

Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

Ten years ago a woman and two men were arrested for being drunk and disorderly. The woman created quite a disturbance while being taken in charge, and when the case was tried she was fined \$25.00 and costs, while the two men escaped with \$10, and costs each. The woman went to Schumacher the afternoon of the trial and was picked up there again for being drunk and disorderly. She came before the magistrate again at

South Porcupine, just a few hours after her appearance in Timmins. The magistrate decided it would be best to send her to Haileybury to get properly sobered up.

At the meeting of the town council ten years ago it was decided that the summer water services should be extended. Also, the town decided to purchase a flag for use on special occasions. Councillor Globe, chairman of the waterworks committee, explained that more power for pumping purposes was imperative. An attempt had been made through the use of larger pulleys to make the old motor answer, but this had proved impractical for safety. Mr. Globe suggested the re-placing of the present 30-horse power motor by a 50-horse power at an additional cost of \$200.00. On motion, council endorsed this plan. The matter of fixing the roads in the northwest part of the town, also a new sidewalk on Fourth avenue from Maple to Elm, were urgently pressed by Councillor Chas. Pierce. Council asked for more definite information.

The sketch in The Advance under the heading of "Prominent in the Porcupine," as published on June 19, 1918, was a brief biography of Mr. Jas E. Boyle, then reeve of Tisdale township. "Mr. Boyle was a hard-working and attentive member of the township council in 1914, 1915, 1916 and 1917," said The Advance, "and he also gave good service on the school board in 1915 and 1916, being chairman of the board for both these years. Mr. Boyle has been in the North Country the greater part of his time since 1892, so he may rightly be considered as one of the old-timers. On July 12th, 1911, he had his first sight of Golden City and it was a view to daunt a less determined man. He arrived in the camp the morning after the big fire, on the first train to reach Porcupine after that terrible event. On his first day in the camp he saw no less than 48 bodies of victims of that fire and he spent much of his first few days in Porcupine in aiding in the work of recovering the bodies of those who perished and assisting in the giving of care and burial to the dead as well as doing what little could be done for the homeless and the injured. He came here to start a diamond drilling business and in the early part of August the Dominion Diamond Drilling Co. was in operation. Mr. J. Boyle is manager and director and his brother Hugh Boyle, is secretary. The company has successfully handled a large number of contracts, including big contracts for the Dome, McIntyre, Dome Lake and others. Mr. Boyle moved from Porcupine to South Porcupine in 1911, taking up residence on Connaught hill. He and his brother bought the first two lots taken up on the Hill after the fire. James Edward Boyle was born in Pembroke, Renfrew County, in 1874. He was in the lumber and sawmill business until 1901. From 1904 to 1911 he was in Pennsylvania and New York, diamond drilling for anthracite coal. Among other interesting works, he also did the diamond drilling for testing the foundations for the Ashokan reservoir in the Catskill Mountains. This reservoir was built for the New York City Board of Water Supply, and the construction of this immense public work was a feat of modern engineering and mechanical work."

Ten years ago at the annual meeting of the Dome Extension Mines Company there were two changes in the directorate of the company, J. S. Wilson, of Massey, and A. S. Wigmore, of Toronto, resigning and their

places on the board being taken by A. H. Curtis, New York, and G. C. Miller, Buffalo. At the annual meeting of the Dome held about the same time, J. S. Wilson, of Massey, who was the original staker of the property, resigned from the Dome directorate and his place was taken by W. D. Joyce, of New York. In the absence of President De Lamar, of the Dome, W. S. Edwards, vice-president, occupied the chair at the annual meeting. Mr. Edwards, in replying to questions, referred to the fact that the main shaft had been sunk to a depth of 1197 feet, adding that at the 1150-foot level a stator had been cut and that it was the intention to drift upon this level toward the Dome Extension line, where diamond drilling had indicated a very promising ore body. He said that there was enough ore broken down in stopes to enable the mill to be operated without robbing the mine. There were only 70 men employed at the Dome at present, he said. So great was the shortage of labour according to Mr. Edwards, that if the Dome were opened up again it would mean that Hollinger or McIntyre would have to close for lack of workers.

