

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago A. Feldman's store at Schumacher was burglarized and goods to the value of about \$450.00 stolen. The burglars gained entrance through a window at the rear of the store, and picked out a selection of goods, including watches and jewelry, but especially featuring cigarettes.

The Porcupine hockey team won the opening match in the N.O.H.A. 1920-1921 series. The score was 4 to 2. The game was played at the Timmins rink and was a good game to watch. The teams lined up as follows:—Porcupine—Worters, goal; Spring and Cox, defence; Campbell, McGuire, McCurry, forwards; Parker and Lafrenier, spares. Iroquois Falls—Gordon, goal; Long and Magurn, defence; Campbell, Boucher, Joliet, forwards; Hickey and Fahey, spares. Referee, Giroux, Iroquois Falls; judge of play, W. McNeill, Dome.

Reference was made in The Advance ten years ago to popular pioneers of the Porcupine leaving to take up residence in Wisconsin. The Advance said:—"Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fitzpatrick left the camp last week to make a new home in the Western States. For several years they have been highly esteemed residents of the Porcupine and they will be much missed here. Mr. Fitzpatrick was one of the early residents of the camp and has been an active figure in many business and industrial lines. For some time he was a partner in the King's Amusement Parlours, more recently being engaged in the timber contracting business. Mr. Fitzpatrick has gone to Iron River, Wisconsin, where he will conduct a men's furnishings store. Iron River is a bright town with many industries and manufactures and is the centre of a good farming district. After visiting friends and relatives in the South, Mrs. Fitzpatrick will join her husband in their new home in the West. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick will be followed to their new home by the best wishes of all who know them in Timmins and the Porcupine."

The first dance given by the Caledonian Society of Timmins was held in the Masonic hall on January 4th, 1921. It was a very successful and enjoyable event. There was a large attendance and the evening proved out of the ordinary. In addition to the usual modern dances there were a number of Old Country dances that proved very interesting. These included:—Circassian Circle, Schottische, Rye Waltz, Lancers, Scotch Reel, Reel o' Tulloch, "Rolling Home to Bonnie Scotland," etc. D. Mackie, vice-president of the society, acted as chairman for the evening. Solos of merit were given by Mrs. J. R. Todd and Mrs. J. K. Moore; there was a very interesting reading by M. B. Scott; Mr. Rattray kept the crowd laughing with his monologue; "Scotty" Wilson in Highland dances simply brought down the house; music by Mr. Deeming on the violin and by the Caledonian orchestra, with Mrs. J. W. Faithful at the piano, found special appreciation. The president of the society, Frank Lamb, took occasion to refer to the pleasure of the society at the election of one its members, Dr. J. A. McInnis, as mayor of Timmins for 1921. The ladies received great credit for the success of the arrangements made for this dance and for the refreshments served.

Another very sociable dance and social evening held here ten years ago was the Rose Ball on New Year's Eve under the auspices of Timmins Golden Chapter Daughters of the Empire. This ball was a notable success, every detail having been very carefully arranged and nothing left overlooked to make for the success and pleasure of the occasion. The decorations of the hall were unusually effective and artistic and drew very enthusiastic comments from all attending. The music for the evening was furnished by Colombo's orchestra and was specially attractive. Refreshments and all other features were up to the usual high standards of the I.O.D.E. There was a particularly large crowd present and all delighted with the evening's event. This was the second annual Rose Ball and it was even more pleasing than the success of the previous year.

In this column reference is made to the winning by Timmins of the first game with Iroquois Falls in the N.O. H.A. Senior hockey. Timmins also won the second game which was played at Iroquois Falls, the score being 5 to 4. About 250 from Timmins went to the Falls for the game, which was a goose one and pleased the fans. The visitors from here were delighted with the magnificent new rink just erected at the Falls. The Advance suggested that smoking in the rinks be discontinued during hockey matches as a benefit to the players. "While the smoking may be a comfort to the smokers, they would surely be willing to forego that pleasure rather than interfere with the comfort of the players," said The Advance.

The election for mayor and councillors for the town of Timmins for 1921 was a lively one. There were two candidates for mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis winning over A. Brazeau, 253 votes to 135. E. L. Longmore headed the poll for councillors receiving 235 votes. L. S. Newton being second with 184 votes, and T. F. King, J. E. Sullivan, J. Morin and E. S. Noble being the other councillors elected. W. DuFeu, R. D. Robertson and D. Laprarrie also ran for seats on the council. Mr. DuFeu received 160 votes, which was only 5 votes behind the number secured by the sixth man elected to the board. The Advance, while commenting on the ex-

cellence of the men elected, regretted that men like Messrs DuFeu and D. Laprarrie, who had given excellent service on the council during the previous year should be defeated in the year's contest. The by-law regarding the incinerator, voted on at the election, was passed by a very large majority, 117 voting for and 36 against, or over three to one in favour of the by-law.

