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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Sparks circus paid its first visit to Timmins on August 2nd, 1919. This was the first real circus to show here, and it pleased all, especially the children. The Advance referred to the circus as a clean and clever show, with unusually good features. The Advance made special reference to the good order and quietness of the show people and the special skill shown in the speedy setting up and taking down of the circus. The Advance, however, found some little fault with the methods of charging for sideshows and features of the shows. The main show was one dollar, with fifty cents for an added Wild West feature, and with other sideshows at twenty-five and fifty cents each, running the price of the circus complete up to \$3.25 or more. The Advance concluded its criticism with the words:—"But this is the usual plan in the circus line, and this is supposed to be the land of gold. However, there were none of the short-change artists, roughs or toughs, with this show. It was a clean, bright, well-ordered circus." However, on the next visit to town the Sparks circus went a little easier on the charge business.

At a special meeting of the Porcupine miners' Union ten years ago the sum of \$500.00 was voted to assist the men at Cobalt and Kirkland Lake who were out on strike. The Union officials here positively denied a rumor current here at the time that agitation was being carried on to have the Porcupine miners go out on strike in sympathy with those at Kirkland Lake and Cobalt. Instead, all suggestion and advice from officials here was to the effect that the Porcupine men should stay on the job. A Cobalt

miner was quoted by The Advance as saying:—"The Porcupine mine managers have treated their men like men, and so any difficulties can be adjusted without any talk of strike, for a strike is the last resort only."

According to the act passed by the Ontario Legislature in 1919, the municipal voters' lists were not to be used for the referendum vote on the liquor question. Instead there was a system of enumeration. Fred H. Thompson, Swastika, was chief enumerator for the district, while H. M. Martin was the deputy for Timmins.

In 1919 the following candidates writing at Timmins were successful in passing the high school entrance examinations:—Frederick Auer, Arnold Charo, Philip Daher, Dorothy Dodge, Edna Duesharm, Wilfred Hardy, Dorothy Harrington, George Hawley, Jack Joyner, Florence Kendall, Thomas Lawrence, Fern, McCarthy, Joe Peters.

A picked football team from Cobalt, under the management of Messrs W. Rutherford and J. Wilson, played a picked team from the gold camp here on July 30th, 1919. There was a very large crowd out for the game here. The gold camp won from the silver camp, the score at the final being 3 to 0 in favour of Timmins and district. Slim Hallowell in goal for this camp came in for special notice and applause. The line-up for Timmins and district was:—Slim Hallowell, goal; Corris and Lynn, backs; Sweet, Harrower, Carr, half-backs; Andy Roberts, P. Dougal, W. Twaddle, White and Neal, forwards. The Cobalt team included Messrs M. Shaw, A. Cadman, G. Hendry, Wallace, A. Shaw, H. Short, Bridson, Bassett, Hill, Sellers and G. Cadman. Each man on the silver camp team. The Advance said, played good football, but the gold camp boys had the edge on the play all the way. The play throughout was so gentlemanly and free from roughness that this alone proved that the players all knew the game and could play it. Slim Hallowell had the ill-fortune to be accidentally kicked on the leg, the sound of the impact of the boot on Slim's leg could be plainly heard half way done the line. Slim was kicked just on the spot where he had been wounded in the late unlamented war and the injury accordingly was thus doubly unpleasant and trying. He made a good recovery, however, from the injury though he was out of the game for some time. W. Field refereed the match.

In the town baseball league ten years ago McIntyre won from the Firemen with the score 8 to 7. The game was a very keen one, the McIntyre winning in the last innings. McInnis and Bellevue were the battery for the Firemen, and Sinclair and Drummond for the McIntyre.

On August 1st, 1919, the Hollinger and McIntyre Mines implemented the promises made at the conferences between the mines, the employees and others in regard to the high cost of living, the new stores being opened and running smoothly. In the issue of The Advance of August 6th, 1919, an article on the matter says, in part:—"At the conference the mine had agreed to help the employees in the matter of the high cost of living by establishing stores where the mine workers would be able to purchase goods at materially reduced prices. Last week Mr. Brigham and Mr. Ennis, on behalf of the Hollinger and the McIntyre, were able to establish their stores on the promised date by the purchase outright of the J. R. Gordon business at Timmins and Schumacher. Mr. J. R. Gordon, who has successfully conducted stores at Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine during the past several years, has been engaged for the immediate present as manager of the stores for the mines. Men working at the mines are given cards which entitle the holders to purchase goods at the mine stores at cost, for cash. Boarding houses, hotels, etc., are also being allowed a reduction on all goods if they show they have made a corresponding reduction in rates for board to employees of the mines. The reduction made so far will average 15 per cent. off previous prices. The working out of the plan will be followed with much interest elsewhere as well as here, for both the mines and the men seen determined to give it a fair and full chance to test its possibilities as an assistance to the employees of the mines in the battle against the high cost of living."

