

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

With the Timmins Horticultural Society show in progress here this week it is doubly interesting to note that ten years ago, before there was any horticultural society in Timmins, there was a flower and vegetable show here that proved a remarkable success. The event was held under the auspices of the Timmins Football Club in connection with a sports day put on here on Labour Day, 1922. The Advance thought so much of the horticultural show ten years ago that it made a separate report of this Labour Day feature, giving it actually half an inch more space than the report of all the other events of the day. The horticultural show was chiefly the earnest work of H. Hatton. He had several very enthusiastic helpers, including A. Boker, Rev. R. S. Cushing, and all the executive of the football club. It is interesting to note the winners in the prize list ten years ago. Those winning prizes for vegetables, included:—D. Carling, Mrs. V. H. Emery, W. H. Wylie, W. S. Macpherson, Mrs. Armitage, A. R. Harkness, Rev. R. S. Cushing, Ralph Elston, P. Chapman, Mr. Overton, F. Boissoneault, Mrs. Miller, W. A. Field, Mrs. Kemsley, T. A. Skelly. In flowers, the following were prize winners:—Mrs. F. C. H. Simms, A. R. Harkness, Mrs. R. J. Ennis, Mrs. Emery, Miss Dodge, Miss Carter, Miss Elston, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Howse, W. A. Field, Mrs. Overton, Mrs. Nicholson, Miss Brazeau, Mrs. Pritchard, P. Chapman, Mrs. G. Gauthier, Mr. Kemsley, Mrs. G. Larch, Mrs. Overton. The prizes were chiefly ribbons and small gifts, so it is not too much to say that the displays of flowers and vegetables were made in public-spirited way and because of love of horticulture. Accordingly the prize-winners, who really made the show the success it was, were

the real founders of the horticultural society here and responsible for the success achieved. Mr. Hatton won much deserved praise for the way he carried through the horticultural show in 1922. It proved the biggest attraction of a big day. The showing of flowers was especially large and the exhibits were particularly attractive. The display of vegetables was a very good one. "The horticultural show would have done credit to a much larger centre," said The Advance in its report, "and it was acknowledged by many visitors to be the equal in merit of many more pretentious shows in Southern towns." This was the second horticultural show held under the auspices of the football club, the other being in 1920. The Advance urged that the event be made a regular annual feature. The big day of sports put on by the Timmins Football Club on Labour Day, Sept. 4th, 1922, was both successful and pleasing. There was a little disappointment because Schumacher and Cochrane fire brigades and Cochrane baseball team failed to fulfill their obligations to come here as arranged. However, The Advance at the time noted that "the default in reality did not prove a serious matter for anyone but those falling to come here. Timmins and South Porcupine fire brigades put on a fine exhibition in the firemen's events and two baseball teams, selected by Chief Borland and J. Monaghan respectively, put on a great grade of ball. Tate and Destefano were the battery for the one team and Farr and McIntyre for the other. J. Monaghan and Chief Borland were the umpires and gave good satisfaction. The Tate-Destefano team won, 2 to 1, after a keen and close battle. The score shows how good a game it was. The pro-

gramme, like all the old-time football club events, was run off exactly on the schedule published. Dome Jrs. won from the Timmins Jrs., 3 to 0, in lively football. There was a parade at 9.50 a.m., headed by the Timmins Fire Brigade and the Timmins Citizens' Band and including South Porcupine Fire Brigade and a number of floats and decorated autos. The special features of the parade were the Warren & Finlay float and the cleverly designed "airship" of Wilfred Tremblay. In the firemen's events, South Porcupine had some hard luck, but made a good showing despite this. Timmins won the junior baseball after a close match with the South Porcupine Trail Rangers. The football match was between Timmins and Kirkland Lake and was one of the best seen in the North that season. Timmins won 3 to 0. Tennis events were also featured, entries coming from the McIntyre, Dome, South Porcupine and Hollinger tennis clubs, as well as from Timmins. Messrs Carson and Cross won the doubles and Geo. Carson the singles. The two-mile race was one of the finest track events ever put on in the North Land. The entries included such noted runners as MacMillan and McDonough. After one of the most interesting runs in which he showed grace, stamina and good headwork, this event won by H. Auer. Blindfold boxing, was one of the novelties that proved popular, while races and other field and track sports kept the crowd interested every minute. The music by the band during the day was greatly appreciated by all. When the schools re-opened in Timmins on Sept. 5th, 1922, there were 650 registered at the public school, and 608 at the separate schools, making a total of 1258. This makes an interesting comparison with the present year of 1932, when 3730 pupils were registered after the summer holidays at the schools here. August, 1922, was the smallest month of the year so far as building permits were concerned, the total estimated value of the buildings covered by the permits issued for the month being only \$15,000.00. The building permits for the year 1922 were estimated to reach a total of half a million or more. The Advance ten years ago gave considerable space to reference to the band

