

Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

"Mr. Charles Dalton, one of the best known and most popular of the early residents of the camp, died on Monday morning, Feb. 23rd, 1920, after a comparatively brief illness," says The Advance of ten years ago. The article continues:—"Death was due to pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Some weeks ago the late Charles Dalton was taken ill with a severe cold, but apparently recovered and was around again in his usual cheerful and friendly way. About two weeks ago he was again taken ill and this time the malady was diagnosed as influenza. Every possible care and attention was given; two nurses being constantly in attendance, and a noted specialist, Dr. Gallie, of Toronto, being summoned here in addition to the local physicians. All that medical skill could do proved unavailing. The late Chas. Dalton was a son of the late Michael Dalton who died here in 1917. At the time of death the late Chas. Dalton was 34 years of age. He was born at Kintail, near Goderich. Two brothers, John of Timmins, and Frank, of San Francisco, and one sister, living in Toronto, are among the near relatives surviving. To these the sympathy of the entire community goes out at this time. The late Charles Dalton was one of the real pioneers of this district. Before there was any town of Timmins he and his brother John ran a stage from South Porcupine to Mattagami as early as 1911. He took an active interest in public affairs and for one year was councillor of the town of Timmins. While in the council he coined a phrase that achieved permanent popularity. When the council was puzzled by some perplexing problem, Charlie would solve it by saying:—"Let her go as she looks." The humorous expression became the watchword for getting along with business. The remains of the late Charles Dalton were taken south on Tuesday for interment, John Dalton going down with the remains. The Knights

felt for the bereaved widow and other sorrowing relatives. The death of Moses Taufey was also recorded by The Advance ten years ago. Moses Taufey was well-known in Timmins, having been employed at the rink and at the Hotel Goldfields, when Hugh Mulheron was manager of these institutions. He was a native of Syria but had lived in Canada for a great many years, being one of the old-timers of the Porcupine. Previous to his death he had been employed at the Hollinger Mine. He drank from one of the large bottles in the mill, thinking it contained water. Instead the bottle contained an acid that caused painful burns to his mouth and throat, and as a consequence he had to leave his work and go home. The bottle was not anywhere near where the drinking water was kept and as The Advance pointed out the unfortunate man himself was the only one in any way responsible for the accident. Despite all that could be done for him when his condition was known he developed pneumonia and passed away as a result.

The issue of The Advance ten years ago was remarkable for the number of deaths recorded in the one issue. Some of these are noted above. Another was that of Jack Bain, one of the most popular of the volunteer fire brigade. In reference to the death of Jack Bain, The Advance of Feb. 25th, 1920, said:—"A week ago Jack Bain left his room at the Timmins fire hall for his work at the Hollinger, enjoying apparently the best of health and spirits. When he returned in the afternoon he was seriously ill, and everything possible was done for him at once. Later, he was removed to St. Mary's hospital where every care and attention was given him, but all efforts were in vain. He died a little after midnight on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, a victim of influenza. The late John W. Bain was only 21 years of age. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bain, of Hamilton, and in addition to the bereaved parents one sister about 14 years old survives. The father was kept constantly informed of the patient's condition by Fire Chief Bolland, and Mr. Bain was on his way to Timmins when the death occurred. Jack was very popular and highly esteemed by wide circles of friends attracted by his bright disposition, his unflinching good humour and his high character. He gave the highest promise of developing into the most desirable type of good citizenship and manhood. He had been on the Hollinger staff for about four years and was a useful and dependable member of the Timmins fire department for about two years. In social and other circles he was popular, indeed, and the sympathy with the bereaved family and near friends will be very genuine and general. The remains will likely be taken to his home at Hamilton for interment to-morrow."

