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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

July 12th, 1917, was celebrated at South Porcupine. A large number of the Orangemen of the district were out in regalia, there was a big parade, and loyal addresses were made by the following:—S. G. McCoubrey and Rev. J. Morton, Iroquois Falls; and Rev. J. Andrews and Reeve S. Kennedy, of Tisdale township. Mr. Geo. Fairbairn was master of ceremonies; Chief E. Roy, official starter; Max Smith, timekeeper; W. H. Wilson, secretary-treasurer. In the hose reel competition South Porcupine made the record time of 1 minute, 24 seconds. On account of the threatening weather all the fire brigades expected from outside towns did not arrive. Schumacher won the tug-of-war. The horse owned by P. Sullivan won both heats in the horse race. Harry and John Costain won the double skiff race, and G. Adams and J. Gilbert the double canoe race. The crab race was won by Ben. and Geo. Russell. Jack Orde was first in the swimming race. The ladies of the Protestant churches served excellent refreshments for the occasion, and an

enjoyable dance was held in the Orange hall in the evening. Timmins L.O.L. No. 2552 ten years ago observed the twelfth by a very successful euchre and dance. Despite the unpleasant weather about 65 were present and all had an enjoyable time. Miss Annette Campbell won the ladies' prize, and Mr. Sheridan the prize for gentlemen. The consolation prizes went to Mrs. Faithful and Mr. A. McKinnon. Mrs. Faithful, who presided at the piano for the evening, was presented with a beautiful hand-painted cake plate. Ten years ago the following were all the successful pupils writing at the Timmins centre for the High School entrance examinations.—Olive Duse-sharn, Beatrice Ellis, Ethel Joyner, Edwin Staaf, Hazel Tinkess, Timothy McCann. The proportion of pupils passing was large compared to those trying, but what a contrast between that list of six, and the 84 successful ones at this centre this year. At South Porcupine centre the following were the successful pupils in 1917:—Evelyn Brinton, Eva McCann, Madge

McDougall, Annie Smith, Margaret Starling, Annie Stevens. The tax rate for public school supporters in 1917 was 45 mills, and for separate school supporters 42 mills. At that time the rate was considered high, but the town then did not have all the advantages and improvements of to-day. In 1917 in addition to the fact that the rate was increased over the previous year, there was the fact that the assessment had also been materially increased. Discussion at the council was all along the line that the high tax rate was beyond the control of the council. Ten years ago there was a labour strike at Pierce's mill, the twenty-five men employed quitting work in a body because they wanted a nine-hour day instead of a ten-hour one. Mr. Pierce went down to the mill as soon as he learned of the trouble and addressed the men. He explained that the season here was so short that advantage had to be taken of every possible working hour. He would like them to work more than the ten hours, if they would, but he was willing to pay and pay well. It was only a question of doing the best possible with the short season. As soon as the men understood that situation, they agreed to resume work. As a consequence the whole staff was back at work in the afternoon, and everything went along fine. The euchre and bridge planned by the Timmins Red Cross in 1917 to raise funds for "France Day"—the day set apart in the Dominion to aid the French Red Cross,—was doubly successful, according to The Advance ten years ago. It was eminently successful as an entertainment, and Mrs. J. A. McInnis, resident of the Timmins Red Cross, and her very able assistants, were given high praise for the enjoyment of the evening. In financial way, the success was equally pronounced, the sum of \$266.08 being netted for the French Red Cross. Tickets were sold only at the door of the rink where the event was held, so the receipts represented a big attendance. The rink was artistically decorated for the occasion. The programme for the evening included:—"God Save the King," by the Band; reading, "France Welcomes You," by Mrs. A. S. Fuller; solo, "La Marseillaise," by Mrs. R. W. Robbins; solo, Mrs. J. A. Theriault; solo, by Mr. Jack Cade; solo by Mrs. J. W. Faithful; Mrs. Robt. Simms, Mrs. J. W. Faithful and Mrs. G. S. Lowe, accompanists. The ladies' prize for bridge was won by Mrs. N. G. Evered, and the gentlemen's prize by Mr. Harold Webb. The consolation prizes went to Mrs. T. Blackman and Mr. M. Nagel. At the euchre, efficiently looked after by Rev. Fr. Theriault, the first prize winners were Mrs. H. Charlebois and Mr. M. Boivin. The consolation prizes went to Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Frank Graham. Messrs Matt. Boivin and Vincent Woodbury acted as auctioneers for the sale of the surplus cakes. Among the special workers whose faithful and untiring work contributed to the success of "France Day" evening the following were mentioned by The Advance:—Mrs. A. R. Globe, Mrs. Lawlor, Mrs. M. Williams, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. F. C. H. Simms, Mrs. V. Woodbury, Mrs. R. J. Jemmett, Mr. Geo. Preston (gatekeeper), and others. Ten years ago District Deputy Grand Master Wor. Bro. J. E. Boyle installed the following officers of Timmins L.O.O.F.:—J.P.G., Geo. Lake; N.G., W. H. Pritchard; V.G., W. H. Smith; R.S., A. G. Carson; F.S., Geo. S. Drew; Treas., H. McQuarrie; Warden, C. Staff; Conductor, R. Jones; I.G., J. Hepplestone; O.G., J. Morrison; R.S.N.G., G. Sheridan; L.S.N.G., Martin Myles; R.S.V.G., R. Eddy; L.S.V.G., S. Cody; S.S., S. Buevetsky and Bro. Skelly; Chaplain, A. H. Cooke. Seven aliens were fined for not reporting. "One of the most disgusting of the cases was that of an employee of the T.&N.O. Railway," said The Advance ten years ago. A foreman on the road appeared in court to plead the alien enemy's case. "It might be interesting to learn," commented The Advance, "if the T. & N. O. will pay for the foreman's time spent in pleading the cause of the alien enemy in court. Ten years ago the Temiskaming Motor League met at Cobalt and discussed many matters of general interest. Among these questions was one of special rates for motorists wishing to take their autos to North Bay for summer tours to other parts of the province. It is interesting now to note the following paragraph in The Advance's report of the meeting:—"Mr. W. R. Lowery thought that if the T. & N. O. Railway were rightly approached they might be induced to charge freight on outgoing cars only, returning them free of charge to their original starting place." This was the plan eventually adopted by the railway and which will be discontinued this year with the completion of the trunk road. At that time the Motor League claimed that there were 250 to 300 motor cars in Temiskaming district. The Advance thought this estimate altogether too conservative as the district was a very large one, including Cobalt, Haileybury, New Liskeard, Matheson, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane, Timmins, South Porcupine, Schumacher and other places. Of course in those days there were few cars in many of the places mentioned, while others had many indeed, when the lack of roads was considered. In answer to what The Advance itself termed "a tragic-eyed local pessimist" a paragraph appeared ten years ago pointing out that it was absolutely contrary to the facts to

