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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

In the early days of Timmins there were few cases of relief that had to be dealt with by the town council, friends almost invariably coming to the assistance of any in need here. Ten years ago, however, the council had to authorize appropriations for relief for several cases of need brought to attention, and the council has had since to carry through the same kind of help year by year. In recent years the amount of relief necessary has been considerable. Ten years ago the council was considering changes and additions to the town building by-law.

The annual meeting of the Timmins Football Association was held in the council chamber on Monday evening, March 27th, 1922, with the president, Mr. J. W. Faithful, in the chair. There was a very large attendance. The treasurer's statement showed a balance of \$11.81 in the bank after a busy and generally satisfactory season in 1921. Rev. Mr. Cushing expressed the opinion of the meeting as to the very valuable services given in the past season by President Faithful for its success. This was aptly endorsed, by Mr. W. Field, and a very hearty vote of thanks tendered to Mr. Faithful for his good

work for the Timmins Football Club. After the president had reviewed the work of the 1921 season and the bright prospects in 1922 for the best of sport and success in the line of football in this camp, the work of electing officers for the year was taken up. Four nominations were made for president—Messrs Faithful, Macdonald, Cadman and Laidlaw—all asking permission to withdraw on account of the pressure of other work, but the meeting refusing to allow any withdrawals. On a vote being taken Mr. W. F. B. Cadman was elected by a very decisive vote. Mr. J. W. Faithful was unanimously elected as secretary-treasurer. The other officers elected were as follows—Honorary patrons, Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mr. C. G. Williams, Mr. R. J. Ennis, Mr. E. L. Longmore; vice-presidents, G. A. Macdonald, and W. Field; executives, Messrs H. Hatton, G. A. Macdonald, W. Coupar, Rev. R. S. Cushing, J. K. Moore, A. Roberts, J. Thomas and H. Laidlaw.

Ten years ago The Advance noted that the V.M.T. was expected to resume operations here at an early date, and also that the Lewishams of New York were considering entering the Porcu-



HON. E. A. DUNLOP

Presented the Ontario Budget in the Legislative Chamber on March 11th.

pine camp in connection with the Gold-ale properties.

The following paragraph was published in The Advance of March 29th, 1922:—"Monday evening while the man of the house was attending the annual meeting of the Timmins Football Club and the lady was visiting relatives near by, one of the Hollinger houses was entered and the place thoroughly ransacked. When the lady returned and found the condition of the house, the police were promptly notified. Investigation went to show that apparently nothing had been stolen though the whole house had been ransacked. Apparently the robber had been searching for money and though everything in the whole house was upset nothing seemed to be missing, no money having been left in the house. Purses, pocket-books, drawers, etc. were opened, and the clothes hanging up had all been searched. The crime seemed to be the work of one man. Entrance had apparently been gained through the use of a pass key on the front door. There were evidences that effort had been made to gain entrance at the rear. The bold burglar had apparently spent considerable time in his search and the signs that he had posted himself on the movements of the occupants of the house. A flashlight apparently used by the intruder was found in the house. The police are working on the case, and hopes are entertained that the guilty party will be discovered and the mystery of other somewhat similar cases also explained at the same time, as most of the several cases bear suggestions of being committed by the same hand."

At the Timmins police court ten years ago there were two cases where fines of \$500.00 and costs were imposed, and paid for breach of the liquor laws. One was the case of a woman at South Porcupine, Chief McInnis laying the charge, and the other was a woman from Schumacher, Chief McInnis, of Tisdale, again being the complainant.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of Associated Boards of Trade of Temiskaming, held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, Timmins, on March 25th, 1922. Practically every part of the whole district was represented every board of trade having its delegates. After the mayor of Timmins, Dr. J. A. McInnis, had welcomed the visitors to the town, business of the day was taken up, the meeting being presided over by Mr. R. A. McInnis, president of the Temiskaming Associated Boards of Trade. Mr. McInnis in opening spoke of the development and future of gold mining here. He expected to see the city of Timmins in a few years and all present would feel proud that they had had some part in its development. Mr. McInnis suggested that the next meeting in June be given up to roads and the one in September to agriculture. He thought that there should be a big meeting of the boards in late summer, when the crops are ripe. He suggested that the towns which would have these meetings, namely, Kirkland Lake in June, and Liskeard in September, get busy with the executive on a programme for these meetings and make them real big meetings. In regard to roads, Geo. A. Smith, of Cochrane, reported that the Government was not in favour of macadam highways and was opposed to extending the scope of the Public Works Act to take in the North. He thought that the only hope at the time was in the Northern Development Branch. He reported that a considerable amount of travelling had been done during the winter and a fair amount of other work on roads. It was understood that in the summer of 1922 it was intended to grade the roads from Timmins to Porcupine Junction, from Porcupine Junction to Cochrane, and from Ramore to Kirkland Lake. John Russell, of Cochrane, suggested that all resolutions in regard to roads be consolidated by a committee of the Associated Boards. Mr. Orser, of Elk Lake, thought the Associated Boards should press for a larger appropriation for Northern Development work. Dr. McInnis suggested that \$1,000,000.00 a year should be asked for. A committee was appointed to consider the whole question of roads. This committee included:—John Clark, Englehart; John Vanier, Iroquois Falls; W. Knight, New Liskeard; Dr. Armstrong, Cobalt; Mr. Orser, Kirkland Lake; D. Ostrosser, Timmins; J. E. Boyle, South Porcupine; Geo. A. Smith, Cochrane; and H. Child, Matheson. After the work of the morning session, F. K. Ebbitt, being the efficient secretary, the meeting adjourned for lunch which was served in the basement of the Presbyterian church by the ladies of the church, the food and service alike reflecting the

