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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Among those leaving Timmins ten years ago to join the Air Service was Mr. K. F. DeLong, then manager of the Imperial Bank branch here. Among his many helpful activities in town, Mr. DeLong had been one of the most valued of the members of the Timmins Volunteer Fire Brigade. Accordingly, Fire Chief Borland and a number of the members of the brigade gathered at the station to give Mr. De-

Long a proper "send-off," and to express appreciation for his services. Mr. DeLong was presented with an address and a handsome wrist watch. Those signing the address on behalf of the brigade were the Fire Chief, J. K. Moore and J. D. MacLean.

Ten years ago the village of Connaught had the very first fire in all its history. Until Sept. 12th, 1917, Connaught had a record most unusual among the North Land's bustling centres,—Connaught had never had a fire in any of its buildings. The pleasant record, however, was broken by a small fire that started at the home of the T. & N. O. pumpman. The cause of the fire was given as a spark from the burner at Reamsbottoms & Edwards' mill. The blaze was discovered by one of the fire rangers. The house was gutted, but the loss was not a very serious one. To prove that the good record was actually broken, there was another fire the next day, the blacksmith shop at one of the mines near Connaught being damaged by fire.

Ten years ago in the one week five men left Timmins to enter the aviation branch. These were:—K. F. DeLong, E. Schelleiter, Ken Bigelow, Fred Garrett and Percy White.

The Advance ten years ago pointed out that the casualty list of the war for the month of August was a heavy one. Among those listed as killed in action were Pte. Stanley Clarke, Charlton; and Pte. C. W. Holbrook. Died, Pte. James Thom, Haileybury; Pte. Arthur Ayre, Timmins. Wounded, Pte. D. McInnis, Pte. D. McKee, Pte. Alex Guppy, Pte. Alex Mackay (South Porcupine), Pte. M. Lavallee (Mattagami Heights). Gassed, Capt. Ernest Holland.

There was a very pretty wedding at South Porcupine on Tuesday morning, Sept. 11th, 1917, when Mr. J. A. Keene, of Campbelltown, near New Brunswick, and Priscilla Dalton, of Goderich were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The wedding took place at St. Peter's church at 9 a.m., Rev. Father Pelletier officiating, and a large number of friends and relatives being present. The bride, who was a sister of the Dalton Brothers, pioneers of the camp, was very popular among a large circle of friends. Mrs. J. Sullivan, whose gown was of

black Georgian crepe, was the bridesmaid. The bride's dress was a beautiful sand-coloured travelling suit. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. John Dalton. The presents were especially numerous and valuable. Among these were cheques for \$500.00 each from the brothers of the bride, Messrs. John and Charles Dalton. The music for the occasion was furnished by Mr. Vincent Steinyway. Mr. and Mrs. Keene left on the Transcontinental for Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec, after which they took up residence at Campbelltown, New Brunswick.

Ten years ago in Timmins war conditions made the obtaining of coal sometimes a difficult matter. A reminder of this is given by the following paragraph from The Advance:—"Mr. J. W. Reed is this week installing a large new heating boiler in his brick block on Pine street. The purpose is to do away with coal as a fuel and use the wood always available in quantity and quality in the North Land. The system to be used is similar to that at the New Empire theatre. It is noted for evenness of distribution of heat, and for other good points, including that of being easier maintained.

