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**TEN YEARS AGO  
IN TIMMINS**

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

There were 4500 or more spectators who enjoyed the Porcupine Dog Race and Carnival on Saturday, March 4th, 1922. It was a big event and successful in every way. A big feature was the choice of a carnival queen, the voting being done on the popularity principle, the votes coming from tags sold. Miss Mary Boyd won the honour of being the first carnival queen, having 1308 votes, being nearly 500 votes ahead of the nearest competitor. Others winning big votes and being awarded places in the carnival court of honour were: Miss Lillian McCarthy, Miss Jean Watt, Miss Margaret Boyle, Miss Mary Downie, Miss Jean Roberts, Miss Edith Greer, Miss Mary Watson. The I.O.D.E. won first for floats, with the Hollinger Stores second and Marshall-Eccleston third. Jackie Dalton won the special for best comic. W. Martin won the Dr. McInnis Cup for the year and \$300.00 in cash for first place in the main dog race. Walker won second and \$200.00. C. E. Myers got the \$100.00 for third place, also winning the hand-made whip for dogs in best condition. In the freight race H. Darling won first, \$75.00; J. C. Hull, second, \$50.00; John Jones, third, \$25.00. In the boys' dog race, L. Rhude was first; Larvie, second; third, Daigneault. There were also many sports events, including ski races, snowshoe races, masquerade, and many other carnival features. W. Martin made the course in the main race in 1 hr. 33 minutes. The afternoon sports were held on Gilles Lake, with the evening event at the skating rink.

Ten years ago The Advance had the following:—"A luncheon was tendered by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor on Friday afternoon at Government House, Toronto, to men of Northern Ontario. There was a large and re-

presentative gathering, about 38 municipalities of the North being represented, including Timmins, South Porcupine, Englehart, Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, New Liskeard, Halleybury, Cobalt, North Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur, Fort William, Fort Francis, Kenora, etc. On the arrival of the guests they were received by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Cockshutt, with Col. Fraser in attendance. Among those present from Timmins were Dr. H. H. Moore, D. Ostrosner, T. F. King, W. S. Macpherson, Messrs Mac Lang, M.P.P., and Tom Magladery, M.P.P., were also among the invited guests. Premier Drury, Hon. Beniah Bowman, and Hon. Mr. Mills made brief after dinner speeches, the first-named with probably expected bad taste making a number of controversial statements regarding receipts and expenditures from the North Land. He was promptly called to time by Mr. Dan McEachren, of Cobalt, who pinned him to question whether or not he was quoting the capital expenditures as current expenditures. The premier hedged and as the luncheon was a social affair, the matter was of course promptly dropped. With the exception of the Premier's "break," the luncheon was a very delightful affair and the men from the North appreciated very much the hospitality of the Lieutenant-Governor."

The success of previous classes in prospecting held in Timmins under the auspices of the Ontario Department of Mines is indicated by the following paragraph from The Advance of March 8th, 1922:—"Dr. Goodwin is in town conducting the classes for prospectors under the auspices of the Ontario Department of Mines. So successful and pleasing were similar classes here last year, that Dr. Good-

win this year has an unusually large attendance, including all classes of people interested in mining. Dr. Goodwin is also expected to favour the evening classes in mining at the public school with addresses during his stay here. His expert knowledge of mining matters and his ability to pass on this knowledge will undoubtedly be of great value to mining men in district."

Under the heading, "Foreigner on way from Timmins to Ottawa Killed," The Advance ten years ago said:—"Some weeks ago Peter Supronovitch and Bellimon Pazder met and formed a comradeship of sorts at Timmins, deciding eventually to go travelling together. According to an Ottawa newspaper they walked from Timmins to Chalk River, but if so it would likely be the T. & N. O. The "walking" between Timmins and Chalk River isn't done in the best of families, except on the T. & N. O., especially in the winter time. At Chalk River the two foreigners tried riding the bumpers on the C.P.R. When the train on which they were thus riding was about three miles out of Pembroke, Pazder was thrown off by the jolting of the car and the rest of the cars passed over him, mangling his body very badly. Supronovitch is in the hospital suffering from exposure. Pazder was married and his two children survive him in Russia."

Reference was made in this column last week to the dead body of a youngster found here. The Advance of March 8th, 1922 adding the following:—"The post mortem examination of the infant child found in a parcel last week alongside the T. & N. O. Railway tracks, near the boarding car, went to show that the child was stillborn. The baby was a boy and a particularly fine healthy youngster, weighing about nine pounds and well-developed. It would appear that the child had died through the lack of the proper skilled attention, and this view is supported by the fact that a careful checking-up shows that none of the doctors or nurses in the district were called in attendance for this birth. The police are working very earnestly on the case, but are somewhat handicapped by an apparent utter lack of all clues that would lead to any information suggesting the parentage of the baby. The baby's body was enclosed in a pillow case from which the envelope (possibly a laundry mark) had been cut, safety pins being used to hold the pillow case around the body. This parcel was then enclosed on a brown paper wrapper, the latter holding a single clue that may yet lead to the discovery of the identity of the baby found alongside the track."

