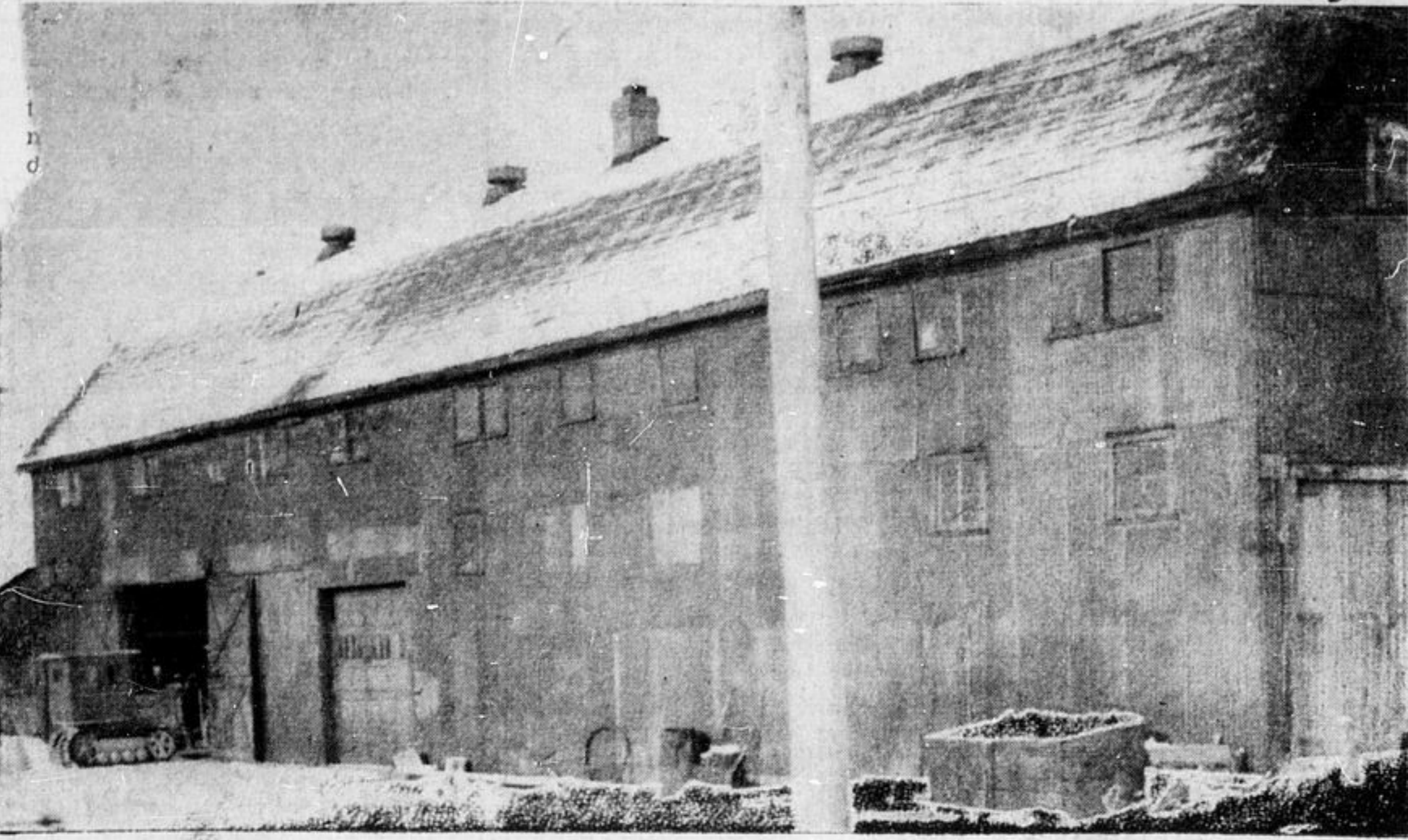


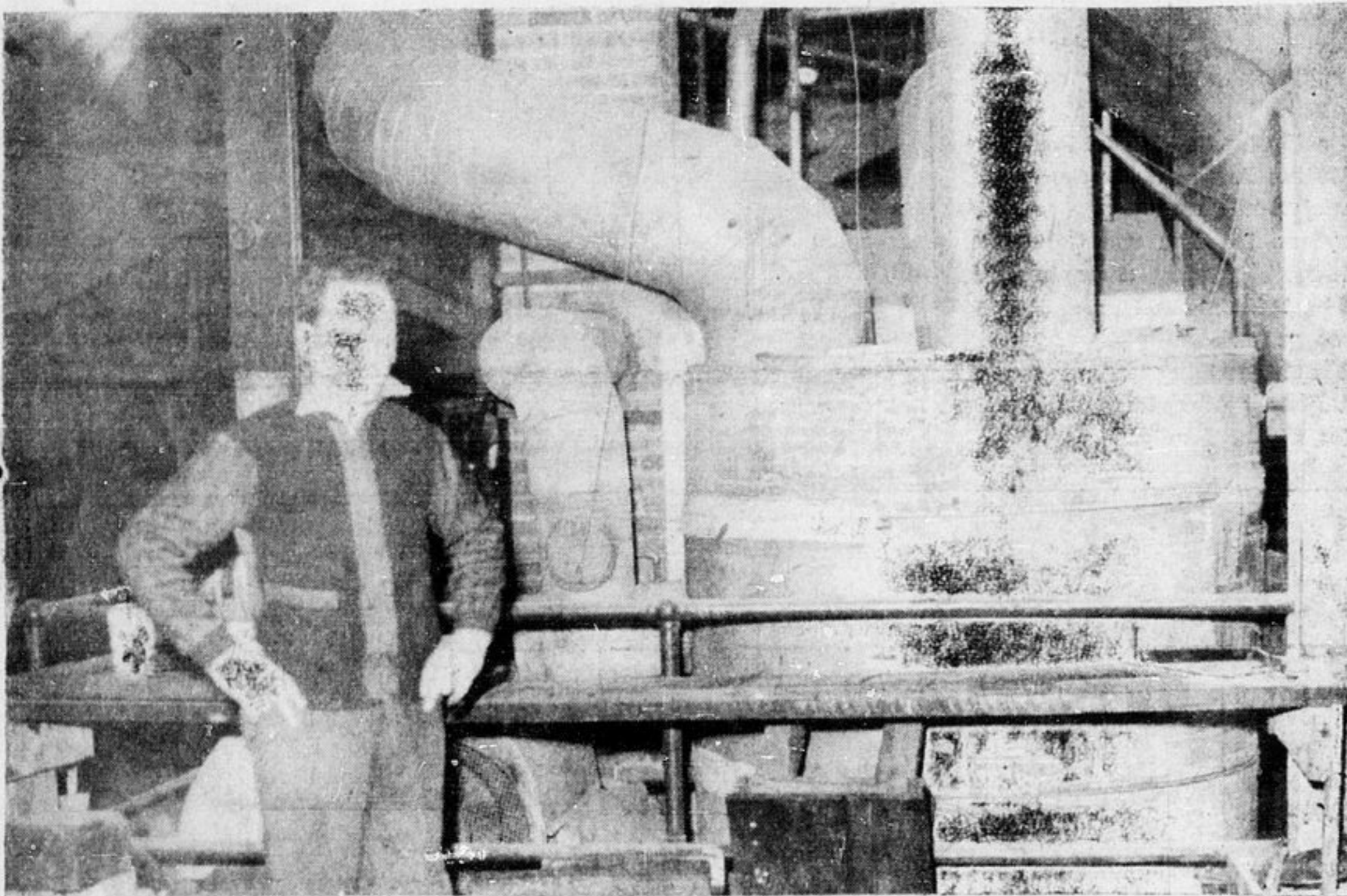
## ELECTORS TO VOTE ON TOWN GARAGE

Built In 1923



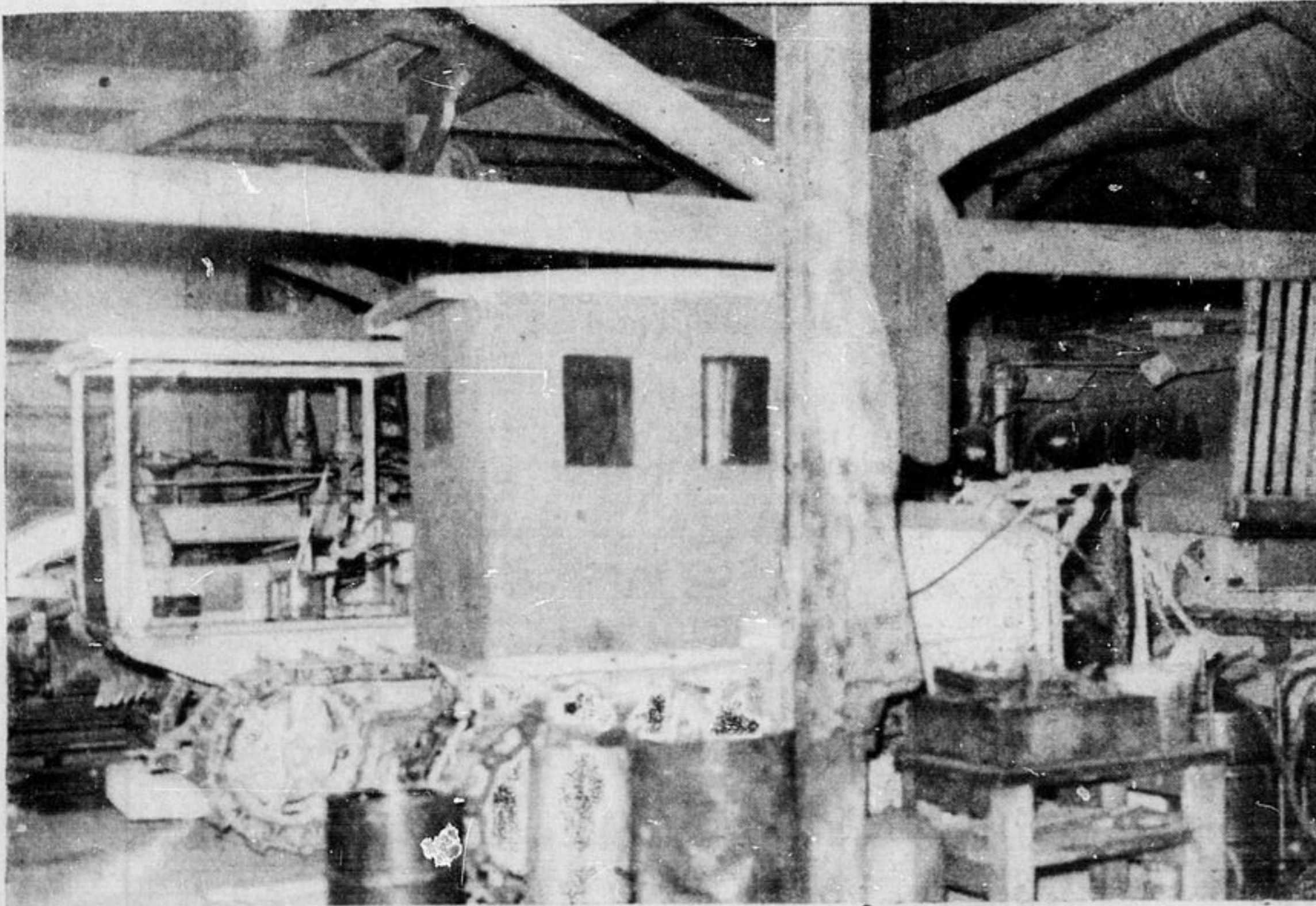
**TOWN GARAGE:** The Timmins town garage, pictured above, is a former horse barn of the old Mattagami Pulp and Paper Company. Erected in 1923, it was purchased by the town for \$8,000 in 1938. Both the interior and exterior are in a decrepit condition and the building is not sufficiently large to house the town's equipment properly. The place has been termed a "very poor risk" by the Fire Chief William Stanley.

### Causes Embarrassment



**ILLEGAL HEATING SYSTEM:** According to present fire regulations in Timmins, the heating unit pictured above is illegal. A town bylaw calls for furnaces in garages to be situated in separate enclosures, to eliminate danger of ignition of gasoline and oil customarily found in a garage. This heating unit was installed in the present garage before this bylaw came into effect; nevertheless, it is a source of embarrassment to town officials when they attempt to enforce regulations among the general public and their "own home is not clean".

