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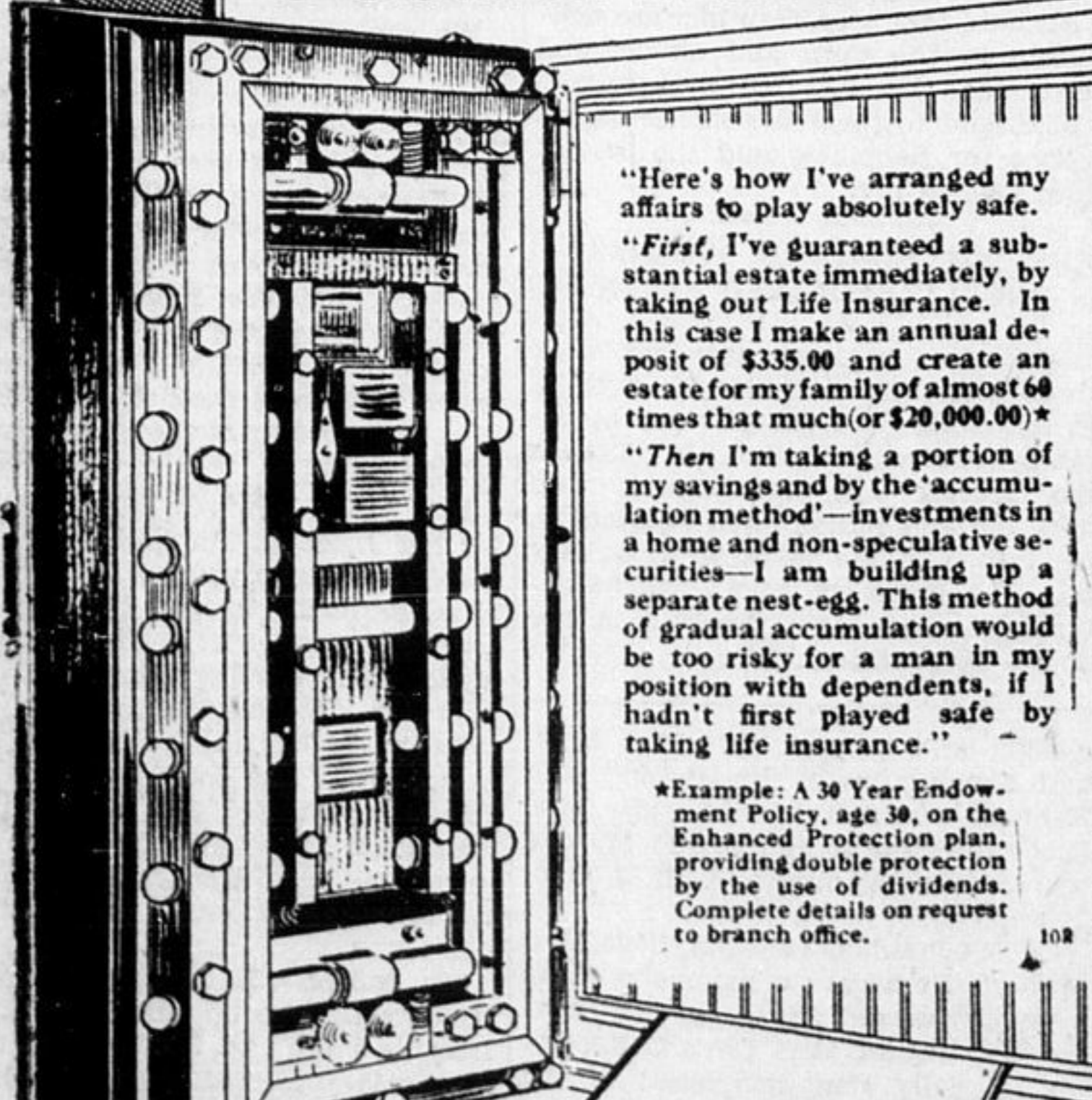


