

There are two excellent reasons which give weight to the suggestion put before the recent meeting of ratepayers by Councillor Ethel M. Terry, when she declared that the time had come for a revision of assessment of property values in Timmins.

These reasons are: (1) It is ten years since the last assessment of property values was made; (2) in the past ten years, property values have changed considerably.

The need for revision is particularly acute in the newer sections of the town, on streets which, ten years ago, were only sparsely built upon, and which were accordingly valued at very low figures, entirely out of line with their present worth. Now these streets are "growing up" and are among the best-served and most popular locations in town. Their value has doubled and trebled, while the assessment has remained the same -- with the result that these properties no longer bear their fair share of the tax burden.

In order that the load may be equitably borne, therefore, a thorough revision is necessary.

There is the further argument that all values have increased in the past ten years, although there has been no increase in the town's assessment of these values for taxing purposes. The effect of this has been to make necessary a higher tax rate than would otherwise be levied. While a low assessment with a high tax rate may produce the same revenue to the town as a medium assessment with a medium tax rate -- the present set-up does not give as true a picture of the tax structure as would be possible if the assessment accurately reflected present property values.

The first fundamental of any system of taxation remains, moreover, that payment of taxes be fairly apportioned -- that each taxpayer should bear his own burden and no more. Unless property values are regularly revised and re-assessed, some taxpayers will be paying more than their share, others not enough. It is this consideration which best bears out Councillor Terry's statement that if a revision of assessment is made, it will be a matter of general benefit.

A STAGGERED COUNCIL?

Voters in the municipal elections in New Liskeard this year will vote on the question of a "staggered" council. The question is not, as might first be supposed, a matter dealing with the lack of sobriety in council members. No -- it is a matter of selecting three councillors every two years, instead of six councillors every year.

If New Liskeard voters approve, this is the way it will work out: the three councillors polling the highest total of votes this year will be elected for a two-year term; the other three for a one-year term. Next year there will be only three vacancies in council and these will be filled for the two-year stretch.

The effect will be, of course, to have at least three experienced councillors in each new council, thus preventing a complete change of council personnel and the resulting interruption of long-term local programs. It would also be a benefit to councillors, personally -- they would not have to shell out for heavy election expenses every year.

It might be a good idea!

STRIKES -- A LOSING GAME

Under the above, and similar headings, a great many newspapers have followed the lead of the Financial Post in attempting to assay the effect, on the strikers, of the recent steel strike. The editorial quoted below comes from the columns of the Huntsville Forester, and is as reasonable a point of view, from where we sit, as may be found in print anywhere:

"Employers, governments, and leaders in public thought, endorse the principle of labor's right to strike. Such endorsement seems to be permanently fixed as a part of the relationship of labor to industry.

"Even such endorsement does not prove that the strike is always a wise course for labor to pursue. Evidence is multiplying daily to show that the settlement of labor disputes by forced work stoppage through strikes may be more costly to labor than to industry.

"In the recent steel strike, which virtually shut down the steel industry in Canada for many weeks, the loss to industry was, of course, enormous, but the cost to labor was equally arresting. It is estimated that it will take 226 weeks for the employees of the three steel plants involved, working at the new rates of pay, to make up their losses occasioned by the stoppage of labor. Their losses in wage payments will run between four and five million dollars.

"These figures surely present a strong argument for a better way to settle wage disputes. Labor's lost time, with the suffering entailed, is too costly a price to pay for the minor advantage gained through hourly pay increases. Idleness, prolonged as has been the case in the steel strike, causes not only individual loss to the men involved, but it extends widely into the sphere of national economy, and indirectly imposes added burdens upon vast numbers of people. Many thousands of men, employed in industry dependent upon steel as a raw material, have had to throw down their tools, and suffer unemployment against their will. They are only a portion of the innocent bystanders who have shared in the economic hardship. Beyond the industrial employment rolls, many other thousands of non-concerned citizens have had to meet, by personal loss, the consequences of a strike in a single industry, because the effects have extended to their personal business.

"Until labor and capital are able to agree that labor stoppage is ruinous in times of great consumer need, with wide markets gaping for industrial production, strikes, with all their dire consequences must go on.

"Continuance of employment while the claims of labor unions are the subject of a just appraisal by arbitration, provides the only sane future course. It constitutes the only safeguard against national losses, with equal severity upon the striking employees. Curtailment of the influence of Labor Leaders, and the promotion of the principle of the company union, would aid greatly in bringing sanity to the cause of labor, and would promote a relationship between labor and capital which would be to the benefit of both."

