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## Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

At a big convention held at Cobalt on Oct. 24th, 1917, Hon. Frank Cochrane was chosen as the "Win-the-War" candidate for Temiskaming Riding. About forty delegates were present at the convention from Timmins, several of these being Liberals who were in favour of conscription and union government. The case of a lady in Dack township whose home had been destroyed by fire and whose husband and son were at the front, was brought to the attention of the convention and in a few minutes a subscription amounting to over \$230 was gathered for the woman. Among the speakers at the convention were: Capt. Thos. Magladery, M.P.P.; Geo. H. Rochester, of Haileybury; Hon. Frank Cochrane; and Hon. Sir Geo. E. Foster. The latter delivered an eloquent and inspiring address, urging all to join in winning the war.

Sunday, Nov. 4th, 1917, was the date of the opening of the Timmins Baptist church, under the pastorate of Rev. Ivan F. Cruickshanks. In an announcement given to the Advance at the time, Rev. Mr. Cruickshanks said that the Baptist people of Timmins, numbering about 40, had long felt the need of a "home church," and at

last this need was met. "We have not come in opposition to the other churches," said Mr. Cruickshanks, "nor have we come in the spirit of competition, but with the honest desire to labour with them and to add our strength to theirs in the work of redemption." The first place used for church services by the Baptists here at that time was the Oddfellows' hall, the services being at 7 p.m. each Sunday evening.

Ten years ago Fire Chief Borland was out after those who had dirty chimneys. He urged all to see that the danger of fire was removed as much as possible by having clean chimneys and pipes, and observing all the other rules and regulations known to avoid the menace of fire.

On account of continued ill-health, Chief of Police Richard Craft ten years ago resigned his place on the force. He asked to be relieved from the duties of the office as soon as possible. At a special meeting of the town council called to consider the matter, flattering reference was made by some of the councillors to the good service given by Mr. Craft. The resignation of Mr. Craft was accepted, and the council appointed Mr. John Clarke, of Cochrane, to take his place. In referring to the appointment of Mr. Clarke, the Advance said:—Mr. Clarke needs no introduction to a great many of the citizens of the town, to whom he is well known. He has been at Cochrane for some years past, and in that neighbouring town he has been tax collector, assessor and held many other prominent public posts. From the commencement of the National Transcontinental until after 1911, he was in charge of the important police work on a part of the line, and before and since that time he has seen much police service both on regular duty and as special constable.

Each week ten years ago The Advance gave considerable space to information and propaganda regarding the Victory Loan campaign. "In a very real sense," said The Advance, "every Canadian who invests his money in these bonds is not only making a perfectly safe investment which will bring him good returns in the interest paid, but he is also helping win the war and helping further to keep the industries and enterprises of this country in good shape. His investment in Victory bonds will be used to buy Canadian wheat, the products of Canadian farms, and to pay his own or his employees' wages. It is the part of wisdom as well as of patriotism, to buy Victory bonds."

Ten years ago the Porcupine Union Government Association was formed, membership being open to all "Win-the-War" citizens. The following officers were elected by acclamation for the year:—President, W. E. McCoy; vice-president, Dr. Otton; secretary-treasurer, E. H. Bridger; executive with power to add to their number, Geo. Preston, J. P. Bartleman, F. C. H. Simms, M. Boivin, B. E. Martin; honorary vice-presidents, Hon. Sir Wm. Hearst, Hon. N. W. Rowell. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Bartleman for his good services as president for the previous year. Messrs Tom Magladery, M.P.P., J. H. Black, and R. T. Shillington were among the visitors for the occasion, Capt. Magladery urging the most earnest support of Union Government.

The Advance ten years ago made comment on an arrest made by Chief Ernest Roy, of South Porcupine, the prisoner being an Austrian known as "Silky." This Austrian had been talking a queer mixture (said The Advance) of socialism, pacifism, revolution, and what-not, even going the length of urging others to revolt, or whatever one is supposed to do in such a case. "Silky" was taken before Magistrate Atkinson, and then held until Ottawa was communicated with and officers came along to take him to Kapuskasing to talk his tall talk there. In Austria a Britisher foolish enough to talk like "Silky" soon landed farther away than the capital or a prison camp.

Another matter that Chief Roy was concerned in ten years ago was the arrest of two men suspected of planning extensive burglaries and hold-ups for the district. On a charge of carrying concealed weapons the men were each given six months. One was taken to North Bay the following morning, but the other escaped from the South Porcupine jail, getting to the bush where the police were unable to locate him, despite careful search.

