

Toronto Mail and Empire.—The Canada Gazette states that the currency in circulation in Canada on August 31, 1931, was \$141,615,347. Against this the gold held by the Minister of Finance amounted to \$74,987,452, which was \$66,627,895, in excess of statutory requirements.

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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago Magistrate S. Atkinson was presiding at the trial of C. Sandrelli, North Bay, who was in court on charges in connection with the Ontario Temperance Act. A raid was made on Sandrelli's residence and liquor said to be valued at over \$11,000.00 was seized. The raid was made by special officers and an alarm of fire was turned in, the firemen being sworn in as special constables to conduct the raid. Magistrate Atkinson convicted Sandrelli and sentenced him to serve six months in jail, with the liquor being confiscated. An appeal was entered against the conviction. The defence was a general denial of the allegations made by the special officers who worked on the case, together with an alibi for the accused, several witnesses being called to swear that Sandrelli was in Toronto on the dates he was charged with selling liquor. In reference to the immense amount of liquor kept by Sandrelli it was claimed by the defence that Sandrelli, who was known as the "King of

the Italians," was a racing man, with hosts of friends, and famous for his hospitality. The evidence generally was so contradictory that Magistrate Atkinson commented that one side or the other must certainly have been guilty of perjury.

While Magistrate Atkinson was at North Bay ten years ago conducting the trial of Sandrelli, at the direct request of the attorney-general, the police court at Timmins was taken by Police Magistrate E. R. Tucker, of Cochrane. Magistrate Tucker made a very favourable impression here by his method of conducting court and the ability and skill he evidenced in deciding cases. One of the interesting and amusing cases was that of an Indian charged with being drunk. In court this Indian gave the impression that he could not speak English, and so an interpreter would be necessary. This was not so good, as the difficulty of securing a suitable interpreter in such a case would take time and money. Magistrate Tucker, however, easily surmounted the difficulty. He spoke to the Indian in his own language and the Indian was so surprised and pleased that he kept on smiling even when he paid \$10.00 and costs for being drunk. Magistrate Tucker was formerly a Hudson Bay Company factor and in that capacity had learned the Indian language.

Ten years ago the Timmins fire hall was improved and increased in size, an addition being built to house new equipment purchased. The platform in front of the fire hall was replaced by a cement one and other improvements were made.

Last week in the news columns of The Advance mention was made of the expected transfer of Provincial Police Inspector Moore from Cobalt to Kitchener. Ten years ago Officer Moore was on the provincial police force as the officer at South Porcupine. In The Advance of Sept. 28th, 1921, mention was made that Officer Moore had been appointed inspector for the Northern division in succession to Arthur Rowell, resigned. In commenting on the ap-

pointment The Advance said:—"For the past three years Officer Moore has been the provincial officer stationed at South Porcupine. He has followed the lines of his duty without fear or favour, and his own personal life has been an example in right living. Inspector Walter Moore's territory covers from Temagami to Cochrane and west some distance on the Transcontinental. Normally, he will have five officers in his inspectorate, one at Gowanda, one at Cochrane, one at Englehart and one at South Porcupine. The government is also said to be considering the appointment of a couple of other officers for the North Land, one to be at Porcupine Junction, and one for the Mattagami river area. At the present time no appointments have been made, though they seem to be desirable in view of the immense territory, much of it unorganized, now supposed to be covered by the officer in the Porcupine camp." To this latter mention it may be added that The Advance had consistently urged the appointment of more provincial police officers for this part of the North Land. With only five officers in the immense territory referred to it did not seem fair either to the police or to the public to continue to allow five men to attempt to properly police so big an area.

The Advance ten years ago had the following paragraph:—"An incident occurring at the Paymaster Mine recently has been causing some amusement to folks in general, and also some interest to those supernaturally inclined. A mother bear and two cubs were driven off the Dome and West Dome properties onto the Paymaster. As soon as the bears were driven from the Dome, the stock of the Dome began to climb on the market running from \$18.50 to \$23.00. Then the mother bear and two cubs on the Paymaster were shot, the men doing the trick saying:—"We don't need to shoot the bull about this property, but we've got to get rid of the bears to save our bacon." After the bears were gotten off the Paymaster property some specially pleasing finds were made. Now, the president, A. S. Fuller, says that although he is not superstitious nor a believer in signs or omens—still—well, anyway, he says he never did have any use for the "bears" that try to raid the mining camps."

