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## Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

One of the chief matters of discussion at the meeting of the town council ten years ago was the report of Town Engineer Henderson who recommended a number of changes in the waterworks by-law. He called special attention to the fact that the installation of water pipes inside houses was improperly done in a great many cases. In many instances the pipes were not even protected from frost. He also pointed out that the running of taps during cold weather to keep the water from freezing cost the town about \$400.00 per month. He suggested an inspection of premises before the following winter so that orders might be given for improvement of conditions. Council gave him the necessary authority for the proposed inspection. The council also agreed to have a new waterworks by-law prepared under the direction of the town solicitor. The amended by-law was to provide that schools should pay water rates, but churches were to be exempt, though required to pay for repairs. It was also decided to have a new plumbing by-law separate from the waterworks by-law. The council made a grant of \$500.00 to the Halleybury hospital in view of its service to this part of the North. Timmins people had contracted debts at the Halleybury hospital to the amount of \$1300.00 still unpaid, and council also considered the fact that the Halleybury hospital had never turned away any patient no matter where they came from or whether they could pay or not.

Reference was made in The Advance ten years ago to a new prospecting and exploring company formed in the Porcupine. It was called the Herman Exploration and Development Company, Limited, and the officers elected were: president, C. V. Gallagher, South Porcupine; vice-president, W. R. Sullivan, Schumacher; secretary-treasurer, J. R. Todd, Schumacher; directors, J. E. Boyle, Jos. A. Herman, C. B. Morgan, of South Porcupine.

The St. Matthew's tennis club organized for the season ten years ago. The officers elected were:—Rev. R. S. Cushing, honorary president; H. C. McDonald, president; Mrs. R. W. Robbins, vice-president; W. S. Macpherson, secretary-treasurer; G. S. Lowe, captain.

Ten years ago the Timmins lodge of the Loyal Orange Young Britons observed the anniversary of the founding of their lodge here by attending divine service in a body. The local L.O.L. was represented in the parade and there were about 30 in the line of march to the church. Rev. J. D. Parks delivered an inspiring and appropriate address to the lodge.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Messrs J. Ryley and Harry Enderson left this morning for Windsor, the latter intending to stop over at Toronto for a few days to visit friends there.

Messrs Ryley and Enderson have been at the Hollinger for some years past and have made many friends in the camp who will wish them all sorts of success and good luck in their new homes in the south. Mr. Ryley has also been a faithful and efficient member of the local fire brigade for some time past and will be much missed."

There was an enthusiastic gathering of baseball fans held ten years ago in the council chambers, Timmins, to organize the Timmins Baseball Association for the season. The following officers were elected:—president, H. C. McDonald; vice-president, J. W. Fogg; secretary-treasurer, V. Woodbury; honorary presidents, A. P. Brigham, Dr. McInnis, C. M. Auer. The meeting decided to have a twilight league to include teams from the town only and also favoured a Porcupine Baseball League to take the Porcupine-Dome, Schumacher, Hollinger and Timmins teams.

The mass meeting called ten years ago to discuss the proposition of a community building or G.W.V.A. building as a war memorial was attended by about twenty people. In opening Mayor Dr. McInnis expressed regret at the lack of interest the small attendance seemed to suggest. The mayor outlined the need for a community building here. He thought such a building, with special accommodation for the returned men, would be the best sort of memorial for those who went overseas from this district. There were three plans put forward. One was for a municipal building and community building, but Dr. McInnis thought the cost of this plan was prohibitive for the time being. The second plan was for a community building on the athletic grounds, with a swimming pool, gymnasium, all accommodation for sports, etc., and special quarters for the G.W.V.A. This scheme he thought quite practical and proper. A brick building to answer the purpose would cost \$47,000.00, while a stucco-finish structure would come at around \$5,000.00 less. J. W. Reed said \$400.00 cash had been promised for the proposed community building with around \$6,000.00 more in sight. He did not think the scheme could be carried through. T. F. King thought the subscriptions taken should be returned, as he did not think the necessary finances could be raised. Rev. R. S. Cushing referred to the need for a community building, especially for the young people. He thought the necessary amount could be raised if the matter was kept well to the front. Councillor E. L. Longmore, while in favour of the proposed plans in a general way, doubted whether the financing could be done. Fire Chief Borland favoured the community building. He referred to the number in the population who never gave a dollar to these causes yet would benefit from a community building and he suggested that financing by town debentures might make it so that all would contribute equitably. G. A. Macdonald said that some of the difficulties encountered so far were due to the confusion resulting from some advocating one plan and some another. All were agreed on the needs for a community building, but at the same time consideration for the Veterans should be the chief consideration. He suggested that the meeting go on record as in favour of starting a campaign for a community building, with ample accommodation for the G.W.V.A. and with the distinct understanding that if the amount for the larger plan could not be secured as expected, the amount actually obtained should be used to provide suitable quarters for the G.W.V.A. This plan would show whether the people were willing to support the larger or the smaller plan. He was certain that the public would do their part if the appeal were made in this way. C. G. Williams, T. F. King, J. W. Reed and others spoke to the effect that the community building idea was too extended a plan to finance. A committee including Messrs A. Borland, W. T. Curtis and J. W. Reed were appointed to see if the Hotel Goldfields annex could be secured for G.W.V.A. quarters, while Dr. McInnis and E. L. Longmore were named as a committee to enquire into putting up a \$15,000.00 or \$20,000.00 building for the Veterans on a plan of debentures issued by the municipality. Both these last two plans fell through and so Timmins went without its community building. Later, the Hollinger Recreation hall was erected and answered some of the purposes in good way, but neither the Hollinger hall nor the other good halls built here after gave the accommodation and privileges which the promoters of the community building sought to fill.

