

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

For several years prior to 1921 the Advance had been advocating the creation of a mining court with the then mining commissioner T. E. Godson as judge. The plan was simply an extension of the authority of the mining commissioner in the interests of the prospector and mining men generally. The work of Commissioner Godson (now judge of the mining court) had proven so valuable in the case of mining litigation on a limited plan that it was felt that the extension of his authority to have full jurisdiction over all strictly mining litigation in regard to patented or unpatented mining claims would be in the general public interests and especially in the interests of the prospectors. Accordingly the Advance gave very hearty endorsement of the bill introduced by Mr. Chas. McCrea to create a mining court. This bill was introduced ten years ago in the Ontario Legislature and it won general approval. The record of the mining court and of its first and present judge, Judge Godson, has fully justified the advocacy of the plan.

Ten years ago there was a concert and dance given in Schumacher in aid of the Porcupine hockey club, and the event was a remarkably pleasing and successful one from all standpoints. In compiling the column "Ten Years Ago in Timmins," the amount of space given to advertise this event in the Advance has been noted. After the preliminary publicity there came a length report of the event in the Advance of March 9th, 1921. The opening paragraph of this extended report read as follows:—"The concert and dance given Monday evening in the new McIntyre Recreation hall at Schumacher, for the benefit of the Porcupine Hockey Club, proved an unqualified success. The attendance was large, over 400 taking in the event, and the programme furnished was one of outstanding merit. Mrs. Parker, who directed the big and attractive programme, and all the others concerned in the presentation of the concert and the arrangements for the dance are certainly to be congratulated on the evening's programme. A large number from Timmins went over to Schumacher for the occasion and all agreed that the McIntyre hall makes an ideal place for concerts and dances and that Schumacher has a very striking array of outstanding talent for such events." The Advance then proceeds to deal with the programme in detail. Jas. Shewan was chairman. The stage settings, the costumes, the singing, the acting—everything—seemed about as perfect as it is possible to have things in this wicked world. There were choruses of well-balanced groups; solos by Mrs. Briden, Mr. Bosworth, Steve Lynn, Mrs. Parker; violin solos by Mr. Hornby, of South Porcupine; duets by Mrs. Parker and Mr. Calverley; recitations by Mrs. Keene; step-dancing by the Demers brothers; and attractive children's chorus that was specially encored; dialogues and sketches that delighted the crowd; and a closing tableau and chorus that was a special hit. The tableau was a review of nations, Mrs. Keene, representing England, Mrs. Briden, Scotland, Mrs. Calverley, Ireland, Miss Macfie, Wales, Miss Agnes Angrignon,

France (her singing of the Marseillaise rousing special enthusiasm), Miss Quinlan, United States, Miss Twolan Spain, Mrs. Lynn, Holland, Miss Ruby Hawley, Italy, Miss Mary Byrnes, Japan and Miss Margaret Byrnes Canada. Steve Lynn made a big hit in comic songs. Special mention was made of Mr. Bosworth's magnificent voice. The choruses were all remarkably effective. W. H. Wilson and his orchestra provided the music for the dance after the concert. So far as the Advance can recall it was the biggest value for the price of admission ever given at an entertainment in this camp. The excellent acting of the members of the Byrnes family taking part on the programme won special comment and it is not too much to say that any one item on the lengthy programme was well worth the whole price of admission.

Ten years ago there were a number of rumours on the wing in this district regarding hockey affairs. An investigation was ordered into the matter, and in the issue of The Advance on March 9th, 1921, the committee named by the N.O.H.A. (Messrs A. F. Brigham, R. J. Ennis and C. G. Williams) was referred to as sure to deal fully and fairly with any scandal there might really be. "Wait for the facts! This is only fair. An official statement may be expected within a few days. Wait for it. Leave the baseless street rumours to the outside newspapers!" This was what The Advance advised. This official statement was presented later and showed that while conditions were not right, they were not nearly so bad as some of the rumours.

