

Recommended reading for members of the Timmins Town Council and the Timmins Board of Trade is contained in a booklet entitled "Prospecting for Industries," prepared by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Chapter headings in the booklet include "Organizing an Industrial Committee," "Preparing a Survey," "Establishing Contacts," and "Following up Prospects."

We had opportunity, on a recent trip to Southern Ontario, to see to what extent the smaller centres there are benefitting from the current trend toward decentralization of industries. In Newmarket they told us of four or five new industries which were establishing themselves there. Barrie has more than a dozen. Smaller centres, some of whom had formerly no industries at all, now have several, with more in prospect.

Manufacturers are realizing that they can offer their employees more in value for their money, in healthier living conditions, and more enjoyable community life in the smaller towns than is possible in the big cities.

And the small towns in the south have awakened to the possibilities of such a move. Many of them, formerly only shopping centres for the farmers, have now a nice balance of industrial centres for the farmers, have now a nice balance of industrial who might otherwise leave the farm for the big cities.

Prone though we may be to disparage the low-living southerners, it might be time to stop humming, "When It's Sleepy Time Down South," and start whistling "It's Time To Wake Up, Up North."

We humbly suggest to such councillors as are still in office when this is published, that now would be a good time to organize an "Industrial Committee," wherein a couple of councillors and a few of our business men might act, in setting the stage for an all-out effort to bring some new industries to the Porcupine Camp in 1947.

It would not only be an excellent pre-election activity, but could perform a much-needed service to the community.

We have sufficient confidence in the town council to believe that if the mayor or any of the council were to bring in a motion to establish an Industrial Committee, it would receive full support. A good deal of planning should be done now for any effective program in the new year -- which is not so far away as we would wish.

MILK NOW CHEAPER -- FOR TAX PAYERS

Those who have taken the bitter view of the new price of milk have, we believe, ignored the fact that it is not so much an increase in the price of milk as in the manner of paying for it. Up to a week ago, we paid part of the milk price to the government -- now we pay all of it to the people who produce the milk, bring it to market, bottle it and distribute it to the homes.

Now it is possible to learn what a bottle of milk really costs us, whereas previously a portion of the price was hidden in taxes. Once the subsidy was lifted, it becomes apparent that the producer, marketing agent, bottler and distributors are, like their brothers in the factories, the mills, the mines and the lumber camps, seeking a higher rate of pay.

The Financial Post has an interesting point of view on the milk question, as expressed in its most recent issue:

"If you're an income tax payer, don't beef too loudly about the rise in the price of milk," advises the Post. "It's saving you money."

"The amount of the saving will vary from person to person, but the odds are that you're getting your milk at least two cents a quart cheaper than you were a year ago."

"In 1946, taxpayers were handing out just under 3 1/2 cents on every quart bottle of fluid milk. This was in the form of two subsidies, one a straight two cents a quart, the other at 55 cents per 100 lb., which worked out to a shade less than 1 1/2 cents a quart -- total, 3 1/2 cents."

"But -- less than half the people earning money in this country pay income taxes, so that the income tax payer is always giving a free ride to at least one non-taxpayer. That means that the taxpayer has been paying his own 3 1/2-cent subsidy and the 3 1/2 cents for the non-paying people -- total, 7 cents a quart."

"So if the price of milk has gone up 5 cents a quart in your district, you're two cents a quart in pocket -- providing you pay income taxes. You won't get the benefit, of course, until next year, when income tax reductions become effective."

"In case you are alarmed by what some say the subsidy removal will do to the diets of poor children, remember that as a taxpayer you are giving at least \$5 a month to almost every child in Canada via family allowances. Five dollars will meet the increased cost on 100 quarts of milk. Doctors say that all the child needs is a pint and one-half per day," concludes the Financial Post article.

Our own opinion is that we would prefer to know how much we are paying for milk and all other commodities, and we accordingly disapprove of subsidies which tend to hide the real costs of living for all of us.

The people who benefit from the milk subsidy were those with low, non-taxable incomes, who have large families. But the milk subsidy alone will not give these people the relief they desire, although it will undoubtedly help.

