



**Prospectors' Training Class**

A Class for the training of Mining Prospectors will be held under the auspices of the Ontario Department of Mines at Timmins; the day classes in the Oddfellows' Hall, the evening lectures in the Central Public School beginning February 28th and lasting for eight days.

Tuition will be in elementary chemistry and geology, and particular attention will be paid to mineral spotting.

The Class will be under the direction of Dr. E. M. Burwash, who will also give a number of evening lectures illustrated by lantern slides. Classes and lectures free of charge.

THOS. W. GIBSON  
Deputy Minister of Mines  
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**Ten Years Ago in Timmins**

FROM DATA IN THE PORCUPINE ADVANCE FILES

There were two matters that The Advance was very earnestly advocating ten years ago. One was the need for a new judicial district to look after the interests of this section of the North. The Advance pointed out the inconvenience and loss sustained by the people of the district through the fact that Halleybury was the nearest judicial centre. From the Porcupine, Iroquois Falls, Cochrane and points west on the Transcontinental, it was noted, there had been coming well-grounded complaint about the fact that 150 to 200 miles had to be travelled to reach the required law courts. Not only those involved directly in litigation, but witnesses, jurors, lawyers, all had to suffer from the inconvenience and cost. The Advance pointed out that a new judicial district should be established with either Cochrane or a Porcupine town as the centre. Legal men told The Advance at the time that the area had enough legal business to fully warrant the establishment of a new judicial district, and the newspaper was printing information and articles in the hopes of hurrying the authorities to proper action. The other question that The Advance was featuring was the need for a community building. There had been talk of a new town hall, of a Y.M.C.A., of a memorial for the soldiers from the Porcupine, and of clubs for young men. The Advance suggested that all these proposals be combined, and that a big community building be erected here as a memorial to the soldiers. It was pointed out that a good building was needed for municipal offices, that the town needed a community hall, a library, a swimming pool, a gymnasium, lodge room accommodation, quarters for the returned soldiers, adequate dance hall accommodation, room for public meetings, etc., etc. On the other hand in commemorating the number who had enlisted from the Porcupine, no more fitting or desirable building could be erected than one that would serve so wide a public service as planned in the proposed community building. In this column of "Ten Years in Timmins" there will be further reference to this plan, though unfortunately it was never carried through as it might have been to the general advantage of the community.

Ten years ago there were seven entries in the Porcupine Dog Race. W. Martin won the race in 1 hour, 33 minutes. Jean Pare came second, in 1 hour, 35 minutes. Third place was taken by H. Brooks in 1 hour, 46 minutes. E. Robertson was fourth in 1 hour, 49 minutes. C. Goodheart and A. Lego made the course in 2 hours, 26 minutes, and 2 hour, 39 minutes, respectively. The other entry, P. McGarry, did not finish the race, one of his dogs taking sick, and Mr. McGarry dropping out rather than taking any chance to injuring the animal. Jean Pare won the prize for the best time made from South Porcupine to Timmins. This was the first dog race here where money prizes were given. The first prize included a \$25.00 cheque from Hamilton B. Wills, as well as the name on the shield, and some prizes of merchandise. The time prize from Mr. Pearce of South Porcupine was also a cheque of \$25.00. The boys' dog team races aroused much interest. Nelson Holton won first, receiving a valuable camera and a week's pass to the New Empire theatre. Robert Charlebois won second—a watch and a week's pass to the theatre. Ervi Kari was third and won a pen knife and a week's pass to the theatre. Dr. McInnis gave the fourth a cash prize of \$1.00, while each other boy entering the race was

given 50 cents irrespective of position. The boys had a great time. Rex Wilson was leading the race until near the end of the course, when another boy deliberately stopped the dogs and so spoiled Rex's chances altogether. When the committee learned of this they adjusted the matter to the satisfaction of all but the interfering boy by awarding Rex a special prize of \$5.00 given by one of the committee. Willie Mustato won the consolation prize given by Mr. E. H. Bridger for the last boy to finish. Among the other entries were Wilfrid Cornwall, Peter Stevenson, Sydney Mattson, Murdock Davidson, Harry Boyd and Ed. Serri.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"There will be very general and very sincere regret in Timmins and the North Land generally to learn of the illness of Mr. D. A. Hoggarth, principal of the public school here. On Tuesday morning Mr. Hoggarth suffered a paralytic stroke. At the time of writing he is making good progress to recovery and there will be very general and sincere hopes for his early and complete return to health."

