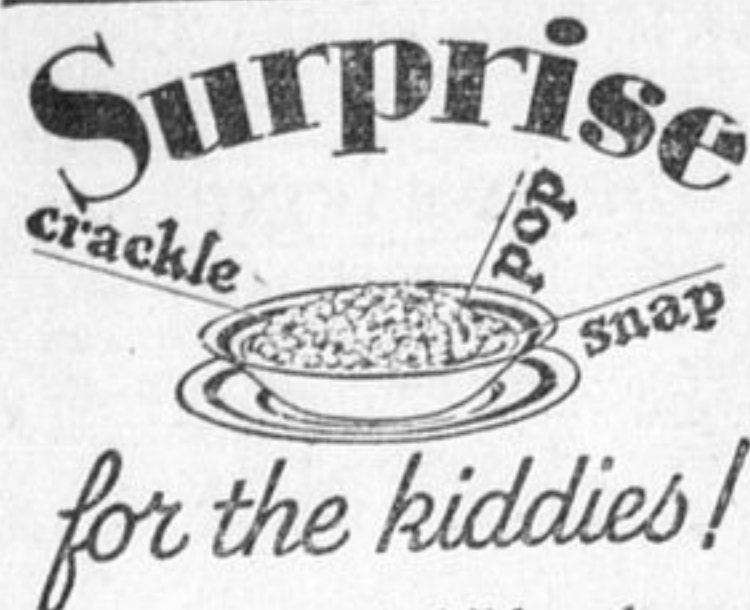


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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago Timmins organized for a big baseball season. At the organization meeting, letters were read from Cochrane and Iroquois Falls agreeing to the forming of a district league. It was decided to hold a meeting at Iroquois Falls at an early date to complete the organization of the town baseball league. It was signified that the Hollinger, the Firemen and the Town would each have a team, while Schumacher was also expected to come into this league. An executive, including Messrs S. R. McCoy, Chas. Sheehan, Geo. Lake and C. M. Auer, was appointed to act with the president, Fire Chief Borland, in all matters of importance. H. W. Hooker was secretary of the Timmins Baseball Club.

Reference to the growth enjoyed by Timmins in a few short years was emphasized by the following paragraph in The Advance of April 16th, 1919:—"An interesting sidelight on the wonderful growth of Timmins is given by the difference in the annual sleighing parties given by Mr. H. Mulheron to the school children of the town. In 1913 Mr. Mulheron decided it would be a nice thing to treat all the school children here to a sleigh-ride party. That year a single cutter and a double-seated rig accommodated all the children going to school here at that time. The school was then in the building later occupied by Preston's Wholesale. Miss K. Power was the teacher. The sleigh-ride party for the school children became an annual affair. But what a difference in the accommodation necessary. Last year (1918) it took 32 big sleighs to accommodate all the school children for the annual winter event, there being over 700 children enjoying Mr. Mulheron's hospitality."

Mr. Jas. Hylands, of Cobalt, who organized the Cobalt Citizens' Liberty League, was in Timmins ten years ago organizing a branch here. In an interview with The Advance Mr. Hylands said that it was the intention to form branches of the Liberty League all over Canada. He also commented to the effect that he had received great encouragement in Timmins and district. The chief purpose of the Liberty League was to oppose what was considered oppressive legislation along temperance lines. "If the ordinary man will only take an interest and join in the organization for the preservation of personal liberty, freedom will remain in this country, but otherwise it goes altogether," said Mr. Hylands who called special attention to the fact that the Dominion and Provincial Governments were continually passing prohibition acts, all directed against the rightful and just liberty of the citizen. W. S. Macpherson was appointed secretary of the Liberty League here.

The Advance ten years ago made brief reference to the straw vote taken by The Pas, Manitoba, Herald among its readers as to the liquor license law in Manitoba. Each ballot was signed by the voter and there was no duplication of voters. There were 157 votes cast, 123 of these being for the sale of light wines and beers. Thirty-one of the "straw" voters wanted the old license system back again, while only 3 of the people voting were in favour of prohibition. Some of the voters took opportunity to advocate the sale of light wines and beers in grocery stores, and the sale of alcohol in drug stores. Others suggested that the law be changed so that anyone who wanted to could sell light wines and beers. There was almost a total vote against the idea of prohibition.