contests in connection with the Toronto Exhibition. There were twelve entries in Class B. section and the judges placed Timmins in ninth place. Brampton won first, Collingwood second and Hamilton third. There was a general opinion among musicians that the judges had erred in their grading. The Advance took the stand that, just as in the Ontario Cup finals in football, and the hockey contests, it seemed difficult for the North to get a fair deal. The newspapers and the public in Toronto placed the Timmins band very high but that was of little advantage when the judges looked at it otherwise. In any event the cost of the trip to Toronto and the smallness of the prizes, made it poor business for Timmins to enter the contests, as they had to lose too much financially, even if they won in the prize money. A number of outstanding musicians with whom The Advance was in communication directly or indirectly, these including the leader of Creator's band, picked Brampton and Timmins for first place. The only consolation The Advance could get out of the affair was given in the following paragraph:—"However, whatever difference of opinion there may be in regard to the decision of the judges, there seems to be very general agreement as to the fact that the Timmins bandmen did themselves and the town the greatest credit. Several complimentary notices appeared in the Toronto newspapers regarding the work of the band from the North. A photograph of Leader Wolno and the mascots of the band, the two huskies, "Prince" and "Tip," featured the front page of the Globe one day last week and in other ways the band and the mascots, the latter being described as "two powerful 18-month-old huskies bred near James Bay by Louis De Cicco, who plays a clarinet in the band."

In the latter part of August of 1922, a parliamentary committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly of the province of Ontario toured the North Land and visited Timmins as well as other centres. The object of the committee was given as "to promote improvement of hotels and to develop tourist traffic." The committee included:—Edgar Watson, M.P.P. for North Victoria, chairman; W. A. Lane, secretary; Malcolm Lang, M.P.P., Cochrane; Col. W. H. Price, M.P.P., Toronto; T. Tooms, M.P.P., Peterborough; Jos. Cridland, M.P.P., Norfolk County; and Hon. W. E. Raney. The two last-named gentlemen did not come to Timmins with the party. At Timmins the committee was banquetted by the Timmins board of trade and they were given a regular "earful" as to what the North Land needed and demanded. Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, told the committee that the hotel question was no problem in the North, there being good hotels here and local enterprise always been able and willing to meet increased demands. In regard to tourist trade the mayor said that the North had wonderful attractions for the tourist, but that without roads these attractions could not be of much avail. Good roads were the crying need of the North, Dr. McInnis said, and he hoped the committee could impress this fact upon the Government. "There is a general feeling that the North has been sadly neglected, especially in the matter of roads," was the mayor's conclusion. Councillor L. S. Newton opened his address with the words, "What this North needs is good roads and good liquor." He also referred with scorn to the wages paid by the Government for men on roadwork in the North. He expressed keen disappointment that the labour men in the Government had not fought against this. Mr. Tooms, a Labour representative, said that the eleven Labour men in the Government party had all strenuously objected to unfair wages paid and would continue to do so. Dayton Ostrosser referred to the discontent in the North because the resources of the country were being exploited while the country itself was not receiving proper attention and help. F. M. Wallingford gave concrete examples of how this country was handicapped by freight rates. One of his illustrations was a case where a carload of oats cost \$640.00 and the freight to the North was \$505.00. L. S. Newton touched on the lumber industry and its handicaps. T. F. King made mention of the injurious effect on the province of the prohibition legislation. He also referred to the roads problem and other matters of interest. Col. W. H. Price, Mac Lang and others were among the many speakers of the evening. The chairman of the parliamentary committee, Edgar Watson, M.P.P., thanked the board of trade and the people of Timmins for the frank and open manner in which all questions had been discussed. "There has been no pussy-footing," he said, "and your frank but courteous discussion has been very enlightening." Playing two games within three days both against Cochrane in the Junction town, the Iroquois Falls baseball team won the championship of the second half of the Northern Ontario Baseball Association ten years ago, after an uphill battle all the way. A. E. Bryson, for nine years principal of the Cobalt public school, left ten years ago for the South. Prior to his departure he was banquetted at Cobalt and tributes given to his worth and his services to the North. Ten years ago there was agitation for a publicity bureau for the North. The Advance took the stand that until this part of the North had roads there was no advantage possible for this area from a publicity bureau. Ten years ago The Advance announc-

