

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

August 25th, 1921, two hundred teachers from the schools of Old Ontario paid a visit to Timmins on their first annual tour of this country. They travelled through the North by special train under the auspices of the Ontario Educational Association and the Dept. of Education. The teachers in the party all admitted having a delightful holiday trip, as well as seeing a great deal of interest and information. The North Land certainly benefited from this and subsequent tours by the knowledge spread in regard to the truth about the North. The teachers formed their own opinions of the country and its resources, and the result has been a different type of teaching about the North Land. The visiting teachers here in 1921 were given official welcome to Timmins by Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor, and D. Ostrosser, president of the Timmins board of trade. At the New Empire theatre they were shown the motion pictures of the Hollinger, McIntyre and other mines. Dr. McInnis, mayor, also made an address to the visitors at the theatre, reply being made by Chas. E. Kelly, the general chairman for the day for the teachers. The visitors were then taken to the Hollinger Mine and shown the mill, refinery, etc., after which they were taken by motor to see the various points of interest in the town and district. At noon luncheon was served in the Masonic hall by the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church. The sing-song led by Miss Annie F. Hunter, was a feature of this event. Among the speakers at the luncheon were:—Dr. McInnis, Mac Lang, M.P.P., D. Ostrosser, Hon. R. H. Grant, Minister of Education, W. J. Dunlop, B.A., the director of university extension work at the University of Toronto, Inspector Smith, Chas. E. Kelly, and others. Mrs. Alexander responded in very effective way to the vote of thanks tendered the Ladies' Aid for the excellent luncheon provided.

In mentioning the re-opening of the schools after the summer holidays The Advance ten years ago referred to the fact that the work of the Timmins high school was to be carried under the direction of C. S. Carter, principal, who was also principal of the public school. The other teachers on the public school staff included:—Miss Gowan, Miss Fligg, Miss Corman, Miss Taylor, Miss G. D. Everett, Miss Lee, Mrs. W. Twaddle, Miss Bender.

Building permits for the month of August, 1921, represented an estimated value of \$17,000.00, according to The Advance ten years ago.

It was the sad duty of The Advance ten years ago to chronicle several deaths and tragedies. One of these was the death by drowning of the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rivet. The little girl was playing outside, making mud pies, and Mrs. Rivet looking from the house would see the little girl every few minutes. Then she missed the youngster and a search was started. Two men working at the river assisted in the search and one of them trying the water at a little landing nearby found the dead body of the child. It is thought that the little girl had gone to the river seeking water to aid in her pie-making and that she fell into the water and was drowned. The deepest sympathy was extended to the bereaved parents in their tragic loss. Another depressing tragedy recorded was that of the death of Rev. W. Haythornwaite, the Anglican minister at Moose Factory, James Bay. Some weeks previously while helping in the moving of some furniture, Rev. Mr. Haythornwaite was struck by a falling piano when the team of horses drawing the goods became frightened and bolted. He had his shoulder broken in two places as well as suffering other injuries. The nearest doctor was at Cochrane some 180 miles away and the injured clergyman had to lie for weeks before skilled medical aid could be brought to him. Much of the time he was delirious from the terrible pain. He was constantly watched by friends, but one day he was left alone for a minute or two and he got up from his bed, secured a gun and shot himself. Rev. Mr. Haythornwaite gave notable service at Moose Factory and was a devoted pioneer missionary who is affectionately remembered by all who knew him. He had visited Timmins on more than one occasion and had told The Advance of the wonderful agricultural possibilities of the Moose Factory area, where grains and vegetables and even fruits were then being grown. His pictures of agricultural scenes in the farther north were very interesting and informative. Still another death recorded was that of Mrs. A. C. Kent, residing on Railroad street, South Porcupine. Mrs. Kent was found dead in bed, death being due apparently to heart failure. The deceased was about 45 years of age at the time of death. An inquest was held, the verdict of the jury being that death was due to natural causes.

A week or two ago The Advance in its ordinary news columns had reference to the fact that J. C. Ross, district superintendent of post offices in this district, had been 32 years in the postal service. Ten years ago his appointment as acting district superintendent was announced by The Advance.

At the Dome on Aug. 24th, 1921, Timmins Football Club was "skunked, whitewashed, duck-eyed or what have you," the score being 7 to 0. Timmins

had trouble in getting a team together for the match, but The Advance admitted that on the play the best team won, though the score did not exactly show the respective merits of the teams.

Ten years ago The Advance referred to the part that luck played in sport, insuring the line of baseball. Cochrane baseball team all season had played great ball but the team seemed to be hoodooed. In any event they could not get a good gate for a home game. Usually it rained, or the game was postponed or something. In one case Timmins team was on the way to Cochrane to play ball and three miles from Porquus Junction there was a freight wreck blocking the line. The boys could not get to Cochrane for the match. That was Cochrane's hard luck, and there was enough of it to leave some for the Timmins boys. They got hungry and walked on to Porquus to get a luncheon and the train actually went back to Timmins and left the lads stranded at Porquus Junction.

