

# Ten Years Ago

## in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago Iroquois Falls elected its municipal officers by acclamation. The mayor for 1920, S. G. McCoubrey, had been re-elected each year since the organization of the town. The councillors were—Thos. Mills, W. H. Potter, W. J. Tierney, Geo. Wilson, H. J. Chapman and James Charron. Messrs Chapman and Charron were the new members of council, the others having served in 1919.

In Tisdale township ten years ago there was a lively municipal election battle. There were six nominated for reeve of Tisdale, these being:—F. E. Cook, C. V. Gallagher, J. B. Hutchison, J. E. Boyle, C. B. Morgan, and B. M. Walton. Only the first three decided to stand. There were fifteen nominated for councillors, the first ten of the following list deciding to stand:—F. Horne, Jas. Alexander, D. R. Lloyd, Chas. Goodheart, Jas. Monaghan, J. S. Muskett, E. Kimberley, Fred La Forest, R. Caverley, Jules St. Paul, S. Kennedy, B. M. Walton, C. B. Morgan, T. A. Strain, John Murtogh. Only two of the 1919 council stood for election for 1920, J. B. Hutchison contesting the reeve-ship and J. S. Muskett standing for the council.

The Advance ten years ago gave considerable space to publicity for the evening vocational classes to be opened Jan. 5th, in the public school for the betterment of the education and improvement of the chances of any in town who cared to take advantage of

these helpful classes. At the police court here ten years ago there were several cases of men charged with the illicit making of booze. It developed at the trials that the home-brew liquor was none too good and so the offence of selling such stuff appeared to be a double one. Magistrate Atkinson pointed out that there were altogether too many breaches of the Ontario Temperance Act and that hereafter he intended to impose jail terms on those who sold illicit liquor.

Ten years ago a young man, Cleme Therrien, met death at the Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co. camp about twelve miles up the river. He was with a gang of men engaged in felling trees. One tree was cut through and fell resting on another tree. When this second tree was cut, the two trees fell on a third and before the third tree was completely cut, it too fell, the three trees each going separate ways. Therrien was struck by one of the falling trees, death resulting from the injuries received. Therrien was only about 19 or 20 years of age. His home was in Quebec. A coroner's jury considered the evidence in the case, and a verdict of accidental death was returned. It was stated at the time that while due care had been exercised by all concerned, including the young man himself, the peculiar way in which the three trees fell caused the tragedy.

At the municipal nominations in Timmins in 1919 there was a very quiet time. For mayor for 1920 only one name, that of Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor for 1919, was submitted, and accordingly Dr. McInnis was duly declared re-elected as mayor by acclamation. There were ten nominated for seats on the council. These were:—E. L. Longmore, L. S. Newton, J. W. Fogg, D. LaPrairie, W. De Feu and J. M. Studor, and A. Brazeau, J. K. Moore, J. E. Sullivan and R. Vollet. Only the first six qualified and were accordingly elected by acclamation. R. D. Robertson, Dayton Ostrosser and W. G. Smith were elected as school trustees by acclamation. The other members on the public school board were:—E. S. Noble, M. B. Scott, and B. E. Martin. The Advance ten years ago said:—"Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Evans, of South Porcupine, were called to Cobalt last week owing to the sad death of Miss Mary Evelyn Donaldson, sister of Mrs. Evans. Miss Donaldson was well known in Timmins having visited here

on several occasions and also being for some months on the Timmins freight office staff. The news of the death was received here with sincere regret and sorrow, and much sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and near friends in their loss. Miss Molly Donaldson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Donaldson, of Glen Almon, Que., and at the time of death she was in her twenty-fifth year. Her death is the first break in the family circle, there being eleven other children in the family. Miss Donaldson had been in poor health for some time. A few months ago she went to Rochester, Minnesota, for medical treatment, and later consulted specialists in Philadelphia. A few days before her death she underwent an operation at Philadelphia, but despite the skill and attention given her she passed away on Christmas Day. The remains were brought to Cobalt on Monday of this week and the funeral took place from the residence of her brother, W. J. Donaldson, on Tuesday afternoon. Service was held in the Presbyterian church and interment was made at Haileybury. The large attendance at the funeral and the number of beautiful floral tributes were evidences of the popularity and esteem in which the late Miss Donaldson was held and the sincere sympathy felt for those bereaved by her death."

