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Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

One of the pleasing features of the annual meeting of the Admiral Beresford (Porcupine) branch of the Navy League of Canada held at Timmins on Sept. 30th, 1919, was the presentation to the branch by Mr. and Mrs. Digby Grimston of a beautiful autographed picture of Admiral Lord Beresford. Some months previously, Mr. Digby Grimston, who was personally acquainted with Admiral Beresford in the Old Country, wrote to Lord Charles, telling him of the organization at this far northern post of Empire of a branch of the Navy League and suggesting that a photograph of the famous seaman after whom the branch had been named would be very acceptable. Very promptly in return there came from Lord Beresford a kindly letter and a large autographed picture of himself. In his annual address to the branch he Dr. J. A. McInnis, the president, made appropriate reference to the kindly gift of Mr. and Mrs. Digby Grimston, and on motion Mrs. McInnis, seconded by Rev. Capt. Boal, a hearty vote of thanks was passed unanimously to Mr. and Mrs. Grimston for their unique and pleasing gift. It was at the suggestion of Mrs. Grimston that the branch here was named the Beresford branch in the first place. The officers for the Beresford branch of the Navy League for 1919-20 were elected as follows:—President, Dr. McInnis; vice-president, C. B. Morgan, South Porcupine; secretary, G. S. Drew; treasurer, J. B. Tallon; executive, J. B. Hutchison, Chas. Pierce, A. Borland, G. A. Macdonald, the clergymen of the district, Geo. C. Murphy, Mrs. J. A. McInnis, Mrs. W. F. Richardson, Mrs. T. J. Lawlor, Mrs. F. Grimston, Mrs. Brigham, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Muskett, Mrs. Cockburn, Mrs. Allaire, Mrs. H. Charlebois, and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. Mary Smith, of South Porcupine, Mrs. Newman. Capt. Boal gave an interesting address on the work of the Navy League and congratulated the branch here on its successful work. The treasurer's report for the year showed the branch in an excellent financial condition.

"The euchar party, under the auspices of St. Anthony's Girls' Altar Society," said the Advance ten years ago, "was held in the parish hall on Monday evening, Sept. 29th, 1919, and proved a very pleasing and noteworthy success. There were about two hundred present and everyone had a most enjoyable evening. There were 164 at the euchar tables and the play for the elegant prizes offered was interesting and keen. In addition there was a high-class musical programme. Solos were given by Mrs. Everard and Mrs. J. A. Theriault, and these were thoroughly appreciated by all present. Mrs. Theriault sang both French and English songs and as usual delighted her audience. Piano solos were given by Miss Campeau and Mr. J. A. Devaney, and a piano duet by Miss Campeau and Miss Ratchford. These numbers were very much enjoyed."

Ten years ago there was a provincial election contest on. In this riding of Cochrane there were three candidates: R. S. Potter, Conservative; Mac Lang, Liberal; John Vanier, Iroquois Falls, Labour. In Temiskaming, there were also three candidates in the field:—T. Maglady, Conservative; Ralph Taylor, Liberal; Alex. Montgomery, Labour.

At the regular meeting of the Tisdale township council ten years ago Thos. Cooleman was appointed as night constable for South Porcupine. On motion of Councillor Walton, Councillor D. Mackie was appointed as commissioner to act with Councillor John

Fogg of the Timmins council to investigate and report on the matter of a joint incinerator for the two municipalities. The township council had seventy-seven applications for the position of night constable at South Porcupine.

On Sept. 30th, 1919, between seven and eight o'clock, fire destroyed the home of Mr. James Hawley, behind the school house at Schumacher. The blaze was noted from Timmins where many thought a very big fire must be in evidence at Schumacher as the blaze was a notable one. Mr. Hawley's home however, was not a large house, but being in the middle of an open space the flames showed to a greater distance than would have been the case with a larger fire in progress among larger buildings. The loss to Mr. Hawley, however, was a serious one, there being no insurance, and the house and contents being a total loss. A spark from the chimney was thought to have started the blaze. Before the fire was discovered it had attained too much headway to be curbed, though the Schumacher brigade did good work in fighting it.

Last week The Advance noted that the Community Chautauquas had been engaged to appear at the Goldfields theatre next season. This was not exactly correct, the place for next season's Chautauquas being in reality the New Empire theatre. By odd coincidence just ten years ago the Chautauquas appeared at the New Empire theatre. It was the Dominion Chautauquas and while the event was good it was not considered as fine as that other Canadian Chautauquas, the Community Chautauquas, appearing here a couple of weeks ago.

Ten years ago two Timmins stores were burglarized. Nothing of any value was taken in either case. There was a similar epidemic of burglaries going on at the same time in Halleybury. One of the places burglarized here was the tailor shop of J. A. Theriault and the other the candy and fruit store of N. Ferris. So far as could be figured out by the owners the burglars did not take anything of value. The Advance gave some space in the same issue to references to the peculiar burglaries at Halleybury where many stores, residences and other places were entered by night but little of value taken. There did not seem to be any sense or reason in these burglaries.

which all seemed to be the work of one man on account of the similarity of procedure. The Advance suggested that perhaps this burglar was looking for a drink and intended to keep on breaking into places until he got one. The burglaries in Timmins were something like those in Halleybury but The Advance suggested that a different man and a different motive was concerned here, though what the motive might be was difficult to fathom. The police some years later were able to solve these burglaries, and the odd fact in regard to the two burglaries in Timmins was that they were actually carried out "just for practice" by some young men who planned to enter upon a life of crime, induced to this misguided action by evil literature they were devouring at the time.

