

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The following paragraph from The Advance of Sept. 15th, 1920, will be of interest:—"Monday evening after supper, while Mr. J. Welsh, miner at the Dome Mines, was on his way in to town he was stopped by two men who were evidently bent on robbing him. They ordered him to put up his hands in a truly highway robbery style. When the 'hands-up' order was given he had his hands in his pockets and he managed to get hold of a roll of bills in his pocket, and as he drew out his hands to put them up, he also pulled out the roll of bills and succeeded in dropping it on the ground without the

hold-up men being able to notice this action. Then he got one of his feet on the money, and prepared to take as good care of himself as possible. The men assaulted him, taking away his loss change. They did not however, get much of negotiable value, the greater part of the money he was carrying being represented by the roll of bills he had contrived to drop on the ground, this roll consisting of some seventy-five dollars. After making a thorough search of Mr. Welsh's pockets the hold-up men "beat it." After seeing them safely away, Mr. Welsh picked up his roll of bills and went to the police to have action taken against the hold-up men. Chief McInnis, of Tisdale, and his staff have the matter in hand and the arrest of the two men is expected at any time."

Mention was made in The Advance ten years ago of a letter that was posted in Renfrew, Ont., on March 25th, and reached the Timmins gentleman addressed on September 15th. The Advance expressed pleasure that it was the same year, though it was six months between the posting and the delivery of that letter. The letter was addressed to W. A. Field. Apparently the letter had been lying in the Timmins post office for months without being offered to Mr. Field.

On Saturday, Sept. 11th, 1920, the St. Onge planing mills and three homes in town were destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire was unknown. Mr. St. Onge lost \$15,000.00 or more by the fire. The Timmins fire brigade were handicapped in fighting the fire on account of the excavations for sewers on Third avenue making it impossible to connect with the nearest hydrant. The burned buildings were just outside the town limits, but the fire brigade did all that was possible in fighting the fire. In referring to the fire at the time, The Advance said:—"At the foot of Third avenue hill there are many houses grouped in the vicinity of the St. Onge property. All these buildings were in danger. Many of the cottages caught fire several times but the good work of the fire-fighters confined the damage to the one corner. The St. Onge building, with its ornamental windows, the glass bearing artistic paintings was one of the notable buildings of the town. It was a large 2-storey structure and Mr. St. Onge had spent much time and money on its improvement and extension. Before the fire was noticed the blaze had control of the St. Onge buildings, and the next two houses were also past saving. Before the fire could be brought under control it had destroyed the house and planing mill and wood works of Mr. Dan St. Onge (these all being practically under the one roof), the home of Mr. L. Lacasse, and small houses owned by H. Crump and J. A. Theriault. A house owned by Mr. McNulty, and just in course of construction was also scorched, but the greater part of this new house was saved. The nearness of the buildings to each other and their light construction gave the fire great scope. There was also a quantity of lumber and woodwork on the St. Onge property to feed the flames. The brigade, however, were able to save several piles of valuable lumber from destruction." It was noted that some months before Mr. St. Onge had received threatening letters signed "Black Hand," and the police were interested in this feature. Some of the letters received by Mr. St. Onge have been handed over to the police though he does not set much weight to the idea of anyone trying to burn him out. He says he has never injured anybody and does not believe he had any enemies who have any reason to hurt him in such a way."

During the absence on holiday ten years ago of the mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, Councillor L. S. Newton was acting mayor of Timmins. There was no meeting of the council for the second Monday in September, 1920, on account of so many of the councillors being out of town.

Ten years ago there were some roads in the North Land. There were even some good automobile roads, and some bad automobile roads even as it present, as witness this item in The Advance of Sept. 15th, 1920:—"Dr. Cramm of Gowganda, made the trip from Gowganda to Cobalt this week by auto in 2 hours and 25 minutes for the 28. He says the road from Elk Lake to Gowganda is not too bad, but from Elk Lake to Earleton is not so easily described in polite language."

Karl Wreyer, who for a number of years was a member of the Marshall-Ecclestone staff as a purchasing agent for supplies, etc., met ten years ago

with a serious accident after he had taken up residence at Barrie where he carried on business as a general supply agent. He was riding on a rig with an acquaintance and dropped of at his destination without waiting for the rig to slacken speed. He fell in front of an approaching automobile and sustained severe cuts and bruises and other minor injuries. The Advance, however, was pleased to inform his many friends that he was well on the way to recovery again and would not suffer permanent harm from the accident, the reports reaching here having exaggerated the extent of the injuries sustained.

Ten years ago The Advance noted with regret that freight and passenger rates on Canadian railways had been materially increased and these increases applied to the T. & N. O. as well as to the other railroads. The increase in the passenger rates was twenty per cent. and for freight there was an increase of forty per cent. over previous rates. As The Advance pointed out the increase in rates bore with particular heaviness on the North Land on account of the long distances in this country. As Timmins, for example, was 500 miles from the nearest city, both passenger and freight costs were accordingly greatly increased here.