The annual Oddfellows' picnic in 1921 was held at Golden City on August 24th and was a most enjoyable affair. There was a good crowd and a big time. A long programme of sports was enjoyed and there were good prizes for all the events. One of the special features was a baseball match between the Oddfellows and the Orientals, Joe McGrath's "Chinamen" winning with the score of 12 to 11. Mr. Chalk umpired and he was white. G. Sheridan was the base umpire, but he wasn't a bit.

Fire did between \$2000.00 and \$2500.00 damage to the restaurant and rooming house conducted by Mrs. Angus Morrison, South Porcupine, on Sunday morning, Aug. 28th, 1921. The alarm was really given by one of W. D. Pearce's sleigh dogs whose continued barking aroused the attention of those in the Pearce residence. By the time the brigade was summoned the blaze had a good hold and much damage resulted before the fire could be brought under control. The furniture from the restaurant was saved, but the goods in the rooming house had to be left where they were. Eventually the fire was gotten under control. The loss was covered by insurance.

The Advance noted with pleasure a grant of \$100.00 made by the town council at Iroquois Falls in 1921 to the Iroquois Falls Amateur Athletic Association for the furtherance of good sport in that town.

Ten years ago The Advance had the following paragraph in regard to a birthday party:—"Mr. Frank Burke had a birthday last week, and a party of his friends visited him at his home and fairly showered him with good wishes, 'many happy returns of the day' and presents. 'Most of these presents seem to be happy returns all right,' said Frank to the boys. Frank keeps good track of his stock and he knows even the chocolate bars that walk away. But after Frank had decided that he could carry 'all that junk' back to the store, everybody had a happy social time, and the boys feel that birthdays should come more frequently than just once a year."

It is impossible to read The Advance ten years ago without getting the impression that the said Advance did not like either the Farmers' Government or the Ontario Temperance Act. In the issue ten years ago there were several items that left this impression. For instance, one little item said:—"If this unco guid government is allowed to carry on, soon a man won't be able to stay out of jail in this province unless he can show his amateur card of membership in the Methodist church." Another longer paragraph was just as bad. It said:—"The Zionists are settling in Palestine. If there are any Pharisees in the holy land who will feel out of place under the new dispensation there they ought to emigrate to Ontario and feel at home. This province at present is the ideal world home of the Pharisee. 'Oh, Lord, we are not as other men, and there are quite a few improvements that we will have to inaugurate in Heaven as soon as we reach there, if so. For instance, there is too much music and surely music is a sin. People are altogether too happy in Heaven now, and that does not seem quite right. Also, wouldn't iron doors be more economical than those early gates? And mud roads, if any, more methodically heavy than streets of gold?' Of course, this is from the revised version!"

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mrs. Tom O'Leary and her sister, Mrs. A. E. Donovan left on Monday to take in the Toronto exhibition, and will include Buffalo and Niagara Falls in their itinerary." "Iroquois Falls won from Cochrane at the latter place this week in a postponed game in the district baseball series. The score was 12 to 2. This makes the contest for the district championship a straight issue between Timmins and the Falls." "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton and family, of South Porcupine, are in the south on a holiday visit." "J. S. McGuire is on a holiday visit to the south." "H. Peters, postmaster, returned this week from a holiday in the South." "Mrs. W. G. Smith and children are visiting in Aurora and Toronto." "At a meeting of the executive of the Timmins Football Club Monday

evening of this week J. Callum was elected secretary-treasurer for the balance of the season." "E. R. Tucker, formerly of Sudbury, but now of Cochrane, has been appointed police magistrate for Cochrane district, with headquarters at Cochrane and territory extending along the Canadian National Railway from Quebec boundary to Grant on the west." "Mrs. P. L. McHale, of Kapuskasing, is visiting relatives and friends in the camp. Mrs. McHale was formerly Miss Laura Poltras and was one of the popular young ladies of the town. Her husband conducted a jewelry store in Timmins for a couple of years, but has recently been in Kapuskasing. They were married quietly at Kapuskasing last month." "J. E. Newton left last week for the South. He will attend the re-opening ceremonies in connection with the beautiful new headquarters office building of the Mutual Life Co. at Waterloo, and on his return to Timmins will be accompanied by Mrs. Newton who has been enjoying a holiday in the South."

"Miss A. C. Swallow left on Friday for Toronto where she will enter St. Michael's hospital as a nurse in training. Her many friends in the town and district will regret her departure from town, but all will wish her all success and advancement in her chosen profession. Miss Swallow has been on the Bank of Commerce staff for the past three or four years and has won many friends here." "A. E. Riddle left his morning for a couple of weeks' holiday at his home in Parry Sound, after which he will spend another couple of weeks in Cobalt, then going to Sudbury to take up his new duties in Hamilton B. Wills & Co.'s new office in the Nickel Town. During his stay in Timmins 'Rid' has been deservedly popular and all regret his leaving here and wish him the best of luck and success." "Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McCoy are on a vacation trip to the South." "R. Wilson and son are gone on a holiday visit to the South." "Noteworthy progress is being made in building the addition to the Timmins fire hall. This addition was made necessary by the purchase of the recent new equipment. Timmins now has the best-equipped

fire hall in the North Land." "Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Massie are spending a two weeks' vacation in Toronto and other Old Ontario centres." "Wilfred Brown, of the Hollinger staff, leaves in a couple of weeks for Kingston where he will take up special studies in chemistry and allied subjects at the university there. There will be general regret at the leaving of 'Brownie,' who is very deservedly popular in Timmins, and there is general hope that he will return to the camp when his course is completed."

