

"THE '48 SLATE" BADLY CRACKED

10 CENT WAGE HIKE SOON? J.V. and J.P. Charge Contractor Finances Six In Council Race

Very Strong Rumor Runs Through Camp

Very strong rumors have been circulating in the Porcupine during the past week that a raise of 10 cents per hour will be given employees in district mines in the very near future. Not only has this rumor reached such proportions that the international office of the IUMBSW has gone to the extent of issuing a bulletin concerning the matter, but considerable detail as to the proposed increase has been circulated through the district. When and if the increase comes into effect, it will be retroactive till December 1. It is said that the raise may be announced before Christmas and may come in the form of a "Christmas box" to local miners.

J. V. Raps Harmony Boys

A strong attack at what he claimed was the manner in which the water contract with Hollinger mine was bungled was made last night at Harmony Hall by J. Vincent Bonhomme, who is again in the race for council this year. Mr. Bonhomme also attacked the presence of Hollinger employees on town council when the new contract with Hollinger is made. He charged that the waterworks system had slipped out of the town's hands in the first place in 1922 due to the number of mine employees on council. When the waterworks problem was settled, the first need of the town was a filtration plant, Mr. Bonhomme declared.



EXAMINATION: Here one of DP mine workers who arrived here this week to become employed by Hollinger Mine is weighed and measured prior to going to work.

Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday - Chief

Don't let death take your holiday! Drunk drivers and on the families of That is the message this week from the Chief of Police Albert Lepic, as the Christmas season with its plethora of drinking and celebrations draws near. The drunk driver is the greatest menace on our streets today, the chief with everyone, he stated. He also warned pedestrians to watch showing no mercy whatever for those their step in the rush of Christmas individuals who imagine they can shopping. "This is one time of the year where time. Any man who drinks and drives the old rule of stop, look and listen is going to get what is coming to him, before crossing the street really as far as we are concerned. Pedestrians must remember that when day accidents was the needless sorrow the streets are coated with ice and misery inflicted on victims of snow," he said.

Positive charges which went unrefuted directly that the "Slate for '48", a group of six candidates for council, were being financed in their election campaigns by a "large construction firm which hadn't liked the recent treatment it had received at the town hall with regard to contracts" were made last night at Harmony Hall by Councillor J. P. Bartleman and J. V. Bonhomme. Two representatives of "The Slate" Z. J. "Zig" Ostrowski and Barney Quinn, stated flatly that they were paying their own advertising expenses, but they did not deny that the charges laid by Messrs Bartleman and Bonhomme were false. The four remaining members of the "Slate for '48"—Philip Fay, Fred Quessel, Urban Aubrey and Leslie Bailey, sat in silence on the hall platform when, during and after the charges were made. It all began when a member in the audience rose during the question and answer period after the speeches of the candidates and that he had heard a rumor that Construction Company and Bus Line were financing the campaign of the "Slate for '48". (Previously J. V. Bonhomme had made passing reference in his speech to "somebody financing someone—a firm of contractors I am told. Rest assured that this firm of contractors will now get no business at the town while I am there.") "I would like to ask Mr. Ostrowski a question," the member of the audience said, "are these people paying the expenses of your group?" Evidently surprised at the turn of events, Mr. Ostrowski rose to his feet and paused momentarily. "I'll admit there is a group of public spirited citizens backing us financially and morally," he said. "But personally I am paying all my own expenses. Why, to date I have spent more than \$100 on the campaign. There are more than fifty people backing us."

Finale To Pension Suit 1945 Council Must Pay

Finale to the long-drawn wrangle of the Rocco Bannino pension suit came Monday's meeting of Timmins town council, when after charges of attempted bribery by Mayor Brunette, council decided by a two to one vote that all parties concerned in the suit, would share equally in the costs which had been awarded Mr. Bannino and that each of the seven members of the 1945 council be billed for \$139.50. Previously, when billed by Mr. Bannino's solicitor, the town of Timmins had paid the full amount of the plaintiff's costs. Now the town will ask payment of their relative shares in the costs from each of the interested parties. These persons are Mayor J. Emilie Brunette, Councillor Bill Roberts, Ellen Terry, Mike Karol, J. V. Bonhomme, W. McDermott and Karl Eyre.

