

**Christian Science Meetings**  
ODDFELLOWS' HALL

Subject:  
**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**

Services:—  
Sunday 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Wednesday afternoon 4.00 p.m.  
32 Hemock Street.

**Timmins Gold Nugget**  
**Rebekah Lodge, No 173**

Meets every Thursday in the month in the Oddfellows' Hall, Third Ave. Visiting Brothers and Sisters always welcome.  
Eileen Elliott, Edna Arnold.  
N.G. Rec. Sec.

**Lancashire Club**

The Lancashire Club of Timmins meets in the Hollinger Recreation Hall the first and second Saturdays in each month at 8 p.m. Lancashire people are welcome and may bring friends by invitation only, which may be obtained from the Secretary or President on application, or from any member of the Committee.

S. C. WHEELER T. H. HOWARD,  
81 Pine St., South P.O. Box 1037  
P.O. Box 203 Sec.-Treas.  
Pres.

**TIMMINS LODGE, I.O.O.F. No. 459**

Meets every Tuesday evening 12 the Oddfellows' Hall, Third Avenue. Visiting brethren requested to attend.  
J. S. Muskett W. G. Smith  
N.G. R.S.

**Timmins L.O.L.**

Meets on the First and Third Friday of every month, in the Hall at the corner of Kirby and Spruce Street. All visiting members welcome.  
W. Isor, W.M. C. Weir, R.S.

**Schumacher L. O. L.**  
NO. 2975.

Meets on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month at the Schumacher Union Church. All visiting members welcome.  
J. C. BONNELL, JOHN WEBBER  
W.M. R.S.  
-36-48

**TIMMINS LODGE**  
No. 1815.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners will meet every 2nd and 4th Friday of each month in the Miner's Union Hall, 2nd Ave. at 7.30 p. m.  
J. W. TURNBULL,  
-35-46 Financial-Secretary.

**K. of C.**

**Timmins Council, No. 2403**  
Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday in the Parish Hall. Club Rooms over Pierce's Furniture Store. 42 Third Avenue.  
VISITING BROTHERS WELCOME

**The Caledonian Society of Timmins.**

Open to native-born Scots and Scotchwomen and those of Scottish descent.  
Membership fee, \$2.00 per year for ordinary members and 50c. per year for associate members.  
Meetings every second and fourth Friday, at the Hollinger Recreation Hall.  
W. D. WATT, W. E. WILSON  
President. Secretary.

**Timmins Golden Star**  
L. O. B. A. Lodge, No. 677

Meets every third Monday of each month in the basement of St. Matthew's Church. All visiting members welcome.  
CATHERINE BONNELL, W.M.  
ELIZABETH TOWNSEND, Rec. Sec.

**WARNING TO HOUSEHOLDERS**  
All Damp Garbage should be wrapped in paper so as to avoid freezing to the cans.  
All garbage cans should be kept covered so as to prevent snow getting into the garbage.  
Any garbage containing snow or ashes will not be taken away.  
This part of the sanitary by-law must be adhered to or prosecution will follow.  
BOARD OF HEALTH

## CHRISTMAS IN TIMMINS TEN YEARS AGO

To Many in 1915 the Greeting was "A Melly Clistmas." But it was a Good Old Christmas after all. Some of the Incidents when Timmins was a Three-year-old. When There were Stumps in the Streets. Three Proud Men. Visitors To and From the Camp in the Early Days. Some of the Business Men in Timmins in 1915. They were Advertisers of Course. That's why they are Termed Business Men. Reviewing the Town of Timmins as it was a Decade Gone by. The Advance's Good Wishes of 1915 Still Hold Good in This Year of 1925.



TAMARACK STREET, TIMMINS, AS IT WAS IN 1915, TEN YEARS AGO.

"Melly Clistmas! Melly Clistmas!" This was the greeting that perhaps a majority of those living in Timmins ten years ago received on Christmas Day. In 1915 only a comparatively small proportion of the people working here had their homes in town. In the majority of cases the man who stayed in town had breakfast or lunch, at least, at the restaurant. There were possibly two hundred and fifty homes here and about 2,500 people.

The homes were generous, indeed, in their hospitality in those days. One little home had twenty people all told for the Christmas dinner. Some of the decorations had to be taken down to make room for the guests to move around. But it was a wonderful Christmas! Such a turkey! and cooked to delicious perfection! And the salads, and the wonderful dressing! and the roast potatoes, just right! And then the Christmas pudding, home-made, all but part of the sauce! This was a wonderful Christmas!