The death of Norman Burke, member of the Timmins police force, was recorded ten years ago by The Advance. He died on Feb. 21st at his home here from influenza after about ten days' illness. It was thought that he contracted the disease from one of the aliens registering here under the wartime measures. The late Norman Burke was born in Cantley, Wright County, Quebec, and was 47 years of age at the time of death. He was at one time on the Ottawa police force. He went to Cobalt in the early days of that camp and for a time was on the staff of the Temiskaming Mine. In 1910 he was engaged as chief of police for Cobalt, holding the position until 1918. He was very popular in Cobalt and also had a large number of friends in Timmins and district. A widow and four small children were left to mourn his loss. The remains were taken to Cantley, near Ottawa, for interment.

"The Admiral Beresford (Porcupine) branch of the Navy League sent a cheque for \$1,000.00 to the headquarters at Toronto of the Navy League of Canada to be used for the purposes of the organization," said The Advance ten years ago. "The local branch has now a balance of \$118.48 for local expenses until further membership fees are paid. The \$1,000.00 sent included the \$500.00 grant to the Navy League from the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Fund."

Ten years ago suggestion was made in The Advance for a three-day carnival in connection with the dog race event here, the programme to include dog races, ski-ing, snowshoe races, general sports, etc.

One of the remarkable facts in connection with the dog races here ten years ago was the fact that Geo. A.

Smith, photographer, took veils of the dogs and the crowds at the starting point at the Imperial Bank corner, the negatives being developed and the pictures actually on sale before the teams completed the course.

"There was a big crowd and much enthusiasm at the station on Tuesday afternoon," said The Advance ten years ago, "the occasion being the welcoming home of Sapper Alex Borland, son of Fire Chief and Mrs. Borland. Mayor McInnis, representing the town, and Geo. A. Smith, president of the Great War Veterans, formally welcomed the returning soldier, and the crowd gave three rousing cheers and a tiger to show its enthusiasm. Sapper Borland enlisted before he was eighteen, and served over 29 months overseas, most of the time in France where he was through many of the most stirring events of the war. He had the good fortune to come through without injury from the enemy, his one or two brief experiences in the hospital being due to illness, and on one occasion to a sprained ankle while at work in the trenches. On Friday a number of friends of the returned soldier and the family, including members of the local fire brigade, enjoyed a very pleasant supper and social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Borland, renewing acquaintances with the returned soldier."

The Firemen's dance in the masonic hall on February 20th, 1919, proved one of the most successful events of its kind ever held in the camp. Music was by Appel's orchestra. All present had a most delightful evening. A neat sum was netted from the event.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Miss L. Maltais is visiting in Toronto this week." "Mr. David Carling has been ill with the prevalent influenza but is now well on the way to recovery." "Mr. C. L. Heath is making good progress to recovery from his recent attack of influenza." "Her many friends are pleased to see Mrs. David Sloan able to be out again after her recent attack of illness." "The New Liskeard town council has erected two arches of welcome in honour to the returned soldiers of the town." "All will be delighted to hear that Private M. Shields, formerly with the Canadian Express Co. at South Porcupine, who was reported some months ago as killed in action, is on the contrary still alive and well and back again in Canada. He is at present in Toronto, but may visit the Porcupine in the near future." "Halleybury's returned soldiers have organized a branch of the G.W.V.A. in that town. About fifty members have already joined." "Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, has received a letter from Mr. Hamilton B. Wills, generously offering to donate a handsome silver cup each year to the Porcupine Dog Race." "Lieut. Thos.

**What Would Canada Do If It Had Another Flag?**

In a recent editorial The Stratford Beacon-Herald refers to the recurring agitation for a strictly Canadian flag. The Beacon-Herald puts the case very completely and pointedly, but it is well to remember that those who are forever agitating for Canadian flags and Canadian this-and-that are often less anxious to have something new than to get rid of what we have. They do not love a Canadian flag so much as they dislike the British one. What they

Swalwell, brother of Miss ... Swalwell of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Schumacher, returned to his home at Powassan recently after long and trying service overseas. He was four years in the army, was twice wounded, and also had a serious battle with the influenza. He triumphed over all, however, and is now back in Canada and recovered from all the hardships overseas." "The regular meeting of the Timmins Ratepayers' Association was held in the council chamber on Friday evening, and many questions of importance were considered and discussed." "After the evening services on Sunday at the Byrnes Presbyterian church there was a meeting of the men present with a view to completing the organization of a men's club, as proposed by Rev. J. D. Parks the previous Sunday. The committee appointed the previous Sunday had duly met and drafted a constitution, etc. The following officers were elected:—President, Frank C. Evans; vice-president, G. A. Macdonald; secretary, H. W. Hooker; treasurer, Gilbert Eldridge; chairman of programme committee, Fire Chief Borland." "Mrs. J. N. Angrignon and family have moved from Schumacher to Toronto to reside." "Mr. Babe Warren, of Iroquois Falls, was a Timmins visitor over Sunday." "The town hockey team is planning to go to New Liskeard for a game with the hockey experts there." "Mr. Robt. LeHeup, superintendent of the Temiskaming Children's Aid Society, was a visitor to the camp last week. Mr. LeHeup said it was the intention to organize a branch of the C.A.S. in Timmins, as advocated by The Advance for some years past. There is a great deal of very useful work for the organization in the town and district." "Mr. S. Iocca, who has been a member of the Timmins band for the past three years, as well as one of the first members of the Timmins Italian Society, and who has been a good citizen of the camp for the past three years, leaves tonight for Ellsworth, Pennsylvania, where he will take up residence. He has been on the blacksmith shop staff of the Hollinger for the past three years, and has many friends in the camp."