Hollinger Reaffirms It Is Rightful Owner Of Waterworks System

The current dispute between Hollinger and the town of Timmins on the town waterworks system was mentioned in council again this week, when a letter was received from P. C. Finlay, legal representative of the mine. Mr. Finlay's letter stated that the mine would be prepared to negotiate a new contract at once if all points in dispute were conceded to Hollinger, including ownership of the pumping station, which Caldwell and Yates, the town solicitors, argue is the legal property of the town. The letter was filed pending the decision of Judge R. A. Denis after the inquiry which was completed here recently. "This is a terribly one-sided letter," said Mr. Bartleman. "All Hollinger wants is everything." "We should have left the waterworks as it was," said Mayor Brunette. "It was a mistake to start the matter in the first place."

"I would like to ask Mr. Ostrowski a question," the member of the audience said, "are these people paying the expenses of your group?" Evidently surprised at the turn of events, Mr. Ostrowski rose to his feet and paused momentarily. "I'll admit there is a group of public spirited citizens backing us financially and morally," he said. "But personally I am paying all my own expenses. Why, to date I have spent more than \$100 on the campaign. There are more than fifty people backing us."

Following are some excerpts from the bulletin on the matter issued by the International office (Messrs. Robinson, Kennedy, Wildman and Horowitz). "The operators may try this move because they failed to trick you into accepting a contract without any wage increase... now they hope to get off as cheaply as possible. "Such a wage increase would be the first major victory of the union organizing drive. The fact that it is even being considered shows how strong the union has grown. But it must not be allowed to slow up our campaign to make the Porcupine 100 percent union. Nor should we let it kid us into giving up our full demands. A Few Things to Remember: Remember how the operators keep telling us it is "absolutely impossible" to give any wage increase at all? If they try this new manoeuvre it will prove that they have been lying to the workers all along. "If the operators decide not to try this new manoeuvre it will prove that cause they still hope they can get away without ANY increase. "Remember, too, that the union has consistently maintained all along that the operators can afford to grant the full 22c demand today. "The Union Position: Of course the union will accept such a raise. It has been long overdue. But it will not be accepted as a substitute for the full 22c or any of the other basic contract demands. Those demands still stand. Any such raise will be accepted only as a 'down payment' on what we intend to win through strong organization."

Solid Program Advanced By Candidate B. Quinn

According to a statement made to the "Advance" this week by "Barney" Quinn, well-known local businessman, it seems apparent that Mr. Quinn brings a constructive, practical and hard-headed outlook to town affairs. He is seeking election to council. A resident who arrived here first in 1911, Mr. Quinn said that in his opinion past councils had neglected one of the most important phases of civic planning—namely, provision for the erection of town buildings required to provide municipal services. "Up to the present time, no effort has been made to acquire land centrally located for the very obvious requirements of the town's expansion in the way of a new fire hall, garage and machine shop, public library, filtration plant or medical laboratory," Mr. Quinn said. "In fact, past councils have taken the very opposite course and have allowed private citizens to purchase very valuable land sites which could have been bought by the town at very reasonable cost such as the old Ball Park and Hockey Arena. "Moreover, they have sold hundreds of lots at tax sales which have subsequently become very valuable and which if purchased at the proper time by the town itself would have solved all these problems," Mr. Quinn said. He said that one of the immediate considerations of the new council would be a reasonable and equitable settlement of the dispute concerning water between Hollinger Mine and the town. "We have to sit down and reach an agreement which would protect the town's interest as well as be fair to

Advance Advertising Said Better Value

A sharp tiff occurred last night at the election meeting at Harmony Hall between Councillor James P. Bartleman and candidate Les Bailey. Mr. Bailey said that he was determined to take over Mr. Bartleman's seat on council. After describing a talk concerning interest rates on which the town borrowed, which he said he had held with Mr. Bartleman a number of years ago, he stated that Mr. Bartleman had approached him recently with the suggestion that he join a slate with several other candidates and spend \$500 in advertising in the Advance. This he would not do, he said. "I certainly say that I mentioned advertising in the Advance for it's much better value for the money, but a slate never!" Mr. Bartleman replied. "I have no use whatever for slates."

