

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago the current issue of The Advance was on Dec. 21st, 1921, and had a touch of the Christmas spirit. In a two-column box, with large type used, and a picture of the porcupine to illustrate, there was the following Christmas message:—  
Advance Christmas Wishes from the Porcupine.

The Porcupine is golden,  
And every quill is gold,  
And every golden quill a wish,  
And every golden wish for you,—  
That Christmas nineteen twenty-one  
And all the days to come  
Be rich and full of golden thoughts  
And golden deeds and joy.

There were 20 pages in the issue ten years ago, but on account of the smaller size of the pages then, this would be equivalent to about sixteen pages of The Advance as it is to-day. However, that was pretty good for ten years ago in Timmins. There were three full page advertisements, the Hollinger Stores, the McIntyre Stores and the Curtis Drug Co. There were ten half-page advertisements, Hamilton B. Willis & Co., Victor Gramophone, Ontario Government, Marshall-Ecclesione, F. M. Burke, M. Levine, Geo. Taylor Hardware, Todd's Schumacher and South Porcupine Stores, S. Bucovetsky, D. Ostrosser & Co. There were a dozen

quarter page advertisements, N. Blahay, Frank Byck, Timmins Rink, Pat's Cafe, Mackay's Cash and Carry Store, H. Leduc, Chas. Pierce & Sons, L. Halperin, H. Horwitz, Empire Theatre, Rinn Bros., A. T. Pommer. The number of smaller ads, is too many to enumerate, but the following are a few:—Nathan Greenberg, Neh Faulkenham, Noah Telfer, Dalton's, W. Dalzell, O. Seguin, Barrow Sign Co., Halleybury, Bachelor Cigar, Chas. P. Grill, Gells & Herman, Wallingford Bros., Simms and Hooker, Sullivan & Newton, John W. Fogg, H. P. Schroeder, Bowie & Berini, J. A. Howse, Dr. Gagnon, Halleybury, Leo Mascioli, W. J. Browne, V. Woodbury, A. C. Brown, Dr. Aiken, Miss B. Findlay, D. Laprairie, N. Campeau, King's Amusement Parlours, Timmins Electric.

The issue contained a review of the progress of the various mines of the Porcupine, under the heading, "The Porcupine—Ontario's Land of Gold." There was also a review of the town of Timmins and its progress. The Porcupine was described as the greatest gold camp in Canada, and it was noted that this area had contributed \$70,000,000.00 to the wealth of the Dominion. Canada then was fourth in the world in gold production. To-day it is second, and the Porcupine has done more than any other area to make it so. Up to the present the Porcupine had produced some \$280,000,000.00 in gold. Other great industries in the North were referred to, the neighbouring town of Iroquois Falls coming in for special mention for having the largest paper-making machine in the world at the time. It was noted that the Porcupine was the greatest centre in Canada for the shipping of ties. Reference was made to the nickel mines at Alexo and the known presence of barite, asbestos, etc., in other sections of the camp. The town of Timmins was noted as having a population close to 5,000. Its many advantages in the way of modern benefits was mentioned. South Porcupine and Schumacher also came in for due notice. "The towns of the Porcupine," concluded The Advance, "are building for permanence, and believe that here is an abiding gold camp." There is no reason, after ten years, to do other than fully confirm that verdict.

Of course, the issue of ten years ago was largely taken up with Christmas articles and affairs. It may be of interest to note that The Advance published a letter from the Canadian Forestry Association saying that there was no alarm necessary about the cutting of young trees for Christmas Trees. The practice brought settlers and others some ready cash, and did not endanger the conservation of the forests. Indeed, it helped conservation in many cases by thinning out the young trees and giving those remaining a better

chance to thrive.

If there were many special Christmas items, there was also lots of news of the locality and of the day. Building permits for the year 1921 in Timmins totalled over half a million dollars in value of structures created. The building included the Hollinger townsite houses, the Marshall-Ecclesione new store and a whole host of new residences as well as some new stores and additions and improvements to existing buildings.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 18th, 1921, at an early hour the J. R. Todd drug store at Schumacher was burglarized and \$100.00 in cash and \$450.00 worth of goods stolen. The burglary came at a most inopportune time, injuring the stocks for Christmas trade and causing serious inconvenience and loss. But even this could not put J. R. Todd in the melancholy class. One of his comments at the time was that the burglars had good taste anyway, when they came to his store for goods.

The Advance commented on the large and attractive stocks in the Timmins stores for the Christmas trade of 1921. The stores were open evenings for the convenience of the public. Although all were urged to shop early, the big part of the shopping was done in the last few days, which suggests that Timmins has not changed much in the last ten years.

