

## LOCAL HOTELS CRIPPLED BY STRIKE

## TOWN CAN FORCE LOWER BUS RATES

## No Truce In Sight Union

### Wily J. P. Discovers Loophole

Councillor James P. Bartleman, long-time critic of the manner in which the bus transportation companies of the Porcupine have operated, tossed something of a bombshell into the laps of his fellow councillors at yesterday's meeting of the town fathers, when he proposed that a bylaw be prepared whereby bus fares within the town of Timmins be reduced by order of the town council.

And when surprised councillors questioned whether or not the town had legal authority to enforce reductions, Councillor Bartleman cited a recent amendment in the Municipal Act which authorized council to do so. At his invitation, Clerk Victor Salomaa read this amendment aloud.

In addition to the establishment of free transfers between the various runs in town, Mr. Bartleman proposes the following schedule of tariffs: Cash fares, 10 cents; four tickets for 25 cents; 20 tickets for \$1; children, five tickets for 25 cents.

"When the bus companies advertised reductions in fares last week, the town of Timmins was completely sidetracked," he declared, with considerable heat. "Comparatively, the new rates established are all cock-eyed."

"We have power to control bus rates in Timmins, plus three miles outside of Timmins. If they won't play ball, we'll take the initiative. We have the power," he re-iterated.

"Any change in rates has been made through the activity of the district transportation committee. Why not turn the matter over to them," Councillor William Roberts suggested. "It's a matter for the whole district. I don't think they are satisfied in South Porcupine either."

"They got something out of it," replied Mr. Bartleman. "Timmins was left out. And we have authority to correct this condition ourselves. It is up to us to show we mean business."

The town solicitors were instructed to make a draft of the bylaw. This does not mean that it has been passed. When the solicitors place Mr. Bartleman's suggestion in legal form, the matter will come up for further discussion.

### Many Women Carry Placards In Aid Of Striking Waiters

A noteworthy feature of the present strike among district waiters is the number of women who have turned out as picketers to support the waiters. Every night this week, women numbering from 12 to 20, have been marching back and forth before various Porcupine hotels, carrying sandwich boards and wearing placards.

These women are composed of friends and relatives of the waiters, as well as members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the IUMMSW.

## Noted Sleuth And His "Stooge" Trap Unwary Dental Technician

Today in the vault of the Timmins police station rests a set of false teeth and \$75 in "marked" money. Both the teeth and money will remain in escrow for 30 days.

The present location of these rather inconspicuous objects can be traced to the trail yesterday of E. M. Chinn, Timmins dental technician, on a charge of manufacturing and selling false teeth without a prescription to do so from a local dentist.

Mr. Chinn, who is an excellent practitioner of his trade and the only dental mechanic in several hundred miles, was trapped by that noted sleuth, Private Detective Bob Allen, who took time out from bursting into people's bedrooms in search of divorce evidence, to dig a cunningly contrived pit into which the technician plunged.

Mr. Chinn was fined \$200 and costs. However, he will get the \$75 now in the police vault at the end of thirty days, which will be somewhat of an easement to his fine. The false teeth which he sold were purchased with this money by one Lewis Snider, who according to Saul Platius, defence attorney for the technician, was something of a stooge for the private dick.

### "We Have Reason To Be Proud"



OLDSTER: Grand old man of the Canadian Legion in North Ontario is Austin Neame, zone commander, who is shown here as he spoke to the crowds assembled at the Timmins war memorial on Armistice Day. Mr. Neame acted as master of ceremonies at the service conducted in honor of the men of Timmins who were slain in battle.

## "Double-Crossed", Bartleman States

According to J. P. Bartleman, the Ontario Department of Highways is staffed by "double-dealing" officials who employ "shabby tactics". J. P. doesn't like them at all and he wants Premier George Drew to do something about it.

For, in a motion presented at yesterday's meeting of council, Mr. Bartleman asked the town to officially condemn the methods in which the department dealt with the district transportation committee when it approached Queen's Park concerning modification of bus fares in this area.

