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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association was held at Cobalt and promised great hockey for the season. Teams on the T. & N. O. entering included New Liskeard, Halleybury, Porcupine and Iroquois Falls in the Northern group. There were 30 delegates at the meeting. G. S. Lowe being the Porcupine delegate and Messrs Thistlethwaite and McGuire being present for Iroquois Falls. President Angus Campbell and Secretary Harry Charlton were elected for the year. J. Mader was elected vice-president, being a Sudbury man, and the executive committee included:—A. R. Pinkey, Sault Ste. Marie; W. H. Lewis, North Bay; T. Thompson, New Liskeard; G. S. Lowe, Timmins; T. J. Duncan, Halleybury, and Gordon Thistlethwaite, Iroquois Falls. The residence rule was for Oct. 1st. A balance of \$195.08 was shown on hand. There were to be two senior groups, North Bay, Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie playing in the one and the T. & N. C. teams in the other, with play-offs at the end of the season.

History has an odd way of repeating itself. On Sunday evening last in this year of grace, 1930, there was a bad battle reported in town with some foreigners, Russian or Polish or something similar, being concerned. Ten years ago, instead of using a bone for a weapon as was done the other even-

ing, a chair or chairs and other articles too numerous to mention were brought into play. The Advance ten years ago referred to the matter as follows:—"A. Bossuby, a Russian well known around town because of his immense size and a little too, perhaps, on account of his flat feet, was beaten up badly in a rooming house on the corner of Fourth avenue and Balsam street on Sunday evening. His head and face were battered in several places and there were several distinct serious wounds on his head that required stitching. Bossuby is a man of unusually powerful build, standing 6 feet 4 inches in height, and broad in proportion. His immense power and strength alone saved him apparently from death from the beating received. The injuries and beating would have killed the ordinary man. He is now in the hospital and it is expected that he will recover. Three men—Nick Chiz, Oslif Onsky and M. Hovz—are under arrest charged with wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm. Their story is that Bossuby came in the house drunk and they tried to put him out as they did not want drunken men in the house." He resisted and sustained the injuries as the consequence. Bossuby's story, so far as it could be gathered from what he was able to tell from his injured condition, is to the effect that he went to the house and a dispute arose from



SHOP EARLY 40 SHOPPING DAYS to Christmas

a charge made against him that he had given the police information about certain liquor cases last summer. The men set upon him with chairs and even used a hammer on his head. So far as the police could gather he was kept in a corner of the room, and the door opening inward, so that he could not get enough space to open it and get away. He was battered with chairs and broken furniture was found in the room by the police, who found also the walls, and even the ceiling, spattered with blood from the head of Bossuby. Bossuby was simply covered from head to foot with blood when the police arrived. The doctor said he had seldom seen a man so badly battered and smattered. One of the roomers at the house went after the police after the affray had reached serious conditions. The police arrested all they could find who were implicated in the affair. The three Russians will likely appear before Magistrate Atkinson to-morrow for preliminary hearing. They are held without bail until the magistrate's visit.

The Advance for a number of years kept the idea of a curling rink before the people of the town and district, and by so doing no doubt hastened the eventual establishment of the curling rink for Timmins. A sample of the items published by The Advance is the following in the issue of this newspaper ten years ago:—"What about a curling rink for Timmins? Last year there was a considerable demand for a curling rink, but nothing was done about it. Some enthusiasts in the curling game should get busy. Call a meeting, and see how many curlers, or would-be curlers there are in the town, and what may be done to advance this good winter game."

Ten years ago the Royal Arch Chapter of the Masonic Lodge was instituted at Iroquois Falls. In referring to the event ten years ago The Advance said: "On Friday evening last there was an interesting ceremony at Iroquois Falls, a new Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons being duly instituted at the big paper town. A number of chapter members from Timmins went over to the Falls for the event, the number including Messrs H. Webb, Charles Kemley, John Morrison, Horace Laidlaw and Geo. Carrey. High officials of the Royal Arch were also present for the occasion and the chapter at the Falls was duly instituted and started on its way."

Under the heading, "Navy League Dance at Schumacher Big Success." The Advance ten years ago said:—"The dance given in the O'Connor House at Schumacher on Thursday evening last, in aid of the Navy League campaign for funds for the sailors and dependents, proved an enjoyable success and a credit to the committee in charge. The attendance was large and all present had a good time. King's Ottawa orchestra furnished the best of good music for the occasion. There were many visitors from Timmins and some from South Porcupine, and the visitors were enthusiastic in complimenting the Schumacher people on the success of the dance. Over seventy dollars was netted for the Navy League campaign fund."

The Advance of Nov. 3rd, 1920, said: "Mr. M. J. Shields, the Ontario Government moving picture expert, has been busy during the past week securing views of Timmins and district. Last week views of Timmins were taken of some of the leading business places and on Saturday evening pictures were made of the big crowd at the Veteran's dance in King's hall. Monday evening this week arrangements were made for filming of the crowds coming from the theatre after the show. A number of other views are being taken this week and the film should give a splendid review of life in Timmins. The pictures are to be shown in the south, in the U.S.A., and in Europe, to give a correct picture of life as it is in this part of the North Land."

Wireless telephones were in operation in the North Land ten years and more ago. In The Advance ten years ago, (Nov. 3rd, 1920, to be exact), the following reference was made to the matter: "It is not generally known, but a fact, nevertheless, that the North Land has wireless telephones in active operation. The Abitibi Power and Paper Co., with its usual up-to-date methods, has installed a wireless telephone outfit for the transmission of messages between Iroquois Falls and Twin Falls. It is the intention to extend the wireless telephone system for the use of many Abitibi camps, thus linking up the various outlying stations with the main plant and town. So far as is known, this is the first wireless telephone system yet to be placed in the North Land. There are only a few wireless stations in Ontario. For the long stretches of the North Land, the wireless seems to be particularly practical and desirable."

