

## TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago the town council decided to have the town motor truck meet the morning train on market days for the convenience of those bringing produce from outside points. In discussing the success of the market here, the mayor (Dr. J. A. McInnis) suggested that it gave every indication of developing into a noteworthy benefit for the people of the town and the producers alike.

Those interested in the Boy Scouts in the North will find interest in the following paragraph from The Advance of Aug. 30th, 1922:—"Eighteen of the Timmins Boy Scouts, in charge of Rev. R. S. Cushing, left at 10 o'clock on Monday last on the steamer Minga for a week's camp up the river. Arriving by boat at Redsucker landing the happy party hiked four miles and pitched their tents in an ideal location in time to prepare supper. This supper, like the meals that followed all through the camp, was worthy of a first-class restaurant and the lads had an appetite to make enjoyment of the good meals sure. The fine meals were prepared in turn by four patrols under leaders B. Alton, H. Ayotte, M. Cox and V. Ray."

On Sunday morning, Aug. 27th, 1922, the formal laying of the corner stone of the new R.C. church at Timmins took place. His Lordship Bishop Latulippe officiating. There were over 1500 present at the ceremony. A platform had been erected and tastefully draped at the side of the church entrance, and

from this elevation the ceremony was conducted. A generous collection from the large congregation present evidenced the interest and loyalty of the people and their pride in the beautiful new St. Anthony's church then in progress of construction. The address was made by Rev. Fr. Collier, assistant to the Bishop. After the ceremony Rev. Fr. Theriault gave a dinner in honour of the occasion and the distinguished visitors.

Ten years ago the Dome won the semi-finals for the Foster Cup defeating Timmins 2 to 0.

The Advance ten years ago had the following reference to the death of Mrs. J. Collins:—"Deep and sincere is the sympathy extended to the bereaved husband and to the sisters and other near relatives and friends in the sad death on Saturday evening last of Mrs. Jack Collins. Special sympathy also goes out to the mother of Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Simpson, recently a popular and highly esteemed resident of Timmins, but at present visiting her other children in the Old Land. The late Mrs. Collins was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and had been a resident of Timmins for a couple of years past. Always Collins, of town, the young couple residing with her sister, Mrs. J. Cowan, friendly and bright, she won many friends here in many circles. In March of this year she married Mr. J. Spruce street. Some days ago she was taken seriously ill and after the premature birth of a child on Wednesday

night, rallied for a day or two, but on Saturday passed away. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon to the Timmins cemetery. The large attendance at the funeral testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held and the deep sympathy felt for the husband, mother, sisters and other near relatives and friends. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. R. S. Cushing, while at the grave the beautiful service of the Rebekahs was conducted for their departed Sister. The coffin was heaped high with floral tokens, among others being a wreath from the I.O.O.F., a wreath from the Timmins Football Club, a floral token from the Caledonian Society, of which Mrs. Collins was one of the first and most esteemed members; floral offerings from the Rebekahs; and many tokens from personal friends and relatives. In addition to the bereaved husband, the near surviving relatives living in Timmins are two sisters, Mrs. Jas. Cowan and Mrs. Andrew Roberts. The mother, Mrs. Simpson, is at present visiting her other daughters in Scotland."

In the report in The Advance ten years ago of the regular meeting of the Timmins town council, the following reference was made to the proposed new water main then planned for Timmins:—"There was some discussion regarding the proposal of the Hollinger Mine to install a new main of its own to provide all the water required by the mine. The mayor pointed out that on the one hand the Hollinger's increased requirements in water supply could only be met by an addition to the town's plant and equipment that would necessitate an expenditure of around \$200,000.00, and the town was not in a position to finance such a plan. On the other hand the Hollinger was determined to have its water supply absolutely under its own control, so as not to be dependent in this vital matter upon any other corporation. If the town were to refuse the use of the