Miss Lillian Kellatt, deaconess of the Upper Canada Tract Society, was in the camp ten years ago making the annual collection of funds for the society's missions for sailors on inland waters. The total of the subscriptions collected by Miss Kellatt amounted to \$151.92. The sad news was received in Timmins

ten years ago of the death of Thomas James, of Toronto, a former well-known and popular prospector and miner of the Porcupine in the early days. The late Mr. James was the victim of an unfortunate mishap, picking up a bottle containing corrosive sublimate and starting to drink it in the belief that it was ginger ale. Before he noted the poison label he had taken a heavy drink of the poison. Despite all that the doctors summoned at once could do he died shortly after the accident. The late Mr. James was born at Bruce Mines, Ontario, in 1861, and so was sixty years of age at the time of death. He lived for several years in South Porcupine. The widow in Toronto, two brothers in the Porcupine, and a sister living in Toronto, were among the near relatives surviving. Mr. James was a member of the Masonic Order and of the Oddfellows. He was very generally popular and respected and there was much sorrow at his death.

Ten years ago The Advance had the following which will be of interest to hosts of friends again:—"J. D. MacLean, formerly town foreman and deputy fire chief here, and more recently one of the assistants to the town engineer, left for Ottawa to be present at his own wedding in the capital city on Tuesday. Jack said he wouldn't miss this particular wedding for anything. On Tuesday this very popular and much-esteemed old-timer of the North Land, was married to Miss Carr, sister of Mrs. L. S. Newton, Mrs. Fitzgerald, and Mrs. E. Rogers. The bride is well known and popular in Timmins and the couple will receive the very sincere and hearty good wishes of hosts of friends in Timmins and district. Mr. and Mrs. MacLean will take up residence on Cedar street, Timmins, after their return from their wedding trip. An indication of the popularity of the groom and the sincere regard and affection in which he is held by those who know him best was given by the hosts of good wishes showered upon him during the past week or two. In several cases there was parties and presentations. With the Timmins Fire Brigade, of which he has been a valued member for many years, the feeling was expressed in tangible form. The Brigade presented Jack with a handsome and valuable bedroom suite as a token of this regard."

The Advance had a reference ten years ago to the wedding at Sault Ste. Marie of Major Howard McNamara, coach of Sudbury's senior hockey team, with Major and Mrs. George McNamara attending the bridal couple.

Announcement was made ten years ago that the Hollinger Stores would be open Saturday evenings until 9.30 p.m. for the convenience of customers.

Ten years ago The Advance referred to the fact that the March Gold Mines were installing a mining plant, under the supervision of A. S. Crowe. Another paragraph on mining said that the West Dome and Dome Lake merger was expected soon.

The Advance ten years ago had a report of the wedding at Sudbury on Sept. 26th, 1921, of A. T. Laronde and Miss Bertha Lefebvre, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lefebvre, of Sudbury. They were married at St. Ann's church, Sudbury, by Rev. Fr. Desjardins. After the ceremony they left for a honeymoon trip to Timmins and later returned to Sudbury to take up residence. Also The Advance had the following paragraph:—"Two very enjoyable evenings were spent by friends at the home of Mrs. T. J. Lawlor last week on the occasion of the visit to Timmins of her brother, A. T. Laronde, and his bride. On the arrival of the young couple here they were showered with confetti, after which the party of over thirty friends spent a pleasant social evening during which a very tasty supper was served. On Thursday evening again Mrs. Lawlor had a number of friends in and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all. Mr. and Mrs. Laronde, left on Saturday morning for Sudbury where they will reside and where they are followed by all good wishes for success and happiness from their friends in Timmins."

Ten years ago The Advance was rather fierce in some of its expressions! There were rumours of curtailment of the service on the T. & N. O. At that time the telephone service was not so good, the post office service was not so good, and the railway service was better than it had been, but The Advance was afraid it might get worse if curtailed.

Under the heading, "A Pretty House Wedding" on Elm Street Last Week, The Advance ten years ago said:—"A quiet but pretty house wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. H. Twaddle, Elm street on Tuesday of last week, Sept. 28th, when Miss Ellen Twaddle and Mr. Robert Russell were united in the bonds of matrimony. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were in attendance. Rev. J. D. Parks, pastor of the Timmins Presbyterian Church, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have taken up residence in Timmins in one of the houses of the new Hollinger townsite. During their residence in town, both the bride and groom have made many friends and all will extend sincere good wishes at this time."