ed the dates and some other particulars of the New Liskeard fair, adding that not only was the fair enlarged and improved for 1922, but that the directors were showing a consistent attempt to reach out to a wider circle of patronage as shown by the extended advertising carried on for the year. As the centre of farming activity in the North Land, New Liskeard occupied a specially advantageous position and was apparently trying to live up to its opportunities. Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"The total receipts for the football field day on Sept. 4th, were \$1203.50, with total expenditures of \$920.51, leaving a balance to the good of \$282.99." "J. K. Moore, who was shot some days ago by a man whom he found at the safe in his office, is making very satisfactory progress to recovery. He is now able to be up and the wounds, though painful at times, are not proving dangerous. One bullet is lodged under the collar bone and is not causing much concern. The other is now round at the back, having moved some distance in the last few days. It is expected that the doctors will extract this latter bullet in the course of the next day or so. In the meantime the police are searching for Mr. Moore's assailant." "A visitor to Timmins last week commented on the extensive building activities in this town. The other gold camp of the North—Kirkland Lake—is also enjoying a big building boom at present, he said." "The next big event of the North Land will be the Porcupine Fair at Golden City on Sept. 28th, 1922." "Jos. Jacobs left on Thursday for a two weeks' vacation in Toronto, Buffalo, New York and other points south." "Miss E. Forbes, of Caledonia, Ont., who has been visiting her brother, J. M. Forbes, left on Sunday for her home after a pleasant holiday in the camp." "Teck township council is understood to be making arrangements to supply residents of that township with coal at \$17.00 per ton." "C. W. Knight, assistant geologist in the Ontario Department of Mines, is in the Lightning River area, on which district he will make a report. It is expected that a road-building campaign will follow the report." "A gentleman with a statistical turn of mind has figured out that there are no less than 43 diamond drilling machines

## ROY HAMILTON QUITE READY TO MEET KIRKLAND BOXER

A couple of weeks ago The Advance published an item from The Kirkland Lake Northern News, in which Hughie Rocks, of Kirkland Lake, issued a challenge to meet Roy Hamilton in the ring. Naturally an item like that has a sequel and here is the second part of it as given by The Northern News last week:—"Sure, I'll meet Hughie Rocks anytime he wants," is the way Roy Hamilton, speedy local boxer, replied to Hughie's challenge in The Northern News. Roy is going to be absent for a few days in Boston, Mass., but on his return he'll get into the ring with his challenger on the first opportunity, he promises. Since he turned "pro" Roy has won all of his bouts but one, and he recently got a decision here over Fréncher Belanger, former champ. Later The Advance, having now given the first chapter and the sequel, expects to write about the finish, if that is not mixing it up too much.

## CAR UPSET AT COBALT BUT OCCUPANTS WERE UNHURT

The northwest corner of the Cobalt Central public school yard was the scene one day last week of a narrow escape from serious injury to two men when the car in which they were riding left the pavement, plunged over a steep fall in the road and pulled up more or less on its nose off the street entirely. Neither occupant was hurt and the car was not badly damaged. The men, who were from out of town, were enroute to Kapuskasing with fruit for sale. They approached the corner at a fair speed, it is said, and well out. As another machine came west on Grandview avenue, they could not get back in time and had to keep over in an effort to make a wide turn.

Gananoque Reporter:—Business men profess to see the beginning of better days. They point to the excellent crops in all parts of Canada, to the advance in the price of wheat, to industrial recovery and to the recent strengthening in the price of leading stocks. These are indications they state, that we have started to climb back to normal conditions. Not that they will come all at once, but that they will improve by degrees.

## PEMBROKE PRODUCING ODD TYPE OF DOUBLE RADISH

The Pembroke Observer last week says:—"C. W. Fraser, McKay street, is in the field as a rival to Ripley of 'Believe it or not' fame with the product of his garden. This morning Mr. Fraser was exhibiting a double radish, one red and the other white, each perfectly formed and one growing on to the bottom of the other. The red radish, which was at the top, measured 11 inches in length, while the white radish was 2 inches long. The freak was grown from red radish seed. Only a few days ago the 'Believe it or not' series in the daily press featured a freak double radish which Mr. Fraser's is an exact duplicate."

Sudbury Star:—Most people have worried about this depression and wondered what it was and what caused it. Well, according to a New Hampshire professor, the world is suffering from occupational obsolescence and technological surpluses. Get it now?

