

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

In 1921 at this time of year, Porcupine Lodge No. 453, I.O.O.F., observed the seventh anniversary of the lodge. The event was in the form of an At Home and every one of the seventy-five or more present had a regular good time from start to finish. Cards and other games were enjoyed, there was a fine programme of entertainment and the refreshments served were of the very best, and lots of them. Many from Timmins, Schumacher and other points in the district were present, and all agreed it was a very happy evening. There were solos, recitations, sketches and good orchestra music, the latter by Messrs Wilson and Rudolphe. The musical sketches by the Miller brothers

made a hit. Addresses by Messrs W. M. Whyte and W. H. Pritchard were also much enjoyed and appreciated.

There was an extended report in The Advance ten years ago of the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. The chief feature of interest in the North was concerned with the division of the area into two groups. Timmins, Iroquois Falls, New Liskeard and Halleybury were in one group, and North Bay, Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie in the other. There was some demand for a three-group division, but this was finally over-ruled. A schedule was drawn up for the games in each of the two groups. Halleybury was anxious to play with North Bay, claiming that the games with Timmins and Iroquois Falls were losing ventures, the percentage of the gates going to the visiting teams not being enough to meet travelling expenses. Alec Dewar pointed out that in case of Halleybury going in with North Bay the returns from the games would be even less in proportion.

For the Dominion election in 1921 there was registration in Timmins for the voters' lists, with E. H. Hill as revising officer. The list as prepared by the registrar had 1616 names and in the week allowed for revision 120 names were added, with none taken off, thus leaving a total of 1736 voters on the list for Timmins.

"Work commenced on Monday morning of this week on the modern store building to be erected for Marshall-Ecclestone on their corner lot, Pine street and Third avenue," said The Advance ten years ago. The Advance

went on to say that Hill-Clark-Francis had the contract for the new building. The new structure was to replace the one destroyed by fire a couple of years before. The new building was to be two storeys and basement, with provision for the addition of a third storey later if necessary. The building was to be the full size of the lot, 108 by 60 feet. The building was to be of hollow tile with stucco finish. The description of the building given by The Advance suggested an up-to-date, handsome and commodious building, and the structure as completed even exceeded the expectations for it. "The finest furniture and hardware store in all the North," was the general verdict.

Ten years ago there was a hot election battle in progress in Timmins. At a meeting held in the New Empire theatre in the interests of A. J. Kennedy, the Union Government candidate, there was a large attendance, but the address of the candidate was somewhat disturbed by hecklers. These disturbers also tried it on with the other speakers but were not at all successful, as will be suggested by the names of these other speakers, Mr. Stockdale, Labour man, Toronto, and Geo. Mitchell, of Cobalt. T. H. Torrence presided at the meeting.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 20th, 1921, there was a band concert at the New Empire theatre after the church services. Dr. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, was in the chair. He spoke of the value of a good band to a town and had high praise for the new leader, Fred Wolno. In referring to Mr. Wolno's services in the Royal Air Force, Dr. McInnis said:—"So, if the band ever gets up in the air, Mr. Wolno will be able to bring them down all right." The several selections given by the band delighted all. The Advance at the time said that the band was one for the town to be proud of and that under Mr. Wolno's leadership it promised to continue its progress and improvement. One of the specially popular band numbers was "Fraternity Overture," in which the new band leader took the hornet solo part very effectively. Solos by Jas. Geils and Mrs. Acton won much

applause. Violin solos by V. Rudolphe were a special feature of the programme. Another special was the recitation, "The Wreck of the Titanic," very effectively given by W. Dalzell. A. Pappone on the clarinet, with another member of the band on the guitar, rendered duets that were much appreciated. Mrs. J. W. Faithful played the piano accompaniments. The collection taken at the door totalled \$108.57. The band up to that time had only given occasional concerts during the winter, but it was decided to have similar band concerts every month or so. A couple of years later regular concerts every two weeks during the winter was adopted as the rule and carried through for years.

Ten years ago The Advance announced the marriage of Miss K. Power, of Timmins, and Joseph Hagan, of Detroit, Mich., the event taking place at Toronto. Miss Power was very popular in Timmins and the district. She had taught school here and at Iroquois Falls

and had wide circles of friends. Mr. Hagan was previously one of the early residents of the town and had hosts of friends in the camp. The bride had been secretary of the St. Anthony's Altar Girls' Society, and the society made a presentation of pyrex casserole and pie plate, together with an address, at a party held in honour of the bride-to-be at the home of the president of the society, Miss Pittre, previous to Miss Power leaving here for the ceremony at Toronto. Miss Power was accompanied to Toronto by her brother, John Power. Mr. and Mrs. Hagan took up residence in Detroit after their marriage.

