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**Ten Years Ago**  
—in Timmins—

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The first mayor of Timmins, Mr. W. H. Wilson, died at Guelph on May 12th, 1919. For a year or two previously he had been in poor health and from January of that year he had been undergoing treatment at Guelph. At the time of death Mr. Wilson was 45 years of age. He was one of the pioneers of Porcupine coming here in 1910 and being closely identified with the business and municipal life of the district. In the early days he conducted a hardware store in Golden City and later moved the building and business to Timmins where he had the town's first hardware business. He was the first mayor of Timmins and for five successive years was re-elected by acclamation to this honoured position. For some years previous to his death he had conducted a teaming contracting business, doing practically all of this class of work for the Hollinger Mine. The late Mr. Wilson was widely known and highly regarded in the Porcupine and his death came as a decided shock to large circles of friends. The funeral took place at Kingston, Ontario, on May 14th, 1919. The many floral tokens evidenced the esteem in which Mr. Wilson was held by all who knew him, the floral offerings including wreaths, sprays and designs from the Town of Timmins, Golden Beaver A. F. & A. M., and large numbers of friends and associates. In addition to the bereaved widow one daughter, Ollis, and four sons survived.

There was a large attendance ten years ago at a meeting of the Timmins Ratepayers' Association, when there was a very extended discussion on the assessment and on tax collections here. Particular objection was taken to the plan of collecting income taxes. Married men whose families were elsewhere were assessed on the same basis as single men or non-householders. It was pointed out to the members of the council present and to the assessor that this was not according to law. The law gave the same exception to the heads of families that it did to householders in the municipality. Some of those present pointed out that they could not move their families here because of the lack of high school facilities and that they could not afford the imposition of the assessor's wrongful interpretation of the law. There were some stormy passages but the assessor held to his reading of the law and the council supported him. This plan was carried on for years, but it is interesting to note that for some years past it has been admitted by all concerned that the plan was not according to law. The present assessor is quite confident that the law gives the same exception to the "heads of families" (wherever the families may reside) that it gives to property owners whose property must be within the municipality. To show how little things have

changed in some matters in ten years reference may be made to an article on the front page of The Advance of May 14th, 1929. It was headed, "See That Your Name Appears on the Voters' List," and some parts of the article are very timely right now. For instance, take the following sentences:—"Last year there was much complaint and dissatisfaction regarding the fact that a number of names that should appear on the voters' list failed to do so, and the parties concerned feel that they have been cheated out of a vote. The fault can be traced to the indifference or carelessness of the ratepayers themselves. There is time and opportunity given to every voter to see that it is there, and he should take the time and trouble to give the matter the necessary attention, or hold his peace about it."

The story of a pool game between two stars, Messrs McCann and R. Cole for a prize of \$200.00 was told in The Advance ten years ago. McCann won the \$200.00. He gave Cole a lead of a 100 in a 500-shot game. The contest created much interest and drew big crowds to the New Empire poolrooms. Announcement was made in The Advance ten years ago that the assessor's office would be open three nights a week for the accommodation of the public so that all who wished to consult the assessor's roll or secure any information might have better opportunity to do so at their leisure.

Mother's Day was specially observed at the Timmins Presbyterian church on May 11th, 1919. There was large congregations present at both services. In the evening the Sunday School children occupied a place on the platform. The programme for the evening included songs by the children, with recitations by little Misses D. Harrington, Annie Scott, Iola Dorway, Ethel Allworth, Gladys Hughes and Edna Duscharme, and by Masters Wayne Slipp, Ernest Martin and Allan Scott. "The message by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Parks, for the occasion might well be given as the emphasizing of the moral that service to others is the best honour that we give to our mothers," said The Advance in its report. "There were many beautiful floral tokens in evidence as symbols of respect and affection for Mother on this Mothers' Day."

The Advance ten years ago says:—"On Saturday evening a number of the leading citizens of the town gathered at the Hotel Goldfields for the purpose of giving expression to the regret felt at the expected departure of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mulheron from the camp and the general appreciation of the many fine qualities of these pioneer citizens. On behalf of those present Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, read an address to Mr. Mulheron and the latter was presented with a beautiful easy chair and a handsome study room rug. Though taken by surprise Mr. Mulheron made appropriate reply. A very pleasant evening was then enjoyed by the thirty or more present, old times in the camp being talked over and the early days reviewed. Refreshments were served and smokes enjoyed and a general happy evening passed. Mr. Mulheron is one of the pioneers of the Porcupine and has seen Timmins grow from a spot in the bush to the best town in the North Land, always anxious to do his part to help this progress along. He recently resigned as manager of the Hotel Goldfields and expects to leave this week for Gravenhurst, where he and Mrs. Mulheron will take up residence."