main the mine could bring its water line through outside the corporations limits. In the event of the main being laid as at present planned the Hollinger would supply the town with water at cost, and the Hollinger would have a surplus available for any needs of the town in the near future. In the meantime the town would have additional water for use, being relieved of the necessity of supplying the mines, and so would be in position to supply new parts of the town and parts likely to be added soon. Councillor Newton referred to the cost of the waterworks system and thought that unless the returns from the Hollinger had brought the town a fair part of the cost of this expensive installation then some form of remuneration should be arrived at. Councillor Noble thought facts and figures along this line should be secured and also that there should be an exact understanding of just what the Hollinger was prepared to do in return for the privilege of using the town as a passageway for its proposed mains. There was general agreement that there should be no unnecessary holding-up of the Hollinger's plans for the main, and to this end it was thought the best plan would be to meet the General Manager of the Hollinger and discuss the question from all angles. Accordingly on motion of Councillors Newton and Longmore, the Mayor, the Waterworks Committee and the town engineer are to interview Mr. Brigham at a very early date."

The Advance in its issue of Aug. 30th 1922, had the following:—"Mr. G. A. Hemstreet, clerk and treasurer of Milton, is spending a couple of weeks the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Bartleman, Spruce street. This is Mr. Hemstreet's first visit to the North Land and he expresses pleased surprise at the wonderful progress and possibilities of the country. He thinks it would be a revelation to the average man in the South to see and appreciate the importance of the mining industry here

as evidenced by the big mines like the Hollinger, McIntyre and Dome, and the promising newer properties in the course of development. His attention has also been taken by the abundant evidences before him of the agricultural and forest wealth of this North Land. "What impresses me most, however," Mr. Hemstreet says, "is the idea of permanence there seems to be in your present extensive building programme. Fine solid, permanent structures seem to be going up on every side. The people who are here, and ought to know, seem to have complete faith in the future of the town and district. Their evident faith in the country is contagious, especially when there are so many proofs on every hand that the faith is founded on a sound basis." Mr. Hemstreet will return to the south as a "booster" for Timmins and the North Land, a booster, with facts, figures and knowledge to back up his faith in the Great North Land."

One death and two men injured were recorded in The Advance ten years ago. F. Martell, a young man about 25 years of age, died in St. Mary's hospital following an accident on Aug. 25th, 1922. The evidence at the inquest showed that a piece of rock fell on him while he was passing a skip-way. The gates designed to avoid such accidents, had been left open, contrary to the implicit instructions at the Hollinger. Charges were laid against two other workmen with a view to placing responsibility for the open gate. At the same time on the same day Messrs Swain and T. Gloster were hurt while scaling, some old powder being struck and an explosion following. Mr. Swain was badly cut around the mouth and Mr. Gloster had an artery cut in his leg. First aid by fellow workmen saved the two men from more serious consequences.

The third annual tour of the North Land by the Ontario School Teachers was held ten years ago. The party numbered about 150 and travelled by special train. At Timmins they were

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given welcome by the mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, and members of the board of trade, school boards, etc. They were shown the motion pictures of the gold mines, taken to the Hollinger and McIntyre and around the camp. Meals were served in the Presbyterian church by the Ladies' Aid, and the ladies won high praise. Chas. E. Kelly, of Hamilton, was the chairman of the teachers for the day. Dr. McInnis was a former pupil of Mr. Kelly's.

A very unusual and sensational occurrence was reported in The Advance of Aug. 30th, 1922. While in his store on Saturday evening between 8 and 9, J. K. Moore, who had a confectionery and novelty store where the Moislely & Ball drug store is now located, was shot twice by someone unknown, both bullets entering the breast, but fortunately only making breast wounds. There were crowds on the street and people in the store at the time, but the affair happened so quickly that the harm was done before it was realized. Mr. Moore said that stranger entered the store and asked him about steamship fares and railroad rates. Mr. Moore went to the rear of the store for some circulars, the stranger apparently getting ahead of him in the back room. When Mr. Moore turned on the light he noticed a man at the safe. The man jumped up but his hand before his face and fired two or three shots, two of them taking effect. Some friends in the store heard the shots and rushed to Mr. Moore's help, but the man who did the shooting had disappeared. If the stranger with Mr. Moore was not guilty of the shooting and not implicated, he, too, in any event had also disappeared. A revolver, believed to have been the one used, was later found in the yard behind the store by the police. This was about the only clue the police could obtain, as Mr. Moore could not give much description of the man or men in the shooting. Mr. Moore was ill for some weeks but made good recovery from the shooting.

