

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

In view of the fact that Matachewan camp recently had electric power installed for the use of its coming mines it is interesting to note from the files of The Advance ten years ago that a power company was organized at New Lakeard in 1922 with the purpose of supplying power to Matachewan. An order was said to be given for the delivery of equipment at Indian Chutes on the Montreal river. The proposition, however, was apparently dropped. Homer W. Sutcliffe was one of the directors.

Only a few weeks ago there was discussion as to the respective receipts and expenditures of the North Land. The same matter was to the front ten years ago. The Advance in its issue of May 3rd, 1922, said:—"Major Mac Lang, M.P. for Cochrane riding, completely showed up the Premier of Ontario so far as the latter had quoted wrong figures in regard to the provincial receipts and expenditures in connection with the North Land. In a recent speech in the Legislature Mac Lang proved by actual figures from the Government's own blue book that instead of the North Land's receipts being a

million less than expenditures, the receipts were actually more than three hundred thousand dollars in excess of the amount spent in the North Land. In making this clear, Major Lang accepted the figures of the Premier as to the expenditures, though some of the expenditures could not be rightly charged all under the one year, many of the items coming under the head of capital expenditures that would necessarily be charged against a number of years, but the member for this riding did not stop to question the expenditures but rather centred on showing that in giving the receipts the Premier for some reason or another omitted a number of important items. When these were included, the receipts from the North Land exceeded the expenditures by over three hundred thousand dollars for the year. The year under discussion was the year ending Oct. 31st, 1920."

Ten years ago under the able leadership of Fred Wolno, the Timmins Citizens' Band was making much progress and gaining considerable popularity in town and district. In reporting one of the Sunday evening band concerts, "The New Empire" theatre was filled to the doors on Sunday evening after the church services, for the sixth band concert by the Timmins Citizens' Band. Previous band concerts have proven successful and popular, but the event Sunday evening is generally recognized as the best yet. G. A. Macdonald acted as chairman and in opening the programme referred to the increased size of the band and to the constant improvement evidenced in their work under the capable leadership of Bandmaster Wolno. The selections by the band included:—"March, 'The Contemptibles,'" "Trovatore," fantasia, "Darkey's Dreamland," waltz, "Eileen Alannah," and "Ould Oireland." In these selections the band showed a talent and effectiveness that pleased the crowd and made them justly proud of the Timmins Citizens' Band. An outstanding number on the programme was the cornet solo, "The British Cornetist," by Mr. O. Brown, a recent acquisition to the band from Sudbury. A solo by Miss Jean Roberts won a well-deserved encore, and the response in the form of a duet by Miss Roberts and Mr. Jas. Geils made an equally decided hit with the audience. Mr. Jas. Geils rendered "The Admiral's Broom," in very effective way and was enthusiastically encored. The big audience gave little Miss Murdoch the quietest and closest attention in her rendition of a humorous reading and found themselves well repaid, for the young lady gave a very clever and attractive recitation. An encore was insisted upon and the response by the talented young lady, a description of a Dude, was much enjoyed. A couple of "stories" by the chairman also seemed to amuse the audience, while the film shown at the opening was an appreciated item on the programme. After an expression of thanks to the big audience for its attendance and interest, to the special artists on the programme for their gift-

contributions, and to the theatre management for the courtesies extended, the event closed with the National Anthem."

Ten years ago The Advance noted that the hockey executive for the coming season had visited all the mines in the district with a view to securing the support of the mines for the hockey for the next season. All the mines promised financial support to the hockey. The Hollinger agreed to turn over the rink to a hockey committee, the hockey club to get all the proceeds of games, skating, etc., and only paying insurance and taxes and maintaining the rink.

The production of the Hollinger for the period ending April 22nd, 1922, was 107,841 tons according to the official figures. This meant an average daily tonnage of over 2851 for each of the 28 days in the period. This was maintaining the fine record made after the power difficulties of the previous year were overcome. The April record for the year was about 50 per cent. increase over the previous year at the same time. For the April period in 1921 73,123 tons were milled. Another evidence of the steady expansion of the Hollinger was given by the number of men employed. In the 1921 period the average number of men on the roll was 1132. In 1922 the average number of men employed was 1953.

