

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

At the regular meeting of the Timmins town council ten years ago there were two matters of special importance before the board. One of these was the hearing of Reeve C. V. Gallagher, of Tisdale township, in regard to matters of mutual interest to Timmins and Tisdale, and the other was the consideration of the report of the fire and light committee of the council in reference to the proposed purchase of additional fire-fighting equipment. Reeve Gallagher in referring to the proposal for the annexation of Moneta to the town of Timmins said he had no objection to the proposed annexation in case Moneta people were really willing but he did not think it would be right to force them into the union. If they were given to understand that there was no possible way in which they could be supplied with water if they were not annexed that in his opinion would amount to an unfair coercion. The mayor, Dr. J. A. McInnis, replied that in case Moneta was annexed to the town the section would naturally be given water service at the earliest possible moment. The town was not making anything by the annexation; in fact, would likely be the loser in direct way by the annexation. There was no intention of using any coercion and none had been used. If the town had a surplus of water he would see no reason why water to Moneta if the township refused annexation, but, of course, with all possible friendliness the interests of the town in general had to be considered first in this or any other case. It was to the interests of Timmins to help Moneta to protect itself from danger of fire and from health menaces, but of course the helping in this things would be much easier for Timmins if Moneta became a part of the town. The matter, however, was for the people of Moneta to decide themselves. Councillor L. S. Newton was against any coercion but he thought that in any case the matter of water supply should be contingent upon the providing of adequate fire protection for Moneta. Councillor Jules St. Paul, of Tisdale, was against the annexation of Moneta by Timmins. He thought that Tisdale was soon to have a number of new producing mines and so would have royalties and taxes enough to look after all parts of the township. He also questioned the legality of the petition for the annexation of Moneta, certain technicalities having been overlooked. A new petition being circulated, according to Councillor St. Paul, was using the names on the old petition without the formality of securing the signatures a second time. Members of the Timmins council expressed views similar to those voiced by the mayor in regard to annexation and the water supply. Councillor J. E. Boyle, of Tisdale, pointed out that the township was spending money to keep the main road open between South Porcupine and Timmins. He thought the town should share this expense, and the

council agreed, a motion being passed at once to guarantee the share paid by Timmins. W. S. Macpherson was appointed assessor for 1923 at a salary of \$700.00. M. Sally was appointed an officer for the enforcement of the O.T. A. Councillor L. S. Newton read the report of the fire and light committee recommending the immediate spending of \$7,000.00 for further needed equipment for the fire department. This included \$4,000.00 for a motor fire truck. It was explained by Councillor Newton, however, that after the committee's report was prepared it was found that the \$4,000.00 truck would not be strong enough or heavy enough for the work, and he recommended instead the buying of an outfit of standard type and proven merit, to cost around \$15,000.00. The outfit would last a long time, he said, and pay for itself. The cost of the \$15,000.00 outfit could be spread over three years Mr. Newton said. Chief Borland pointed out that the growth of the town was outstripping the expenditure for fire protection. He asked for two more men and a new team, unless the town added the motor equipment suggested by Councillor Newton. Chief Borland referred to the value of the chemical tank equipment, and certainly in recent years Chief Borland's knowledge in this respect has been amply justified. Mr. Tenner, representing the LaFrance Fire Equipment Co., gave a detailed description of the truck referred to by Councillor Newton and fully proved its advantages. The question was left over for further consideration by the council, the fire chief in the meantime being authorized to order 1000 more feet of hose and four new alarm boxes.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"M. J. Downey, one of the popular townsmen on the T. & N. O. staff on the Porcupine branch, met with an accident this week that will lay him up for a day or two. While alighting from the passenger train on which he was engaged, he slipped and fell, straining his back in the fall. He is confined to his home at present but he is making good progress to recovery."

After choir practice one evening ten years ago, the Presbyterian choir presented J. Callum with a beautiful Crown Derby tea set, as a mark of their appreciation and esteem, as well as showers of good wishes to him in connection with his recent marriage. The presentation took place at the manse where the choir enjoyed the hospitality of Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Parks. Mr. Callum had been a valued member of the choir for several years, being untiring and generous in his assistance in musical matters.

