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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The year 1922 was the second year of the Porcupine Agricultural Society. In 1921, with only a few weeks for preparation, an interesting and successful fair was presented and 1922 was expected to have a better event. The annual meeting of the Porcupine Agricultural Society was held in January, 1922, in the township hall at Porcupine. The following officers were elected for 1922:—Geo. Bannerman, president; Wm. Bannerman, first vice-president; Gordon H. Gauthier, second vice-pres-

ident; A. Reamsbottom, C. V. Gallagher, W. D. Pearce, Dr. J. A. McInnis, G. Ferguson, W. Campsall, P. Mitchell, Z. Hart E. Davis, directors; J. W. Young, secretary-treasurer. The officers and directors represented all parts of the district, including South Porcupine, Schumacher and Timmins. The Advance at the time urged all in the district to co-operate to make the Porcupine Fair the biggest kind of success, arguing that to do so was to confer a decided benefit on the area con-

cerned.

Years ago there used to be quite a few wrecks on the T. & N. O. It was a standing joke, however, that the railway always used freight trains for its wrecks, with the idea always of avoiding any injury to any of its passengers. There is no doubt that the wrecks among the freight trains were chiefly due to the poor condition of the tracks and to the type of rolling stock from other railroads. During the war the tracks of all railroads were more or less neglected, while the cars pressed into service by some of the southern railroads were certainly of poor and dilapidated kind in many cases. Bad wheels, defective axles, etc., were sure to make trouble. It was noted, however, that as soon as Geo. W. Lee had full authority as chairman of the road, there was a very decided improvement in this as in other respects. There was a wreck on the T. & N. O. near the Hollinger siding on Jan. 9th, 1922. The engine and two or three of the cars left the track, the engine turning over on its side. This time it was a passenger train—the early morning one—but no one was hurt to any extent, though several had a shaking-up. Had it not been for the skill and care of the engineer, L. T. Shaw, the accident would have been a more serious one. He seemed to sense that something was wrong at the switch as soon as he struck it and he had the "air" on before the train had fairly got onto the switch and the train was brought to a standstill almost at once. The engineer and fireman landed safely and unhurt, when the train stopped. The passengers escaped with a shaking-up. Another engine was secured and several hours later the train proceeded on its way. The wrecked engine had to be taken south for repairs.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"N. A. Timmins brought a party of visitors from Montreal to town last week. They were shown through the Hollinger mine and mill and also viewed the motion picture films of the Hollinger and other mines at the New Empire theatre. The party had a very pleasant and interesting time while here and all thoroughly enjoyed the visit. The party included:—Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Timmins, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Timmins, J. R. Timmins, Miss Juliet Timmins, Noah Timmins, Jr., Gerald Timmins, Rudolphe Timmins, and Dr. Dohan, of Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Costello and the Messrs McCrimmon, of New York; and Mr. Jackman, of Pittsburgh, Pa."

Another party to visit this town and district ten years ago was a group of the shareholders of the Hayden Mine brought here by W. H. Hayden, the president of the company. The party included seven men from New York State. They viewed the property and the town of Timmins and also visited some of the big mines of the district. At that time there were about twenty-five men at work at the Hayden.

At the inaugural meeting of the Timmins town council in January ten years ago the following were appointed as chairmen of the various committees of the council:—E. L. Longmore, finance; E. S. Noble, waterworks; T. F. King, public works; L. S. Newton, fire and light; J. E. Morin, police; J. H. Bacon, contingent committee. Dr. J. A. McInnis was the mayor for 1922, as he had been for three years before and for three years afterwards.

Ten years ago there was very keen interest in hockey here. In the N.O. H.A. series the Porcupine team started the new year by winning two games from New Liskeard. The games were at New Liskeard rink and The Advance remarked on the fact that the New Liskeard people were not giving the support that might be expected for good hockey. The attendance at the games was not large, and even at that a good proportion of the crowd came from Cobalt and Halleybury. Also Porcupine was well represented in the attendance. The first game (on a

Thursday night) was won by Porcupine with the score 5 to 2, and the second match (on Saturday night) resulting in a win for the Porcupine team to the tune of 6 to 2. The line-up was as follows:—Timmins—Scully, goal; McCurry and McGuire, defence; Parker, centre; Kelly, right; Cameron, left; Cox and Brennan, subs.; Koster, goal sub. New Liskeard—Elliott, goal; C. Eplett and S. Eplett, defence; Burns, Thompson and Spence, forwards; Robertson and Hogg, subs. In Saturday's game Cox and Parker were the subs., with Brennan playing at left wing. The games were interesting and fairly good hockey, but it was generally admitted that the New Liskeard team was not up to the standard set by this team in previous years. The concluding paragraph of The Advance's report of the two games is worth repeating here for its interest:—"Mr. Angus Campbell, of Cobalt, refereed the game and disinterested spectators say his work was unusually good and that he was fair all through and very watchful."