In this column during the past few months references have been numerous in regard to a plan for wholesale diamond drilling, as it were, on the banks of the Mattagami in this immediate district, with the hope of finding one or more good mining properties. To people here it looked like a good gamble. The Advance of March 8th, 1922, said:—"Mr. Hugh Roberts and a staff of men are in town this week, and it is likely that the work of diamond drilling on the properties recently optioned along the Mattagami River will be commenced at an early date. Mr. Roberts represents Minneapolis interests, and has secured options from the settlers up and down the river, covering a stretch of several miles. The options give the rights to prospect for minerals on the farms in question. In case minerals are found the property is purchased at the price mentioned in the option, the land remaining in the ownership of the settler concerned. The syndicate purchases wood, etc., from the settlers as may be required, and also builds any roads necessary across the properties. Operation will be carried on without interfering in any way with the ordinary work of the settlers."

There has always been a hope in the hearts of many in this part of the North that placer gold would be found here in condition and circumstances that would allow of this form of the "poor man's mining." Particularly did this hope spring eternal in the breasts of men who had been in the Yukon and other placer gold areas. Every once in a while there is a report of placer mining. Ten years ago the report came from Munro township. In referring to the matter, The Advance at the time, had the following:—"There is a regular rush of prospectors into the district east of Matheson, very extensive staking being done in the townships of Munro, McCool, Gilmord and Michaud townships. This is due to reports of noteworthy placer gold finds. These finds are generally considered as very rich and as platinum values are also reported in the gold values the interest is unusually keen. Details are all lacking up to the present, but the unofficial story is to the effect that gold assays from a claim south of Morgan Lake show from 40 to 90 cents in gold to the yard. Other more flowery stories mention a case where the values ran three and four dollars. To many of the prospectors and others taking an interest and a part in the rush, placer gold is a new one. They are more accustomed to looking for the gold in the ore. There are a number of old-timers, however, who were in the Yukon or the placer fields in the U.S.A. or both, and who feel that "this is the life." In any event between 150 and 200 claims have been staked, about half the number being already recorded. A block of territory about seven miles long and two miles wide has been practically all staked. The sand ridges, where the staking is taking place, extend about twenty miles and so the staking is likely to continue. At any rate more and more prospectors are drifting in by way of Matheson and Ramore to get in on this deal.

The find that started the rush is said to centre near Morgan Lake which lies between Munro and McCool township. The lake is about five miles east of the famous Croesus Mine. The Government geologists and mining experts are waiting to be shown in regard to the matter. They admit the possibility of rich placer fields; some of them are even inclined to consider placer gold a very likely probability. There is however, a general disposition to believe that the field can not be sized until considerable work has been done to prove it up. This will take time and energy and money. In the meantime the district near Matheson is holding the distinction of being the first area in the North Land to enjoy a regular Placer Gold Rush."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"The provincial government is taking over the highway between Latchford and New Liskeard and they will be responsible for its upkeep. It probably will be widened and improved to the extent of maybe \$18,000.00 per mile. The government deserves credit for this interest in the roads of the North Land. But there are other roads that also should be looked after by the government." "There will be a very general regret in the camp at the expected removal from here of Mr. W. W. Bosworth and family. On account of poor health Mr. Bosworth finds it imperative to seek another climate. All will hope that the contemplated change of residence will result in an early and complete recovery of perfect health. During his residence at Schumacher Mr. Bosworth has proven himself a very desirable citizen and his musical and dramatic talents have been of much service to the community. Mr. Bosworth has a powerful voice, well trained and attractive, and he has been generous in his responses to the calls for his marked talents. In return all will wish him the very best of good fortune wherever he may." "Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foster, of Schumacher, left this week for Keene, Ontario, near Peterborough, where they have bought a farm and will take up residence. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are among the genuine pioneers of this district, having been in this part of the North Land since 1912. For a time Mr. Foster conducted a restaurant in Timmins, but for the past six years he has been a valued employee of the McIntyre Mine. During their residence Mr. and Mrs. Foster have enjoyed the regard and esteem of all and there will be general regret at their removal, while all, however, will sincerely wish them the best of good fortune in their new home."

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old-timer of this camp, who recently resigned as superintendent of the Associated Goldfields, was a visitor to town last week." "Dr. Gagnon, V.S., of Cochrane, was a business visitor to Timmins last week. For many years Dr. Gagnon practised at Halleybury and during that time was a frequent visitor here on business. Recently he moved his headquarters to Cochrane and now no doubt will largely extend his practice in this part of the country." "Born—At Cairns hospital, Timmins, on March 1st, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. DeLacey Staunton, a son."

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