But what should be done for such families has already been done -- by the family allowance cheques sent to the mothers of these families each month. If more relief is needed the government should be asked to provide larger family allowances . . . but let's not get them mixed up in the price of milk!

REFLECTIONS ON RESIGNATIONS

We contend that a resignation or threat of resignation should have no part, as an argument, for or against any measure discussed in the town council. The only logical reasons for a member of council resigning, should be ill health, pressure of business, or inability to carry out the work of a member of council.

When a motion is put before council, every member has a right to disapprove or approve as he sees fit. He can express his feelings in argument and discussion before the motion is put to the vote. Once the motion comes to a vote, the councillor can vote for it or against it. If he wants to make his disapproval more marked, he can ask that he be recorded in the minutes as having voted against the measure . . . and he thus releases himself publicly from any responsibility for it.

The above paragraphs are written, of course, after consideration of last Friday's meeting of council, in which Councillor J. V. Bonhomme asked to be "excused," left the council table and sat in the seats provided for spectators.

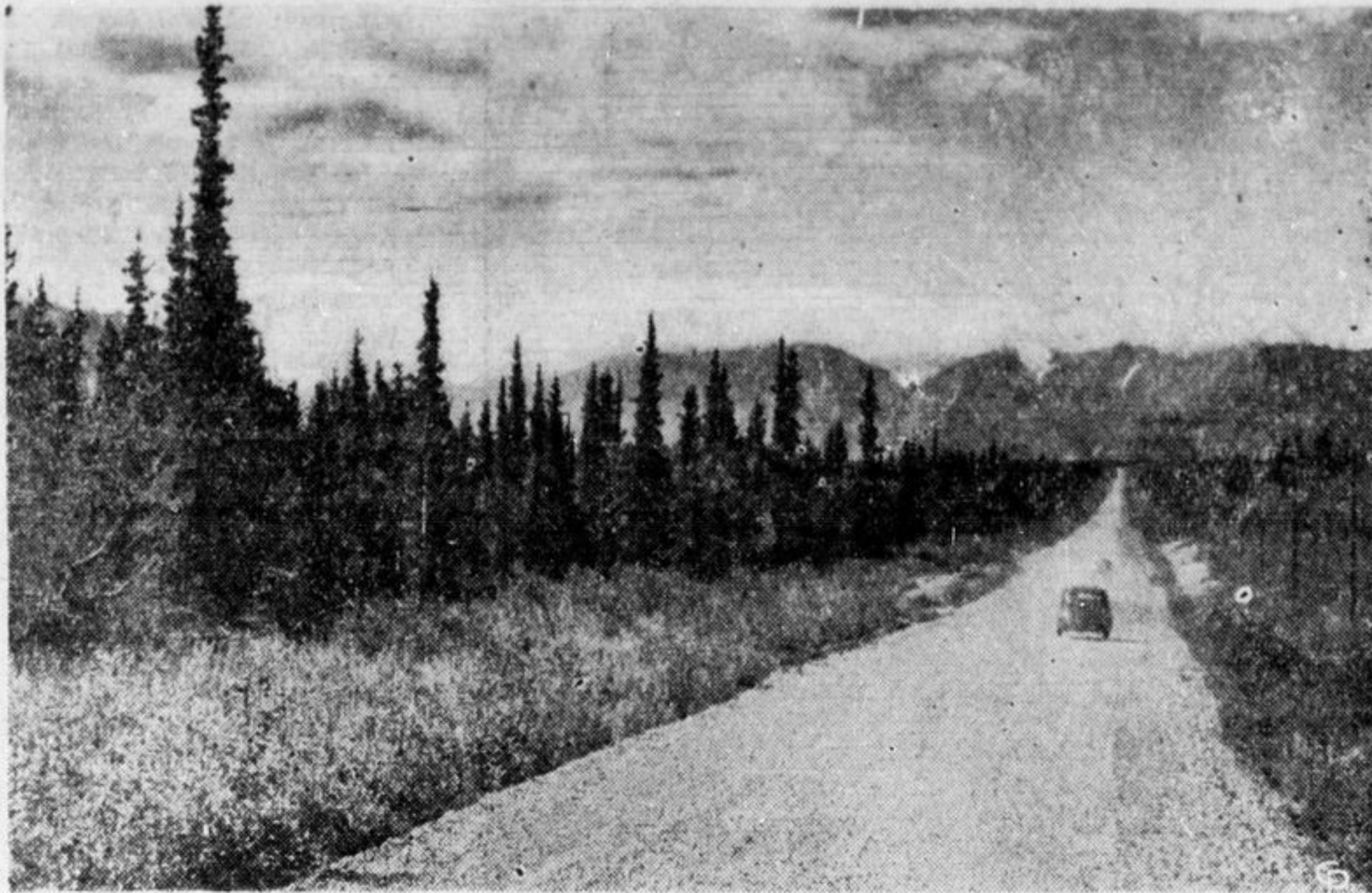
His reasons for doing so, we believe, are that he wanted the scope of the recent inquiry into the police department administration extended to include the Board of Police Commissioners itself. The Commission is made up of a judge, a magistrate and a mayor, which should be some guarantee that the Commission acted intelligently and in good faith. In any event, the request for the inquiry was made to the Attorney-General, and from that point on it was in the hands of the Attorney-General's department. That department stated the terms under which the inquiry should be carried on -- and was carried on.

