

## Ten Pears Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FYLES

A front page article in The Advance roused some objection in some quarcriticism, whether justified or not, of the handling of the "flu" epidemic. The celebration here of the signing of the Armistice took a form that also

of ten years ago refers to the dissatis- ters. Then there was the general crifaction felt with the 1918 council and | ticism of the finances, public works and some of the efforts made by ratepayers the general conduct of municipal afto secure better conditions. One ob- fairs. The Advance, in referring to the jection made to the 1918 council was in interest aroused and the large amount regard to the supply of coal and wood of criticism, some of it undeserved, sugto the town. Other towns in the North gested the formation of a ratepayers had been able to secure fair supplies of association to study and discuss munihard coal through representations cipal questions and to suggest the made to the fuel controller, while Tim- best men to run for municipal honours mins had apparently been sidetracked and induce such good men to help in in the matter. The councils at North, the public service of the town. The Bay, Cobalt and other places had pro- Advance pointed out that some years vided supplies of wood and taken other previously there had been such an asmeans to relieve the situation, while it sociation in the Township of Tisdale seemed that really nothing had been and it had accomplished much good. done to help the people of Timmins in Timmins did organize such an associathis respect. There was also some tion and there was a change in the personnel of the town as will be seen by future issues of this column. In its issue of Nov. 27th, 1918, The Advance mentioned some of the names of those suggested for the 1919 council. These names included:-For mayor, Dr. Mc-Innis, Dr. Moore, W. H. Wilson, Chas Pierce, R. J. Jemmett, C. G. Williams D. Ostrosser, A. Brazeau; and for seats on the council, E. L. Longmore, D. Laprairie, J. R. Gordon, T. F. King, L. S. Newton, Wm. DeFeu, E. H. Bridger, H. Charlebois, J. Therriault, D. Ostrosser, W E. McCoy, A. Brazeau, R. J Jemmett, Dr. Moore, Chas. Pierce and others.

Ten years ago The Advance was giving space to advocating the constructhe Mattagami river for the benefit of the lumber companies, settlers and business interests generally. The Advance emphasized the handicap to business through lack of this spur line, and also suggested that it would be a profitable investment for the T. & N. O. It took some years of request and agi- Morris Daher was attacked by the ditation before the spur line was built, but when eventually it was constructed it fully justified the case made out in its favour.

there will be other references to this Garfield Morrison, whose husband ten years.

December 1st. This change was made and mother survived, being resident at on account of so many churches being Woodstock. closed owing to the influenza epidemic.

The Government has asked the press to emphasize the fact that Sunday, December 1st, is the date of the "Day for National Thanksgiving for Victory"

Ten years ago The Advance noted that Cobalt was suffering then from a serious stage of the influenza epidemic. While Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, the Porcupine camp and other parts of the North Land were suffering from the influenza epidemic, Cobalt and Haileybury seemed to escape very lightly. Indeed, it was claimed that up to the latter part of November, Cobalt had only two deaths from influenza. In the latter part of November there was a change for the worse in Cobalt. There were three deaths on Nov. 24th and three more on Nov. 25th. Twentyfive cases developed in three or four days. The Y.M.C.A. was turned into an emergency hospital, all public amusement places closed, and all other possible efforts made to counteract the menace of the disease in Cobalt, but it took a comparatively large toll.

