

Aubry Fights For Lots, Homes and Employment

Urban Aubry received an enquiry from the mayor of North Bay regarding Home Loan Improvement legislation, a government plan which enables home owners to improve homes by borrowing from the government.

Mr. Aubry, conscious of unemployment in the Porcupine district, had enquired locally about materials, and elicited the following reply from one of them.

Dear Mr. Aubry,
Timmins.

In confirmation of our recent conversation, we wish to state that, so far as we are aware, plumbing and heating are at present in good supply. We have not experienced difficulty in obtaining the materials necessary for house construction, nor do we expect any difficulty in this connection.

At present most plumbing and heating supply houses are reporting good stocks in expectation of a busy season.

April 3, 1950
W. Black (Smith & Elston Ltd.)

Another Letter

Hence it was that Hector Salomaa, Town Clerk, wrote to the Hon. Robert Winters, Minister of Resources and Development and received the following reply:

Dear Mr. Salomaa,
I wish to acknowledge your letter requesting consideration for the proclamation of that portion of Section 4 of the National Housing Act which relates to Home Improvement.

I am pleased to learn that plumbing and heating equipment is available in Timmins. Unfortunately, it will be appreciated that it is not responsible to proclaim a section of the Act in local areas. For administrative purposes it must be done on a Dominion basis.

The situation regarding the availability of these materials is being carefully watched, and as soon as the question regarding supply becomes reasonably satisfactory, steps will be taken to implement your request.

Robert H. Winters,
Minister of Resources and Development,
Ottawa.

Work Wanted Badly

During the council meeting held on Monday Mr. Aubry made the following statement: "The letter says it must be done on a Dominion basis. Surely, the question is a national one, and must be settled by our representatives in Ottawa. But there is no harm to our present view. A work program has to be carried out eventually. We must do all we can for our unemployed. I'm still convinced that the Home Improvement Loan would be received with open arms in Timmins. And, at any rate, it is a shame that Canadians know so little real prosperity in a country such as Canada."

40-Foot Lots
This morning Mr. Aubry further stated: "The owners of 30-foot lots in Timmins can not apply for the National Housing Loan, which stipulates 40-foot lots. And the Planning

Three Teachers Resign: Board Lands Jenkin

The regular monthly meeting of The Timmins Public School Board was held in Central Public School on Thursday evening, April 13th, with the following members present: Messrs. R. W. Hardy, chairman; E. B. Weir, J. D. Elliott, W. Alexander, Mrs. W. B. Brewer and Mrs. J. Douglas.

Payment of fourteen dollars to the Porcupine Festival of Music, being the entry fee for the school choir entered in the Festival, was approved. Resignations of Miss Jean McBeth, Mrs. Muriel Swansick and Miss Margaret Cameron, from the teaching staff, effective June 30th, were accepted.

Resignation of Miss Mary Blyth of the Birch Street School who has been a member of the teaching staff for the past twenty-one years, and who is retiring this year, was accepted with regrets by all the members.

Appointment of Miss Audrey Norman and Miss Lorraine Ferguson to the teaching staff as of September, 1950 was approved.

I was decided to send Mr. G. A. Jenkin, Music Supervisor, a letter of appreciation of the good work he is doing with the Public School Orchestra, and for the excellent concert he put on in the Legion Hall in March.

Salaries paid in the month of March amounted to \$12,482.89. Bills passed amounted to \$1,662.70.

RCMP Film and Talk To Be Heard This Evening

Constable Spriggs of the RCMP will show a film called "Youth and the Police Program," at the meeting of the Whitney Home and School Association to be held this evening at 8:00 p.m. in Whitney School.

Constable Spriggs will also give a short talk on the RCMP.

The School Board has authorized the holding of a School Fair and Sports Day for the pupils of Whitney Home and School Association is being sought to assist in the work of holding this fair and field day. Officers to assist in the above work will be elected at this meeting.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see a large turnout present at this meeting, the Secretary says.

By-Laws call for 40-foot lots. "But," he added, "there are many lots around Timmins already furnished with sewage and water services, and most of these lots are 30-foot lots. Now, what I ask, is this: If a man has a few hundred dollars, he can start the foundation and build half his house, perhaps, and then apply for a loan in order to finish it."

The TCAC Offers A Leaders Course

The TCAC is offering a course for leaders. Mrs. F. L. Johnson, M.A., head of the parent-education division of the Institute of Child Safety, will conduct the course.