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# Ten Years Ago in Timmins

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

At the regular meeting at Timmins on July 12th, 1920, Moses Greer was appointed night constable for the town. There were thirteen applications for the position. Some of the applications had touches of unconscious humour. One man said he could speak eleven languages but one of the councillors happened to know the gentleman and was not sure that he spoke good enough English for the work. "We don't want an interpreter," was the comment of Councillor John W. Fogg. Another applicant claimed 35 years' experience. "He has been long enough at it," said one of the councillors. Without any question of the ability or quality of any of the other applicants for the position, the mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, suggested that Mr. Greer seemed to be the best choice for the present. He had given good service to the Timmins and Tisdale police forces in the past and held the highest recommendations from leading citizens of both municipalities. Councillors Longmore, Fogg, Newton and Studor seemed to have the same opinion in regard to the ability and integrity of Mr. Greer. Councillor D. Laprairie was the only member of the council not favouring the appointment of Mr. Greer, as he said he favoured a man from outside the district altogether. The Advance noted at the time that the general opinion was that the council had made the best possible choice. The years that followed, during which Mr. Greer served as chief after a brief term as constable, proved the wisdom of the choice. The town council passed a resolution earnestly asking the provincial government to continue the forest fire protection work around the town. Appreciation was expressed for the good work in this line done already during the year, but it was pointed out that this was only about a third of what was necessary to give the town safety from the bush fire menace. There was a lengthy discussion at this meeting in reference to the disposal plan. The mayor thought it should be proceeded with at once. While agreeing with much that Dr. McInnis said, Councillor Longmore questioned the business wisdom of attempting to go on with the construction of the disposal plant this year. The mayor thought the bank would finance the work, and council agreed that if the bank would do so it would be all right to go on with the work.

The disappearance of Mayor McCoubrey of Iroquois Falls some ten or more years ago while he was on a visit to Montreal created considerable sensation as he was well known throughout the North Land and prominent in many circles. It was two months before he was located and then it was found that he had answered the call of the sea, being an old-time sailor. At Montreal, according to the despatches, the impulse of the moment had proved irresistible and he had shipped for a voyage. On arriving at an Irish port he had communicated with his family and thus relieved anxiety as to his safety.

Hon. Harry Mills, Minister of Mines for Ontario, together with E. F. Sutherland, chief mining inspector, visited the North Land ten years ago, Timmins being among the places visited. The mines here were visited. Only a few in town knew of the visit, and accordingly there was no public recognition of this kind visit here of the first member of the Ontario Government to be exclusively Minister of Mines.

The assessment roll of the town of Timmins for 1920 gave the town a population of 4081. Of this number 3,372 were adults and 631 children between the ages of 5 and 16, and 78 from 16 to 21 years. The population showed a decrease of 528 from 1919 figures. The total assessment for 1920 was \$2,445,264.00, as against \$2,025,613.00 the previous year.

On July 11th, 1920, twenty-eight or twenty-nine buildings at what was then known as the "Y" at Iroquois Falls, and later called Ansonville, were burned down. Most of the buildings destroyed were frame shacks, tar-paper covered. None of the buildings carried any insurance, and most of them were owned by foreigners, chiefly employees of the Abitibi Co. The disaster was caused by bush fires creeping up to the little settlement. The business places of the town were not destroyed. The Advance pointed out at the time that, contrary to the general rumours in circulation in Timmins the town of Iroquois Falls and the Abitibi plant were not endangered at any time by the fire. The lack of fire-fighting equipment made it practically impossible to do anything to check the spread of the fire. It practically burned itself out.