With the evening vocational classes at the Timmins high school proving so successful in this present year of 1930, it is interesting to recall the value of these classes as far back as ten years ago when they were run in connection

with the public school here, before there was a regular high school for Timmins. In referring in its issue of Nov. 3rd, 1920, to the night classes, The Advance said:—"The evening classes being held here under the auspices of the Timmins Public School Board and the Ontario Department of Education promise to be very successful this year. The classes in Machine Drawing and Sewing have proven particularly popular this year, both of these classes starting out with a full class and further applications also in. Classes in Bookkeeping and Mathematics will open on Thursday night of this week."

The Advance ten years ago said:—"The open dance given under the auspices of the Golden Beaver Lodge A. F. & A. M., in the Masonic hall on Thursday evening last attracted a large attendance and all present were delighted with the event. It is generally referred to as "the best yet," everything in connection with it being of the best. The music by the King's orchestra had a quality and "pep" that pleased the dancers. "It was simply great," said one of the enthusiasts. The other features of the dance were up to the usual high standards, so this open dance may justly be recorded as an all-round enjoyable success."

In The Advance ten years ago there was the following item:—"Mr. J. L. Englehart, Chairman of the T. & N. O., has made another donation to the town of Petrolia, the latest gift being a nurse's home, the cost being \$65,000, it is reported. Mr. Englehart is also providing for an additional wing to the hospital at a cost of \$15,000. Mr. Englehart's original gift was a beautiful residence and grounds at Petrolia to be used as a hospital and to bear the name of "Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital," in memory of his wife."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years were the following:—"Mr. H. Peters, postmaster, is taking a well-earned holiday, enjoying the pleasure of a hunting-trip." "Mr. S. Goldstein went to Toronto last week on a visit for business." "Died on Sunday, Oct. 31st, 1920, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarthy." "Mr. and Mrs. M. Sally left this week for a visit to Ottawa and other points east. While in the east Mr. Sally intends to take a hunting trip and secure some more trophies with the gun." "Sincere sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCarthy of Moneta, in the death of their infant son on Sunday. The child was only a few days old and had been ill practically since its birth." "Mrs. T. Lawlor, now of Sudbury, is renewing acquaintances in town. Mrs. Lawlor and her son Arthur, have just returned from a trip through Minnesota and other points west in the States. Mrs. Lawlor will spend a week here and then return to Sudbury."

"Mr. A. H. Reed, of the North American Incinerator Company, was in town this week in connection with the new incinerator plant for Timmins. Mr. Reed says that the plant can be installed as soon as the necessary by-law is passed by the town and thus may be in use in the course of a few weeks. Mr. Reed left here for Kapuskasing, the new town there intending to install an incinerator. The North Land is showing good judgment in recognizing an early date the advantage of the incinerator method of disposal of garbage, etc., as a guard to the public health. The North American Incinerator Company has a number of contracts for installing incinerators in the North Land at the present time." "Rev. J. D. Parks returned last week from his vacation in the south. Rev. Mr. Parks took advantage of his holiday to take further course at the university." "Mr. and Mrs. Simms leave to-day for Rochester, N.Y., where they will take up residence. They were very popular here and will be much missed in many circles. Mr. Simms was one of the expert hockey players here last winter." "There was an alarm of fire at 6:35 Monday morning to which the firemen made a very speedy response. The alarm was sent in on account of a burning chimney at the Petras building on Balsam street. The chimney blaze was very promptly extinguished without any harm or damage done." "Police Magistrate Atkinson left last week for a business visit to Toronto. He will come right through from the city to Timmins to hold court here this week." "An epidemic of typhoid fever

is reported from South Temiskaming at the foot of the Lake near Halleybury. Several people have been taken to Halleybury hospital suffering from the disease while others are reported as ill with typhoid at their homes."

Taxi Driver Tried to Drive Under Flat Car

A case is reported from Porquus Junction of a taxi driver from a neighbouring town apparently endeavouring to drive his car across the railway track under a flat car. And it was not the taxi driver's fault. It was the fault of optical illusion at this particular crossing at Porquus Junction. The track is high at this spot and in the dark, and especially with the shadows cast by objects in the poor illumination at Porquus Junction at night, it is a very difficult thing to see a flat car on this crossing and if a flat car happens to be stopped on the crossing cars approaching are liable to think they have a free right of way when it is far otherwise. In the case of the taxi driver, he came along one recent dark night, and the lights of his car on account of the height of the track seemed to miss the bottom of the flat car and showed only a free right of way between what appeared to be a train of freight cars broken at the crossing. The taxi man drove right on. The engine of his car went right under the freight car, but the top was too high and it was knocked off. There were five passengers in the car at the time, it is said, all being from Timmins, while the taxi driver was from Iroquois Falls or Ansonville. None of them were hurt, and even the injuries to the car were not very serious.

MEN COMING NORTH TO LOOK FOR WORK KILLED IN CRASH

Theodore Rindell, 35 years of age, a native of Finland, was killed almost instantly and H. Wainio, aged 32, was fatally injured when the light coach in which they were travelling on the Sudbury-North Bay highway was struck by an east-bound C.P.R. freight on Tuesday last week. Witnesses of the accident say that the car stopped before reaching the crossing and then started up again and seemed to deliberately run into the train. Both men had been living at Sudbury for some years but being out of work had headed for Cochrane where Wainio had a brother and where they both hoped to secure employment. Wainio died Tuesday night in the hospital. Rindell leaves a widow and one daughter. Wainio's wife died four years ago, but a son 8 years of age survives.

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