greatest credit on the ladies. At the luncheon there were interesting and helpful addresses by:—Wes. McKnight, Alex Dewar, A. F. Brigham, Mr. Bryson, of Cobalt; Dr. J. A. McInnis and others. At the afternoon session of the Associated Boards a resolution from Englehart was passed asking for a revision of express rates. A resolution from Kirkland Lake asking that prospectors have the rights to timber on their claims was referred back to the local boards. Mr. Sheedy, of New Liskeard, recommended the extension of the T. & N. O. east of New Liskeard where there were millions of feet of merchantable timber, he said. A. E. Bryson was elected vice-president to succeed H. G. Matheson, of Cobalt, who had moved to Dundas, Ont. A resolution from Cobalt urged the Government to give assurance of stability in regard to taxation of mining ventures. This was passed without dissent. Mr. Brigham advocated the extension of the T. & N. O. from Timmins to near Sudbury. In speaking for the roads committee Geo. A. Smith said the highway for the North Land was being dropped. The ultimate object, he said, was to have the highway from North Bay as a part of the Trans-Canada highway. Cochrane board of trade had a resolution asking the Government to appoint a relief officer to look after indigents in unorganized territory and to see about providing relief to settlers and others in case of need. The meeting was unanimous in supporting this resolution. There was also a resolution passed asking the Government not to proceed with any action against settlers for non-payment of any taxes.

The Advance ten years said:—"Miss Marie Clement, 20 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Clement, River Road, passed away this week after an illness extending over some twelve years, during which time the deceased was a sufferer from chronic rheumatism. The funeral took place to-day to the R.C. cemetery. The sympathy of all will go out to the family in their bereavement."

The meeting of the Caledonian Society of Timmins on March 24th, 1922, was a very enjoyable and successful event. One of the special features of the evening was a very clever paper on "The Highlanders of Scotland," given by C. G. Pirie. In very attractive way he reviewed the origin and history of the Highlanders and the Scottish clans, with many interesting sidelights that won general appreciation. Bertell Bell and W. H. Wilson gave selections on the piano. There were very pleasing solos by Jas. Gells, Mrs. H. McCulloch, Jas. Cowan, James Twaddle, Mr. Currie and others. Miss Niven, of Toronto, won great appreciation for her work at the piano. M. B. Scott, president of the society, occupied the chair with his usual effectiveness.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"The audience gathered in the Majestic theatre at South Linc last night for the concert given by the Timmins Citizens' Band was not as large as it might have been on a more favourable night, but it was appreciative as possible for any audience to be and all were well pleased with the excellent programme rendered. Mr. Ray O'Neill, of the Dome, one of the councillors of the township of Tisdale, made a very competent chairman, and his opening words of welcome and his closing remarks of appreciation very ably expressed the feelings of the audience in regard to Timmins band. The programme was one of much variety and excellence and the Timmins Citizens' Band reflected the greatest credit on itself, its leader and the town by its excellent playing."

Ten years ago The Advance took occasion to refer to the good work done by the Ladies of Charity. The Advance spoke first in general terms and then quoted one specific case worthy of special note. There was a little girl in an adjoining municipality, the child being badly crippled but with a chance for a cure if surgical attention were given at once. The family could not afford the heavy outlay, but the Ladies of Charity came forward with the required funds and the little girl thus was given her chance for health and strength. The personal attention given to the child by the Ladies of Charity was one of the special benefits conferred. "This is just one sample of the many fine things done by the Ladies of Charity," said The Advance. "They have been of wonderful service this winter."

"Monday afternoon," said The Advance of March 29th, "the firemen had a call from the unlucky box 13, Marshall-Ecclestone's corner, where most of the worst fires in the history of the town have been located. The blaze Monday afternoon was happily extinguished, with little damage done. The fire originated in an exploding gasoline tank in the barber shop in the McCormick block and there was a merry blaze for a few minutes. Water thrown on the blaze to drown it out only spread the flames. J. Tierney brought down his chemical extinguisher and Deputy Chief W. G. Smith used this with such effect that when the brigade arrived after a regular record response to the box call they found that the deputy chief had beat them to it and the fire was out."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. Harry Herman, of the firm of Gells and Herman, tailors, left last week for Toronto on business." "Mr. A. G. Brough, a well-known and popular old-timer of the North Land, now of Shawville, Que., visited his mother and brother here this week, and was warmly greeted by many old friends here." "Many who are not on the job all the time find themselves out of a job in no time." "Among the incorporations announced last week in the Ontario Gazette was that of the

Double Diamond Lumber Co. Limited, capitalized at \$100,000.00, Mattagami Heights, Ont." "Geo. Brady, who has been at Silver Centre for some time past, has returned to Timmins and resumed his former position as accountant at the V.N.T." "Eddie Quinn left on Sunday for a visit to his home in Ottawa, after which he will proceed to Detroit, where he has a position." "W. Maxwell left the camp on Saturday for Toronto after which he will go to British Columbia." "The sudden break-up this week resulted in some of the streets in town becoming in such condition as to remind the residents of the joys of canoing." "Jas. Davis returned this week from a visit to Cobalt." "Angus McDonald, M.P. for Temiskaming, has refused a cheque for his expenses on a trip to Toronto in connection with Cobalt's efforts to secure greater revenue in taxation. The reason he gave for this refusal was that he was receiving an indemnity for serving the people of Temiskaming."

Carleton Place Cental Canadian—A writer in the Sheburne Express makes the following observation that seems very apt in any community: "Funny, isn't it, how much quieter a man keeps about money he loses by trusting a stranger than he does about the money he loses by trusting someone in his own community."

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