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## Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Ten years ago, after a continued effort on the part of local business men and others to have Fire Chief Borland, of Cobalt, secured as the fire chief for Timmins, Mr. Borland was prevailed upon in the month of February to come again to Timmins and take up the question with the town council. At a special meeting of the town council, called on Feb. 10th, 1917, Fire Chief Borland outlined the needs of Timmins in the way of fire protection and fire fighting equipment, and also touched upon the conditions under which he would accept the position of fire chief here. Council promptly passed a resolution providing for the necessary agreement to secure the services of the new fire chief. At the time of the appointment of Fire Chief Borland to the position here, The Advance said:—"Chief Borland is noted in the North Land as a capable and experienced fire-fighter, and Timmins may safely be complimented on securing his services. He has been chief of the Cobalt fire department for the past four years, and has given unusual satisfaction, the improvements in the efficiency of the department being well known. Previous to going to Cobalt he was for six years chief of the Woodstock fire brigade, formerly having been a captain in the London fire brigade." The Advance had nothing but good words and high hopes in connection with the appointment of Fire Chief Borland to the Timmins department, and after ten years of efficient service to the town, Chief Borland has more than proved every good word well warranted.

At the annual meeting of Temiskaming County Lodge No. C. 60, L.O. L., held at South Porcupine on Feb. 6th, 1917, Mr. S. G. McConbreay, of Iroquois Falls, was elected County Master. After the work of the Order a very enjoyable banquet, with a pleasing list of toasts and responses, featured the evening.

Mr. Len Newton addressed the Board of Trade on the need for a general hospital for the camp, this meeting ten years ago being largely attended. After a general discussion in which the financial difficulties were referred to, a committee comprising the president, Mr. T. F. King, and Mr. D. Ostrosser, was appointed to meet with a committee representing Tisdale and Timmins in regard to this hospital question. It may be noted here that later in the war the question was practically dropped owing to the apparent impossibility of financing any of the proposals for a general hospital.

"Like the fine new church itself," says The Advance of Feb. 14th, 1917, "there was little room for anything but satisfaction to all concerned with the opening services in the new Presbyterian church in Timmins on Sunday and Monday of this week. The attendance was particularly large, the building being taxed for room at the evening service, although it is capable of accommodating three hundred or more. The services on Sunday were conducted by Rev. J. D. Byrnes, superintendent of Missions, assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. Macdonald. The formal dedication of the church took place in the morning, with simple but impressive ceremony. The music for the occasion was noteworthy, and Mr. Geils, the choir lead-

er, is to be commended and congratulated not alone for his own gifted singing, but for the general work of the choir. Mrs. Jas. R. Todd, of Schumacher, and Mrs. Hibbard, pleased all with their talented rendition of solos, and the anthems given by the choir were of a high order. Mrs. J. W. Faithful capably presided at the organ." The Advance referred to the inspiring addresses by Rev. Mr. Byrnes. "His eloquent earnestness, lighted up with a delightful humour, made his addresses particularly interesting and inspiring." The collection for the Sunday services totalled the fine sum of \$430.00. On the Monday evening there was a grand concert and supper given by the ladies of the church, and the big crowd present spent a very delightful evening. Rev. J. Macdonald made a very capable chairman, and there were brief, humorous, timely addresses by Rev. S. M. Beach, of Schumacher, Rev. Mr. Byrnes and Dr. J. A. McInnis. Solos by Mrs. J. R. Todd, Mr. Gordon Wilson, Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. R. W. Robbins and Mrs. M. B. Scott were all very enthusiastically encored, and all deserved the appreciation shown. The Advance account of the official opening of the new Byrnes Presbyterian church concluded as follows: "The various speakers made apt reference to the fine new church building, the helpful part played by the ladies and others in making it an actuality, and the duty that now rested with the people to carry on the work of the church in this new land. While the financial mark set for the Sunday services and the Monday event was \$500.00, this was generously exceeded. It was further announced that the ladies had further contributed \$400.00 to the church building fund."

