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OLD SCHEDULE OF P.D.F.L. WILL BE ADHERED TO NOW

At a recent meeting of the P.D.F.L. it was decided to adhere to the old schedule of the league for all games after July 1st. There is one postponed game, Lanes, vs. Dome, to be played off on July 2nd, and after that the schedule formerly announced will prevail. If any teams make mutual arrangement for the change of a particular date it will be all right but otherwise the former schedule will be followed. Elsewhere in this issue the schedule will be found.

Ten Years Ago in Timmins
FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

In 1917 Dominion Day came on a Sunday, so there was not the usual celebration in Timmins, though it was the golden anniversary of the founding of this Dominion. The day was appropriately noted in the churches where fitting reference was made in the addresses of the various clergymen. One paragraph from The Advance comments as follows on July 1st. in Timmins in 1917:—"The holiday passed off quietly in Timmins, only the rain and one or two other wet fellows disturbing the summer silence. For getting wet inside one man was fined \$10.00 and costs by H. E. Montgomery, J.P., and two other citizens the following day answered similar charges in the same old way." The number of men "away to the war" or preparing to go, and other matters directly and indirectly connected with the war, made it inadvisable to hold the usual form of Dominion Day celebration here on the Monday that was supposed to be observed as Dominion Day ten years ago.

Mr. James Simpson, vice-president of the Dominion Trades and Labour Council, was in the North Land ten year ago addressing various meetings on the Labour question. He spoke at Cobalt, Schumacher, South Porcupine and Timmins. His meeting here was an open-air one held in front of the Finlander hall. Fully 100 people gathered to hear the address, which dealt chiefly with the needs of the workers and was moderate in tone. At South Porcupine, Mr. Simpson felt very flattered by the class of people who turned out to hear him. "There were professional men, bank managers, merchants and big men of affairs," he said to The Advance in reference to the attendance at his South Porcupine meeting.

Ten years ago Timmins ranked as an examination centre for the High School Entrance examinations. There were 21 pupils trying the examinations at this centre. A large number of people from Timmins went to Iroquois Falls on July 2nd, 1917, for the big celebration there. Among the sports and other events enjoyed were: tennis tournament, aquatic sports, log rolling contest, swimming races, etc. The town was specially decorated for the occasion and it was then, as now, the special beauty town of the North Land. Everyone who visited Iroquois Falls was delighted with the town and the hospitality of the people.

Ten years ago the town of Timmins had a population around four thousand, about a third of what it is today. The total assessment was around a million and a half dollars. Yet the court of revision had no less than 105 appeals. Most of them were simply marked as "assessed too high," though there were a few appeals against income and business tax. The assessments were sustained in nearly all cases. There was a big attendance of citizens at the court of revision and much interest generally was shown.

The liquor problem, like the poor, seems to be forever with the world, so note the following paragraph from The Advance ten years ago:—"Some local men are reported as having been very ill recently from overdoses of a patent cod-liver oil concoction with a kick concealed in it. The overdoses were self-administered, not with the idea of self-destruction but in the hopes of extracting the kick-y feeling from the cod liver. It is bad medicine, as the Indians say. One man remarks:—Go dry, rather than drink too much to get a feeling. Then you are so drunk that you haven't sense enough to know you are sick; and you are so sick that you can't enjoy being drunk." The fire brigade made the same kind of prompt response ten years ago that they have been in the habit of making since. They had a call to No. 1 Birch street, the residence of Mr. J. Paey, and were so soon on the scene that the fire was extinguished by the chemical tanks without the necessity of turning on the water. Mr. Paey was down at the post office getting his mail at the time the fire was discovered. When he returned it was to find the house broken into and a fire in progress. He had had no fire in the stove for some hours previously. It may have been that the breaking into the house was caused from someone seeing the fire or smoke and entering the house to fight the fire, but even that does not explain how the fire originated. Mr. Paey had no insurance, so the damage from smoke, etc., was a net loss.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Provincial Officer R. Allen has resigned from the force, and is at present simply finishing up the work in hand. The new Provincial Officer for South Porcupine has not yet been announced. Provincial Officer Allen has given very faithful and efficient service in this district, and his retirement will be a distinct loss to the Provincial force. While the work is not such as to give a man general popularity if he does his duty, it will no doubt be found that time will justify the classing of Provincial Officer Allen's work as faithful, fearless, fair, and in the public interest." "They used to laugh at Mr. F. C. H. Simms for putting in a garden here," an old-timer told the Advance ten years ago. "They told him he could never grow anything here. But last year he had the laugh on them all with his fine garden, and this year he has another laugh, for in the matter of putting in a garden, everybody's doing it now." Nearly every available and suitable plot in town in 1917 was utilized for garden purposes, and some were used that were more available than suitable.