The boxing bout between Prof. Morrow and Young Sampson, the strong man, at the Empire theatre ten years ago, was a big disappointment. Sampson was too much of a slugger to make the contest of much interest. Referee Jack Faithful closed the bout because of the punishment being taken by Morrow, whose blows had absolutely no effect on the "Syrian Slugger," as Sampson called himself. "After the stopping of the bout," according to the Advance's report, "Morrow had a black eye and a badly bruised face, in addition to his percentage of the house." Dominion Police C. O'Connor who acted as second for Morrow, took the Slugger on for a few rounds and created some interest by his handling of the big fellow. O'Connor thought about half the weight of Sampson, and handicapped by the fact that he had to fight in his ordinary clothes, put up a battle that surprised Sampson and delighted the crowd. Sampson was interviewed by the police after the show as to his standing in regard to the order-in-council requiring every man to be engaged in honest and useful work. Sampson left town on the early morning train the next day, and the band was not out to see him off.

Ten years ago a lad of ten or twelve years of age, who had been using his observation to some effect, opened the door of the safe of Ed. Malek, grocer, Moneta, and grabbing what money he could easily secure in a hurry, managed to get about \$160.00 cash. The safe door was shut but not locked, this being the usual way it was left in the daytime—up to that time—but never again. The lad went out and distributed the money around among his friends. Through the capable work of Constable McInnis at Moneta the culprit was discovered in the course of a few hours. In commenting editorially on the case, The Advance said:—"It is not fair to lay the whole blame upon certain parents. The tone of the camp in some particulars is to blame. The few thoughtful and earnest parents are more than heavily handicapped by the general inattention to the training of the children. The sincere parents have a difficult time trying to induce their child to do right when so many other youngsters do as they please. When youngsters of ten or twelve can flash \$20.00 bills in alien ice cream parlours, and have their money joyfully accepted, and no questions asked; when mere children can contract debts for apparently absurd expenditures, without proper inquiry being made by those responsible; when youngsters are at least not discouraged from loitering around at times and places most unsuitable for children—to say the least—then the authorities can do little to assist, and the better class of parents are seriously handicapped, indeed. What is needed is a general awakening among the parents as to their duties and responsibilities. The parents in general must do their duty, or they and their children and the country will all suffer."

One of the most successful advertising "stunts" tried here ten years ago was introduced to town by the Curtis Drug Co. A window was filled with a great variety of articles, all retailing for a dollar or more, many being worth as high as \$5.00. Each article was attached to a string, and these strings were brought back over a bar into a tangled bundle. The customer chose a string and drew on it, not knowing what it would pull along. Practically everybody got "on the string," and there was much interest. Crowds lined the sidewalks for a couple of hours when the window was completely cleared out. One lady drew a string, only to find she had won a safety razor, and laughingly trying her luck again, she drew a razor strap. A man drew a book! "Hang it," he said, "I never learned to read!"

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. Homer L. Gibson came up on Friday's National to spend a few days in the camp." "Mr. D. A. Dunlap has been chosen as vice-president of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines to fill the place made vacant by the death of Mr. John McMartin, M.P. Dr. W. L. McDougall, of Montreal, has been elected a member of the board of directors." "Quite a few prospec-

