

## FOUR HOTELS WANT COCKTAIL BARS

### Vote Is Possible, Perhaps Very Soon

Four hotels in the town of Timmins want cocktail bars and there is a definite possibility that they may obtain them in the not-too-distant future.

The four establishments are Aler's Hotel, the Riverview Hotel, the City Hotel and the Windsor Hotel. Proprietors of all four told The Advance this week that they would seek licences as soon as possible.

How soon this will be done will depend on three factors: 1. How rapidly the proprietors formally notify council that they are seeking licences. 2. Council's reaction to their notice of application. 3. A vote of the citizens of Timmins.

"Certainly I am looking for a licence," George Vartenak, of the GV said. "I think my establishment is suitable for such a licence."

O. Leone of Aler's said he would definitely apply.

"I am glad to hear that several hotelmen are interested in getting licences," he said. "I believe that the town will stand several."

William Treger, of the Windsor, said that he was prepared to make extensive alterations to his building in order to obtain a licence.

Oscar Vaillancourt said that alterations were already underway at his hotel and that he intended to apply.

However, whatever happens, there will be no plebiscite at the coming election concerning cocktail bars. This is due to the fact that a plebiscite cannot take place till after two months from the date council passes a bylaw authorizing a liquor vote. Ostensibly, this is to allow persons opposed to cocktail bars to muster their forces.

When one or more of the local hotelmen notify council that they wish liquor licences, council can take one of two courses. It can tell the hotelmen that no vote will be taken till a petition signed by 25 percent of the town's voters asks for such a vote.

But on the other hand, if council feels favorably inclined toward the establishment of cocktail bars, it can dispense with the petition by the 25 percent of voters and proceed at once to pass a bylaw authorizing the vote.

Members of council would not commit themselves to what course they would take when questioned by The Advance.

"It is entirely up to the people," said Mayor Brunette. "Let's wait and see what happens when the applications are made."

Councillor Bill Roberts had much the same to say.

"Personally I am neither for them or against them," he stated. "It is up to council as a whole to decide whether or not a petition should be taken or a vote called for as soon as possible."

Councillor Del Villano wouldn't be pinned down either. "Wait and see," was his reply.

Despite the fact that time does not allow a vote to be taken together with the municipal elections, council is entitled to call a plebiscite at any time it sees fit. Costs of such a plebiscite would be borne by the town.

### Moose Hunters Awaiting Colder Weather — Warden

The present moose season should be better than average, Jack Irwin, game overseer, told The Advance this week. He said that at least six moose had been taken in the immediate district during the eight days the season has already been open.

Three of these animals were flown in for hunters at South Porcupine.

"However, the present hot weather is holding hunters back," he said. "If a moose is taken deep in the bush, it is a difficult job to keep it from becoming spoiled while transporting it out."

He said that many hunters were waiting for cooler weather.

### Town Union Asks Jumps Of 20-25%, Sick Leave

The Timmins town workers' union is asking wage increases ranging from 20 to 25 percent, it was learned today by The Advance. It also requests that the sick leave plan of former years which was abandoned by the town when it was declared illegal by the Ontario Municipal Board, be re-instated.

At yesterday's meeting of council, Councillor Hector Chateauvert termed the demands of the employees of the Works department "within reason." He intimated that an agreement between town and union would quickly be reached.

Council will hold a special meeting tomorrow to make its decision concerning union demands.

Town employees now being paid 72

### Town To Re-Number Houses At Request of Postmaster

Houses along Howard avenue and North Road between Ninth avenue and the creek will be re-numbered at once. This was decided at yesterday's meeting of council, after E. H. King, postmaster, stated that mail delivery service could not be carried out until the houses on these streets were easily identified by postmen.

The town itself, and not residents, will undertake the job of re-numbering the houses.

### Union Rejects Reports

In an official statement today Local 241 of the I.U.M.S.W. declared that the majority report of the conciliation boards which sat last June to arbitrate differences between mine management and labor in the Porcupine in eight district mines, had been found unacceptable by unanimous vote of the membership.

On the other hand, the statement declared, union members were unanimously in support of the minority report of the conciliation board which recommended an hourly increase of 6 cents per hour and the check-off.

"This report will be used as the basis for negotiations," the statement read. "The union will demand and fight for the following wage adjustments, i.e. six cents per hour as recommended in the minority report and that this increase be retroactive to December 1, 1946 plus an additional substantial wage increase."

