

# Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

At the regular meeting of the town council ten years ago, a committee composed of Mayor Dr. McInnis and Councillors Longmore and Brazeau was appointed to confer with the G. W. V. A., the merchants, the mines, labour, and other interests, regarding the high cost of living. The suggestion for this came from a letter from the Timmins G. W. V. A., forwarding a resolution passed at a meeting of the branch the previous week. On motion of Councillors Newton and Longmore the mayor was asked to name two of the council to act with him on the committee, and he named Councillors Longmore and Brazeau. Councillors Newton and DeFeu were first named to act with Councillor Longmore but each in turn explained that they were already on a committee named for a similar purpose. At the same meeting Councillor Brazeau called attention to the poor service given the town by the express companies and the telephone lines. "The service in each case may be described as rotten," he remarked. And there was general agreement. The service given to-day by the express companies is very greatly improved, but Councillor Brazeau ten years ago did not really know how bad a telephone service could become. By-laws were passed appointing Geo. Laporte as poundkeeper, regarding the closing of poolrooms, saloons, ice-cream parlours, etc., and regarding the use of standard cans for garbage.

The Advance ten years ago referred to the death of Sapper Robt. Stokes at the Vancouver General Military hospital on June 8th, 1919. He had been overseas with the Canadian Engineers, and death was due to the effects of gas poisoning suffered by Sapper Stokes at Passchendaele on Nov 10th, 1917. The late Robt. Stokes was very popular in the Cobalt and Porcupine mining camps, and was living at Schumacher at the time of his enlistment. A brother, W. Stokes, enlisted from Timmins and was killed in action overseas early in the war. The late Robert Stokes returned in 1918 from overseas and was under medical treatment from that time until his death. The funeral was held on June 11th and was under Masonic auspices. At the time of his death his wife was ill in the Vancouver hospital. In addition to the bereaved wife, four children,

the youngest only a few weeks old at the time, were left to mourn his loss.

Those who find dogs on the streets to be a nuisance should hunt up the hyles of The Advance ten years ago, when an article was published on the front page of this paper urging all and sundry to "keep the stray horses off the streets of the town." The stray horses were doing quite a bit of damage to gardens and lawns.

Considerable space was given in The Advance ten years ago to the big day of sports to be held at Timmins on July 1st under the auspices of the Timmins Football Club. A list of events for the occasion was published, as well as a complete review of the many prizes offered for the day.

After a meeting of the Porcupine Miners' Union on June 22nd, 1919, the following letter was sent to the various mines in the district:—"Timmins, June 23rd, 1919. Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned chosen representatives of the mine workers of the Porcupine district, herewith present for your consideration copy of new wage scale which with the unanimous approval of a special meeting of mine employees on Sunday, June 22nd, and will be glad to hear from you concerning same on or before June 28th. We are desirous of reasonable and just discussion of local labour problems and a peaceful settlement, and will be glad to meet the mine managers of this district at any time and place this week. Yours very truly, Wm. DeFeu, Arthur Perrault, J. R. Hawley." It may be noted here, that while this letter was not directly acted upon, it made a great impression by its fairness and lack of attempt to irritate, and it indirectly was one of the impelling and compelling factors to assure good will between the men and the mines.

The Advance ten years ago recorded the death of Burr E. Cartwright, one of the prominent figures in the mining life of the North Land. He had taken his full part in the early days of both Cobalt and Porcupine. He died at Buffalo on June 24th, 1919.

In the town baseball league ten years ago both the Hollinger and the Firemen won a match in the series during the week, the Firemen winning from the McIntyre 14 to 5, and the Hollinger defeating the Firemen a couple of evenings after, with the score 7 to 5.

Charlie Sheehan pitched for the McIntyres, while D. McInnis, Lefty Farr and Geo. Lake in turn occupied the box on behalf of the Firemen. The line-up for the Hollinger included:—Jackson, Graham, McIntyre, Weldon, Gerard, Carmichael, Kendall and Halford. Firemen players included:—McDonald, Parker, Pierce, Farr, Bellevaux, Daher, Lake, Lafamme, Alton and McInnis.