The Home Christmas in 1915 at Timmins was just the same as Christmas at home any place and any time. Hundreds of homes here had such a Christmas, with laughter and good fare and frolic and the wonder of children! And Christmas Trees! They were in plenty and convenient, and free for the taking. Just a few steps from the house, and there was a Christmas Tree for the cutting and hauling. On the road to the Whelpdale! On the road to Schumacher, or to the Crown, or just past Moneta!

But with the best will in the world 250 homes can not make Christmas for 2,500 people. And so for many, the hotels and restaurants had to make Christmas. Restaurants and hotels rose nobly to the occasion. There was "class" at the Christmas at the Hotel Goldfields, and Mine Host Mulheron saw that everybody there was well filled with good things and happy during the Christmas tide. At the Frontenac Hotel, the Algoma, the Central, and St. Charles and the Windsor, there a jolly, well-fed Christmas for all. Down at the River John Power's Hotel saw to it that none lacked there for Christmas cheer and gladness.

Of course, the Dining Hall conducted by L. S. Newton put on a bountiful Christmas for all the patrons of that old-timer. The rest of the restaurants were conducted by Chinamen, but the Chinamen evidenced a kindly and earnest desire to make for all a "Melly Clistmas!" All the cafes were gaily decorated; there were special menus, special mottoes and special good wishes. "Melly Clistmas!" There was Fat's Lunch, next to the Ideal Poolroom! The Club, with W. Wing in charge, in the building next to the Reed Block, and now a part of that structure! The Paris and the Canadian Club, on Pine Street, and the Boston and the Toronto, opposite the Empire Theatre (not "old" in those days!) Many a man who yearned for home that Christmas time, found so much of the spirit of good cheer and kindness that the Christmas of 1915 after all remains in memory as a Merry Christmas.

Christmas tide is the greatest universal "Old Home Week" yet invented. At Christmastime everybody goes home,—if they can. But the population of Timmins being drawn from the four quarters of the earth, and the ordinary man here in 1915 being from 500 to 5,000 miles from his old home town, only a small proportion were able to enjoy a Home Christmas that year. It is interesting to note in the columns of The Porcupine Advance of December 17th,

1915, some of those who went home for Christmas.

Among those from Timmins and South Porcupine who went to their old homes in the South and the East for the Christmas holidays The Advance mentions the following:—Mr. W. H. Hayden, president of the Hayden Mines, to Buffalo, N.Y.; Mrs. P. J. Mackay, to Cobalt; Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Brown, to Toronto and other points; Mrs. J. M. Hadwin and daughter, to Haileybury; Mr. Harry Asseltine, to Toronto; Geo. S. Drew, to Cannington; Mr. J. A. Devaney, to Toronto; Mr. Geo. Preston, to Owen Sound; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bannerman, to Matheson; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Black, to Renfrew; Mr. Cliff Jemmett, to Cobalt; Mr. H. G. Carmichael, to Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Seeli, to Ailsa Craig; Mr. A. S. Fuller, to New York; Mr. Wilfred Brown, to Owen Sound; and Mr. Geo. A. D. Murray, to Greenlands, Mich.; where he was to be married to a young lady there who was formerly a resident of South Porcupine.

There did not appear to be many in those days who came to the Porcupine Camp for the holidays. The only case of this sort mentioned in The Advance was that of Mr. James E. Boyle, who was duly reported as coming from Haileybury to spend Christmas at his home in South Porcupine.

In another issue of The Advance there was an interesting item showing how the Christmas spirit was abroad in the town. This item referred to a presentation made to the manager of the Empire Theatre. In 1915 there was only the Empire Theatre and King's Theatre among the amusement places. The New Empire was not built until 1916, and of course there was no Goldfields Theatre at that time. The item referred to was as follows:—

"On Christmas Eve, after the show the staff of the Empire Theatre surprised Mr. Peter Bardesson, their employer, with a very handsome gift in the form of a silver thermal decanter and stand. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Martin in his usual felicitous style, and Mr. Bardesson thanked the donors in a few well-chosen words."

Timmins has always been a great town for giving the children a good time. This is particularly fitting at Christmas time, and apart from the various home and church Christmas Trees, the youngsters in general were thoughtfully considered in 1915. In the following paragraph from The Advance of Dec. 24th, 1915, will be found the story of one big Christmas Tree greatly enjoyed by the youngsters. The Advance says:—

"Tuesday afternoon will be marked down in red letters by the children of the Public School in Timmins, who were guests of the School Board at a gigantic Christmas Tree Party and Concert. The theatre was packed to overflowing, the seating capacity being exhausted before the programme began. Parents, guardians and friends were delighted to see these little men and women of to-morrow as they trod the stage in high glee, yet with the precision of military discipline. The programme was carried out splendidly, reflecting great credit on the children's teachers. The Christmas Tree was a huge success, and every little boy and girl was made very happy by some gift from good old Santa Claus."