WHO DOES MAGNUSON REPRESENT?

Mr. Bruce Magnuson, secretary of the Lumber and Bushworkers Union, has on occasion felt justified in calling The Advance "a robot of the vested interests," "representing reactionary capitalism." At this time, troubled by the confusion of the strike currently fomented by Mr. Magnuson and his friends, we would like to ask Mr. Magnuson who on earth he claims to represent.

We know of course that Mr. Magnuson is a strong supporter of the anti-Canadian, anti-democratic communist party. We know he bears the label of secretary to the Lumber and Bushworkers Union.

But who are the members of that Union? The question is prompted by an advertisement inserted in this issue of The Advance by the Mountjoy Timber Company. In it, the Company claims that the Union never asked to represent the Company's bushworkers, yet now asks those bushworkers to go out on strike.

From the erratic response to the strike call in this and other camps, it would appear that both workers and company agree that Mr. Magnuson has no authority over them. The fact that Mr. Magnuson called the strike without (1) completing the organization of the workers into a union; (2) without getting government approval of his right to represent the workers; (3) without submitting the matter for the legal period of 30 days' arbitration; (4) without any inclination to hold a properly balloted vote at any stage of the game -- leaves Mr. Magnuson open to the charge that he is not so much interested in a strike for better conditions and pay for the workers, as he is in following his own communistic inclination to foment trouble wherever and whenever possible.

We contend, therefore, that Mr. Magnuson in the present trouble, is the tool of the vested interests of Moscow; and represents only the reactionary serfdom of communism.

We contend, also, that the spokesman for the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union who claimed that 7,000 members of that Union would contribute in aid of Mr. Magnuson's gang, is ignoring both the facts of the case and the wishes of his own union.

"Political Football" Splits Ratepayers

Stop Delivering Milk To Reduce Milk Costs, Bartleman Suggests

Milk Costs To Be Investigated By Committee Set Up By Ratepayers' Ass'n

Considerable interest was created in the Ratepayers' Ass'n meeting last night, when J. P. Bartleman rose to suggest that the price of milk could be reduced by doing away with the present delivery system.

"A reduction could be made at once in the price of milk if it were delivered through the provision stores," Mr. Bartleman told the ratepayers. If milk was delivered to the stores, it would give families a chance to get it more cheaply.

He pointed out that bread delivery had been abandoned, and that the same principles applied to the question of milk distribution.

One of the ratepayers who claimed familiarity with the question, stated that milkmen received four cents a quart for delivering milk to homes; two cents a quart for delivering to stores, allowing the store a two-cent profit.

Considerable discussion of both quality and distribution of milk was brought to a head by a resolution setting up a committee under J. D. Elliot to enquire into the matter.

Council Disagrees With Bartleman On Police Inquiry

"The ratepayers take the stand the police investigation is incomplete," J. P. Bartleman told the town council at its meeting on Wednesday. He spoke in support of the contention that the inquiry should, in effect, have been made into the Police Commission itself, and also in support of the request that the full text of the evidence taken be made available to the Ratepayers' Ass'n.

"Can it not be taken that the attorney-general's department feels that a complete investigation has already been made?" asked Councillor E. M. Terry.

"I don't think I should take part in the discussion as I am a member of the police commission," said Mayor J. E. Brunette. "I think the only thing to do is to pass along the ratepayers' request."

"The police commission was questioned at the time, was it not?" asked Councillor Terry.

"As far as I am concerned an investigation has been made, accepted and filed with the council," Councillor Wm. P. McDermott stated flatly. "It is finished."

Councillor Roberts agreed that it could best be put on the shelf.

"We have read the report and I feel satisfied," Councillor Philip Fay stated. "The status of the police enquiry accordingly remains unchanged. Attempts to make it what Jack Brady called a 'political football,' are reported elsewhere in this issue."

Auditor's Interim Report Received

"Have you checked this?" Mayor J. E. Brunette asked the council on Wednesday when the auditor's interim report was brought in.

"Yes," answered Councillor W. P. McDermott, chairman of the finance committee. "Everything that was commented upon has been fixed up."

"There is nothing of a serious nature," Councillor E. M. Terry agreed. "I went through the report, and so far there is nothing very serious."

WHAT ABOUT THOSE BEDS?

"I was wondering how it happened that beds were moved from the fire hall without the council having a chance to discuss it," Councillor E. M. Terry told the town council yesterday, in explaining why the matter appeared on the agenda.

