

Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The Advance ten years ago says:—The banner of the Temiskaming Volunteer Firemen's Association, put up each year for the wagon race contest, has now been won twice by the Timmins Fire Brigade. There are spaces on the banner for only five names, but counting the present year, three of the names are filled in, Tim-

mins having two of the spaces. When all the spaces are filled the team having its name appear the most times as winner of the banner takes the trophy permanently. If Timmins wins the banner one more year it thus comes permanently to this town. The Firemen here have the idea that the banner would look well in the hall here

and for this and other reasons fully intend that it will find a permanent home in Timmins." To this item of ten years ago, The Advance would add that the banner has found its permanent home in the Timmins fire hall along with a whole big case full of other trophies. Timmins had its name often on that first banner than any other brigade though winning it only the twice. No other brigade won the race more than once in the five years. The following were the winners of that first banner:—Timmins, at Cobalt, 1917; New Liskeard, at Timmins, 1918; Timmins not being a competitor, but only making a trial run, as the race was here; Timmins, at New Liskeard, 1919; Halleybury, at Cochrane, 1920; Cochrane at Timmins, 1921.

In The Advance of July 9th, 1919, reference was made to the expected visit to Timmins of the Prince of Wales. The Advance said, in part:—"Dr. McInnis, mayor of Timmins received word this week of the expected visit to Timmins and the Porcupine camp of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The exact date has not yet been set but will likely be known by the end of the week. Dr. McInnis is going to North Bay this week in connection with the expected royal visit and definite arrangements will likely be completed during the mayor's visit to the Bay. The prince is to make a tour of Canada and on his way to the West will visit Timmins and the Porcupine. It is expected now that he will be here some time during the month of August, and it is intended to give the royal visitor a royal good time when in Timmins."

The first meeting of the conference called to consider the high cost of living and to seek the causes and then find remedies for the problem was held in the council chamber at Timmins on July 2nd, 1919. The following were present as representatives of the various bodies and interests asked to cooperate:—Mr. Brigham, of the Millinger, Mr. Laux of the Dome, Messrs J. Shewan and Geo. N. Deckert, of the McIntyre, for the mines; Councillor Muskett, for the township of Tisdale; Messrs L. S. Newton, P. O'Neill, L. Ducharme, N. McKinnon and H. Charlebois, for the Miners' Union; Mayor McInnis and Councillors A. Brazeau and E. L. Longmore, for the town council; Messrs R. J. Jemmett, J. W. Reed, D. Ostrosser, T. F. King and J. A. Devaney, for the board of trade; Messrs Geo. A. Smith, P. Dougall, I. T. Macgregor and P. A. Macaulay, for the Great War Veterans Association, Timmins branch. Geo. A. Smith was elected chairman of the conference, and H. W. Hooker secretary. The resolution passed by the G.W.V.A., was reproduced in Ten Years in Timmins recently, was read to explain the purpose of the conference. This resolution referred to the prevailing industrial unrest, giving the chief cause of the discontent of the people as the high cost of living, and inviting labour, the merchants, the mine owners and others to co-operate with the G.W.V.A. in seeking to solve the problem. In opening the meeting Chairman Smith said:—"The time has come for action, direct and prompt. Delay, and yet more delay, has been