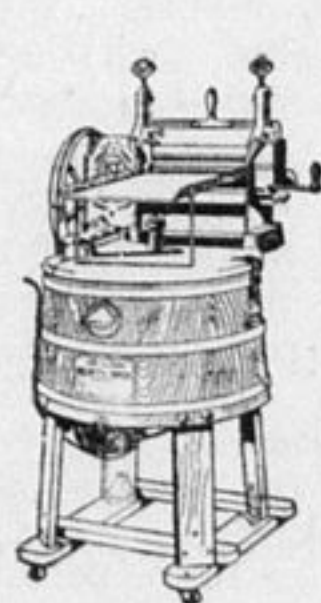
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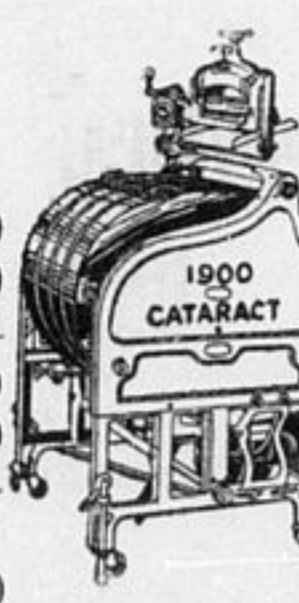
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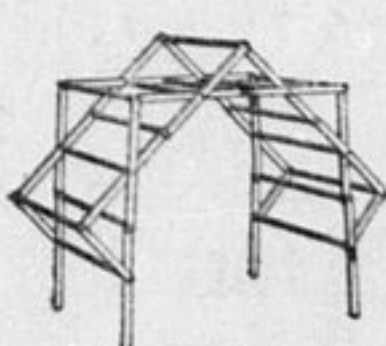