"We have been double-crossed!" Jimmy exclaimed in explaining the situation to fellow councillors. He said that J. P. Bickell, top-ranking departmental official, had promised to discuss changes in local transportation rates before a new schedule of tariff was adopted. And instead, Mr. Bickell had authorized the new rates advertised by the two district bus lines last week without so much as a how-do-you-do to the district transportation committee.

Mr. Bartleman's resolution at yesterday's council to be forwarded to Premier Drew did not meet with the approval of the rest of council. They did not like the blunt manner in which it was phrased.

In its closing portion, the resolution reads as follows: "Be it resolved that the council of the town of Timmins wishes to place on record an expression of its condemnation of the shabby tactics and

the double-dealing methods adopted by the Department of Highways and requests you to make a thorough investigation of the matter with a view to remedying a state of affairs which should not be tolerated."

"You're not going to get me to vote for anything with language like that in it," declared Mayor Brunette emphatically. He stated that the treatment which the transportation committee had received was the business of the committee itself and not that of the Town of Timmins as a whole. "We may help finance committees of this kind, but we are certainly not responsible for everything these committees do."

"If we sent out a few letters like that we might get someone to pay attention to us," said Councillor William Roberts.

"The result would be that nobody at all would read them," said the mayor. "Let the committee itself pass this resolution, and then bring it back to us for consideration."

"Mr. Bartleman might find a different word than 'shabby,'" observed councillor Hector Chateauvert with a grin.

After the meeting Councillors Chateauvert and Bartleman pored over the town dictionary for the correct meaning of the word.

SHABBY: threadbare or worn; poorly dressed; dilapidated; petty or unworthy.

"It's exactly what I mean," said Mr. Bartleman.

### Charged With Slashing, Waiters Union Picket Is Remanded Yesterday

Leo Lemire, said to be a picket of the striking Porcupine waiters Union, and charged with slashing the face of a local citizen with a knife during an altercation in front of a Cedar street hotel last Saturday evening, was remanded for hearing when he appeared in police court yesterday.

Three stitches were required to close the gash in the face of the person who had allegedly been slashed.

Oscar Robillard, charged with accessory after the fact when the alleged offence was committed, was also remanded.

## "Mickey" In North?

Provincial police throughout Northern Ontario were thrown into high-gear last week, when a report was made in Hearst by a district farmer that the notorious Mickey McDonald and his two henchmen, Latzon, and Minelli, had come to his cabin and demanded lodging for the night.

Stating that the trio were "armed to the teeth," the farmer said that he could positively identify them from photographs in the court house at Hearst.

According to the farmer's description, McDonald was carrying two revolvers in his waistband.

Today, however, Inspector A. McDougall, director of OPP operations in the North, told the Advance by long distance telephone that the Hearst farmer must have been mistaken in his identification of the three criminals.

He said that constables from Timmins, Coburne and Kapuskasing, had converged on Hearst when the report came in and that they had remained there several days.

The two constables from Timmins, Corporal Lee Walker and Constable Jack Fulton, left Hearst to return to Timmins this morning.

## Who Knows the Most About Garbagemen?

Due to the lengthy agenda at yesterday's meeting, Councillor Hector Chateauvert's report on garbage collection in Timmins was not considered, but nevertheless preliminary verbal fireworks ensued between Mr. Chateauvert and Councillor Leo Del Villano.

Declaring that garbagemen in town were being bled, Mr. DelVillano said that he personally would take a job as a garbageman at any time.

Handles on garbage cans were the chief subject of Mr. DelVillano's attack.

"Why do we pass regulations here in council that most people in town don't care for?" he demanded. "Here the poor public has to pay eight dollars for new garbage cans just to please the garbagemen, who don't use the handles in the first place."

"We can't expect garbagemen to break their backs," said Mr. Chateauvert.

"They don't break their backs," said Mr. DelVillano. "Any man can lift cans from 25 to 40 pounds easily. And they don't use the handles on the can. They grab them from the bottom anyway. I've seen them handling them that way time and again on my rounds."

