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# Ten Years Ago

in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago the Timmins Men's Club gave a concert and banquet in the basement of the Presbyterian church. There was a large attendance. Mr. W. Nicholson was chairman and opened the proceedings with an attractive little address. Other items on the programme were: violin solo, by Mr. Deeming; Scottish songs, by Rev. J. D. Parks, J. K. Moore and J. Twaddle. The latter who was an ex-member of the British Navy, one of the songs with which the Grand Fleet used to break the monotony of their seemingly everlasting wait in the North Sea for the German fleet to come out and fight. A piano solo, by H. M. Martin; a paper on "Robert Burns," by P. Dougall, and other interesting features were on the

evening's programme. The Advance at the time said:—"The whole programme was of a high order of excellence and was thoroughly enjoyed from beginning to end. The banquet provided was also of the very best. The Men's Club is a non-denominational organization and is formed for the purpose of giving the young men of the town a pleasant place to pass their evenings. On Monday and Thursday evenings any aspiring Jack Johnson can come around and get a few hints on the gentle art of boxing. Every other night of the week there is something interesting going on, and all young men are invited to come around and try out this club."

In the district hockey league ten years ago the Hollinger won from the

McIntyre in a game that The Advance described as a "brisk" game, and by "brisk" there was nothing else meant than "brisk." In those district hockey league games ten years ago no one ever had a chance to snatch a bit of sleep, nor did anyone, either on the teams or among the fans feel a bit like snoozing. There was something doing every minute and it was all too good to miss. In the game noted above, the following were the line-ups:—Hollinger—Liberty, goal; Loughlin and Wyley, defence; Simms, Jacobs and Smith, forwards. McIntyre—McIntyre, Briden, Gregory, Parker, Cauley, Cox. The spare for Hollinger was Jackson, while the McIntyre had two, Hicks and Levine.

In the N.O.H.A. series ten years ago two overtime periods were necessary to decide a match between Iroquois Falls and the Porcupine in this group. "Iroquois Falls made their first win," said The Advance at the time, "and they deserved to win on the brand of hockey they presented, though the Porcupine team put up a lively contest and had some little hard luck. The Falls players showed a startling improvement in form and play compared to previous games here, but even at that the play was largely in front of the Falls goal, especially in the second and third periods. The Falls' goaltender saved the situation for his team. Liberty, in goal for the Porcupine team, was very effective. McGuire, who had his knee injured in a previous game, had to leave the ice before the game had been long in progress, and this, of course, had a very decided effect on the result. There was a crowd of about 900 at the rink here for the game. Iroquois Falls came over by special train, but this time they did not bring their brass band. The train developed engine trouble and delayed the arrival of the team. Iroquois Falls had desired to have a referee and judge of play from Cobalt brought here for the game, and this being quite satisfactory to the Porcupine team, F. N. Smith was here as referee, and H. C. Kennedy as judge of play. Their decisions gave general satisfaction. The play on both sides was free from roughness and any penalties imposed were for minor offences. The teams lined up as follows:—Porcupine—Liberty, Loughlin, McGuire, Parker, Campbell, Brennan; Brown, Geo. Lake, Iroquois Falls—Corbould, Brydges, Masterson, McComomy, Fliuker, Wilson; Fraser, Bousquet. Two periods of ten minutes each of overtime were necessary to break the 3 to

3 tie with which the game concluded. In the first of these overtime periods each team scored one, but in the second overtime the Falls alone scored, thus winning the game, 5 to 4."

In The Advance ten years ago decided objection was taken to stories appearing in Toronto and other outside newspapers in regard to probable labour difficulties in Timmins and district in the spring. The Toronto newspapers pictured the labour union here as planning to stir up a big bunch of trouble, while The Advance pointed out that there was absolutely no grounds for talk of this sort, the mines and the men going along minding their own affairs and striving for co-operation for mutual benefit. The Advance also pointed out that the wild talk in the outside newspapers had an evil effect, creating and rousing ill-will and dissension that need not be present at all. The Advance quoted the Secretary of the Porcupine Miners' Union as saying: "I don't know where the newspapers got such reports, but there has to my knowledge been nothing to justify them. Another member of the union was quoted as saying:—"We know our own affairs. We mind our own business. And we would thank a whole lot of these trouble-seeking outsiders if they would do the same." The Advance concluded its reference to the matter with the following paragraph:—"The miners of the gold district are quite able to look after their own affairs. They have shown before how easily any minor difficulties may be adjusted by co-operation and getting together. All is well at the gold camp, and the Porcupine's advice to the outside trouble-mongers is, "Tell the Truth, and Mind Your Own Business."

