

Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

At the regular meeting of the town council of Timmins ten years ago, there was a motion submitted to impose a tax of \$50.00 per day on all circuses and similar amusements coming to town. Councillor Brazeau did not want circuses coming here on any account. He claimed that the circus took much money out of town and was also injurious in other ways. In reply it was pointed out that if refused entry to the town, the circus would get a lot along-side the town and then draw the crowd from here without any fee at all. Councillor L. S. Newton thought that at this time when efforts were being so earnestly centred on reducing the high cost of living it was an inopportune time for circuses to come to town to take away money. After some further discussion the amendment to the by-law was passed, all voting in favour of the \$50.00 per day fee, except Councillor Newton. The matter of the condition of the municipal building outside was referred to and the suggestion made that it was hard to expect the citizens in general to observe the by-law regarding plastering if the town itself evaded it. Accordingly, it was decided by the council to have the outside of the building plastered in accordance with the building by-law requirements, and the necessary finishing was also ordered done to the basement of the building. An account from the Wabi Iron Works for the contract and extras in connection with the changes made some time ago in the town water tank was left over for checking up. Councillor Newton brought up the matter of the desirability for some sort of suitable office for the town foreman and eventually it was decided to fit up a place in the town storage building. The tax rate for the year was set at 17 mills for general and debenture rates, with 19 mills for public schools, and 20 mills for separate schools. All taxes not paid by October 1st were to have a penalty of five per cent. added.

Ten years ago The Advance quoted from The Toronto Mail and Empire's interview with Hon. Gideon Robertson, Dominion Minister of Labour, in regard to the strike at Cobalt. Hon. Mr. Robertson was quoted as saying that the strike was caused by the refusal of the mines to deal with the men. This attitude, he thought, resulted from a prejudice against the Western Federation of Miners. This prejudice at one time was fully justified, he considered, but the Miners' Union of 1919 should not be classed with its predecessors of ten years previous in his estimation. The men had agreed to Government proposals for a conference and discussion, but the mines declined the suggestion. The men urged the Government to take over the Cobalt mines and conduct them, the profits to be applied to the payment of Canada's war debt. The Government could not see the matter in such a light, and the proposal for Government ownership was not carried out.

At the regular meeting of Tisdale township council, held at South Porcupine ten years ago, Frank C. Evans was appointed clerk-treasurer to succeed J. R. Myers, who had resigned. "The township council believe they have been very fortunate in securing a man of the capabilities of Mr. Evans, and in this there will be very general agreement," said The Advance at the time. Ten years of good service to the township in the meantime has proven that

Mr. Evans has lived up to the good expectations held of him in 1919. The Advance of July 30th, 1919, had the following front page article:—"When asked as to the progress of the three-day campaign to raise \$10,000.00 for a club house for the G.W.V.R., as announced last week, Secretary W. S. Macpherson said this morning that everything was going well and the canvassers were getting good results, though no returns had been made from the first two days of the campaign. As will be noted by the advertisement in this issue, the committee is issuing a booklet to explain the plans and purposes of the campaign, and that the time for the drive has been extended. As the advertisement phrases it:—"The Citizens' Committee appointed to institute collections for the Memorial Fund of the Veterans find a certain haziness in the minds of many as to the details of the plan. Accordingly, the campaign time has been extended, and a booklet prepared giving full details."

On July 24th, 1919, an unusually large crowd turned out to witness a baseball game between the girls teams of Timmins and Schumacher. Rain interfered with the game and a large part of the crowd left, but after the shower in the second innings the girls resumed the battle. Timmins girls won, the score being 25 to 13. Jack Bellevue umpired the game and lived to smile about it. Miss Lillian McCarthy was pitcher and Miss Carmel Costello, catcher, for Timmins. The others on the Timmins line-up were:—Mary Daher, first base; Mary Downey, second base; Nellie Studor, third; Jean Roberts, right field; Barbara McLean, left field; Fern McCarthy, centre field; Bertha Charette, short stop. All played their positions exceptionally well. The Schumacher line-up was as follows:—Henrietta Plaunt, pitcher; Laura Bergeron, catcher; Miss Goodheart, Mrs. Brown, Ruby Hawley, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Parker. One of the features of the game that was especially commented upon was the way the girls stole bases, regardless of risks. The catching of a foul fly in the first innings by Mrs. Brown was another special feature.

Ten years ago the Hollinger won the town league baseball championship. The final game that clinched the honours for the Hollinger was a contest with the Firemen, the Hollinger winning 15 to 11 in a lively and interesting battle. Hollinger players included:—Cowley, McIntyre, King, McCoy, P. McIntyre, Weldon, Cox, Jackson and Graham. In the Firemen's line-up were:—Lafamme, Colombo, Pierce, Farr, Daher, Bellevue, McDonald, Deacon and McInnis. C. M. Auer was the umpire.