Comment was made in The Advance ten years ago of the financial statement of the town of Timmins. The showing by the various departments of the town was very satisfactory. The auditor went through the books of the band and of the fire brigade and found these eminently satisfactory in every way. The Advance mentioned this fact because there was some loose talk about the band at the time by some who had a personal grudge against the leader of the band the previous year.

Even the inclement weather on the occasion did not prevent a large attendance at the band concert on Dec. 17th, 1921. The selections by the band were greatly enjoyed. Under the leadership of Mr. Wolno the band was showing remarkable progress and notable ability. Dr. J. A. McInnis was the chairman for the programme and the following:—recitation by Mrs. Murdoch; violin solo by Mr. Rudolph; solo by Jas. Gells; euphonium solo, by Mr. J. Smith, with band accompaniment; duet, cornet and baritone, Messrs Wolno and Gells; Mrs. J. W. Faithful played the piano accompaniments for the evening. Among the selections by the Timmins Citizens Band were:—march, "Marching"; "Smiles and Dimples"; "Inspiration"; and "Arbitration." The way the band played these numbers proved three things, The Advance said:—the capability of the leader, the talent of the players, and the effect of regular and earnest practice.

In The Advance ten years ago there was a lengthy reference to the dealing of the N.O.H.A. with the players' certificates. G. S. Lowe, W. G. Smith, E. C. Keeley, Timmins, C. F. Magurn, W. Brydger and G. Brickendon, Iroquois Falls, were appointed to the board of references for the season. One Timmins youth was suspended for giving a wrong birth certificate. Jesse Spring, having left the district no action was taken on his application for a certificate. The action was taken on the certificates of the Boucher brothers, of Iroquois Falls. Other certificates dealt with were for players in clubs away from this section.

There was notice given in The Advance of a number of Christmas Trees to be held in town by various organizations. One of these was the Caledonian Society which planned a Christmas Tree in the I.O.O.F. hall for the children of the members of the society and their friends. Santa Claus had promised to be there in person. And this was before the 15c. store was opened here! Special services were announced at the various churches for Christmas Day, which happened to be on Sunday that year.

Some space was given ten years ago to the report of a demonstration of the Ever-warm Safety Suit, a device for passenger boats to carry in place of life belts. This device would keep anyone afloat indefinitely in the water in warmth and comfort. It was light and much more buoyant than cork. It had special attention at the time on account of the tragedy of the Lusitania. The demonstration of the suit was held at the Matigami river on Dec. 17th, and two hundred citizens watched men and women in these suits splashing about in the water safe and happy. As an invention the device was all right, but as an investment it did not turn out so well.

Christmas Day fell on Sunday, in 1921, but was observed on Monday. For this latter fact The Advance affected to blame Hon. Mr. Raney, attorney-general, who was suspected of insisting on sad Sundays only, so Christmas had to be moved on, for who ever heard of a sad Christmas. "Nevertheless," said The Advance, "we all wish Hon. Mr. Raney a merry Christmas—both Sunday and Monday. This is the true spirit of Christmas. Merry Christmas to everybody, even the boobs and the rubes who have this province under their rubber heels these days! Oh, merry Christmas! But how?"

There was quite a lot about hockey in The Advance at this time ten years ago, schedules for the games of the N.O.H.A. and local leagues being published. The Advance ten years ago told of a brutal attack made by thugs upon Miss Blake, for several years cashier at the Chas. Pierce store, but at the time of the assault, resident in Detroit. Miss Blake was cashier in a Detroit meat market. She was carrying the money of the firm to the bank when two thugs attacked her. She was slugged on the

head with the butt of a revolver and her handbag containing \$500.00 was stolen.

Ten years ago The Advance was advocating a separate department to look after mines, the department at that time handling mines, forests, lands, roads and what-have-you.

Ten years ago, according to an article in The Advance, the T. & N. O. Railway was considering the electrification of the line.

Reference was made in The Advance ten years ago to the regular attendance of the town councillors at meetings. It was seldom then or in previous years that a councillor missed a meeting of the council. The same good attitude has been noted in the intervening ten years. Certainly the men who take interest in municipal affairs have shown their interest is lively and genuine.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Rev. Mr. Paton, of Kirkland Lake, conducted the services at the Presbyterian church on Sunday, his addresses being much appreciated. Rev. Mr. Parks took charge of the services at Rev. Mr. Paton's church at Kirkland Lake on Sunday." "Hugh Creighton, who has been in charge of the customs office at South Porcupine, for the past five years, left this week for Kingston where he will make his home. He has been retired on pension after a long and honourable service to the public as a Government employee."