On Feb. 3rd, 1920, there was a meeting of the Timmins Board of Health and precautionary methods were considered in regard to any possible danger of another influenza epidemic that year. The district had been comparatively free from the "flu" for nearly a year, but the disease was in epidemic form in many places down south, and the idea here was to guard against any general spread of the disease in Timmins. The Timmins Board of Health adopted the same type of precautionary measures as taken by the city of Toronto in plans to avoid danger of epidemic form of the "flu."

Fire at noon on Feb. 4th, 1920, destroyed the fine big store and stocks of Marshall-Ecclestone, Limited, corner of Third avenue and Pine street, Timmins, the loss occasioned being estimated at from \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00. Only a half of this loss was covered by insurance. Although the fire occurred at noon and The Advance was published shortly after noon, there was a lengthy report of the fire in the issue for the day. The report in part said:—"Building and contents were completely destroyed, floors falling through by half past twelve and the walls caving in shortly after. The alarm of fire was turned in at about quarter to twelve and when the firemen arrived after their usual speedy response, the fire had great headway and the dense volumes of smoke made fighting it a very difficult matter. The fire originated in the big new basement of the store from cause or causes unknown, though there is a probable theory that it generated from spontaneous combustion. It seemed to start among some oils and the store fire extinguishers were used upon it without the desired effect. The blaze rapidly gained headway and the stifling smoke drove the staff from the basement. In a few minutes more the store ground floor was so filled with smoke that the staff had to seek safety outside. A few minutes after the fire was discovered it had such headway, and smoke that the place was doomed. The firemen put up an energetic and effective battle with the flames, but nothing could be done further than to prevent the spread of the fire to other buildings. In a short time three or four lines of hose were playing on the building at the most advantageous points. The nature of the material stocked in a furniture and hardware store, however, made the fire-fighting very difficult. The dense smoke from oils, mattresses, etc., interfered with close-up fire fighting, though the firemen took chances on several occasions. The dense clouds of smoke and the very rapid spread of the fire made it impossible to save any of the stocks. There were none of the explosions feared by some, however. The gasoline tank is a safety one located outside the store. The noise about half past twelve mistaken by many for an explosion was caused by the collapse of the second-storey floor which was strengthened by steel girders. At the time of going to press the fire is still burning but is completely under control, thanks to the hard and effective work of Chief Borland and his men. The Marshall-Ecclestone store building was perhaps the best of its kind in size, equipment and modern features in the North Land, and the stocks carried were unusually large. The basement of the modern type of concrete construction was recently extended the full size of the building. The ground floor and second floor also carried big stocks of hardware, furniture, etc., while the third storey was used for apartments for members of the staff."

Announcement was made in The Advance ten years ago that arrangements had been completed with the PatheSCOPE Company of Canada by the committee in charge of the dog race at Timmins to have a number of reels of film taken of the 1920 Porcupine Dog Team race. The PatheSCOPE Co. also intended to take "movies" of other events and places in the district.

tion picture houses in Canada did visit the camp but after investigation and consideration decided that Timmins would not support further motion picture shows.

In The Advance of Feb. 4th, 1920, reference was made to the death of Wm. Jamieson, for many years head of the Jamieson Meat Co. This company, whose headquarters were at Renfrew, Ont., had branches in several of the North Land towns, including Timmins and Cobalt, and the late Wm. Jamieson had been well known in the Porcupine having been a frequent visitor here. The Jamieson Meat Co. business at Timmins was taken over first by J. R. Gordon who conducted it for years and later sold it to the Hollinger. The Jamieson Meat Co. sign remained on the store here for many years, with a sign above it with the name of Mr. Gordon and indicating that he was the successor to the Jamieson Meat Co. The late Wm. Jamieson died at Red Deer, Alberta, after being in poor health for some five years. He was a native of Renfrew County and was 46 years old at the time of his death. "The strenuous character of his wide-flung business life," The Advance quoted from The Renfrew Mercury, "included the taking of large contracts with contracting companies when the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario and the National Transcontinental railways were being built through Northern Ontario."

