

## Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

The ladies of the D.Y.B. Club were entertained ten years ago by the Timmins Rod and Gun Club at a trap-shooting tournament on Dominion Day at the club's ground at Moneta. The Advance at the time made this comment: "The ladies displayed great confidence and judgement in shooting at the clay-birds, and it is regretted that several of them were not residents of Ville Marie during the bank robbery; the bandits would have had a hot time." Miss Salmon came first, claiming two hits out of five, and Misses Jamieson and McGuire one each out of five. Some refused to test out their ability, the shot guns looking like 12-inch guns to them. Everybody had a happy time, and the ladies expressed themselves as very much pleased with the trap-shooting idea.

Ten years ago practically every issue of The Advance was a "war number," a great part of the contents of each week's paper being connected with the war. The Advance of July 5th, 1916, had 423 names on the Porcupine Honour Roll of men serving in the forces overseas or in Canada. There were reports published indicating the activities of the Schumacher and Timmins Red Cross, the South Porcupine Patriotic Society, and the D.Y.B. Club, as well as other patriotic organizations and efforts. Notice was given that on July 6th, the local platoon of the 228th Battalion would leave for Camp Borden, after tenting on the athletic grounds for a couple of weeks.

Among the local items in the Advance of July 5th, 1916, were the following: "Mr. Homer L. Gibson very kindly presented Mr. A. W. Reid with a fine Elgin wrist watch in appreciation of past services. Mr. Reid has joined the 228th and expects to leave with the Battalion for Camp Borden in the near future. Mrs. Reid was presented with a beautiful gold watch on behalf of the local branch of the Red Cross." "There were 159 pupils enrolled at the public school at the close of the term." "There was a large crowd and a very enjoyable time spent at the tea and dance held in South Porcupine in aid of the 228th Battalion funds." "Max Studor is one of the latest recruits to join the 228th." "E. M. Allworth has secured the contract for the wiring of the new T. & N.O. station." "The steamer, Agnes," has started to run an afternoon trip every Wednesday afternoon." "Councilors Globe and Moore have been looking over the different streets of the town to find out where it is most necessary for repairs and stump-pulling." "Geo. L. Corrigan has been for the past two weeks drawing the heavy machinery from the river to the station in connection with the new addition to the power plant at Wawa Falls." "Mr. A. H. Sancton was elected by acclamation to the school board, and H. E. Montgomery as secretary-treasurer, with D. Oströser as chairman, the other members being W. G. Smith, Saul Lamb, H. J. Marshall and L. E. Dorway." "Official reports state that Privates Dan McClelland and Len Dunsford were wounded on June 13th and now in the hospital. They went to the trenches together and were wounded on the same day." "Mr. Len Newton entertained a number of the residents to a supper at Sandy Falls." "A bell was placed on the Roman Catholic church last week." "The Oddfellows ran an excursion to Barber's Bay on July 1st, but the black flies caused some unpleasantness." "Mr. Englehart, chairman of the T. & N.O., has donated a bell to the South Porcupine Anglican church." "Word has been passed along that Pte. Wm. Asselstine, will be honourably discharged, having had trouble with one of his legs, which has given out under the rigorous training." "The station has now been completely moved to the other end of the yard, and the construction, and the work of the new station will commence at once." "Conductor Sheppard is back again on the run between Timmins and Porcupine Junction." "Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Booker and family are spending a month's vacation at Toronto and around the Thousand Islands." "Born—At Schumacher, on June 28th, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson, twins, both boys." "Mr. T. Dowler, local school principal, left to spend the summer vacation in and around Toronto."

Ten years ago Timmins had a baseball team that trimmed up most of the competitors around these parts and then on July 1, journeyed to New Liskeard where the Creamery Town team was defeated by the score of 5 to 2. New Liskeard thought it had some crack team, but Timmins showed them on that First of July day.

Most of the items in the files of The Advance of 1916 indicate either directly or by recalling memories the wonderful growth made by the town in ten short years. For instance a

note above shows that less than one-tenth of the number now enrolled at the public schools here figured in the total school enrolment in 1916. Another little local item is still more illuminating. It tells its own story to the old-timers and to those who read between the lines. "The town has commenced stumping the streets," says this four-line item, "and the improvement to Sixth avenue is certainly worth the expense."

The "Want Advt." page in The Advance has always been interesting, as well as useful. Old-timers and others may find something worth reading in the following for instance: "For Sale—Four collie pups, pedigree and registered in the Canadian Kennel Club.—J. N. Levine, South Porcupine." "To Rent by the day, vacuum cleaner, dandy for cleaning carpets, curtains, rugs, etc., apply to King's Amusement Parlours." "Bids asked for moving 1500 tons of coal a distance of 50 or 150 feet; wheelbarrow work.—Dome Mines Co., South Porcupine." "For Rent, four-room house on the Hill, to party buying furniture at about \$150." Tony Kowalski also advertised a lot and building on Fourth avenue for sale. Notice is given in the same issue of the dissolution of partnership between P. McCormack and F. Murtagh, who were in the gentlemen's furnishings business.