In addition to the list of deaths mentioned above, the front page of The Advance ten years ago had an article referring to the large number of those on the sick list in the camp at the time. There were a few cases of influenza, but a large number of cases of severe colds, la grippe, etc. In part the article said:—"Among those on the long sick list in the camp may be mentioned:—Mr. and Mrs. Killingbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Craven and family, J. E. Sullivan, Mrs. E. L. Longmore, the Desautels family, of Mattagami, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webb, of Elm street, Miss Helen Jemmett, Dan McInnis, J. W. Faithful, Frank McGuire, Frank Francis, D. Warren, R. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Williams and Mary, M. Bolvin, and Mr. and Mrs. Lainsbury and family. Practically all of the above patients have severe colds or cases of the grippe, and practically all of them are now well on the way to complete recovery. The speedy return of all of them to full health and strength will be the wish of all."

In 1920 it was first intended to hold the Porcupine dog race on Feb. 28th, but the local board of health suggested that a postponement might aid in the precautions against danger of influenza, so the committee at once decided to change the date to March 13th.

In the second game in the N.O.H.A. series, New Liskeard won on Timmins' ice with the score of 6 to 5, and thus won the right to play Sudbury for the association honours. The game between Timmins and New Liskeard was officially given as a win for Liskeard, but there was one disputed goal and many of the fans maintained that the match was fealy a draw. The Timmins team was handicapped by the illness of some of the regular players but put up a notable battle. There was an unusually large crowd out for the match. The game was speedy and clean, penalties being very few. For the Liskeard team Thompson, R. Montgomery and Eplett were the stars, while Joe Brennan, Loughrin and Campbell were valuable for Porcupine. The two goal-tenders were also worthy of special credit, both C. Montgomery and E. Hoggarth doing especially good work for their teams. The following were the teams:—Porcupine—R. Hoggarth, goal; Cox and Loughrin, defence; McGuire, Brennan, Campbell, Parker, Simms and Brown, forwards. New Liskeard—C. Montgomery, goal; E. Montgomery and Eplett, defence; Thompson, Hogg, W. Burns and Wilder, forwards.

At a meeting of the Dome Lake Mining and Milling Co. in February, 1920, the annual report showed the mill in operation for only about three months in the year. There were 443 tons treated with an average recovery of \$5.38. T. L. Eapst, of Buffalo, was elected president; A. A. McKelvie, of New Liskeard, vice-president. The other directors were:—T. McManus, New Liskeard, S. J. Dark, Buffalo, and C. L. Sherill, Buffalo, W. H. Kinch, Buffalo, and F. L. Hutchison, New Lis-

heard, the latter being secretary-treasurer. Reference was made ten years ago in The Advance to the removal of the mining recorder's office from Matheson to Swastika. G. Ginn was appointed mining recorder to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of J. A. Hough.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mrs. T. F. King was operated upon at Sudbury hospital on Monday for appendicitis, and her many friends here will be pleased to know that the operation was eminently successful and that she is making good progress to complete recovery." "There is not a single case of influenza at Iroquois Falls." "Mrs. P. Chapman is ill with the prevalent influenza." "No less than ten bodies were in the porcupine undertaking parlours at Halleybury over the week-end awaiting burial. The snow storm and the train service prevented the taking away of the bodies to places out of town. Only a couple of the dead were victims of influenza." "John W. Fogg is planning the erection of a big warehouse in Moneta townsite, the lots for the building having been recently purchased and plans being under way to start the work of building in the spring." "All will regret to know that Jack West, brother-in-law of Chief J. E. Wilson, and well-known in this camp, has been seriously ill at Kirkland Lake. All will be glad to know that he is now much improved and on the way to recovery." "His innumerable friends in the camp are pleased to see Jack Easton able to be out and around again after his recent serious illness." "Mrs. Cannon came here last week from Pembroke, Ont., to join her husband, Mr. Thos. Cannon, who is on the staff of the Hollinger Stores." "There will be very general and sincere sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Moore in the death this week of their bright little daughter, Isabel Annie Moore, aged one year and eight months. The death of the little girl, their youngest daughter, occurred on Sunday after a comparatively brief illness from pneumonia." "J. A. Vallancourt, well-known in G.W.V.A. circles, and formerly lieutenant in the Thirteenth Battalion, three years overseas, left on Wednesday for points south where he will visit friends in Elkhart, Indiana, and in Detroit, after which he will take a position on the engineering staff of the Canadian Bridge Co., Windsor."