Reference was made ten years ago in The Advance to the accident befalling the aeroplane visiting Timmins on Labour Day, 1920. While the accident was a more or less serious one, both the pilot, A. K. Colley, and Dare-Devil Landrigan, the stunt man with him, escaped without any serious injury. Mr. Colley had gone up from New Liskeard to Englehart to bring Mr. Landrigan down. He brought him down in more ways than one. When they reached the beach at New Liskeard and made ready for a landing, a light on the water made a confused impression as to the height of the aeroplane. As a consequence the machine was lowered too soon, or to quickly, or whatever was the wrong thing to do, with the result that it went into the water with more or less of a crash. Messrs Colley and Landrigan were able to get out of the machine, which was resting in about eight feet of water. When the machine fell into the water a call for help was sent in and a large crowd soon gathered at the scene of the accident. It is an odd coincidence that the airship that visited Timmins last March carried a New Liskeard young man, and after leaving here called at New Liskeard, a story coming back here almost at once that the airship had crashed at New Liskeard and the occupants had been seriously hurt. It was difficult to understand what started such a story in 1930, but perhaps it was someone with a long memory and improper application thereof. The incident of 1920 may have given rise to the false report of 1930.

About four columns of the issue of The Advance of Sept. 15th, 1920, was given over to a detailed account of the preliminary hearing given to a Moneta woman on a charge of unlawfully setting fire to a building in Moneta on Sept. 2nd, 1920. W. A. Gordon, of Halleybury, now the Honourable W. A. Gordon, was counsel for the woman in the case, as well as for her son. The charge against the son was withdrawn, as was also a charge against a lady who had been visiting here at the time of the fire. The woman, whose store had been visited by fire, was committed for trial. As noted last week in this column the woman took ill and was eventually given her liberty on suspended sentence.

Ten years ago there was a large amount of diamond drilling in progress in the Porcupine camp. There has always been a considerable amount of diamond drill work going on at the McIntyre, Hollinger and Dome, and in addition ten years ago this sort of work was in progress at the Clifton-Porcupine, the Carveth, the Miracle and other prospects. From the extensive diamond drilling there was the general deduction that a boom period was on the way in regard to mining in the Porcupine.

For a number of years during the war and immediately after The Advance was persistent in referring to the special value of airships to this North Land. As this country was so notably a land of long distances The Advance felt that the airship had a very particular service to do here. No incident that emphasized this idea was overlooked, and so ten years ago The Advance made special reference to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Norton left Moose River post at 11.50 a.m. on a Tuesday and passed Cochrane the same night on the National on their way to Toronto. They came down with Capt. Maxwell, who was at that time running the aeroplane of the Canadian Aero Film Co., between Remi Lake and Moose, and then on their third trip from the North. The air trip of 180 miles from Moose to Remi Lake was made in an hour and fifty minutes.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Mrs. Marguerite Paquette died last week in the Halleybury hospital. The week previous she had been taken down from Timmins, suffering from a paralytic stroke. After a few days in the hospital at Halleybury where all possible was done for her, she passed away. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning last week from the Halleybury cathedral to the R.C. cemetery. Her husband, living in Timmins, survives, and to him and the other near relatives and friends the sympathy of all will be extended in their sad loss."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Miss Maggie Hayes, of Ottawa, returned home on Saturday last after spending a pleasant month the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. Baker, 3 Balsam street, Timmins. This was Miss Hayes' first visit to the North, and in her short stay here she made many friends. On a fishing trip last Friday

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TEMISKAMING AND NORTHERN ONTARIO RAILWAY

Train Service

The Continental Limited, Trains Nos. 1 and 2, between Montreal and Vancouver, daily, operating through sleeper between Cochrane and Toronto. These trains use Canadian National Railways Station at North Bay.

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Local service between Cobalt, Fournain Falls and Silver Centre, Monday Wednesday and Saturday. Connections at Earleton Jct. for Elk Lake, daily except Sunday.

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Connections at Swastika, daily, with The Nipissing Central Railway for Kirkland Lake, Larder Lake, Cheminis, Rouyn and Noranda, Que. and intermediate points.

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See current timetables or apply to any T. & N. O. Railway Agent for full particulars.

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General Freight and Passenger Agent,
North Bay, Ont.

