

Throwing Quills

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Politics: We have a letter from A. W. Stewart, who although nominated for council, has decided not to run. "Reasons of health," writes Mr. Stewart. His eight point "mishogany" platform, which was built for the poor people of the town, writes Mr. Stewart, will have to go by the boards for the time being. He has been prevailed upon by his physician to "take it easy." He writes: "I am out through to whip up a plug for Jimmy Bartleman, who, he writes, is the best trained councillor that Timmins has."

"Mr. Bartleman," writes Mr. Stewart, "is well informed on all public issues and has specialized in municipal law and procedure. He is in reality a walking municipal encyclopedia."

Looking over the other candidates Mr. Stewart shows disapproval. He writes: "There is only one who might give me any assistance on my eight point program, if elected, and I might find myself merely a voice crying in the wilderness."

Mr. Stewart, like Churchill, writes of "Blood, sweat, toil and tears," and thanks this paper for "championing the cause of the downtrodden." Thank you Mr. Stewart, and may your health improve.

The Redmen: Was Stevenson prevailed upon not to run so that less "obvious" Reds, like Houle, Kreymr, and Fester might take his place on council? And why does Fester say that he is a bakery manager when he likes the title "educational director" and of what is he "educational director?"

Art Exhibit: The Rainbow Room is the scene of the Art Exhibit this week and a very pretty scene it makes. The amateur artists have gathered together their efforts and placed them on parade before the populace. Many of the paintings are interesting and many of them are not. The conservative trend of the North is shown strongly in the art work of the artists around Timmins.

Ken Campbell's "Cobalt" is perhaps the outstanding picture of the exhibit being a picture of some delapidated mine buildings in pinkish blue tints. If I had \$75 I might buy it. It is arresting yet soft in texture, setting a mood. Doris Sturgeon's portrait work is excellent, showing outstanding talent, yet lacking a certain wistfulness which is important to great portraiture. "Sandra" and "Vita" are hers. Many of the artists are interested in the architectural lines of mine shafts and mills. The Mountjoy Timber Co. sawmill comes in as a subject too. Autumn scenes are prominent but few of them are outstanding.

The exhibit is interesting from an artistic view as it is an attempt by the Porcupine Art Club to increase the local interest in art.

The Law: Mr. Yates as counsel for the Town of Timmins referred to reports from newspapers in slighting terms. Tut, Tut Mr. Yates, that isn't the correct attitude to take.

The Theatre: Forever Amber proved an interesting diversion. Everyone came away asking what it was that Amber did that was so bad. Ah, Timmins! Sales: The Frank DeLuca "mansions" on Riverside Drive has been sold to the highest bidder. His bid was many dollars lower than the appraisal. What had been touted by the Press as a spacious dwelling is nothing but a shack with sagging walls and it needs a new roof. Few people want to live in the location because property values are dropping and because of what happened in the house.

The long arm of the law: Chief Gagnon is reported to have some more clues to the murder of Frank DeLuca. Frank is a long way from here and in all probability so are his assailants.

Vote As You Like But Get Out & Vote

Tuesday is election day. As there have been few clear-cut issues mentioned in which controversy could be based, this election lacks, perhaps, the color of other election years. But it is still an election of officers for the Town of Timmins and everyone should be interested in the choice of officials which will affect the future of this community.

It is a fault with communities and nations under the democratic form of government, to allow themselves to be lulled into an idea that no matter who they choose the government will remain the same. This idea is enervating to the voter and leads small-time politicians to the thought that the "people are suckers."

This method of thinking also allows petty politicians and poor administrators to carry on while there are more competent men who are passed up. As one man remarked at the nomination meeting "Looking about I don't see much of a representation from the businessmen of this community."

Yet it is the businessmen who pay the large share of the taxes. They should most certainly be interested in who handles the money which goes to improve the town in which they live. Town pride alone should "get out the vote" in any community.

Many complained of the type of government they have been getting in the past yet, few of these people were seen at the nomination meeting to nominate citizens who might be able to do a better job. This complacency may be a fault of lots of towns, but don't let it hold Timmins back. "Vote as you like, but get out and vote!"

Frank McDowell III At North Bay Meet

Frank McDowell of McDowell Motors Timmins, was taken ill suddenly at a Conservative meeting in North Bay last Saturday. Mr. McDowell is better today, but will remain in bed for some time as the doctor has been unable to diagnose his trouble as yet.

The meeting was to be the purpose of forming a new organization for Northern Ontario, taking in all the ridings of the North including Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Maitoulin and Algoma. The purpose of the organization is to put forward the needs of the North country to the Ontario government.

More than a hundred delegates were present: The meeting was called for Saturday morning and deliberations were carried on all day. Attorney General Leslie Blackwell was present at the meeting and was guest speaker at the banquet in the evening.

