

Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Ten years ago The Advance noted the change in the management of the Hollinger Mine, the following reference being made:—"Announcement has been made to the effect that Mr. P. A. Robbins is retiring from the general management of the Hollinger Mine, though continuing as managing director, with his probable residence in Toronto. Mr. A. F. Brigham, recently general manager of the Magerfontein Diamond Mines, Orange River Colony, South Africa, will be the new general manager of the Hollinger, and is now on his way here. Mr. Robbins has spent a great many years of constant and arduous application in the matter of mine management in this North Land, and can justly feel that he has earned a relief from the active work."

In 1918 Timmins had a new examiner of auto drivers' licenses, to succeed Mr. Tripp, of Cobalt, who came here on occasion to examine for drivers' licenses. The new man was Mr. E. J. Stewart, electrician with the Northern Ontario Light & Power Co. and the Porcupine Telephone Lines. Mr. Stewart had charge of the work for Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine.

Reference was made ten years ago to the fact that Lieut. K. F. DeLong, of the R.F.C., had been injured in an aeroplane accident in Texas the previous week. The reports were to the effect that an accident had occurred to the machine in which Lieut. DeLong was taking a student for instruction. The student escaped all injury, but Lieut. DeLong had sustained a broken rib and some other lesser injuries but was making fine progress to recovery. Lieut. DeLong had been manager of the Imperial Bank at Timmins previous to his enlistment. He is now manager of the A. E. Mowsey office at Kirkland Lake.

C. H. Mann, of Hamilton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., paid an official visit to the Porcupine camp ten years ago. He was the guest of Timmins Oddfellows on Sunday afternoon, March 24th, 1918, a very pleasant and profitable time being spent at the lodge room here. The previous evening the Grand Master was at Porcupine lodge South Porcupine, where members of the order from all over the district gathered to meet the Grand Master. Between 60 and 70 Oddfellows were present, about thirty from Timmins going to South End for the occasion. The work of the Order was taken up, and the Grand Master complimented

the members on their proficiency. After the regular session, a pleasant banquet was enjoyed by all, the guest of the evening being especially felicitious in his address.

Reference was made ten years ago to the fact that Premier Langmuir Company had built buildings and was installing machinery for the treatment of the barytes ore at the property in the Night Hawk Lake district. Barytes, The Advance explained, is a mineral used extensively in the paint and chemical industries. The ore at the Premier Langmuir was referred to as singularly pure and white, with enough silver in the deposits to defray operating costs. The Advance thought the barytes mine might develop into an important industry, but war conditions prevented this at the time.

An effort was made in 1918 by the townships of Whitney and Tisdale and the town of Timmins to secure the \$75,000.00 left in the Northern Ontario Fire Relief Fund as a fund for the building of a general hospital in the Porcupine district. On the other hand, there were some who argued that the fund should be left for fire relief purpose, as there were other forest fires possible. The Advance was not hopeful that the money would be secured, and this view proved well founded.

At the regular meeting of the Tisdale township council on March 22nd, 1918, with Acting Reeve Morgan in the chair, and Councillors Mackie, Walton and Hutcheson present, Robert Quinn was appointed assistant constable, sanitary inspector and fire chief at Schumacher.

Strong protest was made by The Advance ten years ago against the discourtesy and officiousness of a police chief from another town in the North Land who happened to be in town at the same time as a number of Dominion police who were enforcing the Military Service Act. This chief took it upon himself to assist the visiting police, but he did not show the same courtesy and common sense in stopping people to enquire about their military standing.

Efforts were made ten years ago, at the time of the visit of Consvoith, the "Orator," to commit the Miners' Union here to Bolshevik doctrine and action. The Union was threatened with a loss of many members unless they agreed, and a material increase if they did. The Union, however, refused to consider what they felt to be destructive and unpatriotic action, and firmly held their own against the

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Bolshevik doctrines. The attitude of the Union greatly strengthened the hands of the authorities and loyal citizens generally in dealing with the attempt made here ten years ago to introduce a destructive and menacing programme.

One of the visitors to Timmins ten years ago was Jack Whitton, an old-timer of the North. He was a well-known mining contractor in both Cobalt and Porcupine camps in the early days, as well as doing much prospecting in the Porcupine, and conducting a pool room in South Porcupine. He went overseas with the 87th Battalion, seeing much service and being wounded several times. Finally he was invalided home. Among the friends whom he met several times in the trenches, he specially mentioned Major Neil MacDonald, Jack Mackay, Bill Gowans, and The Porcupine Advance.

A report published in The Advance ten years ago, and signed by K. Leggett, secretary, showed the Schumacher Red Cross to be doing very effective work. There were eight cases of goods shipped to headquarters in the month of February, these containing 350 towels, 58 sheets, 48 suits of pyjamas and 28 comfort bags. Total value, \$337.86. Owing to the previous secretary, Mrs. Hicks, leaving town, her resignation was accepted with regret. Mrs. Geo. E. Leggett was elected the new secretary.

