

ARAB—"Oh, Allah, send a generous shower of rain to quench our sunbaked thirst!"  
TRAVELER—"Yeh, and how about a shower of Flit to quench these damn mosquitoes!"

# Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

At the court of revision on the assessment roll for the town of Timmins in 1919, there were 99 appeals. Only a few changes were made in the roll. S. Bucovetsky, J. P. Bartleman, James R. Anderson, Geo. Boutin, Allan Clark, A. Dufresne, G. Houle, J. K. Moore, A. Kusto, Mrs. P. Laverne, National Fruit and Produce Co., Mrs. Wadsworth, W. Plunket, S. Sicard, Fred Morris, Mrs. R. Sims, Mrs. Lafabure, G. T. Leduc, A. L'Ecuyer, P. Martin, and others were allowed small reductions each. A number of appeals against income tax, chiefly by men whose families were not living in town on account of lack of accommodation of one kind or another, such as houses or high schools, were refused by the court of revision, the court at that time upholding the assessor in the idea that "heads of families" were not entitled to special exemption unless their families lived in town, though the law actually provided otherwise, as is frankly admitted now by the authorities. Mr. W. McHugh offered to sell two lots for the price assessed against one of them. Councillor Brazeau paid \$10.00 down as an option on this offer. "If I get the rest of the \$75.00," said Mr. McHugh, "I will make \$15.00 on the deal, and better still Mr. Brazeau will have to pay the taxes on the lots."

Announcement was made in The Advance ten years ago that the Timmins Town Baseball League had been formed and would consist of three teams for a start—the Firemen, the Hollinger and the McIntyre. The Advance urged all baseball fans and sports in general to give heartiest support to the league.

"Last week," said The Advance of June 11th, 1919, "Fire Chief Raycroft, of Moneta, was busy delivering chemical fire extinguishers to places in Rochester and Gillies Lake townships in the township of Tisdale. About ten extinguishers were left at suitable places for the use of the residents of these townships, and a half a dozen more are to be delivered to other convenient locations. The idea is to have these extinguishers outside at a number of houses where they will be convenient for use by several houses together in case of fire. If a fire is caught in its early stages these chemical extinguishers will put out the blaze. Moneta is now fairly well supplied with equipment for fighting fire by the installation of the summer water line some weeks ago and by the convenience of the chemical auto truck. The distribution of the chemical fire extinguishers in Rochester and Gillies townships thus goes to make all this particular end of Tisdale township much safer in the matter of fires. With reasonable care and watchfulness the residents of Rochester and Gillies townships may now have a considerable measure of fire protection."

Ten years ago at this time permits were issued for twenty-five new houses in Timmins. The approximate cost of the 25 houses was set at \$55,000.00, figuring about \$2,200.00 each. The houses were to be built for the Hollinger by Hill-Clark-Francis. Fourteen of the houses were to be built on Birch street between First and Second avenue, and the other eleven on Spruce street, near Sixth avenue.

The Advance ten years ago recorded a serious hail storm at Englehart. There was a fierce wind that did considerable damage, and in addition there was a steady hail storm of unusual kind. The hail stones were particularly large, some of them being reported by reliable witnesses as almost the size of a small hen's egg, though what they meant, no doubt, was that the hail stones were the size of a small egg laid by a hen whose size was not considered. In any event much of the hail was the size of marbles and did much damage. Windows were broken all over Englehart and few roofs escaped damage. Much damage was also occasioned by water entering houses and business places. None of the houses covered with roofing and siding paper were able to withstand the fierce storm. Several thousand dollars' damage was caused by this, the worst storm in the history of Englehart, which seemed to get the whole force of this storm which did damage elsewhere, and was no more than a shower in Timmins.