Another sad death that had to be chronicled in the same issue of The Advance ten years ago was that of the bright little five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robitaille, Fourth avenue. This youngster, Valida, was ill only a week. At first it was thought the child was suffering only from the then-prevalent mumps, but later the doctor found that the child was a victim of influenza. The body was taken to Cobalt for interment.

One of the largest crowds ever at a dance in the Porcupine camp turned out for the G. W. V. A. dance in the theatre basement on Christmas night, 1919. The attendance was estimated at about 400. All present had a delightful time, despite the fact that everything was naturally very crowded. The dance was one of a series planned by the G. W. V. A. to be held every two weeks during the winter. The Empire theatre orchestra supplied the music for the occasion. The dance programmes, bearing the crest of King Christmas, were in the form of a pass, granting all attending "leave" from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. for a good time. The dances were all given military terms, the effects thus being most amusing as the terms had been very cleverly selected.

In the last days of December 1919, mining recorders throughout the province received instructions from Hon. H. Mills, the Minister of Mines, to extend the time for relief from forfeiture or loss of rights in the case of returned soldiers holding mining claims. The extension was for another year. A similar relief had been given from year to year from 1917. The Advance in noting the extension said:—"The Minister of Mines would be taking a further commendable step if he considered ways and means for more assistance to the returned men. The country will be fully with him in any and every move to make the path of the returned soldier easier. The soldier who was a miner or a prospector practically lost the time spent on service for King and Country so far as that time concerned his mining claims and interests, and any assistance that may be given to offset this special loss will be appreciated by the general public, as well as by the soldiers who may receive the advantage."

Golden Beaver and Porcupine Masonic lodges had a joint installation of officers at the Masonic hall, Timmins, on Dec. 27th, 1919. Wor. Bro. C. G. Williams, D.D.G.M., was the Installing Master and he was assisted by Past Masters Geo. R. Vary, R. Simms, Grill and Bannerman. The following were the officers installed for Porcupine Lodge:—W. M. Widdifield, W.M.; Wor. Bro. John Mason, I.P.M.; W. F. Richardson, S.W.; Geo. Lake, J.W.; John Fell, Chaplain; Geo. N. Decker, Treas.; H. W. Hooker, Secy.; Geo. Gray, D. of C.; Philip Cameron, S.D.; H. Blood, J.D.; Joseph Young, S.S.; John Cosbain, J. S.; James Boyle, I. G.; Geo. Hamilton, Tyler. The officers installed for Golden Beaver Lodge, Timmins, were:—E. L. Longmore, W.M.; Wor. Bro. H. Webb, I. P. M.; W. W. White, S.W.; B. E. Martin, J.W.; J. E. Gurnell, Chaplain; G. S. Lowe, Treas.; G. L. Brady, Secy.; T. Blackman, S.D.; G. F. Bailey, J.D.; J. Ralph, D. of C.; W. G. McHugh, I.G.; J. L. Killingbeck, Tyler; L. Halperin, J.S.; J. Thomas, S.S.; H. M. Martin, Organist.

As may be surmised from references in these columns recently there was an agitation under way ten years ago for the inducing of the province to sell the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to the Dominion of Canada to become part of the National Railways system. The Advance fought the idea with all the power it possessed. The Advance pointed out that while, as some people suggested, the sale might complete the National Railways system, it would just about "finish" the North as well. The T. & N. O. was built as a colonizing road with the one big purpose of developing the North. That purpose might have been lost sight of perhaps, but if the railway were sold it would be lost forever. The Advance referred to the advantage to the rest of Ontario through the development of the North, trade and commerce being originated and new wealth created to the special advantage of the South. "Taken all together," said The Advance, "the people of the North will do well to make it known that their idea is to improve the T. & N. O., but never to let it go."

Ten years ago the Cobalt Citizens' Liberty League wired Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General in the Farmer Government, saying they would be deligh-

ed to have him as a candidate in either Temiskaming or Cochrane riding, if he could get either of the members to resign and so open the seat. At the time The Advance said that the wire was a warm one and assured Hon. Mr. Raney that in any such event he would certainly not have the disgrace of getting the seat by acclamation. In reply Hon. Mr. Raney said he was not afraid of anybody or anything, anyhow, or words to that effect. The Advance at the time regretted that an electoral fight could not be staged in one of these ridings between Hon. Mr. Raney and some other man who would be sure to win no matter who he was. It would have been a battle that would have gone down in history for its interest though the result would have been a foregone conclusion from the start.

