

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Considerable space was given in The Advance ten years ago to the meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade held at Cobalt. At this meeting the executive of the association was given extended powers and promised increased support and co-operation from the various boards. R. A. McInnis, manager of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. at Iroquois Falls, was the president of the Associated Boards and his idea to make the body the "Voice of the North" was very strongly endorsed. Mr. McInnis pointed out that the great need of the North was for a voice—a central authority that could speak for the people in general, give authentic data to the authorities, and express the needs and desires of the people with some measure of authority. At the meeting many important questions were discussed, including forest fire protection, the proposed North Land highway, representation from the North Land on the T. & N. O. Railway Commission, educational matters in the North, and the question of transportation and railway extensions. Cochrane board of trade extended some little heat and discussion by a resolution condemning the president of the Associated Boards for a telegram he had sent to the premier relative to the respective needs for a highway and the extension of the T. & N. O. north. The president pointed out that what he had done had been in line with the attitude of the Associated Boards. V. McKnight, of New Liskeard, said that the Associated Boards would be of little use if the executive were to be only advisory and had to wait for months to consult the boards on matters on which the stand of the boards was already evident. The Timmins delegates assisted in pouring oil on the troubled waters and the Cochrane delegates withdrew their resolution, it being understood that the executive were fully justified in acting when the feeling of the boards was known, as it was in this case. At the banquet given by the Cobalt board of trade to the delegates the outstanding address was that by A.

F. Brigham general manager of the Hollinger Gold Mines. He pointed to the fact that the gold mining industry had assumed permanency and should be kept in this condition. Undue and burdensome taxation on the industry was one thing to be guarded against, he said. He showed that a very small part of Temiskaming's gold area had been really prospected and he urged further prospecting. Many more rich mines, he believed, would yet be discovered in this great gold area. Mr. Brigham dealt with the cost of mining and the fact that the industry had to bear all charges, not being able to charge them to the customer as was done in most industries. Balmor Neill was another speaker at the banquet dealing with mining matters. A. L. Dawe spoke on the pulp and paper industry and R. D. Chester, of New Liskeard, gave a very interesting review of the history and possibilities of agricultural development in the North. Dr. F. W. Merchant, superintendent of Technical Education for Ontario, spoke of the increasing importance of technical education. Another speaker was Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O., who declared the T. & N. O. was one of the best equipped railroads in Canada. President R. A. McInnis was chairman at this very successful banquet. The meeting and banquet were among the most successful in the history of the Associated Boards. One of the special features of the meeting was an address by Dr. J. B. McDougall, chief inspector of schools for the North. Among the delegates from Timmins were:—D. Ostrosser, chairman of the board of trade here, Dr. McInnis, mayor of the town, Chas. Pierce, V. Woodbury and A. F. Brigham.

In the Advance ten years ago, C. S. Carter, principal of the public school here, pointed out that there were 50 fine uniforms available here for the Timmins Cadets, while there were only 25 Cadets enrolled. He said he would like another 25 boys to join at once to secure the advantages of the drill, training and discipline of the Cadets. The Advance referred to the benefits offered by Cadet training and pointed out the opportunity offered.

In its issue of Feb. 23rd, 1921, The Advance referred to the death of J. W. Ray, who had been manager of the Goldfields hotel here for some time. In this connection The Advance said:—"There was very general and sincere regret at the news reaching here last week of the death in Toronto General hospital on Thursday last of Mr. Joel W. Ray, manager of the Hotel Goldfields, Timmins, for the past year and a half or more. The late Mr. Ray had been in poor health for several months past. In September of last year it was necessary for him to go to Toronto for treatment. After an operation he seemed to make improvement for a time, but later he suffered a relapse. Death was due to liver trouble. The funeral took place in Oshawa, his old home town. In addition to the bereaved widow, one son and one daughter, Mrs. Tamblin, survive. The son and daughter both live in Toronto. To Mrs. Ray and to other near relatives and friends the sincere sympathy of all here will go out. The late Mr. Ray was well-known and highly regarded as a first-class hotel manager and an all-round good citizen. He was in the hotel business in Oshawa and in recent years has been in the North Land, having successfully conducted the Queen's Hotel at Cochrane as well as the hotel at Temagami and the Hotel Goldfields, Timmins, at different times."