Particulars of the formation and organization of the Timmins Golf Club may be of interest. The preliminary meeting for organization was held on May 31st, 1919. The motion to have a golf club was moved by H. E. Montgomery and seconded by J. W. Fogg. On motion of J. P. Bartleman, seconded by A. F. Brigham, it was decided to name the organization, "The Timmins Golf Club." On motion of Messrs Bartleman and Fogg, A. F. Brigham was appointed president. It was moved by A. F. Brigham, seconded by Rev. Fr. Theriault that the board of directors of the Hollinger Mine be patrons of the Timmins Golf Club. Mr. Hebert was appointed secretary, and J. P. Tallon the treasurer. D. Mackie, J. W. Fogg and R. W. Robbins were elected as the executive committee. The membership committee was named to include—H. E. Montgomery, Rev. Fr. Theriault and H. C. McDonald. A committee to draw up by-laws was made as follows:—D. Mackie, Mr. Lilly and J. E. Sullivan. It was moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Brown, that "any lady or gentlemen of good character who is willing to conduct herself or himself in a proper manner, and abide by the rules of the club, be admitted to the club." Another resolution should

also be noted for record:—"Moved by A. F. Brigham, seconded by H. Webb, that a motion of thanks be extended to D. Mackie for the interest he has shown and the effort and enthusiasm given to golf by him." Mr. Mackie presided at the organization meeting.

The D.Y.B. Club girls had a reunion picnic at Sandy Falls ten years ago. A generous and pleasing luncheon was supplied by Mrs. M. A. Ellis, Mrs. R. J. Vollett and Mrs. Meuche, the honorary presidents of the church clubs into which the D.Y.B. Club was organized when the need for the patriotic work of the club, so far as the war was concerned, seemed to be finished. "The black flies and mosquitoes," said The Advance report, "interfered a little with the pleasure of the afternoon, but the young ladies eventually found ways and means to overcome these pests, and the rest of the time, with the protection of smudges, the girls had the delightful social time together that characterizes all these D.Y.B. re-unions."

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Among the recent arrivals here from overseas may be mentioned Lieut. Slim Hollowell, Lieut. Dinny Reid, Sgt. Brooks and Private Morrell. Lieut. Hollowell, one of the good old pioneers of the early days, went overseas with the Pioneers. He brought back with him the colours of the Pioneers, presenting the same to Mrs. Dr. McInnis to be preserved by the Daughters of the Empire."

One of the chief topics at the council meeting here on June 9th, 1919, was the quality and price of fish brought into the camp. Councillor L. S. Newton brought the question to the attention of the council, and the clerk was asked to get in touch with the proper authorities in the matter. Mr. E. W. Johnston, leader of the Timmins Citizens Band, addressed the council asking co-operation in the building up of a first-class band here and this was promised. "I am not against a brass band," commented Councillor Longmore, "but we should face the question as to which we need most,—a band or sidewalks and roads." The chief of police was instructed to collect the cost of sending a lad to the Halsebury Children's Aid Shelter, and later to Toronto, from the father of the boy, Geo. Laporte was appointed town pound-keeper. The mayor told of the Government's plans for road improvements in the district. The plans of the M.H.O. for the installation of a chlorination plant to make the drinking water safe for the town was ordered to proceed. An addition to the by-law regarding poolrooms required that all such places should close at 12 o'clock midnight. The council agreed to the closing of the unopened part of Cedar street to be used now as part of the athletic grounds.

Ten years ago The Advance noted that the town of Cobalt had won in its case in the Supreme Court of Canada against the Temiskaming Telephone Co. In 1915 the Cobalt board of trade raised the issue that the telephone company was discriminating against Cobalt in the matter of rates. The company won one court case and the town appealed to Premier Hearst, who suggested that an arrangement be made when the franchise came to be renewed. No mutually satisfactory arrangement could be made and the town ordered the removal of poles, etc. The company secured an injunction after the town cut the wires, and then went through several courts, the Supreme Court's decision being in four of the town.

Ten years ago as a result of the hot weather in late May and early June a number of horses (no less than ten) died in and around New Liskeard.

Between 700 and 800 spectators watched the football game at Timmins between McIntyre and Timmins teams in the N.O.F.A. series ten years ago. McIntyres had the better and won 2 to 1. The "rooting" at the game was a notable feature, the ladies taking a prominent part in this.