A game in the Porcupine baseball league ten years ago between the Dome and Timmins, played at South Porcupine took eleven innings to decide. Of course it was not in the same class as the famous thirteen-innings game later on between Timmins and Iroquois Falls when "Peewee" Acquin won undying fame and got the surprise of his young life when he hit the third strike on him, after fanning four or five times, and brought in the run that won the match for Timmins. In the Dome-Timmins game at South Porcupine, however, the contest was a very keen one. The score at the end of the ninth was 9-9. The final score, after eleven innings was 12 to 11, Timmins winning out by the narrow margin of one run. One of the spectacular features of the game was the wonderful barehanded catch by Frank Evans that made Lefty Farr walk away shaking his head. Geo. Gray and Chalk were the battery for the dome. The line-up for Tim-

mins was:—Funnell, I.F.; McInnis, r.f.; Pierce, I.B.; Thomas, c.f.; Farr, 3b.; Amyott, 2nd; Griffiths, s.s.; Drummond and Bellevieux, catchers; Wynn, pitcher. Iroquois Falls ten years ago won the first game of the King football cup, defeating the McIntyres by the score of 3 to 2, after a hard-fought battle. The game was played at Schumacher and there was great interest in the match. After the game the Schumacher team entertained the visitors in very pleasing fashion. The Iroquois Falls team was formally presented with the Dickson cup won by them in the series just closed and they took the trophy home with them for the season.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"The Volunteer Fire Brigade had a meeting on Monday evening after fooling the fire chief into believing they would not meet until later. After they got the chief out of the hall, the boys went on with some special business, one of the items being a resolution of appreciation and esteem for Chief Borland to be backed up by a cheque of \$100.00 to show they meant it all."

The joint installation of officers for the Timmins and South Porcupine I.O. O.F. lodges took place on July 12th, 1920 at South Porcupine. The following were the officers installed for the Timmins lodge, D.D.G.M. Bro. Axler, of Cochrane, being the installing officer; I.P.G. A. H. Cooke; N.G., Geo. S. Drew; V.G., J. Brough; recording secretary, W. G. Smith; P.S., A. G. Sheppard; Treas., D. McInnis; Con., W. A. Field; Warden, A. G. Luxton; R.S.N.G., J. Morrison; L.S.N.G., C. Swanson; R.S.S., W. G. Goodman; R.S.S., F. Corris; L.S.S., D. Hughes; I.G., J. S. Musket; O.G., M. Daher.

Ten years ago The Advance had the following under the heading, "Corrugated Old Terror All Better Again. Good":—"Fire Chief A. Borland this week received a letter from J. D. MacLean, formerly town foreman and deputy fire chief here. The contents of that letter will make Jack's hosts of friends here so delighted that they will be longing for the opportunity to hit him with something just to see if it is all true. According to that letter, Jack some weeks ago completed his medical treatment in Toronto, and the course this time was an actual and full success. "Never felt better in my life," says Jack. "When I believe I could even trim up young Pete now." His innumerable friends in the camp will be delighted to know that Jack has completely recovered his health and strength after his long siege. He has a good position with a big motor manufacturing concern in the city of Detroit, likes the place, the town, the people, and all goes well with this corrugated Old Terror—"good luck to him!"

Note was made ten years ago of the fact that the registration for letters, etc., would hereafter be ten cents, according to the cheap-skate announcement sent out by the department of newspapers with the hope that they would publish it free.

Mrs. Alexina Giroux, wife of Arthur Giroux, died on July 8th, 1920, after an illness of some three months from pernicious anaemia. The deceased was born at Buckingham, Que., about thirty years ago, and was very highly esteemed by all who knew her here. Sincere sympathy is extended to the husband in his sad loss. The remains were taken to Ritter, Ont., for interment.

Fines for breach of the Ontario Temperance Act one week at this time ten years ago in the police court at Timmins totalled nearly \$5,000.00. Only about half of this amount was for town cases, the provincial police prosecuting the other cases.

The erection of a big pulp and paper mill at Kapuskasing, where the Ontario Government's Soldier-Settlers' settlement had been, was announced ten years ago. No particulars were available at the time as to the interests that were behind the venture, but it was known that the Farmers' Government of the day was dickering about the matter, though nothing definite seemed to be arrived at.