Ten years ago The Advance pointed out that under the Military Service Act, all those in Class 1 should now either report for service or apply for exemption.

At a meeting of the Timmins Volunteer Fire Brigade ten years ago, a grant of \$50.00 was made from the brigade's surplus funds to the Patriotic Fund. It was also decided to hold a Sunday evening meeting at an early date, under the auspices of the Firemen, the proceeds to be for the Red Cross or some other patriotic cause.

The Advance ten years ago says:—"Pte. Gordon C. Cave, one of the few members of the famous Princess Pats, is visiting friends and relatives in the North Land. He was formerly editor of The New Liskeard Herald, and has been at the front for two years. He was wounded in the shoulder at the Battle of the Somme and is back to Canada on sick leave."

"The Garden of Allah," was the special at the New Empire theatre ten years ago, while the famous motion picture play, "Intolerance," was advertised for an early date.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. Jules Timmins returned last week from Toronto." "Mr. Ladbroke, of the Hollinger staff, left for a holiday visit to Montreal and New York." "Lieut. W. E. McCoy has returned to camp after a visit to Ottawa." "Mr. D. Loughrin left on the National on Friday on a short visit to his home in Mattawa." "Mr. J. C. Watson, who is now located at Welland, Ont., is spending a few days in town." "The work of putting in the new pipe line to the Hollinger is down as far as the central public school grounds." "Mrs. Morphy, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Allan, returned to Toronto last week, accompanied by Mrs. Allan." "Mr. D. B. Greig, who was with the Marshall-Ecclestone Co. here for some time, and who spent in all seven years in the North Land, is now with the Signalling Corps in barracks at Ottawa." "The cup won by the Timmins Firemen at Cobalt on July 1st is expected here now sometime soon. The town of Cobalt has decided to furnish the cup, and as the Cobalt council does things well, it is

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likely that the cup will be one that the local brigade will take special pride in." "Pte. Milton Austin, who was a member of the local fire brigade for a time, was in camp last week as an orderly with the medical examining board." "Mr. D. J. Jemmett, president of the Northern Canada Supply Co., spent a few days in camp, coming up on Friday." "Mr. J. H. Black, of Toronto, and Mr. R. T. Shillington, of Haileybury, were week-end visitors here." "A very successful supper and social, followed by an excellent programme, was held on Nov. 2nd, in the Schumacher Methodist church."

It is interesting to review the advertising in The Advance ten years ago. The advertisers included the following:—Sullivan & Newton, insurance and real estate; A. Brazeau, plumber and steamfitter, 10 Third avenue; E. G. Dickson, real estate and insurance, Timmins and South Porcupine; The Advance, printing and advertising; Canadian Government Railways; Dr. McInnis, physician and surgeon; Pierce-Jacobs Lumber Co.; Sam Bucovetsky; John W. Fogg, lumber, etc.; Timmins Townsite Co.; H. Mulhern, manager; Chas. G. Cumming, tobaccoist, Third avenue; Homer L. Gibson & Co., stocks; A. S. Fuller & Co., stockbrokers; Isbell, Plant & Co., brokers; Neil Ryan, men's wear store; Wrigley's Gun; J. P. McLaughlin, departmental store; The Johns-Manville Company, represented in Timmins by Grodwards Co., Vincent Woodbury agent; Military Service Council; Mining and Engineering Record, Vancouver, B.C.; Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway; Canada's Victory Bonds; Western Mining & Financial Review, San Francisco, Cal.; Ostrosker & Co.; J. R. Gordon, groceries and meats, Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine; New Empire theatre; Bachelor Cigar; School Board, South Porcupine; N. E. Wadsworth, furrier, 39 Fourth avenue, opposite Fire Hall; Township of Tisdale; Town of Timmins; L. Stadelman & Co., stationery and music, Timmins and Cobalt; Cook and Mitchell, barristers, etc.; J. W. Mahon, barrister, solicitor, etc.; S. Wheeler, South Porcupine; Timmins L.O.L., J. W. Faithful, W.M., O. Kabel, R.S.; Timmins L.O.O.F., W. H. Pritchard, N.G., A. G. Carson, R. S.; J. T. Easton & Co.

Ten years ago the Honour Roll as published by The Advance showing the men who enlisted from the Porcupine, showed a list of 608 names. A request was made to all to check up the list and send in any further names, as it was felt that many might have been missed. Several lists were sent in by readers, and these were du-

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ly added to the Honour Roll. Dec. 17th, 1917, was announced about this time of year ten years ago as the date for the Dominion election. Nominations were announced as to be held on November 19th, with the elections four weeks thereafter.



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