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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Acting Chief M. Salley and Constable M. Greer, who were the police force in Timmins ten years ago, had a large list of cases each week. One of their specialties was the capture of alien enemies who failed to report as required by law. "We are going to try to do our best here at home just as the boys overseas are doing," the officers said on one occasion. This week ten years ago they had half a dozen aliens who had never registered or reported. One of them was a Bulgarian who had worked for several months in a munition factory and had also travelled around the province a lot.

Speaking of police court cases, one man was charged ten years ago by the Provincial officer here with illegally having liquor in a public place. When he was asked if he were guilty or innocent, he said he did not know. A lawyer entered a plea of not guilty for the accused, and when the latter was asked any question his invariable answer was, "I don't know." Eventually the lad was asked if he knew what whiskey was. "I don't know," he promptly answered. The case was dismissed, the magistrate when questioning his own mind on what he thought of the case, replying apparently, "I don't know."

There were road accidents in Timmins ten years ago, though not so many. The Advance tells of one of the rare events as follows:—"Some excitement was created Sunday afternoon by the collision of a motor cycle and a fine big delivery horse on Third avenue. How the cyclist escaped death is a mystery only excelled by the escape of a child who was being carried on the front of the motor cycle. The accident took place near Dalton's Livery, the horse and rig coming round the corner, and the motor cycle on the other side of the road coming diagonally across and smashing full tilt into the horse. The horse's breast was cut a little, but apart from this no serious injury seemed to result. Only providence and the efforts of the driver saved the motorist and the youngster from being smashed when the horse reared up at the unusual impact. Bystanders seemed to think that the motorist was travelling too fast and that his diagonal cut across the road caused the collision." In any case the motor cyclist should not have been carrying youngsters the way this one did on

this occasion. Last week elsewhere in The Advance reference was made to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mackie. Ten years ago there was the following paragraph:—"Mr. and Mrs. D. Mackie celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage in quiet but pleasant way, when a number of their friends gathered at their home at Gillies Lake and spent a very enjoyable social evening on Tuesday last. Mr. and Mrs. Mackie were married in the Masonic Temple, West Calder, Midlothian, Scotland, on the 31st of July, 1902."

Ten years ago the police uncovered what appeared to be an organized band of young boys who were carrying on an almost wholesale plan of thefts. The owner of a store on Third avenue, next below the Old Empire theatre, had been missing goods for some time and hired a man to watch the place in the late night and early morning hours. One boy was caught red-handed and after a valiant battle this lad told what he knew, but he was not sure where the goods were cached. The boys had taken confectionery, gum, cigarettes, soft drinks, tobacco, etc., in regular wholesale quantities. With the aid of one of the boys and the ferretting instinct of "Buster," Chief Salley's little dog, the cache was located under the old bridge on Pine street, alongside of the public school grounds. The goods were cleverly concealed in the sand. The boys were brought up in the children's court. There were six of the lads, their ages ranging from 9 to 16 years. Mr. R. LeHeup, Inspector of the Children's Aid Society, came up from Haileybury for the case.

"Some of the lads concerned had been in trouble so often that the police were a little discouraged as to the efficacy of letting them escape each time," said The Advance in referring to the matter, "but Magistrate Atkinson and Mr. LeHeup, both had faith in the boys if they had special care and attention, and to stir this special attitude in the homes and to pay for the losses incurred by the delinquency of the boys, the magistrate imposed a fine and costs, amounting to \$14.75, on the fathers of the larger boys." The boys seemed to be bright little fellows, but with too much energy and initiative and too little direction. The magistrate thought that if the fathers spent a little time with the boys, occasionally in the woodshed, perhaps, the lads would turn out the finest kind of good citizens. One of the fathers agreed with this, and commented, as he was leaving the court, to the effect that he intended to give his lads \$14.75 worth of teaching just as soon as he could get them home. It is worth noting that these two lads never again got into any trouble here during the four or five years they remained in Timmins.