The Advance ten years ago devoted considerable space to a complaint from an old-time prospector who objected to the fact that while the Government had granted 1,560,000 acres near Kapuskasing to the Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper Co. as a pulpwood limit, the reservation was not marked on the mining maps. In this and similar cases, prospectors would spend time and money staking claims only to find when it was too late that they could not develop the properties as they were pulpwood reservations. The handicap this sort of thing was to the prospector was emphasized, and the Government urged to protect the prospector by showing all timber limits on the mining maps.

The Advance ten years ago mentioned the numerous complaints made relative to children loitering around the front of the theatre in the evenings. The youngsters were a nuisance to the men attending the shows, the boys having the habit of worrying people "to take them in to the show." The Advance pointed out the law in the matter, urging parents for their own sakes, for the children's sakes, and for the sake of the public, to do their duty "by seeing that the youngsters were home in the evening, and that they have an attractive home to keep them from less desirable places."

As an aftermath of the riot, or near-riot, or whatever it may be called, that occurred in Timmins some ten years ago when hundreds of Russians and other foreigners paraded the streets and besieged the jail here to secure the release of one of their "orators" about fifty or sixty Dominion Police were here on the day of the preliminary trial of the "orator." The Advance at the time, in reporting the trial said:—"Dominion police seemed to spring up all over town and get busy. In the crowd outside the court and all over town everybody was detained and made to give an account of themselves. Alien enemies had to produce their cards, and other aliens to show their standing. Britishers were required to give their standing under the Military Service Act. The event was made a great

round-up for the Military Service Act and for the foreigners. Between 500 and 600 men were taken in charge on this one day by the Dominion police and the other officers working with them. The most of them were able to show their standing and were soon released. About 30 or 40 others were released on bail until they could secure proof. Five were taken away on Friday morning under military escort, and more for several days thereafter. A German was put in the cells and must hereafter report each day to the police. A number of aliens were charged with infractions of their paroles. All other foreigners must have their passports or other papers put in shape at once. The Dominion police have remained in town and are making life very lively here for men of military age, round-ups of the pool rooms, theatres, cafes, etc., impressing on all the necessity for each man to carry his military papers or proof that he is outside the draft.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mrs. J. S. McGuire was called last week to the bedside of her father, Mr. Chas. Van Allen, of Toronto. Mr. Van Allen, who is well up in years, is in very poor health." "Mr. E. H. Bridger last week received a letter from his mother at the old home at Tunbridge, Kent, England, where Lieut. Jack Cade recently visited. Lieut. Cade sends his best regards to all his friends at Timmins." "During the month of January, 1918, there was a falling off of nearly two per cent. in the passenger traffic of the T. & N. O. Railway, as compared with the same month last year. An increase of 14.5 per cent. was made this January over last year's first month in freight traffic." "Mr. Geo. E. Taylor, K.C., of Moose Jaw, Sask., a brother of the Taylor Bros., of the hardware firm in Cobalt, New Liskeard and Cochrane, has been appointed a Judge of the new Saskatchewan Court of King's Bench. He is one of the youngest lawyers ever appointed to the bench, being only 39 years of age." "Pte. Ralph Calverley, of Schumacher, returned last week from his long service overseas. He went over with the 91st Battalion and has seen much strenuous duty in the trenches, being in several of the big engagements of the war, and being wounded more than once. He was last wounded in the leg, and is invalided home to await his discharge. His many friends in the camp were very pleased to welcome him home again." "The D.Y.B. Club had a very pleasant meeting Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. Thomas, where the social features of the evening were much enjoyed. The officers and members of the D.Y.B. wish to thank the local hockey boys for the kind contribution of \$27.50 to the D.Y.B. work, this amount being the net proceeds from the patriotic hockey match between the All-Stars and the Porcupine Crowns on March 15th." "Timmins Firemen this week received the banner won by them for the Hose Wagon event at the Firemen's demonstration in Cobalt last July. Timmins' time was 1 minute, 11 seconds." "Cobalt's town chief of police, Norman Burke, and the town solicitor, Geo. Ross, resigned on account of differences with the town council." "Mr. J. Deacon is leaving the employ of the Hollinger to take up railroad work." "The concert given by the young people of the

Catholic church in the Old Empire on Friday last proved a great success in every way. The attendance was large and the playlets, comedies and other selections on the programme were rendered with unusual skill and effect." "The social evening and dance last Thursday by the Rebekahs was a successful and enjoyable affair. The attendance was large and those in charge are to be congratulated on the pleasant evening provided. In the card games, Mr. Hughes won gentlemen's first, Mr. Mitchell taking the consolation prize. Mrs. Sheridan won first for ladies, Mrs. Mitchell getting the consolation."

DIRTY EGGS A HANDICAP AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED

That one of the most aggravating problems confronting the egg trade at the present time is the far too frequent marketing of dirty eggs, is the opinion of W. A. Brown, Chief of the Poultry Division of the Dominion Live Stock Branch. Poultrymen should realize, states Mr. Brown, that they can do much towards improving the egg industry by taking steps to prevent the production and marketing of dirty eggs and discontinuing the

very undesirable practice of washing eggs before marketing.