Speaking of municipal elections, The Advance noted that John Vanier was elected mayor of Iroquois Falls for 1921, the councillors elected for the paper town being:—F. K. Ebbitt, Ed. Kelly, J. Brown, Pat Kennedy, Pat Connor and Harry Innes.

Ten years ago The Advance had many references to the number of wrecks on the T. & N. O., the point always being emphasized that no matter how many wrecks there might be care always seems to be taken not to kill or even injure any passengers. The T. & N. O. always kept a wonderful record in this respect. The Advance pointed out that the delays by wrecks and otherwise were chiefly due to spills on the Grand Trunk south of North Bay, rather than on the T. & N. O. Also, The Advance pointed out that the wrecks on the T. & N. O., it had discovered, were chiefly due to dilapidated cars supplied by the G.T.R. During the war the rolling stock of the railways had greatly depreciated. This was particularly true of the G.T.R. After the war, old and out-of-condition cars were shipped in here by the G.T.R. and the natural result was a series of wrecks. The Advance in commenting on the matter said:—"So long as the Grand Trunk keeps shipping up here the lame, the crippled, the maimed, the halt, the rheumatic, the paralytic and the disjointed in the line of freight cars there will be wrecks on the T. & N. O. The wheezy wheels can't keep the track. Somebody should do something about it."

Ten years ago The Advance featured an interview with R. A. McInnis, president of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, and manager of the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. "Whether the North Country is to be developed immediately or to be delayed for years depends a good deal on the people of the North themselves," said Mr. McInnis. He pointed out that, in the past the big industries as they got started and developed went to the Government with their individual needs, and some of them were granted, but there has never been a united presentation of the facts as regards the resources of the province if it is to be developed with the rapidity that its resources warrant. "The time for individual effort is past," said Mr. McInnis. "Now is the time for united action. The big enterprises of the North have everything at stake; their success depends on the development of the North Land and all its resources. In their own interests, and even from the selfish standpoint, they should take an active interest in anything that will advance the interests of the northern part of the province. The more the North is developed the more it is to their advantage. The development of agriculture, for instance, is second only to their own particular enterprises. The food and produce to feed the large working communities of the various industries should not have to come by expensive freight route from the South; it should come from next door, as it were, fresh and new. The labour should not come from the South but from farms nearby. In this way living will not only be cheaper but better and the labour market will be stabilized to the benefit of worker, to the farmer, to business and to industry." Mr. McInnis went on to show that the Associated Boards of Trade were trying to do something to hasten development of this part of the province. He thought that here was an opportunity for the big industries. They could get behind the plans of the Associated Boards. They would not need to do so from philanthropic reasons, Mr. McInnis said, for if they looked at the situation squarely they would see that it would be money in their pockets to back up the boards of trade in their campaign. The Advance pointed out that with Mr. McInnis' advice followed, and all the big industries, the business men and the people in general working together through some common medium such as the Associated Boards of Trade, the North would certainly forge ahead and prosper and progress.

The Advance ten years ago noted that Geo. Gray, of the Dome Mines staff, had taken over the management of the Canadian Associated Goldfields Mining Company, of Larder Lake. The Advance noted that Mr. Gray was considered one of the best mining men in the camp and that with fair support he would make a success of the Associated Goldfields. "Mr. Gray will be much missed in the Porcupine," said The Advance at the time, "for baseball without good old Geo. Gray does not look like a possibility in the South End district. He was the star pitcher of the district in the opinion of a great many baseball fans, and all are agreed that he is as good and agreeable a sport as may be found in many days' journey. His ability in mining work is also recognized as excellent by all who know him and his work. He gave splendid service at the Dome and in his new position will no doubt prove equally successful."

In the township of Tisdale elections for 1921, C. V. Gallagher was re-elected

reeve by a larger majority than the previous year. E. Kimberley (Moneta) headed the poll for councillors, the others elected being F. Laforest, C. B. Morgan, and Harry Leng.

Ten years ago The Advance noted that two Cobalt men, Messrs N. Blais and Bob Johnson, had invented and put into operation a travelling machine for winter that would cover 45 miles per hour on winter roads.