Ten years ago The Advance noted the fact that the protest in connection with the Dominion election of 1921 in Temiskaming had been dropped and Angus McDonald would accordingly have the seat without any further trouble. The Advance commented that while Mr. McDonald held the seat by only a small majority, the dropping of the protest proceedings seemed the wisest and most sportsmanlike attitude. The grounds for the protest were that there were technical irregularities in connection with the polling. The particular objection emphasized was that there had not been polling places established at Wawatlin and Moose Factory. The ballot box did not arrive at Wawatlin in time, it was claimed, and there was no ballot box sent to Moose Factory at all. The returning officer for the district replied that on account of weather conditions and the lack of means of communication it was impossible to hold a poll at Moose Factory, while the other matter was also due to accident beyond control. In any event the protest was dropped and everybody seemed to agree eventually that this was the way to do it.

Quoting from The Cochrane Northland Post ten years ago The Advance made reference to the marriage at Ottawa of Geo. A. Smith, formerly of Timmins. Mr. Smith was well known in Cobalt, Halleybury and other parts of the North before the war, and after serving overseas he located in Timmins where he conducted a photographic studio. Later, Mr. Smith joined the staff of the Geo. Taylor Hardware Co. and moved to Cochrane. While in Timmins Mr. Smith took an active part in many public and semi-public services. He was the founder and mainstay of the G.W.V.A. here. He was very active in board of trade circles and did much to revive interest in the building of the North Land highway, now known as the Ferguson highway. He was also active in Liberal party politics.

The Advance noted ten years ago that there was at least one place in town where business appeared to be on the increase all the time. That was "The Hotel de Greer," named after M. Greer the manager of the municipal rooming house. People not so polite as The Advance used to call it "the jail" or "the lock-up." In any event it was full up much of the time. One of the cases referred to ten years ago was that of two brothers who landed in the Hotel de Greer. They were foreigners and used other than nature's weapons when they quarrelled. Constable W. Raycroft, came along when the two brothers were fighting and disregarding the proverb about interfering in family rows he arrested both the brothers. One of them needed twelve stitches in his head to sew him up and the other had to have eight stitches. One of the brothers was sentenced to six months in jail for using a knife. Magistrate Atkinson did great service to this North Land by sternly discouraging the use of knives as weapons. By the sentences he imposed he made a certain class of foreigner understand that in this British country it was decidedly unlucky to use a knife in a fight.

Ten years ago Timmins had an intermediate team that put up a good brand of hockey. There were three teams in the northern group of the Intermediates—Timmins, Iroquois Falls and Cochrane. Up to the first week of January, 1922, each of the teams had a win and a loss chalked up against them. The Timmins Intermediates included: Stefo, goal; Keeley and Lake, defence; Lavereaux, Jacobs and Jones, forwards; Lilly and Horne, subs.

The 1921 census showed a population of 50,997 for the district of Temiskaming, which was an increase of more than 13,000 over the figures for 1911. The district of Temiskaming then included what is now known as the Temiskaming and Cochrane districts. The population of Timmins in 1922 was 3,839 which was an increase of 3,839 over the 1911 census, the town not being established until after the census was taken. Cochrane was one of the towns in this part of the North showing a large increase in population, according to the census figures published in The Advance ten years ago. In 1911 the census gave Cochrane a population of 1,715, while in 1921 the figure was 3,350.

The annual meeting of the Timmins Volunteer Fire Brigade was held on Jan. 9th, 1922, in the fire hall. The following officers were elected for the year:—president, A. F. Carriere; deputy chief, W. G. Smith; captain, J. T. Easton; secretary-treasurer, J. Morrison; entertainment committee, Pete Taylor, A. G. Carson, M. Dahner and Chief Borland. Following the annual meeting there was the customary