Ten years ago The Advance was urging upon the Government the fairness of turning over to the municipality all money received from mining royalties.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Semi-official announcement has been made regarding the geological surveys to be made in the North Land this year by the Department of Mines, for Ontario. Mr. A. G. Burrows who surveyed the Porcupine area some years ago, is again to visit here this summer to make further survey of the district. Mr. Percy Hopkins, of the Ontario Dept. of Mines will be engaged this summer in examining and mapping the Kirkland Lake gold area. The importance and necessity for geological surveys have been emphasized during the past few years. The Timmins Board of Trade has made special representations to the Government in the matter, and this year it is believed that the Porcupine and Kirkland areas will be fully looked after in this matter. Geological surveys by the Government are of great assistance to prospectors and mining men in general. Porcupine camp was partly reviewed some years ago, but many sections were not included in this survey. Some years ago Mr. Burrows mapped out the Porcupine area."

Ten years ago Timmins was preparing at this time of year for a busy baseball season.

The Advance noted in its issue of May 3rd, 1922, that over forty new autos had been brought into the camp and that most of them were in active use. The total number of autos in the camp at that time was estimated at 200 to 300, which is only a fraction of the number in use these days.

Ten years ago Messrs Croftin and Goldstein brought out Feldman Bros. grocery at the corner of Balsam street and Third avenue, calling their store the Timmins Grocery and Meat Store.

Early closing went into effect in Timmins ten years ago, the early closing day that year being changed to Thursday, instead of Wednesday as in previous years. The change was made on account of Hollinger pay day.

Ten years ago the Caledonian Society of Timmins was going strong and was proving of great interest and value to large numbers in town. The Scots were not so clammy that they did not welcome all their friends irrespective of nationality. Ten years ago The Advance gave the following report of one of the meetings of the society:—"The Musical Evening of the Caledonian Society of Timmins on Friday evening last proved a very delightful success. The programme under the very effective charge of Mr. W. Coupar, proved one of outstanding merit and interest. It included solos by Mrs. McCullough, Miss Jean Roberts, Mr. Jas. Twaddle, Mr. Jas. Geils and Mr. Arthur Black, all of special excellence and greatly appreciated. The instrumental music included:—piano selections by Miss Niven, Mr. Bell, Mr. F. Wolno and "Scotty" Wilson; and mandolin selections by Mr. James Reed, of Connaught. For the dancing music was furnished by Messrs Bell, Wolno, Wilson and Reed. "Scotty" Wilson's sermon from the text of "Mother Hubbard," brought down the house. A pleasant line of refreshments added to the enjoyment of the evening and the large attendance found the programme throughout a very agreeable one. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Coupar and to all assisting in the evening's success, with special reference to the ladies for the refreshments. The president, Mr. M. B. Scott, occupied the chair in his usual satisfactory way, and one of the business items before the meeting was the organizing of a Caledonian choir. Mr. Jas. Geils had kindly agreed to conduct such a choir, and a motion was passed thanking Mr. Geils for this and appointing a committee to assist him in organizing the proposed Caledonian choir. In view of the talent in the Caledonian Society the proposed choir should be a big success."

There was a reported strike of oil in the James Bay district ten years ago. J. C. McCarthy, of Elk Lake, was said to have hit oil on the banks of the Mattagami after drilling 75 feet.

The following natural history note was in The Advance ten years ago:—"Early this morning a large partridge flew against the window of the Timmins Grocery and Meat Store with such force that the bird died from the effect of the collision. Mr. S. Goldstein, one of the new proprietors of the store, saw the accident, and took

the unfortunate bird, which is a particularly large one, into the store where it is now on display."

