

# CLAIMS HOLLINGER IS BEHIND MOVE TO UNITE NEWFOUNDLAND TO CANADA

## Iron In Labrador Said To Be Reason

The union of Newfoundland with Canada may appear to have little connection with the interests of anyone in this district, but according to a mining man interviewed this week by the Porcupine Advance, there is a link which makes interesting news, if it is correct.

The Advance's informant, who has twice been in the iron mining fields now under development by Hollinger at Labrador stated that the reason that the Dominion government is now so agitated to get Newfoundland into the Dominion is due to the developments which the Timmins interests have undertaken in Labrador. Labrador is part of Newfoundland territory.

"You never heard much talk about Newfoundland becoming a part of Canada till Hollinger went into Labrador did you?" he asked, "Well, since they discovered the tremendous wealth of iron deposits there, everybody wants it to become part of Canada."

He also claimed that the Hollinger interests were doing everything they could in the form of lobbying at Ottawa to get Newfoundland into the Dominion. The biggest and best part of the Hollinger area is in Labrador and not in Northern Quebec, he said.

Hence if Newfoundland wished to impose an export tax or any other type of tax on the ore taken from the Labrador area, the company's costs might be considerably increased, he claimed.

## Dalton's Gift Horse Is Looked In Mouth

The sound and the fury concerning bus fares continues with unabated volume. Last night it was the Timmins Ratepayers' Association which got on top of the subject and gave it a sound thrashing.

It was the first Ratepayers' meeting of the year. 36 individuals under the chairmanship of Frank X. Gauthier, voiced their opinions of the local bus lines and they were far from complimentary. J. P. Bartleman, perennial champion of the group, was not on hand last night but from the sentiments expressed the fine New Zealand hand of Mr. Bartleman was pulling strings from somewhere behind the scenes.

Take the way that Mr. Dalton's proposed gift of land to the town of Timmins was discussed, for example. There is the old story about looking for gift horses in the mouth, but according to the ratepayers it is a question of looking gift land at the waterline when Mr. Dalton's 14 acre tract is concerned.

After pointing to the role which the piece of land played to delay the passing of noxious Bylaw No. 1027 Mr. Gauthier said: "The land itself is worthless and a liability to the owners. They couldn't do anything with it so they wanted to give it away to the town to get out of paying taxes."

"It is underwater most of the time. The only time any of it is above water is when the water is very low. It is just a swamp. It would have to be raised four feet before it could be used for anything. It would cost hundreds of thousands to fix. The town would be better off to buy good land in the first place rather than accept this," said a member of the association from the floor.

"It would make a better swimming pool than a park," was another comment.

"It's a swimming pool right now," said another member.

After a repetition of most of the criticism which has been heard at previous discussions of the local bus line, the Ratepayers passed a resolution in which they complimented the "gallant stand" which Local 241 had taken in the fight for lower bus fares and expressed their support of the committee which had been appointed at Sunday's public meeting in the Empire theatre.

A. W. Stewart proposed that a resolution be passed approving the stand taken by Councillors Aubry and Del Villano on the bylaw. "These two men will have seats on council till they die of old age," he said.

However, the association refused to endorse the resolution because it was of a political nature.

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## Some DP's Returning To Homes In Poland

According to Reg Davies, well-known field editor of Abitibi Magazine a good many DP's now employed in the bush in this district will not be working in Northern Ontario next year. In fact they won't be working anywhere in Canada.

When their ten month contracts are up they are going back to Europe. "I met a group of three DP's with an interpreter in town this week and I asked them how they liked Canada," Mr. Davies told the Advance. "They said they liked it and I asked them if they were going to stay at bush work when their contracts expired. They said no, they were going back to Poland."

"So I asked them again what was the matter with Canada. They said nothing, it is a fine place, plenty to eat, lots of freedom, a very good country. The only trouble was it was not their home. And in spite of the fact that they know they will be going back to almost intolerable conditions, they are determined to return to Poland," Mr. Davies said.

"I guess a man's home is a man's home and that's all there is to it," he observed.

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## Drama Festival Here Three Days In April

The preliminaries in the Northern Ontario Drama Festival will be held here April 1, 2 and 3, it was announced this week. Finals in the Festival will take place at Kirkland Lake April 10.

