



UP THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS TREE

The poor fool; he thinks he can save himself up that tree.
—From Kladderatsch Berlin.

Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

The opening of the "new theatre"—the New Empire Theatre—was the event featured in The Advance of Oct. 25th, 1916. The programme for the opening was an attractive one and there was a large and appreciative audience, the house being filled to its capacity of 600 seats, and scores were turned away who were unable to purchase seats. The Advance described the building as second to none north of North Bay and the first three-storey structure to be erected in Timmins. "It is indeed a credit to the town, and to the proprietors (Messrs Leo. Mascioli, P. M. Bardesono and Chas. Pierce)" say The Advance, pointing out that no expense or effort had been spared in endeavouring to give the citizens something especially good in the way of an amusement and entertainment place. The building had been fitted with all the latest improvements, such as large stage, Dunham heating system, opera chairs, abundance of ventilation, six exits, fire extinguishers and a new picture machine, one of the very latest makes. For the opening occasion the theatre was decorated with flags and bunting. The young ladies of the Red Cross Society, dressed in white with the emblematic red cross on their arms, acted as ushers and sold candies during the evening. The proprietors of the new theatre turned over the evening's proceeds to the Red Cross Society—a generous patriotic action that swelled the Society's funds by over \$200.00, while the British Red Cross Fund also received over \$80.00. There was a programme of vocal and instrumental music given by local artists without charge for their excellent services. Dr. J. A. McInnis, at that time one of the town councillors, presided as chairman, and made an earnest appeal for funds for the Red Cross and other patriotic work. He also thanked the owners of the theatre for turning over the proceeds of the evening to the good causes that needed assistance. A duet, violin and piano, by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Appel, roused much applause and was warmly encored. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Darling won very pronounced appreciation for their specialties in songs and dances. The songs by the Gold Dust Quartette were repeatedly encored and made special hits. The photo-play shown was the five-reel feature, "Naked Hearts," with Francelia Billington as "Maud," and Rupert Julian as "Cecil." It was a Bluebird picture adapted from Tennyson's famous poem, "Come into the Garden, Maud." The New Empire Theatre was a great acquisition to the town, and Timmins was very proud of it. In recent years, of course, it has been eclipsed by the magnificence of the Goldfields Theatre, but ten years ago the New Empire was certainly well worth cheering about in this town of Timmins.

Ten years ago Mr. E. H. Hill was appointed Fire Chief, but he would not accept the responsibility until there were defined fire limits, a build-

ing by-law and other necessary rules and regulations for a fire chief to act upon. Under the conditions prevailing, Mr. Hill pointed out in a letter to The Advance, no man should be asked to take the responsibility. He also pointed out that recommendations made for the purchase of essential fire-fighting equipment had been turned down. He was willing to serve as Acting Chief until other arrangements could be made, but he would not take the responsibility on himself without the support and assistance that he suggested. The matter caused several heated sessions of the town council, but looking back, it must be said that Mr. Hill's attitude was of material assistance in inducing the council to take the proper position in regard to fire protection and the fire brigade.

Oh, yes! there was police court here ten years ago. More cases usually than in the ordinary week of these present times. Not that Timmins was a wild place ten years ago. It was not. On the whole it was a more moral and law-abiding town than to-day. There were few really serious cases; the Ontario Temperance Act caused most of the cases. In addition to the liquor cases ten years ago there was an interesting theft case. A man, whose family lived in Haileybury, was charged with the theft of \$140.00 from a man who stopped at the same boarding house in Timmins. The complainant in the case got a few drinks and when he woke up his money was gone. Officer Mervin Sally rounded up the accused man, by working upon the fact that one of the bills taken was a \$100.00 bill, and so checking up on all \$100.00 bills cashed here for some days. A local jeweler deposited a \$100.00 bill and when queried as to where he received it, he told of the accused giving it in payment of an account and receiving the change. The accused said that he had received the \$100.00 bill from Haileybury, or from Cobalt, from one of those mysterious men who are forever tangling up the cause of justice by failing to materialize to prove up the stories told by defendants in certain cases. The man accused of the theft was shown to be a man not likely to have \$100.00, and also his stories were very conflicting, but direct evidence was lacking that he had actually stolen the money. The magistrate eventually gave the accused the benefit of any doubt there might be, but he had to pay the jeweler and also the costs of the court, the \$100.00 bill being returned to the complainant.