A report of the work of the South Porcupine Patriotic Society published in The Advance ten years ago showed this society as doing great work. In one month nine cases of goods were shipped overseas, the cases containing 336 towels, 16 sheets, 21 suits of pajamas, 40 pillow slips, 216 fomentation wringers, 28 pairs of socks, 14 sponges. Among those prominent in the work for the month were:—Mrs. Gauthier, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Seguin, Mrs. Ray, Mrs. J. Gibbons, the I. T. Club, Mrs. Twigger, Mrs. Houlihan, Mrs. Rapsey, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Montpetit, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. J. Hurley, Mrs. D. Hurley, Mrs. Kincaid, Mrs. Racicot, Miss Skinner.

Announcement was made in The Advance ten years ago of the appointment by the Home Mission Board of the Baptist church of Rev. H. B. Coumans as superintendent of missions. Rev. Mr. Coumans was pastor of the Cobalt Baptist church, and previously had held charges at New Liskeard and Minbrooke. He was a graduate of McMaster University and a forceful and able preacher. Saturday evening, June 23rd, 1927, was Firemen's Benefit Night. First there was a firemen's demonstration on Pine street, where the boys of the brigade showed what they could do in the way of the preparation and use of the hose and other equipment. Then the crowd adjourned to the New Empire theatre for the rest of

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a special programme. The special picture was entitled, "The Price She Paid." Dr. J. A. McInnis, chairman of the fire and light committee of the town council, occupied the chair. He had his little joke, then his little swipe at the Government, and then a wholehearted word of praise for the fire chief. Dr. McInnis explained that while the cost of fire protection might seem high, yet to the town of Timmins it would prove worth every cent of "The Price She Paid." Fire Chief Borland was then called to the platform and was given a regular ovation. He spoke in highest terms of the men on the brigade, and reviewed briefly what had been accomplished in giving Timmins efficient fire protection service. Another special feature of the evening was the singing of Mr. Jack Cade. Still another was the clever elocutionary work of Mr. Wm. Lainsbury. The picture of the evening was also much enjoyed. The event netted the fire brigade over \$57.

Among the personal and other notes in The Advance ten year ago were the following:—"Mr. N. Racicot was a Matheson visitor last week." "Mr. Joe Houston is back at the Dome, but intends to leave shortly for the West, to reside there permanently." "Work is progressing on the building of the new school at South Porcupine, the foundations being about completed now." "Pte. J. N. Levine, who recently returned from overseas on account of being under age, and who is now at his home in South Porcupine, was a Timmins visitor last week, and was warmly greeted by all who knew him. He has many interesting facts to relate regarding his experiences since joining up with the 228th." "Mr. B. E. Martin has left for Toronto to undergo an operation on his throat." "Mr. Thos. Dowler, who has been principal of Timmins Public School for the past two years, has sent in his resignation, which will be considered at the next meeting of the board." "A benefit night was given Sunday evening at the New Empire in behalf of the Y.M.C.A. military fund, and \$16.17 was netted from the collection." "A wedding party of about 100 men, women and children, in honour of a Finlander marriage, went down the river to Sandy Falls on Sunday in a flat-bottomed steamer. Coming back after a perfect day, the engine developed some sort of corrugated trouble, with the result that the steamer was stalled at about five o'clock. All efforts to get the steamer to steam were unavailable. Capt. Lafraniere went down in the Steamer Agnes and brought off the stranded weddingers, the party arriving back here between twelve midnight and one o'clock." "Rev. H. E. Wellwood has been appointed minister of the Cochrane United Church." "Capt. C. McCarthy of the 234th Forestry Battalion and Dr. J. J. McKee, medical examiner, of Elk Lake, are recruiting among the Indians at James Bay." "Mr. L. L. Strickland, of Cobalt, and Miss Evelyn Nelson, formerly nurse at the Mines Hospital, were united in marriage last week by Rev. H. B. Coumans." "At the District Meeting of District No. 59, I.O.O.F., held at South Porcupine recently, Mr. E. C. Ward, P.G., Cochrane, was elected District Deputy Grand Master." "O. Thorkilsson met with an unfortunate accident recently while working on his farm near Cochrane. His team became frightened during a thunder-