Ten years ago the Timmins Lacrosse Club was duly organized with the following officers:—Honorary presidents, Dr. J. A. McInnis and Dr. H. H. Moore; president, Geo. A. Smith; vice-president, W. M. Widdifield; secretary-treasurer B. E. Martin; manager, J. E. Wilson, chief of police; committee, J. A. Theriault, W. LaBrach, J. T. Easton. It was decided to have regular practices on the athletic grounds every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Two Austrians travelling north on the same train with Officer R. Allen some ten years ago were evidently so nervous at the presence of the officer that they roused his suspicions. He lifted up some of their baggage and shook it until it gave out a "gurgly" sound. Then he wired ahead for search warrants and so on, and when he went through the baggage at Porcupine Junction the officer found a quantity of liquor. He also found that the two Austrians had been travelling to and from Montreal without the required legal permission. On the charge of illegally having liquor other than their private dwelling house each of the two men paid \$200.00, while for travelling without permit each of them contributed \$50.00 and costs.

At the regular meeting of the Tisdale township council ten years ago, the tender of A. Brazeau to make 600 cans of galvanized iron at a price of \$2.00 each, for use as garbage cans, was accepted. On motion of Councillors Walton and Mackie, R. Talantino was awarded the scavenger contract for South Porcupine and the Dome, at \$220.00 per month, this to include the burning of the dump and all other necessary work. The following pound-keepers were duly appointed, after motion by Councillors Muskett and Walton:—Rocco Talantino, for South Porcupine; George Cousineau, Schumacher; Wm. Bailey, for Moneta and Gillies Lake; and pound-keepers to retain all fees as allowed by the provincial law in the matter.

A heading in The Advance ten years ago said that the McIntyre had just completed the best year in its history.

Reference was made in The Advance of June 25th, 1919, to the fatality at the Halleybury dock when Cecil Eplett, aged 17, Louise Watt, 19, and Alma Watt, 17, lost their lives by drowning, when an automobile driven by young Eplett ran off the wharf. Two others in the car were rescued from the water. From what could be surmised about the accident it appeared that the driver of the car attempted to turn the auto on the wharf while travelling at a fair rate of speed, and that the car slid off the dock in the process.

Mr. Fullerton, then head of the colonization branch of the Ontario Dept. of Lands, Forests and Mines, was a visitor here ten years ago, and Dr. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, took advantage of the occasion to urge upon him the necessity for some reasonable expenditure by the Government to repair roads in existence and to build new ones.

A young fellow giving the name of Harry Blackman complained ten years ago to J. E. Wilson, chief of police, that some one had broken the lock off the door between his room and that of another boarder and stolen some clothes from him. He asked the police to investigate, and they did so. The young fellow got six months from the magistrate as a consequence, as it was proved that he was the one that broke the door stealing clothing from another roomer, and complaining to the police only to becloud the issue.

McIntyre won the league football match, 3 to 2, from the Porcupine-Dome, at Schumacher on June 18th. The game was closely contested one and all present agreed that though the Porcupine-Dome were the losers they certainly put up a fine brand of football. The Schumacher grounds proved very difficult for the visitors, the two teams at times appearing to be lost in a cloud of sand and dust. Both teams worked hard, as did the rooters for both teams. A number from Timmins went over to see the game. McIntyre showed lots of ginger and played a fast game as well as having a regular winning attack.

The Advance ten years ago had the following item of interest:—"Messrs. Geo. DeMagne and Jos. Mortenson, who have been conducting the Ideal Pool-room and Rooming House, opposite the theatre, for the past two years last week sold out the building and business to Mr. J. Rochon, who formerly conducted a theatre in Timmins in the early days. Mr. and Mrs. DeMagne and Mr. and Mrs. Mortenson intend to leave here in a few weeks for their old home in Belgium. They are among the early residents of the Porcupine camp, Mr. DeMagne being especially well-known in the old Golden City days. They will be much missed here in many circles, but any from this district having occasion to visit Belgium will hereafter feel that they have good friends there that they know to show them round and help them in any way."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. Thos. A. McDonald, employment supervisor at the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. at Iroquois Falls, was a Timmins visitor on Saturday." "Mrs. Dayton Ostrosser and children are spending a few weeks at Grimsby Park, near Hamilton, Ont." "Work was commenced this week on the construction of an additional storey on the