Jack Miner Presents Ford With Brick Machine

Jack Miner, as it is well known, is a brick manufacturer. His father was a pioneer brick manufacturer in Ohio, and when the Miner family came to Canada, the old hand press brick machine was brought with them, which Jack Miner used for years, moulding brick by hand.

On a recent visit of Henry Ford to Jack Miner's home he was told of this old brick machine, and Mr. Ford being interested in same, Jack Miner at once got the machine and put it in working order, and when sent over to the Ford Museum at Dearborn, Michigan, the following was printed on a heavy card board and tacked on side of machine for spectators to read when visiting museum:

"This hand press, sand stock brick machine was purchased by my father, John Miner, Sr., at Cleveland, Ohio, in April 1873, and taken to our home, Dover Centre, Ohio, which is thirteen miles west of Cleveland; there father, assisted by his family and a few hired men, made at least one and a half million brick with it during 1873-74-75-76-77. Then in 1878 father decided to move to Canada on the 100 acres of woods we had paid for making brick with this machine, and the faithful old servant was discarded and stored in the good Lord's out-of-doors toolshed. Then, in 1882 father had the machine shipped to Canada, and my brother Ted and I made several thousand brick with it in 1882 and 1883, among them are the 10,000 that are still giving good service in the Harrow school house, built in 1882 at Harrow, Essex County, Ontario. In 1884 we started making drain tile and the machine was again stored away, but this time in our barn, where it remained for at least twenty years, then my younger brothers got the Northwest fever, and took the machine to Alberta, Canada, and made several kilns of brick at Pincher Creek, Alberta. In 1923, while visiting my sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Broadwell, at Pincher Creek, Alberta, we strolled up to the old deserted brick yard, and here was the old faithful servant, discarded and tipped down the hill, the wood-work badly damaged and decayed, but I walked down and put my hands on the lever that I pressed brick with when only eleven years old, and really to me there is something sacred about it, and right there and then I asked my brother-in-law to ship it home to me, which he did last spring. I have put new wood-work on "old faithful," and right to-day with the assistance of two men I could mould 7,000 brick per day. This old pioneer, yes, a pioneer in Ohio, in Ontario, Canada, and again pioneer in Alberta, Canada, which is about 3,000 miles from where it started."

"Therefore, Mr. Ford taking the above facts into consideration, I consider it an honour for you to preserve "old faithful," who has often helped fill the flour barrel in time of need."

—JACK MINER

FINE TROPHY FOR LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE ARRIVES

The North Bay Nugget last week says:—"The Northern Ontario Ladies' Softball Association championship trophy, donated by Premier G. Howard Ferguson, was this morning delivered to Aid. D. J. Sava. It is considered to be one of the most magnificent sports trophies to be placed in competition in Northern Ontario. It stands three feet in height and is of silver and bears a plaque of the donor. The plaque was made in England and is an excellent likeness of the Premier. The trophy will be for annual competition and the Rinkey Dinks, Ontario champions, are the first holders."

PUBLIC LIBRARY MAY BE STARTED IN HALLEYBURY

Plans are now under way to establish a public library in Halleybury. The matter has been taken up by the Rotary Club and a committee formed to gather all available data on the subject. If the people of Halleybury are interested in the experience of Timmins, it may be said that the thoughtful people of this town feel that the public library here is one of the most important assets of the town. It is doubtful if so large a measure of pleasure and benefit is received here for so small an expenditure in any other line as comes from the public library. To literally hundreds of people it is a special source of interest and enjoyment. It costs little yet has a wider appeal than any other form of pleasure. Those who take advantage of the benefits of the public library not only receive more than their money's worth in enjoyment, but they also reap profit in educational and cultural lines. The library places culture and advancement before all. It provides one of the solid entertainments that a town may well spend money to assure, and yet the cost is so small as to place the benefits within the reach of all municipalities of any size. If the Rotary Club is successful in giving this benefit of a public library to Halleybury, the club will certainly prove itself a service club.

Lindsay Post—Orilla storkeeper captured a mosquito and that in winter weather in a town where there aren't supposed to be any mosquitoes in summer time. That's what comes of hardening up the breed by persecution.

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