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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Among the marriage notices in The Advance of ten years ago were the following:—"Married by Rev. Malcolm, at South Porcupine, Miss Hazel Vary to Mr. Thomas Blackman, both of Timmins"; and "Married—At the parsonage, Schumacher, by Rev. S. M. Beach, Karl Arless Eyre and Mary Catharine Cole, both of Timmins."

Among the local items in The Advance of June 28th, 1916, the following are noted:—"A substantial four-apartment house is being erected for Chief of Police Courtemanche, next door west of The Advance office, Fourth avenue." "The Timmins Garage, which is conducted by Ernie Schelletier and Phil Theriault, is doing a business much in excess of expectations, and now find it necessary to double the size of their present building, which has only been occupied for the past couple of months. They also contemplate putting in a vulcanizer and other apparatus." "Apparently the inspector of chauffeurs slipped something over on Karl

Eyre and presented him with a marriage license instead of a driver's certificate, but Karl says he was always lucky." "Mr. W. R. Lowery is building a two-storey dwelling house on Maple street which will be occupied by his manager, Mr. J. A. House, when completed." "Mrs. J. W. Reed and children, who have been spending the past several months at her home in Greenland, Mich., returned to camp on Friday. Mrs. Francis, who accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Reed, will remain in the camp for some time."

In the same issue of The Advance reference is made to the generosity of the late David Dunlap in assisting the Presbyterian church at Timmins. The Advance says, in part—"Pastor Allen announced to his congregation Sunday evening that Mr. D. Dunlap, of the Hollinger had visited him on Thursday and went over the proposed site and sketches of the church. Mr. Dunlap had then gifted to them another lot, so they now possess a plot 90 feet by 120. This would permit then to move the manse and alter the plans to give seating accommodation for another hundred persons. The rear of the plot could be utilized as a tennis court. Mr. R. W. Robbins has kindly consented to draw up the specifications, thus saving the church \$100.00."

The outstanding sporting feature of ten years ago was the baseball match between the 228th Battalion team and a Timmins team. The Advance says:—"The 228th conducted a funeral service over the remnants of the Timmins ball team in the athletic field on Sunday afternoon, with full military honours. Cook conducted the service, assisted by eight efficient pall-bearers, while their supporters chanted a most impressive requiem from the sidelines. Jimmie from the movies appeared in the role of chief mourner, losing twenty-five cents on the transaction. The Timmins team exemplified the feline species in passing from existence with the proverbial nine lives. The whole team was in a state of coma during the first eighth innings, but showed symptoms of returning consciousness in the ninth. They scored three times in the last sad rally, but it was all in vain." The final score was 11 to 3. The following were in charge of the ceremony of burial:—Fitzmaurice, s.s.; McCool, c.f.; Lockhart, 3rd; Prodgors, 1st; Kert, 2nd; Reynolds, r.f.; McCauley, c.f.; Brown, cf; Cook, p. The victims

buried beneath the avalanche were:—King, l.f.; Lessard, s.s.; W. Pierce, 1st; Smith, c.; Hayquist, p.; McEllcott, r.f.; Brennan 3rd; Carmichael 2nd; H. Pierce c.f. The umpires were Gibson and Gardiner. It is interesting to note that South Porcupine beat the same 228th team the day before, the South End line-up being:—Gray, l.f., p.; Thomas, 3rd; Ratz, 1st; DaRosa, c.f.; Sullivan, 2nd; McIntyre, c.; Lavery, s.s.; Easton, r.f.; Brisson, p. Just to make it still more interesting it may be mentioned that Timmins a few days before had trimmed South Porcupine, 8 to 7. Sheehan pitched for Timmins for this latter game. Erol Neal did some fine fancy swatting for Timmins as did also Smith.