The G.W.V.A. held a very enjoyable smoker in the Oddfellows hall ten years ago. President Geo. A. Smith conducted affairs in very efficient way. There were songs and other music and a fine lunch, as well as some sparkling speeches. In introducing Dr. McInnis, mayor, Fire Chief Borland, and G. A. Macdonald, editor of The Advance, President Smith referred to the special interest shown by these three in the soldiers, especially as members of the civic reception committee, not a train for months on end coming into town that one or more of the three were not present to welcome the returned soldiers coming to town. Among the singers for the evening were—Jack Carey, Comrade Calverley, J. Staples, Comrade Drummond, Comrade Prangle and others. H. M. Martin presided at the piano. There were readings and recitations by R. F. Argles, Geo. A. Smith and others. Comrades P. Dougal and J. MacGregor moved a hearty vote of thanks to all who had taken part.

Eleven barrels of rum for the British Navy, shipped from Halifax to Vancouver, were stolen ten years ago at Cochrane. The thieves were discovered, being employees of the railroad. One of them got away while waiting sentence and the others got a brief term. Most of the rum was recovered.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. John Watt, who was among the old-timers of the Porcupine

who served overseas, has returned to the camp." "Born—in Timmins, on Monday, June 9th, 1919 to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Easton,—a son." "Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Simms went down to North Bay last week to meet Mr Simms' brother who has just returned from overseas." "Cobalt town band has been forced to disband. They could not get enough players to blow the instruments, so the whole band blew up." "There have been so many lost youngsters lately that Fire Chief Borland has been considering a special ring of the fire bell to announce lost children so that all may be on the look-out for them. Last week several children were lost for a time and on Saturday two little girls wandered away from home and were gone some time." "Mr. Hector MacLean, who has just returned from overseas, is visiting his brother, Mr. J. D. MacLean, town foreman." "The storm last week wrecked two houses under construction down the Mattagami Road last week." "H. W. Hooker left for a two weeks' holiday at his home in Galt." "Martin Myles formerly engineer at the town pumphouse, and one of the popular old-timers of the camp, returned to town on Wednesday after several months spent in Niagara Falls, Ont., where he had a responsible position with the Hydro Electric Commission." "Mr. Buchanan, formerly on the Dome engineering staff, but who went overseas with the Engineers, returned to the camp last week and was warmly welcomed back by his many friends in the district." "On Monday of this week the first experiment in oiling the streets was made on Third avenue from the Marshall-Ecclestone corner to the depot. The oil laid the dust, but raised an odor for a time."

### GRANTED CONCESSIONS FOR THE PARK AT SWASTIKA

The Northern News of Kirkland Lake last week says:—"F. W. Milk, of Swastika, was granted permission by the Township Council on Tuesday night to operate a refreshment booth and boats at Culver Park, and the use of the dancing pavilion once a week, Wednesdays, with the understanding that the park is to be free to the use of the citizens of the township. In return, Mr. Milk, who appeared before the council offered to act as caretaker of the park and to keep it in proper order. He stated that he had seen each member of the Park Committee, one had approved his offer but the other two had expressed the opinion that he should make his application to the council. The council made it clear that the rights granted to Mr. Milk were not to interfere with any special community affairs arranged to be held at the park."

Barrie Examiner:—"Twenty-five years ago when Dr. Gilchrist of Orillia wanted his horse he phoned the livery barn and the horse appeared hitched to the buggy and "hitting on all four" before the doctor's residence without a driver. It simply walked out of the barn and trotted to his master's place unattended, and moreover, if anyone interfered with its progress it became quite crabby and would bite. There's one instance where the horse has it over the automobile. Just try phoning the garage for your motor car to report under similar conditions."