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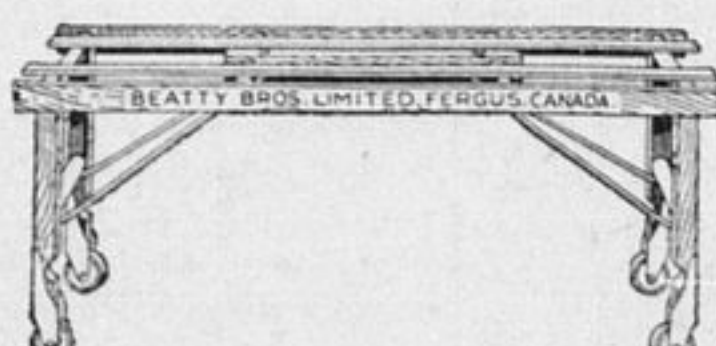
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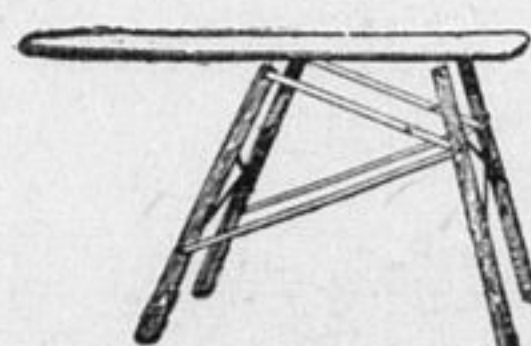
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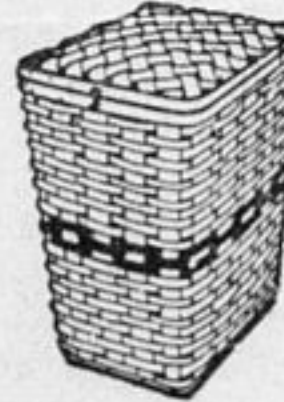
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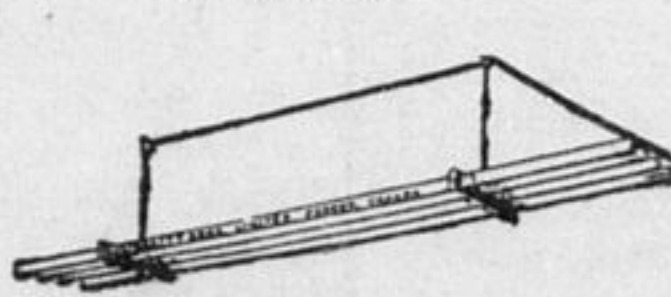
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suggest, as some did, that there was no chance for anything in the line of agriculture or stock-raising north of Orillia. One of the answers of The Advance to the "tragic-eyed pessimist" was that there could be seen quite a few good farms close to Timmins. "For example," said The Advance, "the farm of Mr. Harry Jeffries is classed as close to a model farm by those who have seen it." Other farms in the district also came in for notice, including the Wilson farm at Golden City. Among the local, personal and district notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. H. Beatty has taken over the rooming house belonging to Mrs. Emery at Porquis Junction." "Mr. Smith Ballantyne, superintendent of the Kapuskasing Experimental Farm reports quite a large acreage under crop this year, and with good weather there should be a favourable showing made at the farm this fall." "A quiet but pretty wedding took place at Smooth Rock Falls, when Omer LaChapelle and Miss Louise Joannise were united in marriage, the nuptial mass being celebrated by Rev. Fr. Leferriere, of Fauquier. After a honeymoon at Ottawa and other points, the couple will take up residence at Smooth Rock Falls, where Mr. LaChapelle is accountant for Messrs Morrow and Beatty." "Dr. and Mrs. Moore and son left last week for a trip to the south." "Master Walter Boyle, South Porcupine, is the guest this week of his aunt, Mrs. W. Armistage." "Tax Collector Macpherson put through another batch of garnishees this week for taxes in arrears, the lot netting in the neighbourhood of \$1000.00. There were 93 garnishees for income tax." "The hay crop in the North this year promises to be a specially good one." "The black flies are many and mean this season." "The Steamer Agnes is running very pleasant evening sails and Sunday trips on the river." "The New Empire Theatre is to be congratulated on securing a good Canadian News service. This is supplying a long-felt want, indeed. The predominance of all sorts of United States happenings has become tiresome, to say the least, in the news service at the motion picture shows. Canada has within its own borders just as interesting views and news as anywhere else on earth. So, hurrah for ourselves." "The picture, Broadway Jones, was one of the best shows seen at the New Empire for some time." "As will be noted by the big advertisement elsewhere in this issue, G. W. Groves & Co., of Toronto, are putting on a sale to close out the whole \$10,000.00 stock of Murtagh & Ryan." "At a meeting on Monday was announced at Cobalt that in view of the fact that the miners were now getting in some cases more than new Union scale, and generally receiving wages upon which they could live, the strike vote would not be put into active effect at present. If occasion arises later a committee will call a special meeting for a speedy decision and action. This means that Cobalt, like the Porcupine, is now free from the danger of a strike at present."

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