The full text of the union's statement follows:

Local 241 of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, at a series of meetings called for all mines for which there are Conciliation Board Reports, has thoroughly discussed and acted upon these reports.

The members of the Union are unanimous that the majority report of the Conciliation is unacceptable and that the adoption of this report would not be in the best interest of the Industry, the miners or the Community. Acceptance of the majority report would do nothing to solve the manpower shortage and would put the seal of approval upon the substandard and totally inadequate wage scale that exists in the Porcupine.

The majority report implies that no wage increase should be given at this time because of the Companies' inability to pay. This conclusion on the part of the Conciliation Board does not correspond with the facts. Union members are likewise at a loss to understand the contradictory position taken by the Chairman of the board on the question of the Check-off.

The chairman admits that he is not opposed to this form of Union security but in this instance contradicts himself by not recommending some form of Union Security. Union Security must be agreed upon by the Union and the Companies before a contract can be signed.

Union officials state that the membership are in full support of the minority report and that this report shall be the basis for negotiations. The Union will demand and fight for the following wage adjustments, i.e. six cents per hour as recommended by the Minority report and that this increase be retroactive to December 1, 1946, plus an additional substantial wage increase.

### 'J. P.' WINS LOUD APPLAUSE Grocery By-Laws Junked

Proprietors of corner grocery stores in the town of Timmins found a knight in shining armour prepared to defend them at the regular meeting of Timmins town council last night in the Municipal building. With a single thrust of a metaphorical lance, this Sir Belvedere impaled the corner grocery dragon upon his weapon and did it unto death.

The knight was James P. Bartleman, who somehow or other managed to steal the thunder of his fellow councillors, who appeared equally favorable to the requests of the delegation of 45 persons in the grocery business who attended on council. Mr. Bartleman, an astute politician who never misses a bet, was the man who moved that the bylaw governing closing hours of grocery stores be abolished.

He was met with a continued round of applause. From here and there in the audience came subdued cries of "Thank you, Mr. Bartleman."

Corner groceries can now stay open till 5 o'clock in the morning if they so desire — at least for the present.

Spokeswoman for the large delegation which appeared before council yesterday — just 24 hours after an edict by Police Chief Albert Lepic that corner groceries must adhere to a town bylaw requiring them to close at 7 p.m. — was Mrs. Catherine Weir.

"Not only are we opposed to closing at seven but the general public feel strongly about it too," Mrs. Weir declared. "Due to the fact that so many of us carry ice cream, tobacco, papers and pop, our stores are a convenience to the public. . . . Then there is always the time when unexpected guests drop in on our customers and groceries are needed at night."

She stated that one of the chief reasons that small groceries had to remain open at night was due to the fact that they could not buy from wholesale firms at the low prices available to the larger stores. This meant that to get a volume of business, the corner grocery had to stay open longer hours.

She closed with a request that if

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### Planners Ask For \$500; Something Must Be Afoot

Out of the secret sessions of the Timmins Town Planning Board came a request for \$500 last evening.

At their inaugural meeting recently, the newly formed board decided that neither press nor public would be allowed to attend their meetings. Statements were to be given the following day by the board secretary.

Dr. E. G. Faludi, town planning expert, came to town this week. Three meetings of the board were arranged upon his arrival. The first took place Tuesday evening, the second yesterday and the third will take place today.

So far, no statements have been issued.

So no one knows what happened at the first two meetings of the board, but evidently something must have occurred, for a request, popped up at yesterday's meeting of council for the sum of \$500 to finance the transportation of a mapping expert from Toronto, his room rent while in Timmins and a salary of \$150 a month during his stay here, which may last "two or three months."

The mapping expert is John Spejcek, an employee in the Toronto office of

### Porcupine Rehabilitation Committee Disbands; Wins Thanks of Town Council

In a letter to Timmins town council yesterday, the Porcupine Citizens' Rehabilitation Committee notified the municipality that it was disbanding permanently.

"We feel that the need for our services is now past," the letter read. Since the end of the war, the committee has devoted itself to the problems of ex-servicemen and assisted widely in the rehabilitation of men in difficult circumstances.

"This committee did much good work and should be publicly thanked," said Mayor Brunette.

It was moved that a resolution be entered in the town books thanking the committee and that a copy of this resolution sent to each member. Members of the committee were: chairman, Stanley Wookey, Vice chair-

### Carrying Firearms On Busses Is Legal, Bartleman Finds

As far as the town of Timmins is concerned you can carry firearms on busses or other means of locomotion, provided they are not loaded or in the concealed weapon class.