Reed block. The addition will be the full size of the present building, and, like the rest of the structure, will be of brick, and fitted and furnished in the most modern style. The new storey will be arranged for use as an office building." "Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wedgerfield, of Little Current, Ont., announce the marriage of their daughter, Eva I., to Mr. J. M. McGill, on Wednesday, May 14th. Mr. McGill is well known in the camp, where he was manager of the Carr hardware store at South Porcupine for some time, and his many friends here will extend heartfelt congratulations and good wishes." "In a letter to a friend in town Mr. Ivan C. Stadelman, now living in Brantford, Ontario, but formerly conducting Stadelman & Co.'s store in Timmins, sends best regards to his friends and acquaintances here. The letter also incidentally refers to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Stadelman are now the proud parents of a fine son and heir."

"Speaking of the record flight across the Atlantic by Capt. Alcock and Lieut. A. W. Brown in sixteen hours, Friend Irish Pete now suggests a week-end trip from Porcupine to Belfast, leaving here Saturday getting half-seas-over-seas, and being back at work in the mines for the first shift in Monday." "Mr. Tngelo Guiseppe was the winner of the two beautiful hand-made centrepieces made by Mrs. G. Robertson, of Halleybury. Mrs. Robertson's husband has been ill for a year or more and she has been doing fancy work of this kind in the minutes that could be spared from attention to him. Friends here took the plan of drawing for a couple of these centerpieces and goodly sum was raised." "The Miners' Union in

securing lumber to make the boxes for the mucking contest on July 1st, for which the union is giving three prizes of \$30, \$15 and \$15, were nicely treated by Knight Bros. & McKinnon, who generously donated the necessary lumber when the firm learned what the material was to be used for and the circumstances under which the event was to take place." "Work is in progress on the enlargement and improvement of St. Matthew's tennis court." "Mr. and Mrs. J. Perreault, of New Liskeard, formerly of Timmins, were visitors to town last week and this." "Born—In Timmins, on Friday, June 20th, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wadsworth—a daughter."

"Mr. J. A. Howse Tuesday morning received a wire telling him of the sad news of the death of his mother at Orillia, Ont. He left on the noon train to be present at the funeral." "Pte. E. E. Morgan is visiting his sister, Mrs. Geo. Lake, on his return from overseas service. Previous to enlistment, Pte. Morgan is visiting his sister, Mrs. Lillian Wadsworth and Bertha Charrette, having successfully passed the Gregg Shorthand Writing have received their complete certificates, officially testifying to their proficiency. Three pupils recently tried these examinations at the Separate school here, the answer papers being forwarded to New York. The two young ladies mentioned have received their certificates, but the third young lady has not yet received word as to her standing." "Among the returned men to visit the camp last week was Pte. Chenette, who