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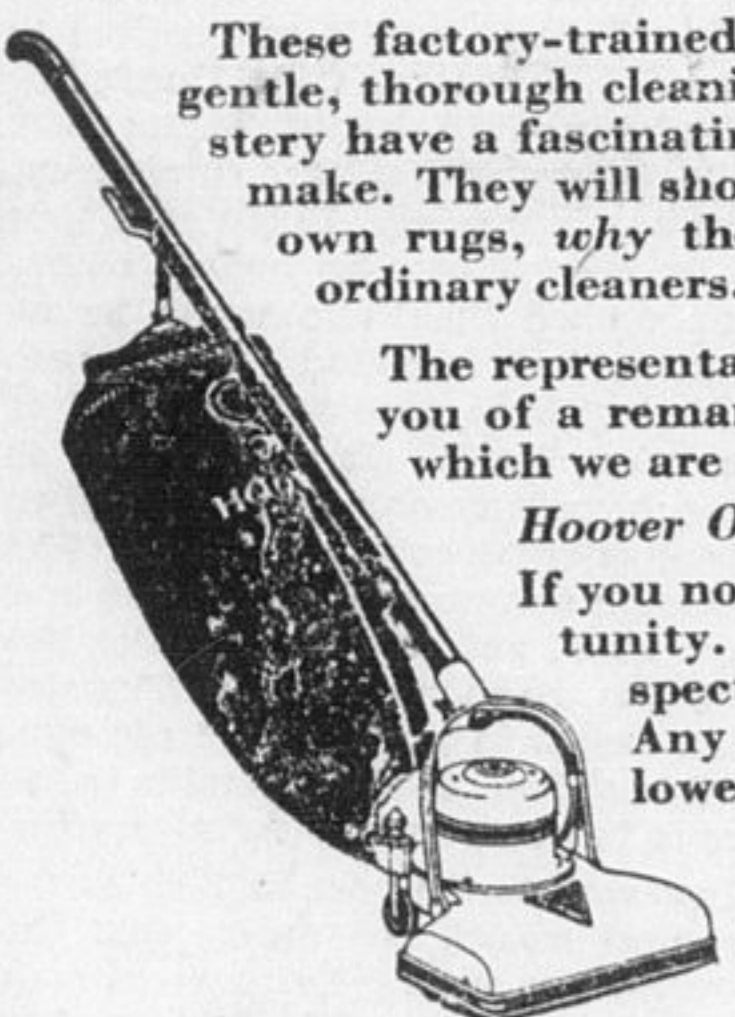
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T.B.A.A. Schools Hockey Schedules

List of the Games Scheduled for the T.B.A.A. Public and Separate Schools Division for the Season Now on.

The following is the schedule of the T.B.A.A. hockey, public and separate schools division, for the season. All interested should clip out this schedule and preserve it for future reference:—

Under 12 Division
Monday, Jan. 18th—Central at Moneta; Mattagami at Holy Family; St. Charles at St. Anthony's (Central ice).
Monday, Jan. 25th—Mattagami at Central; St. Anthony's at Holy Family; St. Charles at Moneta.
Monday, Feb. 1st—Holy Family at Central; St. Anthony's at Moneta; St. Charles at Mattagami.
Monday, Feb. 8th—St. Anthony's at Central; Moneta at Mattagami; St. Charles at Holy Family.
Monday, Feb. 15th—St. Charles at Central; Holy Family at Moneta; St. Anthony's at Mattagami.
All games to be played at school designated on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. sharp.

12 Year Division
Tuesday, Jan. 19th—Central at Moneta; Mattagami at Holy Family; St. Charles at St. Anthony's (Central ice).
Tuesday, Jan. 26th—Mattagami at Central; St. Anthony's at Holy Family; St. Charles at Moneta.
Tuesday, Feb. 2nd—Holy Family at Central; St. Anthony's at Moneta; St. Charles at Mattagami.
Tuesday, Feb. 9th—St. Anthony's at Central; Moneta at Mattagami; St. Charles at Holy Family.
Tuesday, Feb. 16th—St. Charles at Central; Holy Family at Moneta; St. Anthony's at Mattagami.
All games to be played at school designated on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. sharp.

13 Year Division
Wednesday, Jan. 20th—St. Charles at Central; St. Anthony's at Mattagami.
Wednesday, Jan. 27th—St. Charles at St. Anthony's (Central ice); Mattagami at Holy Family.
Wednesday, Feb. 3rd—St. Charles at Mattagami; Holy Family at Central.
Wednesday, Feb. 10th—St. Charles at Holy Family (Moneta ice); St. Anthony's at Central.
Wednesday, Feb. 17th—Mattagami at Central; St. Anthony's at Holy Family (Mattagami ice).
All games to be played at school designated on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. sharp.

14 Year Division
Thursday, Jan. 21st—St. Charles at Central; St. Anthony's at Mattagami.
Thursday, Jan. 28th—St. Charles at St. Anthony's (Central ice); Mattagami at Holy Family.
Thursday, Feb. 4th—St. Charles at Mattagami; Holy Family at Central.
Thursday, Feb. 11th—St. Charles at Holy Family; St. Anthony's at Central.
Thursday, Feb. 18th—Mattagami at Central; St. Anthony's at Holy Family.
All games to be played at school designated on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. sharp.

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