Ten years ago The Advance said:—"At the 23rd annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy in Montreal last week, Mr. T. W. Gibson, Deputy Minister of Mines of Ontario, emphasized the fact that he believed that gold prospects in Northern Ontario surpass those of every other known field on the North American continent. It is a great pity that the Deputy Minister has not eloquence enough to convince the present Ontario Government of this fact and to persuade them to give the mining industry here a fair, square deal so that it may have opportunity to develop and fulfil its destiny."

The last game in the 1921 hockey finals for the N.O.H.A. championship was played at Timmins on Wednesday evening, March 2nd, the Sault Ste. Marie team winning with a score of 5 to 1. The Advance admitted that the best team won and that the Sault's classy little team of skilled hockey players, well trained and well-organized, would worthily represent the North in the O.H.A. finals. The soft ice was a disadvantage to the Timmins lads, but otherwise they were below their usual form. Worters, in goal, let five get by him and he did not usually do that. There was an immense crowd at the rink, the largest ever. H. Sproule, Toronto, was referee, and Bill Stoddard, North Bay, the judge of play. Porcupine—Worters, goal; Cox and McGuire, defence; Parker, centre; Campbell, right; McCurry, left; Brown and Burritt, spares. Sault—Walsh, goal; Donnelly and A. Fisher, defence; Phillips, centre; Cook, right; Lessard, left; Desjardins and Munro, spares.

The game was clean, only four penalties, and none for serious offences, being given. The Sault team put up a remarkable game of speedy hockey, but the locals did not seem to be able to get going. Parker, on a pass from Cox registered the only Timmins goal of the evening, doing the trick in the second period. "The ice was against the locals and this and other handicaps (including having its former defence men off on account of recent injuries) spoiled the chances of the Porcupine team, but they worked from beginning to end with a will, and it is no disgrace for any team to lose to the Sault boys," said The Advance. For the game here there were groups of visitors from Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, North Bay, Haileybury, Cobalt, New Liskeard and other centres. After the game the visiting team was banqueted by the Porcupine hockey club, about 75 being present at the event. C. G. Williams, president of the Porcupine hockey club was in the chair. G. S. Lowe proposed the toast to the Sault club, reply being made by Geo. McNamara, manager, and "Flat" Walsh, goal-tender. The former concluded his remarks by proposing the toast to the Porcupine hockey club to which A. F. Brigham, Jos. McGrath and "Duke" McCurry were asked to respond. Dr. McInnis proposed the toast to the N.O.H.A., response being made by President Campbell and Secretary Charlton. Referee Sproule also gave a short address, as did Messrs Bailey, of Haileybury, Stoddard, of North Bay, Thistlewaite, of Iroquois Falls, and others.

Ten years ago The Advance had the following paragraph, giving the opinion of an outsider on a matter of general interest:—"Coach Geo. McNamara, of the Soo hockey team, while in town last week mentioned with evident appreciation the attention paid to hockey in this current issue of the Advance. He suggested that the press could do and was doing a lot to support and help along good, clean, fast hockey and other sport. "The whole tone of your paper," Coach McNamara told a Timmins man, "is such as to make your people proud of their hockey team and the hockey boys satisfied and contented with the good brand of sport they are putting up."

The Advance gave considerable space to the endorsement of the attitude taken by Capt. Tom Magladery, M.P.P. for Temiskaming, in regard to the poor methods of enforcement of the Mothers' Allowance Act. Capt. Magladery made the charge in the Legislature that the act was being spoiled and rendered useless by the red tape methods adopted. There has been improvement in the enforcement of the act in the past ten years, but The Advance would be inclined to cheer again if a number of the Legislature attacked it now somewhat after the brave manner of Capt. Magladery, as the enforcement of the act could still stand some fixing.

