. Huckerby estimated at \$4,000 to \$5,000. He believed it would be a good investment for the town.

Kiwanian Art Moran thanked Mr. Huckerby for his very timely address. Kiwanian Karl A. Eyle considered the

plan both practical and needed. Kiwanian P. T. Molsley referred to the success at Sudbury, and thought that Timmins would find the plan equally valuable.

On motion of Kiwanian H. G. Laidlaw, the question was referred to the directors of the club for an early report.

Famous last words: "Dear, I was just looking through your pockets for a match, and I happened to come across . . ."

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for the assault and robbery were picked up shortly afterwards and were subsequently convicted. Gagnon admitted in his evidence that the deputy was not to blame in the least," the report states.

"Charge that the deputy chief maintained a disrespectful attitude toward members of the Board of Commissioners of Police."

"This statement was not proven in evidence to my satisfaction," the report reads. "Downey in his evidence complained about the alleged prejudicial attitude of the Magistrate . . . This discussion, in my opinion, was very improper as he held the rank of deputy chief and was addressing junior officers at the time."

"Charge that there was a feeling of unrest and insecurity in the police department."

"As will be seen, there is no specific charge against any member of the police department, and it is simply a statement of opinion by the Chief Constable."

"In some quarters it was thought that the deputy chief was seeking to oust the chief constable and had taken advantage of the situation that arose for this purpose," the report reads. "My enquiry produced no evidence in support of this charge."

"Charge made by deputy chief that R. Godin, police clerk and Justice of the Peace, had advised the Union Brewery of an impending search for evidence."

"Godin denied the accusation, and as there was no available evidence to support the charge, he had to be given the benefit of the doubt," the report states. "Here again, it is a question of one man's word against another."

The report goes on to make certain observations and recommendations. It finds the present system of handling liquor exhibits satisfactory.

The former chief constable and deputy chief deserve a good deal of credit for building up the force to its present state of efficiency and discipline, the report states. "The force and its members hold the respect of the citizens of the community they serve, and no evidence came forth to change this opinion."

"The former chief, deputy chief and Sgt. Garlepy were all considered efficient officers in the discharge of their duties. All three came to the Timmins Police Dept. with excellent character references and many citizens feel that it is most unfortunate that it became necessary to discharge these three senior officers," the report states.

"The force at the present time is definitely below strength and in order

### Police Inquiry May Be Published In Full

The council on Wednesday deliberated whether or not they would have the complete text of the inquiry made by Inspector Lougheed into the police department, printed in the local press.

But first, the council will take the opportunity to acquaint themselves fully with the contents of the report, it was decided.

"I don't like to see more money spent on this, but I think the public should have this put before them," commented Councillor W. J. Doran.

to bring it up to a proper working standard I would recommend that five additional constables be appointed to bring the total strength up to 28," the report reads.

"His record in the Police Dept. has been exemplary," the report states of Acting Chief A. Lepie. "This officer has the confidence of the entire force and show promise of becoming a capable executive officer."

The report recommends that the title of deputy chief be changed to that of inspector, as the regulations do not cover the duties of the rank of deputy chief constable.

"The selection and promotion of a third sergeant should be made as soon as possible," the report recommends, also recommending that one of the members of the detective staff be promoted to rank of sergeant of detectives, and that another detective be appointed, "so that there would be a detective on active duty in each eight-hour period."

"In considering application in the future, I would suggest that those applicants who are bi-lingual be given preference," the report suggests.

The report recommends that suitability and other qualifications be considered, as well as seniority, in making appointments and promotions. "I would recommend, therefore, that a full and complete recording system be instituted . . . concerning the officers' service," the report concludes.

"In reporting on my findings to the Board of Commissioners, I have no authority to review and comment on the findings of the Board in matters previously dealt with by that body before this enquiry was commenced," Inspector Lougheed states.

### Mayor Answers

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necessary for 10 extra firemen to put the department on an 8-hour day; increases in police salaries as the former policemen came back from the forces with increased seniority, accounted for \$4,457.48; and \$1,139.74 of the increase was for street lighting.

A more extensive public works program accounted for \$24,450.53 of increased expenditures. A capital expenditure of \$17,784.55 was caused by the purchase of two new trucks, gravel loader, cement mixer, etc., unobtainable during the war, and needed to enable the town to do its own road work.

An increase in public welfare expenditures of \$8,637.35 was explained by the growth in population in the past year.

Mr. Bartleman wanted to know what had become of the reported surplus in former years. It was explained that this was in the water works department, and any surplus there could not be taken into the general funds but had to go back to water consumers, either in the form of lowered rates or improved equipment, etc.

It was at this point that the Mayor came nearest to grief. Mr. Bartleman claimed it was legal to build up a surplus since 1943, and that it should have been done, so that the tax rate would have had a gradual increase.

The mayor disputed the legality of piling up a surplus, stating that taxes had been kept low when expenditures were low and when many houses in Timmins were standing empty.

"It would have been easier to increase the taxes ten per cent per year," claimed D. B. Curtis.

"Many properties were vacant," explained the town clerk. "Did you want those empty houses taxed?"

The matter of expenses incurred presenting briefs and attending conventions was questioned by Mr. Gibson, and it was explained that such expenses totalled \$2,200 for the year, each item being duly approved by council.

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