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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Ten years ago The Advance criticized the post office service here. Some person may suggest that The Advance has not changed much in the past ten years in this respect. Some other more sarcastic individual may say that the post office hasn't changed much either. To be fair it must be admitted that the points upon which The Advance levelled the criticism ten years ago were duly remedied within a reasonable time. The Advance objected particularly to the post office being closed sharp at eight o'clock, and box-holders thus being unable to get their mail any evening the train happened to be a little late. Trains were very frequently late those days and the inconvenience was a serious one. The Board of Trade, the council and other bodies and individuals, however, kept up an agitation, until better service was secured. Here are a couple of sentences from an editorial in The Advance ten years ago, these being applicable to-day in the struggle to secure a new post office for Timmins: "Post offices are supposed to be maintained for the accommodation and convenience of the people in general, but it would be a lively imagination that could conclude that these purposes were generally accomplished by the local post office. The Advance believes that the Board of Trade and the town council should earnestly take up the whole question, considering only the public advantage and convenience."

Thoughtless people sometimes complain about the service on the T. & N. O. Railway. The word, "thoughtless," is used advisedly, for a little thought will convince anyone that under its present management the T. & N. O. is giving a general service that is a credit to the railway and a decided asset to the country. To emphasize this fact, The Advance quotes from its files ten years ago: "The new time table went into effect on the T. & N. O. this week, and the public are disappointed and irritated by the service. Summarized the train service now amounts as follows:—For the mail for the south there is only one train a day, at 6.15 in the morning, and the only mail from the south reaches here after ten o'clock at night, too late to be secured by the public until the following morning. In addition to these two trains there is only a local service leaving here at 12.45 and going as far as South Porcupine on four days a week—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday—while on Wednesday and Friday this service continues to Porquis Junction to connect with the National." Then, as now, the Porcupine branch was the important section of the railroad from the financial returns. The Advance was so annoyed that it stood up on its hind legs and told that railway commission just what the people thought of such a service. The old files of The Advance ten years ago are tinted a fiery brown in their old age. Ten years ago it was an adventure to go to Cochrane or Iroquois Falls. Usually it took nearly as long then for a passenger to make the trip as it does now for a letter to travel the few miles concerned. The Grand Trunk Railway was blamed for the change in the T. & N. O. service, it being alleged that the G. T. R. had changed the train from North Bay to Toronto. The Advance pointed out the plan to "get back" at the G.T.R., and escape the long wait involved for travellers from here to Toronto and return. "The method is to buy a C.P.R. round-trip ticket at the station here and thus travel C.P.R.," said The Advance. "By this plan you leave here on the 6.15 morning train and go through to North Bay, reaching there at 5.40 in the afternoon. Then the C.P.R. local leaves North Bay at 5.50 p.m., and as it will wait for connections, as usual, with the train from the North, and so land in Toronto at 7.30 next morning. This service means no waits, and the trains and accommodation are of the very best. Follow this plan and it will not be long before the G.T.R. will be moved to change for the better in the accommodation given the North Land. And even as it is, the public will have the advantage of good service for the time being."

Among the local, personal and district items of interest in The Advance of Feb. 28th, 1917, were the following:—"Citizens of Schumacher recently petitioned Chairman Englehart, of the T. & N. O. Railway, to appoint a night operator at the station in that town." "Fire Chief Borland, of Cobalt, is expected here this evening (Wednesday) to take up his duties as fire chief of Timmins." "At the regular meeting of the South Porcupine Oddfellows on Monday notice was taken of the expected departure of Mr. Geo. A. D. Murray, Division Court Clerk. Reference was made of his good qualities as a man, a citizen and an Oddfellow, and many were the expressions of good will to him and to Mrs. Murray in their new home in the West. After the regular meeting of the lodge a banquet was tendered to Mr. Murray and he was presented with an address and a handsome gold tie pin emblematic of the Order. He made suitable reply, expressing appreciation of the good wishes and the kindly words. Mr. Murray expects to leave for his new home in Winnipeg on Wednesday next." "About 75 couples enjoyed the pleasant social evening and dance given by the Porcupine Lodge, A.F. & A.M., on Monday evening in their hall in Golden City. The evening was a very pleasant one for all who enjoyed the hospitality of the Porcupine Masonic brethren. A large number were present from Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine and other district points. Appel's orchestra furnished the music." "The Cobalt Amateur Dramatic Society gave a successful presentation of the comedy, "Charley's Aunt," in the New Empire theatre on two evenings,

Courtemanche block to the present location across the road.