Ten years ago reference was made in The Advance to the passing of George Taylor, one of the true pioneer business men of the North Land. The Advance said in part:—"Mr. Geo. Taylor, head of the well-known hardware firm bearing his name, and having branches at New Liskeard, Cobalt, Cochrane, and Timmins, died at his home in New Liskeard on Tuesday of this week, August 5th, aged 70 years. He was a son of the late Sgt.-Major Taylor of the famous 93rd Highlanders, and was born in Stirling Castle, Scotland. The family settled later in London, Ontario, where Mr. Geo. Taylor was educated and eventually rose to the honour of being major of that city. The late Geo. Taylor was one of the pioneers of the West, and later pioneered Ontario's great North. He was a prominent and esteemed figure not only in business but in public life here. A widow, five sons and four daughters survive. The several Taylor hardware stores in the North Land are closed to-

day and to-morrow in respect for the deceased."

Jas. McGuire, the well-known Labour man of the Cobalt camp, addressed a large gathering in the New Empire theatre ten years ago to explain the position of affairs at Cobalt. He said that the miners had used every manly way to avoid a strike. They had sought a conference, asked for arbitration and used all other lawful means to have the difficulties adjusted. They had been rebuffed in every particular by the Cobalt mine managers whose attitude he termed "arrogant and autocratic." If the Cobalt mine managers had used the same good judgment and consideration shown by the Porcupine mine managers Mr. McGuire said there would have been no trouble in the silver camp. He pointed out that the Porcupine man could help the Cobalt miners best by staying on the job, and showing how mines and men can work together for mutual advantage. Mr. N. McKinnon was chairman for the McGuire meeting here.

As an offset to the baseball game referred to elsewhere in this week's article on ten years ago, there was a match between the Firemen and McIntyre, in which the Firemen won out with a 6-4 score. The game was featured by some brilliant playing. H. C. McDonald making a number of almost impossible catches and Morris Daher also distinguishing himself.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Frederick Stinson, of Cobalt, has been suspended by a minority meeting of the town council at Cobalt, the reason given for the suspension being a row at the home of Alderman Whelan, chairman of the fire and light committee, when a free-for-all is alleged to have occurred with Fire Chief Stinson in the mix-up." "Mr. Frank Desormeaux, who has been on the regular fire hall staff for some months past, left this week for Sudbury to reside in future. His place at the fire hall is being taken by Mr. N. E. Wadsworth, who has been one of the most capable and attentive members of the Volunteer Brigade for some time past." "Milton Parcher, a 17-year-old Cobalt lad, was instantly killed on Saturday afternoon by being struck by lightning while in an open field near New Liskeard. He was with some other lads who were returning from a swim in the White River. When the flash of lightning came the other lads were shocked and dazed, while Milton Parcher was apparently struck in the neck by the bolt of lightning. His death was evidently instantaneous." "Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Prout are on a visit to the south." "Rev. Mr. Moore, of Earle, is visiting his son, Dr. H. H. Moore." "Mr. Pernie Faulkenham, who has been on the underground staff of the Hollinger, leaves for his farm near Matheson to-morrow." "Mrs. M. B. Scott and children left this week for a holiday at Gravenhurst." "There was some fighting on the corner of Broadway and Cedar Sunday night. The police were sent for and Chief Wilson arrived on the scene, swinging his baton, but the fighters had disappeared." "Mr. Cecil Culbert returned to the camp last week." "J. Wayland returned last week from a visit to the south." "Wilfred Brown is back in the camp after a couple of months in Kirkland Lake, previous to which he was on active service overseas." "Messrs Geo. A. Smith and T. F. King are in Ottawa as delegates from this part of the North Land to the Liberal convention in the capital." "Rain was responsible for the postponement of several sporting events during the past week." "Good progress is being made in the erection of the new Hollinger houses near the athletic grounds and on Spruce street. Work is also under way on the new Hollinger hospital on Fifth avenue." "At New Liskeard on Friday the sawmill formerly known as the McCamus and McKelvie mill, and recently taken over by Hill, Clark and Francis, was destroyed by fire, but by good work the firemen saved the adjoining building, a large one used as a sash and door factory." "As will be noted by the announcement elsewhere in this issue, John Watt, recently returned from overseas, is opening a bakeshop here and expects to be ready for business on August 11th. Mr. Watt successfully conducted a bakery here before the war, and the quality and service then given by him means now a very warm welcome back to the business life of the camp." "Friend Pete Taylor has his wrist bound up with many binds as a result of a kick from Henry Ford No. 110, the little grey flying machine rigged up for roadwork by Ernie Schelleter. Pete went to crank the machine, and the crank turned. No crank would put up with Pete. No. 110 was named after Lew Shaw's T. & N. O. engine which is so-called because it goes 110 miles per hour when the weather is fine and there are no cows on the track." "Miss Salley, of Ottawa, is visiting her brothers, Messrs Mervin and Wilfred Salley, Timmins." "Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Faithful returned last week from their holiday in the south." "Mr. Jas. Ralph, formerly of the J. R. Gordon staff here, returned on Thursday to the camp, after three years' service overseas." "Miss Florence McCord and Mr. Milton Austin, of Halleybury, were married last week by Rev. R. A. Spencer. The groom's many friends in Timmins will extend congratulations and good wishes." "One of the most delightful of recent social events was the at home given in the Masonic hall on Wednesday evening last by Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. Skavlem, and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Williams. Dancing, bridge and other social pleasures made the evening a very enjoyable one, while the music and the luncheon served