According to The Advance ten years ago, A. S. Fuller, vice-president and general manager of the Paymaster, was the first to drive an auto over the new Government road from the Paymaster to Timmins, making the trip in 16 minutes, although the road was not quite finished, there being stumps and boulders for a quarter of a mile of the way.

Ten years ago in the district baseball league Cochrane made a 9 to 8 victory over Timmins, but Tate had sixteen strikeouts to his credit, the game being lost through three costly errors by other players in the Timmins team.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Born—In Timmins, on Tuesday, Aug. 22nd, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. Jean Pare—a daughter." "Mrs. W. J. Browne left on Monday for a six months' holiday in England." "Miss Margaret Cole is visiting her cousin, Miss Violet Sopha, of Cobalt." "W. Dalzell has taken advantage of his recently enlarged store premises to add a full line of boots and shoes for men, having secured the exclusive agency for the famous Beresford shoes." "Miss Kathleen McNabb, of Ottawa, is at present visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. J.

McGrath." "Mrs. F. J. Hornby and little son, Albert, left Sunday for Toronto, Kitchener and other points south." "Mr. J. Fremont, accountant at the Bank of Montreal branch here, has been transferred to the Brandon branch." "Miss Louise G. Niven is expected back this week from her holiday in Toronto, and will resume her classes in piano music on September 1st." "Much interest and some little excitement were created on Thursday last by the discovery of a little boy about four years of age weeping bitterly because he was lost in this big town. Eventually the youngster came to the conclusion that he was not altogether out of luck, because he got a grip on the hand of Mr. E. H. Hill. For several hours he held to that hand with all his strength and the Division Court Clerk no doubt thought some sort of writ of detachment would be necessary, or he would have to hunt up another cat. However, well along in the afternoon, the little boy's mother missed her child and sent another woman to the police to enquire for him, being too busy to come herself. The lost boy was a bright and handsome little fellow, but was unable to tell who he was or where he lived. Mothers with lost children might save themselves, as well as the police and other kind-hearted people, much worry if they would enquire for their lost ones at the police station as soon as they are missed."

"Mr. W. R. G. Valentine, of Chicago, was a Timmins visitor this week." "Mrs. Leaman and son are spending a few weeks the guests of friends in Cochrane." "Mrs. J. Christy left on Sunday last for a holiday to Toronto, Peterborough, and other points south." "Mr. Henry Egan, of the Imperial Bank staff, left on Sunday on a vacation to visit relatives in Montreal and Quebec City." "Mrs. W. Fiss and niece, Miss Lillian Slater, left on Sunday for Lethbridge, Alberta, to visit the former's parents there." "Mr. E. I. Stafford, express agent here, is spending his vacation at Toronto and points south. During his absence Mr. Don Campbell is acting agent at this busy express office." "At Kapuskasing there is a wholesale firm named 'Husbands.'" "Mr. C. G. Fraser, secretary of the Ontario Educational Association, said last week that when the party of school teachers touring the North Land saw the sign, 'Husbands Wholesale' seven of them exclaimed at once, 'Oh let's stop here for a while.'" "Mr. Peter MacLaren, of Toronto, who was prominent in the Porcupine in the early days in connection with properties here in which he was interested, including the Scottish Ontario, was in the camp last week making arrangements for active work on some of the properties in which he has an interest here." "Last week Mrs. J. Everard received a genuine 'surprise' visit when four notable of the eighteenth century called on her. The callers included 'Hannah Moore,' 'Lady Grey,' 'Madame Annette,' and 'Martha Washington,' all true to life in costumes, manners and appearance. It took the hostess several minutes to penetrate the clever disguises and recognize the quartette of young lady friends." "Emile Ayotte, of Ottawa, is visiting his uncle, A. Ayotte."

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