Ten years ago The Advance had many articles in regard to the idea that the North Land was the "market garden of the province," and that it was difficult to excel this country in the growing of vegetables. In the issue of Sept. 28th, 1921, The Advance got down to specific cases, taking the garden of Paddy Rome on the Mattagami River road as an example. The garden in question was but a few blocks from the heart of the town. In commenting on this garden, The Advance said, in part: "Mr. Rowe has a garden that would

make most Old Ontario market gardens sit up and take notice. His crops this year were big—big in the size of the crops, and big in the size of the individual specimens. But if the size were truly remarkable, the quality was even more so. Potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, radish, turnips, tomatoes, etc., etc., were grown in this garden truly noteworthy alike in quantity and quality. Some folks have said that while green tomatoes were usually a big success here, the market gardener of the North could not ripen them. "Can't eh?" asks Paddy. "Well, what do you think of these?" "These" were ripe, red tomatoes that would make the mouth of any tomato lover water. So it was with practically every line of market garden produce. There were rows upon rows of the very best this year at Rowe's. Anyone who says the North Land may not become the great market garden of the province should see Mr. Rowe's 1921 garden."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Her many friends in the camp will be pleased to know that Mrs. Carr, of South Porcupine, who has been in the Cairns hospital, Timmins, with typhoid fever, is making excellent progress to recovery." "Jack Stewart, who has been in the Cairns hospital for the past ten days from illness induced by an ugly contact with the cement sidewalk last week, is now making very good progress to recovery, and will be able to be out again in a few days." "L. Halperin is away on a trip to Toronto and Montreal." "Miss Laura Peters returned home on Monday after a visit of a couple of months to points east." "George Campbell returned this week from a three weeks' holiday in the south." "Miss Jean Inglis, formerly a popular member of the Timmins public school staff, is visiting friends in town. She will leave in a few days for North Bay to take up her duties as teacher there." "Bill Pearce left on Tuesday this week for a holiday trip to the south, intending to take in the World's Baseball Series while on the vacation." "L. Shaw, T. & N. O. engineer, has returned from a holiday spent in New Hampshire, Portland and Boston, Maine, and other U.S. centres." "Mr. and Mrs. N. Leaman returned last week from a holiday visit to Ottawa, North Bay and other points south and east." "Mrs. Hay, died at Halleybury on Friday last after an illness of several months. She was born in England some 54 years ago, and came to Halleybury with her husband in 1906. She had no near relatives in this country." "E. I. Stafford, Canadian Express Co. agent here, is away on a vacation to Montreal, Toronto and other points south and east. During his absence W. Mitchell, of Halleybury is in charge of the express office at this centre." "Duncan McLean left on Tuesday for Toronto to resume his studies at college. Mac has been a valuable factor in local baseball circles, a fine player and a first-class good fellow in all the better sense of the term. He will be much missed here and will be followed by the heartiest good wishes and hopes that he will be able to come back to Timmins at a later date." "Dr. B. G. Connolly, manager of the Capital Trust Company, Ottawa, was a visitor to the camp in the interests of that corporation this week. He was accompanied by Mr. Costello, of Ottawa. They were greatly impressed and pleased with the development of Timmins and were of the opinion that the Porcupine camp is one of the bright spots in the country's present outlook." "J. N. Levine returned from a holiday in the south." "Thursday last the fire brigade had a call to Third avenue, D. Laprairie's fine new store and residence building. Chief Borland says that if it is correct to refer to stuff as "near-beer," then this might be called a "near-fire." The chimney of the building was a cement one and the form used in making it was left on. When the fire was started the wooden form took fire and the sparks and blaze from the chimney made some passersby believe there was a fire. As a consequence the firemen had a nice little run. No damage was done but the blaze removed the form all right."

"T. McDonough of Halleybury, is visiting in the camp." "John Reilly, who has been in Iroquois Falls for some time, has returned to the camp." "R. Morbey, chief of police at Iroquois Falls was a visitor to Timmins last week." "P. M. Bardessono returned this week from a holiday visit to his old home in Minnesota, and to other cities and centres in the west and south." "Rev. J. D. Parks and L. E. Dorway left on Monday for Orillia as delegates from the Timmins Presbyterian church to the Synod at Toronto of the Presbyterian Church." "At an organization meeting of Ontario Conservatives held in Toronto recently, Chas. McCrea, M. P.P., of Sudbury, was elected chairman of the Northern division of the province, with Fred Thompson, Swastika, and Dr. Robb, Blind River, vice-presidents." "Evangelist Smith is again conducting public evangelistic services here. He has visited Timmins on several previous occasions. This time he is accompanied by an assistant who is a speaker of some eloquence. The violin playing of Evangelist Smith has been attracting much attention to the street corner meetings being held."