"I don't think any of us have authority to carry any one definite thing through without us having anything to say about it," Councillor Terry continued. "After all, as members of council, we have to meet the public."

"I think we should wait until the chairman of that committee comes back," said Councillor Wm. Roberts, contending that Councillor Doran's decision was on a "border-line" incident.

The matter was accordingly deferred until Councillor Doran's return. Betting odds along Algonquin Blvd. on the probability of the beds being returned is two to one, against.

Fruit Dealer Solves Licensing Problem

"Run down and get your license and bring it back here for me to see," Magistrate S. Atkinson instructed Mr. Ippolito, local fruit and vegetable wholesaler, following the hearing of evidence in police court on Tuesday.

Mr. Ippolito, who was charged with operating a business without a license, had several of them when he came in to court. He had previously shown them to the Police Chief, and understood they covered the operation of his business. They turned out to be provincial and inter-provincial licenses, but did not cover him in the establishment of a business in Timmins.

When Mr. Ippolito returned with a smile and a license a few minutes later, the charges against him were dropped.

Music Director Finds Progress Here

Mr. G. R. Fenwick, Director of Music for Ontario, Ontario Department of Education, is a visitor in town this week.

On a routine inspection of the schools in the Province, Mr. Fenwick reports that he is exceptionally pleased with the progress made in the Porcupine district schools.

He finds the students more interested and keen in this subject and he notes that the public as a whole are becoming more "music conscious". This can be attributed to the work of the various supervisors and teachers and the excellent work being done by the Porcupine Music Teachers' Association to promote music appreciation in the district.

Town Will Pay For Right Of Way

The council yesterday endorsed a proposal that the town solicitor be asked to offer Messrs. J. P. Bartleman and R. Bannino a price of 11c per foot for a six-foot right of way through their property. This is the same price as that offered in previous litigation concerning the matter.

Ask Provincial Cops Not To Act In Town Until Requested

Lumber and Bushworkers Union representatives who on Tuesday asked the council to protest against use of provincial police in Timmins, changed the wording slightly when the resolution was given to council on Wednesday.

Instead of "Timmins," they mentioned "district," ignoring the fact that the council can act only for the town of Timmins.

"I think our own police can look after the picketing in town limits," Mayor J. E. Brunette stated. "We have no authority to act in the district outside."

Councillor Roberts stated he had visited the picket lines, found them quiet. Five "very young" fellows comprised the picket. Provincial police were in their car, a quarter-mile away.

The council endorsed a resolution requesting non-interference of the provincial police within the boundaries of the town of Timmins, unless requested by the town.

REUNION DANCE

A reunion dance, with admission free to all ex-servicemen, will be held in the McIntyre on Saturday evening.

The Porcupine Rehabilitation Committee, who sponsor the dance, issue a special invitation to all ladies to attend.

Free taxi service will be provided by the Veteran's Taxi to those who present themselves at the company's stand next to the Legion hall.

Some of the service units are organizing parties to attend the affair, and every preparation is being made to assure a good time to all who attend.

Beauty, Brains Brawn And Brunette

The beauty, brains and brawn of Timmins mayor have been called into question, and not by the Ratepayers' Ass'n, either.

Sudbury's Mayor Bill Beaton, who evidently considers himself a triple threat man, has tossed out a challenge, by way of publicity for Sudbury's coming Winter Carnival, to every mayor worthy of the name to enter a contest wherein participants will be judged under the three headings of beauty, brains and brawn.

The Advance contends Timmins will have the only Brunette in the contest, should win hands down.

Questions which must be answered by the contestants are listed under the three headings:

Under "brains" are such questions as "how much is an eyelid?" Under "beauty" they ask, "Have you any freckles? Where? Were you a bouncing baby and what made you bounce? What does the opposition party call you... honestly?"

Under the heading, "brawn" are a series of questions including "How many hairs have you on your chest? Do you have nightmares? Do you have bunions? Corns? How many? Fallen arches? ... from treading sinful ways?"

All of which should make a lovely publicity campaign and should be good for a smartly illustrated story in The Daily Press.

Council Meets Friday

The town council will meet again at 4:15 p.m. on Friday to consider, among other things, proposals for new subdivisions in Timmins.

"If You're After Police Commission's Hide, Ask For It," Brady Challenges

Ratepayers Amend Motion Asking For Further Investigation At Present

TO HEAR BAR ASS'N

"Do you want to make a political football out of this?" asked J. D. Brady at the Ratepayers' Ass'n meeting last night, questioning Secretary L. P. Lalonde's motives in attempting to put through a motion calling for a further investigation of police administration, without Mr. Brady's proposed amendment.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Brady asked that a member of the local Bar Association, which had first asked for the recent police inquiry, address the ratepayers and say whether or not he considered the purpose of the inquiry to have been fulfilled.