At an early hour on Jan. 22nd, 1923, the large and handsome property on the Goldale property was destroyed by fire. The cause of the fire was not known, but overheated pipes or a defective flue were looked upon as likely causes. An hour or two before the fire was discovered, the chore boy had put on fresh fires and at that time everything seemed all right. The fire had great headway when discovered, and the place was full of smoke and flames were breaking out in different parts of the building. It was the smoke that roused one of the occupants, who wakened the others and helped them get out of the burning building. Messrs. Smith and Valentine were slightly burned before they escaped. All lost their clothing and personal effects. The loss of the building was a serious one and much regretted, as it was a very handsome structure, erected in the early days of the camp by the Bewick-Moreing Co. The Goldale Co. had been using it for a bunkhouse. The Goldale started at once to replace the destroyed building with another structure. The fire was a spectacular one and could be seen for quite a distance. Being outside the town limits there was no fire-fighting means to use to cope with so large and serious a fire.

The Advance ten years ago gave considerable space to a report of the banquet given by the South Porcupine Board of Trade to the Northern Ontario Associated Boards on the occasion of their session at South Porcupine. The banquet was a notable one with about 150 present in the Oddfellows' hall for the occasion. In the menu and the programme alike South Porcupine did itself proud. C. V. Gallagher, reeve of Tisdale, made a very general and able chairman. Among the speakers of the evening were:—Geo. Cole, mining inspector; Mr. Wright, of the Dome; Sylvester Kennedy, South Porcupine; John Clark, Englehart; Alex Dewar, Iroquois Falls; D. L. Jemmett, president of the N.O.A.B.T.; Dan O'Connor, Connaught; Mr. MacFarlane. On motion a bouquet of flowers was ordered sent to R. A. McInnis, ex-president of the Associated Boards, who was then ill at a Toronto hospital. The musical programme was an unusually pleasing one, every number being of outstanding merit. The singing of Mrs. Hoon, the noted Cornish contralto, was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm and applause. Other singers much appreciated included:—A. Kincaid, Mrs. Reynolds, T. Huntley, the latter being very insistently encoered. Two recitations by Mr. Alexander also made special impression. There was instrumental music by Brown's orchestra.

In a fast game at the Timmins rink on Jan. 3rd, 1923, Timmins Seniors defeated Iroquois Falls the score being 10 to 7. Timmins started the first period at breakneck speed and kept up the pace for the second and third stanzas. In the second period Corbould in goal for the Falls was very decidedly off colour. In the third period

the Falls made desperate efforts to overcome the big lead against them, but the luck was against them. In the scoring for Timmins McGuire, Behan, Cameron and Campbell were the chief scorers.

The Porcupine Agricultural Society ten years ago elected the following officers:—President, Geo. Bannerman; first vice-president, Wm. Bannerman; second vice-president, Geo. D. Hamilton; directors, Z. Hart, E. E. Davis, P. J. Mitchell, W. Campsall, N. King, H. McIntrose, N. Rein, W. D. Pearce, A. Reamsbottom, A. Tomkinson, Dan O'Connor, A. C. White, John Ferguson, James Howe, Alex Miller.

For the six months ending Dec. 31st, 1922, the McIntyre's recovery was \$1,193,613.00.

Ten years ago the T. & N. O. had surveyors at work on a survey for a projected line from Swastika to Kirkland Lake.

Two Toronto men charged with the theft of gold precipitates from the Kirkland Lake Gold Mines ten years ago were acquitted when the case came before Judge Denton. One of the men was a jeweller who had purchased gold from a Northern man. The defence was that the purchases had been made in good faith on the understanding that the Northern man was the owner of gold properties from which the purchased gold was presumed to be taken.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Timmins Liberal-Conservative Association ten years ago, the following officers were elected:—President, Dr. A. S. Porter; vice-presidents, J. P. Bartleman, H. Webb, R. D. Robertson, T. Torrance; secretary-treasurer, J. K. Moore.