Where, How to Vote

Voting locations during the elections tomorrow will be as usual in four of the town's schools, Central School, Moneta School, Mattagami School and Holy Family School. For the benefit of new voters who are not acquainted with the locations of these schools and the election areas they serve, we print the following information: Central School is located at the corner of Algonquin boulevard and Bruce street. This school will be the polling place for persons in the Northeast section of town. Moneta School is located on Kirby street between Cedar and Balsam. Residents of the southeast section of town will vote here. Mattagami School is situated on Rae street between Commercial and Main. Voters from the Southwest portion of town will cast their ballots here. Holy Family School is on Mountjoy street N. between Algonquin boulevard and Fifth avenue. This school will serve the Northwest section of town. Voting hours at all poll booths are from 10 in the morning till six in the evening. To avoid congestion at the booths, authorities advise households and men off shift to vote early during the quiet morning or afternoon hours. It is important that you mark your ballot properly. There are six persons whom you are permitted to select for council and only six. If you put "X's" beside seven or more names your vote is invalid. Similarly, only three names may be indicated on the ballot for the school board. On the other hand, you are not required to vote for all six for council. If there are one, two, or three candidates whom you particularly wish to get in, you are free to cast your vote only for these candidates. Incidentally, this is an excellent method of assisting the particular men you are backing, for you deprive rival candidates of votes by not completing the ballot. The mark you make on the ballot is very important. It must be a cross in one form or another. A single straight line beside a candidate's name does not consist of a vote. There must be another line crossing this line either at the centre, the end or any place on the line, for a vote to be valid. Another thing, if you want to be safe, don't doodle or scribble on the ballot while you are making up your mind. It is likely that you will deface the ballot. If there is any writing which may betray your identity as the voter, your ballot is no good. But the big thing about the whole business is this: GET OUT AND VOTE!

EVERYBODY THERE

All of the 12 candidates for council and both candidates for mayor appeared at last night's election meeting at Harmony Hall. Karl Eyre, candidate for the mayoralty, was late due to a previous engagement.