Tisdale council ten years ago was continuing its fight to stop thieving from express parcels along the T. & N. O. There was a considerable amount of this thieving and it was a source of serious annoyance and loss. The thefts were chiefly of liquor, scarcely a parcel coming through to these parts without one bottle or more being missing from each package. The guilty parties were known to the Tisdale council but on account of their position it was difficult to get a case against them, let alone a conviction. The Tisdale council, however, kept up the agitation against the practice until eventually it was stopped.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"W. M. Widdifield was in Cochrane this week on business." "J. Perrault left this week to join Mrs. Perrault who has been spending the holiday season at New Liskeard, Haileybury and other points south." "J. Collins, of the Hollinger staff, returned on Sunday's National from a three weeks' visit to his home in Woodstock and other points south." "Effective January 1st, 1920, the Hollinger Stores dry goods and furnishings departments will close Saturday evening at 6 o'clock." "There will be a meeting of the Mountjoy Settlers' Association at John Power's hotel on Sunday, Jan. 4th, at 3 p.m." "On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, 1919, the little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hadley, of Schumacher, passed away, death being due to bronchial pneumonia. The child was ill only about five days. The sympathy of all will go out to the bereaved parents in their sad loss." "Mr. Ivan Stadelman came up on Sunday from Cobalt to join his family here, the latter having moved here recently. Mr. Stadelman has been in Cobalt for the past few weeks looking after his brother's store, his brother, L. Stadelman, being in Ottawa where he underwent an operation. The many friends of L. Stadelman will be pleased to know that the operation was entirely successful and he is now well on the way to completely recovered health, returning to Cobalt on Christmas Eve. Their many friends here will also welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stadelman to the camp." "Miss K. Boyle is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Boyle, Cobalt." "Hugh Stevens spent the Christmas holidays at his home in Toronto, returning to the camp on Sunday's National." "Visitors from Timmins to Toronto during the holidays called at the Toronto General hospital and had the old-timer, J. D. MacLean cheer them up some. Jack is making good progress to recovery from the operation of some weeks ago and hopes to return to the North Land early in the New Year." "Christmas Day was a happy one for the children of the C.A.S. Shelter in Haileybury. There was 19 youngsters in the Shelter at the time and through the thoughtful kindness of D. L. Jemmett a fine Christmas dinner was provided for the children. The Haileybury G.W.V.A. gave a \$25.00 donation, and this enabled the Shelter to provide its children with a regular 'scrumptious' Christmas tree with presents for each and every child." "Walter Ecclestone is spending the holidays at his home in Bracebridge and at other points south." "Neh Faulkenham, fur buyer, of Matheson, and an old-time prospector of the North Land, was a visitor to the camp this week."

MADAME X TO BE HERE THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT WEEK

So successful was Raymond Hackett's dialogue picture debut in "The Trial of Mary Dugan," the all-talking version of Bayard Veller's popular melodrama, that this young actor was assigned a featured part in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Madame X," their new all-talking production which will open at the Goldfields theatre on Monday, Jan. 6th.

After playing in the Broadway stage production of "The Trial of Mary Dugan," Hackett was signed by M-G-M for the screen adaptation of this play. The picture was directed by Bayard Veller, with Norma Shearer in the leading role. Immediately after, "Madame X" went into production and Hackett was assigned to a leading role in it. In both pictures Hackett takes the part of a young attorney. In "Mary Dugan" he was the brother of the woman he defended, in "Madame X" he is the son.

"Madame X," the title role is portrayed by Ruth Chatterton. Other prominent stage and screen celebrities in the cast are Lewis Stone, Ulric Haupt, Eugene Bessner, Sidney Toler, Mitchell Lewis, Holmes Herbert, Carroll Nye, Claud King and Chappell Dossett.

The District Children's Aid Society received two acceptable and appreciated donations during the Christmas week. One was a cheque for \$25.00 from the Porcupine Lodge, No. 505, A. F. & A. M., and the other a cheque for \$100.00 from Golden Beaver Lodge No. 528, A. F. & A. M.