The Advance ten years ago made reference to the fact that the U.S. naval balloon, lost for several days with three men in it, had been located at Moose Factory, where the balloon had come down and the men were being cared for at the Hudson Bay post there. There was an amusing or disgusting array of stories about the strayed balloonists in the daily newspapers, especially in one certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper. For days upon days there were pages about the trials and tribulations of these three balloonists in the arctic region, when as a matter of fact they were being comfortably cared for by the Hudson Bay men.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"J. W. Ecclestone spent New Year's at his home at Bracebridge." "Geo. W. Lee, acting chairman of the T. & N. O., told a Toronto newspaper that the profits of the railway for 1920 were about \$300,000.00, which was nearly a quarter million more than the preceding year. Despite increased wages, higher prices for coal and other handicaps the railway under the management of Mr. Lee achieved the best year's success." "His many friends in the camp will regret to learn that J. E. Cook has been confined to the house for a week or more. Recently, in having a troublesome tooth extracted, he sustained an injury to one of the bones of his mouth with the result that for many days he was unable to leave the house. The fact that he was unable to address a single meeting of the electors or get out among the ratepayers during the election campaign, no doubt had its effect upon the vote. There will be very few, however, of those who voted for him, or those who voted against him, or those who didn't vote at all, who will not sincerely wish him an early and complete recovery from his present illness." "A petition is being circulated for the extension of the T. & N. O. from Swastika to Westree." "Hec MacLean, of New Liskeard, brother of J. D. MacLean, formerly town foreman and deputy fire chief, came to Timmins last week and joined the staff of the Hollinger as well as being added to the strength of the Timmins Volunteer Fire Dept." "Born—in Timmins, on Friday, Dec. 30th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Greer—a daughter." "J. F. Henderson, town engineer, is spending the New Year's holidays in Nova Scotia and other places east." "N. J. McAulay was re-elected mayor of Haileybury by acclamation." "C. P. Charlebois, of the St. Anthony Mine, on the Transcontinental west of Cochrane, was a visitor to the camp over the holiday. Mr. Charlebois believes that the gold industry is just entering its most promising and prosperous days and that a decided boom is coming. Mr. Charlebois was formerly manager of the Newray Mine." "New Liskeard this year has elected two lady members to the school board, Mrs. E. M. Gold and Mrs. McKnight being elected by acclamation." "R. F. Francis spent the holidays at his home in New Liskeard." "The fine new school at Moneta is fast nearing completion. It is one of the finest school buildings in the North Land and is a credit to the people of Moneta and to the township of Tisdale." "Earl Acton, one of the popular old-timers of the Porcupine, is visiting in the camp this week and is being very heartily welcomed here by many old friends. Mrs. Acton and daughters are at present visiting in Toronto, but may later visit the Porcupine. Mr. Acton was well known and popular here in the early days as a member of the Bank of Toronto staff and was also with the Dome Mines for a time. He went south in 1916 and was manager of one of the Sterling Bank branches."

**FIRST MEETING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ON FRIDAY**  
The first meeting of the public school board for 1931 will be held in the Central public school on Friday evening of this week at 7 p.m. After the preliminary meeting the regular monthly meetings of the board will be held on the third Monday of each month commencing at 7 p.m. in the Central public school.

**EIGHT-THOUSAND MILE TRIP FOR TWO TIMMINS CHILDREN**  
A friend of The Advance this week handed in an interesting clipping from The Birmingham Daily Mail of Birmingham, England. The clipping shows a half-tone photo of Mrs. Alice Pullin, of Wickwar, near Bristol, England, together with a baby formerly of Timmins. The picture is headed:—"Eight-thousand mile dash to save two children," and beneath the picture is a paragraph reading as follows:—"Mrs. Alice Pullin, of Wickwar, near Bristol, made a dramatic dash to Timmins, Ontario, in order to bring the two young children of her brother back to Bristol General hospital for treatment. One child is at present recovering in the hospital, and the other is well enough to have left hospital and is now with Mrs. Pullin at her Wickwar cottage. Photo taken yesterday shows Mrs. Pullin with her nephew, 'Jimmy,' outside her cottage."

A Kirkland Lake youngster, two years old, playing with matches, started a fire at her home Christmas week. The mother was burned on the hands and neck, though not seriously so, while putting out the blaze in the curtains and furniture. A neighbour extinguished the fire by the use of a fire extinguisher.