The titles and dates are as follows: School Age Children (3rd year course) May 15, 16 and 17; Problems of the Teen Aged (4th year course).

"Last year this course was held in North Bay," Mr. Sturgeon said, "but this year we are having it here."

Those who enroll in this course are expected to:

1. Be willing, if asked, to accept the responsibility of helping a study group which is interested in child training.

2. To use the knowledge obtained to good advantage in their regular public service work; public health nurses, teachers, welfare workers, and so on.

TOMORROW SURELY
Freezing weather, ice again, on April the twentieth—oh, when will it ever arrive, really balmy? Tomorrow?

"Fine Fishing, Hunting: But Mind Conservation"

There were two special visitors at the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club at the Empire hotel on Monday, George Burt, of North Bay, Lieutenant-Governor of this Division of Kiwanis, was one, while the guest speaker was Russell Bentley, president of the Porcupine Rod and Gun Club.

Honour for Past President

Lieutenant-Governor Burt explained that this was only a friendly and informal visit, and that he would pay his official visit here at a later date. In the meantime he had a pleasant duty to perform, as he had been asked to present to F. A. Woodbury, president last year of Timmins Kiwanis, the Kiwanis International certificate of merit for outstanding services to Kiwanis; The new Lieutenant-Governor was introduced by President Geo. E. Knowles.

President Bentley of the Porcupine Rod and Gun Club was introduced by Les. Farrow, and chose as the subject of his address, "The Conservation of Wild Life." He explained that if anyone thought the purpose of the Rod and Gun Club was to assure they were badly mistaken. The Rod and Gun Club was sold on the thought of conservation, desiring that fish and game should be conserved for the delight of future generations as well as for those of today.

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Photography Course

Many have been enquiring about a course in photography. Therefore the TCAC has prepared a questionnaire and invites anyone interested to state their wishes. (Questionnaires at the office.)

Are you just a new shutter-snapper, average advanced? Are you interested in salon work, competitions, color work, processing? Would you like to take part in an elementary course which might cover lenses, exposure, development, enlarging, portraits, night pictures?

Anyone interested is invited to contact the TCAC office, Town Hall.

175 Typed for Blood by St. John's Ambulance

Five recent meetings of the St. John Ambulance Nursing Division No. 80 were devoted to blood grouping, 175 persons, the majority being members of the Birch Street Home and School Association, were typed.

A system is used whereby the grouping of each person is completed quickly. All blood group operators must be passed for efficiency before undertaking this work.

Blood grouping is one of the voluntary services of the St. John Ambulance. Clubs wishing to be grouped should contact the District Superintendent, Mrs. T. Langman, (1707-3).

Some Gas Bag

MR. DENNISON: On the question of Hansard, we are spending \$20,000 a year on the Hansard we get this year. The Hansard is not printed and is very hard to store. The pile of Hansards, when we finish, will be a pile about that high (indicating).

MR. PORTER: You put most of it in there. (Legislature: 6:45:0).

WHISKEY AND GIN TAUGHT IN SCHOOL

There were 15 charges laid for drunkenness in Timmins during the month of January, and 19 for the month of February, Chief Lepic reports.

With regard to alcoholic education in Timmins schools, Mr. Scott has this to say in the Legislature:

MR. SCOTT (Beaches): Just a moment, and then continuing: "Therefore it is one-eighth of two hours a week in grade eight. In grade nine there is a reference to self-control. In grade eleven there is a reference to the effect of alcohol on the nervous system. There is, I think, a slight reference in the secondary school courses."

Not Enough Alcohol
Well, it does not strike me as being a very adequate program of alcohol education which is being carried on in our schools. Reference has been made to British Columbia. I wrote to British Columbia during the year and obtained their textbook and they certainly go very much further into the whole problem of alcohol education in the schools than this government seems willing to do. When you look at the figures, you find that the increasing consumption of alcohol and the increasing number of drunken convictions per year all indicate a very unfortunate trend, and you are not doing very much about it.

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MR. FROST: Mr. Speaker, I move that you do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Bow & Arrow Marksmen Hold Meeting Tonight

The Archery Club will hold its first meeting of the year in the town hall tonight at 8:00 p.m. Leopold Cousineau, instructor, announced this morning.