The story of one of the few highway robberies attempted in this district was told in The Advance ten years ago, as follows:—"While returning from work on Monday night one of the employees of the Hollinger was stopped on his way over the 'slimes,' between the Hollinger and the station. The man held up had no money on him, but the highwayman took his watch and started away cursing the victim of the occasion. The latter "talked back" and eventually the highwayman made use of the gun he had been flourishing. A shot was fired at the figure of the retreating victim and the bullet hit the worker in the back of the thigh, passing through the leg. The highwayman then made his escape and though there are clues to his identity he has not yet been apprehended. The police, however, expect to make an arrest in the case at any time. The victim of the crude robbery was given every attention as soon as his plight was discovered. He was taken to the hospital and his recovery promises to be a speedy and complete one. The wound, though a painful one, is not considered at all dangerous. As soon as word was received of the crime, Chief Greer, Officer Allan and other police officers were on the case and a thorough investigation made. The watch taken from the man thus waylaid and assaulted was discovered lying on the ground not a great distance from the scene of the hold-up. The robber apparently had thrown it away as useless or dangerous to take away with him. The police think they have clues and evidence that will lead to the early arrest of the guilty man in this case."

Ten years ago H. E. Montgomery took the preliminary steps for the formation of a Fish and Game Club in the district. A circular was sent out calling a meeting of all interested.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"W. G. Smith left this week for the south to consult specialists regarding his eyes which have been giving him trouble recently." "Chas. A. Cole, who was home from the West for a brief visit here, left this week for Fort William, Ont." "Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Donovan, Moneta, on Monday, Feb. 21st, 1921,—a daughter (Margaret Clodine)." "Born—in North Bay, on Thursday, March 3rd, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gregoire,—a son." "There will be very sincere sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Spring in the death of their infant son last week. The baby was only a few weeks old."

"Mr. Chas. Hall, one of the popular old-timers of the camp, was a visitor to the town last week coming all the way up from Kirkland Lake to cheer the boys here in the hockey game with the Sault. All his friends here were delighted to see him, and he felt the same way about it. The only kick he had was that some short-sighted guy suggested he made a roll out of the game. "The guy that started that

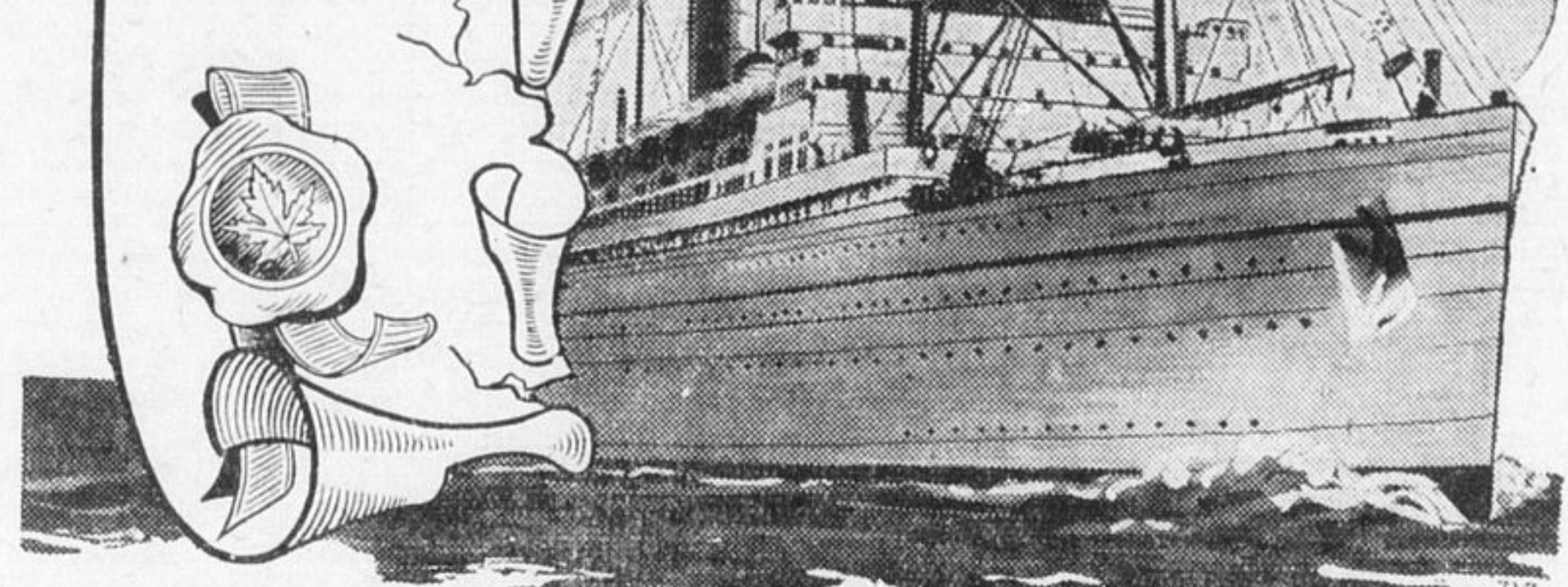
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Yokohama to Vancouver	4280 miles	Empress of Japan	8	3	18
		Empress of Canada	8	10	53
Vancouver to Honolulu	2329 miles	Empress of Japan	4	15	50
		Previous Record	5	13	50
Honolulu to Yokohama	3379 miles	Empress of Japan	6	9	43
		Empress of Canada	7	6	11

