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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Ten years ago at a special meeting of the Timmins town council a by-law was considered for the licensing and regulating of second-hand stores. Under this by-law all dealers in second-hand goods were required to keep a book showing all goods purchased and giving the name of the person or persons from whom bought. This record was to be open for inspection at all times by the police. This by-law was finally passed by the council and is still in force and effect. At the council meeting Dr. McInnis explained that the volunteer fire brigade had volunteered to bear part of the cost of a new sleigh necessary for the department. Councillor Pierce objected very strongly to taking money from the "boys" in such a case, and in this he found general support from the rest of the council. Councillor Globe voiced the general opinion in these words:—"Either a new sleigh is necessary, or it is not. If necessary, the town should pay it all, and if not necessary, nobody should pay anything." Dr. McInnis assured council that the sleigh was very necessary, and that the fire brigade realized this so much that they were ready to pay for it themselves, rather than leave the town without this safeguard. In concluding the report of the meeting, The Advance said:—"There was the usual discussion of fire protection matters. Dr. McInnis said that the regular inspector for the fire underwriters would be unable to visit Timmins to make another report on the town. Another official, however, had visited here recently and, as chairman of the fire and light committee, Dr. McInnis had been asked to submit a report of conditions and equipment, etc., to the underwriters. The council gave authority for this report, with the added hope that it would result in a better schedule of rates for insurance in Timmins. With his report, Dr. McInnis said he intended to send a copy of a recent issue of The Advance which had given the case for Timmins in very comprehensive form."

The Advance ten years ago warned parents and others against carelessness or neglect in the matter of reporting births, marriages and deaths. It was pointed out that the information based on such statistics was indispensable in the scientific work of public health conservation.

"Fire Chief Borland last week received a letter from his son, Alex, who is with the Canadians on the western front overseas, and an interesting sidelight is given on the opinion of the soldiers in the battle line as to the probable duration of the war," says The Advance ten years ago. The letter said that some soldiers were "betting their roll" that the war would be over that year.

The eighth annual meeting of the Temiskaming Teachers' Institute was successfully held at New Liskeard on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 4th and 5th, 1917, with a large attendance and an excellent programme. It was decided at this meeting to divide the territory into two institutes,—one for the North, with Mr. R. Garrioch, of Cochrane, as the president, and one for the south, with Miss Wickware, of Giroux Lake, as president.

The Advance ten years ago published an interesting letter from Sergt. J. C. Rowe, Sergeant's Mess, 25th Reserve Battalion, Bramshott Camp, England. Sergt. Rowe, more familiarly known in the North Land as "Paddy Rowe," wrote to Mr. Geo. Lake, as follows:—"You no doubt will be surprised to hear from me, but Sergt. Drake who is here with us received some copies of The Porcupine Advance, and I got the loan of them to read about the doings up North, which is pretty hard to get around here. Sergt. Alex Gillespie and I were looking over the honour roll and notice that a few names were omitted. There are quite a few of the boys who

will not come back to the North Country. I spent nearly a year in France and I can tell you I was glad to get back to Old Blighty. But I am like the majority of the boys, I am getting tired of being here. I am afraid, however, that I cannot get back to France. The doctors seem to think I am too old, but I don't feel too old. I feel as fit as ever, but the doctors think there are plenty of younger men to go before they send me back. There are quite a lot of the original 2nd Pioneers here, but they are gradually going back. Sergt. Alex Gillespie is one of the old Porcupine boys expecting to go back with the next draft. He is just dying to get back. I can tell you there is nothing cold about Alex. I saw Jack McLelland the other day. He is looking O.K. I have seen most of the boys one place or another, but I have never had the luck to see Charlie Pearey or John Watt, but I hear about them occasionally. Several of our boys have got commissions and they are making good. Poor old Len Dunsford made his mistake in leaving the Pioneers. Of course he got his commission, but he would have gotten his commission if he had stayed with us. He was a good soldier. All the good boys seem to get the bad luck at the start. Now Alex Gillespie and I would like to be remembered to all old friends. We are both pretty well. Tell George Preston we would like to hear from him. I am sending a few names that are omitted from the honour roll. With kind regards to all old friends."