Announcement was made in July, 1920, that it was the intention to open the Northern Academy, Monteth, as a residential school for boys and girls, the first term to commence in the fall.

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Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Of course, it rained on the twelfth of July." "Oscar Robertson, of South Porcupine, has been appointed to the staff of the customs office at Cobalt, and left last week to take up his duties there." "New Liskeard is looking for a new chief of police, J. Bilow having resigned the position." "The Mattagami Pulp & Paper Co. at Smooth Rock Falls are reported as increasing their present capacity from 125 to 250 tons of pulp daily." "L. Stadelman, of Cobalt, was a visitor to town over the week-end, visiting his brother, Ivan, and other relatives and friends in town." "Sincere sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh in the death of their infant daughter, Mary Walsh, on July 8th. Death was due to indigestion, the little girl, who was only six months and fifteen days old at the time of death, having suffered practically from birth from this trouble. The interment took place on Friday to the Timmins R.C. cemetery." "J. R. Gordon, of Toronto, is in town this week on business." "Born—in South Porcupine, on Tuesday, July 6th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Smith—a daughter." "Mrs. Chas. McInnis and family, of South Porcupine, are spending a vacation at Manila, Ont., and other points south." "Mrs. A. Shaheen and children of Timmins are visiting Mrs. Shaheen's mother, Mrs. David Dymond township." "Miss Davidson of the Upper Canada Tract Society was in the camp last week collecting for the work of the society." "Mrs. V. Woodbury and Master Francis are away on a two months' vacation to be spent at the Thousand Islands and other places south." "Mrs. Twaddle, mother of Messrs W. and J. Twaddle, of town, arrived here last night from Scotland, accompanied by her two other sons and her daughter. The family will take up residence on Elm street." "Nelson Hull, a well-known old-time prospector of the North Land, is reported dead at Montreal. He had prospected in Porcupine and other districts, in fact through most district of the North, but more recently was chiefly interested in the Tashota area." "Messrs Arthur and Thomas Carveth and Mr. Dale, of Lancashire, England, last week paid a visit to the Carveth Gold Mines, Thomas township, Night Hawk Lake district. They are directors of the company owning this mine. Diamond drilling and other exploratory and development work is planned for the Carveth claims in the near future."

