

Indian Uprising Checked By Police

Despite rumors in the city newspapers that the Ojibways of the Parry Island Indian Reserve may go on the "warpath" to prevent construction of a government road through their property to link Depot Harbor with Parry Sound, work has gone ahead this week with no untoward occurrences, and about fifty men from Depot Harbor and the Reserve, have been taken on the job.

However, we have it from an authentic source that the Indians had met in Council and decided to oppose construction of the road in every possible way and this information is supported by the importation of R.C.M.P. constables, who acted in conjunction with local provincial police guarding the road-workers from molestation.

In conversation with Mr. J. M. Daly, Superintendent of Indian Affairs here, The Canadian was informed that twenty-two Indians are working on the new road, and are well satisfied with the proposition.

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Inaugural Session Of Town Council

The inaugural meeting of Parry Sound Town Council was held in the Council Chamber Monday morning, members being all present with the exception of Councillor Forth.

Mayor Johnson delivered his inaugural address, congratulating the members and expressing his appreciation of the co-operation he had received from them during the past year. He outlined a tentative program of relief work for the present year, at the same time stressing the necessity for protecting the interests of the ratepayer in regard to this. The grounds surrounding the municipal administration building should be beautified and sidewalks under course of construction completed and new cement walks created where necessary. Expenditure this year His Worship stated, however, would be kept down to a minimum. The Park question would be up before the Council for consideration and the pros and cons should be carefully considered before anything definite was decided upon. Land had been secured from Mr. McLean and the road providing an outlet for residents of Parry Island would be completed as a relief measure.

Suggestions were then presented for the formation of committees in charge of the various departments of public works, not in a dictatorial spirit as His Worship was careful to explain, but merely suggestive and subject to any changes the Council might see fit to make. It was also suggested that the Council should go over the by-laws relating to operations of peddlars within the town limits and have them carefully revised with a view to bringing them up-to-date and furnishing all the protection possible to the local merchants from outside competition.

Councillor Snelgrove suggested that the press place before the public the fact that co-operation as well as criticism would be essential in order to attain the ultimate in service from the Council during the present year. Too many ratepayers, he said, were conspicuous by their absence at the Council meetings during the year and loud in their criticism of the work at the conclusion of the term.

The following resolutions were passed.

Jackson—Shames: That the following committees be struck for the year 1935, the first named to be Chairman: Finance: Shames, Jackson, Snelgrove; Streets & Bridges: Gilchrist, Forth, Campbell; Fire & Police: Snelgrove, Shames, Jackson; Property: Jackson, Snelgrove, Campbell; Cemetery & Parks: Forth, Gilchrist, Shames; Legislative: Campbell, Forth, Gilchrist.

Mr Daly Retorts "Balderdash"

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To the Editor,
Parry Sound Canadian.

In your issue of January 10th you saw fit to publish a communication signed by Chief John Manitowaba, Councillor Judge, and Francis Pegahmagabow, of the Parry Island Band. Why you should publish such balderdash given to you by the above Indians is past me to know and I am sure your intelligent readers will also wonder. I find you are not liable, had you been so, you can rest assured I would see to it that you would respect my name too much in future to take any brainstorms from disgruntled Indians under my jurisdiction.

I am the Indian Superintendent for Parry Sound and Muskoka Districts and I am proud of my record as such since I came here. I know my duties and when in doubt I consult my Department. Re the balderdash in the communication in your paper of the 10th, it is just too bad for the Indians who do not want to work that there will be work for all who want work. The Indians who signed the communication will have to work or hunt. I am running this outfit. Not them.

I wish to thank the member, Dr. Armstrong, the Engineer, Mr. Richardson, and Captain McIntosh for their great kindness and consideration given to my Indians, in arranging that they got work at Shawanaga Reserve and outside of the Shawanaga Reserve. These gentlemen have my sincere thanks on behalf of the Indians under my jurisdiction in Parry Sound District, and I wish to state that I, as Indian Superintendent, appreciate their co-operation, and will endeavour as far as lies in my power to co-operate with them in their work of opening up this district with good roads which, I know will be a great benefit to the Indians because of the influx of tourists when the road is completed.

The Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, have given permission, through the Department of Indian Affairs, Parry Sound, to the Northern Development to proceed with the improving of the road on Parry Island as a relief measure. Indians and whites to be employed. That is all the authority required. By the time you print this there will be Indians and whites working on the road. Some Indians will not like it, most of them will be glad of the opportunity of earning enough to keep them going.

According to a pronouncement

over the radio by the Hon. Richard Bennett, Premier of Canada, I belong to a class of valued servants of the state, the Civil Service of the Dominion of Canada. I have the distinction of serving the Civil Service in various capacities for over twenty years, thirteen of which have been spent in Parry Sound District. I am very grateful that I have never been called upon to serve an Indian. The Indians do not pay my salary. The Dominion of Canada does. If I were called upon to work for Indians, I would sack myself before I started. I belong to the Civil Service of Canada, and I am proud of it, and I have various reasons to believe that the Service as concerns my calling are proud of me.

Mr. Editor, re the roadwork on Parry Island, I am proud that with the member, Dr. Armstrong, Mr. Richardson, Engineer, and Captain McIntosh I have been enabled to be of some use in having this work started as a relief measure to help both the Indians and whites in these hard times the country is passing through.

To the trio who signed the communication I have a word to say. I know about their endeavour to try and do evil to me through their witchcraft. I laugh at such foolishness and feel sorry for those who traffic in such nonsense. To Chief John Manitowaba—remember what happened to Mrs. Manitowaba when she hypocritically threw away her crutches in the Pentecostal Church. To Councillor Pegahmagabow, good soldier that he was—remember what happened after your dastardly conversation with the Honourable gentlemen at Moose Point. As for Councillor Walter Judge, he is too stupid to be taken seriously.

The Department of Indian Affairs have given instructions, through this office for the Northern Development to proceed with the improvement of the road on Parry Island as a relief measure, under the rotary plan which gives the Indians of Parry Island as good a chance as any others. The road will be put in good shape at no cost to the Department of Indian Affairs Ottawa, or to the Parry Island Band. The Indians on Parry Island will benefit to the extent of having the privilege of earning something over \$2,000 for the winter months. To the Chief and two Councillors I would state that the instructions of the Department of Indian Affairs re this work will be carried out. I am pleased to be in the position to see that this will be done.

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