Lieut. Jack Munroe, the noted old-timer of the North Land, and one of the few surviving members of the Princess Pats original battalion, was recruiting in the North Land ten years ago for the Forestry Battalion. His headquarters were at Cobalt. In the issue of The Advance of August 8th, 1917, there was extended reference to the big convention held in the arena at Toronto and attended by over 5000 delegates from all parts of Ontario and all parties in the Dominion. It was called the "Win-the-War Convention," and it was a most enthusiastic event. Amalgamation of the political parties during the war, and the enforcing of conscription were the two questions most strongly approved by the convention. In his address to the convention, Hon. Hugh Guthrie pointed out that there was no patriotic use of political parties at this particular time. Those who were opposed to Canada and to Canada's part in the war were banding together, irrespective of previous party labels, and he urged that all loyal men must similarly unite if the war were to be

won and the country saved. A public meeting was held in the public school building on August 6th, 1917, to hear the reports of the delegates.—Mrs. J. A. McInnis and Mrs. J. A. Howse,—appointed by Mayor J. P. McLaughlin to represent Timmins at the big food conservation convention called by Food Controller Hanna in Toronto. Owing to insufficient notice and inadequate advertising there were only about 30 ladies present. Acting Mayor A. Brazeau presided very capably, and the reports were of great interest. Mrs. McInnis gave a comprehensive report of one day's session of the convention, while the second day's report was given in very complete and interesting way by Mrs. Howse. The convention dealt with the various substitutes for wheat, the checking of improper profiteering, and other topics allied to food conservation. The only organization suggested at the convention was a central committee in close touch with the Organization of Resources Committee, and seven representatives in each military district to be on this committee. A secretary was the chief officer necessary for the local work. Mrs. Howse was unanimously elected as local secretary. Mrs. V. Woodbury emphasized the need and the effect of individual effort and the value of co-operation. She pointed out that twenty-five or thirty women working along the same lines could do much indeed. On motion of Mrs. J. W. Faithful and Mrs. R. J. Jemmett it was decided to ask the Government to send to Timmins a demonstrator in bread-making.

Ten years ago the town council passed a by-law making October 1st, 1917, the last date on which taxes for the year could be paid without a penalty added. The council also discussed a number of garnishees made by the tax collector for income taxes unpaid.

Among the local, personal and district notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. W. D. Beasley, of Wawatim Falls, has left camp for New York." "Mr. Tom Miller, of Wolf Lake, was in town for the week-end." "Mrs. Karl Dreyer and daughter, Mona, are visiting relatives at Orillia." "Martin Myles, Past Grand of Timmins Lodge, I.O.O.F., is attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge at Toronto this week." "Capt. R. S. Robertson is back to New Liskeard after nearly three years of active service." "At Massey on July 26th, Miss Kathleen Conghion was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. Hallet, of Kirkland Lake." "Mrs. Geo. White, while fishing off the pier at Haileybury recently, caught an eel measuring over 35 inches in length." "Mrs. A. Haughland and daughter left town last week for Ottawa." "Born—At Montreal, Que., on Aug. 4th, 1917, to Sergt. and Mrs. A. W. Reed, of Timmins,—a daughter."

"Mr. Geo. Northey, of Timmins, and Miss Elizabeth Warr, of Schumacher, were married at the home of Mr. John Thomas, Timmins, by Rev. J. Maedonald, on Wednesday, Aug. 1st." "W. M. Whyte, C. A. Culbert and Hugh Boyle, Past Grand of Porcupine Lodge, I.O.O.F., are among the delegates to Grand Lodge at Toronto this week." "Mr. and Mrs. Crause, of Wawatim, were visiting friends in town last week-end." "Councillor Pierce returned from a business trip to Toronto last Friday." "Francis Lewis the young son of Mr. Martin Lewis, of Porcupine, was taken to Haileybury hospital last week for treatment for appendicitis." "Fire Chief Brady, of Cobalt, has recommended the motor system for the Cobalt fire department, as more speedy and satisfactory than horses." "Miss Elizabeth Miller and Mr. F. Buckindale were married recently at Matheson." "Miss Lola Salley, of the teaching staff of the Ottawa public school, is visiting her brother, Mr. M. Salley, and other relatives and friends in the camp." "The regular meeting of the D.Y.B. Club was held this week at the home of Mrs. A. Ellis and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed in that hospitable home. Three new members were added to the club. The work taken in included 18 pairs of socks and six shirts, and the work given out was wool for 19 pairs of socks and material for five shirts." "Lieut. Stanley Ellis, who enlisted in the West, but who is well known in the camp, having been with H. N. Joy at South Porcupine some four years ago, renewed acquaintances in Timmins and South Porcupine last week. Lieut. Ellis saw much of the severe fighting of the war, and had the experience of being wounded in eight different places at the time that he was sent to the hospital." "Mr. L. A. Heil, of an Antonio, Texas, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. V. Woodbury. Mr. Heil has the proud distinction

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The Marter correspondent of The New Liskeard Speaker last week had the following:—Mr. C. Linton of Eaventure and Miss Ethel Johnston of Timmins visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilmhurst on Tuesday. Miss Johnston stayed with her aunt, Mrs. Wilmhurst.