tors are going to the new Teddy Bear gold fields east of Lightning River district." "The McIntyre production for May is reported as better than the average. The McIntyre keeps on satisfactory footing, despite adverse general conditions in the gold-mining industry." "Chief Borland, of the Fire Dept., and Councillor Dr. McInnis, chairman of the Fire and Light Committee of the town council, made a trip around town last week, calling on the cafes, restaurants, amusement parlours, etc., that will particularly profit from the big day to be held here on July 1st. The Chinamen put up a total of \$109.00, with an extra \$15.00 from the Queen's Hotel. The other amusement and refreshment places approached practically all contributed in good proportion. With \$200.00 donated by the Hollinger and \$100.00 by the McIntyre, the Firemen are now guaranteed financially from loss despite the unusually large list of prizes for the day and the amount necessary to stage such an event as is planned for July 1st, 1918." "Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lowe are visiting in the East." "Directors of the Coniagas Mine visited the Ankerite last week and it is understood that they decided on the closing down of operations for the present." "Mr. Ken. Deacon, who has been overseas with the C.E.F. for several months, arrived home at South Porcupine on Saturday evening last." "The Cafe Chantant given on Friday last by the Women's Auxiliary of the St. Matthew's church proved a pleasing success and netted a goodly amount for the W.A. funds." "Provincial Officer Ackroyd moved

last week to his new headquarters at South Porcupine where he occupies the residence recently vacated by Chief J. Wilson." "The Birthday Party by the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church on Thursday last proved a delightful success. Over \$120.00 was realized for the building fund." "About 60 members attended the annual church parade of the Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. & A.M. to St. Matthew's church on Sunday when an inspiring sermon was preached by Rev. R. S. Cushing." "The dance and social evening given by Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. & A.M. in the Masonic hall on Friday evening last was one of the most successful and enjoyable social events of the season, and reflected credit on those in charge of the evening's programme." "Mr. E. Guppy left on Wednesday for Toronto where he has a good position. Previous to his leaving, the Timmins Fire Brigade presented him with a cheque and an address expressing the appreciation of the brigade for his faithful service as a member and his many excellent qualities as a citizen. The best of good wishes follow Mr. Guppy to his new home from this camp where all will miss his cheerful good humour and his friendly good citizenship."

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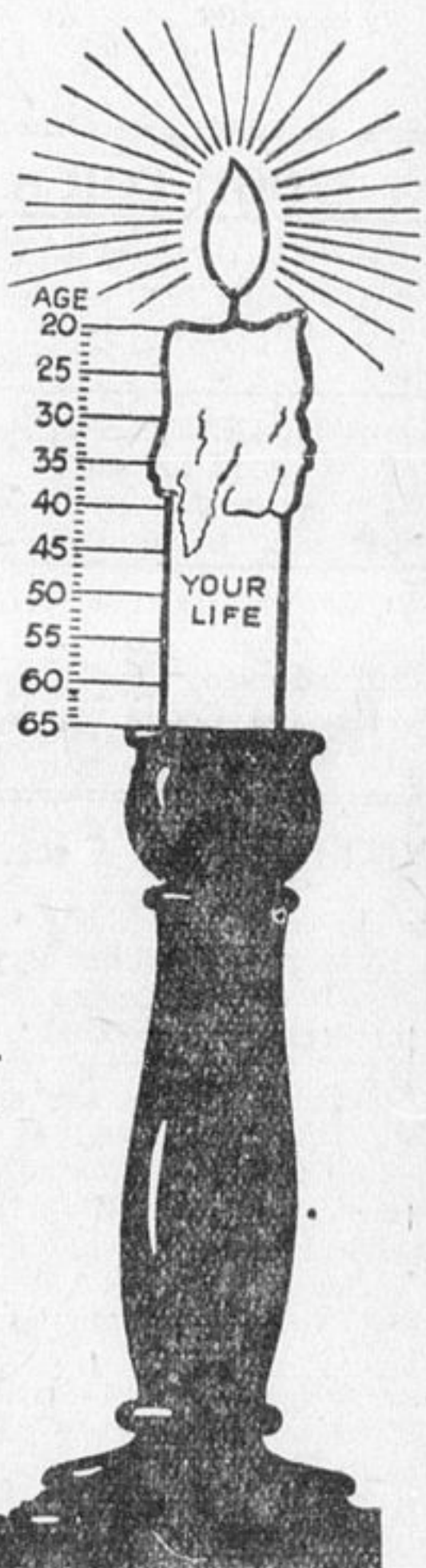
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