Ten years ago Mr. D. Deacon, who had been the popular manager of the Northern Canada Supply Co. store at South Porcupine for some years, completed arrangements for the purchase of the stock and the taking over of the business of the store. Mr. Kenneth Deacon, of the Hollinger office staff, was associated with his father in the new business venture.

Reference was made in The Advance ten years ago to the banquet given at Cochrane to the returned soldiers of that town. "On Peace Day," said The Advance, "Cochrane had a day of sports and in the evening a banquet for the returned soldiers of the town. Mr. S. J. Dempsey, president of the

Cochrane General Patriotic Association acted as chairman for the evening, having associated with him, Mayor Carter and other representative citizens. Over one hundred people sat down to the banquet. An address to the returned men was read by Mayor Carter, and the men back from overseas were given a very hearty "welcome home."

Ten years years ago the aid of Officer R. Allen was enlisted by Mr. L. E. Dorway in the matter of the discovery of the person or persons responsible for taking webs of cloth and part rolls of suitings from Mr. Dorway's tailor shop. Officer Allen worked on the case and eventually an employee of Mr. Dorway's was arrested on the charge of theft of cloth. He was found guilty but allowed to go on suspended sentence, promising restitution, and Mr. Dorway even taking him back to work to allow him a chance to make good. Another man in the pressing and repair business in town was also arrested on the charge of receiving stolen goods. He was wearing a suit made out of the stolen cloth when taken in charge. He claimed that he had no idea the cloth was stolen, but had taken it in part payment for a debt believing it was the debtor's own property. The charge of receiving the stolen goods was eventually dropped, the whole affair being adjusted without too serious consequences for any concerned. The employee doing the stealing said he had fallen for the temptation when too full of liquor and that he would henceforth and forever after "watch his step."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Miss Rose, who has been on the staff of the W. N. and P. H. Stock jewelry store for some time past, left this week for a visit to Toronto, after which she will go to the West to visit her brother." "Lacrosse is proving a popular game in Timmins and district this summer." "Mrs. J. S. Bache, wife of the president of the Dome Mines, recently received at her home in New York, a medal with the following letter in recognition of her work in connection with the victims of the war in Belgium:—"This medal is sent to you by the war victims in Belgium during the occupation. It is given to you as a token of gratitude for the help you have given them during the war. Only a very few of these medals have been made, and thus given only to the greatest, most devoted and most charitable helpers. The mothers who have been helped through the donations secured through you, wish me to especially thank you. Mde. Hemptinne, 66 Rue St. Neave, St. Pierre, Grand, Belgium." "Chief Wilson last week arrested a young man about 19 years of age, giving the name of J. D. Thompson, but carrying a birth certificate, registration card and letters indicating that his name was Wilfrid Desjardins. He is held on charges of forgery, having cashed out on Hill-Clark-Francis, but not drawn by that firm. In his rooms were found evidences of the young fellow's notable skill as an artist. The forgeries were unusually clever in execution." "Timmins Football Club has made arrangements to compete for the well-known Foster Cup at Cobalt." "Born—At Halleybury, on July 14th, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Andrews—a daughter." "Mrs. Cheesman returned last week from a holiday in the south, accompanied by her sister, Miss Brown, of Barrie, who is visiting here now." "Born—in Timmins, on Tuesday, July 22nd, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Patterson—a daughter." "Mr. Joe Gilbert, who has been very ill with double pneumonia, is making satisfactory progress to recovery at the Cottage hospital." "Mr. Morris, townsite manager of the Abitibi Lands and Forests, Limited Iroquois Falls, was a Timmins visitor on Saturday." "As a sample of what may be grown in the Porcupine, Mr. Geo. Brady brought in to The Advance office this week a fine sample of lettuce grown in his garden,—the sample being large, clean, well-filled, tasty and attractive." "Mr. Chas. Neal, of Iroquois Falls, spent the week-end in town." "Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson and family have returned from their holidays in the south." "Among the Latchford locals in The Nugget last week:—"Miss Mary King left on Monday for Timmins where she has accepted a position." "Miss Laura Poltras last week took her younger sister to Halleybury hospital for an operation, the little girl suffering from throat and nose trouble recently." "The world-famous Sousa band will be at Sudbury on August 4th, and at North Bay on August 6th. Sousa's band travels by special train, carrying over 70 people." "Wednesday, Aug. 6th, has been declared as civic holiday for Halleybury." "Messrs Sutcliffe and Neelands, civil engineers and land surveyors, etc., have opened an office in Timmins, in the New Empire theatre block upstairs, and will be permanently located now in town. Mr. Sutcliffe, who has been in town for some time past in connection with municipal work, says that the amount of business here fully justifies the opening in Timmins of a permanent office, and he has the fullest confidence in the growth and extension of the town in the future, and expects Timmins to be one of the most thriving and prosperous towns in Ontario." "Last week, having been refused a license in Cobalt, the Canada Victory Shows arrived in Halleybury and set up their midway, but made no move to operate until they secured their license. The Halleybury council, after investigation, refused a license on account of reports that the shows were not of the best type and that they were followed by groups of immoral people, etc. The Halleyburian thinks the Canadian Victory Shows might have been given a chance as they behaved themselves