### Valuable Equipment



**NOT ENOUGH SPACE:** Here three tractors and a grader are jammed into one corner of the garage. The machines are parked so close together that it is impossible to walk between them and workmen must climb into driving seats. It is feared that in case of fire little if any equipment could be removed in time, due to the manner in which equipment is packed in. Replacement value of present town equipment is almost \$150,000.

## \$75,000 Required For New Structure

On election day, December 19, the voters of the town of Timmins will decide whether or not the town requires a new municipal garage. Voters will be asked to approve, or disapprove, the expenditure of \$75,000 to replace the former barn at the corner of Hector and Spruce street in which the town's equipment is presently housed. The present town garage was erected in 1923 to serve as a barn for the old Mattagami Pulp and Paper Company. It was purchased by the town in 1938 for the sum of \$8,000, not for use as a permanent building, but as a site for the erection of a new one.

Thirty feet by 96 feet in dimension, it is not only inadequate properly to house town equipment, but, according to Fire Chief W. Stanley, it is classified as a "very poor risk." It is difficult to heat according to present standards in Timmins, its heating plant is illegal, due to the fact that it is not in a separate enclosure. This is a source of embarrassment to town officials when enforcing fire regulations compelling other garages to adhere to the present town bylaws.

The interior of the building is dark and dingy, with the result that lights are burned day and night, with high electricity bills.

Both exterior and interior of the building are in poor condition due to the length of time the building has been standing and its original construction. Floors in the upper storey are considerably heaved. Recently steel struts were extended from one side of the upper storey to the other as a safeguard against the collapse of the building in severe winds.

However, those favoring the demolition of the present garage and the erection of a new one, claim that the greatest menace to the town is the fire hazard present in the creaking, old building. Two factors enter the situation, it is claimed; in case of fire not only would the town lose equipment with a replacement value of \$147,850, but if a blaze took place during a period of heavy snow, protection by the Timmins Fire Department would be practically nil, when fire trucks would be unable to reach the scene of fires.

Town equipment presently being jammed into the garage and its replacement value follows: two large tractors at 26,000; three small tractors at 12,000; grader \$11,000; roller, \$12,000; loader, \$12,000; mixer, \$2,000. Two sanders \$2,350; three pick-up trucks, \$6,000; three platform dump trucks, \$10,500; two steel dump trucks, \$7,500; three special garbage trucks, \$23,000; bulldozer attachment, \$3,000; three thawing boilers, \$4,500; miscellaneous pumps, \$1,000; general tools, \$10,000; stock pile of construction materials, \$15,000.

Incidentally, it is impossible for all this equipment to be placed in the garage at the one time and some of it has to be housed in sheds in the town yards.

Tentative plans for the new garage (if it is approved by the voters) call for the erection of a concrete block and stucco building on the site of the present structure. It will be a fire-proof building consisting of two wings, with a galvanized iron roof. One wing will be two storeys, 48 feet by 80 feet in dimensions, with town shops on the ground floor and offices and stores on the second floor.

The second wing will be a two-storied affair, 60 feet by 100 feet in dimensions, to serve as a storage garage.

"Nothing fancy is called for," said an official of the town's works department. "It will be just a shop of adequate size, solid construction and protected from fire hazard."

## North's Potato Crop Much Less This Year Official Report Says

The potato crop in North Ontario was considerably less this year than in 1946, it was announced this week in the monthly report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Last year 1,785,233 bushels of potatoes were raised in the North. This year the figure is 1,445,108 bushels.

## Natvysz Remanded Again On Gold Refinery Charge

Peter Natvysz, charged last week with being in illegal possession of a gold refinery in his home, was remanded again for one week when he appeared before Magistrate S. Atkinson in Tuesday's police court.

## Firemen To Inspect Town's Private Homes, Fire Chief Announces

The Timmins fire department will extend its fire inspection tour of the town into private homes of residents, Fire Chief William Stanley announced today. The inspections will begin within the next week.