Ten years ago South Porcupine organized an athletic association to oversee all sports in that town. Football and baseball were the two sports to be specially featured, but others were considered. H. G. Laidlaw was the president of the South Porcupine Athletic Association and J. R. Meyers the secretary.

Ten years ago The Advance noted the many welcome arches for returned soldiers in this North Land. Among the particularly attractive arches that won special comment from travellers were the ones at Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Hearst, New Liskeard, Cobalt and Halleybury. A Sudbury barrister who had occasion to visit the North Land made the remark:—"The stations along the T. & N. O., practically without exception, all have welcome arches for the returned soldiers, and the idea of the welcome arch is an attractive one, not only as a mark of honour for the returning soldier, but also as an evidence of the enterprise of the towns and their loyalty to the men coming back from overseas."

Considerable space was given in The Advance of April 16th, 1919, to the preliminary trial before the magistrate here of a young Polish girl charged with the murder of her infant daughter. The body of the infant was found in a shack in Moneta, all marks having been cut from the clothing left on the child and there being absolutely no clues as to identity of the dead child. At first consideration, it appeared to be a hopeless task for the police to expect to unravel the mystery. However, the case was put in the hands of R. Allen, special agent, and his patience and ability succeeded eventually in presenting a case that was a remarkable example of careful investigation, clever deduction and elimination and effective gathering and presentation of evidence. After hearing this evidence presented, Magistrate Atkinson com-

mitted the girl accused to stand trial at Halleybury the following June. The girl was taken to North Bay jail and held there until the trial came on in June, 1919. Although the girl was acquitted when the case came to trial, that did not particularly detract from the credit due for the case built up so cleverly on so puzzling a foundation. The girl was found guilty of neglecting the child but was allowed to go on suspended sentence for this, it being felt that the lesser charge should not be made much of while the murder hearing was pending. The prosecution was not able to supply the one link—as to who left the child where it died. The evidence at the trial here proved that the girl was at Porquus Junction on Feb. 13th, 1919, and then was carrying a baby. The clothing on the baby found in Moneta was positively identified as the same as that worn by the child at Porquus Junction. Crown Attorney F. L. Smiley suggested that the crown had further evidence relating to the actions and movements of the young woman in that would make the case still clearer when witnesses were brought from certain places in the south. During the hearing of the case the accused most of the time sat with bowed head, but did not otherwise seem to be much affected by the seriousness of the case against her. When a button dropped off one of the garments in court as an exhibit the girl laughed, and on leaving the court at the end of the trial here, she had ready smiles for some acquaintances. Chief of Police J. E. Wilson, of Timmins, told clearly of the finding of the body, and was corroborated by Arthur Mayhew, driver for the Northern Canada, who was called by the chief to convey the body to the morgue. J. T. Easton identified the clothing worn by the child when the body came to his charge. Mrs. Burgerhoudt, of Porquus Junction, identified the accused as the young woman coming to her hotel in February. Mrs. Burgerhoudt had fed and changed the baby. She put on a new diaper on the child, this being made by her by tearing a corner out of one of the sheets. She recognized the diaper as the one produced in court, and also produced the sheet from which it had been torn. The corner was fitted back and it was easy to see that the piece in question had been taken from the sheet in the way described by Mrs. Burgerhoudt. The baby's clothing was also identified by this witness, who further stated that she had given special attention to the child because it seemed cold, poorly-nourished, and cried much, though otherwise apparently healthy. Evidence was also given by the young daughter of Mrs. Burgerhoudt, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Dr. Moore, Pete Orpel, T. Chewan, R. Richardson and others, building up an impressive chain of circumstantial evidence. In summing up Crown Attorney Smiley referred to the child at Porquus Junction and on the train, and the straight identification of the clothing, etc. Passing reference was also made to the stories and attitude of the accused. The crown had other witnesses from Toronto, but he felt that sufficient evidence had been presented to warrant committal for trial. Solicitor D. W. O'Sullivan, for the defence, emphasized lack of agreement between witnesses. One material witness said she saw the accused on Wednesday the 13th, while the 13th was a Thursday. Another witness had said the train was late that night, while the records showed it to be on time. There was no direct evidence to show that the infant was alive when left or that a murder had been committed. No evidence or statement was made by the accused, further than that implied by the plea of not guilty.