Friends in the camp of C. McDowell, of South Porcupine, a well-known prospector, whose body was recovered from the Montreal River, were anxious ten years ago that an inquest and investigation be held in regard to his death as they were not satisfied that he did not meet with foul play. His friends believed that he had over a hundred and fifty dollars with him shortly before his death, while only a little silver was found in his pockets after the body was recovered. There was a bad cut across his face and a wound at the back of his head, both these injuries apparently being inflicted before he struck the water, while the absence of water from the lungs was also emphasized by friends as being unlikely in a case of death from drowning. The Advance gave all the facts of the case and the various theories advanced and urged a full investigation not only to clear up the anxiety of friends but also to stop any false stories in case there was no foundation for the suspicions advanced.

President Geo. A. Smith, of the Timmins G.W.V.A., was in Matheson ten years ago in connection with the organization of a branch of the Great War Veterans for Matheson. The new branch was duly instituted with a large and enthusiastic membership. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, at the time Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, spent a few hours in Timmins ten years ago. He discussed road problems in the district and promised considerable improvement. The new trunk road between Timmins and Iroquois Falls was then expected to be under construction in a few days. The first N.O.H.A. football match in Timmins in the 1919 season was between Timmins and Porcupine-Dome. It was a very lively game and ended in a draw, 1 to 1. J. White was referee. The teams were:—Timmins, C. Trimble, J. Staples, G. Sheridan, Hoole, Hodge, Mullen, Collins, Stevens, A. Roberts, W. Twaddle and Geroux; Por-

cupine-Dome—Spitz, J. Seiger, Ewart, Totten, Harrower, Kincaid, Spencey, W. H. Wilson, J. Nicolson, R. Seiger and Bill Black.

Timmins Lodge O.Y.F. was duly instituted on May 9th, 1919, with Perry Craig as the first Master. Twenty-nine candidates were initiated. There were a number of prominent officials from outside points present for the event here.

The Advance ten years ago noted two weddings at St. Anthony's church, with Rev. Fr. Leduc. Roselda, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L'Heureux, of South Porcupine, was united in marriage to Donas Tremblay, of Connaught. Miss May Beck, of Pembroke, and H. E. Burtwell, of South Porcupine, were the other couple wedded, the groom in the latter case being more generally known as "Bert Dewar."

Ten years ago The Advance noted that someone had stolen the rope from the town flagpole.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Through E. H. Bridger's sporting gods department the Firemen this week have ordered a complete outfit of baseball suits for their team." "Among the latest to join the ranks of the motorists is Dr. Brown who this week may be seen out in his handsome McLaughlin Six." "The Advance learns on very good authority that the Ankerite Mine will resume operations about June 1st." "The Haileyburian says that every time the boys of the House of Commons hear a good joke they whirl right in and make a law out of it." "Born—in Timmins, on Saturday, May 10th, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Blackman, a son." "Mr. W. B. Kinderline, general manager of the Hamilton B. Mills offices, was a visitor to the camp this week." "Mr. J. E. Salmon returned last week from Toronto, accompanied by Mrs. Coffey, who will spend some time here for the benefit of her health. Mrs. Coffey recently underwent an operation in Toronto, and it is hoped that the fine North Land air will hasten her complete recovery."

"Complaint is made regarding an epidemic of petty thieving along the River Road and the Mat-tagami River area. Some folks affected appear to think that the local newspaper should be able and ready to catch the thieves, convict and punish them, and have the goods returned, or else advertising does not pay. The Advance, however, simply calls attention to the complaints and passes the rest of the burden on to the provincial police." "Mrs. Madden, of Calgary, is spending a few weeks the guest of her daughters, Mrs. R. Allen and Mrs. J. Sullivan." "Mr. Leo Mascioli received word this week from Corp. Pete Bardonson that the latter expected to leave England for home again about June 1st." "Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spellar are moving this week to Kirkland Lake to take up residence in that new camp." "Mr. Claude Morrison, who has just returned to Cobalt from military service in Russia with the Canadian forces there, says that among the Canadians still in Siberia when he left was "But" Woodward, formerly of Timmins." "Mr. Paddy Gallagher, one of the Porcupine's old-timers, and who for the past few years has been connected with military service, recently being in charge of one of the departments at Kapuskasing, renewed acquaintances in Timmins last week."

**TORTURED BY HANDCUFF**  
OLD MAN GAVE HIMSELF UP

Louis Dauphine, of Oba, near Sudbury, gave himself up to the police at Hornepayne last week after escaping from custody for a week. He had been handcuffed to a piece of furniture in his house while a police officer who had arrested him for breach of the Liquor Act was busy at some other duties. Dauphine, who is a man eighty years of age, managed to file through the chain attached to the handcuff and so got free and escaped to the bush before the return of the officer. The handcuff remained on one wrist, however, and being of the snap variety which slides through a notched groove, every movement of the hand would keep tightening the handcuff until it was cutting through the flesh. While attempting to sleep the old man would hit the arm against something or other and drive the handcuff tighter. The file would make no impression on the handcuff steel and every effort to escape the cuff seemed to only drive it tighter around the wrist. After some days of torture during which the old man suffered until he could stand it no longer, Dauphine hunted up the police and surrendered so that he could have the handcuff unlocked and taken off to ease the pain he was suffering. The cuff had tightened until it had cut through to the bone. The old man has a very sore arm. There will naturally be question as to why this old man was left alone after this type of handcuff had been put on him. If any serious injury to the old man follows his painful experience the police officer responsible will have a lot of tall explaining to do.