Mr. Chateauvert insisted that his knowledge of garbage collecting was more comprehensive than Mr. Del Villano's and a considerable argument ensued as to who knew the most. The argument will be resumed at the next meeting of council.

## Local Police Dragnet Hauls In Thirteen On Sunday Afternoon

The Timmins police dragnet must have executed a handsome haul last Sunday afternoon, according to charges which appeared on the docket of yesterday's court session. For charged with keeping for sale and illegal possession as the result of this raid is the caretaker of a local theatre. The alleged offence is not said to have taken in the movie house, however, but in the private residence of the caretaker. Charged with him, as found-ins, are twelve other persons.

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### Takes Post At Halifax



John O'Donnell, outstanding Porcupine skater, leaves Sunday to take a position as professional at the Halifax Skating Club. A native of Schumacher, the 20-year-old former star of the Ice-Capades will supervise the tuition of 400 members of one of Canada's oldest figure skating clubs.

## Outstanding Local Skater Leaves for Halifax Post

Twenty-year-old John O'Donnell, one of the finest figure skaters ever produced in the Porcupine, leaves this Sunday for his new post as professional in charge of the noted Halifax Skating Club, one of the oldest organizations in Canada and possessing a membership of 400.

Despite his youth, the Schumacher man has a distinguished skating career already behind him. Natural aptitude and persistent training have raised him to one of the country's outstanding skaters in the short period since he donned the blades for the first time in 1940.

Turning professional in 1945, he was starred in the New York Ice Fantasy with Martha Collins as an adagio pair. Then last season he jumped into topmost company when he joined the Ice-Capades, America's leading skating extravaganza. Within seven weeks he became understudy to the star Eldon Adair.

In 1946, prior to going to the Ice-Capades, he was carnival producer at the Kapuskasing figure skating club.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell, 34 Fourth avenue, Schumacher, John commenced to skate in McIntyre Arena at the age of 13. In the Summer of 1941, he studied skating under Madge Austin, gold medalist

of England. Later he studied under Albert Enders and Sadie Cambridge, seven times world pair figure skating champions and International Gold Medalists.

For several Summers he studied under Freddie Mescot, five times champion of Belgium and International Gold Medalist, former senior professional at the Granite Club, Toronto, and now of the New York Figure Skating Club.

John is the holder of the Canadian Figure Skating Association Bronze and Silver Medal for dancing and the Canadian Figure Skating Association Silver Medal for figures.

He is a former Canadian Figure Skating Association judge. During the past Summer he passed his sixth test in figures and studied advanced dancing under Mrs. Eric Batchelor of England, dance authority of Britain and now instructress at the Porcupine club.

The post to which the young professional is now going is one of the most important in Eastern Canada. Closed during the war when its quarters were used by the Department of National Defence, the club has reopened with an augmented membership and an outstanding schedule of competition.

## 2,400 Local Homes Without Bath Tubs

Surprising as it may seem, there are thousands of children in the town of Timmins who have never been in a modern bath-tub and perhaps there are some who have never seen one other in a plumbing dealer's window.

For in a survey made by The Advance this week, it was discovered that fully 40 percent of the town's homes are still without that standard piece of equipment generally deemed a necessity in civilized sections of the world.

There are approximately 6,000 dwellings in town, which means that 2,400 of these homes are without baths. Or on a population basis, 10,800 people in Timmins keep themselves clean in some other fashion than the Saturday night "tub."

In the main, the present lack of adequate washing facilities in the homes of Timmins is attributed to the mushroom manner in which the town expanded in its early days, with an almost complete absence of building bylaws. In a great number of the homes without baths today the fixtures could not be installed unless an addition was made to the dwelling or the interior radically altered.

Health officials are not unduly alarmed, however, due to the absence

of baths in many homes. Routine examinations of the town's school children show that most youngsters whose homes lack bath tubs are bathed regularly, chiefly in the galvanized iron wash tubs of former days.