almost the sole cause of unrest and discontent among the people. We believe a remedy dealing with such a vital question as the price on foodstuffs and the necessities of life will greatly relieve the present unrest. And the Goldfields branch of the G.W.V.A. wish it to be clearly understood that we serve no party, no "interests," and no combines, but we do wish to serve Canada to our utmost." J. A. Devaney pointed out that the conference should seek to learn if there were overcharge by local merchants. He quoted prices here and at Iroquois Falls to indicate how comparisons might be made. Dr. McInnis said he had an open mind on the question of profits by local merchants. It was up to the conference to gather data to show whether local profits were exorbitant and to seek remedies for the high cost of living. Councillor Muskett showed the success of co-operative stores in Great Britain and suggested use of the idea here. Mr. P. Dougall showed that the commercial traveller gave a very useful service in the economy of trade and really assisted in keeping costs down. Without the travellers, the merchants individually would have to travel to the various larger centres to do their purchasing, so the total expenditure would be much greater than at present. Mr. Laux thought a "grievance committee" to whom complaints about prices and quality might be made would be of much help. He also referred to the fact that the Dome Mines store had recently made voluntary reduction in prices, the Dome putting up for the losses so entailed. Geo. N. Deckert suggested that local merchants might reduce costs by buying in larger quantities, thus reducing shipping charges. Mr. Brigham expressed his sympathy with the purpose of the meeting and offered full co-operation in the work of the conference. P. A. Macaulay took up the increase in the cost of living in recent years, and also referred to the methods of taxation in Great Britain, the United States and Canada, respectively, with the idea of showing the economic effect of the three types of revenue raising. T. F. King referred to the very evident spirit of co-operation shown by the representatives present and ventured the opinion that there could not help but be a successful outcome to the conference if this continued. N. McKinnon pointed out that the high cost of living was something that bore especially heavily on the members of the Miners' Union. They felt that the only help at present would be an increase in wages. D. Ostrosser made reply to Mr. Devaney's comparison of prices for boots here and at the Falls. He thought the prices here compared very favourably with those at the Falls. Changes in styles added much to the costs of boots. People would not buy boots out of style. He also showed that the cost of leather had greatly advanced, and this with the advance of all other costs explained the increase in boot prices. L. S. Newton showed how the purchasing power of the dollar had decreased in the previous few years. A motion by Mr. Dougall that the Government be asked to place an embargo on foodstuffs did not carry. A committee on transportation, another to enquire into the price of foodstuffs, and a third committee to act as a central committee were appointed by the meeting. The central committee was made up of four members, one each to represent the mines, the G.W.V.A., the board of trade, and labour, respectively. This committee was to receive the reports of the other committees and report same at the next meeting of the conference. The central committee included:—J. W. Reed, for board of trade; L. S. Newton, for labour; A. F. Brigham, mines; Geo. A. Smith, G.W.V.A. The transportation committee was:—Dr. McInnis, W. DeFeu, P. O'Neill, J. T. Macgregor, Geo. N. Deckert. The committee to enquire into the costs of foodstuffs:—J. A. Devaney, E. L. Longmore, N. McKinnon, P. A. Macaulay, Mr. Laux.

In the district football series ten years ago this week the McIntyre added another to their list of wins, defeating Timmins by the close score of 1 to 0 in a keen match at Schumacher. McIntyre was shy its star player, Northey. Timmins was also in hard luck not being able to play J. Staples. Oscar Robertson refereed the game. "Slim" Hollowell in goal delighted the crowd by his spectacular saves for Timmins. News of the championship fight between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey ten years ago was received here by special wire direct from the ringside at Toledo, through the enterprise of the local office of Hamilton B. Wills. The brokerage office was crowded and interest was very high. The fight was a big disappointment, however, Willard putting up no battle at all to hold his belt. "The battle was perhaps the speediest and most one-sided that ever decided a big pugilistic event," said The Advance at the time. "To all intents and purposes big Jess Willard was whipped by Jack Dempsey in the first round. Indeed, Dempsey thought he had been given the decision and was leaving the ring after the first round, in which he knocked Willard down seven times. He was called back and the fight—if such it could be called—continued for two more rounds, the referee in the 3rd round giving the decision to Dempsey, Willard being completely out of the fight. The attendance at the fight was about half what was expected and speculators lost heavily on the sale of tickets. There was comparatively little betting on the fight."

Heavy rains in July, 1919, checked the serious menace to the North Land from spreading bush fires. There was considerable property damage, but no loss of life from the bush fires that year. Among the people in this district who lost rather heavily through timber and buildings destroyed by fire

were:—Col. Worthington, who lost lumber mill, logs, barns, outbuildings, etc., the damage being easily \$25,000.00; T. Lawlor, whose loss would total over \$3,000.00; and others mentioned in previous issues of The Advance, as noted in recent weeks in this column.