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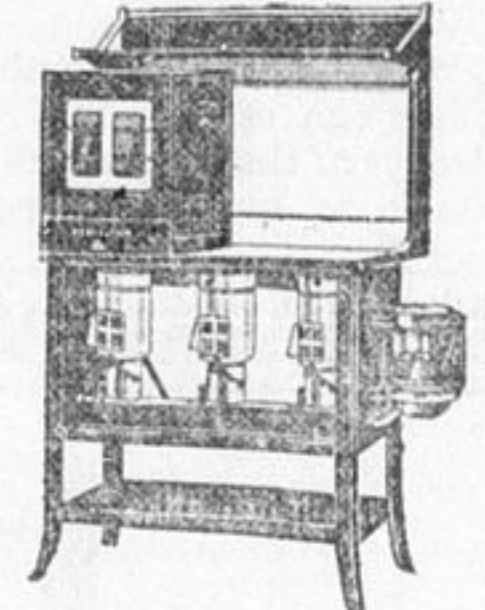
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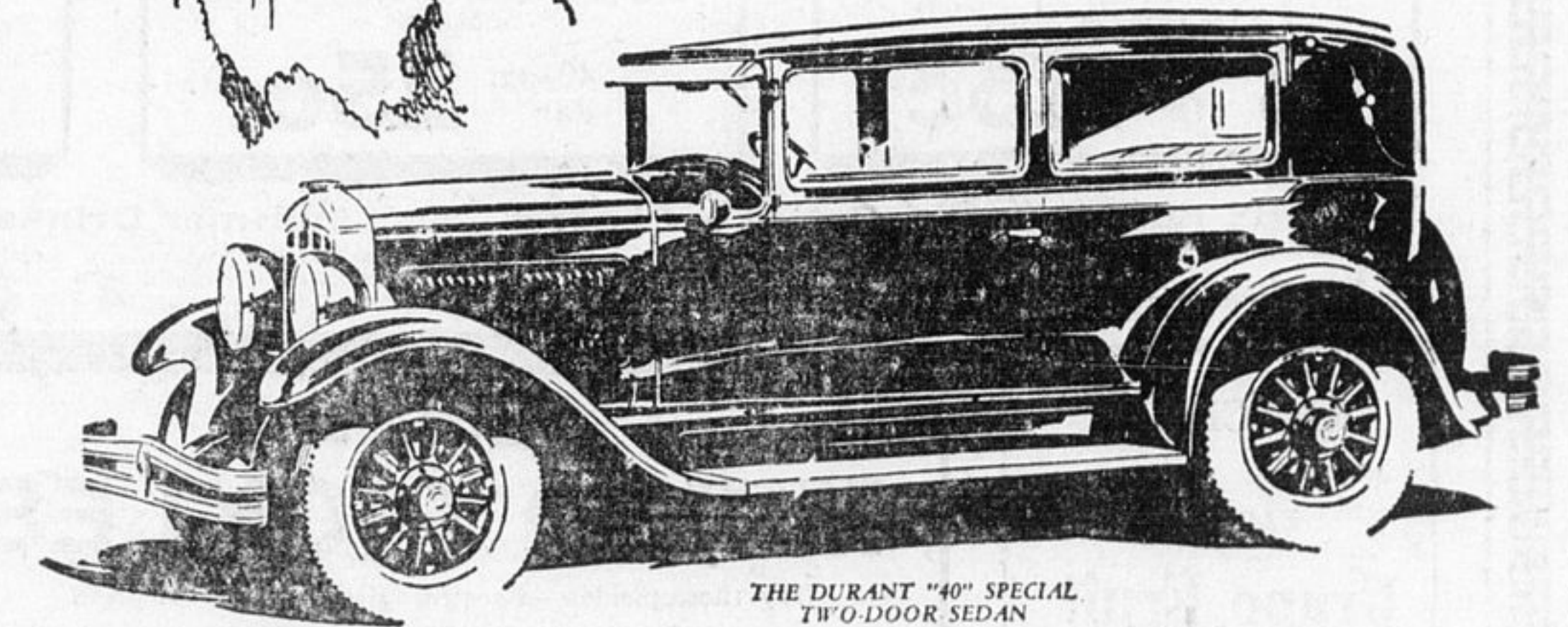