"The fourth division court of Temiskaming was moved to Timmins this week and will be located in town hereafter. The division court clerk, E. H. Hill, has his offices in the Dr. Moore block, upstairs." "J. F. Wolno, leader of the Timmins Citizens Band, is spending Christmas at his home in Hamilton." "As Thubway Thom would say: thith temperanth thuff ith the bunk. Other hotels occasionally have a vacant room, but the Hotel de Greer, having retained its bars, is full up all the time." "A. Lapralrie, more scientifically known as Lap, last week advertised for the return of his dog, lost, strayed or stolen for several days. The Advance had not been published more than five or ten minutes when Lap met the dog on the street. The collie must have read The Advance, said Mr. Lapralrie. Sure! All thoroughbreds do." "Miss Fyfe left last week for her home in Hamilton." "Dr. Aiken leaves this week to spend the holidays in the south." "Hugh Burrett is spending Christmas in the South." "Geo. S. Drew is visiting at his home in Cannington." "Dr. Brisco is spending the holidays at his home in Chatham." "Dr. Mitchell leaves to-morrow for Christmas at his home in Toronto." "Mr. and Mrs. M. Downey are spending the holidays in the East." "Arthur Jackson left Tuesday to spend Christmas in Nova Scotia." "Christmas is the time of good-will to all men. Even

# The Goldfield Drug Co. Ltd.

Third Avenue

The Rexall Drug Store

Next to Empire Theatre

## Tomorrow is the Last Day for Voting

A few votes will bring your favourite little girl ahead. Get busy and Vote Early and Often.

Christmas Morning the Fifteen Winners of the Doll Houses and Dolls will come to the store and receive their presents. To-morrow will tell the tale.

Our Toys Will Go at Half Price To-morrow

SMILES & CHUCKLES CHOCOLATES  
All Fresh Christmas Stock, per lb.

50c

The Farmers' Government looks nearly human through the Christmas haze. "The police were tipped off that there was a still in operation northwest of the town. They visited the spot but could find no still. They say it was only a still alarm." "R. Morbey, for five years chief of police at Iroquois Falls, has been appointed chief of police at North Bay. The chief at the Bay, Wm. Raynor, was appointed deputy chief." "J. Gurnell leaves to-morrow to spend Christmas in the South." "Casey Campbell is spending Christmas at Toronto and other points South." "Mr. Qua is spending Christmas in the South." "Don Campbell left on Sunday for his home in Buckingham, Quebec, to spend Christmas."

The biggest private Christmas tree ever seen in Britain was one which the Duke of Norfolk had cut from his own estate. It stood 70 feet high, weighed nearly four tons, and bore on its branches presents to the value of \$22,500.

### PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY MUST BE FED AND CLOTHED

(From The Cochrane Post)  
The Porcupine Advance recently had some very outspoken comments in regard to what it terms some of the "high finance crowd" which we consider well worth repeating. The sentiments expressed by The Advance, are, we believe, generally shared by the average citizen, though a certain section of the press would have it appear otherwise. We believe that present conditions and the fact that the article in question appeared in a paper of the calibre of The Advance justify its reproduction in full, as does also the article itself.

(The Northland Post; then publishes an editorial from a recent issue of The Advance, then continuing:—)

In direct contrast to the above article from The Advance is the following from the columns of the Financial Post, of recent date:  
"There is no insuperable difficulty in

bringing governmental spending down to the level of the level of the revenue that is, or is likely to be available. Private concerns by the thousands have found themselves faced with exactly the same problem and they have cut their expenses accordingly."

We might point out to The Financial Post that the answer to the first sentence is contained in the second. The various governments cannot cut down on their expenditures for the simple reason that private companies have cut their expenses accordingly by throwing thousands of men out of work. This country has somewhat over ten millions of people, for every one of whom adequate food and clothing and housing must be provided, if we are to retain any title whatever to the term "civilized."

North Bay Nugget.—Canada went over the top again in fine style on the Dominion Service loan. While she can dip up a couple of hundred million dollars she isn't quite "broke."



