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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Ten years ago The Advance gave a review of the documents that should be carried by those under the Military Service Act. Among these documents were:—birth certificate, marriage certificate (if married), exemption papers (if any), and discharge papers (if any). The carrying of these documents saved argument and inconvenience for those who took the tip, while others had to spend time and trouble to prove their case when accosted by the military police, there being dozens of the officers in the Timmins district at this time.

Councillor P. Dougall's plan for the enforcement of the dog by-law recalls the fact that ten years ago the people of Timmins had cause, indeed, to be vicious about stray dogs. An item in The Advance of June 5th, 1918, says that Mr. Ralph Elston having lost some valuable fowl through the ill-work of dogs, and knowing that other citizens of the town suffered in similar way, entered a charge against the citizen whom he believed owned the dogs that did the damage. The evidence of the man in question was that his dogs had been with him at the mine at the time the fowl were killed. Witnesses for Mr. Elston declared they had seen the dogs down town, but this was offset by the statement of the chief of police that there were a couple of other dogs that looked very

much like those accused. In view of the conflicting evidence the magistrate dismissed the case, but Mr. Elston was told that if he could prove a case against these dogs or others he could recover damages in the Division Court. Another paragraph in the same issue of The Advance says:—

"At a house behind the rink on Monday night, dogs killed twenty-two chickens. One of the dogs is described as a big yellow dog and the ownership of another of the dogs is also said to be known. It is to be hoped that it will be possible to capture the chicken killing dogs (whoever may own them) before all the chickens in town are destroyed. About one hundred chickens are said to have been killed by dogs in Timmins this year." It will be noted that The Advance suggested the following-up of the dogs guilty of killing fowl, which was the big complaint against the dogs in 1918. Instead of this an attempt was made to have all dogs tied up. This plan did not work out well then. In a few weeks' trial, all the dogs taken in charge were harmless ones, not even suspected of any wrong-doing. All of them had tags, except "Old Toby," and there were a dozen ready at once to pay Toby's license fee. Toby was one of the characters of Timmins in those days and was guilty of eating anything uncooked. He favoured the Chinese restaurants and the Goldfields Hotel, and he had an immense appetite. Others of the pet dogs of the town were picked up, but not a single vicious or objectionable dog seemed to be gathered in during the round-up. A few lost their pets, a few had difficulty in securing the return of their pets, and there was general ill feeling until the storm of dog-chasing abated.

On Monday of this same week, ten years ago, Mr. John Wilson, formerly provincial police officer at South Porcupine, took over his duties as chief of police at Timmins. He was the fourth chief of police for Timmins.

The T. & N. O. has the proud record of never having had a passenger die through any accident on the line. Some of the trainmen have met death at duty, though only a few of them. The death of one is recounted as follows in The Advance of June 5th, 1918:—"Engineer Herbert A. Reynolds, who was injured in the head-on collision on the T. & N. O. on March 26th, died in Toronto last week from the injuries received. After the accident he was taken to a Toronto hospital where he seemed to show signs of recovery. Returning to his home in North Bay, however, he suffered a relapse and had to be hurried again to a Toronto hospital for treatment. A widow and two sons survive. The deceased was buried at Ottawa with full Masonic honours. The late Mr. Reynolds was a native of Brockville, Ont., being born in 1879. He was an engineer on the C.P.R. before joining the T. & N. O. staff. He was in four different wrecks in his time as a railroad man. On one occasion he was so badly scalded that it was necessary to graft 80 inches of skin on his body. In the wreck on March 26th, Engineer Reynolds was badly injured about the head. The engineer of the other train, Alex McLeod, was killed instantly."

Reference was made in The Advance ten years ago to the death of Mrs. McFadden, mother of Mrs. G. Blake, of Timmins. Mrs. McFadden, who was very highly respected in the Lindsay district, was over 79 years of age. At the time of death she had 28 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Ten years ago Officer R. Allen made a round-up of a group accused of high-grading. Accompanied by the local police he visited the house of a Spaniard and in the room of a boarder from Spain he found some rich high-grade. In another room occupied by an Austrian, further packages of gold were located, as well as a gun and ammunition. The Spaniard was given a term of six months. The Austrian went to Haileybury for trial and later drew a term of half a year.

Mr. Irwin, who will be in charge of the Byrnes Presbyterian church for the next few months, and who may be the permanent pastor, if mutually satisfactory to him and to the congregation," said The Advance ten years ago, "arrived in town last week and conducted the services on Sunday. He made an unusually good impression, the congregation generally being impressed by his ability and earnestness in the work. In the evening there was a comparatively large congregation present, and the preacher very aptly spoke on the joy that Christian people should feel in attending public worship in their church. After upsetting several of the common excuses given for not going to church, Mr. Irwin made an earnest plea for spirituality."

Among the interesting letters from the front published in The Advance ten years ago was one from Sergt. J. J. Coulis, in France, to his brother, Louis L. Coulis, with the Dominion police in Timmins. The sergeant told his brother that he expected the war would be over "in a generation or so now."