Ten years ago the Drury Government sent Geo. Woodcock, chief fire ranger for this district, to Timmins to make a preliminary investigation and to get plans ready to start at once on the work of removing the bush fire menace from the town of Timmins. There had been \$6,000.00 set aside by the Dept. of Lands and Forests to care for the necessary work. There were only a couple of sections where the menace was bad.

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the reply of the post office department being that this would cost money. The argument of The Advance was that while it would cost money it would mean service and such basic service was absolutely necessary for efficiency. After ten years The Advance believes that the North Land is entitled to mail clerks on Nos. 46 and 47 as a basic service. There might be a further saving in carrying the mail on the top of one of the coaches, but it would not be considered sensible to propose such a way of saving. It is intrinsically as foolish to call it economy to give the present unsatisfactory service that comes so far from serving the needs.

Ten years ago in re-organizing for the season the Porcupine-Dome Athletic Association elected the following:—president, H. G. Laidlaw; first vice-president, F. C. Evans; second vice-president, W. G. A. Wood; secretary, W. H. Phillips; treasurer, L. Charlton. The arrangement made was that the various branches of sport, football, baseball, etc., should have their own special organizations and officers, while the Porcupine-Dome Athletic Association was to see to all matters of general interest to all sports.

The Advance of May 12th, 1920, said:—"Third avenue near the station is being dug up this week to repair a broken pipe line. Last week the water came through the road and was flooding the street on Friday night. The water line froze up during the hard winter that we had before the present one, and the present trouble is one of the results of this. People who complain now about the present winter should remember that it is almost like spring compared to the winter we had a couple of months ago."

Reference was made ten years ago to serious damage done by boys at the Timmins rink. In mentioning the matter The Advance said:—"Some boys recently entered the Timmins rink and caused considerable damage. They interfered with the piano, removing parts and otherwise injuring the instrument to an extent that will cost many dollars to repair. In addition they lowered the electric lights, cutting and carrying away the ropes and stealing the bulbs. Officer Allen has been working on the case and found the boys concerned, all of whom admit some part in the affair, but blame the leadership on a lad out of town for the present. As soon as this lad returns the matter will no doubt be straightened out with the aid of that expert in the art of getting the truth from boys,—Magistrate Atkinson."

The Advance ten years ago had the sad duty of recording the death of T. Hawkins, a former well-known and popular resident of the Porcupine camp, who was found in bed at the Star hotel, South Porcupine, on May 6th, 1920. He had died in his sleep from heart trouble. He had been in the employ of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. at Iroquois Falls, previously having been on the staffs of the Goldfields hotel at Timmins and the Connaught hotel at South Porcupine. He was a native of England, where any surviving relatives resided, these including a son in England. The funeral was largely attended, including many members of the Masonic Order from Timmins, South Porcupine, Iroquois Falls and other places, and also a number of members of the L.O.L., the deceased belonging to both these lodges. At the time of death the late Mr. Hawkins was about forty years of age.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"All lacrosse players are asked to gather at the fire hall to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 7 o'clock with the purpose of having a regular work-out practice." "A gang of men from this district went north recently

to do preliminary work on a property near Grant on the Canadian National Railway line." "Mrs. T. Moseley-Williams, and family, of Schumacher, are visiting in New Liskeard." "Miss May McCallum and Miss Nora Miller, of New Liskeard, were guests last week of Mrs. J. Perreault." "Mr. Murley, of Moneta, left last week for the South to take medical treatment, the leg which was so badly injured a couple of years ago through an accident in the bush again giving him discomfort and trouble." "H. G. Laidlaw returned to South Porcupine this week after a visit to Cobalt." "R. T. Stewart, of the C.X.L., is on a business visit to Timmins this week." "W. S. Macpherson left this week for Washington, N.Y., for a two weeks' vacation." "Wm. Burrows, manager of the Wabi Iron Works, New Liskeard, was a business visitor to the camp last week." "A wreck on the T. & N. O. a few miles out from North Bay on Sunday caused a slight delay—some 17 hours—in the passenger traffic on the National. The passengers on the National had to spend Sunday at North Bay. Ten loaded freight cars got off the track and it took the seventeen hours to get the track cleared." "Hugh McEachren left last week for Toronto to undergo an operation made necessary as an aftermath of his sufferings overseas during the war. His many friends will very heartily wish him the best of luck and a speedy return to this camp in the best of health and strength." "The eucure party given last Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies of Charity proved a pleasant success in every way. There was a large attendance, all present had a delightful social evening and a goodly amount was netted from the occasion." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Tuesday, May 4th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Staaf (nee Marjorie Blackwell)—a son (Darwin, Jr.)" "Ray Swayne, formerly of Timmins, and latterly of South Porcupine, is now T. & N. O. station master at Connaught." "Crowded houses were at the New Empire theatre on Friday and Saturday, one of the chief attractions being the pictures of the Porcupine Dog Team Race. The dog race pictures proved somewhat of a disappointment to most people, the chief objection being that there was not enough of them." "As will be noted by the announcement in this issue, W. J. Browne has taken over the photographic studio of E. J. Meyers, and is carrying on the business on the same high standard of work and service that has recently made an enviable reputation for the studio. Mr. Browne has been in charge of the studio for some time past and has made a name for himself for artistic and careful photographic work." "A. R. Globe, formerly assistant general manager of the Hollinger, but recently in charge of an iron mine at Sellwood near Sudbury, has been asked to take charge of the Associated Goldfields property in the Larder Lake district. This property has an acreage of about 2000 acres and is said to have an immense quantity of commercial ore within reach. So far as known now, Mr. Globe has not definitely decided on the question."

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