were of the very best." "Mr. W. Wing of the Club Cafe, recently purchased the Camberoff building on Third avenue, and the big store is now being well conducted as an ice-cream and refreshment parlour. Mr. Wing also recently bought 59 Maple street, Moneta, with the intention of conducting a laundry business on the property, but the necessary license for the latter business has not yet been secured from the township authorities." "Owing to the unprecedented popularity of the motion picture, "Mickey," it was held in Toronto for its tenth week at one of the big theatres there, and so the film did not arrive here as expected for last Friday and Saturday. Now, this wonderful and appealing picture will be shown in Timmins at the New Empire theatre on Friday and Saturday of this week, Aug. 8th and 9th."

Fined for Having Moose Meat in Illegal Ways

The New Liskeard Speaker last week says:—"As a general rule Game Wardens are not harsh on settlers who may occasionally kill moose or deer out of season for home consumption when their circumstances are such that meat of this kind is necessary. However when wholesale killings are reported as in this instance, when some four moose were said to have been killed during the past six weeks in the vicinity referred to, it is time to call a halt in the destruction of game. On information as above referred to Deputy Game Warden W. G. Armstrong visited Ingram Township on July 19th and searched five homes. In three of these houses moose meat was found and on the following day the Game Warden summoned six men on charge of infractions of the game laws, as follows: Wm. Antler, F. Antler, J. J. Elliott, J. Mitchell, F. Baker and James Wright. The charges were heard by Police Magistrate Atkinson at Englehart on Tuesday and resulted as follows: F. Antler was convicted, but owing to his age—72—and other circumstances, he was placed on suspended sentence, without costs. Wm. Antler, J. J. Elliott, F. Baker and Jas. Wright were convicted and fined \$20.00 and costs. The case against J. Mitchell was dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence."

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- (a) The Collegiate Department
- (b) The Commercial Department
- (c) The Technical Department
- (d) The Home Economics Dept.

Requirements for Admission

The courses in all departments are open to boys and girls who have passed the High School Entrance examination.

Registration

Those who wish to enter any of the departments are requested to register at the Principal's office on August 29th, 30th, September 2nd, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. Registrations may be made by telephone, Phone No. 279-w-3.

Prospectus of Courses

The Collegiate Department

offers four and five year courses. The Four-Year course leads to Normal Entrance and Pass Matriculation. The Five-Year course leads to First-Class Normal Entrance and Honour Matriculation or Pass First Year at the Universities. This department comprehends a Lower School course of two years, followed by Middle School course of two years, and an Upper School course of one year.

The Commercial Department

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The Technical Department

This department is planned to meet the needs of boys and girls looking forward to employment in commercial occupations. It combines with Academic education training in business theory and practice, so that students will be able to adapt themselves to the needs of any business with which they may become connected. The course covers a period of three years.

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J. W. TRELEAVEN,
Principal