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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Ten years ago the town council passed the first by-law the town had for regularly defining the fire limits of Timmins. When the by-law came up for its third reading Councillor Dr. McInnis suggested that in view of so many fires occurring in town within a few days, it would be a good idea to insert a clause in the fire by-law to the effect that every merchant should provide himself with a fire extinguisher for emergency purposes, and also that all citizens should be obliged to clean their chimneys and stovepipes at least twice a year, instead of once a year as seemed to be the custom. That Dr. McInnis was fully justified in calling special attention to the number of fires occurring around that time, the fire brigade one week-end had four calls in thirty-six hours. Two calls,—to Marshall-Ecclestone's and T. J. McGrath's,—were handled with very slight damage resulting, the alarms being received before the fires had any start. In the case of Mr. Smith's house on Fifth avenue, damage to the extent of about three hundred dollars resulted, while the loss entailed by the fire at See's drug store reached \$3,000. The fire at the drug store started on a Sunday morning, the alarm being given about 8 a.m. The fire was accused by the overflowing of percolators near the soft drink fountain, and the fire quickly ascended the wall setting fire to stationery and

other goods. "The firemen battled faithfully against the flames," said The Advance, "thus preventing what might have been a very serious conflagration." After consideration, it was moved by Councillor McInnis, seconded by Councillor Brazeau, and carried, that the clerk write the solicitor regarding the legality of adding a clause to the fire and building by-law, compelling all shop-keepers and residents within the fire zone, to install one or more of the recognized type of fire extinguishers. Also, a clause was added requiring the cleaning of chimneys and stovepipes twice a year instead of once. Mr. T. F. King suggested to the council that a man be appointed to inspect all stovepipes, claiming that great many citizens allowed their pipes to decay, which might be the cause of a serious conflagration. Mr. Chas. Pierce was another visitor to the council. He suggested that the stumps be removed off the streets while the snow was on the ground, burning of the stumps now being possible, and less expense being entailed than if the work were done at another time of the year. Council also passed a by-law for the selling of debentures for the raising of money for patriotic purposes.

Frank Kinski, a Finlander, aged 24, married, an employee of the Acme Mine, was killed on Nov. 12th, 1916, by a blast from a hole in the drift. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death. The evidence showed that the man had been engaged in blasting work and had set three charges. Only one went off. He unwisely returned to investigate, and received the full force of the charge as it exploded, his head being literally blown off. His two companions were also injured, but not seriously.

Among the local items in The Advance of ten years ago are the following:—"The well-known H. C. Dunbar, who has been conducting a lumber business in this country for some years, has recently formed a company to be known as the Hendon Lumber Co., Limited. The directors of this company are not known as yet, but in all probability, H. C. Dunbar will hold the controlling interest in the firm." "At the home of Mr. Peter Jeffery on Nov. 15th, Mr. John McArthur and Mrs. Rachael Morgan were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. J. Macdonald, pastor of the Presbyterian church." "The ratepayers of Moneta, Rochester and Gillies' Lake will hold a meeting in the Moneta schoolhouse, on Nov. 24th, at 7.30 p.m., for the purpose of selecting a candidate to represent the western section of Tisdale township." "The Rebekah Lodge which has been under consideration for the past few weeks, has been formed with efficient officers at its head, in the persons of Mrs. Peters and Miss Salmon, who are old pioneer Rebekahs, having had wide experience in the work of this society." "Mr. McKeown has been appointed chief clerk at the Dome Mines, in succession to Mr. Laux. Mr. Lightbody here been appointed to fill the position of Mr. McKeown." "Mr. H. G. Laux, who has been with the Dome