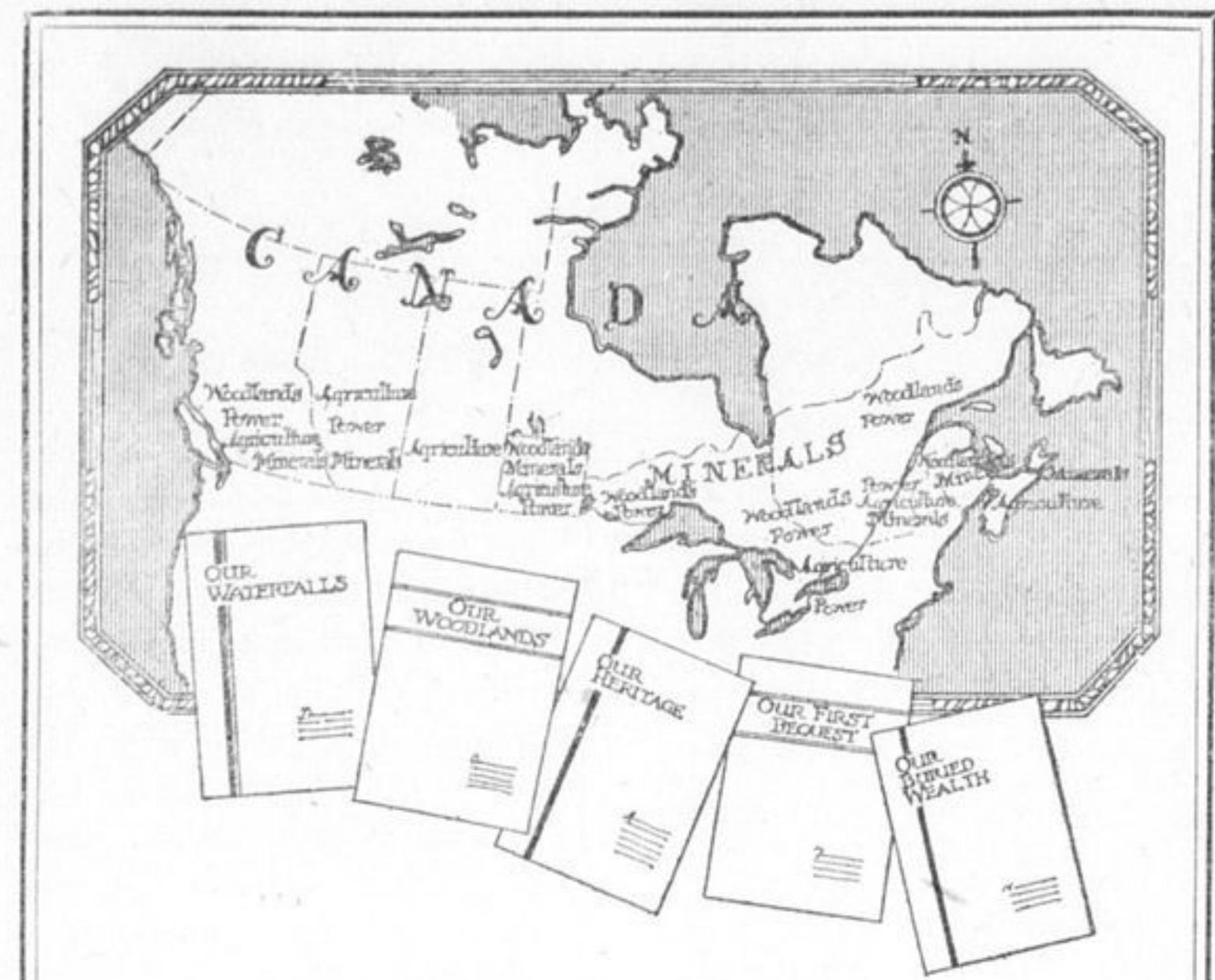
The Advance ten years ago suggested that Councillor Pierce should move at the next meeting of the town council that a bonus of \$50.00 be given to Fire Chief Borland and Acting Chief of Police M. Sally for showing so clearly that they did their duty without fear or favour. The fire chief had made an inspection of the town and among other things he notified Councillor Pierce that certain fire risks should be removed from a certain lot in town. The notice was overlooked among the many affairs of Mr. Pierce who had very extended business interests here at the time. The fire chief had the councillor before Justice of the Peace H. E. Montgomery for failing to respond to the notice. "There are several who have not heeded the law," Chief Salley told the court, "and there should be an example made in the matter. Now, here, your worship, we have one of the town councillors, responsible for the by-law,—one of your bosses, one of my bosses,—now let's soak him when we have the chance." The fire chief explained that all that was desired was to clean up the fire risk. Mr. Pierce, he thought, had simply overlooked the matter, but it should be attended to at once. The case was remanded "until called on,"—which meant that nothing more was heard about it, as Mr. Pierce had removed the risk objected to. "What a wonderful chance to soak a town councillor and make a real example was missed," was the disappointed comment of Chief Salley.