Sponsored by the Adult Education Group, it is expected that from 10 to 14 dramatic groups will compete here during the preliminaries.

The plays which will be presented will be one act plays or one act of three-act play, either in French or English. There will be a minimum of three players in each group and a maximum of eight, although there can be as many character parts as necessary. Maximum time will not exceed 45 minutes.

There will be two adjudicators to judge the competition, one French and one English. Entries must be in by March 1 and should be mailed to R. E. Sturgeon at the Municipal Building, Timmins.

Members of the festival committee are Miss I. Cunningham, F. Gauthier, Pat Larmer, Miss V. Linder, G. Mireault, A. Oulette and Mrs. N. Young. Zone Convener is Mrs. J. A. Theriault.

## Algonquin Stag In Aid Of Battalion's History

A stag sponsored by the Algonquin Regiment will be held this Saturday evening at the Armouries to raise funds to aid in publishing "The Warpath," official history of the regiment's role in the battles of Western Europe.

## Weekly Newsmen Meet Here In June

125 members of the Ontario-Quebec division of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association will convene on Timmins June 18 during the annual convention of the association, the Advance learned this week. The visiting newspapermen will arrive here on the 9.40 a.m. train and depart on the 5.30 p.m. train.

The members of the weekly press will assemble in Toronto June 17 and after their visit here travel to New Liskeard and then to Temagami.

A program for the visit of the newsmen here is now being arranged.



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"I want to make it clear"

The big bus fare battle took on a different hue in the Empire theatre Sunday night when J. Emile Brunette, who retired from the town council after serving as mayor for seven years, walked to the platform and said that the present council was wrong in rescinding Bylaw 1027. Mr. Brunette declared that the bylaw had been passed in good faith by the council he led and that if he were in office it would still be in effect. Other local politicians who objected to rescinding the bylaw were, left to right James P. Bartman, Councillor Leo Del Villano and Councillor Urban Aubry. Advance Photos.

## Council Backwaters On Bus Fare Issue

It was without great enthusiasm this week that Timmins town council heard Victor Salomaa read a resolution passed at a citizens' meeting Sunday requesting Mayor Eyre and Councillors Fay, Quinn, Bailey and Quessel to rescind if they were not prepared to take action to get the opinion of the people on the bus fare question.

A second resolution in which the citizens appointed a committee of Messrs. J. Emile Brunette, James P. Bartleman, R. A. Lachance, international organizer, Ivan Vachon, president of Local 241, and Angus McDonald, union steward at McIntyre, to ascertain whether an outside bus operator would be interested in taking over transportation in the Porcupine was also read to council.

The resolutions formed part of a request by the new transportation committee to confer with council as soon as possible. Attending council were R. A. Lachance and J. P. Bartleman, committee members. A scattering of miners was also in the council chamber.

To clarify the situation which was erroneously reported in the Daily Press, Mr. Bartleman and Mr. Lachance were not at Monday's meeting to hold an immediate discussion on bus fares. They were there to arrange a later meeting between council and the committee to discuss the matter.

The members of council who had been invited to attend the public meeting in the Empire theatre Sunday and who had refused to go—their action had been termed an "organized insult" to the people of Timmins" by Mr. Lachance—failed to stand their ground as might have been expected when they were requested Tuesday to meet the citizens' transportation committee.

It was generally expected that they would have the "gumption" to tell the committee to figuratively "go to blazes" with its request to re-open the transportation question but, apparently, this was lacking. In any event they appeared ready to capitulate to the pressure which was being brought to bear against them.

In explaining why he had refused to attend the public meeting held Sunday, Mayor Eyre made issue of the fact that

the meeting was held in the theatre rather than in council chambers, which he declared was the proper place for the town's business to be conducted. (Ed. Note: the meeting was held in the theatre for the reason that council chamber was not large enough to accommodate the crowd of three hundred which turned out).

"I received an invitation to go as well as all others," Mayor Eyre declared, "As the bus bylaw had been rescinded and the new bylaw enacted I could not see any useful purpose in attending this meeting. As long as I am mayor of this town, the town's business will be conducted in the town hall every Monday at 4 p.m. This is where we should discuss these matters."

"Last Monday I said that I could see no harm in having a public meeting on this matter but it was never my intention to have it anywhere but here," he stated, "I am ready to meet this committee at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon or at any time."