Mines as chief clerk, left last week to take up a position in New York." "Mr. and Mrs. Mulheron last week celebrated the thirteenth anniversary of their marriage." "Mrs. L. E. Christie, who has been conducting a millinery business here for some time, has sold her stock with the idea of retiring from business, and will leave shortly to take up residence with her mother at Lorne Park, near Toronto." "There will be a meeting of the local hockeyists at the office of the Canadian Explosives Co. on Thursday at 8 p.m. for the purpose of forming a hockey league for the coming season." "Special services are being held in St. Matthew's Anglican church on Wednesday evenings for intercessions for the war. The service last half an hour, from 7.30 to 8 p.m., and everybody is invited." "The installation of officers for the local Oddfellows will take place on Nov. 28th. The District Deputy, Bro. J. E. Boyle will pay his official visit on this occasion, and the members of the South Porcupine Lodge will also pay a visit and put on the degree work." "The dance given by the R.B.P. on Friday evening last in the L.O.L. hall at South Porcupine, proved a great success, both socially and financially." "The special at the New Empire Theatre this week is William Gillette in 'Sherlock Holmes'."

Ten years ago Lieut. C. W. Ireson, of the Canadian Army Service Corps, was at Hotel Goldfields, prepared to give any information in regard to this branch of the army and to take on recruits. The Advance gave the C.A.S.C. helpful publicity in work in the camp to secure recruits. "Did you ever stop to consider what branch of the service looks after the feeding of the troops in the field, and what a great task it is in the present war?" asked The Advance. Answering its own question The Advance said:—"The Army Service Corps does this work, and also looks after the transportation of ammunition to the firing line. Railways are working backwards and forwards from the coast, and from the end of the railways motor trucks and lorries carry the supplies to within about ten miles of the front. The goods are then taken by the horse transports, which unit carries them the remainder of the journey, over the shell-torn roads which are impossible for trucks to traverse. An army cannot fight without food and it is essential that there are no faults in the system of getting food to the soldiers. It is easy to see the value of the Army Service Corps. The A.S.C. is short of men, and especially need drivers for mechanical and horse transport, also bakers, butchers, saddlers, carpenters, electricians, blacksmiths, etc. This service offers a man an opportunity to enlist in the capacity of his trade. The experience he will get in the service will undoubtedly prove of value to him when the war is over."

Ten years ago The Advance published a column of comment from different parts of the Dominion on the matter of the resignation of Col. Sir Sam Hughes as Minister of Militia. After these ten years some of the comments are specially interesting. "The retirement of Sir Sam Hughes means the retirement of one of the best soldiers the British Empire has produced," said The Calgary News-Telegram. "Sir Sam Hughes judged men by his own high standards, and when they were once entrenched in his regard, not even their own admissions of guilt would have convinced him of error. He leaves his post in the cabinet with his own escutcheon untarnished," says The Saskatoon Star. "Sir Sam has been overwhelmed with work and anxiety, and for a long time has given signs of a breakdown. This war has broken the constitutions of many strong men," was one comment of The Montreal Star. Some comments, like those of The Edmonton Journal, find some fault with Sir Sam Hughes, but they are comments that he answered during his life-time in very effective way, and now that he is beyond an-



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swering them again they are best forgotten. The consensus of opinion seems to be that Sir Sam Hughes did great work for Canada during his strenuous life, and that his efforts deserve at least the tribute now of flowers without the thorns.

Those who remember Digby Salkeld, now residing in Toronto, but who spent several years in Timmins after the war, will be interested to know that ten years ago it was feared that he had been killed overseas. About September, 1916, a memorial service was held for him in South Porcupine, the report of his death being accepted there at that time. In October, 1916, his uncle, Alex Salkeld, Timmins, wrote to the Militia Department at Ottawa, and under date of Nov 7th, a reply was received saying that Gunner Digby Salkeld had not appeared on any casualty lists, but so far as known he was well and serving with his company. The Records Department at London, England, had been communicated with, the letter continued, and further particulars would be forwarded later. These particulars duly arrived, but there were always people here who believe that the popular Digby had been killed, until the day came when the war was over and Digby himself walked into town to give the lie to the reports of his death. As soon as Digby himself said it wasn't a fact everybody agreed with him for Digby was always well known as a truthful gentleman.