The new organization will be comprised of the presidents, vice-presidents or secretaries of the various North and each riding. Formation of the new organization was thought to be necessary to better tell the Ontario government what is needed in the North.

Don Frisbe of Kirkland Lake was

Post Mines Survey Now On Sale

Reflecting the increase in Dominion mineral production to an estimated level of over \$75 millions in 1948, the 1949 edition of the Financial Post Survey of Mines reviews a larger number of companies that never before in its 23-year history.

Containing 396 pages with complete details on all active mining companies across the country as well as thousands of class active ones the Survey has maps of 36 leading mining areas, an eight year price range of stocks and production tables extending back to 1858. The Survey of Mines is recognized as the most comprehensive work in its field.

The reviews of individual companies offer a handy reference to production, earnings, dividends, ore, reserves, directors and significant developments. Moreover, enabling investors to make quick appraisals of individual issues.

Besides data on Canadian mining issues, information is also provided on foreign mining companies in which Canadians are interested, while exchange commission rates, lists of operating mines, etc., are provided for those desiring more general information.

The Financial Post Survey of Mines 1949 edition, is available from MacLean — Hunter Publishing Company, Limited, 481 University Avenue, Toronto. The price remains unchanged at two dollars a copy.

"Cobalt" Painting Sold To Lawyer

"Cobalt," the outstanding painting of the Porcupine Art Club exhibit now showing at the Rainbow Room of the Goldfields Hotel, sold last night for \$75. The painting which was "tops" in the show, depicted an abandoned mine shaft near Cobalt in 40 below zero weather.

Ken Campbell, the young painter of "Cobalt" is a public relations man with the Department of Lands and Forests. He has several other paintings in the show but they fall short of the finished work shown in "Cobalt."

The painting was bought by Mr. Lewis Raxien, a Toronto lawyer who while staying at the Goldfields Hotel spotted the painting and decided to buy it for his downtown Toronto office. Mr. Raxien was pleased with his purchase which was made through Mrs. Elizabeth Peat acting as Mr. Campbell's agent.

-elected president of the organization, and Mr. Lyons of Sault Ste. Marie was elected vice-president. From Timmins were: Percy Boyce, Charles Yates, Maurice Belanger, Frank McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Langdon and R. J. Gunn.



That acclamation smile. Mayor Karl Eyre smiles for the Advance cameraman after his acclamation last Tuesday. His Worship makes no big promises for 1949 but he does promise at least a four mill reduction in the tax rate. "I have great faith in the future of this town," said His Worship. "We may be in a little slump now, but we will come back, we always have."

Find Water Contract Looking Elsewhere McAlendin Runs For Council Seat

While "looking for something else," a town employee found the missing Hollinger water contract. "It wasn't where it should have been," Vic Salomaa, Town Clerk explained. "That's why we couldn't find it. But when we were searching for another paper, we turned up the old contract."

Mayor Eyre was overjoyed by the fact that the contract had been brought to light. "Its 20 years since this paper had been seen. That's a long time," he said. On the contract are the signatures of Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins in 1932, Hestor Montgomery, town clerk and Jules Timmins, president of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines.

Karl Eyre was relieved to see the contract. "All those fights over nothing," he said. The missing contract has caused splits in councils and bitter quarrels which ended in the council taking the matter right into election battles.

"This little piece of paper has cost the town more than four thousand in dollars and cents value and plenty of headaches," said His Worship.

"The town has learned a lesson," said His Worship. "We must make sure that our valuable papers never get mislaid again and cost the town so much money."

The mayor suggested that all valuable papers should be kept in a separate strong box in the vault. "Accessible only with two keys. One held by the Clerk and one by the Mayor. Then if there is any paper out of place it can be traced easily."

Iroquois Falls Vacate Cellar With 6-2 Majority

For the first time in many weeks, the Papermakers have climbed out of the league cellar. Last night they edged out their basement companions, the Combines, by a 6-2 count thus leaving the Juniors in sole possession of the door-mat honors. Last night's victory gave the Falls their second of the season, both against the luckless Combines.

Star of the Falls victory was Eric Mongeon, Falls centreman, who tallied three and assisted in another for a 4 point total. Leading light in the Combines losing cause was Donovan who tallied both goals.

The tilt was a real slugfest with Normie Woon and Gus Lang handing out a total of 21 penalties, 12 to the Juniors and 9 to the Falls.

It took the Papermakers just two seconds of the game to hit paydirt. The puck was just faced off and Voltaire took Eric Mongeon's pass and sailed in on Fraser, slipping the puck by him. With Reo Caron serving an interference sentence, Donovan of the Juniors parked the biscuit past Porter on passes from Johnny Meston and Pete Marson. The Falls went ahead a minute later when Kenney slapped at a loose puck in front of Jimmy Fraser, an dthe disc trickled into the net. Penalties to George Gregg, Voltaire, Dan Gregg, and Lou Lavallee made things a little warm for Sully Porter in the Falls net but he managed to keep the Juniors scoreless.