At regular periods in the past fire inspectors have examined the towns places of business for fire hazards, but never before have examinations of private dwellings been made.

Asking for co-operation of the public in stamping out the fire menace to the community, Chief Stanley said that if only one bad fire hazard was discovered in the homes of the town, the entire new project would be worthwhile.

"In order to keep down fire losses, inspection is the one weapon which counts," he said. "Our purpose is not to intrude into the homes of private citizens, but to point out dangers which threaten life and property."

All firemen will be in uniform when inspections are made.

## Knifing Cowardly Cadi

"I've never liked knifing. If a man is a man and is going to fight he will use his fists. Using a knife in a fight is cowardly."

The speaker was Magistrate S. Atkinson, as he prepared to sentence Leo Lemire, miner and bushworker, to nine months hard labor at Tuesday's session of police court in Timmins. Lemire was convicted of slashing the face of Roland Bisson, local electrician, when the latter emerged from a Cedar street hotel after drinking beer during the recent strike of Porcupine waiters.

Lemire was wearing the placards of a union picket when he inflicted the lengthy gash, half an inch deep, on Bisson's face. However, on his own evidence, Lemire was not a member of the striking union.

"I am glad to see that the union is not involved in this, for it would be a black mark on its name," commented the magistrate. "However, I question the wisdom of the union in permitting persons of this type to be on their picket lines."

Bisson testified that he had been working in the Mount Royal hotel during the day and that he had drunk beer with his brother-in-law, Clarence Michaud, and his employer, before leaving. He said that they had crossed the street to where their automobile was parked in front of the St. Charles hotel, when an altercation took place with picketers in front of the latter establishment.

He claimed that his employer, who was hobbling on crutches, had fallen to the street and that picketers had abused him verbally. When he had remonstrated with them, Lemire had reached over another man's shoulder and slashed him with a knife, he said.

Then Lemire had gone to an adjoining service station where he and Michaud quickly located him (Lemire). The accused man had taken to his heels up a lane, to be trapped in a doorway near Pine street.

When they discovered Lemire there he was brandishing a knife, Bisson said. He quoted the accused man as saying "One step nearer and you'll get some more." At this Bisson and his brother went to the police station.

Michaud corroborated his brother-in-law's evidence; but when examining a line-up in Timmins police station that evening he picked a man other than Lemire as the slasher. Defence Attorney Saul Platus made capital of this point in discrediting Michaud's evidence. Michaud maintained that he had made a mistake in the line-up and insisted that Lemire was the man who had threatened them with a knife in the doorway.

Ernest Desjardins, an employee of the Windsor hotel, said that he had been a bystander during the slashing and that he had seen some unidentified person raise his hand to strike Bisson. He identified Lemire as the man who had run into the lane pursued by Bisson and Michaud. Previously, he had seen Lemire parading as a picket, he claimed.

Fourth crown witness was Sergeant Gordon Beacock of the Timmins Police department, who said that he had questioned Lemire on the following Monday. According to the officer, Lemire had claimed that he was eating in the Golden Arrow restaurant when the slashing took place and that he had spent the evening in the Palace theatre. However, Lemire was unable to give the name of the movie he had seen, nor able to identify the cast, nor describe the picture in any way, the officer said.

When he was called to the stand, Lemire said that he had had a drink of wine and coca cola at the St. Charles hotel and that he had left Cedar street half an hour before the attack took place. He declared that he had never seen Bisson or Michaud before in his life.

He explained his ignorance of the moving picture by saying that he had fallen asleep in the theatre. He denied being a union man, and as well as wearing picket placards.

"His alibi is the weakest I have heard in a long time," said Magistrate Atkinson, in passing sentence.

Lemire has a long record including convictions for theft, operation of a disorderly house, assault and infractions of the liquor laws.

## Pioneering Resident Here Dies Friday at Haileybury

One of the well-known pioneer residents of the North passed away in Haileybury hospital on Friday night, Nov. 21, in the person of E. T. Hornby, who spent about forty years in this North, working in both Cobalt and Porcupine camps during the early days. Death resulted from a stroke. A sufferer from arthritis for the past twenty-seven years, since his return from the First World War, he had spent most of the last three years confined to his bed.