In the issue of The Advance of April 16th, 1919, reference was made to the reforestation programme for the year of the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. The company asked for the co-operation of the Commission of Conservation in the work. Other pulpwood companies took up similar policies and some interesting facts were discovered as a consequence. It was decided that it would take 50 to 100 years for spruce and balsam to grow to merchantable size on cut-over lands, whereas lumbermen generally had been figuring on thirty years. Another fact discovered was that where pulpwood species are cut down the new growth is predominantly hardwood. The Advance noted that this latter fact, vouched for by the Commission of Conservation, would seem to upset Mr. Boivin's theory regarding pulpwood land being unsuitable for agricultural purposes, his idea being that the softer woods grew on land that would not sustain the other type of timber. "You can judge land by the kind of timber growing on it," Mr. Boivin once told the board of trade. "But how can land be judged thus, if it grows both kinds or all kinds of timber?" was the query asked by The Advance.

Ten years ago The Advance made reference to the strike of the employees of the Canadian Express Company, the employees at Timmins being "out" along with all the other employees of the company. No Express matter was handled here for the Canadian Express Co. for the several days the strike continued. The strike was caused by the refusal of the company to give shorter hours and increased pay after the Conciliation Board had given an award practically endorsing the requests of the men. The company made one or two attempts to man the service of the T. & N. O. One man got so far as Cochrane as messenger, but he could not handle the express alone. The Advance also recounted with satisfaction the experience of another man who came to Timmins as a strike-breaker. He did not have a very good time at all. No one was rough to him or even rude, but he could not get meals or a room to suit him or even a cheery word. He eventually had to quit after working hard and accomplishing nothing. He hadn't enough to pay his way back to Toronto, but the company wouldn't help him because he was quitting and the men wouldn't help him because he had started. "The walking is good near Toronto," was all the comfort given him as he left here by train with his fare paid as far as Barrie or Orillia. After a few days the strike was called off, the company agreeing to practically all of the requests of the men. "The public view with satisfaction the renewal of the service, the inconvenience during the discontinuance of the service being a noticeable one," said The Advance.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. E. H. Hill returned this week from Halleybury where his little girl, Edith, recently underwent a minor operation. All will be pleased to know that the little girl is now making very satisfactory progress to complete recovery." "Mr. Harry Darling, the new manager of the Porcupine Crown, has been unavoidably delayed in the south, but is now expected to be here by May 1st at the latest. The arrival of the new manager will be followed by the speeding-up of work, and it is expected that by the early summer the Porcupine Crown will be going along in fine producing fashion." "There was a good attendance and a very enjoyable evening spent at the social evening and dance given last Friday evening by the Gold Nugget Rebekahs in the Masonic hall, Timmins. Appel's orchestra furnished the best of music. Everything from the sociability to the refreshments was of the best and the evening was much enjoyed. The proceeds of the event go to the Centennial Fund, for the benefit of the dependents of deceased Oddfellows." "Pte. Robt. Carmichael, one of the popular old-timers of the camp, returned from overseas last week, and is being warmly welcomed home by his many friends here. He went overseas with the Forestry Corps recruited in the North Land by Lieut. Gordon." "Lieut. Garner, superintendent in charge of the Government Employment Bureau here has a letter regarding openings for over 500 men for the Royal North West Mounted Police. The Timmins branch of the Employment Bureau has been opened only a few days, but it has already done much useful work for returned soldiers and others. Lieut. Garner reports everything as running along smoothly, and is anxious to make the office as helpful as possible to all." "Mr. W. R. Lowery, of Cobalt, is in the camp this week on business." "Another son of Capt. Hutchison, Sixth avenue, returned from overseas on Monday, and was given the usual reception at the depot." "Mr. Sam Tremblay, who has been around the camp for several years, died on Friday last, aged 55 years. Death was due to tuberculosis. The deceased was a single man and came from Portage du Fort." "The Advance understands that Mr. H. Mulheron has resigned as manager of the Goldfields hotel, and will leave here as soon as a successor can be secured. Mr. and Mrs. Mulheron wish to take a well-earned rest, and intend going to Gravenhurst to reside this summer.