On February 17th, 1921, the Timmins branch of the Children's Aid Society was organized, with R. LeHeup, superintendent of the Temiskaming C.A.S. in the chair. The following officers were elected:—president, C. G. Williams; first vice-president, Mrs. E. L. Longmore; second vice-president, Rev. W. J. Armes, South Porcupine; secretary-treasurer, Rev. R. S. Cushing; auditor, C. S. Carter; executive committee, Mayor McInnis, Timmins, Reeve Gallagher, of Tisdale, Rev. J. D. Parks, Rev. Fr. Theriault, Chas. Pierce, D. Lapraire, the press, Mrs. A. F. Brigham, Mrs. R. J. Ennis, Mrs. Herman, Mrs. H. Charlebois, Mrs. W. Sampson and Miss K. Powers.

The sad news was received at Timmins on Feb. 22nd, 1921, that M. A. Ellis had passed away that morning at Toronto General hospital following an operation. In referring to the death The Advance said:—"Some years ago the late Mr. Ellis met with an accident from which it was found later that injury had been given later to one of the frontal bones of his head. Recently, the injury caused serious pain and Mr. Ellis went to the Toronto General hospital for treatment. An X-ray examination showed the necessity for a removal of part of the bone. Mr. Ellis came through the operation last Friday and it was hoped that he would make a good recovery. Complications set in, however, and Mr. Ellis passed away on Tuesday morning, Feb. 22nd. The late Mr. Ellis had been in many of the mining camps of Canada, and came to Cobalt in the early days of that town. In 1913 he moved to Porcupine and here he and Mrs. Ellis were esteemed and valued citizens until last April when they went to the West for some months, later taking up residence in North Bay. The late Mr. Ellis, in

addition to the bereaved widow, is survived by his father and mother and sisters, now resident in Saskatchewan, and one brother resident in North Bay. To these, and especially to Mrs. Ellis, who is held in the highest esteem and regard by wide circles in this camp, the sincere sympathy of all here will go out."

Ten years ago The Advance had the pleasure of featuring the fact that the Porcupine Hockey team, (chiefly the Timmins hockey team), was the championship team of the Northern group of the N.O.H.A. There was a double column heading on the front page of The Advance, the sub-heading saying: "Locals in Swift, Clean Hockey Prove Their Leadership of This Group in Re-played Game on Monday Night." In the opening paragraph of the report of the winning game, The Advance said:—"The rink was crowded to the limit Monday night for the re-played game between Porcupine and Iroquois Falls. Not only was there a big bunch of Timmins and Porcupine fans but about 250 came over by special train from Iroquois Falls. The game was one ordered re-played by the N.O.H.A. on account of Burrill, an unregistered player, being played in error. Particular interest centered in the game not only because many here thought it was a case of having to win the game twice, but, if the Falls won, it meant a tie-up between Porcupine and the Falls. However the fast, clean hockey team of Porcupine won another victory, the score being 6 to 4, and so Porcupine is now the undisputed champions of the Northern group of the N.O.H.A. and hopes to secure still higher hockey honours this year." The line-up of the teams was as follows:—Porcupine—Worters, goal; Cox and McGuire, defence; Parker, centre; Campbell and McCurry, wings; Brown and Burrill, spares. Iroquois Falls—Corbould, goal; Bennett and Brydge, defence; Joliot, centre; Campbell and Fahy, wings; Long and Hickey spares. Mr. McCora, Toronto, handled the game to the satisfaction of all. It was fine hockey, the last period especially being a hummer. The first period ended 2-0 for Porcupine. In the second period the Falls scored the only goal. In the last stanza the Falls came back strong, the final score being 6 to 4 for Timmins. Special credit was given to Worters, McGuire and Cox, with McCurry and Parker also specially praised. For the Falls Campbell, Bennett and Brydge did the best work.