His hottest moment came when Steve Brklacich waltzed in on him on a break-away but Brklacich missed the open corner of the twine. Johnny Macmen of the Combines was thumbing for holding and the Falls turned on the steam but just couldn't beat the pint-sized blueliner, handed out the stiffest body-check of the period as he hit Eric Mongeon at centre ice. Mongeon had to retire to the dressing room but returned to the game in the second period.

The Papermakers increased their lead in the first minute of the middle canto, Fred Cybolski doing the honors. The goal was rather fluky as it entered the net on a slow screen shot. The Combines were given renewed hope, in penalties to Dan Gregg and Reo Caron but they just couldn't click for the much-needed counter. With Steve Brklacich sitting out a high-sickness sentence, Eric Mongeon lit the lamp for the Falls, giving them a three goal margin. This lead was short-lived however as Donovan busted the twine for the second time, Meston and Marson again assisting. This period saw Steve Brklacich up his time in the penalty box to 39 minutes as he received three minor sentences.

The Combines pressed hard throughout the final frame but weren't rewarded for their efforts. The coldest call for their Porter came when Pete Marson broke away but missed the open corner. With five minutes to go Eric Mongeon broke the game wide open with 2 lovely counters both on assists by George Gregg. Mongeon's hat-trick and assist soared him to within one point of the front-running pair of Orlando and Theriault. He was easily the outstanding star on the ice.

ASSESSMENT INIQUITOUS BASED ON UNFAIRNESS -- INEQUITY -- BARTLEMAN

TOWN HELP GET CHEQUES

Employees of the Town of Timmins received cheques for \$100 to compensate them for the loss of the cost of the cost of living bonus which they decided not to take last year. Mayor Karl Eyre held court in his office yesterday and today as the employees filed in and picked up their welcome cheques.

Karl looked up from signing the cheques as the Advance editor and photographer advanced toward his desk. "Do you fellows work for the town?" he quipped.

"We like to think we do," was the answer. But the Mayor didn't have a cheque for us, but 180 employees of the town smiled happily as they walked out of the mayor's office with their cheques.

For those who think this a waste of money, it is actually a saving," said Mr. Mayor. "It has saved us over \$25,000. The other towns and businesses paid the cost of living bonus, we didn't."

Citizens' Band Hold Annual Social

The committee in charge deserves high praise for the nappy success of the annual social evening of the Timmins Citizens' Band, held in the Algonquin Regt.'s armories on Saturday evening. The pleasant quarters were crowded with bandmen, their ladies, and friends, and not one present but voted the event an enjoyable success.

The chairman of the committee of the band, Bandsman Edgar Stephens, acted as master of ceremonies, and carried the programme through in a happy way. And he had a programme of rare merit to back him up.

In addition to the delightful programme of vocal and instrumental numbers, there were brief addresses, and two eloquent numbers by Bandsman Ken Cambridge, his presentation of Kipling's "If" being outstanding.

Dancing was another enjoyable feature of the evening, and to complete the occasion, there was a pleasing buffet lunch.

After G. A. Macdonald, president of the Timmins Citizens' Band, gave a very hearty welcome to all to the event, Wallace Findley, organist of First United Church, set a high standard by his piano number, "Christmas Melodies." This high standard was maintained by all following.

The numbers included: popular saxophone solos, by Mrs. H. Fortin; a solo by Miss Smith of Moneta School, that brought an insistent encore; accordion solos, by Victor Guikus, the popular new Canadian member of Timmins Citizens' Band; happy numbers by the Harmony Trio (Mrs. H. Fortin, Mrs. Salvail and Miss Mathe, with Mrs. J. A. Theriault, as piano accompanist), making a special hit; chorus, by the Young People of the Band, led by "Bim" Sturgeon; Mrs. T. Gay brought down the house with her humorous numbers, in costume; Walter Avery, as usual was popular with his songs; a piano solo by Carl Johns roused such an encore that he had to give another number. As a matter of fact, there was not an item on the programme that did not win an encore, and deserve it. A special word is due to the piano accompanists of the evening, Mrs. Dafoe and Mrs. C. Wilkins.

Community singing was a special feature of the event, all joining in with enthusiasm that added to the evening's enjoyment. A special feature of this feature was the impromptu quartette, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Johns, Edgar Stephens and Mrs. Gay.

Responding to calls from the master of ceremonies, brief, but appropriate addresses were given by Mayor Karl A. Eyre, Councillor Phillip Fay, Bandmaster F. J. Wolno, and Secretary J. Cooke.

OCCUPATIONAL PERILS

Poisonous snakes, toads, spiders centipedes and insects are among the hazards faced by rubber gatherers in the forests of the Amazon.