The 1916 correspondent of The Advance at South Porcupine announced the establishment of a new and unusual industry in that bustling town. "William Garrell has started to trade in wild animals," said this correspondent, adding: "He has had as many as seven foxes on hand at one time, and intends to buy up everything in the fur-bearing line."

The same correspondent had another one than read thusly:—"Chas. Carr, the local postmaster, claims he is now going to start farming on modern principles, as he says he can clear more land of stumps with his Ford than any six teams in the same time. It is also whispered that Bailey Harrison is going farming for the wood end of it."

Ten years ago The Advance carried the odd good story. Here is one:—In the recent British advance in France, an Irish soldier, one of a bombing party, coming on a German dug-out, cried: "Are there any of yez in there?" "There are six of us," was the reply from the Germans in the dug-out. "Here ye are, then," cried the Irishman, throwing a bomb into the dug-out, "share that among ye!"

### RED LAKE RAILWAY BILL TALKED OUT ONCE MORE

A despatch from Ottawa last week says that the bill to incorporate the Red Lake and Northwestern Railway Company was, for the fourth time this session, talked out of committee of the House to-night. The bill still remains on the order for further consideration.

### HAILEYBURY FIRE CHIEF HURT CRANKING MOTOR

The Haileyburian last week says: "D. S. Merkley, chief of the local fire brigade, got his forehead badly cut on Sunday when the motor of his car backfired while he was cranking it and the crank struck him just above the left eye. He was turning over the motor by hand, instead of using the starter, as the engine was cold, when the accident happened. Several stitches were required to close the wound, but no serious consequences resulted."

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## "TAMED" WILD ANIMALS ARE NOT TO BE TRUSTED

Story of Mr. and Mrs. Smith's Tamed Moose Repeated to Prove the Point

The Advance believes that newspapers in this North Land should gather and publish all possible information in regard to the wild animals of this country. At the present rate of slaughter, it will not be long that there will be any wild animals to study. The information available in regard to wild life should not be lost through indifference. The disproving of false notions, no matter how popular, should also be stressed. For this reason The Sault Ste Marie Star is entitled to much credit for its well-placed efforts to disprove the idea that gained considerable currency, to the effect that wolves made a life business of seeking out and devouring human beings. The Star has made it reasonably sure that the wolf is a cowardly beast that will face almost anything sooner than a live human being. The New Liskeard Speaker is also entitled to credit for warning people in general against the other extreme—the idea that "wild" animals are gentle and trustworthy. The Speaker suggests that "wild" animals are liable to maintain their "wildness" under all sorts of training and taming. The Speaker touches on the question in the following paragraphs:—

"The story of Mr. and Mrs. Smith's tamed moose is very well known to the people of Smith, a Northern Ontario village near Sioux Lookout, but the story will be of interest to Speaker readers.

"A few years ago Mr. Smith, now of Fort William, was employed as engineer in a saw mill in the village of Smith, on the National Railway line. He befriended a quite young bull moose calf whose mother had deserted or lost it.

"The calf was given milk from a bottle and moose maple leaves later on and thrived well. It became the pet of the village and followed Mrs. Smith like a dog. Every morning it made a visit to the railway depot where it was given choice tid-bits to eat, such as cake, apples, etc., and when it got into the way of feeding in the bush it never forgot the hour of the arrival of the train, nor the breakfast hour at its home.

"When the moose was nearly a year old, while in the village, it was interested in watching the movements of a full grown pig which, having broken out of its pen, was looking for something to eat. Finally the pig took the trail which led to the Smith home. The moose was more than interested, following the pig closely, ready to take action if the pig should interfere with its rights. The interference came when the pig put its nose into the moose's dinner pail. The moose reared and brought its sharp-pointed hoofs down on the

pig's shoulders with terrific force. The pig squealed. We shall not attempt to describe that squeal. No one could. But the squeal saved the pig a second attack for the scared moose made for the woods and did not return until the next day when very hungry. The pig ran all the way back to its pen and never returned.

"The moose also 'put one over' on the Game Warden who visited the Smith home and demanded that it be given to him, evidently believing Mr. Smith, contrary to the law, had it corralled in the woods. While the Warden was insisting that the moose be handed over to him, the moose returned from the bush, and to the dismay of the Warden, put its head through an open window of the kitchen. Said Mr. Smith, "There's the moose. Take it!"