"I suggest we ask Mr. Grummet to find out about it," had been Mr. Lalonde's suggestion, who also wanted the notes of evidence brought before the police inquiry.

"What do you hope to accomplish that the police inquiry didn't?" asked Mr. Brady. "If you are after the police Commission's hide, why not ask for it? If it is a political football, I don't think this organization should be mixed up in it."

"The investigation was not made according to the situation and the Bar Association would be the first to say that," contended J. P. Bartleman.

"Then I suggest we ask the Bar Association to come before us," urged Mr. Brady. "Why debate the point? Why will you not ask them to come here?"

Secretary Lalonde maintained Mr. Brady's suggestion was another motion and not an amendment to the motion that Mr. Grummet, M.P.P., be asked to contact the Attorney-General's department concerning the police enquiry and to get notes made at the inquiry. The president, J. E. H. Chateauvert, tried to bring the matter to a vote, aided by the resolute cries of "Question" from Mr. Bartleman.

But there seemed to be too many people who took the same view as Mr. Brady.

"I think Mr. Brady has a good idea," D. B. Curtis maintained. "Let

WHAT... NO PEEPS?

W. S. Ackroyd, who, with J. P. Bartleman, attends council meetings as representatives of the Ratepayers' Ass'n threatened his ability as an observer when he reported to the ratepayers last night.

"I was struck by one thing," said Mr. Ackroyd. "There doesn't seem to be any action. Mr. Doran was conspicuous by his absence. When he is present, he is inconspicuous."

"Councillors McDermott and Fay never let a peep out of them," Mr. Ackroyd stated. "There was no action at all, and this is the usual thing. It strikes me we are being pretty badly represented."

us have the head of the Bar Association to enlighten us as to just how far they got with the matter and how well satisfied they are. I don't think we need to go outside the town.

"I don't know what we are going to do with the notes on which the evidence was based when we do get them. I have no intention of reading them. I'm inclined to agree with Mr. Brady," stated Mr. Gibson.

The president still attempted to get a vote on the original motion.

"After listening to Mr. Chateauvert, I guess I am on the wrong side of the house," Mr. Brady commented.

"I have asked Mr. Brady to word his proposal as an amendment," said Mr. Gibson. "If he did not word it correctly, then will the chairman please tell me how to word it?"

"I would like to know why Mr. Lalonde is so insistent that Mr. Grummet be brought up here," demanded Mr. Lalonde.

"I might ask Mr. Brady why he is so anxious that he is not," retorted Mr. Lalonde.

Mr. Brady's amendment was finally accepted as such, however, and on being voted on, was carried.

Accordingly, a member of the Bar Association will be asked to address the ratepayers. If they are not then satisfied, the "political football" is due for another kicking around.

Jr. Youth Council Names Executive; Awards Trophies

A permanent Timmins Junior Youth Welfare Council was elected Tuesday evening at a well-attended meeting held in the council chambers of the Municipal Building to replace the temporary council which held office throughout the summer months. Three delegates from each of the clubs in town were on the election slate, from which the new council was nominated and elected, with only the delegates having the power to vote.

The Senior Youth Welfare Council had named one of its members J. F. Withrow, to act on the Junior Council as executive vice-president, but the delegates nominated and elected him as their official president. Aalle Passi, was named vice-president, and Lois Eckford recording secretary, both representing the Northern Lights Club. John Bobly of the Canadian Young People's Club was elected as corresponding secretary and Mary Persichini of the Moneta Recreation Club as treasurer.

The remainder of the delegates from the clubs will comprise the committees. They are Margaret Robb, Joan Brennan, and Betty Coleman, Timmins

Packing Plant Gets M.O.'s O.K.

The plant of the Timmins Packing Company received the health officer's OK in a written report by Dr. G. B. Lane to the town council on Wednesday. His report was made following receipt by council of a petition complaining of the smell and flies, connected with the plant.

The plant interior was re-painted, the refrigeration adequate, the report stated. It was expected that a higher chimney would abate much of the smoke and smell nuisance. The plant had been operating in good condition for 15 years, the report said.

In respect to another matter, it was decided to check the water consumption at the plant for a three-month period in order to find a basis on which the plant should be charged for water used in the previous 13 months.