Ten years ago The Advance in a front page article "pointed with pride" to the production of the Hollinger Mine for the year previous—some \$5,000,000.00 in gold. Contrast this with the production for 1926, as referred to elsewhere in this issue, and it will be seen what progress has been made by the Hollinger in the last decade. However, in view of the scarcity of efficient labour, and the high costs and other conditions due to the war, the showing of the Hollinger in 1916, as in other years, was a very creditable and pleasing one. The market bears tried some of their tricks on Hollinger stock ten years ago, but it is interesting to note that they did not get far in this game, despite the war and all the rest of it. The Advance commented on this ten years ago by saying:—"Those on the ground know the unheralded strength of the Hollinger. As an indication of the position of the Hollinger stock here in this camp, where the people know, it is interesting to note that A. S. Fuller & Co. report large orders to buy the stock for local people, but not a single order to sell. Other brokerage firms have had similar experience. So far as can be learned not a single share of Hollinger stock held locally has been put on the market, while large buying orders are not uncommon. This is the opinion of the camp on Hollinger, and it evidences the faith, well-founded, that the people who are "on the ground" have of this wonderful big mine."

On Feb. 22nd, 1917, Timmins Board of Trade held its annual banquet in the Algoma Hotel. "A very pleasing dinner was provided by Mr. D. Laprairie, who had everything up-to-date and spotless, and who made a name for himself by the abundance and quality alike of the good things on the tables," said The Advance. Mr. T. F. King, President of the Board of Trade, did the honours as toastmaster with tact and grace. Among the speakers for the evening were:—D. Ostrosser, S. Kennedy, (South Porcupine), Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mayor J. P. McLaughlin, J. W. Mahon (Cobalt), J. E. Sullivan, Councillor Chas. Pierce, J. A. Devaney, L. S. Newton and D. Laprairie.

In a letter to The Advance ten years ago Mr. H. H. Clemens, District representative of the Department of Agriculture, and superintendent of the Monteith farm, advocated the keeping of bees by the settlers and townspeople of this North. Mr. Clemens pointed out that bees thrived in this North Land and that the grade of honey produced was specially good. With proper study and attention he believed that bees would prove a very profitable sideline for settlers and others in this country.

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with good attendances. Among those taking part were:—Roy Feldon, Roy Douglas, Joe Jackson, Wendell Brewer, Bill Irving, C. P. Cross, Miss Lillian Hylands, Miss Grace Hylands, Miss Gladys Hylands, Miss Lila Bowman. The proceeds were for patriotic causes. "Timmins bowlers defeated a team from Cobalt and Haileybury, 843 to 704." "Mr. Bob Coffey is leaving the Schumacher Mine." "Mr. "Happy" Longmore is now assistant superintendent of the Hollinger mill." "Congratulations are being showered upon Mr. Andy Shea, shift boss at the North Thompson, on the birth of a beautiful, bouncing baby daughter." "At the paragon, Schumacher, on Tuesday, February 20th, by Rev. S. M. Beach, Mr. Alfonso Bille and Miss Augusta Piccin, both of South Porcupine, were united in marriage." "In the past some people who wanted to go past the police station stopped there against their will, while others who were anxious to find the place might easily pass it without notice. For the benefit of the latter class there is now a neat sign over the front door, saying in clear, plain letters, "Timmins Police Station." The sign was put up last week for the convenience of the public by Chief S. R. Craft, who also was the artist who painted the sign himself." "Charley Munro and his bride (formerly Miss Louise Stevens) returned from Toronto to South Porcupine on Monday evening. The marriage took place in Toronto on Friday last, and friends of the couple gathered at the South End station to welcome home these popular young people this week. A pleasant social time was spent after wards at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Stevens." "A farewell party was given last week at the home of Mrs. Starling, South Porcupine, to Mr. Frank O. Cartwright, who has been on the Dome office staff for some years past. A pleasant time was spent by all the many friends present, the one matter for regret being the expected leave-taking of the guest of the evening. Mr. Cartwright left this week to take his new position with the Braden Copper Co., Sewell, Chile, South America, where in one kind of weather he may know that his many friends here in a different temperature remember him kindly."

COPPER ORE SHIPPED FROM POTTER-DOAL MINE

The first load of copper ore from the Potter-Doal mines, passed through Matheson on Feb. 19th, according to the Matheson correspondent of The New Liskeard Speaker last week. The correspondent adds:—"A car load will be shipped to the smelter during the next few days." This would indicate that no time is being lost in turning the Potter-Doal claims from the position of a promising prospect to that of a promising producing copper mine. It is understood that the ore is so rich that the cost of the transport of the ore is not a serious deterrent to the immediate development of the property.

This one is from The Mail & Empire:—"A man and his wife are sitting side by side at Osgoode Hall, studying law. What swell arguments they will be able to have!"

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