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Yarn didn't have any better hind-sight than I had foresight in regard to that hockey game," said Charlie. "The Children's Aid Shelter at Haileybury is to re-open on March 15th." "Born—in Mattagami on Wednesday, Feb. 23th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fraser—a son." "His many friends in the camp will be pleased to learn that Mr. W. A. Parnell has recovered from his recent illness and has resumed his duties at the Dome." "Mr. R. D. Robertson was a Cobalt visitor here last week." "Miss Bella Jette has left Timmins to visit her sister, Mrs. O. Richer, at Winnipeg, Manitoba." "Mrs. N. Aboud is reported as very seriously ill in an hospital in the south. Indeed, according to reports reaching town there is much doubt as to whether she will recover. Mrs. Aboud and family left Timmins some weeks ago." "Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Woodbury and son left this week

on a visit to California, Mr. Woodbury being called there by illness at his old home." "Marshall-Ecclestone, Limited, are moving their furniture department from Third ave., to the former building owned by the firm on Pine street. The furniture department accordingly will hereafter be located at 32 Pine street. This building has recently been used for offices by the Ontario Tie and Lumber Co., who are now having their offices in Gagne's building, corner of Cedar and Broadway. It is understood that S. Bucovsky & Co., purpose moving into the premises on Third ave. now being vacated by the Marshall-Ecclestone furniture department."

Toronto Mail and Empire:—"In forbidding the Holy Bible the Russians have not even the excuse that they desire to build up their home religious publishing industry."

COMMUNISTS SHOULD BE FORCED TO ACT DECENTLY

An editorial article in The Sudbury Star last week says:—"Newspapers are justly restrained from commenting upon the merits of cases which are before the courts for settlement. It is the principle of British justice that every man shall have a fair trial before a judge or jury, his chances unprejudiced by stricture of any kind. "But apparently the Soviet in this country considers itself unbound by any existing law. "Demand the Unconditional Release of the Nine Arrested Workers," is the theme of dodgers circulated in Sudbury by the Reds after the recent demonstration here and the consequent arrests. "There seems no limit to which these communists will not go. One wonders

Blairmore (Alberta) Enterprise:—"We have just heard that several Scotchmen in Calgary have been bathing their feet in alum, so as to be able to get their shoes from the boys' department."

how long this law-abiding nation will have to countenance the open, brazen flouting of the British constitution and law.