The late E. J. Hornby was born in Leicester, England, on December 31, 1872, and came to Canada in 1904. In June of that year he arrived at Haileybury, and with Dec. and C. A. Foster went to Cobalt in the "Silver Rush" of those days. They staked the property which became widely known as the Foster Mine. The following year his wife and five children joined him at Haileybury.

The late Mr. Hornby was well known in the Porcupine, having spent the greater part of 1910 and 1911 in this camp, doing assessment work on various mining claims. He left Porcupine on the morning of July 11, 1911, and so by a narrow margin escaped the disastrous fire of that date.

Like so many of the old-time pioneers of the North, he was ready to defend this land as well as to help in its development. He volunteered for active service in the war of 1914-1918, going overseas early in 1916, serving as a sergeant in Northern Ontario's 159th Battalion to the end of the war, and after, being demobilized in 1919.

Coming back to Haileybury in 1919, Mr. Hornby returned in March, 1920, to England, where he married Miss L. Kitchener, the couple returning to Haileybury in June of the same year.

The late E. J. Hornby is survived by his widow, and two sons, Fred, of Timmins, and Arthur, of Toronto, and two daughters, Mrs. L. Kenney, of Toronto, and Mrs. A. Gredhardt, of Neustadt, Ont., as well as fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. from Tulloch's Funeral Parlors to the Anglican Church. Interment was in the Soldiers' Plot.

## Crank Wiolds Crank On Local Storefront

Plate glass in the store fronts of Timmins took a beating last week, when two different incidents occurred in which panes were shattered.

First firm to be victimized was Sole Brothers Jewelry store, Third Ave. Exactly what happened to the storefront is not clear. However, police say that a motorist leaped from a car, automobile crank in hand, and with a few lusty swings demolished the glass in both front windows. It is said to have been a crime of malice. No effort was made to rob the store.

To date no one has been apprehended.

Then on Saturday evening, after the closing of local hotels, an altercation between four men took place in front of McKeown's drug store at Mountjoy and Wilson avenues. One man was knocked through the plate glass window.

Damages to the owner of the store will be paid by the combatants.

Haileybury cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Haileybury branch of Canadian Legion, the coffin being draped with the Union Jack. "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Sgt. Farmer of the Haileybury Armories. Rev. Rose conducted the service.

The pallbearers were Comrades W. Inche, T. Whyte, J. Reavell, L. David, W. Gordon and A. Humphries. Floral tributes were received from the deceased man's family, Lily Linton, Barbara and Albert, Arthur and Ruth, and children Fred and Olive; wreaths from grandchildren, Ruth, West and Carole, William and Dorothy, Margaret and Frank and children; Zella Rossenberry, E. B. Whorley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reavell, the Canadian Legion; spray from the Porcupine Advance.

Among those attending from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hornby, Timmins; Mr. and Mrs. L. Kenney, Toronto; Mr. A. S. Hornby, Toronto; Mr and Mrs. William Hornby, Sudbury; Mrs. A. Rogers, Capreol.

## Sale of Milk in Timmins Drops by 36,000 Quarts

Residents of the Timmins District are drinking 36,000 less quarts of milk per month than they were a year ago. It is shown in the monthly dairy report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Latest month for which figures are available is that of September. During that month in 1946, 359,610 quarts of milk were consumed in the district. This year the figure has fallen to 323,418.

However the sale of fluid cream has shown a slight increase over last year. This September 5,252 quarts were sold, while a year ago the figure was 5,208. The sale of chocolate milk dwindled considerably during the year. In September 1946, 5,408 quarts were re-

tailed, while this year the amount nose-dived to 3,120.

Bright spot in the dairy situation in the North is the increase in the amount of butter produced. The report shows that butter production in the Cochrane area increased from 266,133 pounds during the first 10 months of 1946 to 325,286 pounds this year. However, the manufacture of cheese was sliced almost in half, with only 84,000 pounds produced in the first ten months this year compared to 155,000 pounds in a similar period in 1946.

This is attributed to the fact that while butter increased in price up to 40 percent, cheese showed only a minor increase.

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