EUCHRE, BRIDGE, ETC., BY SCHUMACHER R.C. CHURCH.

Thursday of next week, Dec. 2nd, is the date of the euchre, bridge and five hundred to be given in the McIntyre Hall under the Ladies' Altar Society of the R. C. church, Schumacher. There will be good prizes for the card games, which will commence at 8 p.m. Good music is assured for the occasion, Emery's orchestra to furnish this part of the programme. The evening is sure to be a very enjoyable one, as affairs by the Schumacher R. C. Ladies are always the most pleasing and successful.

METROPOLITAN OF ONTARIO FIRM FOR GOVT. CONTROL.

London despatches show that the Most Rev. David Williams, Archbishop of Huron and Metropolitan of Ontario, says that he has nothing to retract of his remarks on the O. T. A. made in his charge to the Synod of Huron in 1924. Conditions have grown steadily worse than they were then, he declares. "The blessings promised by the advocates of the O. T. A. have not been realized," says his lordship, "but on the contrary our jails are more crowded, crime is on the increase, especially among the young, and there are more deaths directly traced to alcohol than in the days before the O. T. A."

PIONEER OF THE NORTH DIES AT THE AGE OF 88

At North Bay on Wednesday morning last the death occurred of one of the real pioneers of the North Country in the person of Mrs. Ann Simms, aged 88 years. The late Mrs. Simms was the grandmother of Mr. R. B. Simms, 111 Maple Street, south, Timmins. Messrs A. E. Simms and Jas. Simms, former residents of Timmins are also grandsons, being cousins of Mr. R. B. Simms.

The late Mrs. Ann Simms was born in Gaspe, Nova Scotia, being a daughter of the late Henry Walker and his wife, Charlotte Palby, of Gaspe. When seventeen years of age the late Mrs. Simms married the late Geo. Simms and the couple went to St. Anne's, Quebec, to reside. Later they moved to Gravenhurst, Ont., and finally to Nipissing, Ont., where the late Mr. Simms was the pioneer store-keeper for many years. Later they went to Minneapolis, where Mr. Simms died. For the past twelve years of so, the late Mrs. Simms lived at North Bay with her son, Thomas. The late Mrs. Simms was the mother of twelve sons and two daughters, six of the sons surviving her. In the pioneering of Northern Ontario she and her husband held a very noteworthy part and all through their long lives they possessed on merit the highest esteem and regard of all who knew them. They were of the type of good citizens that has made for the progress and stability of the North, and such deaths are a genuine loss to the country. Interment was made at the Union cemetery, the late Mrs. Simms being a life-long Presbyterian. Despite her great age, she had enjoyed good health and the keenest of minds, with faculties unimpaired, until a short time ago. Some six weeks ago, however, she was taken ill, and her death did not come unexpectedly as the seriousness of her last illness was recognized at her advanced years as likely to terminate in death.

SUPPER DEC. 7th, IN AID OF CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Announcement is made this week of a Supper, to be held in St. Matthew's church hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 7th, from 5.30 to 7 p.m., under the auspices of St. Matthew's Girls' Auxiliary and Altar Guild. The proceeds of the event will go to the church building fund. The event is certain to be a most enjoyable one, the previous events under the same auspices assuring this.

BUTTERCUPS BLOOMING AT NORTH BAY THESE DAYS.

It is a common belief in some parts of the South that north of North Bay, is a frozen waste, even in the summer time. Yet, let these misinformed folks read the following from the North Bay Nugget, remembering at the same time that the weather is much milder and more delightful north of North Bay than even around the Bay. Here is the item from The Nugget:—"C. E. Hammond presented The Nugget with a buttercup which he plucked at the golf course yesterday. The flower, while not of the usual size, was of good colour and well developed in every respect. Following the snow flurries of the week and the mild spell that followed, the flower shot out and blossomed in quick order."

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