"If this committee wants to help improve the bus service I will co-operate with it. There have been insinuations which may last all year. If Mr. Quinn is available at 4 tomorrow it is all right with me. If he is not then I am ready to meet this committee at any time which can be arranged."

Councillor Barney Quinn was absent from Monday's meeting due to illness.

"I will be willing to meet this committee if this whole council is complete," said Councillor Urban Aubry. Councillor Quessel indicated that he was willing to meet the committee when it could be arranged.

Councillor Fay: "I'm not saying the bus service is perfect but what is the point of listening to a lot of yelling when there are no figures presented. I based my judgement on the figures of Mr. Quinn."

Mayor Eyre: "I wish to be fair but I don't want a bunch of politicians bawling me around either."

Councillor Bailey: "This matter is hot right now. I think it should be delayed for a week and allowed to cool off."

At this R. A. Lachance rose to say

## Teen-Ager Objects; Claims Bus Meeting Not Representative

One dissenting voice which refused to approve the two resolutions passed by the citizens' meeting on bus fares Sunday in the Empire theatre came from a local teen-ager who said that he didn't believe that the crowd of 300 persons in the theatre were representative of the general public of Timmins.

"I don't think this meeting has any business in asking the town council to resign," he said. "The people here are only a small majority of those who voted them into power."

His statement was greeted by catcalls and boos.

## SPECIAL MEETING

A special steward's meeting of the International Union of Mine Mill and Smelter Workers will take place Sunday at the union hall on Algonquin boulevard. The meeting will open at 2 p.m.

(that he objected to the mayor's attitude and Mr. Bailey's statement. He claimed that though the mayor said all business should be done in the council chamber at 4 p.m. Mondays, council had held a "secret meeting" with Mr. Dalton from which members of the union were excluded.

The mayor replied that he had used the words "town hall" and that he meant "town hall" not "council chambers."

"Councillor Bailey says that the matter is a hot one just now and to let it cool off," Mr. Lachance declared. "This is just a repetition of his attitude to the whole subject. To let cool off means to get nothing done."

"When Mr. Bailey says 'cool off' there is really nothing to cool off," put in J. P. Bartleman unctuously, "Our committee is simply trying to meet the council in a conciliatory attitude. I hope none of us will be heated or antagonistic. I just want to see us come together for the benefit of all."

The meeting will take place as soon as all the members of council and all the members of the transportation committee can be present.

## "Let's Defer It" Is Slogan Of "Efficient" 1948 Slate

## Those In 40's Warned

In view of the marked number of deaths which have taken place recently among prominent men in their late forties and early fifties in the Porcupine camp, Dr. Graham B. Lane, director of the Porcupine Health Unit, this week issued a warning to businessmen and other men working under pressure to go slow.

He pointed out that of a total of 246 deaths in the Porcupine in 1947-48 were from failures of the circulatory system which includes heart disease, strokes and kidney disease. This is 40 percent of the total.

"The average man whom one sees still at work at 70 years of age today is a man who has worked all his life with a shovel and who has made his own pace," he stated. "The high pressure, strain and worry of running a business leads a man to overtax his system far more seriously than if he were engaged in manual labour."

He advised men in their forties to seek regular relaxation where the tensions of responsibility were removed. "There is not much point in making a million dollars if you yourself are not around to enjoy it."

"A man's sorrows and hopes, fears and ambitions all share in determining his physical condition. But people of course deny that they under tension or strain. They think that to admit being upset would be somehow degrading."

"They keep grinding up grains of irritation and down in the tissues and cells the count goes on, storing it up to be used against them."

"Diseases of the heart and circulatory system are most frequently the result of continual fear, worry and overwork. They are diseases practically known among animals in their natural state and among primitive peoples living an agrarian life."

"The simple life" may have little appeal to busy men, yet many of these self-same men would increase their enjoyment of life and keep living a longer time if they brought into their lives just a little calmness, regularity and freedom from tension.

Who said that the 1947 council was the only group of town fathers who deferred town business from week to week? The present 1948 council is considerably worse.

At this week's meeting of council there were a total of 30 items on the agenda. Ten of these items were presented to council in the form of correspondence and hence on these ten no action could be expected to be taken at once.