The following reference was made in The Advance of Oct. 10th, 1917, to a meeting of the council of the township of Tisdale:—"The minutes of the last meeting of the Tisdale Township Council came to hand too late for any extended notice, but several items deserve some mention. The Council, on motion of Councillors Maekie and Boyle, made a grant of \$500 to the British Red Cross,—a creditable and noteworthy patriotic contribution. On motion of the same two councillors the volunteer firemen are to be insured at the Township's expense for \$1000 each with a weekly indemnity of \$20 for each man in case of serious injury. To make known the purposes and objects of the Food Controller a public meeting is being called for Sunday evening at the Majestic theatre. In the absence for some weeks of Reeve Kennedy, Councillor J. T. Easton is acting as Reeve."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Among those signing up with the Forestry Draft here this week was R. Coburn, one of the popular men of the camp with pioneering experience." "Mr. John Nolan met with a painful accident while at work at the V.N.T. on Monday. While investigating the trouble caused by oil getting on one of the belts a splash of hot oil was thrown into one of his eyes. While, fortunately, no injury was done to the sight, the injured eye is very painful." "Cochrane is to have the advantage of expert dental service, Dr. Chapin, of Timmins, intending to visit there on Saturday and Sunday, and every 2nd and 4th week-end thereafter." "Mr. Neil Faulkham, of Matheson, spent the week-end in the camp." "Mr. Karl Mueller returned to camp

on Tuesday for Toronto." "Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kitchen have returned from an extended vacation to Mr. Kitchen's home in Orillia." "Nurse Lorimer has moved from Elm street to rooms over Dr. Minthorn's office on Third Ave., Timmins." "Mr. J. Boucher left on Thursday to report for duty with the Royal Flying Corps, for which service he was recently accepted." "Mr. A. R. Globe has been appointed the local member of Exemption Board under the Military Service Act." "Mr. J. K. White won the piano in the Firemen's Piano contest."

The following paragraph from The Advance of Oct. 10th, 1917, will be of interest:—"A farewell tea to Mrs. Saneton was given at the home of Mrs. Evered recently. About 33 ladies were present and a very pleasant social time enjoyed marred by nothing but the regret felt at the intended departure of the guest of honour. A pleasing feature of the event was the bringing by the ladies attending of gifts of cigarettes, tobacco, etc., to be sent to the soldiers overseas."

In reference to the establishment of a Baptist church in Timmins the following is from The Advance ten years ago:—"Mr. Harry Linney, Toronto, Secretary of the Northern Baptist Association was in the camp last week in connection with the proposed new Baptist church here. The lot has been secured and plans are being for a suitable church building. Rev. I. H. Cruickshanks has been chosen as the first pastor of Timmins Baptist church, and the work of the church will be taken up at once. Until the new church is erected, it is likely that service will be conducted in the Old Empire theatre."

MONSTER APPLE GROWN AT BRISTOL, QUEBEC

A record-size apple grown at Bristol, Quebec, is referred to as follows by The North Bay Nugget last week: "What is believed to be one of the biggest apples to be grown in Canada was brought to The Nugget Office this morning by O. Cuthbertson, of Bristol, Que. The fruit is as large as a good sized muskmelon, measuring six-tenths inches in circumference and weighing one pound seven ounces. The specimen was picked by Mr. Cuthbertson from his own orchard and if a fair sample of fruit in that locality should cause a rush immediately."

"The mosquito is like a child: the moment he stops making a noise you know he is getting into something."