For three men at least in the Porcupine Camp the 1915 Christmas was a proud season:—Mr. Dayton Ostrosner, of Schumacher then, having a daughter born on Dec. 7th; Mr. Herbert M. Martin, of Timmins in those

days, a son born on Dec. 7th; and Mr. B. V. Harrison, of South Porcupine, a son, on Dec. 6th.

The chief amusements advertised for the 1915 Christmas season in Timmins were skating and the movies. The Timmins Skating Rink was under the management of Mr. Hugh Mulheron, and many enjoyed the good skating of the season. For Christmas Day, there was a special programme at the Empire Theatre, including: a Pathe four-reel drama in colours, "The Adventures of a Madcap," with Jackie Saunders in the star part; a one-reel war news feature showing Lord Kitchener and General Joffre, and the boys in the trenches; and Billie Ritchie in a side-splitting comedy, called "Life in the Movies." Another form of amusement ten years ago seemed to be that game still popular under the name of Municipal Election Talk. In 1915, the late Mr. W. H. Wilson was the Mayor and Mr. H. E. Montgomery was Secretary-treasurer of the town. The late Mr. Chas. Dalton was one of the Town Council for 1915, and during his term on the Council he made famous the phrase, "Let her go as she looks." Whenever discussion threatened to drag out indefinitely, Charlie induced action by his famous phrase, "Let her go as she looks."

There were only three churches in Timmins in 1915. The R.C. church was a humble place compared to the magnificent brick edifice of to-day. The Presbyterians under Pastor Allan, held a special Christmas service in the Empire Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 19th, commencing at 7 p.m. At this service, Mr. Allan gave an account of his stewardship for the year and delivered a message appropriate to the season. On Christmas Day at 11 a.m., Rev. J. Douglas Patterson, who has just been appointed rector of St. Matthew's Church, was duly ordained to the priesthood in St. Matthew's Anglican Church.

Wide difference indeed may be noted between the Town of Timmins at Christmas 1915 and Christmas, 1925. Few towns can show so great a change in ten short years. In 1915 there was only one brick building in town—the Reed Block—and it was only a two-storey structure then and occupied only about half its present area. There was no sewer system, no incinerator, no disposal plant, no library, no high school, only one small hospital, only a few strips of sidewalk, no motor fire truck, and only an indifferent fire protection system. The town included only a small part of its present area. The streets were scarcely more than passable, and in the lower part of the town stumps remained to show how recently the whole area had been part of the bush. In 1915 Timmins was only three years old, and while it had made great progress, it had a long way further to go to reach its city status of 1925.

In 1925 the frame structure now used as part of the freight sheds was the Timmins T. & N. O. depot. In 1915 the assessment of the town was approximately \$1,000,000.00, with a third of the income assessment. Today the assessed value is around the six million dollar mark.

Ten years ago the residence of Mr. P. A. Robbins, General Manager of the Hollinger, was assessed for \$5,500.00—the highest assessed of any residence in town. Next in order of assessment was the home of Mr. R. J. Jemmett, on Elm Street, assessed at \$5,000.00. Mr. Jemmett's house was considered the "classiest" residence in town. It is now owned and occupied by Mr. Silver and properly rated as a very desirable residential

property, but there are scores of more imposing homes now in this town.

There have been important changes in the business men and business places of Timmins in the past ten years. A glance at the December, 1915, files of The Porcupine Advance is of much interest. From the files the following notes may be made:—

Mr. J. P. McLaughlin's big store was the high-class business place of the town. It was advertised as the "House of Quality." It was so spotless and city-like that a fellow felt he had to walk to the door every time he wanted to spit. The premises are now occupied by the Hollinger Stores, Limited, but even with added modern touches the big store is all right now because this is a young city to-day.

Chas. Pierce & Son's general store was more home-like in 1915. You did not have to go outside to expectorate; there was a stove always handy. This store carried everything from a needle to an anchor.

Another important store was the Marshall-Ecclestone Company, furniture and hardware. In 1915 they advertised gramophones; to-day they keep the orthophone and radios. The Rexall Drug Store on the corner was kept by Chas. See. A note in one of the December issues of The Advance said that Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Meyers, of Toronto, had just moved to town.