Ten years ago the feature picture at the Empire Theatre was "The Battle Cry of Peace." In this picture the United States was shown in the position of Belgium—at the mercy of an immensely stronger power that had declared unprovoked war upon her. The United States navy was defeated and an army landed in New York. The capital was shelled. The army, outnumbered, makes a vain attempt to stand against incomparably superior artillery. In the picture the United States was beaten to her knees and forced to sue for peace on any terms. Shells were seen falling in the crowded streets of New York, civilians butchered by machine guns, American women forced to self-destruction to save themselves from dishonour. What happened in Belgium, in short, was made to apply to the United States. The "Ruritians," who had attacked the United States, in this photoplay, were portrayed as the German type throughout. The photoplay created much interest in Timmins and was taken as a gentle hint to the United States to get into the war on the right side right away to save both its face and its safety.

There was one soldier at least who favoured the rum issue. In a letter published in The Advance of ten years ago, Joe Ayres (404,255) says: "I guess you have read about the issue of rum. Well, believe me, I am no booze artist, but I've been glad of my three spoonful very often, and don't think it is up to those back in Canada to try and stop it." What Joe thought in the trenches in far-away France was also the opinion of a great many people back here in Canada.

The Advance in 1916 had great faith in the future of the Porcupine Camp. The Advance in 1926 has the same faith in increasing measure because the hopes of ten years ago have been more than justified. In the issue of June 28th, 1916, The Advance had a front page article touching on the world's production of gold, and referring to the specially favourable

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conditions in Porcupine. "The many veins and vein systems at Porcupine will give the camp an unusually long life and a very large production," said The Advance. "There is volume and value in the ore bodies, and they are so close together, and the rock is so soft, that mining costs are unusually low. The conditions all favour the investment of large capital. Porcupine will be fully developed after the war, and many more mines will be paying dividends and adding to the wealth of Canada."

The Timmins Baseball Club organized in June, 1916, and were put on a running basis, both financially and basebally. Messrs. Homer Gibson and Chas Auer were elected joint managers of the club, and Mr. W. M. Widdifield was elected secretary-treasurer.

In view of the present increased interest in Deloro Township through the progress being made by such properties as the Paymaster, the Ankerite, the March, etc., the following paragraph from The Advance ten years ago will be of special interest. "Deloro in a general way resembles Tisdale, but it has more rock types and igneous intrusions, and the second half-dozen leading mines of Porcupine are likely to be located here. The township has not yet been properly prospected. It is, of course, more or less under the shadow of the great Hollinger and Dome, but it has merits of its own, and when more capital comes into the Porcupine this mining area will be greatly widened, and we will see great activity in Deloro and possibly in the township of Shaw." All of which has proven pretty good prophecy.

"Nellie, what is rhubarb?"
"I'm not sure, teacher, but I think it's a kind of celery gone bloodshot."
—Boston Transcript.

FARMERS' DAY JULY 7th AT IROQUOIS FALLS

The fourth annual "Farmers' Day" at Iroquois Falls is to be held on Wednesday next, July 7th. Every farmer in the district is cordially invited to the Falls for the day, with his family, and all are assured of a very pleasant day. A very attractive programme of sports is provided together with a personally conducted tour through the big paper mill at the Falls, moving pictures, District League baseball, presentation of prizes won at sports, and a Farmers' Meeting, addressed by R. A. McInnis, manager of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co., C. H. Fullerton, deputy minister, Northern Development Department, J. Lochie Wilson, head of the Agricultural Fairs Branch, Smith Ballantyne, superintendent Kapuskasing Experimental Farm, and L. H. Hanlan, assistant superintendent of the Kapuskasing Farm. A band concert will be another feature of the day. Tea and coffee will be served free at Columbus Club to those bringing luncheons with them, while dinners are given at special rates at the Cookery and the Hotel.

Iroquois Falls, in an effort to get in touch with the farmers of the district, three years ago inaugurated this Farmers' Day idea, and the plan has been successful from all viewpoints. The farmers especially find it a day of pleasure and one on which they also may add materially to the knowledge that is of value to them in their business.

Mr. Fred Malone, aged 39, a contractor at Elk Lake, dropped to the floor while calling off for dancing at a party last Friday morning and died in less than five minutes. Heart trouble was the cause of death. A widow and five children survive.

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