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**TEN YEARS AGO
IN TIMMINS**

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The Hollinger report for the year 1922 was referred to at considerable length in The Advance ten years ago. The tonnage milled in 1922 was 1,491,381 tons of average grade of \$8.53, making a total value of \$12,726,549.77; net value, \$12,274,114.77. The tonnage was 50 per cent. greater than in 1921. The dividends paid in 1922 totalled \$3,198,000.00. The power shortage was given as the one drawback to progress. Labour conditions were favourable. The average number of men employed was 2,183, of which 1,401 were miners, 208 mechanics, 474 general, including office staff, engineering, mill and refinery. One hundred additional miners' residences were built during 1922, and were occupied by married miners. Near the central shaft a large crusher station had been completed to effect finer crushing. A steel headframe had been built at No. 11 shaft. The report also noted the construction of a 20-inch main to the Mattagami river for mill water. Throughout the year the report said the ore development had been highly satisfactory. The report generally was considered as eminently satisfactory in every way.

At the town council meeting on Feb. 26th, 1923, M. B. Scott, chairman of the Timmins public school board, addressed the council on the advisability and necessity for a high school in Timmins. He said that there were three continuation classes with 66 pupils taking up high school work at the school. Mr. Scott said that indications there suggested there would be 120 in these classes after the entrance examinations and such a number more than warranted a high school. He also looked for still further demand for high school accommodation with the growth of the town and district. Democracy and education went hand in hand, Mr. Scott said, and without adequate facilities for education, citizenship did not have its best opportunities. C. S. Carter, principal of the Timmins school, also spoke, outlining the plans necessary to secure a high school. In the case of a technical high school the Governments would pay 75 per cent. of the cost of the building and half of the cost of the staff, Mr. Carter said. Council decided to get further facts and figures in the matter, discuss the question further with the school board, and take up the question again at the next council meeting.

The question of licensing and controlling more closely the dairies of the town was also left over to the next meeting of council. The town engineer reported to council on the residences in Mattagami on the streets served by the new water mains. The revenue from these would fall about \$1050.00 short of the maintenance and debentures cost required. This matter was also left over to the next meeting.

The man brought from the West by R. Allen and charged with the theft of gold ore was sentenced to two years less one day.

Extended reference was made ten years ago in The Advance to the visit to Timmins of Dr. Doolittle, president of the Canadian Motor League Association, and W. H. Alderson, G. Matthews and H. Giendinning. Their friendliness to the North was emphasized, and their intelligent "boosting" of this country came in for special mention. Dr. Doolittle was then an ardent advocate of a Trans-Canada highway and he thought that the road from North Bay to Cochrane would naturally form part of such a Trans-Canada road.

Victor Bissonnette, who had spent the previous two years at Moose Factory, using his dog team for transportation purposes, was the first entry in 1923 for the Porcupine dog race event. He said that any team that won would have to travel some to beat the team he had brought down from the James Bay area. This time ten years ago there were seventeen nominated for Carnival Queen for the dog race event.

"Hard Luck and Soft Ice Beat Timmins at Sault," said the heading in The Advance of Feb. 28th, 1923, in reference to the first of the N.O.H.A. finals at Sault Ste. Marie on Feb. 25th, 1923. The Sault won by 7 to 3. A full report of the game was received here play by play over the Moyses Co. private wire. There were 2500 at the game at the Sault. Harold Farlow, Toronto, refereed the game, with I. K. Pierce, of Timmins, and Art Phillip, Sault, as the goal umpires. Timmins had the best of the play to a great extent, but failed in the scoring. There were 30 shots on the Sault goal to 20 on the Timmins nets. "Spark Plug" Reis starred. Fournier was unable to play on account of illness. All the players for Timmins did well, with Scully putting up a great game in goal. The Timmins players were: Scully, goal; Reis and Roach, defence; Cameron, centre; Behan, right; Campbell, left; McGuire and Cox, subs. Goals scored: by Phillips, 4; by Lessard, 3; by Reis, 2; by Behan, 1. The Sault players included: Walsh, Donnelly, Brown, Phillips, Woodruff, Lessard, Campbell, Fahey. The final score was 7 to 3 in favour of the Sault.

The Advance published in full the report of the Ontario Fire Marshal in the matter of the enquiry into the Central Temiskaming fire. The report recommended several changes in the law with a view to better protection from forest fires. There were also a number of suggestions to aid prevention of such fires, with recommendations for a better forest fire protection organization.

Ten years ago Mac Lang, M.P.P. for this riding, went after the Ontario Government for its slackness in deal-

ing with Northern matters, especially in reference to the power shortage. Mac Lang dealt very effectively with the matters involved in the Ontario House and roused the attention at least of the Government. Premier Drury in reply stated that the Government was prepared to negotiate a lease for power concessions on the Abitibi when the parties concerned would accept conditions he thought necessary for the welfare of the district.

Ladies' Night at the Caledonian Society ten years ago was a delightful event. The programme was in charge of a committee of ladies, including Mrs. D. Mackie, Mrs. M. B. Scott, Mrs. G. A. Macdonald, Mrs. Patrick, Mrs. J. K. Moore and Mrs. A. Roberts. Mrs. Mackie presided very ably for the programme. The programme included dances, games, literary and musical numbers, refreshments, etc. each item being an extra special. W. D. Forrester won grand prize for quills, with W. Sheehan second. Mrs. I. Robertson presided at the piano for the dancing and as accompanist. Her pianoforte solos were also a feature of the evening. A reading by Mrs. G. A. Macdonald was much appreciated, as were also solos by Miss Jean Roberts, Mrs. H. McCulloch; duet by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Moore; "The Auld Pair of Tawse," by Mrs. Roberts; "Who Killed Cock Robin?" by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Moore, and the whole company in chorus.