**Annual Dance Schumacher**  
Fire Department May 29

The annual dance of the Schumacher Fire Department is always a pleasant and a popular event and this year the Schumacher Fire Dept. hope to have it even better than in past years. The big event will be held in the McIntyre Recreation hall, Schumacher, on Wednesday evening, May 29th. Dancing will start at 9 p.m. Music will be by Tommy Stephens and his noted orchestra. Refreshments will be served during the evening, and everything will be on the most approved lines. All attending can depend on having a very pleasant evening.

**Presentation to L. Ennis**  
Before Going to Sudbury

A very pleasing presentation was made to Mr. Len Ennis, shift boss at the McIntyre Mines, on Saturday afternoon, the event of his departure for Sudbury where he will engage in similar work to that which he has just vacated here.

That he was held in high esteem was evidenced by the fact that senior officials of the mine, and the men who worked under the supervision of Mr. Ennis, mingled en masse to witness the presentation of a beautifully engraved gold watch subscribed by his men.

Mr. P. Cooper, a captain of the mine, in presenting the gift to Mr. Len Ennis, made an eloquent address, touching on the fine record of Mr. Len Ennis, and the useful service that he had given to the mine, and regretting very deeply the severing of his connections with the mine.

After the presentation, Mr. Ennis thanked all those assembled for the tribute they had given him, and, while regretting that he had, through his departure, to sever acquaintances very dear to him, he was recompensed by the knowledge that there were memories he was taking with him which were indelible.

Cincinnati Enquirer:—Eyestrain is caused by the other women; earache, by the wife.

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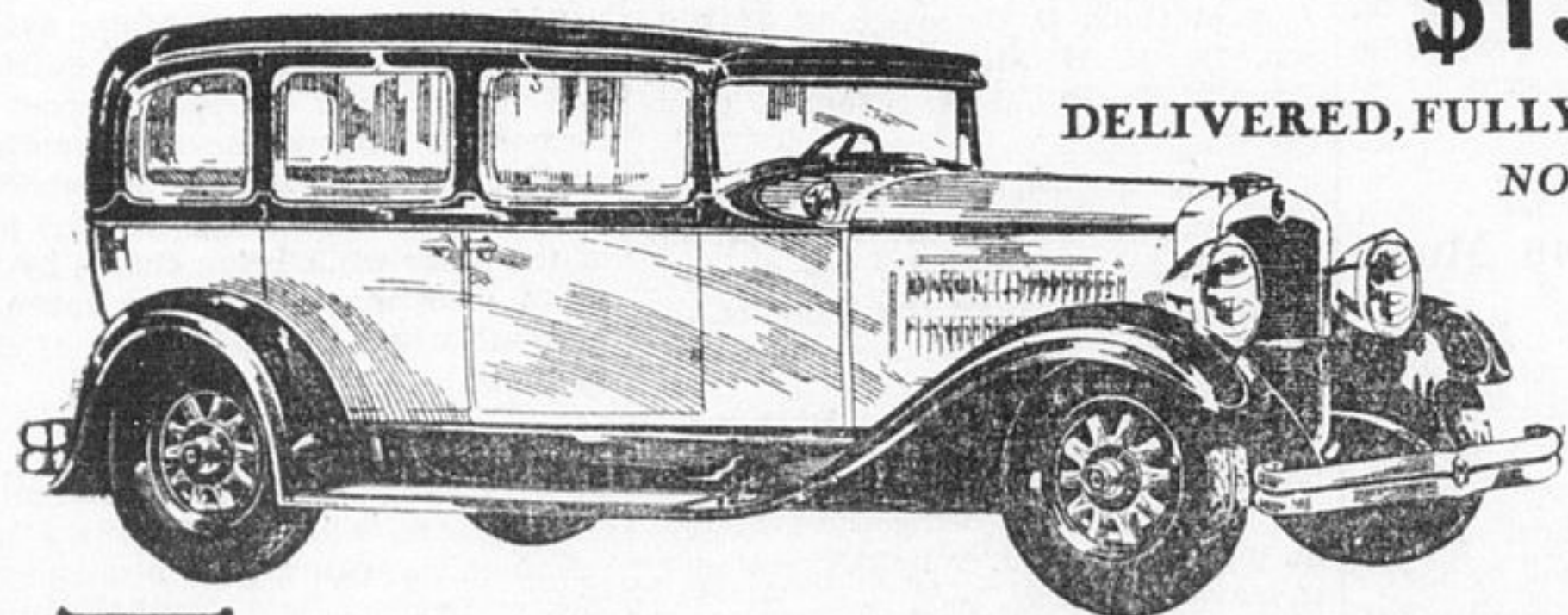
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