Mr. Cousineau does not as yet know when they will be out on the range, which is by the Legion Hall.

The club, sponsored by the TCAC, was comprised of about 20 members last year.

Any interested people are invited to attend the meeting, Mr. Cousineau said.

COUNCIL NOTES

Miss Bazinet
That the resignation of Yvonne Bazinet be accepted. (Del Villano-Bartleman).

Roumanian Church
That the Town did sell to the Roumanian Orthodox Church, c/o V. Moskal, South Porcupine, part of parcel 2605 in the register of Whitney and Tisdale, for the sum of \$1,000 and that the mayor and clerk be authorized to execute a transfer thereof. (Barkwell-Del Villano).

Machine For Minister
MR. WISMER: Are we examining by machine now?

MR. PORTER: Well, I wish we could.

SOME hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. WISMER: Over at the University of Toronto, they have developed a machine that will calculate problems they could not calculate themselves. Are we going to give them to the students for answering examinations?

An hon. MEMBER: No, we are going to give you one.

"V.C." for Heroic Pole

The mining industry's Victoria Cross was presented posthumously tonight in recognition of the heroism of a Polish D.P. For saving the lives of six fellow miners, the late MacLachlan Koltan has been awarded the medal for bravery of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

TO THE EDITOR

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To The Advance:
Sir,
There are a number of raffles, sweep tickets and bingo prizes offered by various organizations around town. Each of them is for the benefit of some hospital, church or charitable undertaking. A man may otherwise never have an opportunity to own a car in all his life, or to win \$100,000. Because the profits go towards something good, he feels justified.

That is a general attitude. And it is misleading. Organizations thus raising money do so by catering to the lure of the dollar, of getting something for nothing—a cheap little dream of catching a flower—that isn't there.

I do not refer the occasional poker game or racetrack bet—two bucks on Buttercup's nose. I refer to organized offering of lucrative prizes for something good.

Oh, you may say, you cannot stop gambling; it is natural; it is human; it is a human foible? Quite so. Then why not organize prostitution and make some money out of it? Why not? It is natural. It is human. It will never decrease. Why not make some money out of it and give to the Children's Aid? If you capitalize on one human foible, why not capitalize on another?

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What about Mrs. O. P. — on Sixth Avenue? and Mrs. W. L. — on Spruce Street North? Losers week after week. How many losers are there in the Camp every week? Losers who can ill afford it, who are being gripped more and more by the habit? How many? And what organizations are responsible for their being gripped by that

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"A method of raising money which Great Britain and the United States abandoned many years ago. Does anyone think that the prestige of the Irish Republic has been enhanced by its sweepstakes? A state lottery is a mean unwholesome business which encourages the gambling instinct which is in so many of us; encourages it among those who can least afford to lose; and seeks to disguise its evil tendency in the cloak of good works. It will be turning the clock back to evil days."

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Only 400 Quebec Farmers Pay Tax

Mr. W. Ross Thatcher (Moose Jaw): The conduct of the Department of National Revenue is strange in view of some of the figures that have recently been released.

In my hand I have a report on taxation published by the Department of National Revenue for the year 1948. On page 145 I find that in the whole province of Quebec 400 farmers paid income taxes for the year 1946. They paid a total tax, Mr. Speaker, of \$14,000. Based on the number of farmers in the province, that would be about nine cents (9c) each. I know a friend of mine in Moose Jaw who only has a small store—

Mr. James Sinclair: A hardware store?

Mr. Thatcher: In 1946 paid more income tax than all the farmers in the province of Quebec. I say there is something wrong.

I have also the 1949 report, published by the Department of National Revenue. It contains the 1947 tax figures. According to the report, page 139, I find that out of 155,000 farmers in the province of Quebec, only 540, or three-tenths of one per cent, paid income taxes.

Some of my friends from Quebec say that possibly Quebec farmers are too poor to pay income tax. That contention does not seem valid to me. I have heard a good many of my friends from Quebec tell us in the house of the wonderful farms they have in Quebec, about their magnificent dairy herds, of the cheese production and butter production which is carried on. I have travelled through Quebec. It is a very beautiful province. I have been amazed to find how attractive some of their farms are. Would any Liberal member in this say that in 1946 all the farmers in Quebec could or should have paid only \$14,000 income tax?

I have no complaint against the province of Quebec. I know that so far as Quebec as a whole is concerned it pays a good deal more than does my province. I admit that. But I do ask that they be treated by the income tax department exactly the same way as are the farmers of the other provinces.