"And yet, there are some who want to trade with them, and allow them to proceed with their parades and demonstrations unmolested. "Firm, unrelenting, assiduous prosecution of every unlawful act until these communists realize that Canada means business in putting down their nefarious activities is the only effective means of dealing with the menace."

Timmins Bowlers Win All Four Points

In the Inter-town Bowling League Series, Timmins Team is Leading by 2 Points at the End of the First Half of Schedule.

Schumacher bowlers visited Timmins on Saturday in the sixth game of the Porcupine Bowling league series, but had an off night and were unable to get the breaks, so were taken into camp for every game by the Timmins bowlers who won all four points, by 295 pins.

MacMillan, of the Schumacher team, rolled a nice single of 279 and was high scorer for the Schumacher team with the total of 708 for the evening. C. Arnot also ran a nice total of 652 for three good games.

For Timmins, W. Tonkin led all the bowlers for a total of 718, with a single of 279. E. Reid had high single for the evening when he rolled 286 in the second game.

The following are the scores for the evening's games on Saturday:—

TIMMINS				
A. Sauve	156	219	224	599
R. Webb	217	198	207	622
E. Reid	201	286	200	687
A. Tomkinson	229	197	174	600
W. Tonkin	247	279	192	718
Totals	1050	1179	997	3226

SCHUMACHER				
R. Proulx	171	169	340	
G. Cameron	200	216	129	545
Attalio	181	147		328
C. Arnot	213	241	198	652
MacMillan	191	279	338	708
Angrignon		214	144	358
Totals	956	1097	878	2931

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MATINEE DAILY AT 2.30 P.M.
Evening—7.00 p.m. (continuous performance)
Complete Change of Programme Every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY

WEDNES. and THURSDAY, MARCH 11—12
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WITH LOIS MORAN, J. HAROLD MURRAY, J. M. KERRIGAN and MARIE SAXON.
Comedy—"ALL STOCK UP" AUDIO REVIEW
Specialty—"LOVE'S MEMORIES"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MARCH 13—14
"THE BIG HOUSE"
With CHESTER MORRIS, WALLACE BEERY, LEWIS STONE, ROBERT MONTGOMERY, LEILA HYAMS, GEORGE F. MARION and J. C. NUGENT.
Romance that vies with drama in the supreme thrill of the year!
Specialty—"BOYHOOD MEMORIES"
FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS
Midnight Show, Sunday, March 15th, Showing Above Programme

MONDAY and TUESDAY, MARCH 16—17
"THE GORILLA"
WITH LILA LEE, JOE FRISCO, WALTER PIDGEON and EDDIE GRIBBON
Comedy—"A TIGHT SQUEEZE" AUDIO REVIEW
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WEDNES. and THURSDAY, MARCH 18—19
"THE PAY OFF"
WITH LOWEL SHERMAN, MARION NIXON, HUGH TREVOR, GEORGE MARION and WM. JANNEY
Comedy—"SIXTEEN SWEETIES" Specialty—"DEEP SOUTH"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MARCH 20—21
"STEEL HIGHWAY"
WITH MARY ASTOR, GRANT WITHERS, FRED KOHLER and J. FARRELL MACDONALD
A drama that is packed with a lot of action.
Comedy—"GARDEN OF EATIN" FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS
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MARCH 23—24—"MEN WITHOUT WOMEN"
MARCH 25—26—"THE NAUGHTY FLIRT"
MARCH 27—28—"THE ROYAL BED"
MARCH 30—31—"SHADOW RANCH"

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Herman's Melville's Immortal Classic of Whaling Days
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WEDNES. and THURSDAY, MARCH 18—19
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WITH SPENCER TRACY, CLAIRE LUCE, WARREN HYMER, HUMPHREY BOGART, WILLIAM COLLIER SR., and JOAN ("Cherie") LAWES
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FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MARCH 20—21
"SCANDAL SHEET"
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