are really after is to get a substitute for the British flag. If people generally realized this fact, proposals for Canadian flags would receive short shift. That is why the emphasis is laid upon the Canadian idea. Why shouldn't Canada have a flag of her own? they ask. Then why shouldn't Ontario have a separate flag? And why not have a distinctive flag for the North Land, as well? Why shouldn't Timmins, Iroquois Falls and South Porcupine, each have special flags of their own? Such flags would at least be useful in the hockey season! But Timmins is not a separate nation, and South Porcupine is only part of Canada, the Canadian flag fans may reply. Well, is Canada a separate nation? Or is it a part of the British Empire? Or do some desire to work this country out of the Empire, starting with a flag?

Here is what The Stratford Beacon-Herald says about it:—

Ottawa is likely to hear something more soon about a new flag for Canada. C. R. McIntosh, M.P., came out of the West for the sessions a few days ago and said Canada needed a distinctive emblem.

Mr. McIntosh would make room for the Union Jack in the new flag, but he would have it so made that people would know it was the Canadian flag.

What's wrong with the flag we fly now? Just the plain Union Jack?

Is there any reason why it should not fly in Britain, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, or in any other part of the Empire?

Supposing, for the sake of argument, that we did have a distinctive Canadian flag—what would we do with it?

Remember, we have a great many Union Jacks in the country, and we have been accustomed to see them displayed quite frequently. Not only that, but we believe that most of the people are wholesomely proud of the flag.

We have only one flag-pole at the Post Office here, just one at the City Hall, just one at the soldiers' monument, just one at the schoolhouses and so on.

So for that reason we'd have to make a decision about it.

If we were to run up the new Canadian flag, then by the same token we'd have to take the old Union Jack down, fold it up and put it away for good. Nothing supposititious about that—it's exactly what would take place.

And we think we're safe in saying that the people wouldn't stand for it. We have a sneaking suspicion that they'd be out in goodly numbers insisting that the Union Jack be put where it belongs.

People who are bent on a new flag are simply going ahead on their own initiative without having taken the trouble to sound out public sentiment.

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**Fourteenth Annual**

**Wednesday, March 6th, 1929**

**PORCUPINE DOG RACE and Winter Carnival**

10 a.m.—FREIGHT DOG RACE—3 MILES

11 a.m.—SNOWSHOE RACE FOR PROSPECTORS  
Carrying Pack (near Curling Rink)

2 p.m.—PORCUPINE DOG RACE—14 MILES

3 p.m.—DOG RACES—BOY AND GIRL DRIVERS

4 p.m.—SKI RACES (near Curling Rink)

8 p.m.—CARNIVAL AT SKATING RINK

**Good Prizes in All Events**

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FREIGHT RACE—3 Miles—FIRST PRIZE	\$50.00
SECOND PRIZE	\$25.00
THIRD PRIZE	\$15.00
PORCUPINE SPEED RACE—14 miles—Winner becomes holder of the Porcupine Advance Trophy for One Year	
FIRST PRIZE	\$75.00
SECOND PRIZE	\$50.00
THIRD PRIZE	\$25.00

Special prize for the team finishing in best condition—time limit, 1 hour 45 minutes.

**GENERAL RACE REGULATIONS**

Entry Fee for Both Races—\$5 per team. This amount will be refunded if the team starts and takes part in the race for which it is entered.

The load in the Freight Race will be 100 lbs. per dog. This includes the sleigh, and also the weight of the driver if he is physically unable to run with the dogs. Such drivers must have a man to run with them during the race.

No Dog will be allowed to run in both the Freight and Speed Races.

Drivers being overtaken during either of the races must allow the team coming from behind a fair and lawful share of the road. Breaking this rule is liable to mean disqualification if not prosecution.

Drivers will be allowed to carry whips for protection against stray dogs.

Teams finishing the course of the Speed Race within 1 hour and 45 minutes will qualify for the condition prize. Slower time will not be recorded.

Automobile drivers and owners are earnestly requested to give the dog teams every courtesy and freedom of the highways during the running of the races. Owners of loose dogs will help considerably if they will keep their dogs chained up on otherwise confined during the dog races.