while in Halleybury, but the general impression in the North Land is that the reports against them were such as to make this midway undesirable for any town up this way." "Diamond drilling at the Davidson Mine recently suggests that the ore on that property, in common with the general run of mines in the Porcupine, increases in gold values at depth." "The Hill Gold Miners, Painkiller Lake, Munro township, has recently been taken over by new interests and will be known hereafter as the Premier Mines."

Toronto Globe.—Toronto's new winter sport—the mayoralty sweepstakes.

STILL ANOTHER COLLECTION OF OLD AND RARE COINS

Another Timmins man with a collection of old and rare coins is Mr. J. A. Ayotte, who showed some of the curious coins to The Advance last week. The collection includes, Canadian, United States, French, Belgian, German, Russian, British, Hungarian, Dutch, Italian and Luxembourg coins. Readers, who have enquired of The Advance as to whether or not any of their old coins have any particular monetary value, will be interested to know that Mr. Ayotte also has a coin catalogue showing the quoted market values of a number of rare old coins.

One of the rare old coins in Mr. Ayotte's collection is a copper coin of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. While the date of this coin is as late as 1918, it is noteworthy from the fact that Luxembourg coins are not often seen in Canada.

One of the oldest coins in this collection is an old Italian one, bearing the profile of Victor Emanuel II, the grandfather of the present king of Italy. This coin is so old and worn that the date is not decipherable. Victor Emanuel II reigned from 1861 to 1878, so the coin must be well over 50 years old.

There are Canadian coins of 1859 and 1862; United States coins of 1864 and other distant dates. One French coin, bearing the face of Napoleon III is dated 1854. There is a Spanish coin of 1879 with the head of Alphonse XII. The days before confederation in Canada are recalled by coins such as that of Prince Edward Island of 1841 and New Brunswick of 1864. Other interesting coin, 1912; Russian coin, 1893; French silver coin, dated 1913; Dutch silver coin, 1912; Russian coin, 1893; French coins, 50 centimes; German coins of 1900 and 1912 and 1920; English farthing, 1901; Hungarian coins, 50-centimes piece, French Empire, 1865.

SPORTS DAY

All Roads Lead to the
Timmins Athletic Grounds

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th

COMMENCING AT 1:30 P.M. SHARP

BASEBALL - DOUBLE-HEADER 1.30 P.M. and 4 P.M.

Copper Cliff

Nickle Belt League and Ontario Champions

VERSUS

McIntyre

Temiskaming League Champions



3.15 p.m.
Relay Race
1 MILE OPEN
to any Town in Northern Ontario
Cup and Four Gold Medals to Winning Team

BIG DANCE
in McIntyre Recreation Hall
SCHUMACHER
DANCING 9.00 P.M. TO 2.00 P.M.
TOMMY STEPHENS' ORCHESTRA
Admission \$1.00 Ladies Free
Including Tax

Extra Attraction! **FAMOUS LOTTRIDGE** Midway Shows

ADMISSION
GRAND STAND, Reserve (Limited Number only) 95c, tax 5c.....\$1.00
GENERAL ADMISSION, Adults 70c and tax 5c 75c
GENERAL ADMISSION, Children under 15 25c

CUPS AND MEDALS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT MOISLEY & BALL, 36 THIRD AVENUE, TIMMINS

Men Now Mould their own Futures

MEN and women to-day have found they need not be victims of circumstance. They can mould their own futures without fear that even prolonged illness or premature death will ruin their financial plans.

Our forefathers struggled a lifetime that they might "get the home clear" and have a little "nest egg." To-day Life Insurance is used to guarantee success in all such projects. In addition, it removes a load of care and makes life happier.

A man aged 35 can set up immediately a \$17,000 Life Insurance estate by an annual deposit equal to \$1.00 per day. (Other ages and other amounts in proportion). Contrast this with a lifelong struggle, filled with uncertainty.

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