Ten years ago in Timmins there was much interest in wireless (as it was usually called then). M. J. Cavaney, of Sandy Falls, who had given long and effective study to wireless, often had helpful articles in The Advance those days in regard to matters affecting what is now known as "radio."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"The question of the hour is:—When is the T. & O. N. Railway going to return to the same kind of good service enjoyed by the Porcupine district last summer." "There are six births reported this week from Mattagami—all boys. Last week the Timmins council finally passed the resolution to annex Mattagami to the town. Now watch Timmins grow." "Mr. H. W. Warren was the first to take out an auctioneer's license under the new town by-law in this regard. This is very appropriate as Mr. Warren may well be considered first among the Porcupine auctioneers. Another application for auctioneer's license was that of Mr. Edwin C. Lightfoot, who has recently come to the camp after a career as auctioneer in Hamilton, Winnipeg and other cities." "On Thursday last Messrs McLaughlin and Delaney had a narrow escape from serious injury in an automobile accident on the McIntyre hill. They were out in Mr. J. R. Todd's car and in some way the car got out of control and crashed through the fence, turned over and dropped to the low ground at the side of the road, a drop of six feet or so. Mr. McLaughlin had an artery severed and some other minor injuries, but prompt medical attention saved him serious consequences. Mr. Delaney only suffered slight injuries, though both men were badly bruised and shaken up." "Mr. D. B. Curtis returned on Saturday from a visit to the south." "Born—On Thursday, April 27th, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gray, Elm street, Timmins, a son." "It is understood that the road to South Porcupine will be widened this year and otherwise much improved, all of which comes under the heading of "Good News." "Golf is well under way for the season now. Last week Mr. J. Callum had the distinction of being the first to go over the course this season." "Messrs J. S. Brough, A. F. Carriere, A. Guilbault, blacksmith, this week announce a new schedule of standard prices for horse-shoeing, repairs and general work, the new price list having noteworthy reductions from the rates previously prevailing here."

"Jack Hogan, well known in the camp as a barber, has bought John Krancovic's place next to the McIntyre Recreation hall at Schumacher, and has opened there an up-to-date barber shop, poolroom and cigar store." "In an address to the Legislature last week Mac Lang, M.P.P., prophesied an early defeat of the Farmers' Government and the return of the Liberal party to power sure. Even the Tories need not feel too badly about that, though, of course, they have hopes, too."

Huge Crater is Made by Blast in Cobalt Lake

The Northern News, of Kirkland Lake, last week carried the following despatch in its Cobalt section:—"Cobalt—Resembling a volcano crater in appearance, Mining Corporation's "glory hole" duly made its appearance in the slime covered bed of Cobalt Lake on Monday afternoon and the results, according to M. F. Fairlie, general manager of the company, came up

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to expectations. As a result of the blast carried out then, Mining Corporation will be able to get a small body of ore from which Mr. Fairlie estimates 500,000 ounces of silver will be recovered from about 300 tons of ore.

"It will be easy to work now, Mr. Fairlie said on Tuesday morning while surveying the "crater" from the vantage point of a Cobalt Lake mine dump. He told The Northern News that approximately 400,000 tons of slimes, with 1,500,000 gallons of water had disappeared into the workings of the property as a sequel to the blast, and in addition, about 8,000 feet of lumber, owned by Nipissing, and piled at the times on the slimes, went also, partly blocking the passage formed by the explosion.

"A gash almost 800 feet wide either way of the broadcast point, and running to a maximum depth of 45 feet, followed the touching off of the blast on Monday. Slimes and water are still trickling into the workings, while water which flows into the lake from the south end is being diverted into the mine and then pumped out through the old No. 4 shaft of the Cobalt Lake property. The work required careful planning, Mr. Fairlie said, but was actually carried out through 28 holes drilled from below, the blast requiring 100 pounds, or two cases, of powder. In area, the "crater" extended a little farther than was anticipated, hence the disappearance of the lumber."

Simcoe Reformer:—"The length of truck-trains is being cut from 65 to 50 feet by order of the department of highways. It should be reduced to the length of a single truck. The present truck-trains are a menace to safe driving on the highways.

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