"Monday, Nov. 7th, will be Thanksgiving Day in Canada this year. Last session an act was passed setting aside the Monday in the week in which Armistice Day occurs as Thanksgiving Day and Armistice Day."

Annapolis Royal, N.S., Spectator:—"An old-fashioned girl who believes in safety first, Abe Telsey says, is the one that takes the cigarette out of her mouth before pulling her night-gown over her head. We thought all girls who smoke wore pajamas."

INCREASE IN BIRTHS AND DEATHS, FEWER MARRIAGES

According to a bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, births registered in August in 52 cities of Canada numbered 8,057, deaths 3,902 and marriages 2,875 as compared with 7,541 births, 3,601 deaths and 3,199 marriages in August last year, giving an increase of 7 per cent. in births and 9 per cent. in death, and a reduction of 10 per cent. in marriages.

For the eight months January-August births showed a decrease of 1 per cent., deaths 3 per cent. and marriages 11 per cent. from the corresponding eight months of 1930.

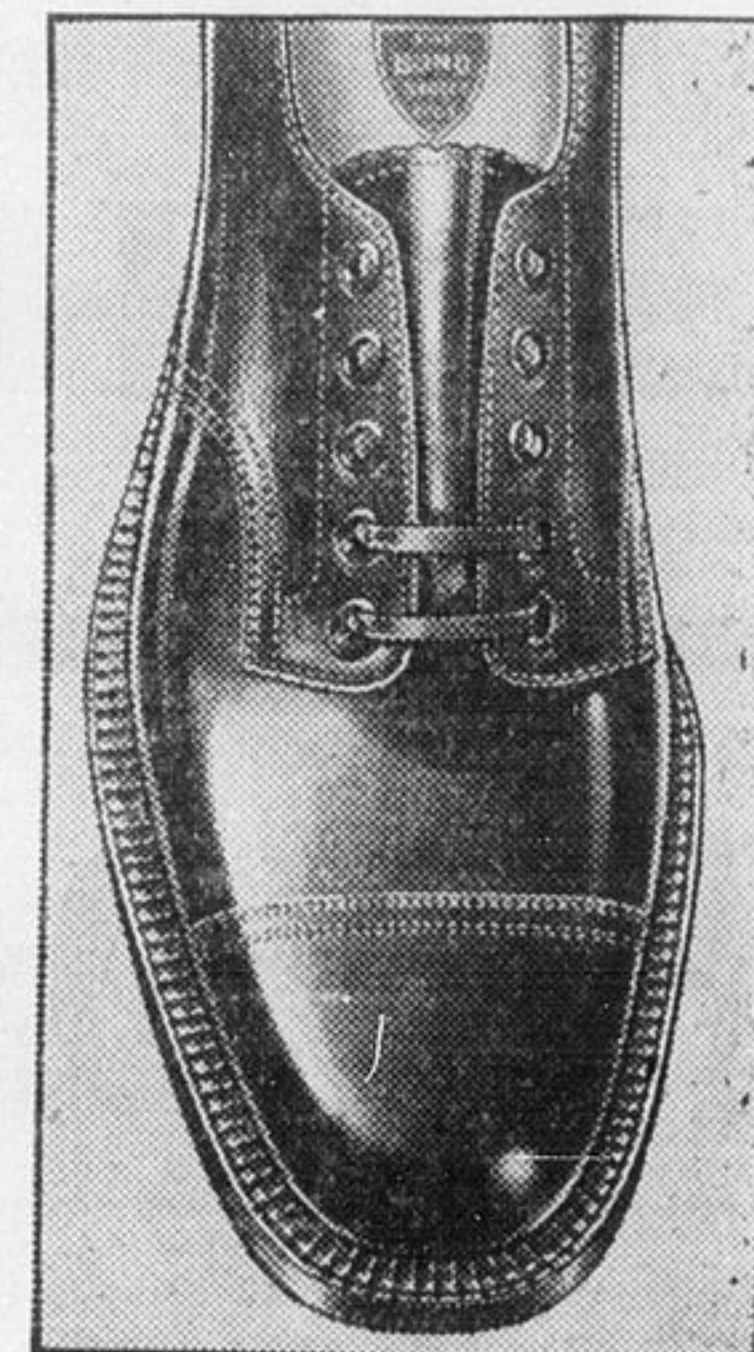
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