The Advance ten years ago says:—"It is understood that The Toronto Star is considering the employment of seven University professors and two other intoxicated prohibitionists, to test out the truth of the story appearing in The Advance regarding the discovery of the Danil Diamond Mine near Tin Can Portage. The Advance would welcome such an investigation, feeling that the story as given in this paper is the very type that would appeal to The Star and its friends as having the ring of reason and the touch of truth. It is a much more reasonable and truthful tale on the surface than The Star's own story of the young man Richter from the wilds of Cincinnati."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"The branch of the Imperial Bank at Smooth Rock Falls has been closed and the business transferred to Cochrane." "Miss L. Upton and Miss T. McChesney, of New Liskeard, are visiting the former's brother, Roy Upton." "All are pleased to see Chief Greer back on the job after his recent illness." "About 150 men are hard at work near South Porcupine in the work of building the transmission line for the Great Northern Power Company, the latter being the company developing at Matachewan. This company will also supply power to the Davidson and other Porcupine companies." "Mr. Hogan, representative of the London Life Insurance Company, came to town last week, the company intending to open a permanent office in Timmins for the town and district."



JOAO FREDERIC NORMANO
Accepted as a lecturer at Harvard University, Joao Frederic Normano (above) was recently arrested by United States police who assert he is really Dr. Isaak Lewin, wanted as a fugitive from justice in Germany. Lewin, who allegedly looted a German bank, which he headed to the amount of \$750,000, has been hunted for four years.

WOLVES HOWLING AROUND NEW LISKEARD SECTION

There have been several references this year in The Advance to wolves in the North Land. Word comes from several of the settled areas of the North in regard to live stock through this unusual fact. Settlers in outlying sections have been complaining about the number of wolves this year, but it is the more thickly settled areas that make the most objection to these destructive animals. The Uno Park correspondent of The New Liskeard Speaker last week says:—"A number of citizens here were treated to a wolf solo on Sunday night when a lone howler sent out his mournful cry from the hills to the southwest. All the dogs in the community joined in the chorus. It seems incredible that these animals should be making themselves heard and felt in such an alarm-manner when nothing of the sort ever happened before, not even in pioneer days of thirty-five years ago."

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Legion and Citizens' Band at Sudbury last week, W. Coupar, head of the Sudbury branch of the Legion, was elected president of the band. Mr. Coupar, now manager of the Sudbury branch of the Dominion Bank, will be remembered by many friends in Timmins when he was on the staff of the Dominion Bank here and an enthusiastic member of the Caledonian Society of Timmins.

Never Ate at Soup Kitchen But Condemned the Soup

The type of man and the type of complaint making it difficult to carry on relief work for the transients were forcibly indicated at Kirkland Lake some days ago. A man named Rakatti, apparently of Finnish origin, and half a dozen others claiming to represent that United Front name of an organization with a lot of other names, appeared before the Kirkland Lake Community Finance Committee to complain about quality of the soup served at the Kirkland Lake soup kitchen. Rakatti described the soup as very bad and the kitchen as germ-laden. He admitted under questioning that he did not eat at the soup kitchen and so did not know personally anything about the soup or the surroundings. He also argued that the mine workers should not pay \$1.00 a month to help those out of work. His idea was that the mines should pay for everything. He did not give any idea how this could be done or suggest how the unfortunate unemployed might be able to live in the meantime. While he was talking to the committee he did not forget to hand in a list of "demands." These demands were identically the same as those handed in last week to the Kirkland Lake council. These "demands" are also the same as those handed to the Timmins town council on several occasions. They are also the same as presented to other municipal councils time and again during the past year or two. They "demand" that there be no war with China. They demand the repeal of part of the criminal code and they demand many things that are not likely to be granted.

Canadian National Train Fastest on the Continent

There are many people—some of them good Canadians at that—who have the idea that people on the other side of the ocean (the "slow old British" for instance) are not in it with the folks on this continent when it comes to speed. The facts are against this idea, but what are a few facts between friends. In the same way there is a more or less commonly accepted notion that Canadians are slow compared to their friends to the South. This idea is applied particularly to travel, but again the facts do not agree. Some facts given out last week by the Canadian National Railways are worth considering.