Ten years ago a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the sports day put on by the Timmins Football Club was published and showed that the event cleared practically \$900.00. Of this amount \$300.00 was given the grounds committee, this being the first contribution of any amount made by any club up to that time to the grounds. The Timmins Football Club also paid up back accounts contracted by a previous football club that had been out of existence for some years.

At a special meeting of the town council ten years ago the contract for putting in the new sewerage system and waterworks extensions was awarded to Leo, Mascioli, his tender being the lowest.

The Advance ten years ago gave a lengthy report of the baseball match between the Golden Beaver and Porcupine Masonic lodges. The score was 13 to 12; Golden Beaver being the winner and The Advance suggesting that the winning run was made by Herb Hooker after a fly that he chased to Moneta before he caught it. Dan McInnis and John Fogg pitched for Golden Beaver and C. G. Williams caught them all if they came behind the bat, which all of them did not do. Monaghan and Widdifield were the battery for Porcupine lodge. Other players included:—J. T. Easton, Geo. Lake, R. Vary, E. H. Bridger, H. W. Hooker, Stevens, Gray and Vanderwater, for Porcupine lodge; Ben Martin, R. Eddy, G. S. Lowe, Vic Emery, Geo. Brady, L. Cousins and F. Bailey, for Golden Beaver lodge. C. M. Auer umpired the game, and at one stage of the game came close to be killed by a swift ball thrown in another direction.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. J. Staples went down to North Bay on Thursday last to meet his wife and little daughter just arrived from England to join him here." "Sergt. Robt. Callum, who went overseas with the Pioneers, returned to the camp last week. He is one of the old-timers of the Porcupine, and is busy these days greeting old friends and acquaintances." "Pte. James Saloman, formerly on the staff of the New Empire theatre, but for the past couple of years on military service overseas, returned to the camp on Sunday's National, and was warmly welcomed back to the town by his old friends here." "Born—in Timmins on Sunday, July 4th, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Hutton—a son." "Mr. Geo. S. Drew, formerly of the E. G. Dickson staff, Timmins, but who has been overseas for military

service during the past couple of years, is expected back in the camp this week." "Rev. Capt. Fr. J. R. O'Gorman, of St. Patrick's R.C. church, Cobalt, returned last week after two and a half years' service as chaplain overseas." "The handsome silver cup given by Mr. Hamilton B. Wills for baseball here arrived this week and is being much admired." "Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dorway are visiting at Amprior and other points east." "Rev. J. D. Parks and Mrs. Parks are expected back from their two weeks' vacation on Friday." "Mr. Harold Webb is attending the Grand Lodge meeting of the A. F. & A. M. in Toronto as the representative of Golden Beaver lodge, and Mr. E. J. Mason, of the Dome, for Porcupine lodge." "Chief of Police J. E. Wilson is away on a two weeks' holiday, Officer P. Collins acting as chief." "Mr. Curtis, of Barrie, is visiting his son, Mr. D. B. Curtis, here." "The 6-foot sidewalk to the Mattagami is now connected up." "Mr. Robt. Simpson, brother of Mrs. A. Roberts, and formerly solu-

tion man at the Vipond, has won high honours in the Great War. He was with the United States army, and for bravery and special coolness in the field he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the U.S. Army." "A new general repair and machine shop has been opened in Moneta by LaCasse and Bouchard. They advertise to repair anything from a gramophone to an automobile." "At the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge of the I.O.O.F., held at Toronto, Bro. W. H. Pritchard, of Timmins, was appointed one of the Grand Lodge officers, being made Grand Herald for the ensuing term." "The ladies of the town are busy blessing Jack MacLean, town foreman, for the oil and tar he put on the streets, and that others now put on the floors and carpets of the homes in town. Jack says that the road will soon take a grip of the oil and tar, but some of the ladies say they'll take a grip on him when they get him. So he is working down at the pumping station until after dark these nights."

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