"However, it would certainly be advantageous if every family had a modern bath tub," said Dr. Graham B. Lane, medical officer of health for the Porcupine. "Unquestionably children and their parents, too, would bathe more frequently."

He said that more and more tubs had been installed in the years preceding the war and that when more fixtures become available after the present short supply, hundreds would be installed in homes at present without them.

"In addition, in new construction going on at present, tubs are being installed almost 100 percent."

"Bathing facilities are of primary importance," he declared. "The town should definitely have more of them."

### DELINQUENT LADS

If the accounts passed yesterday at the regular meeting of Timmins council, the sum of \$536.50 was paid to St. Joseph's Training School for the care of 14 delinquent Timmins youngsters.

Although business in the hotels in the Porcupine district has been reduced to negligible proportions in the six days in which district waiters have been on strike, and on the other hand, pickets trudging back and forth before the hotels are beginning to feel the bite of bitter Winter weather, no evidence whatever exists today that a settlement will be reached between waiters and employees in the predictable future.

Hotelmen still flatly refuse to deal with a union which they consider illegal due to the fact that it is uncertified. On the other hand, the union expresses determination that to "stick it out" (and without an undue hardship to the men on strike) till hotelmen are ready to talk business.

"We refuse to deal with an uncertified union," Marcel Diemert, president of the association, re-iterated in a conversation with The Advance. "We are willing to deal directly with our employees, but what come-back have we with a union that is not legally established?"

But from the union's point of view, the hotelmen's concern with certification is so much poppycock.

"This certification business is largely nonsense," William Kennedy, CIO organizer said. "It is a majority of employees belonging to the union. Here, there is no doubt whatever."

As an outstanding example of how little a factor certification was, he cited the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union, which has more than 10,000 members and is still uncertified.

"The Lumber and Sawmill Workers were never certified, yet they are recognized by both government and employees. This matter of certification was introduced in 1944. The vast majority of unions in existence today are still uncertified. If hotelmen are sincere in objecting to the union on this basis, then they are acting on advice which is extremely poor," he declared.

He said that the union was eager and anxious to effect a settlement as soon as possible but that all union efforts at conciliation had been rejected. "The day before the strike took place I went to Gregory T. Evans, the lawyer who was hired by the hotelmen. I asked that a joint application be made by union and management to the Ontario Minister of Labor to appoint a conciliator in the dispute."

"And in order to avert the strike, I asked that a memorandum be signed by the hotelmen granting employees the wages they ask, plus a 48-hour week. In our original demand, mind you we asked for a 44-hour week and this was a concession in itself. Mr. Evans did not even bother to give me a reply."

He said that recent advertising by hotelmen was misrepresenting. "They published our first offer of terms and then asked the public if it should be signed. Let me say that every one of these terms are subject to negotiation and that the union does not ask a blanket approval of all these demands. But they have not even bothered to negotiate to find out how much we will give or take."

In regard to the proposed agreement as published in the advertisement he said:

"It has been declared that I am the person who drew up this paper. I did not. It was formulated before I arrived in the Porcupine by Union members themselves. Incidentally if I had drawn it up myself, it would have been a much 'tougher' one from the hotels' viewpoint. The present demands are very light."

He said that, the families of no picketers would suffer undue hardship during the strike, no matter how long it lasted.

"There are ninety men on strike and there are thousands of members of both the IUMMSW and the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union to support them. It is not a situation where many thousands of men have to be looked after. We could maintain this handful of men for two years if necessary," he declared.

He said that response to an appeal among members of the mine union had been "very generous" and that a similar appeal would be made this evening to all bush camps in the North for members of the bush union to contribute.

When questioned concerning charges of hotelmen that the union was riddled with Communism, he said: "I personally am not a member of the Communist party and I do not know a single man on strike who is a Communist. This charge is so ridiculous it should be ignored entirely."

Said a picket captain questioned by The Advance: "I'm no Red and I don't know anyone else in the union who is. It is an old racket to brand as a Red anyone who asks for better working conditions."