Much space was given in The Advance ten years ago to the Slade-Forbes asbestos property in Deloro township. A force of men were at work on the property, and developments were satisfactory and very promising. Reference was also made in the same issue to spectacular showings of gold on the Bilsky claims in the northeastern part of Tisdale. An item mentioned that the West Dome had installed a new electric hoist. The latest gold rush ten years ago was reported as to Coulson township, which adjoins the famous Munro township, the home of the well-named Croesus mine. Visible gold and telluride were found on what appeared to be a 50- or 60-foot-wide body of highly-mineralized ore. About fifty claims were staked during this rush.

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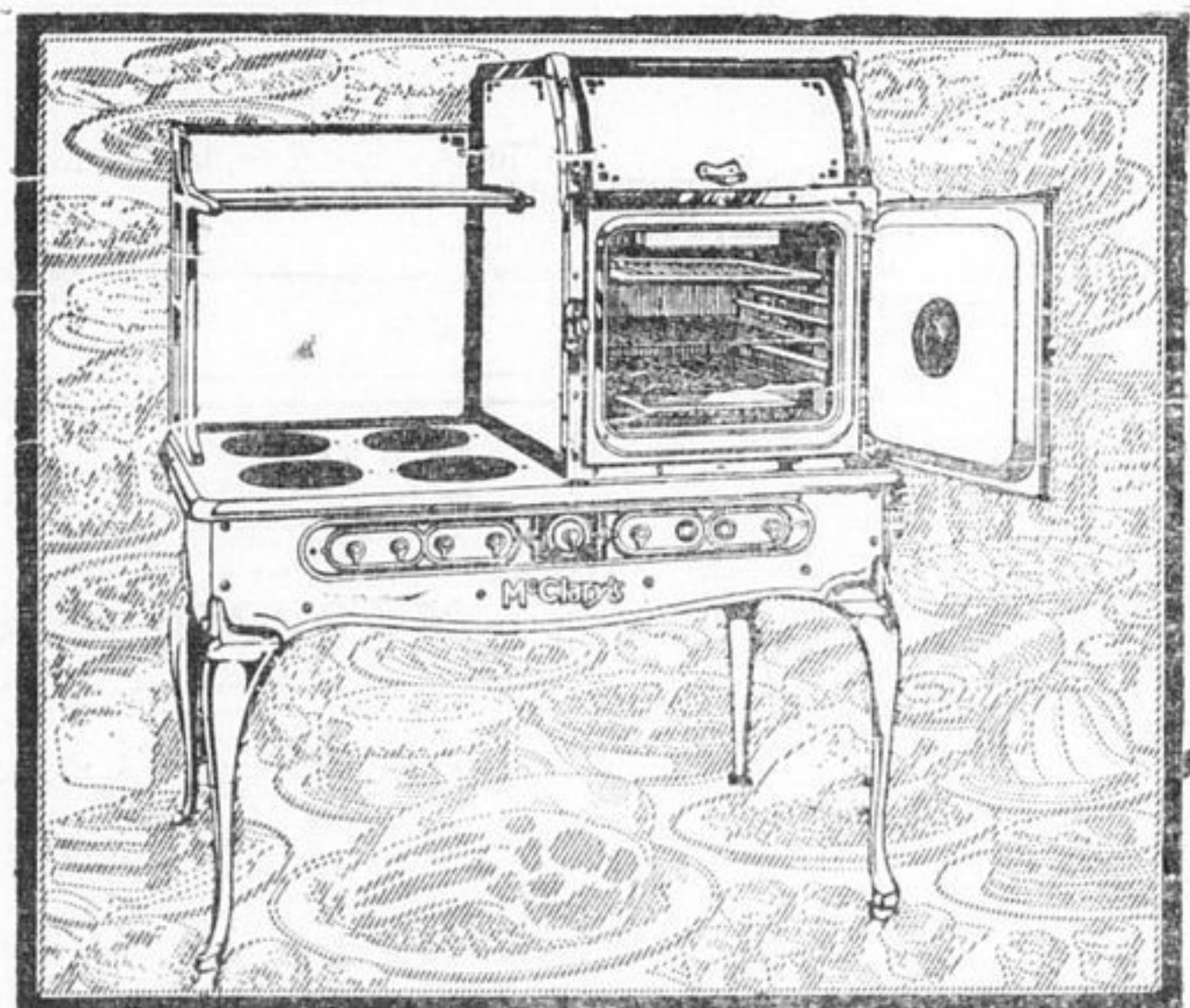
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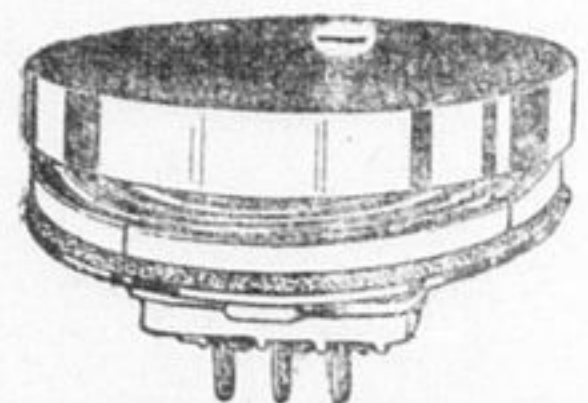
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"At a recent meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church at New Liskeard, a presentation was made to Mrs. D. A. Hoggarth, wife of the new principal of Timmins Public School, prior to her removal to this town," said The Advance of Sept. 19th, 1917. "An address expressive of the appreciation felt for the character and efforts of Mrs. Hoggarth in all worthy causes was read by Mrs. John X. McDonald, while the president of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. J. J. Cameron, on behalf of the society, presented Mrs. Hoggarth with a beautiful set of pearl-handled knives, forks and butter spreaders. General regret was expressed regarding the departure of Mrs. Hoggarth from New Liskeard, where she has been for many years a very helpful and esteemed resident, but all were agreed in extending at the same time the sincerest good wishes to her in her new home at Timmins."