On Dec. 20th, Mr. F. M. Burke opened a drug and stationery store in the Reed Block. He was all ready for the Christmas last-minute rush of shoppers. He says the same for 1925.

J. R. Gordon's grocery was one of the live spots in the town of 1915. Mr. Gordon did a big business on merit. He backed his business by advertising and backed his advertising by service.

Dalton's Livery was sleepless then as now, and Ernie Schletter, the garageman, locked up the town. Sometimes Ed. Leslie helped him. Both of them have neglected the duty in recent years. There have been nights when the town has been open all night. The jewelers of 1915, were M. J. Roche, opposite the post office, and A. Biscornet, next to the post office. The post office itself was never a jewel-er anything like that. Chas. G. Cummings was the town's tobacconist. The bank was the Imperial Bank, with Mr. K. F. DeLong as manager. Messrs Sullivan and Newton and E. G. Dickson looked after the insurance and real estate. Messrs Simms and Drew looked after the Timmins office of E. G. Dickson.

Among the other advertisers in The Advance were:—Ostrosner & Co., men's wear; G. N. Moore's livery; Homer L. Gibson and A. S. Fuller, stock-brokers; Cecil Culbert, and W. D. Pearce, South Porcupine; Ben Croskery; Dr. McInnis; Cook and Mitchell, and J. W. Mahon, barristers; Misses A. & K. Weiler, dressmakers; Mrs. Christie, ladies' wear; Hotel Connaught, South Porcupine; Laub & Stockwell; J. K. Moore, baker and confectioner; A. Brazeau, plumber; Classic Shoe Store; Geils the Tailor; John W. Fogg and M. Boivin, lumber dealers; Hoberlin Tailors; Dorway, tailor; and S. Wheeler, livery, South Porcupine.

The Timmins Retail Merchants' Association advised all to buy in Timmins. Good advice, too, through the ten years of this year of grace!

Great changes between 1915 and 1925, but no change in the sincerity of the good wishes of The Advance,—to one and all a very Merry Christmas!

**Frank J. Kehoe**  
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, ETC.  
Gordon Block Timmins

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Now open for business. First-class rooms, and steam heated. All up-to-date conveniences. Reading and Sitting Rooms. Sample Room for Travellers. Best dining room in town. Meals at all hours.


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2 Cutters  
1 Light Delivery Sleigh  
1 Dray  
1 Duplex pump, 4 x 6 cylinder.  
If you are thinking of sleighs or a cutter this winter, see these before you finally buy. Prices are all right too.

**G. Blough**  
BLACKSMITH, ETC.  
Cedar St. Timmins.  
Next to Hamilton's Livery

  
**CLASSES FOR MINING PROSPECTORS**  
Classes for Mining Prospectors will be held under the direction of the Ontario Department of Mines, as follows:—  
Galletta—Wednesday, Nov. 11th—Thursday, Nov. 19th.  
Sault Ste. Marie—Monday, Nov. 23, —Tuesday, Dec. 1st.  
Franz—Thursday, Dec. 3rd—Friday, Dec. 11th.  
Chapleau—Monday, Dec. 14th—Tuesday, Dec. 22nd.  
Sudbury—Wednesday, Jan. 6th—Thursday, Jan. 14th.  
Port Arthur—Monday, Jan. 18th—Tuesday, Jan. 26th.  
Sioux Lookout—Thursday, Jan. 28—Friday, Feb. 5th.  
Nakina—Monday, Feb. 8th—Tuesday, Feb. 16th.  
Cochrane—Thursday, Feb. 18th—Friday, Feb. 26th.  
Timmins—Monday, March 8th—Tuesday, March 16th.  
Matheson—Thursday, March 18th—Friday, March 26th.  
Kirkland Lake—Monday, March 28th—Tuesday, April 6th.  
Larder Lake—Thursday, April 8th—Friday, April 16th.  
Englehart—Monday, April 18th—Tuesday, April 26th.  
New Liskeard—Thursday, April 28—Friday, May 7th.  
Instruction will be given in the practical identification of minerals and rocks, and in elementary geology and mineralogy.  
Practice classes in spotting minerals and rocks will be carried on.  
Classes Free. Conducted by Dr. W. Deputy Minister of Mines.  
L. Goodwin, late Director of the School of Mining, Kingston.  
THOS. W. GIBSON,  
Toronto, 23rd October, 1925.