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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES Ten years ago the town of Timmins enjoyed, or suffered from, one of the few municipal election contests in its history. There had been meetings of ratepayers before the event, the Ratepayers' Association having taken an active and useful part, though the influenza epidemic had been a great handicap to plans for a thorough discussion of municipal affairs at public meetings for the purpose. At a meeting held by the Ratepayers' Association, a number of the candidates discussed municipal matters and the mayor for 1918, Mr. J. P. McLaughlin, took occasion to protest against articles in The Industrial Banner, of Toronto. These articles, he held, were very unfair and unjust. They suggested that the Hollinger imposed on the town and the councillors were all "tools" of the Mine. The mayor pointed out that this was absolutely incorrect. Instead, the Hollinger had been very generous in its assistance to the town and was of great benefit in every way to Timmins. In addition, Mayor McLaughlin made it very plain that the Hollinger had in-

ferred in no way with any of the councillors all of whom had shown they were free agents and not figureheads. There was also considerable discussion of the methods employed by the tax collector, W. S. Macpherson at that time being the most popular man in town, except Santa Claus, maybe. The election itself, as reported in The Advance of Jan. 8th, 1919, reflected most fully the opinion of the ratepayers. The vote was the largest ever cast up to that time at a municipal election, over 250 casting their ballots. Some only voted for mayor, and a number only voted for one or two councillors. There were two or three ballots marked only for Chas. Pierce and J. M. Studor also had some of these "plumpers." Dr. J. A. McInnis was elected mayor with 139 votes, as against 114 for Dr. Moore, a majority of 25. L. S. Newton headed the poll for councillors with 143 votes; John W. Fogg received 118 votes; A. Brazeau, 115; J. Studor, 95; and W. DeFeu, 94. The unsuccessful candidates were: D. Ostrosser, 91 votes; J. K. Moore, 79; J. Theriault, 74; Chas. Pierce, 53; and R. Vollett, 37.

got in touch with some of the big buyers in Toronto and was surprised to have an answer by wire from one firm saying that their agent would be in New Liskeard to look over the prospects. "Miss Ida Landers was called to Cobalt last week on account of the illness of her sister and family there, all being sufferers from the prevalent influenza. All were much improved this week and Miss Landers was able to return on Monday evening." "The social evening and dance given in the Oddfellows' hall on the evening of New Year's Day, under the auspices of the B'Nai Zion, was an unusual and pleasing success, and all present spent a very enjoyable evening. Mr. L. Halperin, who was in charge of the arrangements for the event, is being congratulated on the unqualified success achieved." "Miss Laura Poitras spent the week-end the guest of friends in Kirkland Lake." "Mr. Jack Bacon is back in the camp again after a stay on the farm in Southern Ontario." "The Saturday evening dances in the Miners' Union hall are proving a popular weekly feature and are drawing good crowds and proving enjoyable events." "Halleybury insurance agents have received notice that hereafter the rates on dwelling houses in Halleybury will be just double the rates that obtained in 1918." "Thursday evening's train was only about five hours late, reaching here about 4 o'clock on Friday morning. The derailment of a freight car was apparently the cause of some of the delay." "There was a good crowd and a very pleasant time enjoyed at the social evening and dance given on Friday evening in the Masonic hall by Golden Beaver Lodge, A. F. & A. M., for the members of the lodge and their friends." "A preposterous new year to you, is the greeting one Timmins man has been giving his friends. That is no good one friend replied, for that's exactly the same kind of a year last year was!" "Pte. Manley Cole returned to camp on Monday evening after four years' service overseas for King and Country. He was twice wounded on active service but made a good recovery each time and looks well and hearty. He was in the wreck of the soldiers' train in New Brunswick last week, but escaped injury. His many friends in the camp are giving him a sincere and hearty welcome home again." "Lieut. Digby Salkeld, one of the well-known and popular old-timers of the Porcupine, returned to Timmins on Sunday and will join the Hollinger Mill staff on Thursday. He was with the Borden Battery and saw much service overseas."

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FACTS ABOUT "DRUMS OF LOVE" HERE ON JAN. 18-19 The following are some facts about "Drums of Love," the special to be at the Goldfields theatre on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 18th and 19th. Through a mix-up in booking dates it was advertised last week for Jan. 4th and 5th, the error not being discovered until too late to make announcement to the public. It should be noted that the correct dates for the appearance here of "Drums of Love" are Jan. 18th and 19th, that is, Friday and Saturday of next week. Here are the other facts about "Drums of Love": 1. It marks D. W. Griffith's return to the company through which he released such successes as "Broken Blossoms" and "The Birth of a Nation." 2. The cast is headed by Mary Philbin, heroine of "Merry-Go-Round"; Lionel Barrymore, last seen in "Sadie Thompson"; Don Alvarado, Constance Talmadge's former leading man; Tully Marshall, famous character actor; and William Austin, a distinctive comedian. 3. "Drums of Love" is based on one of history's most famous incidents,—that of Francesca da Rimini. 4. Those who have seen it call "Drums of Love" D. W. Griffith's greatest picture since his immortal "Birth of a Nation!" It has everything—love, drama, pageantry, action, thrills and gorgeous spectacle. Toronto Mail and Empire:—Another use for the automobile has been discovered in Paris where 769 were pawned in 1928.