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49c to \$1.39

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NIGHTGOWNS  
98c to \$3.98

COMBINATIONS  
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98c and \$2.98 to \$14.95

KID GLOVES  
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\$1.69 to \$2.95

BABY BONNETS BOOTEES  
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HANDKERCHIEFS SUITS



To One and All Best Wishes for a Real Merry Christmas

**MICHAEL'S** Ladies & Children's Ready-to-Wear

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### TALKING PICTURES AT THE THEATRES

## GOLDFIELDS

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

WEDNES. & THURS., DECEMBER 23—24  
ROBERT MONTGOMERY in  
"THE MAN IN POSSESSION"  
IMAGINE ROBERT MONTGOMERY and CHARLOTTE GREENWOOD TOGETHER  
A riot of mirth—wit—cyclical action.  
Cartoon—"JAIL BIRDS" Sport—"DIXIE CHASE"  
NOTE—WE WILL GIVE AWAY FREE ONE POUND OF SELECTED CHOCOLATES TO EACH ADULT AT BOTH THEATRES ON DECEMBER 23 and 24  
Two Matinees on Thursday, December 24th, starting at 1.00 p.m. Candy will be given away free to all children on Thursday afternoon only—Admission 10c

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25—26  
"STREET SCENE"  
WITH SYLVIA SIDNEY, WILLIAM COLLIER JR., and ESTELLE TAYLOR  
The heart-beats, joys, sorrows and drama of your street or any street in any city in the world. It's life and it's real.  
Mouse Cartoon—"DELIVERY BOY" Added—"CURIOSITY"  
FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS  
Midnight Show, Friday, Dec. 25—(Christmas Night) Showing the above programme.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28—29  
JANET GAYNOR & CHARLES FARRELL in  
"MERELY MARY ANNE"—("U")  
Your favourite sweethearts of the screen in a "different" romance.  
Drama—Pathos—Romance; Magnified, Glorified, Vivified.  
Midnight Show, Sunday, Dec. 27th, Preview showing above program

WEDNES., DEC. 30th—(ONE DAY ONLY)  
RAMON NOVARRO in  
"SON OF INDIA"—("U")  
It's Novarro's finest romance in a new and lovely setting.  
Sport—"RAQUETEERS" Vagabond—"LOVE THAT KILLS"  
Specialty—"THE NAGGERS GO ROOTING"

Thus., Fri. and Sat., Dec. 31, Jan 1—2 (3 Days)  
EDDIE CANTOR in  
"PALMY DAYS"  
A whirlwind comedy-extravaganza with Broadway's premier comedian at his rip-roaring merriest.  
Cartoon—"SWISS MOVEMENTS" FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS  
Magic Carpet—"DOWN TO DAMASCUS"  
Midnight Show, New Year's Eve—Thurs., Dec. 31st at 11.30 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:—  
JAN. 4—5—"BROTHERS"  
JAN. 6—7—"BEAU IDEAL"  
JAN. 8—9—"FIVE STAR FINAL"

## NEW EMPIRE

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

WEDNES. & THURS., DECEMBER 23—24  
LEWIS STONE in  
"THE BARGAIN"—("U")  
WITH EVELYN KNAPP, CHARLES BUTTERWORTH, DORIS KENYON and JOHN DARROW  
Added—"MORE GAS" Comedy—"SHOVE OFF"  
Specialty—"A PAIR OF FRENCH BELLS"  
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Two Matinees on Thursday, December 24th, starting at 1.00 p.m. Candy will be given away free to all children on Thursday afternoon only—Admission 10c.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25—26  
LEW AYRES in  
"IRON MAN"  
WITH ROBERT ARMSTRONG, JEAN HARLOW, JOHN MILJAN AND NED SPARKS  
Midnight Show, Dec. 25 (Christmas Night) showing above program  
Midnight Show, Sunday, Dec. 27—preview showing of "Branded"

MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28—29  
BUCK JONES in a whirlwind drama  
"BRANDED"  
WITH ETHEL KENYON, WALLACE MacDONALD, AL SMITH, AND JOHN OSCAR.  
SERIAL—"FINGER PRINTS"—Episode No. 5  
Cartoon—"WINTER" FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS

WEDNES. & THURS., DECEMBER 30—31  
EDDIE QUILLAN in  
"SWEEPSTAKES"  
WITH JAMES GLEASON, MARION NIXON, LEW CODY, PAUL HURST and FRED BURTON  
Cartoon—"TOBY THE SHOWMAN"  
Sportlight—"SKI HI FROLICS"  
Comedy—"BROKEN WEDDING BELLS"

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, JANUARY 1—2  
GEORGE O'BRIEN in  
"RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE"  
WITH MARGUERITE CHURCHILL, NOAH BERRY and JAMES TODD  
A true western that is filled with action and romance.  
CHARLIE CHASE COMEDY—"LOOSER THAN LOOSE"  
Cartoon—"THE APACHE KID" FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS  
Midnight Show, Sunday, January 3rd—Showing double feature programme—"Riders of the Purple Sage" and "Mounted Stranger"

COMING ATTRACTIONS:—  
JAN. 4—5—"MOUNTED STRANGER"  
JAN. 6—7—"THESE CHARMING PEOPLE"  
JAN. 8—9—"EVERYTHING'S ROSIE"