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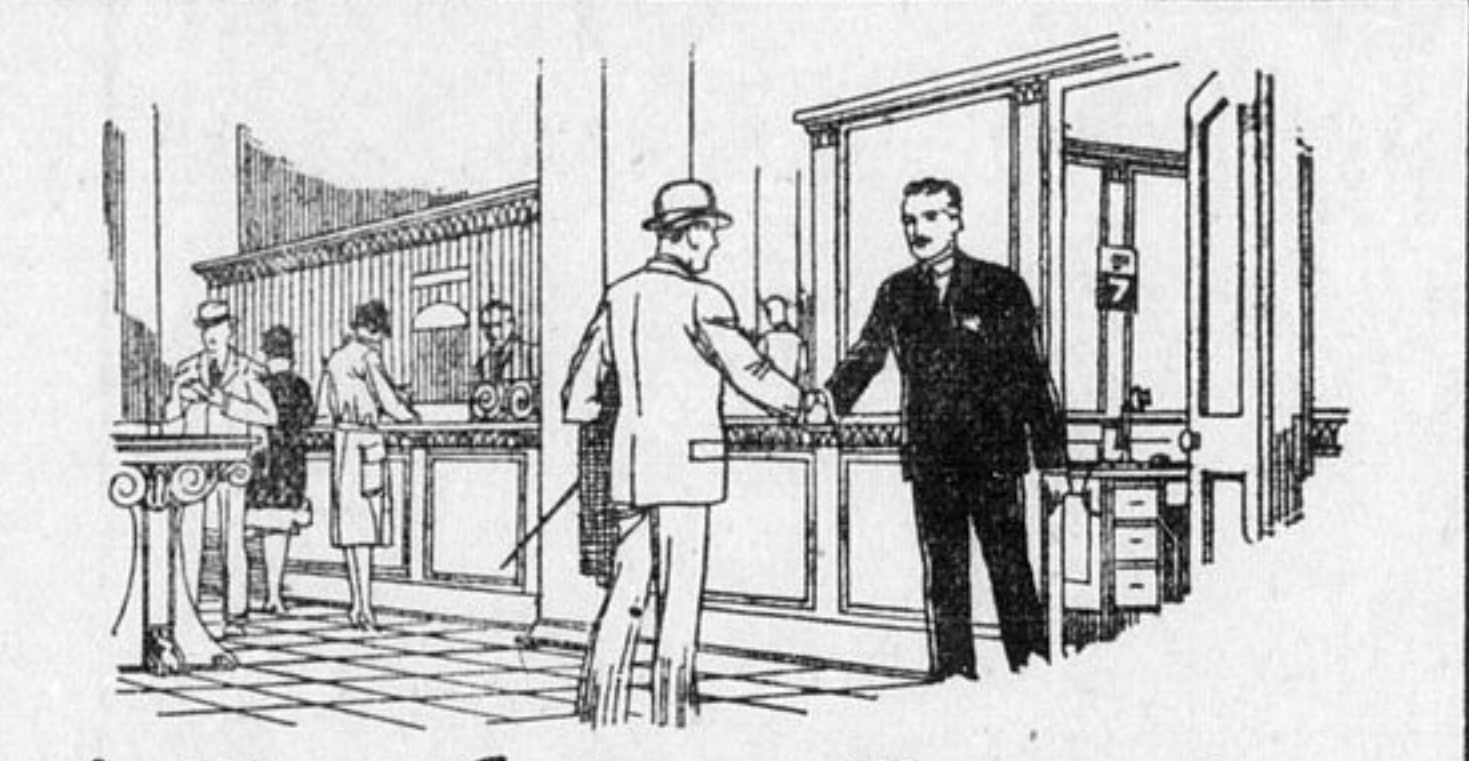
storm, and in his attempt to hold them, they threw him down, dragging a set of harrows over him. He received several fractures of the legs, and other injuries, and was taken to the Lady Minto hospital at Cochrane for treatment." "Through the unions of various churches in the North Land, thirty-two ministers between Barrie and Cochrane have been released for service elsewhere." "In an address at the presentation made to Pte. Jack Munro at South Porcupine by the citizens there, Mr. Culbert, formerly a councillor of the township of Tisdale, and an old friend of Jack Munro, assured all that Jack was a Canadian born and bred, and not a native of the U.S. mining camps or cities claiming the honour." "There are now 608 names on the Porcupine Honour Roll of soldiers serving overseas." "A telephone line is now being constructed from Dane to the property of the Associated Goldfields at Larder Lake." "Mr. D. O'Connor, of Connaught was a Timmins visitor this week." "Mr. A. M. Bilsky, of Montreal, was in the camp last week looking over some gold and asbestos properties in Deloro."

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