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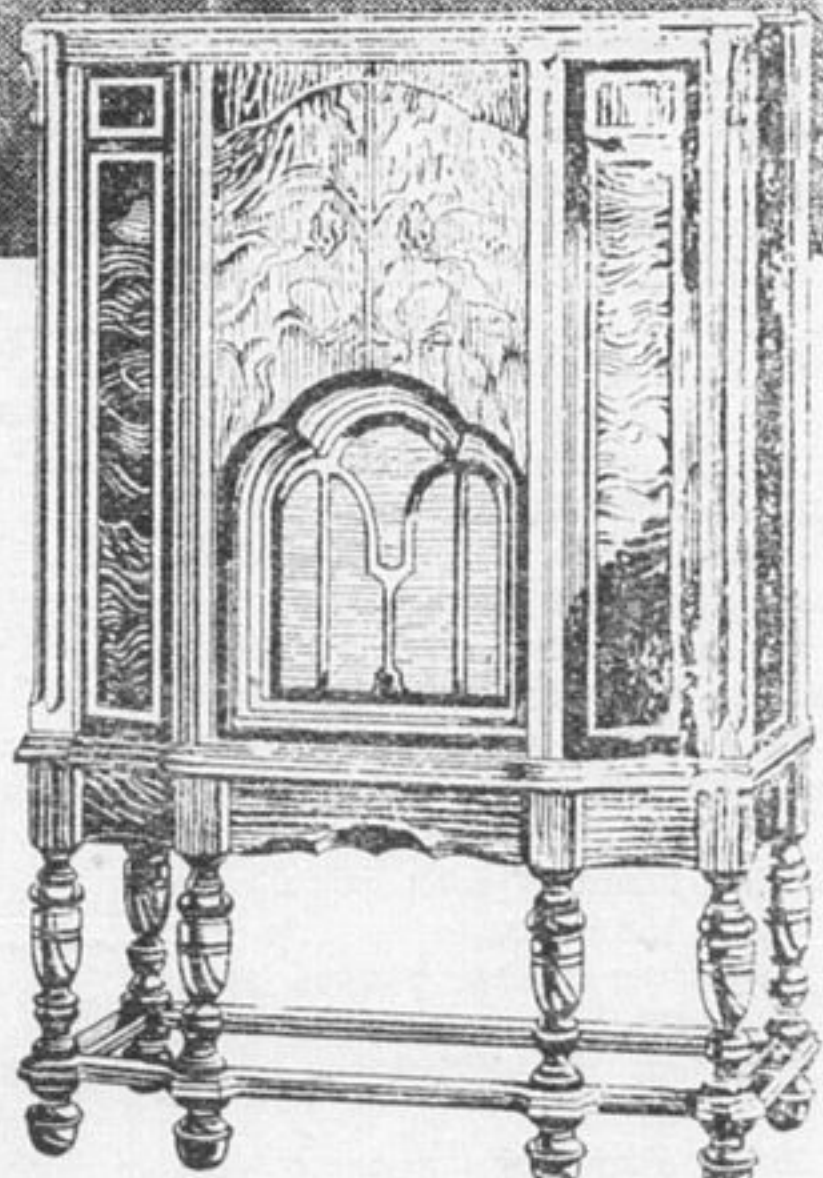


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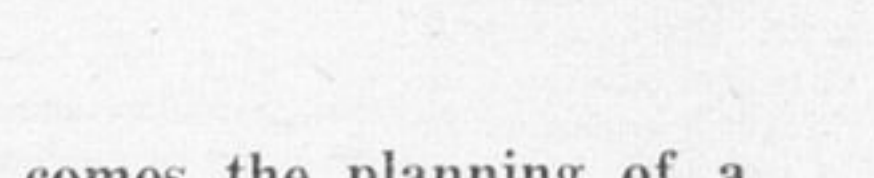
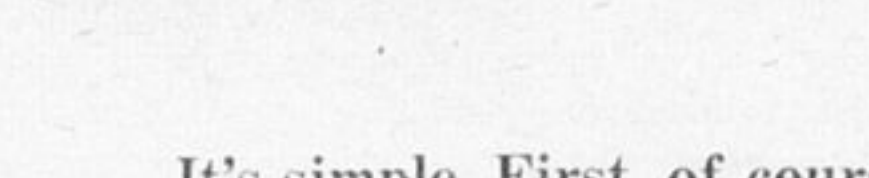
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