In 1918 Mr. Geo. DeMagney, who was then proprietor of the Ideal pool-rooms received word of the escape of his brother from the Germans who were taking him to a prison camp. This brother, who was younger than George, was serving in a Belgian regi-

ment when he was taken prisoner by the Germans. He managed to secure some body's clothing from a clothes-line in a village through which they were passing, and dressed in the boy's costume, the young DeMagney, who is of youthful appearance, made his way back to friendly territory without much difficulty. The fact that he could speak German and French fluently helped him in the escape. Mr. DeMagney received a picture of the lad in his uniform as a private Belgian soldier.

Ten years ago the Timmins town council struck the tax rate for the year at 36 mills for public school supporters, the separate school rate to be the same.

Announcement was made ten years ago of the marriage at St. Michael's cathedral, Toronto, on May 20th, by Rev. Father Traylor, of Mr. Neil Ryan, formerly of Timmins and previously of Haileybury, to Miss Eva Reilly, of Haileybury, the couple taking up residence in Toronto.

In 1918 at this time of year the Timmins fire department was busy with weekly practices to get in good shape for the firemen's tournament on July 1st. In the hose reel practice, the best time made by the Timmins boys in their weekly practice was 58 seconds. The Cobalt brigade won the event in 1917 with a time of 71 seconds.

Following the remarkably good work in patriotic work done by the Timmins D.Y.B. Club, South Porcupine young ladies organized a D.Y.B. Club of their own. The organization meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. T. Easton, South Porcupine, and Mrs. M. A. Ellies, of Timmins, was present to give assistance in the matter. The following were the officers elected for the South Porcupine D.Y.B. Club:—Mrs. J. T. Easton, honorary president; Miss S. Bartlette, presi-

dent; Miss I. Starling, secretary; and Miss O. Orr, treasurer. The letters "D.Y.B." it may again be explained signify "Do Your Bit," and it was generally acknowledged that the young ladies of Timmins and South Porcupine and other North Land towns, certainly carried out their club motto.

"There was the small beginnings of a big fire at Councillor Pierce's warehouse on Sunday," said The Advance ten years ago, "the blaze being caused by some boys playing with matches. The alarm was sent in and Constable Chas. McLunis and his boys made a very prompt response, and with their chemical engine going soon had the fire out. Already Moneta has reason to be proud of its firemen and equipment, which has already proved its worth. As another example of its readiness, it may be mentioned that a recent case where Councillor Mackie sent in a phone call, the Moneta fire auto was at the councillor's door within three minutes of the phone call."

Cobalt and Haileybury barbers ten years ago raised their rates from 15 to 25 cents for a shave.

A wind storm ten years ago did some damage in the way of tearing down and twisting signboards, etc. The wind twisted up the cigar store sign into a regular knot. A Shaheen's sign was torn down and two young ladies who happened to be passing as the sign was blown down, had a narrow escape from being struck.

Several raids on gambling places were reported ten years ago, with fines imposed "tempered to the shorn lamb."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Dr. and Mrs. McInnis are in the south on a vacation trip." "Several Austrians and other aliens have been fined recently for failing to carry their registration papers. Other aliens were assessed for travelling or attempting to travel without a permit." "Messrs Widdifield and Sampson, who left here with Lieut. Gordon's Forestry Draft, are finding merited promotion in France. They both are now ranked as sergeants." "We have another stripe added to our markings" wrote Sergeant Widdifield, and if this thing keeps up like it has we will soon be marked up all over with stripes like a zebra." "This week extensive alterations and repairs are being made to the Timmins post office. The arrangement of the boxes has been changed to allow more suitable space for the boxes and for the public." "Mr. Wilbour Drew left camp on the National on Wednesday for Toronto." "Mr. L. Halperin left on Sunday's National for a ten days' visit to Toronto." "As will be noted in J. R. Gordon's advertisement, Mr. J. R. Gordon has purchased the stock and goodwill of Sanders and Petchersky."

"Mr. J. D. Tolman, who was one of the valued employees of the McIntyre engineering staff, left on Friday last for pillars de Maiojara, Sonora, Mexico, where he has a good position with the Moctezuma Copper Co."

MULDESKOTIA COMPANY ACQUIRES MORE CLAIMS.

A despatch from Sudbury says that directors of the Muldeskotia Mining Company with holdings of 480 acres in the Kamiskotia sector in Turnball and Robb Townships announced at Sudbury last week that they had acquired for their company 280 acres in the Sudbury field.

The Muldeskotia Sudbury property is in Hammer Township adjoining the Chelmsford Mining Company property and it is planned to start active development of the property and Engineer B. Lambie will be in charge of the work. Camps are being built and activity will start on a surface showing said to be of importance.

Now amply financed, it is announced that active development of the Sudbury Crater property is to be started at once and a gang of men have been sent in to do preliminary work. Drilling is expected to start early in June. This company has been financed by Montreal and New York interests.

Sudbury Lode directors also announce that they have a drill going in on their property and that active drilling is expected to be under way in the course of a few days. The Sudbury Lode have a shaft down about 47 feet and a showing in the bottom of this is now being investigated. Considerable work has already been done on this property and it is announced that as the result of the progress and recent developments a further programme for development is now being prepared.

The Vicar was talking very severely to one of the younger members of his flock.

"William," he said, "I have been hearing dreadful tales about you. If all I hear is true, you are engaged to one girl in this village, another in Little Mudleigh and a third in Ditley. How can you ever do such a thing?" William grinned uneasily, "Why, parson," he exclaimed, "I've got a motorcycle."

—Exchange

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