The combined average speed of 30 representative long-haul railroad passenger trains runs, compiled by the Technology Review, dropped slightly in 1932 from the same average taken by the Review in 1930, according to the current issue.

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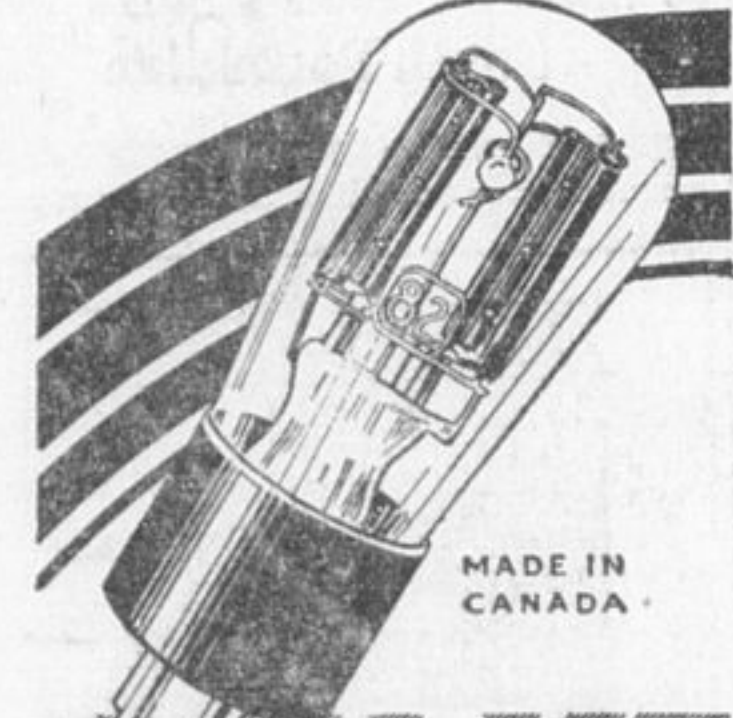
1932 maintained a schedule of 40.7 miles an hour. There was improvement in the 50-mile class, however, as there were only three of these in 1930, and five in 1932.

The Technology Review states that the fastest train on the American Continent is the Canadian National Railways "International Limited" flying between Montreal and Toronto at an average speed of 55.6 miles an hour. Next is the New York Central's "Twentieth Century Limited," making 53.4 miles an hour between New York and Chicago.

DEATH OF TIMMINS WOMAN AT HAILEYBURY SANITARIUM

The Haileyburyian last week says:—"The death of Mrs. George Molodt, of Timmins, took place in St. Mary's on the Lake Sanitarium here on Sunday last, January 15th, after an illness of some months. She was 27 years of age, a widow, and a native of Roumania. The remains were sent by train to Timmins on Tuesday for interment in the northern town."

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Relief at Kirkland Lake Costing \$1040.00 a Week

The reports of the Teck Township relief officer, William Johnston, show that it is costing over \$1,000.00 a week for relief in Kirkland Lake these days. For one recent week the total was \$1,040.74, of which the sum of \$856.69 was expended on relief orders, food, fuel, rent, etc., to families in need. The balance of \$184.05 was spent in supplying free meals to transients at the soup kitchen, where a total of 3,681 meals had been served during the week. There were 160 families on full relief during the week while there were other receiving partial relief. When the report was received by the township council at Kirkland Lake, the relief officer was instructed to have the investigator make a new report on all those receiving relief as shown on the last report of the relief officer, the results of the investigation in each case to be endorsed on the relief records, and these records to be kept up to date. Councillor Morrison, in charge of the committee under which relief comes, suggested that he was in doubt as to the bona-fide nature of the some of the claims for relief.

John R. McCracken, inspector of the Children's Aid Society for Temiskaming, received the sad news recently that his mother, Mrs. John McCracken, had passed away at her home in Stranraer, Scotland, at the advanced age of 89 years.