THORNLOE YOUNG MAN WINS FREE COURSE AT GUELPH The North Liskeard Speaker last week says:—"Mr. Norman Webb, of Thornloe, has been awarded the Simpson Company prize of a two weeks' course at Guelph College and also a \$3 book given for the best essay on the trip of the Young Farmers to Toronto, together with replies on common sense questions on farming, geography, etc., called the "Agricultural Extension Course." Mr. Webb is surely to be congratulated upon his attaining such fine results from his interest and study of agricultural matters. Norman will take the Poultry Course, commencing January 8th."

Hamilton Spectator:—"Czecho-slovakia doctors who are advocating the execution of those with incurable diseases should be reminded that several diseases believed to be incurable several years ago are now being successfully treated."

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There was also a lively election fight in Cobalt in 1919, Mayor M. McKinnon being re-elected by 264 majority over Trudell, a larger majority than the total vote in Timmins. E. M. Goodman was elected mayor of New Liskeard by 93 majority. N. J. McAulay was elected mayor of Halleybury for 1919 by acclamation. W. S. Carter was elected mayor of Cochrane by 13 majority over B. Rothschild. John Matheson was elected reeve of Buckle township by acclamation. The following were the officers elected for 1919 for the Timmins D.Y.B. Club:—Hon. president, Mrs. M. A. Ellis; president, Miss Brown; vice-president, Miss Marion Jemmett; secretary, Miss Dorothy Jemmett; treasurer, Miss Joyner; corresponding secretary, Miss Irene Carswell. "The general feeling of the young ladies," said The Advance in its report of the annual meeting, "was that the organization should be continued, as there is still much patriotic and other helpful work to be done. So long as there are any soldiers overseas, there will be work for the D.Y.B., and also there is a wide field and a useful one in the relief work and the work for refugees." The D.Y.B. ("Do Your Bit") all through the war, and for a time after the war, did a simply wonderful work along patriotic lines. The Advance ten years ago pointed out that from September to the Christmas season of 1928 there were only eighteen days of regular school at the public school here that term. The Advance said:—"The school re-opened

Hamilton B. Wills & Co. ten years ago inaugurated a new direct wire service and news bulletin for Timmins that was much appreciated by the public. The first week the service was in effect here its value was recognized, the news of the death of Col. Roosevelt being flashed here as the same moment that it was sent to big cities like Ottawa, Montreal, etc. In the files of The Advance ten years ago note is made of the fact that, according to the official figures, 7281 persons died in Ontario from the influenza epidemic, 2067 of these deaths being in Toronto. The total deaths in the Porcupine area from the influenza numbered an even 100, according to the official figures. The officers elected for 1919 for the Timmins L.O.L. were:—Master, L. W. Ducharm; D.M., A. G. Luxton; Chap., J. Archer; R.S., Otto Kabel; P.S., W. L. Ducharm; Treas., A. Pooley; D. of C., Wm. McHugh; First Lect., T. Thackman; Second Lect., W. H. Coaty; First Com., A. Craig. There were reports about this time ten years ago that there had been a second serious outbreak of influenza at South Porcupine. The Advance denied these reports after investigation, there being only a few mild cases of grippe, less than a dozen, discoverable at South End at the time. "The cases are of a comparatively mild type, and so few in number that they can not be termed 'another outbreak,'" said The Advance, adding the note that occasional cases of influenza might well be expected throughout the winter in Ontario. Another note from the files of The Advance ten years ago noted that some 14,000 Eskimos were reported as dying from the influenza epidemic in the far north. Referring to the influenza outbreak in Kirkland Lake, The Advance ten years ago suggested that word from the other gold camp was to the effect that the influenza attack there was not so serious as reported. There were quite a few cases, but chiefly of mild type and practically all had made good recovery. All the mines, however, were badly handicapped by the epidemic, the Lake Shore, it was said, at one time only having a couple of well men on all their staff. There were no deaths at Kirkland Lake from the influenza, but a couple of bad cases taken to Cobalt for treatment ended in death. The Advance also noted that Cobalt, Halleybury and New Liskeard at this time ten years ago were suffering from a second outbreak of influenza. There were a number of deaths in Halleybury and Cobalt, but the reports of the seriousness of the outbreak were exaggerated. The ban against public meetings in Cobalt and Halleybury having been removed, The Advance took it for granted that the authorities felt the situation was well in hand and the danger point well passed. In this connection The Advance again warned the people to be prepared for occasional cases of the disease all over the province throughout the winter and early spring. Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"A hockey league to include Cobalt, Halleybury and New Liskeard is proposed for the balance of the season, and active measures are now being taken to organize such a hockey league." "Among those ill with the influenza at Halleybury hospital is Mr. Richard Pearce, editor of The Northern Miner. His many friends in the Gold Camp will wish him a speedy and complete recovery from the prevalent malady." "The New Liskeard Speaker says that with a view to securing buyers for Temiskaming's surplus pork, beef and mutton, Capt. Maglady

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