Councillor Bonhomme disapproved. This he had a perfect right to do, and we respect his reasons for doing so. He put forth a motion calling for a wider inquiry. He failed to find any member of council to second it, and the motion was dropped. He thereupon asked to be excused, "to disassociate himself from the council's action in this respect." -- as we understand the situation.

But if Councillor Bonhomme made a motion, surely he must admit that other councillors have an equal right to act on it or not. Several councillors, in explaining their unwillingness to second his motion, said merely that they would like to have a chance to study it. Surely they were within their rights in doing so . . . particularly, as the motion, as presented by Councillor Bonhomme, was particularly involved in its wording and had more "whereas's" in it than any motion we have seen presented to council for some time.

If an outsider can make a suggestion, therefore, we would suggest that if Councillor Bonhomme really believes in the value of his motion, that he take time to explain and discuss it with council, and get back in and fight for it. The suggestion to resign does him less than justice, and his talents are much too valuable for the town to be deprived of them when the going is tough.

GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY PREPARING FOR MOTORISTS



Here are the first pictures of the world's most famous highway in peacetime dress. The great Alaskan highway, most sensational road building job in all history, is now being readied for all-out traffic. At present it is opened only to restricted civilian traffic. Costing \$125,000,000, the 1,600-mile long Alaskan highway was started in 1942, finished in October, 1943--actual construction time 7 months. This is America's last frontier. The road opens up one of the richest mineral areas in the world. Motor-ing along the gravel surfaced highway is excellent from Dawson Creek, B.C., to Fairbanks, Alaska--1,600 miles. Some of the thrills that await the anxious visitor to the north country are virgin trout fishing, hunting for grizzly bear, caribou, moose, elk, deer and wolves in a country that doesn't know what a "keep off" sign looks like. Go north, young man, go north. Above photo shows the Alaskan highway as it looks today. A gravel surfaced road traversing a country comparatively few white men have ever set foot on.

Council Defers Action On Bonhomme Resignation To Save Election Cost

NAMES PLEASE!

The names of all ex-servicemen who, at the time of their enlistment, were residents of Timmins are urgently needed to complete a scroll being made at the town hall. The names are also needed for individual scrolls to be given to each veteran.

Victor Salomaa, town clerk and treasurer, has already some 1,000 names submitted, and wants to make sure his list is complete before starting the work of sorting them out alphabetically and beginning the work on the master scroll. Ex-servicemen, or their relatives and friends, or employers, are asked to submit names as soon as possible. If there is any doubt about whether they have already been sent in or not, send them in anyway -- a careful check will be made to weed out duplications.

Get Auditors' Report

Town Clerk Vic Salomaa was introduced by council on Wednesday to check over the newly-received interim report of the auditors, and submit a report thereon to the next meeting.