## Trans-Canada Motorists Have to Change Route

Several enquiries have been made to The Advance in the last week or so in regard to the progress being made by Healy Needham and Gus McManus in their trip by motor across the continent without leaving Canadian territory. Reference was made some weeks ago to the reception given the Trans-Canada motorists at Nakina where they were hailed with hearty enthusiasm as the first motorists to enter that town by auto from the outside world. They were given a banquet by the Nakina people and stayed for a day or two, after which they set out for Port Arthur. It was their intention to cross Lake Nipigon on the ice, and this plan was in view when they left Nakina. Since then, however, official word has reached The Advance that deep snow prevented the original plan from being followed, and the pair of adventurous motorists had to return to Nakina and start off by another route. They are still confident that they will make the Trans-Canada trip all right. The worst of their journey is now over and they have only a comparatively short stretch of difficult country to pass before they reach the system of completed roads. The official word in the matter received last week reads as follows:—

"Healy Needham in his McLaughlin-Buick roadster, trying for the first time to blaze a trail through the Northern Ontario bush in the first all-Canada coast to coast motor trip, has been meeting his share of difficulties. After being welcomed to Nakina, far up in Northwest Ontario, he set out again en route to Port Arthur, which he hoped to reach by the New Year. But heavy snow barred his trail, and he had to return and map out a new pathway. Even that route may be impracticable without putting skis on the front axles of his car, which, by the way, was examined carefully at Nakina and found to be in perfect mechanical condition, notwithstanding the fact that it had penetrated country into which a car had never ventured before."

Geo. D. Mallon, section foreman at Swastika, is becoming famous for two hobbies he has. One is the raising of roses and another is the raising of wild pheasants. Mr. Mallon says there are now 200 wild pheasants in the bush near Swastika and he asks the co-operation of all in the protecting these birds for a few years to give them a chance. Mr. Mallon's roses at Swastika have won considerable notice. He received a bonus cheque at Christmas from the T. & N. O. as a mark of appreciation for many years' faithful service to the road, and the special interest he has shown in the work and in the North.

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Evening—7.00 p.m. (continuous performance)  
Starting January 12th—Three Changes of Programme each week,  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

THURS., FRI. & SATURDAY, JAN. 8—9—10

### AL. JOLSON in "BIG BOY"

BIG BOY IS BIG JOY

Comedy—"Blood and Thunder"  
Colourtone Review—"Flower Garden"  
Fox Movietone News

Midnight Show, Sunday, January 11th, showing above programme

MONDAY and TUESDAY, JAN. 12—13

### "THE DANCERS"

With LOIS MORAN, WALTER BYRON, PHILIPS HOLMES, MAE CLARKE and MRS. PATRICK CAMPBELL

Comedy—"Gentlemen of the Evening"  
Specialty—"Satan's Fury"

WEDNESDAY and THURS., JAN. 14—15

### "SINS OF THE CHILDREN"

with

LOUIS MANN, ROBERT MONTGOMERY, LEILA HYAMAS

A SCREEN DRAMA TO GRIP YOUR SOUL

Comedy—"Fancy That"  
Specialty—"Self Defence"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, JAN. 16—17

### "CAUGHT SHORT"

With MARIE DRESSLER, POLLY MORAN and ANITA PAGE

Comedy—"End of the World"  
Audio Review Fox Movietone News  
Midnight Show, Sunday, January 18th, showing above programme

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 19—20—"DEVIL MAY CARE"  
Wednes. and Thursday, Jan. 21—22—"ONE NIGHT AT SUSIE'S"  
Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23—24—"ANNA CHRISTIE"  
Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 26—27—"LADY OF SCANDAL"  
Wednes. and Thursday, Jan. 28—29—"GOING WILD"  
Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30—31—"WAY FOR A SAILOR"

## GOLDFIELDS

MATINEE DAILY AT 2.30 P.M.

Evening—7.00 p.m. (continuous performance)  
Complete Change of Programme every Monday and Thursday

THURS., FRI. & SATURDAY, JAN. 8—9—10

### BANCROFT—FRANCIS

IN

## 'The Derelict'

Comedy—"Hot Air Merchants"  
Screen Song—"Bedelia"  
Fox Movietone News

MONDAY, TUES., & WED., JAN. 12—13—14

### MACDONALD—GARRICK

IN

## THE Lottery Bride

Comedy—Charlie Chase in 'Thundering Tenors'  
Paramount Sound News

THURS., FRIDAY, & SAT., JAN. 15—16—17

BESSIE LOVE, MARY LAWLOR, CLIFF EDWARDS, STANLEY SMITH, LOLA LANE and GUS SHY.

IN

## 'Good News'

Comedy—Laurel & Hardy in "The Brats"  
Fox Movietone News

MIDNIGHT SHOW FRIDAY, JAN. 16TH, AT 11.30 P.M.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS:

JANUARY—19-20-21—"VIRTUOUS SIN"  
JANUARY—22-23-24—"TOM SAWYER" (Jackie Coogan)  
JANUARY—26-27-28—"HOLIDAY"  
JANUARY—29-30-31—"LIKE OF THE PARTY"