



TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

In what The Advance described as one of the best football matches ever played in the North, Timmins won the first game of the King Cup series at Kirkland Lake on July 8th, 1922. Kirkland put up a good game but the Timmins team were in top-notch form and won the closely-contested match, 2 to 0.

Ten years ago The Advance made the following reference to the building of the block known since its erection as the Bardesson block, and noted for its fine quarters for the businesses located in it. The Advance said:—"Mr. Leo Mascioli, contractor, has a large force of men at work on the property, corner of Pine street and Second avenue, opposite the athletic grounds, and formerly occupied by the old Bank Saloon. At this corner Mr. P. Bardesson is having a fine new business block erected. The structure will be of steel construction with brick and tile front. The heavy foundations of cement are already in. This fine new building will be divided into five big stores, each store to have a frontage of over 20 feet on Pine street and to extend back the full 80 feet. The front of the building will be an especially attractive one, the large plate glass windows, with smaller panes of prism glass at the top, and cement corner bases, adding to the modern appearance of the building. For the present, the building will be only one storey, with basement, but the structure is being built with the view to adding one or more storeys after. A feature of this new building block will be the entrance ways to the stores, these being of tile, with plate glass display windows at each side. The building will be steam-heated throughout on the most modern plans, and will also have all modern sanitary conveniences in each store. An entrance way is being left at the centre of the front of the building to give access to the second and third storeys, when these may be added later. The new block will be a handsome one and a decided acquisition to the business buildings of the town. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by October 1st."

The first game of the 1922 Junior Baseball series, Iroquois Falls at Timmins, was won by Timmins with a score of 5 to 4. The Falls had put up good ball, but the Timmins boys had the edge on the play throughout.

The progress made at the Hollinger ten years ago was followed closely by The Advance. In The Advance of July 12th, 1922, there was the following reference to Hollinger production:—"The official figures for the last four-week period at the Hollinger, ending June 17th, show that the total tons milled was 119,855. The average daily tonnage was 4,281, a material increase, showing the steady progress being made at the big mine. As soon as ample power was available last year, the Hollinger began to make new records in the way of tonnage handled by the mill, and what was better, the high records were well maintained from month to month. The early part of this year the daily tonnage averaged around 3,800 tons. Now the 4,000 ton mark is well exceeded, and it is likely that succeeding periods will see 4,290 tons per day continued, if not exceeded in the average. During the period ending June 17th the average of men employed was 2,192."

A reference in The Advance ten years ago to activity in the Night Hawk area may be of interest now when there is renewed thought about that section. The Advance of June 12th, 1922, said:—"For some time past the McLeod Syndicate have been busy at exploration work on their property adjacent to the Porcupine Peninsular Gold Mines in the Night Hawk Lake area. Results so far have been eminently satisfactory. Last week at a depth of 643 feet the diamond drill encountered ore body of pleasing richness and about 25 feet wide. The cores showed high grade ore with free gold in evidence, and it is understood that this vein is a continuation of the Peninsular vein. It is the intention to put down two more diamond drill holes, one of these being started Tuesday under the supervision of Mr. L. K. Fletcher, who is the mining engineer in charge of the work. During a recent absence of Mr. Fletcher at Kirkland Lake, Mr. C. B. Morgan did some sampling on the property for the syndicate and it is understood that he was greatly impressed with the results from work on the property. The syndicate are more than pleased with the way the property is showing up and are continuing the preliminary work to prove it up, meeting with increasing success as the work goes on."

There were several interesting items in the report of the town council meeting ten years ago. The board of works committee was authorized to secure a suitable residence for the chief of police either by lease or purchase. The question of jitneys standing on the streets was discussed and the mayor, the chief of police and the town solicitor were named as a committee to confer with those concerned to see what could be done for the protection of the public without interfering with legitimate business. The mayor and Councilors Bacon and Newton were appointed a committee to provide a band stand and secure a location for the same. The Hollinger was to be interviewed with the idea of getting the strip of land near the station for park purposes. A flagpole was ordered to be secured for the town. A letter was received from the Hollinger saying that the water pressure was not as good at the mine as it was when less water was used there. The town engineer said he had made thorough investigation and he could not account for the condition. He would inspect the mains on the Hollinger property to see if the trouble was there. It was decided to have a by-law prepared to transfer the sanitary inspection to the control of the board of health, instead of being under the police department.

Ten years ago The Advance noted that a new compressor plant and power house was going in on the Night Hawk Peninsular Mines property. There were then about 40 men employed at the Peninsular Mine.

The bazaar under the auspices of the Altar Girls' Society of St. Anthony's church in 1922 proved so popular a success and there was so large an array of high-class fancy work, etc., for sale, that it was decided to continue the event for an additional week. The drawing contests as usual attracted much interest. Another special feature was the music, the McIntyre orchestra, the Timmins Citizens' Band and Wolno's orchestra all contributing to this part of the programme.