"It would have been better for Mrs. Smith had the Game Warden taken the moose, for one day when she was coming from the store carrying a paper bag of apples, the moose knocked her down and seriously hurt her. It was not until it got the apples that Mrs. Smith was able to escape.

"Later the moose was sent by express to a southern city zoo, but it died en-route.

"The story but again emphasizes the fact that none of these "tamed" wild animals are to be trusted. Perhaps the dog and the horse are the only dumb animals one can safely depend upon. The tamed buck will sometimes strike down its owner; the tamed fox will bite the one who feeds

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### QUEBEC PREMIER ON THE ROUYEN RAILWAY MATTER

Premier Taschereau, Quebec, visiting in Toronto recently said the railway from O'Brien will be finished in December. He declared the railway rivalry has not engendered any ill feeling between the two provinces.

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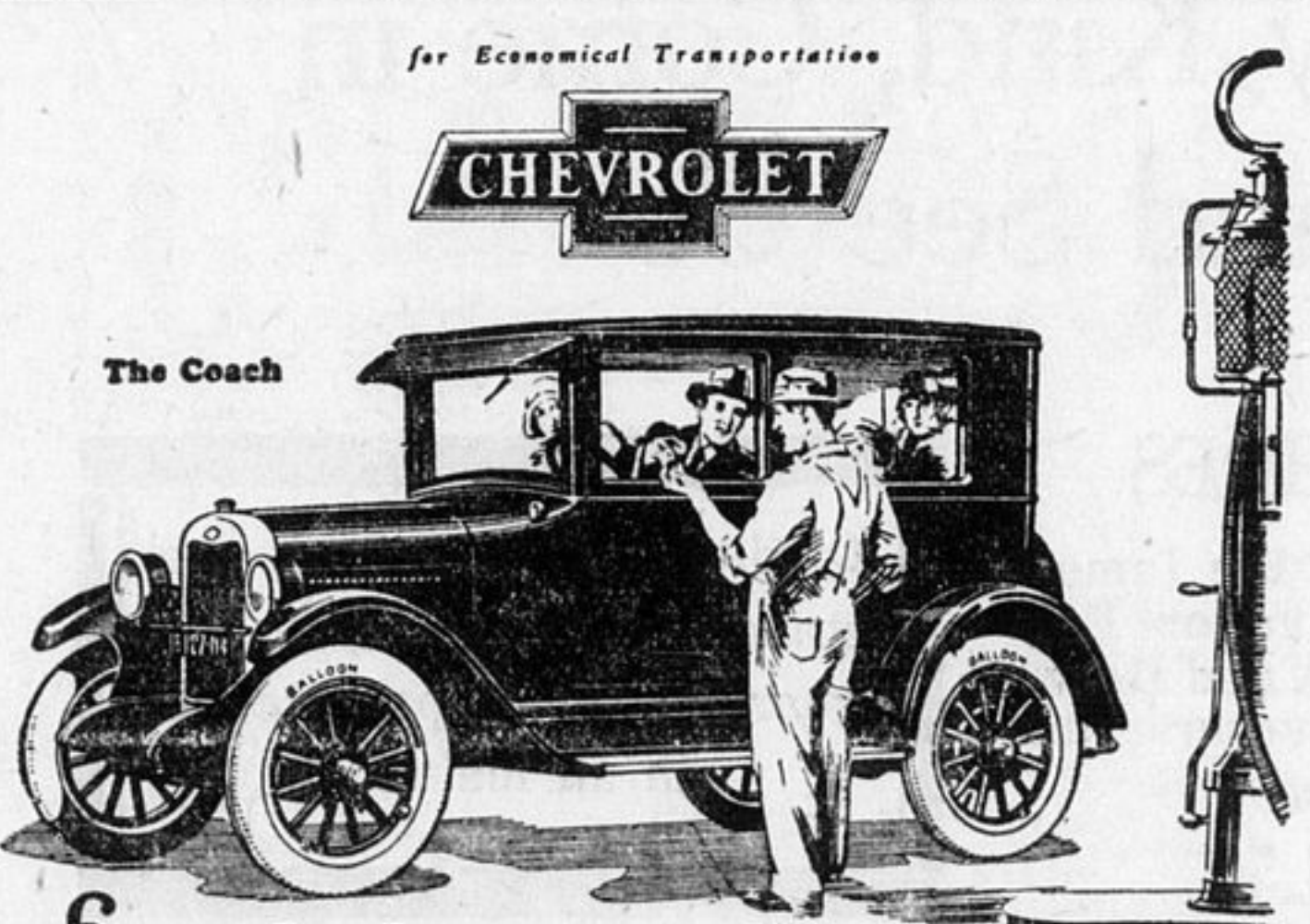
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