Ten years ago a number of those interested gathered at Connaught with the idea of forming a local gun club. After some consideration and discussion it was decided to have the whole rod and gun club include the whole district and a second meeting was accordingly called to put this revised plan into operation.

There was a large attendance and a very pleasant time at a social evening given ten years ago by Golden Beaver Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Timmins. Scotty Wilson's orchestra furnished the musical interlude, including songs by W. G. McHugh, violin solo by C. R. Deeming, monologue by J. K. Moore, pianoforte duet by Mrs. and Miss Simms, solo by Miss Joyner, and other numbers, delighted all.

The second moccasin dance at the Timmins rink in 1930 was well attended and very successful. Scotty Wilson's orchestra furnished the music.

Ten years ago Timmins Juniors and Iroquois Falls Juniors played a friendly game at Timmins after the regular N.O.H.A. feature. Timmins lads won, the score being 9 to 2. The Timmins boys included:—Steele, goal; Levine and Bonham, defence; Jemmett, Laflamme and Brewer, forwards; Kendall and Hardy, spares.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Emmett Desormeaux, who had his arm badly broken some weeks ago by being caught in the belt of a wood-sawing machine, is making the best of progress to complete recovery." "R. J. Ennis, general manager of the McIntyre Porcupine Mine, has gone to Battle Creek, Mich., on a visit on account of his health." "The afternoon tea given at Miss Maltais millinery parlours yesterday by the St. Anthony's Girls' Altar Society proved a successful and enjoyable social event, the attendance being large and all being pleased with the social features of the occasion." "G. B. Nicholson, M.P., for East Algoma, addressed a number of meetings in this district last week in the interests of the Anglican Church Forward Movement. He spoke at Iroquois Falls, South Porcupine, Timmins and at other centres, and made able and eloquent case for the Forward Movement." "This week a new jewelry store is opening up in the New Empire theatre building, Adrien T. Pommier taking the premises recently occupied by Cook and Mitchell, and commencing business there with a full line of watches, clocks and jewelry. Timmins now has four jewelry stores. Mr. Pommier's opening announcement will be found elsewhere in this issue." "The firm of Armitage and Ellis is discontinuing business here and the stocks are being bought by the Hollinger Stores, Ltd. The store is closed this week for the purpose of stock-taking." "R. Benallick, who has been the representative of The Cobalt Nugget here for some time past, left on Friday morning for Detroit where he has a good position with a large advertising agency. Mr. Benallick made many friends here during his stay in Timmins and these, while regretting his departure, will follow him with very best wishes for his success in his new field." "The people of South Porcupine were out for moose last week, a big specimen having been seen on the T. & N. O. tracks." "Mrs. Geo. Howe, who has been visiting at the home of her parents in Latchford for the past month, returned home on the Iroquois Falls special on Saturday night." "P. M. Bardessono, manager of the New Empire theatre, left on Friday last for Hibbin, Minnesota, having received a telegram to the effect that his mother was very ill at her home in that place." "His many friends in town were pleased to see Col. Worthington able to be around again this week after being confined to the house since early last month with a severe attack of the influenza." "There were nearly 100 cases on the docket at the sittings of the Division Court held in the council chamber, Timmins, on Thursday, last. Judge Haywood presided at the court, which was chiefly concerned with the routine duties of deciding cases in regard to debts, garnishees and similar matters." "Messrs. A. and E. Pierce, of Montreal, raw fur dealers, of Montreal, have opened up a place of business in the Curtis-Defoe block, Halleybury. A. Pierce is a brother of Chas. Pierce, of Timmins. The firm of A. and E. Pierce is one of the best known and most important concerns in the fur business in Canada."

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