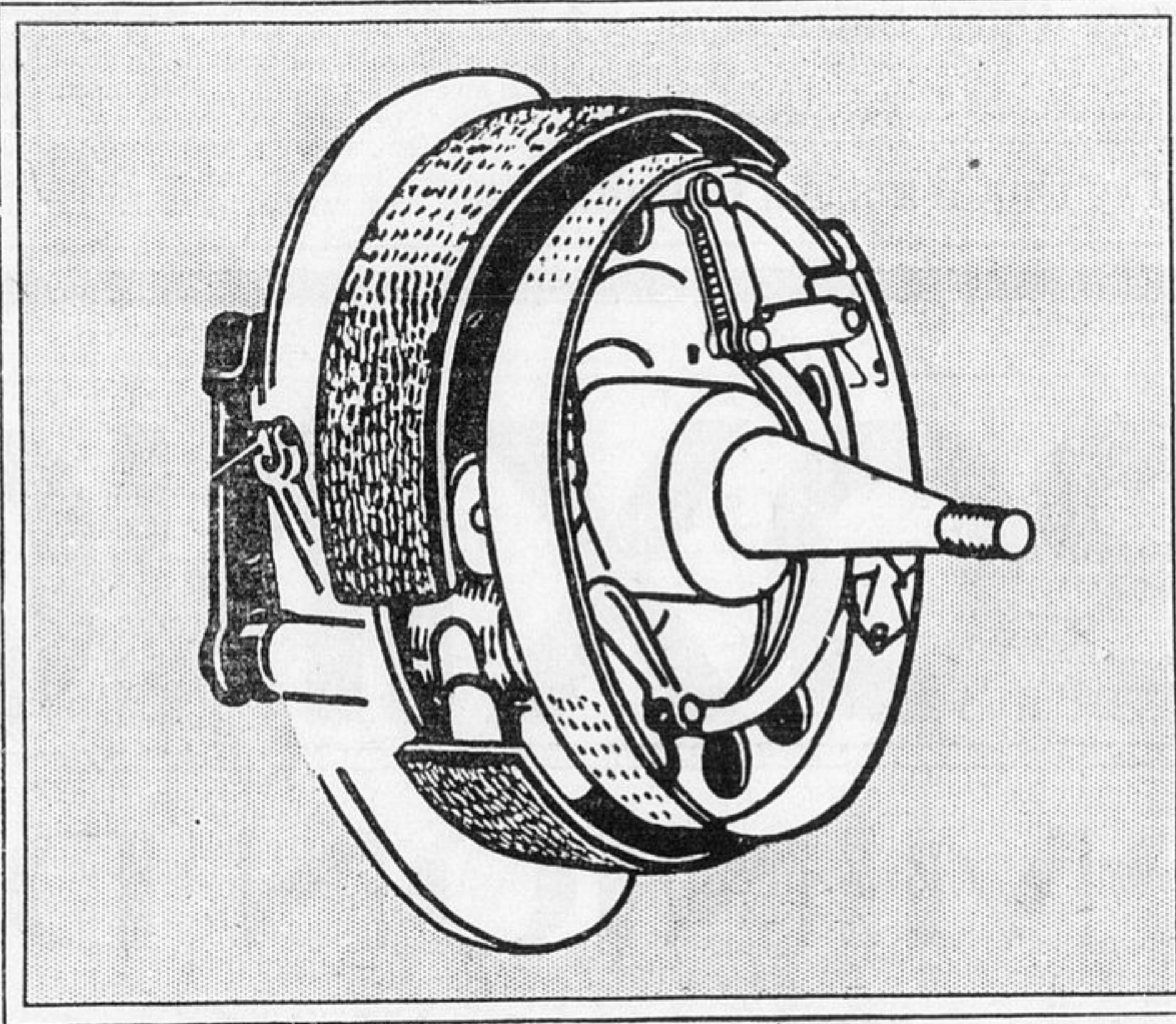
was overseas with the 75th Battalion, and who recently returned to his home at Barber's Bay." "A fire to-day at noon did a little damage to the sheeting on the house occupied by Mr. Len Cousins at 33 Tamarack street. The fire started from an oil stove used outside. The firemen made a speedy response and put out the blaze with the chemical tank." "Work was commenced this week on the erection of a fence around the athletic grounds, though it is not certain that the work will be completed by July 1st."

St. Mary's Journal-Argus: The practice of tearing through town at 35 to 40 miles an hour should be curtailed. Why wait until we have a fatal accident before curbing reckless driving?

**OIL EXPERT NOW GOING BY AIRSHIP TO GOOSE ISLAND**  
A paragraph in The Ottawa Journal on Monday says:—"James Bay Basin Co. is sending an oil expert in by airplane to Grey Goose Island, about 30 miles beyond the end of T. & N. O. Railway, to pilot a diamond drill campaign in search for oil. The Ontario Government is conducting similar tests at Blacksmith Rapids on Abitibi river. Numerous Ontario and federal mines publications refer to the attractive possibilities of this area, geologically, for the finding of oil. Until its tests are completed, the Ontario Department of Mines is not issuing further boring permits."

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