Ten years ago Premier Drury introduced a bill in the Legislature to incorporate the town of Kapuskasing and make it a regular municipality. The first council for Kapuskasing was held as follows:—mayor, W. K. Kolb; councillors, W. C. McNaughton, J. A. Stewart, E. M. Hardman, Douglas Stewart, W. W. Mills and C. F. A. Lair.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"The ladies of the town have formed a committee to assist the Public Health Nurse, Miss Lowe, in the good work that competent official is carrying on in the town for the public health. The committee includes representatives from all the churches in town and from the Jewish Ladies' Society of Timmins. The following is the committee as recently organized:—President, Mrs. J. A. McInnis; secretary, Mrs. Sampson; treasurer, Mrs. Digby Grimston; Mrs. L. E. Dorway, Mrs. W. H. Pritchard, Mrs. W. F. Richardson, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. G. S. Lowe, Mrs. Brovender, Mrs. H. Charlebois, Mrs. A. F. Carriere, Mrs. Lilly."

Reference was made in The Advance ten years ago to an address in the Legislature by Mac Lang, then member for this riding in the Ontario House. The Advance said, in part:—"In the Legislature last week Mr. Mac Lang, M.P.P., gave a strong speech outlining the needs of the North Land and the desirability for the closest attention by the Government to the requirements of this country. He pointed out that

his long residence in the North Land justified him in believing that he knew the country and its needs. He made particular reference to the need for roads and other transportation facilities, and thought special attention should also be paid to the peculiar problems of this country. He thought that the Department of Education, for instance, should see to it that school teachers in the smaller Northern sections received their pay promptly. The member for Cochrane riding also had a word to say regarding race suicide, declaring that Ontario's birth rate in the older section of the province was too low. He had some words of criticism for the Government's methods of procedure in regard to the proposed new town of Kapuskasing."

The Advance ten years ago had an extended reference to the new McIntyre Recreation hall at Schumacher. The article in regard to this, as republished from The Advance of Feb. 23rd, 1921, will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"The firemen responded with their usual despatch to an alarm of fire about 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The fire which was only a chimney blaze, was at L. N. Campeau's and was soon all right without any particular damage or danger. The stovepipes had all been cleaned a few days before, but the fire had gotten in the steel extension to the chimney, the metal being red hot at one time." "Mrs. J. Sims, now of North Bay, but formerly of Timmins, was a visitor to the camp, visiting friends and acquaintances here." "The Sisters of the Assumption Convent at Haileybury is quarantined for smallpox. There is only one case, and that a mild one, but to prevent any chance of danger the quarantine is being enforced." "Mr. F. H. King, formerly of the H. B. Willis staff here, in a letter last week from his present location at Mitchell, Ont., sends his congratulations to the Porcupine Hockey team on their success so far this season, with very sincere wishes that the same success may follow them right through. "Shorty" even promises them a couple of cases when they get to Kitchener, which is not far from his home in Mitchell. He accordingly wants the boys to bring along their corkscrews, but none of the boys know what he means. Corkscrews? What are corkscrews? What ye mean, Shorty? "Best wishes to the team and management and everybody in town," he writes. "Same to you!" says everybody here, and then some."

"There was no telegraph service or telephone connection here with the south yesterday on account of the wires of the T. & N. O. being down, the trouble being a wreck on the line. A special freight got off the track near Matheson, smashing telegraph and telephone poles and doing other damage, as well as delaying trains. No one hurt, however, this being as usual, and everything is running as usual again."

"Mrs. F. Y. Uttley and young sons, of Toronto, are guests of Mrs. Rippon, Schumacher. The elder lad has been ill with pneumonia, but is now on the way to recovery and no doubt the inspiring air of this part of the North will do its part in the restoration to perfect health again."

New York Sun:—"Supposing an anti-bookstore Volstead were able to foist prohibition of reading upon the American public, it is easy to conjecture the results. Bootlegging of certain forbidden volumes is even now fairly common, with prohibition agents stalking illicit book traders, however, this racket would become over night a menace to all but the illiterate. Stories of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would be smuggled across the northern border in truckloads. Coast Guard cutters would capture tramp ships laden with sea tales. Plutoocrats would stock their attics with tons of imported murder mysteries."