Ten years ago The Advance was very earnestly advocating work by the Government to protect this and other towns of the North from the menace of bush fires. "Before the snow leaves the ground," said The Advance in one article, "clearings should be made around the towns, slash burned, underbrush cut, and other preliminary work attended to. If anything is to be done this year for the protection of life and property, it must be started very soon." The Advance kept up unceasingly a campaign to induce the Government to give a measure of protection from bush fires to the communities of the North, pointing out that aside from the appalling danger to life, common business judgment suggested such protection as being much cheaper than spending money in "fire-relief" funds.

At a special meeting of the Tisdale township council on Feb. 10th, 1917, it was moved by Councillor J. T. Easton, seconded by Councillor H. McDougall, and carried, that all offices of the township be declared vacant, with the exception of two assessors appointed recently, and that the clerk be instructed to advertise for applications for the vacancies. At the fol-

lowing meeting, held on Feb. 17th, all the officials were re-appointed, with the exception of Constable Hurtiboise, of Moneta, who was replaced by Mr. A. E. Donovan. There was a largely signed petition for the re-appointment of Constable Hurtiboise, but by a close vote of council the change was made. Mr. E. A. Roy was re-appointed chief of police, and Mr. W. H. Wilson as clerk-treasurer.

The Advance ten years ago had the sad duty of chronicling the death of a gentleman very highly esteemed and very popular here. The Advance said—"There will be deep regret felt throughout the camp at the death of Mr. Michael Dalton, who passed peacefully away on Sunday evening about seven o'clock, after an illness of less than a week. Death was due to pneumonia and the advanced years that made it difficult to combat the attack of the disease. The late Michael Dalton was born in Ireland about 80 years ago and came to Canada when very young. His first place of residence in this country was at Goderich, and he maintained his connection with that locality until the time of his death. He had a large farming property at Goderich, and there he spent part of the year, coming to Timmins each winter for the past four or five years to spend a few months with his sons. He was well known and greatly esteemed here for his genial ways and pleasant manner and everyone who knew him liked him. His wife predeceased him about six years ago. Three sons, Chas. and John, of Timmins, and Frank of near San Francisco, and one daughter living in Toronto survive. The latter left Toronto on Saturday to come to see her father, but an accident on the National delayed the train for several hours, and though a special train run down from here to the Junction to meet her, she had the sad experience of arriving just a few hours too late to see her father alive. The remains were taken on the noon train Monday for interment."

The following were among the local district and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago:—"An up-to-date harness store has been opened on Third avenue by Mr. D. McEachren, of Cobalt." "There were seven entries in the South Porcupine annual dog race. The winners of first, second and third places, respectively, were Marchael, Sullivan and McCann, the best time being one hour and four minutes, which was considered unusually good." "Passenger traffic is light on the T. & N. O. these days, this being the off-season for the district." "Both Cobalt and Haileybury are complaining of a coal shortage." "Dr. J. A. McInnis was elected one of the vice-presidents of the Temiskaming Federal Liberal Association. Mr. J. W. Mahon, of Cobalt, was elected the president." "Married—At the parsonage at Schumacher on Feb. 12th, 1917, by Rev. S. M. Beach. Miss Mary Jaikanin and Mr. Carl Salo, both of South Porcupine." "Mr. J. V. Guilfoyle has been forced by ill-health to leave his practice here and go south for the benefit of his health. All will regret the illness of this able lawyer and the wish for his speedy and complete recovery will be general." "Rev. Fr. O'Gorman, of St. Patrick's church, Cobalt, and pioneer priest of the Roman Catholic Church in Temiskaming, left this week for overseas, going as chaplain with



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the 257th Railway Construction Battalion. His brother, Lieut. V. K. O'Gorman, also goes overseas with the same unit as medical officer." "Earnest and inspiring addresses on the war, patriotism, and the future of Canada were delivered at St. Matthew's church on Sunday by Lieut. the Rev. A. C. S. Trivett, M.A., who has been in France for two years as a combatant, and is soon to go back to the front as a chaplain, wounds received in the trenches unfitting him for further service as an active soldier." "At a special meeting of the Cobalt council on Monday evening the resignation of Fire Chief Borland was received. Alderman McLennan expressed the opinion that Cobalt could do as well as Timmins in the matter of pay or conditions, but Chief Borland explained that he had promised Timmins and so could not consider any Cobalt proposition now. Accordingly, the resignation was accepted, and it was decided to look for another man at once, and let Mr. Borland free as soon as possible."

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