In the Porcupine camp the influenza epidemic showed considerable abatement in the latter part of November 1918. In the week ending Nov. 27th, 1918, there were only four deaths from influenza in the whole camp. The dead were:-Morris Helperin, South Porcupine; Thomas Latour at L. S. Newton's camp, Mattagami river; Morrison, Rochester townsite; and Rev. Mr. Cruickshanks, who died at Cottage hospital, Timmins. brought the total death roll for the whole camp up to 92 to Nov. 27th, from the commencement of the influenza epidemic. There were still a number tion of a spur line of the T. & N. O. to Timmins. Walter Borland was seriously ill with the disease but hopes were held for his recovery. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Luxton had also been ill with influenza but were reported as well on the way to recovery. Mrs. Norman Burke had an attack of the malady but it proved to be of mild type. sease just as his mother and other members of the family were recovering. B. E. Martin, Joe Hagan, A. E. Phillips and Maimie Borland were noted as Another matter The Advance was ad- among those recovering from the invocating ten years ago was the organi- fluenza. Among the newer cases menzation of a Timmins club and the erec- | tioned was that of Don. Campbell who tion here of a community building. The was ill at the Montreal House. One of community building then planned in- the deaths that caused especial sorrow cluded room for the municipal offices, was that of Rev. Ivan F. Cruickshanks, accommodation for returned soldiers, who had been pastor of the Baptist gymnasium, swimming pool, etc. church at Timmins for about a year. Nearly everybody agreed it would be a He was an earnest and zealous young good thing, but somebody always threw man and was building up a good a monkey wrench in the works when church here when he was stricken by effort was made to secure the actual the prevalent influenza. Another parmoney necessary for the proposal, ticularly sad death was that of Mrs. community building from time to time on the engineering staff of the Holin this column as the matter was one linger Mine. She had only lived in the cording to the count of the judges, G. that had frequent reference in the past camp a few months but had made A. Macdonald, A. Byrne and Chief J. wide circles of friends and was held in The following paragraph from The the highest esteem and affection by all. Advance ten years ago will be of special Before her marriage she was Miss Isointerest now:-"The date originally bel Elizabeth McHardy, of Woodstock, fixed by the Dominion Government as and had followed the prefession of a Day of National Thanksgiving for trained nurse for a time. In addition Victory has been changed to Sunday, to the bereaved husband, her father

> Announcement was made in The Advance ten years ago to the effect that a "consolidated school" had been commenced at Kapuskasing for the advantage of the children of the soldiers who had taken up land in the Kapuskasing area. There were about 100 children of school age in the district, 60 of them being at Kapuskasing. Arrangements were made for the use of three vans to bring the children to school from the outlying points. The children were called for in the morning and taken home again at night. They had to bring their own lunches but hot tea and cocoa was provided at the school, and any youngster who didn't have much lunch did not go hungry either. The Advance had nothing but good words for the plan and for the earnest thoughtfulness of the Government in planning it. Despite the fact that changed conditions later at Kapuskasing made the plan unnecessary, the Government deserved credit for doing what it did at the time. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson was then Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, and though the school did not come under his department, there is reason for believing that his insight and interest had much do with its establishment. It has always been a motto of the present premier and Minister of Education for Ontario that every child should have a fair chance for education.

His many friends and acquaintances in the North Land felt a special hardship and ill-luck in the death of Lieut. W. A. Montgomery, who was among the Canadians falling at Mons just a few hours before the signing of the Armistice. "Monty," as he was affectionately known went overseas in 1915 with the Borden battery. He received no less than nine gunshot wounds in one engagement, but made a complete recovery and was awarded a commission. He returned to the trenches and escaped injury until a few hours before the fighting seased. It seemed particularly hard that he should be killed in action so short a time before the warfare ended, after coming through so many battles and dangers in the three years he was overseas. Lieut. Montgomery was a native of the New England States, but for over ten years had been a wellknown and popular resident of the North Land. He came to the North in the early days of the Cobalt boom and later joined the pioneers of the Porcupine. He was employed at the Dome for a time being one of the farned baseball players of the Dome when the Porcupine Baseball league was in its glory.