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following: "Rev. Fr. Charbonneau is conducting a mission at the R. C. church here, large congregations attending at all the services." "Mr. G. D. Mitchell has been appointed manager of the Timmins branch of the Duncans, Limited, wholesale fruit and vegetables. Mr. Mitchell will move here from Cobalt in the course of the next few days." "Constable Greer left this morning for Montreal to bring back J. Lennabuk, an Austrian, who was arrested by the Montreal police on instructions from Acting Chief M. Salley." "Pte. Alvin Hastings, who went overseas from Uno Park with the 228th Battalion, is reported as being wounded in the neck." "Mr. E. C. Ward, for some years general agent for the Confederation Life Association, has been appointed district manager for the company, to succeed Mr. C. D. Devlin, who has been made an inspector. Mr. Ward's territory extends from Nottway, P.Q., to Armstrong, including, of course, Timmins and the Porcupine." "Cobalt has been suffering from an epidemic of burglaries by boys." "Frosts did considerable damage recently to crops in the Temiskaming area." "Argentum Encampment, No. 108, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Cobalt on Wednesday last, the Grand Patriarch of Ontario, John M. McCarvil, of Clatham, and the Grand Scribe, John A. Macdonald, of Toronto, having charge of the ceremonies." "Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McLaughlin are spending a few weeks in Toronto." "Mr. J. McGee has left for a two weeks' trip to his old home in Ottawa." "Mr. A. Pooley, of the Porcupine Crown, is spending a vacation in Nova Scotia." "Mrs. J. K. Moore is expected back in town after a prolonged visit to her home in Scotland." "Mr. D. Choard has left the Porcupine Crown Mine, and has accepted a position at New Liskeard." "Mr. Wheeler, of the V. N. T., has resigned his position as electrician and leaves shortly for Peterborough." "Mr. R. Borland, of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Express Company, is spending a month's vacation with relatives and friends in Toronto, London, Woodstock and other Ontario centres." "Mr. I. E. Dunn has sold out his general store at Schumacher to Mr. Charles Pierce, of Timmins, whose business interests in this North Land are growing so fast that he will soon be a sort of combination of John Wanamaker, Marshall Field and Tim-