Ten years ago a picked team of Scotsmen from the various football teams of the district played a picked team of Englishmen, the match being played on the Timmins athletic grounds. Despite unfavourable weather there was a large attendance and the game was one of the most interesting of the season. A Welshman had been engaged to act as referee but failed to show up. The Advance in referring to this said:—"So, Mr. W. A. Field, an Englishman, was chosen to referee. He was competent and fair as usual, though humorously he was accused of winning the game for his countrymen by the score of 2 to 1, for the Scotch could not see how they otherwise could have lost. The teams were as follows: English—Fearn, goal; Frangley, Northey, Lynn, McCluskey, Neal, Corrie, Hall, Garoux, Miner, Sweet, Scotts—Kincaid, goal; W. Black, McGregor, Ewart, A. Black, Hetherington, Harrow, Nicolson, Roberts, Twaddle, Carr. The band concert given on the grounds by the Timmins Citizens' Band was one of the features of the day, and the new band received many compliments for their good work."

Ten years ago The Advance said:—"The Hollinger Stores are now selling all goods at a flat reduction of 15 per cent. from the prices formerly charged by the McLaughlin and Gordon stores. In announcing this policy the Hollinger Stores said: The reason for the purchase of the McLaughlin and J. R. Gordon stores by the Hollinger Mine was to reduce the cost of living for its employees. Selling provisions at cost does not give the desired reduction. It is the intention to sell goods at a flat reduction of 15 per cent. from the prices formerly charged by the Gordon and McLaughlin stores. In many cases this is less than cost. We do not wish to take a profit from our employees. Coupons will replace the cards which have been issued to employees. Turn in your cards. Coupons will be sold by the paymaster at the mine at a reduction of 15 per cent."

Reference was made at length in The Advance ten years ago to the formation of a Northern Ontario hockey league planned to be organized. The league, afterwards known as the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (N.O.H.A.), was suggested as to be composed of three groups which The Advance outlined as follows:—1, Sudbury and North Bay; 2, Cobalt, Halleybury and New Lisheard; 3, Timmins, Hollinger, Cochrane and Iroquois Falls. A meeting was called for Oct 9th at Cobalt to proceed with the organization. The Advance said that hockey fans in Timmins were enthusiastic about the proposal and there was also great interest all through the North.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Mayor McKinnon, of Cobalt, is making special efforts these days to have arrangements made for the Prince of Wales to spend at least a half-day in Cobalt. At present it is understood that His Royal Highness will visit Cobalt and Timmins on the same day and it was not expected that this plan would allow for more than an hour's stay in Cobalt. Mayor McKinnon believes that this is not enough time to see all beauties and oddities of Cobalt; and so is seeking to have the royal party stay a longer time at the Silver Town. Mayor McInnis is also in communication with Admiral Halsey regarding the Prince's visit to Timmins, and is doing all possible to assure that the prince will have proper opportunity to see the wonders of this great gold camp."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mrs. Digby Grimston returned this week from a few months' holiday spent in the West." "Mrs. E. J. McDonald and family have returned from Nova Scotia where they have been visiting relatives and friends for the past three months. Mr. Mc-

Donald returned some weeks ago from a visit to Nova Scotia." "Mr. Harold Martin, express messenger on the Porcupine branch, returned on Tuesday from a visit to the south, accompanied by Mrs. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will take up residence in the south." "Mr. Frank C. Evans, recently appointed clerk-treasurer of the township of Tisdale, moved this week to South Porcupine, where he has purchased the residence on the Connaught Hill formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. Scell." "Lieut. Jules Timmins, one of the directors of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited, returned to camp on Monday after an absence of a couple of years, during which time he has been on military service in Canada, England and France." "Mr. W. E. McCoy, for a number of years connected with the Hollinger office staff, left last week for the south. Mr. McCoy took a prominent place here in social, sport and other circles and will be much missed by 'many friends in the camp.'" "Mr. H. E. Montgomery, clerk-treasurer, returned this week from his vacation spent in the south." "Mr. R. S. Potter, Conservative candidate in the coming provincial election, spent the week-end in town." "Mr. M. C. Hammond, for years the financial editor of The Toronto Globe, and thus in charge of the mining news department of the paper, was a visitor last week to the Porcupine. He visited the leading mines of the Porcupine and no doubt the readers of The Globe and the prospects of the Porcupine will both be advantaged by his visit." "Mr. Vincent Woodbury returned on Friday evening from a successful business trip to New York and Buffalo." "Mr. Alex. Borland, Jr., left on Friday last for a holiday visit to Cobalt, Toronto, London, Woodstock and other points south. Fire Chief Borland, Mrs. Borland and Miss Malnie expect to leave this week for the south on a holiday." "Last week Provincial Officer W. Moore seized two trunks coming into the camp. One of these trunks contained liquor and the other contained a beautiful specimen of a private still. Officer Moore is now seeking the owners or shippers of the trunks and would particularly like to meet the man or woman who intended to use that complete and clever little still." "An unusual shipment of potatoes was made last week from Sandy Falls by Mr. J. H. Black, of Toronto. The potatoes were all grown at Sandy Falls and were all remarkable for their large size, with the added quality that they were all as good as they were big and as fine as they looked. These potatoes, averaging about six inches in length, and well-shaped and proportioned, illustrate the high class of vegetables that can be grown up in this country." "According to the despatches from Ottawa, the by-election in this riding to fill the seat made vacant by the death of Hon. Frank Cochrane, will likely be held towards the end of November. The Government, it is said, do not intend to allow the seat to be vacant for any length of time, but there is not time now to prepare the lists, etc., in order to hold the Temiskaming election on Oct. 27th, the day on which votes will be taken in the seven other vacant constituencies for which writs were issued recently." "His many friends are pleased to see Mr. P. M. Bardessono out and around again after his recent illness." "Mr. M. Greer, formerly constable at Schumacher and in Timmins, but recently living in the East, is expected here next week on a visit to the camp."