that made it a delight for all on the party. At points of special interest, like the birthplace of Robert Burns, and famous war scenes, Dr. Hughes gave addresses that were most illuminative and added much to the interest and value of the trip. "On Saturday (that is, was specially and specifically delayed) by a freight car getting partly on and partly off the track near Temagami. Following the invariable T. & N. O. practice in such cases no one was hurt in the wreck, but also following the invariable practice of the T. & N. O. there surely was some delay all right." "Arthur Jackson returned on Saturday from a visit to Toronto." "Miss R. M. Pritchard, of Brockville, is visiting her brother, Mr. W. H. Pritchard, of the Hollinger Mine." "Miss Helen Coon returned last week to Halleybury after a visit to her friend, Miss Helen Joyner at Schumacher." "Chas. Russell and a number of other tennis enthusiasts from Iroquois Falls, were in town on Saturday playing off matches with local tennis players." "Miss Mary Downey left last week on a few weeks' holiday to be spent visiting friends in Cobalt, Halleybury, North Bay and other points south." "Dan Cosgrove, formerly on the paid staff of the Timmins fire brigade, was recently appointed caretaker of the Timmins public school, in place of Mr. Craig, who resigned some time ago and moved to the south." "The aeroplane left here on Saturday for the south. During the stay here Pilot Colley took up about 35 passengers for an airflight. Of this number, five or six were ladies. On Thursday several wished to take a flight, but the pilot considered the weather not the desirable kind for aeroplaning with passengers." "Sold every single little and big pig, hog, porker, squealer, etc.," says Mr. E. C. Brewer, "so just take out that advertisement. Advertising pays, sure thing!" "The Timmins Citizens' Band gave a band concert before the New Empire theatre on Sunday evening. A large crowd gathered for the event and the selections were greatly enjoyed by all. The general opinion of those hearing this band concert was that Timmins has good reason to be proud of the Timmins Citizens' band." "There was a specially large and appreciative audience at Billy Matheson's Sunday evening meeting in the Presbyterian church. The subject for the evening was Samson! 'There were a lot of men in the audience,' Billy Matheson told The Advance, 'so I guess they came to see and hear me.' Sunday evening Billy Matheson told his congregation that the lion had no more sense around Samson than a preacher at a brewers' convention. The lion, according to Billy, just opened his mouth, but before he could say a word he was torn to pieces."

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FIRST NEW HOUSE IN YEARS BEING BUILT AT COBALT

A despatch from Cobalt last week says that good progress is being made in the erection of the first new house to be built in Cobalt in a number of years. The building is being put up on Russell St. and is a residence for Rev. Father Chapleau, of St. Therese's church. It is located on the ground immediately adjoining the church, with which it will be connected, and will be two storeys high, of frame construction on a concrete foundation. In connection with the work, the house at the Conlagas mine, formerly occupied by Fraser D. Reid, the manager, has been purchased, and some of the fixtures of that property will be incorporated into the new building. For years the priests of the church lived on the Coleman township site of the La Rose bridge, adjoining the church that was blown down in the big storm of 1912, but latterly Father Chapleau has been living in a house on Earle St.

DOMINION STATISTICS ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

The latest news letter from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics deals with the matter of juvenile delinquency. While this is a matter dealt with by the provinces, statistics for the Dominion are interesting. The situation in Ontario is slightly different to that throughout the Dominion as this province for years has given special attention to juvenile delinquency.

The annual report of Juvenile Delinquency for the Dominion for the year ended September 30, 1929, gives the number of cases dealt with in the courts for that year as 10,509. Of these, 237 were dismissed cases of major charges, and 2,446 cases adjourned sine die, leaving 7,826 proven cases. Of these latter 5,106 were major and 2,720 were minor offences. This is an increase of 43 major and 84 minor offences, as compared with 1928. The total cases increased 3.7 p.c. The major offences increased 9 p.c. and the minor 3.2 p.c.

During the past eight years in which these reports on juvenile delinquency have been published the increase in the total proven cases has been 17.9 p.c. or an average of 2.2 p.c. per year.

The principal class of offences in the major class is, as has always been, theft, which including breaking and entering constituted 79.4 p.c. of the total number of offences.

Of the 2,720 minor delinquents 691 were cases of breaches of municipal by-laws, 343 disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace, 327 incorrigibility, 484 trespass, and 327 truancy. Of the 7,826 total delinquents 6,556 were reported from the principal urban centres, 1,270 from the rural districts, or 83.8 p.c. for the cities and 16.2 p.c. for the less closely settled districts.

Blairmore, Alberta, Enterprise:—One of the young ladies in town manages to make the best of everything. Whenever she and her steady have a quarrel, she seizes the opportunity to treat herself to a real feed of onions.

IMPRESSED WITH ADVANCE MADE AT KIRKLAND LAKE

The Northern News last week says:—"A visitor to Kirkland Lake was much impressed this week with the different aspect of the town since his last visit, which took place in 1926. At that time it was almost impossible to cross the street owing to the mud and everything was more or less in a primitive state. To-day with the paved streets and the permanent buildings that have been erected during the past four years, it looked like an entirely different town to the visitor. "If I had not seen it with my own eyes," he remarked, "I would not have believed it."

MUNICIPALITIES TO OPPOSE DAMAGE ACTIONS ENTERED

The damage actions brought against the townships of Dack and Ewanturel which have their origin in a fatal runaway accident in the boundary road between the municipalities, will be defended in Supreme Court, it is stated at Halleybury. Both defendants will file formal statements in reply to the writs issued by Mr. and Mrs. William Schnaffner, of Branthia, and arising out of the death of their son last June. The case will be tried in non-jury sittings of the Supreme Court probably at the conclusion of the jury business at the assizes in December. It is alleged by plaintiffs that the condition of the road was responsible for the accident.

WOMEN WHO SUFFER FROM INDIGESTION

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Thousands of women—especially those in their "early forties"—begin to notice unmistakable signs of stomach trouble.

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