othy Eaton." "Mr. and Mrs. F. C. H. Simms returned from their trip to the West. Mr. Simms went as far as 130 miles west of Winnipeg, where he assisted in the patriotic work of harvesting. He brought back proof of his labour in the form of blistered hands that showed that he had done his bit, even though it hurt some. Another bringing back the blisters as proof of his efforts at harvesting work was Mr. James Heppleston, who also returned from the West this week after aiding in the patriotic work of harvesting." "The D. Y. B. Club met at the home of Mrs. M. A. Ellis on Monday evening. During the evening a note-writing bee was held, the notes being packed in with the socks going overseas. Work taken in: 15 pairs of socks, 10 shirts." "Mrs. J. A. McInnis returned last week from Toronto, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Arnoldi." "Mr. and Mrs. N. Racicot returned last week after a ten days' visit to Toronto." "Mr. Bob Hamilton, formerly of the Dome Mines electrical staff, now a mechanic in the Royal Flying Corps, visited camp last week." "Messrs. Albert Taylor, of the Taylor Hardware Co., Cochrane, and Fred Woods, of the Goodyear Rubber Co., Toronto, were interested visitors to Timmins this week." "Mr. Victor Harding, of the Porcupine Crown Mines, has returned from a visit to Brantford and Buffalo. He was accompanied home by his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Harding taking up residence in town." "The Timmins Band, looking especially well in their handsome new uniforms, including the new hats, favoured the public with many well-rendered selections at the Imperial Bank corner on Sunday evening. Much favourable comment was heard, not only regarding the good appearance of the band, but also the excellent music furnished." "Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Mackay left on Monday for Woodstock for a visit, after which they will go to Fort William, where Mr. Mackay has a position. Mr. Mackay has been a very popular member of the J. P. McLaughlin staff, here, for the past two years, and there will be very general regret at the removal of the family from town." "Pte. Hugh McEachern, who won the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in France, is visiting the camp on leave, having been invalided home. He was on the staff of the Government Roads Department here, under Alex Stirling before the war, and is well known and popular in the North Land, so there have been many and sincere greetings given him here on his return from France." "Mr. R. T. Shillington was a visitor to town this week from Haileybury." "Work has commenced on the Wilson building (formerly the town's municipal building), to prepare it for removal to the rear of the Goldfields hotel." "Dr. Bybee, V.S., has moved to South Porcupine, where the autos have not as yet crowded out the horses as much as they have done in Timmins." "There will be a box social and centre party at Connaught on Thursday evening, Sept. 20th, under the auspices of the members of the R. C. church."

FALL WHEAT AT McDUGALL'S CHUTES TWENTY YEARS AGO

Some weeks ago The Advance had reference to the success met with by farmers in the Matheson district in growing the new Garnet wheat. In commenting on the article, The New Liskeard Speaker refers to the growing of wheat at McDougall's Chutes (the name by which Matheson was known twenty years ago). The Speaker says:

"Upwards of twenty years ago, and before the Transcontinental Railway line was graded, a splendid sample of fall wheat grown at McDougall's Chute (Matheson) was exhibited by the editor of The Spenser at the New Liskeard Fall Fair. This wheat was grown on the land which comprises the chief business part of Matheson to-day. The Garnet wheat is said to be about a week earlier than the Marquis, which is also a few days earlier than the Fyfe, which for many a day was Canada's leading spring wheat. All kinds of cereals do well in the Matheson neighbourhood. The pity is that there are so few farmers to cultivate the fine clay land."

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