Jury Finds Ten-Year-Old Lad Shot His Young Chum

A coroner's jury at Sioux Lookout last week brought in a verdict to the effect that Homer Kenna, 9-years-old boy, who was found shot to death on the roadside near Sioux Lookout on the previous Saturday, came to his death as a result of a wound from a rifle in the hands of his ten-year-old chum. The latter told a story that did not quite agree with itself in all particulars. One witness told of the lad's father taking him to the hiding place of a mud-stained rifle which is thought to be the weapon with which the dead lad was wounded. It is believed that the youngster, after shooting his chum, became afraid, hid the rifle and kept the whole matter a secret until questioned by a police officer investigating the finding of the dead boy. The lad who did the shooting is being held by the police and will likely be given a hearing in the matter at the juvenile court at Kenora.

TELLURIDE GOLD MINES HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING

Funds Needed to Complete Work Under Way and to Place the Property on Production Basis.

On Friday last there was a special meeting at Toronto of the shareholders of the Telluride Gold Mines whose property, consisting of some 430 acres, is located in Skead township, near Beaton Creek. Dr. J. W. Brien, M.P. for South Essex, acted as chairman. The meeting was called for the purposes of putting before the shareholders the conditions of the company both financially and physically.

D. M. Gilpin, president informed the meeting that immediate steps must be taken to clear off certain liabilities incurred in connection with mill and transmission line construction. He explained that funds to the amount of \$30,000 were urgently needed and would be required to bring the mine to a production stage, after which the mine would pay its own way. The plant, buildings and equipment on the property were shown in motion pictures and explained by the president.

H. Hollands-Hurst, E.M., resident engineer, under whose supervision the property has been developed to its present stage, dealt at length with the physical position of the mine. He stated that the shaft had been sunk 230 feet and approximately 2,000 feet of lateral work has been done on the 150 and 250-foot levels. The raising from the 250-foot level will be commenced and is expected to reach the surface within 60 days. He stated that sufficient ore could readily be assumed to be in sight above the 250-foot level to operate the mill at capacity for two years; this ore, however, did not include possible ore from veins that had been encountered west of the shaft. The length of the ore has not been fully determined in work east of the shaft at either the 150 or 250-ft. levels as this work has been discontinued so that the capacity of the steam plant could be used in speeding up work on the shaft. The installation of the power line and the turning on of power will mean that work can be speeded up and five drills be put to work where but one is used under present conditions. The mill is completed and practically ready to operate, the power line needs but little work to permit the power company to run in the wires.

In closing the meeting, the chairman stated, that considerable money had been promised by those in attendance and if the absentee shareholders would do as well the company was assured of ample funds to take care of present and future needs.

The auditors' statement showed that approximately \$200,000 has been expended on plant and development work to date, and the raising of the money had cost the company's treasury but 10 per cent. of this amount as commission on the sale of shares.

SIX BUILDINGS DESTROYED AT POWASSAN LAST WEEK

Only after a four-hour desperate fight by a volunteer force, augmented by North Bay, was Powassan saved from threatened destruction by fire on Wednesday of last week. In all six buildings were destroyed, the loss running around \$10,000.00. The cause of the fire has not been determined, but the blaze was first noticed in Jessup's garage. The flames spread to T. S. Trenouth's general store and then to the Temperance Hotel. Excellent work was done by the volunteer firemen, the rangers who gave particularly effective help, and later by Fire Chief Brady and a squad of firemen from North Bay. Before the blaze could be conquered, however, the residence of D. Fawcett, the tailor shop of F. Perkus and Co. were destroyed by the fire. All of the buildings were on the main street of the town, and there was a time when it appeared as if the whole village might be wiped out, but the good work of the fire-fighters averted this. It was the Powassan Fall Fair day and there was a crowd of visitors in town that meant almost the doubling of the normal population of the town for the day.

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