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Among the district and local notes in The Advance of Oct. 25th, 1916 were the following:—"Representative financial men from Buffalo, New York and Toronto, holding interests in Newray, visited the camp and were conducted through the Newray, Dome and Hollinger. They were greatly pleased with the visit." "The venerable Tom Marks and his company were here last Friday and Saturday on their annual visit to the Empire Theatre. They were enthusiastically received by capacity houses at both performances, which proves that Tom still holds a warm spot in the heart of the theatre-goers of Timmins." "At Clements, Ontario, on Oct. 16th, 1916, Miss A. M. Carr was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Fitzpatrick, of Timmins. The bride and groom left after the ceremony for Detroit and Onoway, Mich., the latter being the home of Mr. Fitzpatrick. The newly-weds are expected to arrive in town this week." "The local Red Cross Society have removed their offices from the council chambers to the New Empire Theatre block, where a sewing machine is to be installed, and material in abundance for the making of articles for the hospital requirements. Mr. Julius Cohen, of the Croesus Mine, has kindly come forward to the assistance of the work by bearing the expense of the new quarters." "A pretty wedding was solemnized at Englehart on Oct. 19th, 1916, when Eva the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Inglis, was united in marriage to Rev. John Macdonald, pastor of the Presbyterian church Timmins. Rev. J. D. Byrnes performed the ceremony. Miss Rose Warne, of Bracebridge, was lady-in-waiting. The bride wore her travelling suit of brown broadcloth. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald left for a short trip to Ottawa and North Bay, and on their return will reside at the parsonage in Timmins."

The quarterly report of the McIntyre for the term ending Sept. 30th, 1916, was a particularly pleasing one, and caused a rise in the market of the stock. There were 28,933 tons milled of average grade of \$9.08, with a gross value of \$262,863.49. Great progress was made in the underground work and the mine was in very satisfactory condition in every way.

RADIO STATIONS IN CANADA

Ottawa, Ontario.—There are now 543 radio transmitting stations in Canada. Of these 67 are radiophone broadcast stations, 356 are amateur and experimental, 67 conduct regular telegraphic communication between points in the Dominion or with stations abroad, and the balance of 46 are operated to provide facilities for communication with an "aid to navigation" service to ships on the Great Lakes, Atlantic and Pacific. All radio communication in the Dominion including broadcasting is controlled by the Canadian Government Department of Marine and Fisheries. Exchange.

Zalek Vertlieb, writing in The New Liskeard Speaker, describes a bachelor as "a man who didn't own a car when he was young."



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Department of Mines

CLASSES FOR MINING PROSPECTORS

Classes for Mining Prospectors will be held under the direction of the Ontario Department of Mines, as follows:—

- Renfrew—Wed. Nov. 10th, to Thurs. Nov. 18th.
- Sudbury, Mon. Nov. 22nd, to Tues. Nov. 30th.
- Blind River, Thur. Dec. 2nd, to Fri. Dec. 10th.
- Sault Ste Marie, Mon. Dec. 13th, to Tues. Dec. 21st.
- North Bay, Thur. Jan. 6th, to Fri. Jan. 14th.
- Haileybury, Mon. Jan. 17th, to Tues. Jan. 25th.
- Englehart, Thur. Jan. 27th, to Fri. Feb. 4th.
- Kirkland Lake, Mon. Feb. 7th, to Tues. Feb. 15th.
- Matheson, Thur. Feb. 17th, to Fri. Feb. 25th.
- Schumacher, Tues. Mar. 8th, to Wed. Mar. 16th.
- Iroquois Falls, Fri. Mar. 18th, to Sat. Mar. 26th.
- Cochrane, Tues. Mar. 29th, to Wed. Apr. 6th.
- Sioux Lookout, Fri. Apr. 8th, to Sat. Apr. 16th.
- Port Arthur, Tues. Apr. 19th, to Wed. Apr. 27th.
- Fort William, Thur. Apr. 28th, to Fri. May 6th.
- Kenora, Mon. May 9th, to Tues. May 17th.
- Cartier, Thur. May 19th, to Fri. May 27th.

Instructions 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. L. Goodwin, late Director of the School of Mining, Kingston.

THOS. W. GIBSON
Deputy Minister of Mines, Toronto, 11th October, 1926. 42-50 156.

A BIG STEP UP

In 1870 the 38,000,000 people of the United States were producing from the oil fields, gold, copper, iron and coal mines, the same mineral wealth that is being produced by the nine million people in Canada today, according to the National Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa. Exchange.

MORE MILLIONS TO FARMERS

Winnipeg.—Farmers of Western Canada, now receiving payment for their 1926 crop are also still receiving dividends on the crop of 1925. Several millions of dollars will be distributed among the members of the Wheat Pool, shortly as further payments on last year's crop. The Pool has already made three payments, totalling \$1.40 bushel, while many farmers are now enjoying the initial payment of \$1.00 on the crop of the present year. Exchange.

HARBOUR OPEN YEAR ROUND

Stewart, which is an important mining town in Northern British Columbia at the head of the Portland Canal inlet, has the unusual distinction according to the National Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa, of having a harbour that is open the year around although lying in latitude 56, north of the Equator. Exchange.

The Haileyburian last week says:—"Farmers coming into town from various parts of the district claim that the grain crops have not been at all good this season, although there is plenty of hay.

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Jametta Kelly, Ethel Keene, N.G. Rec. Sec.

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TIMMINS LODGE No. 1815.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Miner's Union Hall, 2nd Ave. at 7.30 p.m.
P. J. BEAUDIN, Financial-Secretary. 35-46

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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.
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