

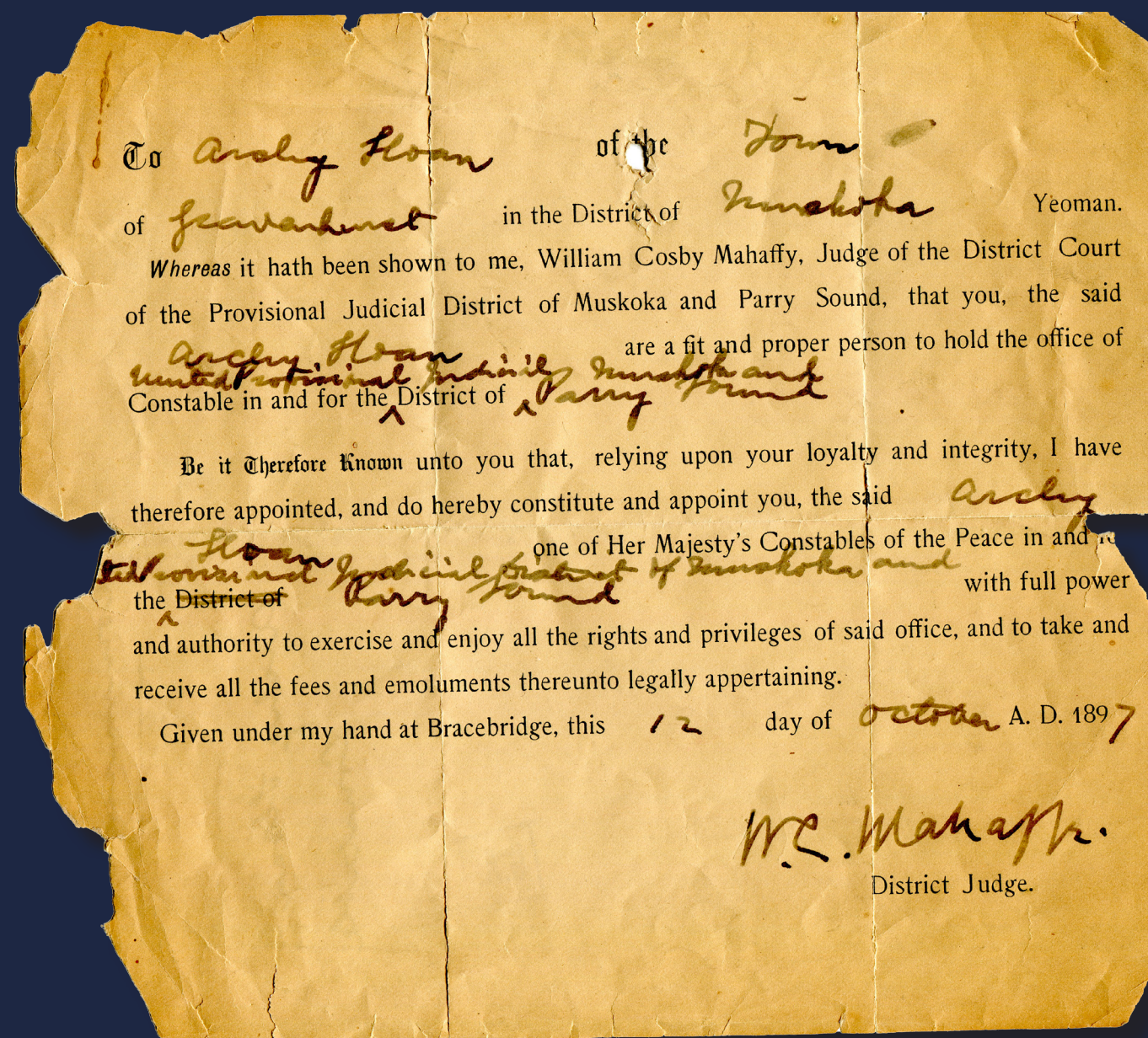
ARCHY SLOAN



Archy Sloan
1856-1928

An important figure in Gravenhurst's history, Sloan was Chief of Police, Fire Official, Mayor, and accomplished entrepreneur. His duties also included tax assessor, By-law Enforcement Officer, Town bell ringer, road grader, health inspector, truant officer, Court Clerk, Bailiff, and pound keeper.

With elections being held annually, Mr. Sloan was elected 7 times and served as Mayor of The Town of Gravenhurst from 1915-1919 and 1922-1924. Sloan's diplomatic approach gained the respect of the townspeople.



This document shows the appointment of Archy Sloan as Constable in 1897. In 1906, he was appointed Provincial Constable. Archy was an intrepid investigator who went all the way to New York State in order to bring a criminal to justice.



Archy's many roles included ringing the Town bell at the old fire hall (which was located at the corner of Bay and Brock Streets and is pictured above) at 7 am, noon, 1 pm, 6 pm and 9 pm for the citizens of Gravenhurst.



Formal Opening
Mr. A. Sloan formally opened his Ice Cream Parlor on Tuesday and had experts from the City Dairy Co. of Toronto on hand getting the new fixtures in working order. Everything is now in working order except the fountain which was damaged in shipment but will be in working order in a few days.



Archy married Sarah Passmore in 1897. Together they opened Sloan's Confectionery & Ice Cream Parlour in 1915 which was a successful business and community hub, located in the heart of downtown. This well known establishment became a family legacy and iconic Gravenhurst destination.



You are standing at the current Fire Department Headquarters. This location has also served as the Town Hall, police station and jail—a fitting tribute to Archy Sloan given his many related roles.

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