

The Canadian Lakehead Wireless Experimenters

Meeting Wednesday, November 21st, 1945

This first meeting of this society, since the ban was put on amateur radio activities at the outbreak of hostilities, was held in the Lorna Doone Tea Room on Wednesday, November 21st, 1945. There were twenty-five members and guests in attendance.

The meeting was opened by our President, Mr. Bruce Grant. The President reviewed the past activities of the club and expressed high hopes for it's future.

The president called on our former Secretary, Mrs Eva Mulheron (Cummings), to report on the last meeting of the club. Mrs. Mulheron advised the assembly that the records had gone astray. She reminded the members of the club's decision, six years or so ago, to turn over all cash on hand to a local charity drive. The sum involved, amounted to seven dollars (\$7.00). Mr. P. J. O'Shea and Mr. Charlie MacDonald agreed with the statements made.

Mr. Grant then brought up the matter of enrolling new members. He advised that membership fees had formerly been set at fifty cents (.50¢) a year. A very lengthy discussion followed. The matter of fees was settled first. It was the opinion of some that fees should be raised, but, because the club is not likely to have much of a financial drain until the bands are really opened. Mr Les Harris motioned that a fee of fifty cents (.50¢) stand for the remainder of this year which expires March 31st., next. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bert Lambert, and was carried.

Regarding new members, some few were of the opinion that anyone interested in short wave radio should be allowed membership. Others took exception to this. Mr P. J. O'Shea reminded members of the club's constitution in which it is stated that only licensed radio amateurs are admitted to membership. Mr. MacDonald suggested that all in attendance be allowed to become members as they showed their interest by attending the meeting. Mr. Harold Dow voiced strong disapproval of allowing and S. W. L. membership. Mrs. Mulheron suggested that non-members present who did not possess a "ticket" be admitted to the club as associate members. The discussion was closed by deciding that anyone present who wished to join the club may do so. Their membership to be in force until March 31, 1946. But, this procedure would not set a precedent for the future.

At this point Mr. P. J. O'Shea spoke of the "Canadian Amateur Radio Operators Association", being formed in Toronto. This organization is expected to become national and requires the support of all active amateurs. Mr. O'Shea suggested that we, as a club affiliate ourselves with their movement. A short discussion followed. A motion was made by myself (Mr. Ray Greer) and seconded by Mr. Page that a letter be written to A. R. O. A. expressing our desire of affiliation and asking for further information. The motion was carried.

Mr. Lambert spoke of the fine work Mr. O'Shea of Fort William and Mr. Smith of Port Arthur have done in training operators for licenses. He pointed out that almost every Lakehead owed his initial training to either one or both of these men. Mr. Lambert moved a vote of thanks to them. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blennerhassett. The motion was carried.

The President then advised the members that Mrs. Mulheron had tendered her resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the club, as she is leaving the Lakehead to take up residence in Toronto. A vote of thanks and a wish for future success was extended Mrs. Mulheron of behalf of the club by Mr. O'Shea.

Nominations were then opened for Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Eric Page was nominated by Mr. Blennerhassett and myself by Mr. O'Shea.

The President told the members that the present executive would carry on until March 31st, 1946, when general elections would be held.

The meeting was then thrown open to a general discussion, in which, everything from a crystal set to the diversity and from the spark to radar were discussed.

Mr. Grant asked that a motion of adjournment be placed before the meeting. Mr. Owen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. MacDonald seconded the motion which was carried.