Under any circumstances, it is inevitable that a few slightly dirty or stained eggs will appear. But the poultryman who consistently produces and markets large numbers of dirty eggs surely does not realize the bad effect of this practice on his market. These eggs are unpopular with consumers and in many cities it is almost impossible to sell them at any price. Washed eggs are even more dangerous to the poultry industry than dirty ones. Washing destroys the natural protective bloom of the egg shell and, the shell being damp, mould spores often enter causing the egg to become unfit for food.

At the same time it is not difficult to prevent the production of dirty eggs. What is needed is an abundance of clean, dry litter on the floor, plenty of nests, about one to every six hens, clean straw in the nests, and frequent gathering of the eggs.

London, Eng., Times:—Hundreds of trinkets left at the tomb of Britain's Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey have been collected by the Abbey authorities."

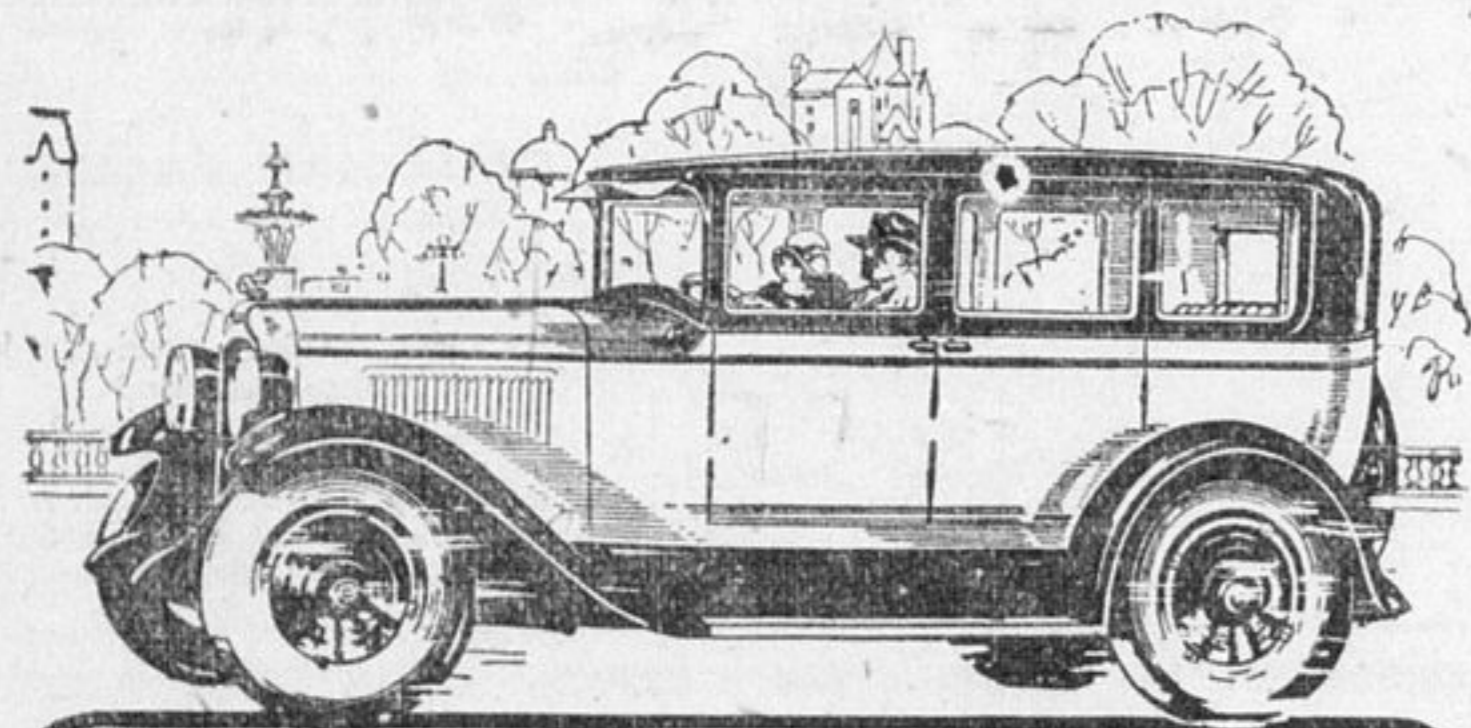


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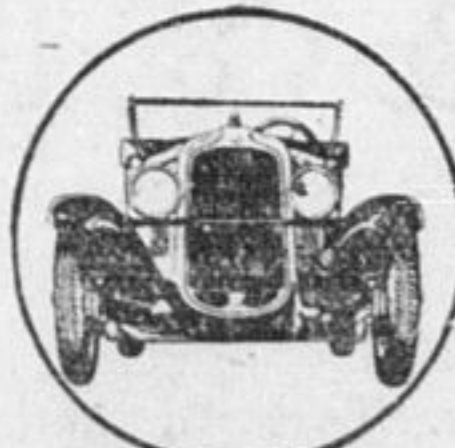
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