Lord Rowallan Stresses Value Of Scouting At Last Night's Banquet

"Teach Boys To Meet Hardships -- Don't Shelter Them", Says Chief Scout

One hundred and fifty Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Scout committee members and guests attended the banquet in honor of the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan, at the McIntyre last night.

Sitting at the head table were the Lord Rowallan, Chief Scout of the Commonwealth and Empire; John Blackshaw, president of the local Boy Scout Association, Armand J. Cousineau, Diocese Commissioner, who introduced the Chief Scout; Col. Millen, head of the Provincial Command; Gil Chenier, of the Dominion Executive; Judge R. A. Danis of Cochrane; Bishop R. E. Renison, Mayor J. E. Brunette, Reeve Victor Evans, A. W. Hull, aide to the Chief Scout; Robt. Charlebois and Norman Green, District Scoutmaster.

Immediately following the dinner, Lord Rowallan made a presentation of a Long Service Medal to Scoutmaster R. H. Holmes of Smooth Rock Falls, for 29 years service in Scouting. Scoutmaster Ray Redwood was presented the Wood Badge by the Chief Scout.

In his address, the Chief Scout mentioned that he had to date travelled 8,000 miles in Canada alone, on his tour. "It was a very long way, but every yard was worth it," he declared. He commended the Canadian people on their wonderful support to Scouting, and thanked all those not in uniform, who were just as vital to the Scouting

Acceptance Of Resignation Before November Would Cost Money, Mayor Warns

"I think it would be in order if we deferred this matter until the end of the year," Mayor J. E. Brunette told the council meeting yesterday afternoon, when the written resignation of Councillor J. V. Bonhomme was received.

"If we accept it now, we would have to hold an election," the Mayor declared, stating it would cost the taxpayers over a thousand dollars, for another election.

"I think Mr. Bonhomme has taken the matter a little too seriously," Councillor E. M. Terry stated. "If he will recall it, the reason the request for a police inquiry was brought before the council was solely because the council had to authorize payment for it, otherwise we would not have heard any more about it. The request for the inquiry was made by the Bar Association, not the council. Mr. Bonhomme is a little hasty."

"I think Mr. Bonhomme could have done more good staying on the council," Councillor Wm. Doran declared. Mr. Doran asked that the attorney-general be asked to give an interpretation in the matter, as he doubted if the town solicitor could give one. Mr. Doran asked to refrain from voting on the matter.

"There's no voting," said the Mayor, explaining that the resignation would simply be deferred.

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movement as those who were. Lord Rowallan told all the leaders that they must have other interests in the community besides that of Scouting and that it was the duty of the group committee to see that the leaders had other interests, to give them a wider scope, a better knowledge, and consequently better equipped them to build better citizens in the training of Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies.

To relieve the burden of the Scoutmasters and to encourage the assistant Scoutmasters, and to teach leadership, the Scoutmaster should allow the patrol leaders and assist Scoutmasters to take over meetings.

The Scoutmaster should seek outside assistance in requesting citizens who have special qualifications and interests in boys' work to attend occasional meetings and take part in them.

Scouting is a citizen-builder, Lord Rowallan stated, as now there are five million Scouts and Cubs and three million Guides and Brownies. This training has proved itself in breaking down barriers between nations and between peoples.

Scouting did not die during the war, he said, but grew and especially in the occupied countries where scouting meant a real spirit of adventure. The Chief Scout, in drawing his address to a close, said, "Do not shelter youth from the hardships of life, but teach them, through character-building, how to meet the hardships of the world. Through Scouting, one will find the furtherance of justice and right."

CAN YOU TIE THIS?

Dr. E. A. F. Day, 82 Hemlock St., dropped in at the Advance office Wednesday morning to do a little bragging, inspired by the wild claims of low-living Southerners on the topic of strawberry picking, on Andy Clark's Sunday radio program.

Dr. Day claims he has been picking strawberries since the middle of July from his garden up the river. And he's still picking them. In proof of this he held out four huge berries taken from his vines this week.