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Mr. Leek Injured
Mr. W. G. Leek, McIntyre Property unfortunately had an accident recently and broke several ribs. He will be confined to his home for several weeks.

PLAY NITE TOMORROW
TH & VS presents "Play-Nite" tomorrow evening at 8:30. The program consists of The Grand Cham's Diamond; Katherine Parr; and The Trysting Place.

Timmins' Assessment Report Withheld; Why? Why? Query Grummett and JolliFFE

HON. G. H. DUNBAR (Minister of Municipal Affairs): Mr. Speaker, regarding the return of the assessment made by two experts who went to the North Country, I was asked to pick these two men for the Mines Branch, which I did, and they were sent up there. Since then I have had a talk with Mr. Evans, and several others, and I understood they were going to make a survey of different properties and buildings, and the two surveys would be compared. I did not know there was any misunderstanding about that. The reason why I did not want to go ahead with it was because these people recommended certain municipalities were getting more money than they were entitled to, with which statement I did not agree. Therefore, I said to Mr. Evans, who is president of the Association, "You put your men in to make an assessment, and we will compare the two assessments and see who is right and who is wrong." They have not reported to me that they made their assessment. If they want to see that, there is nothing private about it. It was intended as a benefit to the mining municipalities. I thought before it was brought down, the mining municipalities would put their assessors in, and then we would compare one with the other.

Since we have put legislation through, where we are appointing assessors for the different districts, I think it would be better if they made their assessment first. The report is there. I have no objection to giving it to you.

MR. W. J. GRUMMETT (Cochrane South): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the hon. Minister (Mr. Dunbar), may I say that the Association of Northern Mining Municipalities have asked for this information, and they consider they are entitled to it. It was an assessment made in connection with the assessment of mines. They feel it would give them some considerable

information, which would benefit them, if they could get this report. They have asked for it, and have not been refused, because they have received no reply to their request for the report. That was the reason why I put it on the Order Paper. I would like to have the report to deliver to the Association of Mining Municipalities.

MR. DUNBAR: As I have said, before you asked for any report, this chap from Timmins—they had some dispute over their assessment, and the judge had thrown out the assessment, and they had a re-assessment there. In the Timmins paper, it would appear they were going to request—not the mining municipalities in question, but the reeve of Tisdale, an alderman of the town of Timmins, if the mining municipalities did make such a request, I would like to see a copy of the letter, because I never received it. I think it is not in the public interest to put all these things in there. I want to do everything I possibly can for them, but I think when we appoint assessors for the district there, the assessors should go in and assess first. Then we could compare the thing, and see how the system works. I am speaking about the organized districts. I am not talking about any aldermen from Timmins, because they have been in trouble every year.

MR. JOLLIFFE: We are not asking for anything special. All the hon. member for Cochrane South (Mr. Grummett) is doing is moving for a return.

MR. FROST: There is the question of public interest involved in this. I remember the incident, because it was transacted in my office, when I was the Provincial Treasurer. The arrangement was that we would pay them a certain sum of money, and they asked there should be an assessment made of the mining buildings

and attachments, and what-not. So we agreed to put in an assessor, and have an independent valuation made, and they were to do likewise, and we would exchange, and compare notes. They have not carried out their end of the contract, and have not done what they said they would do. If they will do that, I can assure the hon. member for Cochrane South (Mr. Grummett) that we will sit down and compare notes with them. It is pretty tough to ask us to make our assessment, and then give it to them, and let them take the report, and tear it all to pieces. That was not the arrangement.

In connection with the northern municipalities; if they want us to live up to our arrangement, we will, and we have done that. We will go ahead and carry out our end of the bargain, and we will have everything ready for them.

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MR. FROST: That is the purpose of it.

MR. JOLLIFFE: And you are refusing the return?

MR. FROST: We will give them everything, if they carry out their end of the bargain. If the hon. member for Cochrane South (Mr. Grummett) brings a mining association's secretary, we can settle this by collective bargaining and conciliation.

MR. GRUMMETT: That proposition I do not think would be satisfactory. Mr. Prime Minister (Mr. Frost), if I get a letter from the president or the secretary of the northern mining municipalities association asking for that report, will you submit the report—under those conditions?

MR. FROST: If they submit their report, yes.

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