## ADVOCATES DIRECT ROAD SHILLINGTON TO HOYLE

Direct Route Would be Only Seventeen and a Half Miles. Other Proposed Routes Twenty-one Miles or Over.

Some days ago The Advance received another letter from J. H. Doey, of Shillington, in reference to the proposed direct road from Shillington to Hoyle. With the letter he sends a diagram showing the direct route and the alternate routes. This diagram can not be reproduced in these columns but it may suffice to say that on the sketch Mr. Doey has noted the following data: From Shillington to Hoyle, direct, 17 1/2 miles; from Shillington to Hoyle, via Drinkwater, 21 miles; via German and Matheson town line and Connaught, 23 miles; via trail to Connaught, 26 1/2 miles. In his letter Mr. Doey says:—"Shillington, Dec. 18th, 1929 To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear Sir:—Remembering the kindness with which my former letter met at your hands in your publishing it re the Matheson and Shillington to Hoyle highway, in the interest of the travelling public I am going to venture another trespass on your patience regarding the same matter. While we appreciate the fact that much was done towards completing same as far as this town line between German and Matheson townships, there is still much to be done before it is a finished job even that far. But, sir, taking into consideration rumours of different alternative routes, this is rather a suspicious point at which to halt, as it is at this point that any other course than straight ahead would have to be made. The enclosed outline of other possibilities will help you to see the utter unsatisfactoriness of any of these diversions if the best interests of the whole people are to be considered. First, while from this point, Hoyle would be reached in 5 1/2 miles at the outside going straight ahead, the dotted line running north, zig-zagging half mile back east to reach Connaught, counting the zig and the zags, at least six miles, then to cross the Frederickhouse river by an already crowded bridge, then zig-zagging another 10 1/2 miles to reach Hoyle. Next, you will notice another dotted line leaving the first at a point one and one-half miles north, leading one mile west and again one mile north, to connect up with the Porquius Junction to Timmins road at a point two miles east of Drinkwater Pit. Now, sir, if this route were followed it would necessitate the building of a bridge just the same as it will going straight on west, as either route has to cross the Frederickhouse river. Thus it could not be completed at any considerable saving in cost going that way and would only serve to crowd roads close together in that vicinity, leaving all the settlers present and prospective, in the section lying to the south just where they have been for many years,—without roads, without schools, without churches, and without the other conveniences of civilization. And there is also to be considered the saving of time and expense to every car that wants to reach your towns, Porcupine, Schumacher and Timmins, and soon, we hope, Kamiskotia!

Let all hands help to see this road put on the map, not only in a thin red line, but in well-constructed roadbed, gravelled and river-bridged with steel and concrete in a style and manner befitting a section of the country that has supplied so many good dollars to our provincial treasury in timber limit sales and mining royalties.

Respectfully yours,  
JAS. H. DOEY.

In reference to the above letter it may be said that while everybody in this North would like to see,—and hopes to see eventually,—fine straight roads like the one pictured by Mr. Doey,—at the present moment the demand seems to be chiefly for roads for settlers. The first consideration now is for roads that will give settlers access to schools and markets and stores. First thought will naturally be given to those stretches of road that will serve the most settlers in the smallest numbers of miles. In advocating the direct route he proposes Mr. Doey would support his case the more effectively if he could give the number and location of the settlers who would be benefited.

## CHARITY TURKEY STAG NOW HAS SMALL BALANCE TO GOOD

Despite the fact that the attendance and receipts for the Timmins Charity Turkey Stag were considerably below last year while the list for the sending out of the boxes was larger than ever before, the affairs were so well conducted that every single name on the list had a turkey sent them for Christmas, while a few who lived some distance away also received boxes so as to prevent disappointment. After sending out the turkeys to all on the list and looking after as many as possible in the town and immediate district, the Charity Turkey Stag was actually able to pay all its indebtedness and conclude for the year with a small, though very small surplus, to the good. To be able to finance the event, despite all the drawbacks was very creditable. The manager of the event, "Lap" LaPrairie, is not discouraged or disheartened, but in view of the fact that the feature was able to pull through this year is confident that next year's Charity Turkey Stag will be bigger and better than ever.

At both the Goldfields theatre and the New Empire theatre on Monday afternoon next, Dec. 30th, there will be a free matinee for children only. The event is available as a treat for the youngsters through the kindness of Mr. Leo Mascioli.

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