High and Vocational School; Hilkka Saarinen, Northern Lights; Trian Spoiala and Bill Boychuk, Canadian Young People's Club; Leo Cecchini and Dick Ronaudi, Moneta Recreation Club; Aurele Tremblay and Gaston Gellinas, Timmins Boxing Association; Sonja Gustavsen, Comets; and Clair Berthel, Cercle Alouette.

The former secretary, Bernice Kosobuski, of the Junior Council was named secretary for the Senior Council. Also in the Senior Council are Wendell Brewer, Lions Club, chairman; Doug Loucks and Jack Withrow, Y's Men's Club; Phil Fay, Timmins Town Council; Don Hardy, Kinsmen Club; and Frank Woodbury and George Knowles, Kiwanis Club.

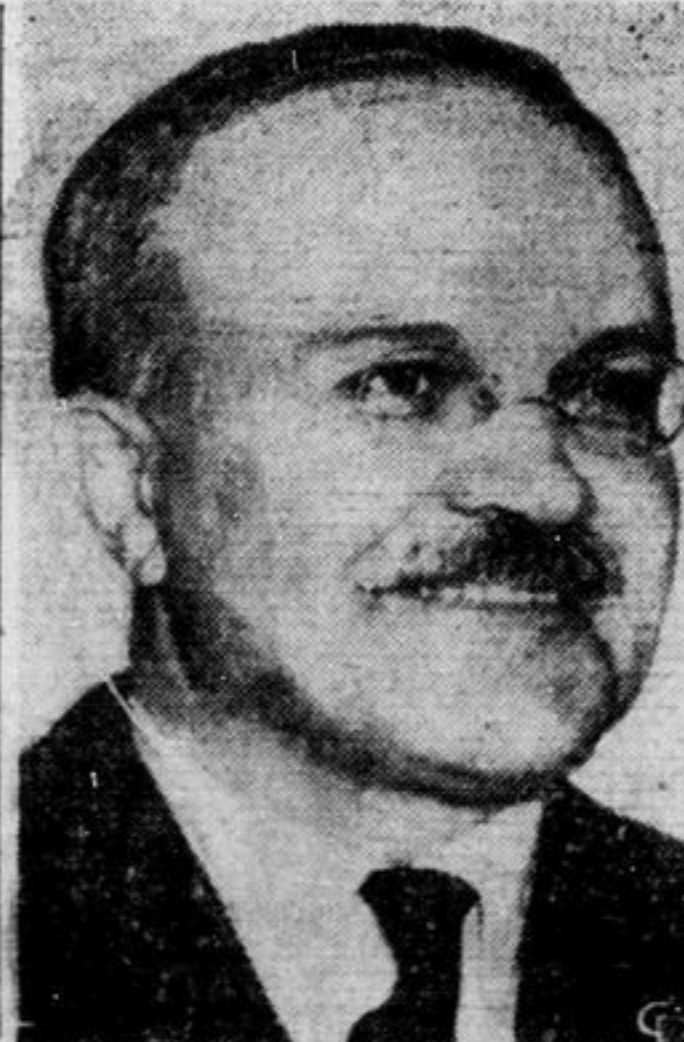
Presentation of trophies, cups, medals and ribbons for the recently held Timmins Track and Field Meet was also held at this meeting. Mr. Brewer and Miss Helen Korri, who was in charge of the event, made the presentations.

Individual champions were: Junior - Shirley McElrea, T. H. & V. School - 25 points and Victor Roberts - T. H. & V. School - 23 points; Intermediate - Lois Eckford - Northern Lights - 45 points and Donald Menard - T. H. & V. School - 32 points; Senior - Barbara Haystead - 36 points and Mark Burnett - 48 points. The Victory Trophy, an annual trophy, was presented to Ken Wagner who brought in the highest number of points towards his club, the Northern Lights.

FOREIGN MINISTERS OF "BIG FOUR" MEET NOV. 4 TO BEGIN VITAL DISCUSSIONS



BIDAULT OF FRANCE



MOLOTOV OF U.S.S.R.



BYRNES OF U.S.



BEVIN OF BRITAIN

Fresh from their deliberations--often acrimonious--at the Paris peace conference, the foreign ministers of the Allied "Big Four"--Great Britain, United States, Soviet Russia and France--gather in New York on Nov. 4 and most of the decisions reached at Paris will come under their review. Upon the success or failure of their discussions

rests the hope of the world for completion of peace treaties that will give the war-weary nations an opportunity to rebuild for a permanent peace. The four statesmen who enunciate the foreign policies of their respective nations are shown ABOVE.