At a meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade ten years ago many matters



interest were before the gathering, of the camps on the Mattagami last petition from the Mattagami Set- week was seriously ill with the pretlers' Association to secure a spur line valent "flu" and on Saturday while heartily endorsed, and the Board of started to swim away. He was in the Trade volunteered to pay half the cost icy water some time before he was reof the visit of a committee of three-- scued. He was brought to the hospitwo settlers and a representative of tal at Timmins, and here, despite his the Board of Trade-to Toronto to experience in the water, he was makurge the matter for the special and ing good progress to recovery. The immediate consideration of Hon. G. doctors say that his plunge into the Howard Ferguson. Mr. T. F. King icy water broke the fever and so was was chosen as the delegate for the of help. It was a "kill or cure" re-Board of Trade, and he said he would medy, however, that few men would of serious cases of the influenza in also bring up the matter of the new survive." "Among those facing trial Dome road and the improvement of here on the charge of having objecthe road from Timmins to South Por- tionable literature is an employee of cupine. Mr. F. Myles Wallingford ad- the "People's Railway," who last year dressed the board in reference to the was in court for not reporting as he advantage of the proposed spur line. should as an alien enemy." "The The Board of Trade also touched on | young people had their first real skating the question of a fuel supply. The this season on Saturday on the Miller coal situation was reported as a little and Gillies lakes." "The Curtis Drug easier, but all were advised to burn | Co. moved last week to their new prewood or soft coal where possible. Dr. mises on Pine street, formerly occupied McInnis reported having secured the by S. Bucovetsky. The new store is co-operation of the Crown Lands au- equipped in the most attractive and thorities regarding the securing of modern style, and will be one of the wood from the fire areas. The Gov- most creditable drug stores north of ernment dues on this wood will be re- Toronto." "All the land in Mountjoy funded and citizens may secure five or township is now taken up for settlemore acres of this bush at very reason- ment. Better transportation facilities, able rates. Another matter discussed however, are required for that townby the Board of Trade was the fire ship." "Thirteen business places in risk arising through the over-insur- town, including cafes, poolrooms and ance of stocks and buildings.

S. Wilson, was 1902. The boy's prize was a handsome nickel watch and chain, while the girl's prize was a 9karat gold bracelet, set with pearls for it. and rubies.

In The Advance ten years ago there was a sizzling letter from S. G. Mc-Coubrey, mayor of Iroquois Falls, tice in this world of change." Of scoring the T. & N. O. railway ser- course, Charley, if you have enough of vice at that time. "The evil-smelling | the change. rattle-trap day coaches," "the apologies for lunch rooms," "frequent danger and general discomfort," were nothing whatever, American tourists some of the phrases used. They were spent \$30,000,000 in Canada last seanot too strong for the facts of the case. son. Those who remember the service ten scenery. or twelve years ago should be able to fully appreciate the service given on the T. & N. O. in this year of two Canadian provinces which have

Among the local and personal items ist trade are Quebec and Ontario. in The Advance ten years ago were Why? Because they have the best the following:-"A man at work at one roads."

the Mattagami river was very delirious he jumped into the river and tobacco stores, were caught selling In the guessing contest for boys and cigarettes to minors." "Two patients girls at Stock's jewelery store, the suc- suffering from influenza were brought cessful boy was Leslie Mullen, and the in from Connaught on Sunday's train successful girl was Margaret Cole. In to the hospital here." "Local dealers guessing the number of beans in a jar, have been able at last to secure a Leslie figured them at 1900, and Mar- quantity of hard coal in the form of garet at 1891. The actual number, ac- "buckwheat" coal,—a grade smaller

> Detroit News:-Prosperity, apparently, is something that business men create, so politicians may take credit

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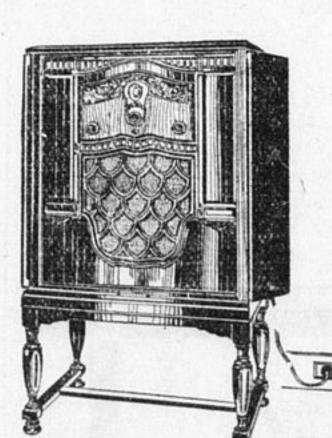
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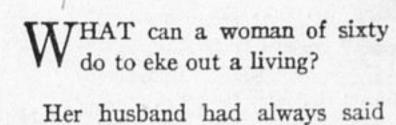
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