The Advance of July 12th, 1922, said:—"During the week-end the Orientals of Timmins played baseball with a picked Connaught aggregation. The result was a victory for the "Chinamen" with a score of 8 to 1. Of course they did not have the edge on the Connaught Rangers all the way through. Pete Macaulay was base umpire with A. Leach looking after the balls and strikes. Two of the runs for the Orientals were due to what was called an error on Jimmy Simms. Jimmy made a hit. Morris Daher made a home run. There were all sorts of great things happening. The game provided lots of fun for all. A number from Timmins and other metropolitan centres, including Drinkwater Pit, were represented at the game at Connaught. Whatever fun the boys had at the game was eclipsed by the reception given them afterwards at the Woollings Co. cookery where they enjoyed a fine feed and were right royally treated."

Dome Football club proved too many for Cochrane in the game at the Dome on Friday, July 7th, 1922, the Dome team winning with a score 2 to 0 after an interesting game.

The Advance of July 12th, 1922, said:—"The sad news was received this morning of the death at his home in South Porcupine of Mr. Harry Deacon, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Deacon. He had been ill for some time past and his passing away was not altogether unexpected though the death came as a shock to his many friends throughout the district."

Among the ball games in the district ten years ago, The Advance gave the following in the issue of July 12th, 1922:—"Cochrane defeated Iroquois Falls 2 to 1 at the Falls; Cochrane won a postponed game at the Falls 1 to 0." "The general opinion," said The Advance, "is that Cochrane is developing a classy ball team that will need to be watched this season."

The Advance of July 12th, 1922, said:—"The Ontario Mining Association held its annual meeting in the Porcupine last week, the sessions running through Thursday evening and Friday and Saturday, with visits to the gold mines and other points of interest for variation. There were about 75 or 80 present at the gatherings, the leading mining men of Sudbury, Cobalt, Kirkland Lake, Porcupine and other fields all being well represented. At the business session in Schumacher on Thursday evening, Mr. C. V. Corliss of the Mond Nickel Co., Sudbury, was elected president of the Association for the ensuing year. Mr. Balmer Neilly, the capable and popular secretary, will continue in that office as before. There were about 40 visiting members from outside camps, particularly from Sudbury, Kirkland and Cobalt."

"Thursday afternoon last Mrs. Leavy of Matheson, was killed by the Continental Limited, while walking on the railway track about a quarter of a mile south of Matheson station. Mrs. Leavy, who was quite deaf, apparently did not hear the approach of the train, and the engineer could not stop the train in time to avoid hitting her. She was killed instantly. Coroner F. C. Evans of South Porcupine was called to Matheson to hold an inquest."

The Advance ten years ago gave several columns of space to articles showing the importance of the gold mining industry and the development and expansion of the Porcupine Camp. "Mining in the North not only provides dividend payers, and employment, but also a great market for goods from the rest of Ontario," was one point made by The Advance.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. H. W. Warren, auctioneer, secured a noteworthy price for a lot in Moneta sold by public auction last week. The price secured was \$800.00. The lot was one of the two properties auctioned off under instructions from the Public Trustee of Ontario. The other property, the premises at 42 Second Avenue, where the sale was conducted, brought \$1475.00. A representative from Osgeecode Hall, Toronto was present at the sale. "A very enjoyable band concert was given on Wednesday evening last on the lawn of Mr. J. B. Pare, Hemlock street, by the Timmins Citizens' Band. Mr. Pare kindly loaned his lawn for the occasion and provided lights and seats, etc. The selections given by the band were especially well rendered and proved the excellence of that musical organization."

"During the past week or two many animals have been poisoned in Mattagami; the list including prized dogs and cats. Last winter Mattagami had an epidemic of poisoning. The man or woman who will put out poison where it is accessible to animals is very thoughtless, to put the matter very mildly. Also he or she is very criminal, according to the laws. Perhaps, if some one is sent to prison for this contemptible sort of crime, Mattagami will have a respect for a considerable period from the poisoner or poisoners." "Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Black, of Toronto are visiting in the camp." "Dr. Dawson and brother, of Matheson, were visitors to town this week." "Mrs. W. R. Lewery of Cobalt and her son and daughter, Clifford and Alita, are visiting in the camp." "Miss Florence Watterson, of North Cobalt, is visiting her sister Mrs. C. Barkel."

Born—in Timmins, on Friday, July 7th, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Moore—a daughter. "Mr. R. Sacco left on Saturday for a trip to his homeland, Italy. He will spend a couple of months overseas, returning to Timmins in September." "Good progress is being made in the filling up of the Public School grounds. Contractor Leo Mascioli has his force of motor dump-cars at the work and their speedy work is making great progress in the filling-up." "Mr. F. E. Roberts, of Toronto, Inspector for the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Limited, spent a few days in town last week. Mr. Roberts was pleased and impressed with the rapid growth evidenced by Timmins and the progress being made by this community."