EARLY IRON USERS

The first evidence of the use of iron by man was in 1000 B.C. in southern Europe.

TRACE EXTINCT REPTILES

Remains of the plesiosaurus, a genus of extinct reptiles, have been found in England and elsewhere.

"This assessment is illegal," said A. J. P. Cameron, municipal expert and counsel for J. P. Bartleman in his appeal against the Town of Timmins regarding the "inequity of assessment" last Monday and Tuesday.

"As this assessment doesn't follow the statutory requirements of section 39 of the Assessment Act, it is illegal," said Mr. Cameron, and declared that the Timmins council had prevailed upon the assessor to raise the taxes illegally. "The assessing by-law was enabling by-law and therefore illegal."

Following the hearing of the case in which Mr. Bartleman charged that the assessment was illegal because, "it is unfair and inequitable," and, said Mr. Bartleman, "the underlying principle of the Assessment Act is fairness and equity."

"I am not necessarily trying to lower my assessment merely because I find some fault with the Town's method of assessing my property," said Mr. Bartleman. "I feel that the method used at present discriminates unfairly between the assessment of lands without buildings and the buildings."

In presenting his case before Judge Danis, Mr. Cameron stated that the Act said, "Land, includes all buildings that are situated thereon." Mr. Cameron said that the land was being assessed in accordance with the Act but the buildings were not. "And," he contended, "that is illegal."

In pointing out the variance of discrimination Mr. Cameron showed on the map Hollinger property which was assessed for \$100 an acre while adjoining property was assessed \$2000 an acre. "Is this a fair and equitable assessment?"

Judge Danis reserved judgement and asked that written arguments be submitted in writing to him. Mr. Cameron agreed to this.

"I cannot see how the judge can do anything else but throw the whole assessment out," said Mr. Cameron, commenting on the case. "If he doesn't we will appeal the matter to a higher court."

Mr. Cameron said that the rotation section of the Assessment Act was to allow the town to assess part of the town at a time in order to lower the cost. "They shouldn't have applied the assessment until all of the town was assessed," said Mr. Cameron. "By doing so part of the town taxpayers will pay higher taxes a year or more ahead of the other taxpayers."

"Our main argument is about this by-law and the inequity of the assessment. It looks like a put-up job instead of a proper assessment," said Mr. Cameron.

"The whole thing boils down to this," said Mr. Cameron. "It is discrimination against the man with vacant property. If anyone builds a building on the property they pay the same taxes as when the land is vacant."

cant. Anyone can see the unfairness of that."

Pictures of the property in question were brought out and displayed in court. The terrain was discussed and the whole matter gone into very thoroughly.

"The decrease in the assessment of buildings in '48 and '49 is something which the town of Timmins should be asked to explain," said Mr. Cameron. "Land should go back to the 1948 assessment when there was an equity of assessment and the buildings should have been assessed in the proper manner."

Mr. Cameron said that he thought there was quite a bit of discrimination when the land on the South side of the road edging Mr. Bartleman's land was assessed at \$2000 and the land on the North side was assessed a \$250.

The land on the south side belonged to Mr. Bartleman.

Mr. Lamarche, Town Assessor admitted that he had deducted from the assessment of the buildings and added to the assessment of the land, but couldn't give a reasonable explanation as to why he had done so. He was also loathe to admit that land and buildings were to be assessed alike.

"It is surprising the number of vacant lots in Timmins," said Mr. Cameron, "where the owner has built a house on one lot and his other lot remains vacant. This means that he pays the same taxes for his vacant lot as he does for the one enhanced by a building."

"A number of these people will have to let their property go," said Mr. Bartleman. "It is the little landholder who will suffer if this iniquitous assessment is allowed to stand as it is. I am not kicking about paying taxes. But I would like to see the town do the job properly with fairness and equity."

Mr. Bartleman who is running for council in the 1948 election next Tuesday, stated that he was out to see that no one "got stung" on their assessment.

"With assessments balled up the way they are," said Mr. Bartleman, "How can the town expect to lower its mill rate? Those who say they can with the mess that town affairs are in, need to think again. With the assessment wrong, the Town of Timmins is not collecting enough taxes from the people that should be paying. Again I say, I do not mind paying my share of taxes. But I like to see everyone share alike in the upkeep of the town."

FOUND IN TOBACCO

Rutin, a rare drug found in tobacco, is used in treating capillary fragility, a condition associated with high blood pressure.

Contest Winners



ESTHER WILLIAMS, as one of the residents of Pacific Palisades, California, was asked to judge a Baby show staged by the community's Junior Woman's Club. The M-G-M star, who will be seen next in "Take Me Out To The Ball Game," poses with two of the young winners, six-month-old Michael Shea (left) and eleven-month-old Kristen Howard.