MERVIL JANAKI
The first lady honi—or magistrate to be appointed at Calicut, India.

on Saturday night after a vacation in Toronto, New York and other points south." "Mr. Karl Dreyer left last week for Toronto to consult a specialist regarding his eyesight." "Mr. A. A. Taillon, of Ottawa, is spending a week's visit with his son, Mr. J. P. Taillon, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch here." "The Standard Bank closed its Schumacher branch on Tuesday, the business being taken over by the Schumacher branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce." "Quite a number of ladies gathered in the basement of the Presbyterian church last Friday for the Meat Demonstration by the Government expert, and a great many useful and helpful pointers were gathered." "As an evidence of the growth of the North Land as a settled farming country, it may be noted that a farm of about 160 acres, 100 acres cleared, sold near Matheson some days ago for \$4,000 cash." "Mr. James Heppleston, who has been a popular and esteemed member of the A. S. Fuller & Co. office here since its establishment in the earlier days of the camp, left on Friday for Toronto to join the Royal Flying Corps." "Added to the rumour that Mr. James Simpson, of Toronto, will be a labour candidate in this riding in the coming Federal election, there is the even more interesting rumour that Mr. Sylvester Kennedy, Reeve of Tisdale, may be a Labour Candidate for Temiskaming's Dominion interest." "Mr. J. B. White Wilde, late of the Hollinger Electrical staff, left

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DANCE IN AID OF H.S. RELAY RACE ON TUESDAY NEXT

There will be a dance in the McIntyre Recreation hall, Schumacher, on Tuesday evening of next week, Oct. 18th, under the auspices of the McIntyre Athletic Club. The proceeds of the event are in aid of the H.S. Relay team that is to compete in the Tri-City Relay Race, Liskeard to Cobalt, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. at Cobalt and The Northern News. Everybody should give the boys from here a help-along, so there should be a big crowd at the dance next Tuesday evening. For the dance, Tommy Stephens and his classy orchestra will furnish the music, and lunch will be served during the evening. The McIntyre Athletic Club always does well anything it undertakes so the dance is sure to be a successful and enjoyable one.

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a call for Safety on the Highways

The Highway Safety Committee has been organized in an effort to secure more careful automobile driving and hence a decrease in the number of accidents on the road. The motor car traffic in Ontario has increased enormously. To date this year 360,000 motor vehicle licenses have been issued. This is more than twice as many as in the year 1921. There has been a similar increase in the number of foreign cars which visit Ontario. At times during the past summer, as many foreign cars were on our highways as those of provincial registration. Everyone who uses the highways, whether as motorist or pedestrian must become conscious of the new condition which prevails. Each individual must act in accordance with the general principles of safety and always in the exercise of care, common sense, and courtesy to others. The Executive Committee is composed largely of men representing Province-wide organizations. In addition, invitations have been sent to all Editors, Heads of Municipal Governments, Chiefs of Police, and Presidents of Boards of Trade, Automobile Clubs and Service Clubs in the Province to act upon the Advisory Committee and to co-operate through suggestion and carrying on in their respective communities localized campaigns for greater safety. To the School Inspectors, School Teachers, and School Boards of the Province a special appeal is made. A sad feature of the record is the number of children whose lives have been snuffed out or who have been injured because of thoughtlessness on the part of themselves or the driver of a car. This is an effort in which all citizens of the Province can and should unite, both in a public and private way. As a badge of support of this movement this windshield sticker has been provided by the Executive Committee. It will be available at all filling stations and garages in the Province. The Committee confidently expects it will immediately appear on every car operating on the roads of Ontario. It reads as follows:

I'm for Care and Courtesy Are YOU?

If you are for safety on the Highways wear this sticker on your car. The Committee will be glad to receive suggestions from all who are interested in this movement. Address Highway Safety Committee, Department of Highways, Toronto.

Our Program in Part

Pledges of generous support already have been received from a large number of individuals and corporations who are in a position to assist in this movement.

The support of the Press has been pledged almost unanimously.

Offers of Stations to broadcast talks on Safety are also acknowledged with thanks.

The organization of meetings at which Safety will be discussed indicates a deep interest on the part of Boards of Trade, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs and other Public Service Clubs.

The co-operation of the Ontario Motor League with its membership of 30,000 shows that this large membership heartily and energetically supports the safety movement.

On highways and on city streets there will be even a more strict enforcement of The Highway Traffic Act and municipal by-laws through co-operation of the highway traffic patrol and the entire police forces of the Province.

The call for more safety on the highways has been sounded throughout Ontario. Will you respond?

Highway Safety Committee

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