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to. During her stay here Miss Taylor made many friends and will be much missed in social circles in the camp." "Born—in Timmins, on Friday, April 11th, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Newton—a son." "Born—in Timmins, on April 11th, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bacon—a daughter." "Mr. James Stewart, Cochrane's Publicity Commissioner, formerly of the Porcupine Publisher in the early days, spent the week-end in town." "Mr. S. A. Wooley, formerly manager of the Schumacher Mine, returned to camp last Wednesday. He was overseas with the U. S. army."

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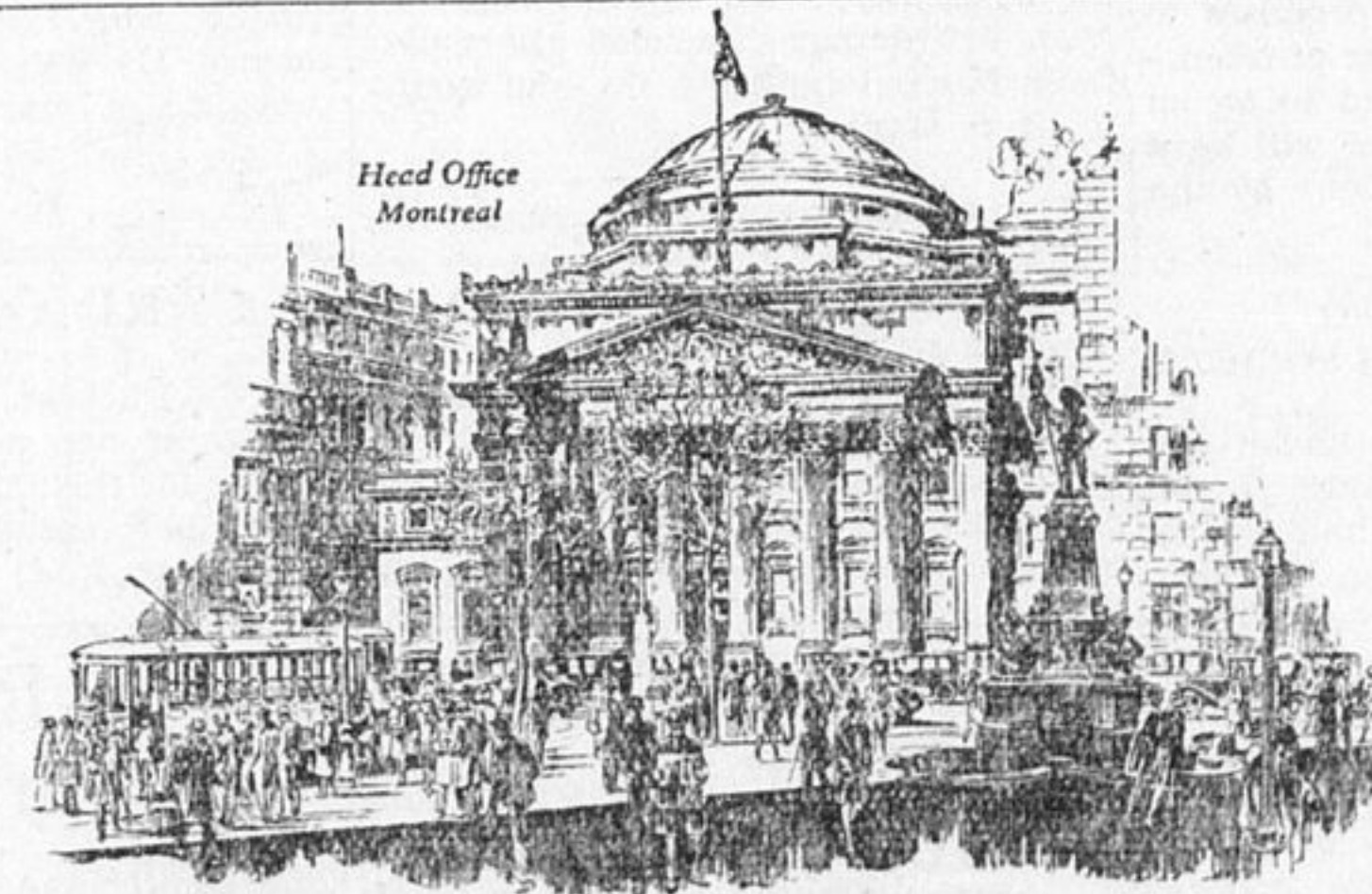
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