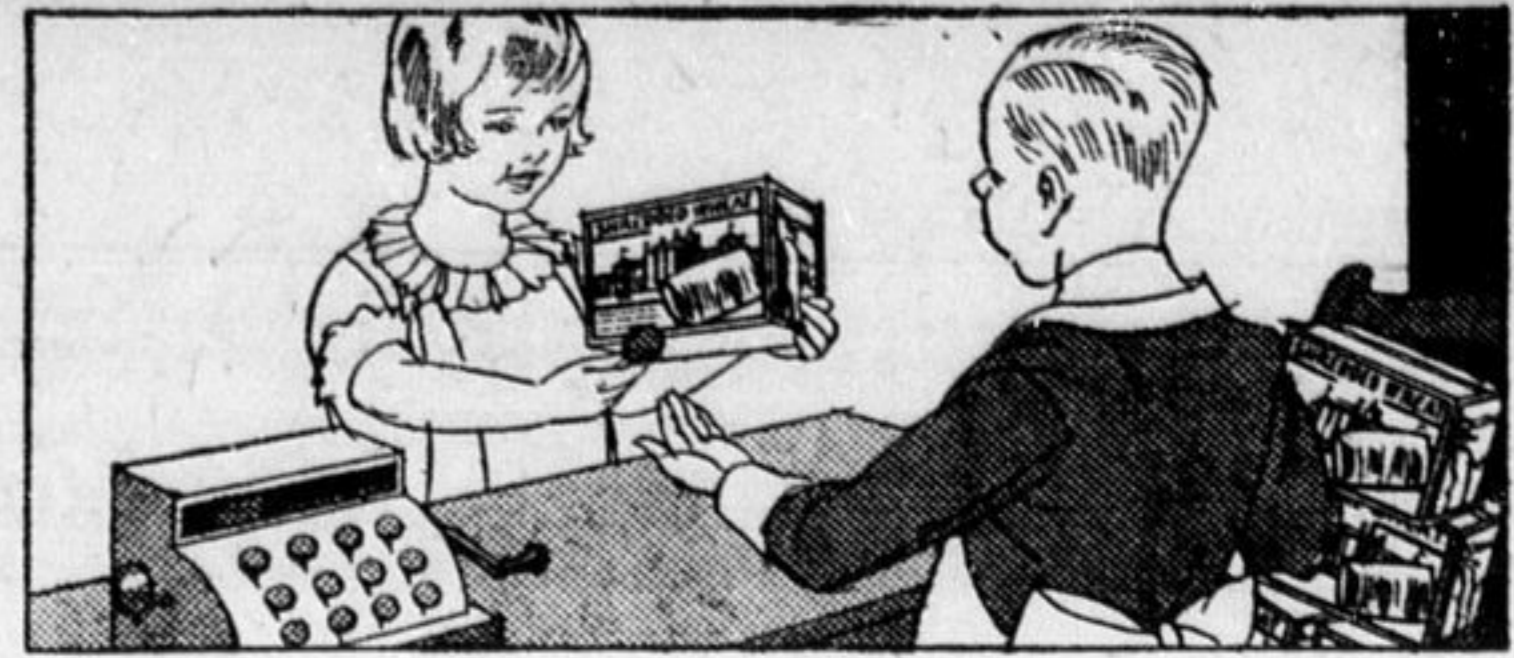
"The Timmins L.O.L. lodge held their annual church parade on Sunday to the Presbyterian church, about 25 or 30 members of the lodge and visiting brethren being in the line of march. There was also a large congregation of other attendants at church for this evening service. Rev. J. D. Parks preached a very able sermon on the thought of the church in its relation to service—the service the people owed to the church, and the service the church could do for humanity. This double idea of service Rev. Mr. Parks also applied to the Orange Order, showing that faithfulness to the precepts of the society meant also faithfulness to the service of their fellow-men."

### MOVING FROM KIRKLAND LAKE TO SOUTH PORCUPINE

The Northern News, of Kirkland Lake, last week says:—"C. R. Sellar, of South Porcupine, spent the week-end in town returning on Tuesday accompanied by Mrs. Sellar and Stanley. They will make their home in South Porcupine, Colin, Jr., is remaining in Cobalt for the "Y" camp. Last Friday Mrs. Walter Binny entertained the Eastern Star Ladies in honour of Mrs. Sellar when she was presented with a pretty cut glass cream and sugar set and on Sunday evening the United Church choir, of which Mrs. Sellar has been a faithful member for some time, gave her an end table. Mrs. Disley purchased Mr. Sellar's house."

### BEANLAND CLAIMS IN THE TIMAGAMI FOREST RESERVE

W. F. Bennett and his associates in the Bennett-Pacaud organization have completed a deal for the Beanland claims, located at Arsenic Lake, in the Timagami forest reserve, says The Northern Miner. The property consists of twelve claims, about one and a half miles north of Timagami station on the T. & N. O. Railway. The Ferguson highway also passes through the group. Suitable buildings for the accommodation of about 30 men have been erected, an 80-h.p. boiler, a compressor and other machinery have been installed. The property has been under examination and sampling for several months. Extensive channelling has indicated two ore shoots of minable width, carrying commercial values in gold, extending for several hundred feet on surface, Mr. Bennett reports. A company, subsidiary to Bennett-Pacaud, will be organized. Shareholders of the latter will own control. Tenders are being called for an extensive diamond drilling campaign to be carried on during the summer months. This will be followed by underground work if the property responds.



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