However of the remaining 20, all of which had appeared on the agendas of previous meetings, only four items were disposed of at Monday's meeting. One of these was a routine resolution concerning water rebates. A second was a routine bylaw concerning the 1948 road subsidy from the province. The third concerned the establishment of a committee for the Canadian Appeal for Children. The fourth dealt with Daylight Saving Time.

Thus 16, or 80%, of the matters which were supposed to be dealt with at this week's meeting were deferred.

These matters were:

Decision on Mayor Karl Eyre's report on the Mines Tax meeting of the Association of Northern Mining Municipalities.

The annexation of Brousseau townships.

Increased welfare food allowances.

A contract for time with the local radio station.

Staff changes in the town hall.

Fidelity bonds for municipal employees.

Insurance on town properties.

A claim by J. R. Piche.

False Alarm rewards.

Daylight Saving Time.

Refreshment stand at Gillies Lake.

A request for aid to the welfare department.

The proposed provincial laboratory for Timmins.

Westmount Land annexation.

The sale of land to the Hydro for a sub-station.

Many of these items have been deferred week after week for more than a month.

Said a wag in attendance at Monday's meeting: "If this keeps up they will have three solid sheets of deferred matters on the agenda in no time."

The standard agenda sheet on which items for council's discussion are typed is 14 inches long. There is room for about 36 items per sheet.

This week town workmen are using the municipalities' snow equipment to remove a foot of snow from the snow pack on the town's streets.

## Father M. Horoshko Addresses Kiwanis

Rev. Father M. Horoshko, of Kirkland Lake, was the guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club at the Empire hotel on Monday. He gave a forceful and convincing review of Communism as practised in Russia today, documenting his points with copious quotations from the manifesto of Karl Marx (adopted dogmatically by the Soviet) and from the constitution of the Russian Soviet, as well as from other official declarations.

In introducing the guest speaker, Kiwanian Nick Basciano mentioned that Rev. Fr. Horoshko had come from the Ukraine to Canada in 1937, as a missionary, and that he had served two years overseas as chaplain in the Canadian Army.

In the absence of President Barney Quinn through illness, Vice-President F. A. Woodbury occupied the chair for the day.

Visitor for the day was R. Newell, of Timmins, introduced by Kiwanian Bob Harvey.

Communism, Nazism and Fascism, the speaker said, had much in common, all three representing totalitarianism and dictatorship. Worship of the state was common to all three. In 1929, Russia, Germany and Italy were on very friendly terms because of the common bond of similar ideologies.

The whole Marx doctrine of materialism had been dogmatically adopted by the Russian constitution. The Soviet held with Marx that man is a mere animal, that history is a record only of class struggle, and that religion is simply an invention to better exploit the common people. The speaker spiked these points in an effective way. "The Christian doctrine seeks to make better men and women," he said, "and better men and

women are the great need of this or any other time."

Not only did the Soviet do away with religion, but also family life as we know it, with private property, education in its true sense, and with national loyalty. Communists employ any plan, policy, movement, party, or anything else, that may lead to chaos, confusion or revolution. Quotations given from the Marx manifesto showed that Marx emphasized the idea that only force and violence could overthrow other systems.

The folly of saying that there was any freedom of government under the Soviet was shown by the case of the Ukraine. The Ukraine was bossed completely and effectively from Moscow.

In regard to education the speaker noted that no person could secure a degree in any subject without first passing in Marxian philosophy.

While there was recent pretence of freedom of religion in Russia, this was but a farce, as the only church permitted was the Russian Orthodox Church, and it could not teach its children.

The absurdity of Soviet elections also came in for scorn. The candidates could be only from the one party, and even then, had to be approved by Moscow. Letters were read by the speaker to show the idolatry offered to Joe Stalin.

The whole dictatorship of the politburo at Moscow was maintained by the organized force of the Soviet "gestapo."

A dynamic force is needed in the Christian churches to offset the barbarous doctrines of the dictatorships, the speaker said. With such a force, Western civilization need be afraid of no one.

## TO ASK GOVERNOR GENERAL

The Canadian Legion requested the town fathers this week to invite Governor General Alexander to attend the official opening of the New Legion Hall when it takes place some time this summer. The Legion also requested that sidewalk be laid from Park road to the hall and that a stop light be installed at Park road.