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**Ten Years Ago in Timmins**

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

A front page article in The Advance of ten years ago refers to the dissatisfaction felt with the 1918 council and some of the efforts made by ratepayers to secure better conditions. One objection made to the 1918 council was in regard to the supply of coal and wood to the town. Other towns in the North had been able to secure fair supplies of hard coal through representations made to the fuel controller, while Timmins had apparently been sidetracked in the matter. The councils at North Bay, Cobalt and other places had provided supplies of wood and taken other means to relieve the situation, while it seemed that really nothing had been done to help the people of Timmins in this respect. There was also some criticism, 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

roused some objection in some quarters. Then there was the general criticism of the finances, public works and the general conduct of municipal affairs. The Advance, in referring to the interest aroused and the large amount of criticism, some of it undeserved, suggested the formation of a ratepayers association to study and discuss municipal questions and to suggest the best men to run for municipal honours and induce such good men to help in the public service of the town. The Advance pointed out that some years previously there had been such an association in the Township of Tisdale and it had accomplished much good. Timmins did organize such an association 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. McInnis, 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 construction of a spur line of the T. & N. O. to the 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 agitation before the spur line was built, but when eventually it was constructed it fully justified the case made out in its favour.

Another matter The Advance was advocating ten years ago was the organization of a Timmins club and the erection here of a community building. The community building then planned included room for the municipal offices, accommodation for returned soldiers, gymnasium, swimming pool, etc. Nearly everybody agreed it would be a good thing, but somebody always threw a monkey wrench in the works when effort was made to secure the actual money necessary for the proposal. There will be other references to this community building from time to time in this column as the matter was one that had frequent reference in the past ten years.

The following paragraph from The Advance ten years ago will be of special interest now:—"The date originally fixed by the Dominion Government as a Day of National Thanksgiving for Victory has been changed to Sunday, December 1st. This change was made on account of so many churches being 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 Halleybury 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. Twenty-five 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; Mrs. Morrison, Rochester townsite; and Rev. Mr. Cruickshanks, who died at the Cottage hospital, Timmins. This 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 of serious cases of the influenza in 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. Morris Daher was attacked by the disease 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 among those recovering from the influenza. Among the newer cases mentioned was that of Don Campbell who was ill at the Montreal House. One of the deaths that caused especial sorrow was that of Rev. Ivan F. Cruickshanks, who had been pastor of the Baptist church at Timmins for about a year. He was an earnest and zealous young man and was building up a good church here when he was stricken by the prevalent influenza. Another particularly sad death was that of Mrs. Garfield Morrison, whose husband was on the engineering staff of the Hollinger Mine. She had only lived in the camp a few months but had made wide circles of friends and was held in the highest esteem and affection by all. Before her marriage she was Miss Isabel Elizabeth McHardy, of Woodstock, and had followed the profession of trained nurse for a time. In addition to the bereaved husband, her father and mother survived, being resident at Woodstock.

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 to 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 ceased. 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 well-known 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 famed 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

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of interest were before the gathering. A petition from the Mattagami Settlers' Association to secure a spur line to the Mattagami river was very heartily endorsed, and the Board of Trade volunteered to pay half the cost of the visit of a committee of three—two settlers and a representative of the Board of Trade—to Toronto to urge the matter for the special and immediate consideration of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. Mr. T. F. King was chosen as the delegate for the Board of Trade, and he said he would also bring up the matter of the new Dome road and the improvement of the road from Timmins to South Porcupine. Mr. F. Myles Wallingford addressed the board in reference to the advantage of the proposed spur line. The Board of Trade also touched on the question of a fuel supply. The coal situation was reported as a little easier, but all were advised to burn wood or soft coal where possible. Dr. McInnis reported having secured the co-operation of the Crown Lands authorities regarding the securing of wood from the fire areas. The Government dues on this wood will be refunded and citizens may secure five or more acres of this bush at very reasonable rates. Another matter discussed by the Board of Trade was the fire risk arising through the over-insurance of stocks and buildings.

In the guessing contest for boys and girls at Stock's jewellery store, the successful boy was Leslie Mullen, and the successful girl was Margaret Cole. In guessing the number of beans in a jar, Leslie figured them at 1900, and Margaret at 1891. The actual number, according to the count of the judges, G. A. Macdonald, A. Byrne and Chief J. S. Wilson, was 1902. The boy's prize was a handsome nickel watch and chain, while the girl's prize was a 9-karat gold bracelet, set with pearls and rubies.

In The Advance ten years ago there was a sizzling letter from S. G. McCoubrey, mayor of Iroquois Falls, scoring the T. & N. O. railway service at that time. "The evil-smelling rattle-trap day coaches," "the apologies for lunch rooms," "frequent danger and general discomfort," were some of the phrases used. They were not too strong for the facts of the case. Those who remember the service ten or twelve years ago should be able to fully appreciate the service given on the T. & N. O. in this year of grace 1928.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"A man at work at one

of the camps on the Mattagami last week was seriously ill with the prevalent "flu" and on Saturday while delirious he jumped into the river and started to swim away. He was in the icy water some time before he was rescued. He was brought to the hospital at Timmins, and here, despite his experience in the water, he was making good progress to recovery. The doctors say that his plunge into the icy water broke the fever and so was of help. It was a "kill or cure" remedy, however, that few men would survive." "Among those facing trial here on the charge of having objectionable literature is an employee of the "People's Railway," who last year was in court for not reporting as he should as an alien enemy." "The young people had their first real skating this season on Saturday on the Miller and Gillies lakes." "The Curtis Drug Co. moved last week to their new premises on Pine street, formerly occupied by S. Bucovetsky. The new store is equipped in the most attractive and modern style, and will be one of the most creditable drug stores north of Toronto." "All the land in Mountjoy township is now taken up for settlement. Better transportation facilities, however, are required for that township." "Thirteen business places in town, including cafes, poolrooms and tobacco stores, were caught selling cigarettes to minors." "Two patients suffering from influenza were brought in from Connaught on Sunday's train to the hospital here." "Local dealers have been able at last to secure a quantity of hard coal in the form of "buckwheat" coal,—a grade smaller than pea coal."

Detroit News:—Prosperity, apparently, is something that business men create, so politicians may take credit for it.

Kalamazoo Gazette:—Charles Schwab says, "No one can help being optimistic in this world of change." Of course, Charley, if you have enough of the change.

Macon Telegraph:—Apropos of nothing whatever, American tourists spent \$30,000,000 in Canada last season. Canada has such beautiful scenery.

La Tribune (Sherbrooke):—"The two Canadian provinces which have profited most this year from the tourist trade are Quebec and Ontario. Why? Because they have the best roads."

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