"Mr. Ivan Staleman visited his home at Cobalt over the week end." "Born—in Schumacher on Thursday June 29th, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Briden,—a daughter." "Mr. D. Mackie and son, W. Mackie, left last week for Montreal from which port Mr. W. Mackie sailed last week for a visit to Scotland." "Mr. John Wharf, who for the past fourteen months has been on the staff of Bowie and Berlin, left on Sunday for Woodstock." "It is understood that the Government has definitely promised to widen the road between Timmins and South Porcupine. With the present heavy traffic the roadway is not wide enough for safety." "A Horticultural exhibit is planned for the Labour Day celebration event here this year under the auspices of the

extent of the work and interests of the Tuxis boys and Trail Rangers may be noticed by the bulletin issued from the Toronto headquarters of the Boys' Work Board of Ontario. This bulletin contains paragraphs from as widely-separated points as the following:—Sudbury, Simcoe, Calgary, Port Erie, Toronto, Prince Rupert, Paris (Ont.) and Mexico. The items from Sudbury is to the effect that Rev. J. F. A. Bewell has been chosen director for the second annual Sudbury district boys' camp. At this camp boys are expected from Sudbury, Capreol, Copper Cliff, Arson and Coniston. The item from Simcoe, Ont., is in regard to the Tuxis softball team there, chronicling another win for the season. At Fort Erie, Ont., it is noted that Welland and Lincoln County boys are camping this year at Silver Bay, a new site for the camp. The location is about five miles east of Port Colborne.

The Paris, Ont., paragraph is also about a boys' camp, Camp Thayendeneaga, which has acquired a new site at the junction of Whiteman's Creek and Grand River. This camp will be in operation from August 21st to 28th. Earl Lautenslager will be director of the senior section this year, with Ted Carr in charge of the junior division. A new dam across the creek, constructed with assistance from Paris Lions' Club, will provide a fine swimming pool and a new diving tower will add to the enjoyment of it.

Calgary and Toronto items refer to athletic activities in which the Tuxis and Trail Rangers have taken part.

The Prince Rupert paragraph tells of a complimentary banquet tendered as a farewell by the British Columbia Tuxis Square to their mentor, Rev. Alfred Wilson, and their compeer, Ronald Wilson. Loving cups were donated to the departing father and son. Rev. Mr. Wilson has gone to a pastorate in Vancouver.

About Mexico and the Trail Rangers.

Of course the chances are that the chief general interest in all the paragraphs referred to as being noted in the last issue of the bulletin from Toronto headquarters will be given to the paragraph about Mexico. Accordingly that paragraph is given herewith in full as it appeared in the bulletin:—"Mexico — The Trail Rangers of Mexico City under the leadership of H. R. Stech, have concluded a programme of varied activities. Over two hundred badges have been earned by the members of the group. Some idea of the broad scope of the programme is seen in the various badges awarded. They were morning watch, hiking, Indian life, church worship, radio, artist, entertainer, collector, loyalty, health, swimming, life saving, running, group games, electrician, team games, observation trips, mission heroes, school, campercraft, throwing, jumping, safety first, woodsman, home reader, home craft, earn, save and give, first aid, home helper, music, handicraft. Three boys also qualified for the badge "Makers of Canada."

Camp Lorrain.

Timmins and district Tuxis and Trail Rangers should not forget Camp Lorrain, the annual camp for Temiskaming and Cochrane districts, under the auspices of the Ontario Boys' Work Board. Camp Lorrain, on Lake Temiskaming, south of Halleybury, will open on July 20th and continue to July 29th. The site of the camp is on Pirle's Farm, 12 1/2 miles from Cobalt by road. Ed. Devitt will be camp advisor, and Rev. J. C. Hutton, of Uno Park, will be treasurer and business manager, with Rev. J. B. Moore, Elk Lake, as registrar. Previous to the boys' camp, there will be a girls' camp at Camp Lorrain from July 11th to 20th.

LACROSSE MAKES ITS DEBUT IN THE KIRKLAND LAKE CAMP

The first lacrosse game ever to be played in the township of Teek was played in the Culver Park, Swastika, on July 2nd between Dome Mines lacrosse team and the newly-organized lacrosse team at Kirkland. After a lively contest the game concluded as a 4-all tie. The Northern News in commenting on the game says:—"A special treat was provided the fans when Lionel Conacher, one of Canada's greatest lacrosse stars, gave a demonstration during the game of his prowess and showed the younger element how the game should be played. Mrs. Conacher watched the game from the sidelines."

The Northern News mentions also the fact that the Dome has a snappy team of good players who will yet make their mark in the sporting world.

At Cobalt last week a man was charged with the theft of a team of horses from a neighbour, Victor O'Brien. His defence was that he simply used the horses to move, and that he did not intend to steal the team. The magistrate ordered the man to pay the costs of repairs that had to be made to the harness, also the costs of the court, the total being \$26.50, and the accused was given a month in which to pay over the money. "I don't want no pay at all," protested Mr. O'Brien, "because I know I'll never get it."

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