The subject came up at yesterday's meeting of council after Councillor J. P. Bartleman had requested a legal opinion on the matter from the town solicitors.

"It seems strange to me to see the rifles and shotguns carried on the busses," said Mr. Bartleman after the solicitors' opinion had been given. "How does one know they aren't loaded?"

"The law says that if such a weapon is loaded it can be seized and the owner subject to a fine or jail term," said Mayor Brunette.

### Building Booming In Town

Building activities this year in the town of Timmins far outstrip any year since the beginning of the war and are on a par with the liveliest years of the prewar period. This is evident from an inspection of town building records.

So far this year permits have been issued at the Municipal building for construction valued at \$803,503. Last year during the same period only \$598,572 in permits was issued.

In addition, actual construction done during the year has been much greater than in 1947. Many jobs for which permits were granted last year did not properly get underway till this Spring. While building materials are still "tight," they are much more plentiful at present than they were 12 months ago.

Said one local businessman who is investing heavily in construction: "There seems to be a feeling around town lately that the town is going back instead of ahead. Personally, I don't agree. People who can get ma-

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### They Cheer The Boys In



That Northern Ontario youth takes a back seat to no one when it comes to good looks, health and enthusiasm is conclusively proven by the two photos above, which show the teams of cheer leaders at the recent football game between Timmins High and Vocational School and Iroquois Falls High School. The three pretty girls at top are Pat Sinn, Carol Watson and Pat Redmond, of Iroquois Falls. Although they strove mightily to urge their team to a win, the boys from the papertown were on the losing end of a 39-7 score. At bottom is the Timmins cheer-leading section. At front are Elizabeth Church, Patsy Brewer and Pat Coulas. At rear are Ed Kemball, Syl Proulx and Ted Phillips. Advance Photo.

### Council Box Score

All members of the present town council, with the exception of Councillor William Roberts, who has announced he will run for mayor of Timmins at the coming election, and Councillor Leo Del Villano, who states he will run again for council, are keeping "mum" as to their intentions concerning re-election.

As election time approaches, The Advance thinks that the attendance record of the members of town council this year is of note.

Following is a box score on attendance at meetings to date, including regular meetings and special meetings. Only two members of council have attended every meeting so far, Councillors Bartleman and Fay. We wish to point out that valid excuses may have existed for the absence of other members of council from some meetings.

In all, 42 meetings have been held so far this year. The score-board:

Mayor J. E. Brunette	34
Councillor W. Roberts	41
Councillor Hec. Chateauvert	41
Councillor Phillip Fay	42
Councillor J. P. Bartleman	42
Councillor Leo Del Villano	38
Councillor William Doran	24

### Weather a Headache To Town Merchants

The sunny weather of the past few weeks may have been a boon to the general public but town merchants along Third avenue and elsewhere have been muttering in their beards.

"Fur coats!" exclaimed one merchant who recalls these articles, "I should be selling bathing suits!"

The complaint was the same all around town. Retailers of men's clothing found business in the doldrums, too.

"I can't even sell long woolen underwear," one declared, "and heaven knows it's hard enough to get and it's going to continue that way for another year."

A hat dealer said that men were still going bare-headed and that his premises were crowded with stock which should have moved two weeks ago.

"Yep, things are tough right now," he said. "But what's the use of complaining? Everyone else in town likes the weather, so I guess we shouldn't beef too much."

### Moneta, Holy Family Soon To Be Scene Of Schoolboy Patrols

In view of the success which has been obtained from the schoolboy traffic patrol at Central School, similar traffic patrols to protect the lives of school children will soon be established at Moneta School and Holy Family School.

This was announced this week by Police Chief Albert Lepic.

"The patrol at Central School has been very effective," Chief Lepic said. "The children obey their patrols almost 100 percent. The biggest offenders are adults who ignore the traffic lights."

Veteran police officer Joe Handley is in charge of the schoolboy patrols.

### Waiters and Hosts Still Apart; Expect Truce Soon

No decision has yet been reached in the disagreement between Porcupine hotelmen and waiters in their employ. Hotelmen are pondering union demands for \$35 a week for waiters and \$42.50 for tapmen.

William Kennedy, CIO organizer, said that a meeting between the union and hotelmen would take place within the next few days. It is expected that an amicable agreement will be reached.