Hollinger Still is Leader in Output

Tonnage of 4,500 Against 2,100 Tons; per Day at Lake Shore. Lake Shore's January Output Was \$60,000 More Than Hollinger's, However.

For the month of January of this year the Lake Shore of Kirkland Lake for the first time in history took the place of the leading mine in Canada so far as value of production is concerned. This place has been held for many years by Hollinger and until recently the supremacy of the big mine at Timmins was not even threatened. As it is, Hollinger is still Canada's greatest mine so far as tonnage is concerned. For January of this year Hollinger handled over twice as much ore as the Kirkland Lake leader, the respective tonnages being 4,500 and 2,100 tons per day. In the bullion produced, however, Hollinger for the first time was below Lake Shore. The Hollinger production for the month was approximately \$740,000.00, while that of the Lake Shore totalled \$800,000.00. It is expected by many that on account of the high-grade of its ore, the Lake Shore may hold its supremacy during the year, but that, of course, remains to be seen. The general opinion is that the Hollinger has been making notable discoveries at depth recently, and it might not be well to jump to conclusions too quickly in regard to the leadership in gold production. The large tonnage daily of the Hollinger is a factor that places other producers under a considerable handicap.

The figures in regard to the respective production of Hollinger and Lake Shore are from the monthly figures of estimated production issued by the Ontario department of mines. In regard to the figures, a despatch last week from Toronto says:—"For the first time since production started, the Lake Shore mine produced more gold than Hollinger, and established for itself the distinction of being the foremost gold producer on the North American continent last month, according to figures made available by the Department of Mines today."

"Since 1909, the Porcupine field, which includes the Hollinger, has led in all monthly outputs, but in January—thanks to Lake Shore—the Kirkland Lake field, newer to the prospecting and mining world by two years than the Porcupine, took the lead from its older camp rival."

"In the 30-day period, Kirkland Lake's crude bullion output reached a valuation of \$1,649,436, a lead of \$76,760 over the valuation of Hollinger production, and an increase of approximately \$368,000 over its own valuation of January, 1930."

H. W. Dunfield Wedded at Haileybury Last Week

Despatches from Haileybury last week told of the wedding of H. W. Dunfield, manager of the Northern Canada Power Co. store at Timmins, and Miss Doris W. Bailey, of Haileybury. The event is referred to by one despatch from Haileybury as follows:—"A pretty pre-Lenten wedding was solemnized in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Haileybury, by the rector, Rev. Canon F. H. Hincks, when Doris Winifred Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey, pioneer residents of Haileybury, became the bride of Henry Withers Dunfield, of Timmins, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunfield, of St. Lambert, Montreal."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of hyacinth blue silk georgette, coatee style, with hat and shoes to match. She carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and lily of the valley. Her bridesmaid was Miss Eunice Shannon, of Haileybury, who was attired in honey beige silk georgette, with lace hat to match. She carried an old-fashioned nosegay of pink roses and forget-me-nots."

Mrs. S. Atkinson, organist of the church, played the wedding music. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, and later Mr. and Mrs. Dunfield left for their new home in Timmins, the bride travelling in a dark brown crepe section dress, with coat, hat, shoes and stockings to match. At the church ceremony the bride wore the bridegroom's gift, a gold pendant, set with pearls.

T. & N. O. OFFICIAL INJURED AT NORTH COBALT LAST WEEK

The Haileyburian last week says:—"Wm. H. Oldham, of North Bay, superintendent of bridge building for the T. & N. O. Railway, suffered a broken leg on Tuesday, when he slipped and fell as he entered the door of the station at North Cobalt after alighting from Train No. 47. The two bones of his right leg, just above the ankle, were fractured in the fall, which was thought to be caused by a piece of ice in the doorway. Dr. G. A. Schmidt, of Cobalt, was summoned and gave temporary treatment to the injured man, who was later placed on Train No. 18 for his home in North Bay. Mr. Oldham is a brother-in-law of Mr. Geo. Gibbons, the agent at North Cobalt, and his duties take him up and down the line frequently. He is well known to many in the district."

Toronto Mail and Empire:—"I am one of those old-fashioned people who was never afraid to proclaim the British Empire," says Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas. He has the root of the matter in him, and may in time become a good Tory."

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