Survey Routes are to Show Balance of Route

A despatch last week sent out by the Canadian Press has the following to say in regard to the route of the Trans-Canada highway through Northern Ontario:—

"Designation of the first sections of the Trans-Canada highway in Ontario was announced by Premier Henry following approval by the cabinet. This is the first step in commencing work for the unemployed in the government work camps in the North in conjunction with federal government grants."

"Two sections are designated in the plan. The first section extends from Pembroke on the east, to Mattawa and thence westerly to North Bay. The second section commences at the town of Schreiber, Thunder Bay district, and goes west to the Manitoba boundary following the north shore of Lake Superior to the village of Nipigon, thence to Port Arthur and Fort William, proceeding through Upsala, Dryden and Kenora to a point 23 chains south from mile post 24 on the inter-provincial boundary, and there connecting with the Trans-Canada highway now being constructed by the Province of Manitoba."

"The order approved by the cabinet directs that Hon. Wm. Finlayson, minister of lands and forests, is given authority to continue the survey now being made to ascertain the most desirable route for the highway between North Bay and Schreiber and upon completion of that survey will recommend as to the route in that section."

Correspondent at Hoyle Sends Items

Some Farm Lands Near Hoyle Changing Hands. "Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before." Visitors to Hoyle and District.

A friend and reader of The Advance at Hoyle, Ont., sends The Advance the following items this week:—

Miss Laura E. Moore, matron of the Royal Inland hospital, Kamloops, B.C., who has been visiting her father, Mr. A. C. Moore, recently, and calling on acquaintances in the district, has returned to Kamloops.

Miss Olive Hutchinson and her sister, Miss Winnifred, from Stouffville, of the staff of the Stouffville Telephone Company, are spending their holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hadden, South Porcupine, and visiting friends at Hoyle and other places in the community. The Misses Hutchinson returned this week to their home in Stouffville after a most enjoyable holiday with friends. Come again!

There has been some activity in real estate in the Hoyle district, some farm lands close to town having changed ownership. Indications are to the effect that there will be some building operations this fall, or, perhaps, more accurately speaking, the moving of a residence already built, with of course, the necessary alterations, decorations, embellishments, suggestive of a "house for two." Coming events cast their portentous shadows beforehand.

Midland Argus:—We heard the other day of a chap who was standing under a power line. A metal sign on the post said: "Danger—2,000 volts." Disbelieving the caution, and heedless of his friends' warning, he tickled the high tension wire with the limb of a convenient tree. The wallop he received has convinced him permanently, we hope, that signs mean what they say. It seems to be an unfortunate twist in human nature that we are not always content to profit by others' experiences. We must find things out for ourselves, regardless of the cost.



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Flying Circular Saw Rips Seat of Trousers

Cecil Birch, a Cobalt young man, had the seat of his trousers torn when a circular saw in operation broke last week. The young man was not otherwise injured, but his father, Albert Birch, did not escape so easily from the accident, having his left arm badly lacerated by the flying flywheel of the machine. An automobile engine was used to drive the saw and the accident was caused apparently by the transmission locking on the engine. The machine immediately shattered, the flywheel breaking into a number of pieces and the saw also shattering into bits. One part of the flywheel, weighing 50 pounds, hurtled through the air about 350 feet and passing through a garage and out into the highway. Another section weighing about 15 pounds travelled even farther. Cecil Birch, his father, and William Harrison were at work when the accident occurred. All ducked, and only the father was hurt. He was taken to the hospital where he was treated and is now well on the way to recovery. At the time of the accident there was no one in the immediate vicinity except the three at work with the saw and piling the wood. Accordingly, the accident resulted in no serious injury as it might have done

with people around as pieces of the shattered machine were thrown in all directions. A quarter section of the flywheel was tossed through the air onto the roof of a garage some distance away. This piece of iron ploughed through the roof, tore its way onto a verandah where it smashed one of the posts and cracked the railing, and then shot over onto Lang street where it buried itself six inches in the earth at the side of the road. Had there been anyone anywhere in the path of that piece of the flywheel it would have meant tragedy. Another piece of the flywheel travelled considerable distance through the air in a westerly direction, but fortunately found nothing human in its pathway.

Baltimore Sun:—On behalf of the oyster industry, it is easy to rejoice at the discovery that oysters cure anaemia. If this discovery reacts on the price of oysters in the same way in which a similar discovery a few years ago reacted on the price of liver, the oyster business will almost surely pull itself out of the depression during the season now about to begin. The prospect is one in which the Chesapeake Bay region can find abundant satisfaction.

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