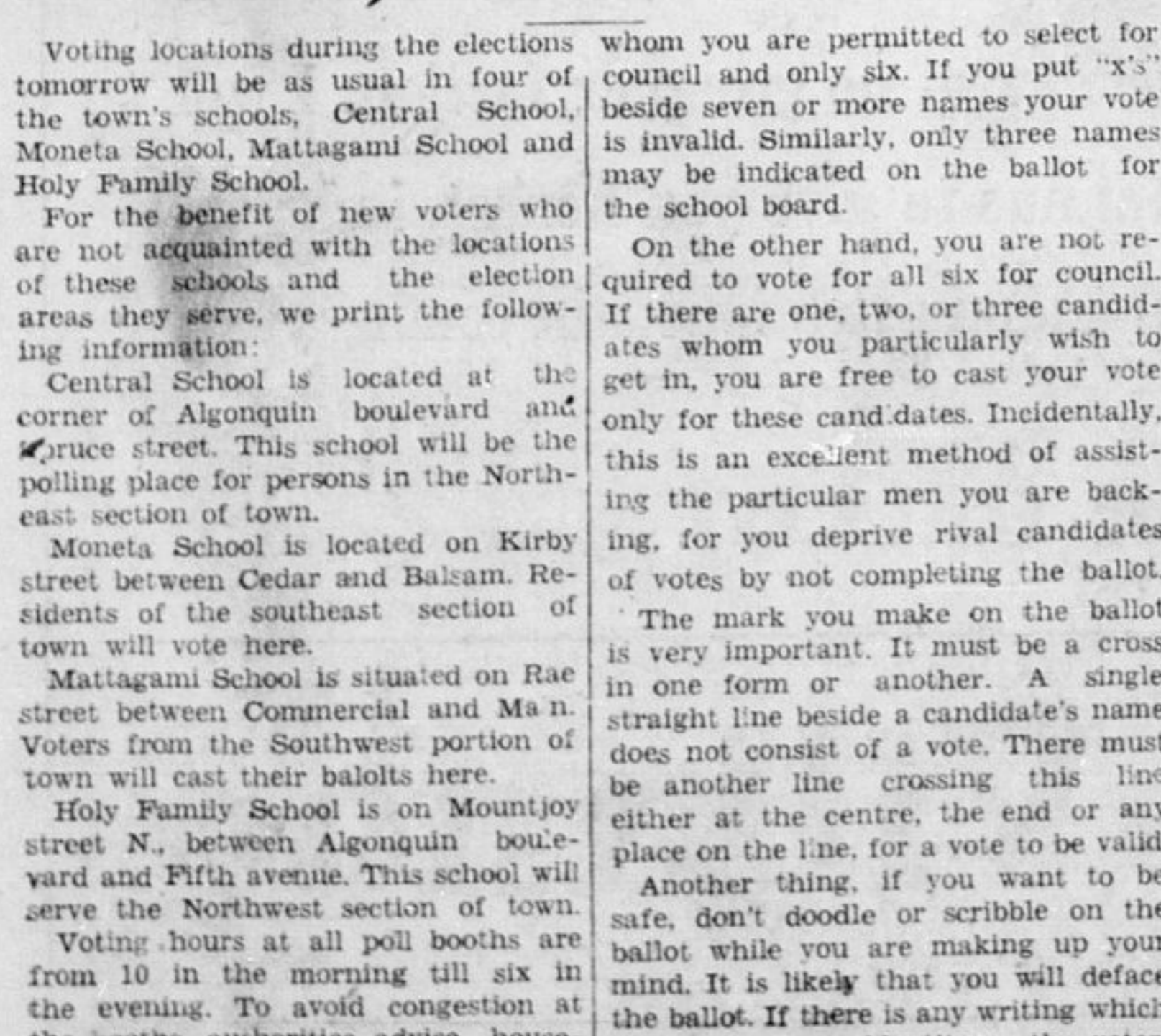
Leo Lalande Spoke From Back of the Hall

Leo Lalande spoke from the back of the hall: "I think that this is setting a good precedent. But next year, instead of businessmen getting together, it will be workers. I would like to see the workers of the town do the same thing." Another voice from the audience asked Mr. Quinn if he would reveal the names of the persons backing the "Slate For '48". "I don't consider it my business to give their names," Mr. Quinn replied. "And I repeat that as far as I am concerned I am paying my own expenses entirely."

General discussion moved the subject to another topic, but the question of who was financing the "Slate" was resumed by Councillor Bonhomme a few minutes later. "This campaign these people are putting on is costing a very large sum of money and I am scrupulous about having someone spending money like this to get someone else elected to council. I know the name of this construction firm and if I get on the town hall this firm is on the blacklist from now on. Evidently this firm wants to put these people in so it can run things the way it likes at the town hall," Mr. Bonhomme said. "And I'll help you to put them on the blacklist, for I know who they are too," Mr. Bartleman declared. "Council wasn't as receptive as they liked this year so they are trying to put these people in so they can tell them what to do."

No reply to these charges was made by any member of the "Slate For '48".

Picture Above



Pictured above are the graduating class of the Timmins High and Vocational School who received their diplomas and certificates of merit in a colorful and impressive ceremony held at the school Friday evening. The school auditorium was filled to capacity with parents and friends of the student body. Valedictorian for the occasion was Murray Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Brown, 5 Patricia Boulevard. Photo by Dessau.