Bonhomme Defends Resignation At Ratepayers Meeting

Councillor J. V. Bonhomme took the opportunity of defending his action in resigning from the town council, when he appeared as guest speaker before some 100-odd people who attended a meeting of the "Ratepayers' Association" at the town hall last night.

His reasons for resigning, he stated were: (1) That the report of the inquiry into the police department was given to the Police Commission, who passed it on to the town council, instead of coming directly to the councillors.

(2) That the scope of the inquiry should have been extended to include an inquiry into the Police Commission composed of Judge R. A. Danis, Magistrate S. Atkinson and the chairman, Mayor J. E. Brunette.

"The mayor is either missing the point, or he does not want the truth to be known," Mr. Bonhomme contended. He made no criticism of the other councillors who, presumably, also disagreed with Mr. Bonhomme on this subject.

Mr. Bonhomme then dealt with the subject of mining taxation.

"This question will only receive its due consideration when the northern mining towns will be wise enough to get together and put up a little money," he stated, going on to explain that he thought the northern towns should establish representation permanently in Toronto, with the idea of bringing continuous pressure to bear upon the provincial and dominion governments.

"I feel sure that in a year we could get action," Mr. Bonhomme claimed. He pointed out that the Hollinger mine received essential services from the town.

"If the revenue from the Hollinger in 1939 had lasted through up to this date on the same scale, we would have been in the neighborhood of \$200,000 better off today," he stated.

Later in the evening J. P. Bartleman asked Mr. Bonhomme if he did not think "bad management" was to blame for the town's financial condition, and Mr. Bonhomme agreed, although it was not stated whether the bad management was on the part of himself, the other members of council, or the provincial government.

Mr. Bonhomme adopted a moderate attitude throughout and there was no calling of names, or dealing in personalities as such.

He did say, however, that there was a "nigger in the woodpile," so far as the town's dealing in fuel wood was concerned, but that he was not at liberty to discuss it. This doubtless had reference to the fact that the town has requested a subsidy from the government in this connection, and members of council have agreed not to discuss the matter publicly until the government's reply is received.

Ratepayers' Executive Asks For Inquiry Into Police Commission

Ask Copy Of Evidence Given Inspector Be Furnished To Ratepayer's Ass'n.

The executive of the "Ratepayers' Ass'n" stepped aside from its consideration of the tax rate last night to direct the meeting toward a discussion of the administration of the Timmins police department.

Two resolutions were presented: One asking that the council be requested to demand of the Attorney-General's department a widening of the scope of the inquiry into the police department, to include the Police Commission; the other resolution asked that a complete copy of the evidence placed before Inspector Lougheed be furnished to the "Ratepayers' Ass'n."

Both resolutions were passed. Another resolution, supported by Messrs. Ackroyd and Krosky, did not have as much luck. It was a resolution asking that new uniforms provided for police be stamped with the date of issue, and that the old ones be turned in for use of the Red Cross, with a clothing parade to be held before issuing new clothes.

"The uniform is considered part of the salary," Mr. Gauthier contended. "The men will not look after their uniforms if they are to be taken away from them."

Another speaker claimed that the practice worked well in the army, and that the men took good care of their uniforms, which were required to last them four years," thus causing another ratepayer to state, in some heat, that the army practice of insisting on old uniforms being turned in before new

ELECTIONS DEC. 18TH

Nomination day for Timmins will be Tuesday, Dec. 3, with polling day on Wednesday, Dec. 18, following the passing of a by-law by the town council on Wednesday afternoon. The by-law was necessary to bring the town into line with new legislation governing nomination and polling days.

This will give new council members exactly one week to recover before Christmas, which this year falls on Dec. 25.

ones were issued, had resulted in men mutilating partly worn uniforms to get fresh ones.

Other questions from the floor protested against taxi-drivers who owned their cars being limited to eight hours a day.

Mr. Vaillancourt stated the mayor and council liked to mind other people's business, and it was their interference in the taxi business which had resulted in him getting out of it.

"As long as I am on council, I will stand for the eight-hour day," Mr. Bonhomme declared. "It is for the protection of the public."