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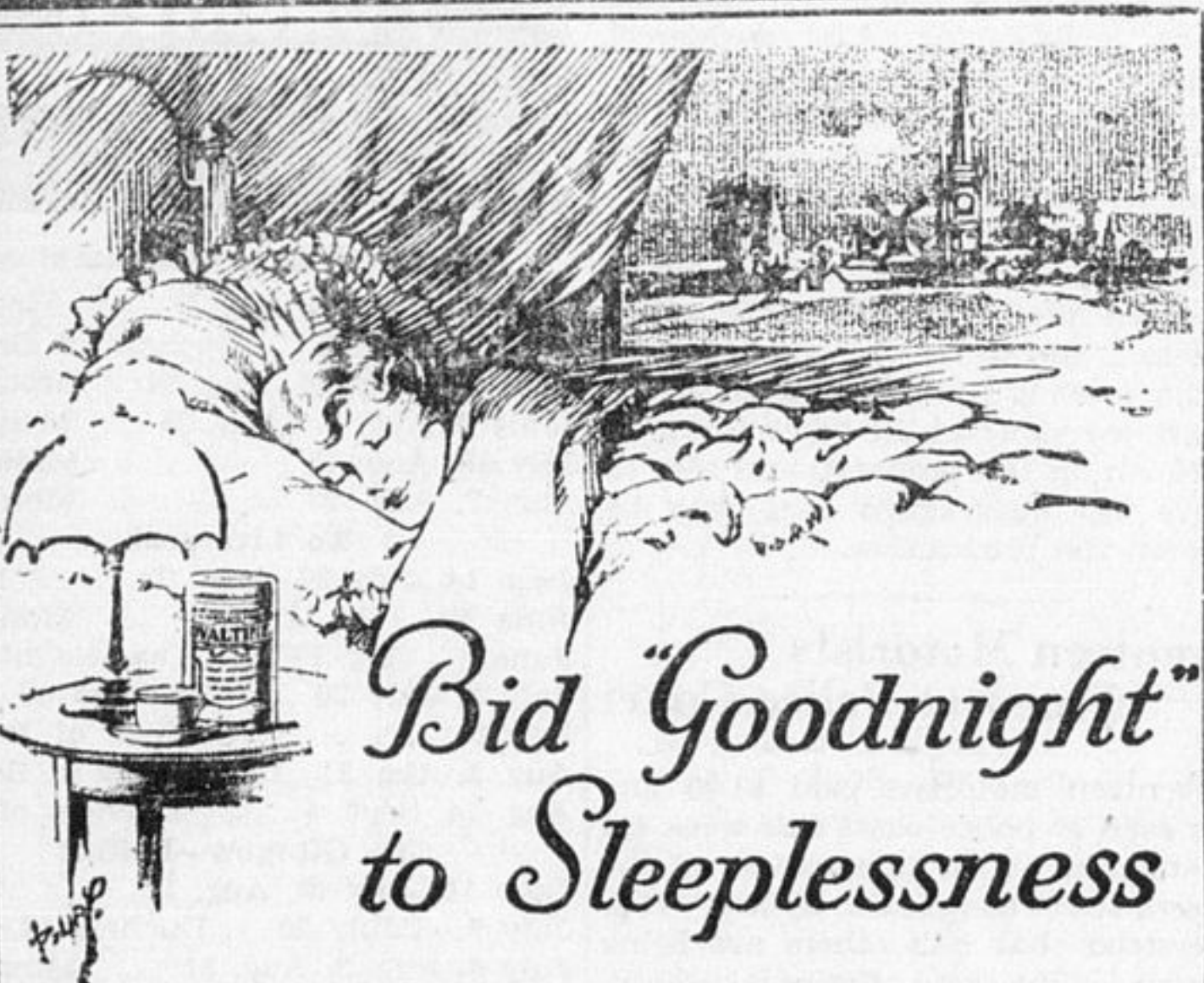


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