At the Timmins police court ten years ago a local man was sentenced to three months in jail for beating his wife. It was his second appearance in court inside of a few months on similar charges and Magistrate Atkinson evidently thought that wife-beating was becoming a habit with the man, instead of an accident, and he gave him three months to help break the habit.

Ten years ago The Advance mentioned the fact that three particularly fine moose heads were on display in Feldman Bros. store. The excellent hunters, W. McCracken, Jack Thomas and B. Byck, say they saw no less than 12 big moose during their trip but the bag limit prevented them bringing home more than the three specimens.

The Advance ten years ago told of a very successful euchre held under the auspices of the ladies of the Schumacher R.C. church. The event was enjoyable and successful from every angle. There were visitors from all over the district, and it was necessary to have 48 tables. A sale of home-made candy and a particularly fine line of refreshments were other special features of the evening. Reeve Gallagher, of Tisdale, did very effective and entertaining work in auctioning off a number of cakes after the supper. Rev. Fr. Theriault added to the pleasure and sociability of the event. The prize winners for euchre were:—first, ladies, Mrs. M. Hurtbise, Timmins; second, Mrs. A. Brazeau; third, Mrs. J. D. MacLean; consolation, Mrs. Norris, Schumacher; first, gentlemen, J. E. Leblanc; second, W. E. McCoy; third, J. T. Newton; consolation, James Scully.

Oil claims were staked on the North Mattagami river ten years ago according to The Advance at the time. Samples of the oil shale were brought down to Cochrane from fourteen claims near the Mattagami river north and west of Oil Can Portage, at that time the end of the T. & N. O. Railway. The shale samples were said to be especially good, and the promise of the oil development possible in the North roused much enthusiasm.

There was quite a few large advertisements in The Advance ten years ago. The National Liberal and Conservative Party, with A. J. Kennedy as candidate has a full-page advertisement. The Curtis Drug Co. had a full page of bargains in drugs, sundries and Christmas goods. Ostrasser & Co. and Marshall-Ecclestone each had half-page advertisements, while Rinn Bros., New Empire theatre, the Geo. Taylor Hardware, N. Ansara, Feldman Bros., W. Dalzell, and others also took generous spaces. David Bertrand had a letter to the electors in the advertising columns explaining the platform on which he was running as a candidate for the Dominion election in this riding.

The Advance ten years ago says:—"The Hockey Club dance given on Wednesday evening last in King's hall for the benefit of the Porcupine Hockey Club drew a large crowd and proved very successful, despite the short time for preparation and advertising of the event. All attending had a most enjoyable evening.

At the R.C. Church, Timmins, on Oct. 27th, 1921, by Rev. Fr. Theriault, Miss Philomene Larchie and Mr. Claude Desaulniers were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The Advance at the time of making this announcement ten years ago said:—"Happy bridegroom" is doubly true in this case for the popular Claude has been taking a special pride and pleasure out of the fact that for nearly a month he has been able to keep the news of his marriage a regular secret. Now that the news of the marriage is announced many friends of the young couple will extend very sincere good wishes.

It is now eleven years since the evening vocational classes were started in Timmins. In 1920 these classes were conducted in the Central public school and proved both useful and popular. Ten years ago The Advance made the interesting announcement that the classes in 1920 did not cost the town anything. The total cost of the classes was \$1184.00. The Government gave a