"We have passed the day of being simply a mining camp," Mr. Bonhomme reminded another citizen who complained about not being able to set up a business in certain residential districts.

Brunette, Bartleman Hold Different Views On Housing Resolution

Council Approves Resolution To Provide Low-Rental Housing

"That the Dominion government be requested to amend the National Housing Act to provide for government subsidized, low-rental housing, to meet the needs of one-third of the population at present living in overcrowded, condemned and unsanitary dwellings, and that Crown companies be established to manufacture the component parts of houses, and that low cost housing loans be made available so that any worker may be able to acquire a home for himself, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the councils of the larger cities for endorsement."

Such was the text of a resolution passed on to the Timmins Council on Wednesday afternoon from the City of Windsor.

"I think it is a very good resolution," declared Mayor J. E. Brunette. "That is what the people have been fighting for."

"I think so -- it fits in with what we are trying to do," agreed Councillor E. M. Terry.

"We should endorse it," stated Councillor Wm. McDermott, and the council accordingly went on record to that effect.

J. P. Bartleman, observing the meeting for the benefit of the Ratepayers' Ass'n, reported to that body later in the evening and described the resolution as having something to do with "ready-made housing" and not of much value.

Council Seeks Plan For Greater Timmins

"If we are going to have more subdivisions, we should have something to offer them before they come to us," declared Councillor Wm. Doran at the council meeting yesterday, when five requests for approval of a new subdivision were received.

A plan for the area immediately surrounding the town boundaries, previously requested by the town planning commission, will soon be completed. Town Engineer McLean assured the meeting. The matter was referred to Councillor Wm. Roberts and a report will be brought in at the next meeting.

Mining Act To Be Subject Of Address

E. Beverley Weir, Inspector of Mines, is scheduled to address the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m., in the auditorium of the McIntyre Community Building.

Mr. Weir will speak on "administration of the Mining Act." Nelson Hogg, government geologist, will also address the meeting briefly on "Duties of a Government Resident Geologist."

Poppy Day -- Nov. 9th

Council gave its okay on Wednesday to the Canadian Legion's request for a Poppy tag day for Saturday, Nov. 9, a church parade on Sunday and a parade to the Cenotaph on Monday.

Fire Chief, Newsmen Speak At Luncheon Of Kiwanis Club

Fire Prevention Week And Newspaper Week Make Up Mixed Program

At their weekly luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday, the Timmins Kiwanis Club observed both "National Newspaper Week," a week set apart by Kiwanis International to honour the newspapers for their support and community service, and "International Fire Prevention Week," observed throughout the United States and Canada in the interest of fire prevention. There were three guest speakers at the luncheon, and the club members voted the resulting programme as one of the best on this year's outstanding series.

Chief W. Stanley spoke briefly, but very effectively, urging the co-operation of all in reducing the danger of fire. He suggested that it was quite fitting that National Newspaper Week and International Fire Prevention Week should be observed at the same time, as the newspapers had taken such a helpful part in advancing fire prevention. International Fire Prevention Week, he said, was held during a week that would include October 9th, the date of the disastrous Chicago fire, October 9th, this year, was the 75th anniversary of that conflagration.

In pointing out the many ways in which all could help in preventing costly fire losses, Chief Stanley advised householders and others to see that chimneys were kept clean, inflammable material removed by cleaning up attics, cellars and store houses, care taken to see that electric wiring is not worn out or defective, and all other methods followed carefully to reduce risk of fire. He also suggested that stores and houses might have simple fire fighting appliances to help keep any fire in check until the firemen arrive. "Call the firemen first," he said, "and then do anything you can to hold the blaze down until the firemen arrive."

At the present time, with housing so restricted, and materials so scarce, it was particularly necessary to do all possible to avoid fire losses. For National Newspaper Week, the speakers were W.J. Marks, editor of The Daily Press, and J. F. Withrow, editor of The Porcupine Advance.

Editor Marks referred to the importance of a small city newspaper to a town like Timmins. "This daily paper could and would do much public service, but it must be remembered that public service could not be possible