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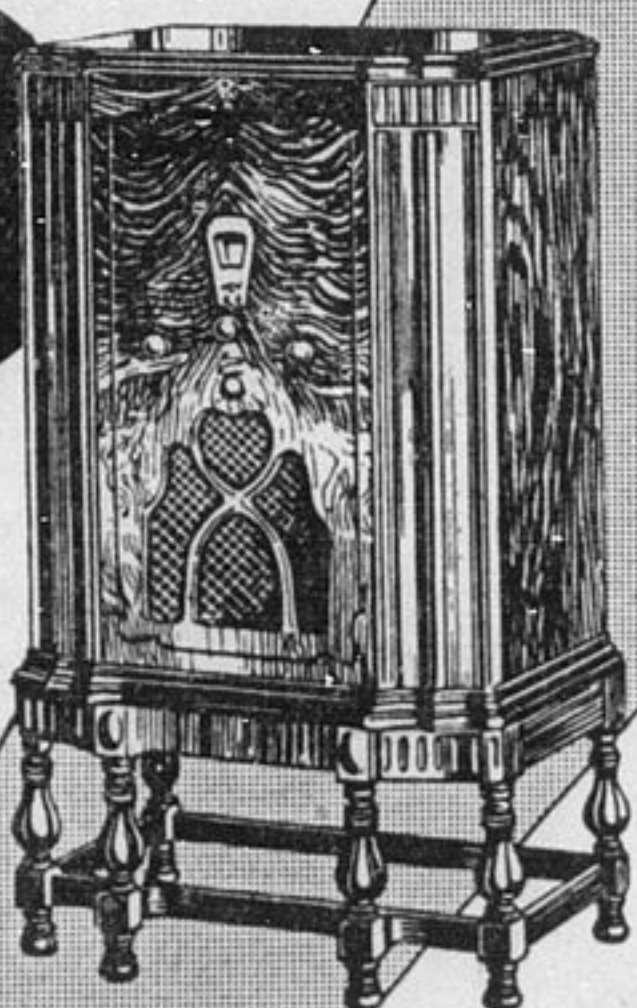
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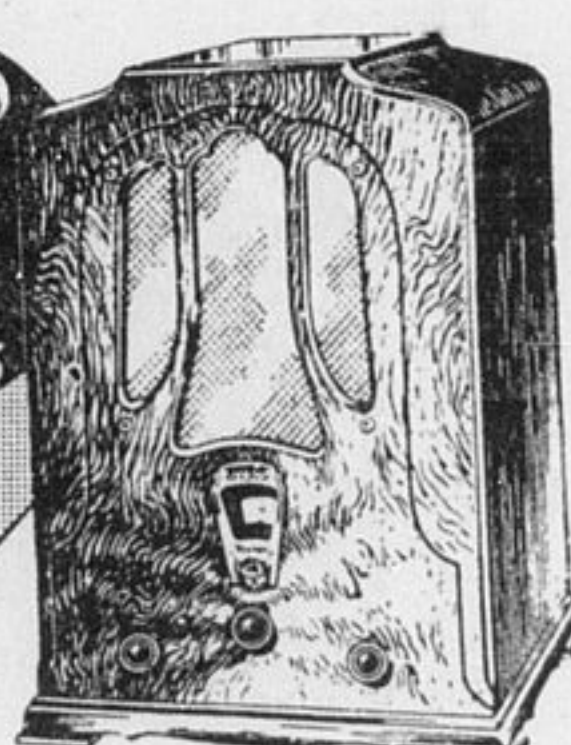
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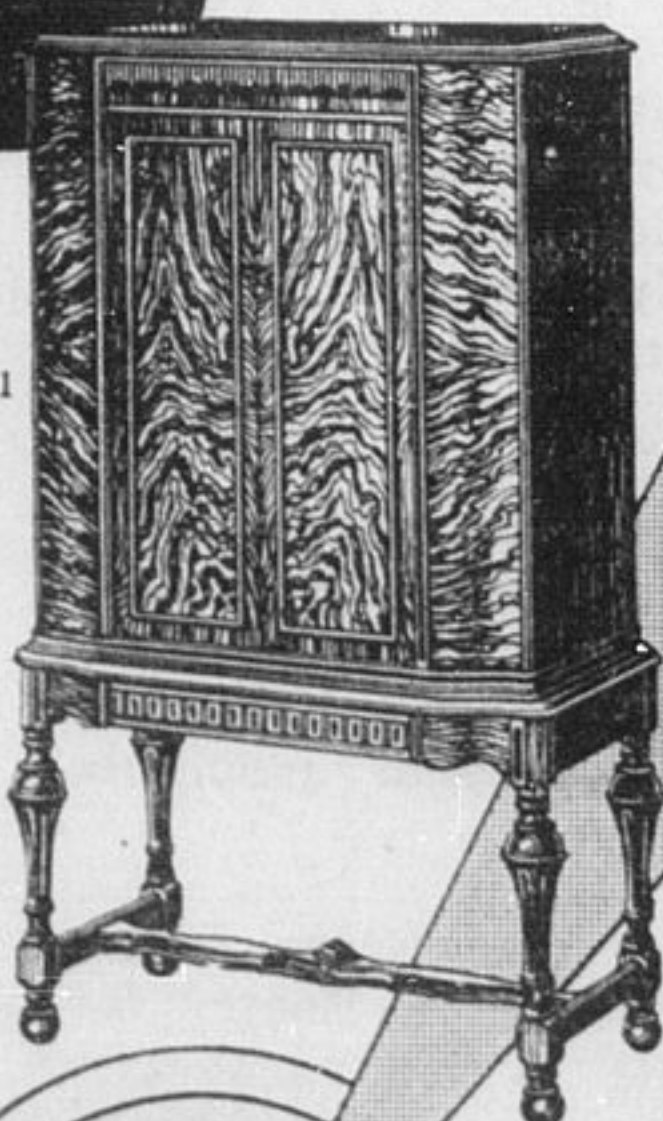
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