Miss Boswell, Victoria Order Nurse, gave an address on the work of the order in the New Empire theatre ten years ago. Following the address there was a general discussion and the following day a branch was organized here by Dr. McInnis as chairman, Rev. J. D. Parks, Rev. R. S. Cushing, J. P. Tallon and others among the officers. It was decided to write headquarters to appoint a nurse for Timmins without committing the town to any obligation.

The annual banquet of the Timmins board of trade was held at the Goldale Cafe ten years ago, with over 120 present. T. F. King, president, occupied the chair. There were addresses by C. G. Williams, H. W. Darling, Chas. Pierce, L. S. Newton, J. R. O'Neill, G. A. Macdonald, A. C. White, Rev. J. D. Parks, F. M. Wallingford, Geo. S. Drew, J. E. Sullivan, D. B. Curtis, G. H. Gauthier, Dr. McInnis and others. One of the features of the evening was the tendency of most of the speakers to urge the council, as one man phrased it "to loosen up" in the matter of improvements and advantages for the town. Most of the councillors argued for going slow along this line. "If we do loosen up," one of them said, "I'm afraid you'll tighten up on us when the election comes along." That councillor was close to being a prophet.

The Advance ten years ago had comment on the value of the chemical tanks in the fire department equipment. There was a fire at the Gamble Robinson warehouse and the chemical was used to extinguish the fire, with the result that the loss was so small that it was scarcely worth quoting. Had it been necessary to use the water lines it would have been far otherwise.

Shortly after 6 p.m. Tuesday evening, Feb. 27th, 1923, J. E. Salmon passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. A. Skelly, 10 Sixth avenue. Mr. Salmon had been in poor health for several months and some days previous to his death he suffered a slight stroke from which he did not recover. Mr. Salmon was one of the early residents of Timmins, and was one of the gatekeepers at the Hollinger for a number of years. For some time previous to his death he had been living retired. He had large circles of friends and acquaintances in the town and district, and his death was looked upon as a genuine loss to the town. Funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Skelly on Thursday, Feb. 28th, the body leaving on the Toronto train for Greenland, Michigan, Mr. Salmon's old home, for interment.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"All will regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. W. D. Watt and wish her a speedy recovery." "L. Stadelman, of Cobalt, is spending a few days in town." "Mrs. G. Simmonds, of New Liskeard, is the guest of friends in town this week." "Innumerable friends in the camp will regret to hear of the illness of Frank Hamilton, of the Consolidated West Dome Lake Mine." "Mrs. C. S. Carter was called to her old home in the South yesterday through the serious illness of her father." "An up-to-date factory for the manufacture of candy is to be established in Timmins. The Advance is informed." "Last week some foolish or misguided person started the rumour that there were seven funerals in the camp on one day recently, with six the day before, and that this sort of average has been maintained more or less from day to day. Of course, there is no foundation for so wild a yarn. Six deaths in a fortnight would be more like the truth. In the past four months there have been sixty-odd deaths in the whole district, this number including many from points as far away as Troquois Falls. The only truth to the story referred to rests in the fact that there have been more deaths in the district in the past few months than in the earlier days of the camp, but this should surely be expected." "In The Advance last week reference was made to a gymnastic entertainment to be given in the Finnish hall under the auspices of the Timmins Athletic Club. This club was incidentally referred to as the "only club of its kind in the camp." The latter statement was a mistake. For some three years

past there has been another club in active existence in Timmins, specializing in gymnastic work and open to all of good character interested in this line. This club has been directed by W. J. Mitchell and has had a successful and useful existence. Accordingly, to use the name "Timmins Athletic Club" as was done last week was more comprehensive than the facts warrant."

**TOBOGGAN PARTY HELD BY
THE ST. MATTHEW'S A.Y.P.A.**

A large turnout was had by St. Matthew's A.Y.P.A. at their toboggan party last Wednesday. After a great many thrilling spills they returned to the church hall for refreshments. The refreshments consisted of soup and crackers which were prepared by Miss M. Moseley-Williams and Miss D. Walker.

**N.O.H.A. Playdowns
are Definitely Set**

Junior Finals Open at Sudbury and Senior Games in the North on March 6th. Final Game on March 10.

A despatch on Monday of this week from North Bay in regard to the N.O.H.A. playdowns says:—

Changes in the N.O.H.A. playdowns programme were announced by W. A. Thompson, secretary-treasurer, Monday morning.

The junior finalists will meet for the first of a home-and-home series at Sudbury on Monday night, March 6, and the second game will be at either Kirkland Lake or New Liskeard on the night of March 9.

The senior finals in which North Bay or Falconbridge will figure as Southern group champions and either Timmins or Halleybury as winners in the Northern division are set for March 6 and 10 with the first game at Timmins or Halleybury.

The provincial finals at Toronto in which the O.H.A. and N.O.H.A. senior and junior champions will figure, have also been changed. The junior series is set for March 14 and 16 with a third game, if necessary, on March 18. These dates may have to be again changed to March 16, 18 and 20 in the event that the O.H.A. finalists are forced to stage a third game to declare a winner.

The Ontario senior finals will open with the N.O.H.A. senior champions meeting the O.H.A. senior "B" champions at Toronto on March 15 and 17. The survivors will meet the O.H.A. senior "A" champions for the Ontario title and the right to enter the Allan Cup playdowns.

Sudbury Star.—A Washington judge, refusing damages to a man hit by a sliced golf ball, ruled that a slice is an "act of God." We remember hearing men frequently blame a slice on some superior Power, but we don't believe that was the name.

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**Nothing New Under the
Sun, Still Holds Good**

(From Chambers' Journal)

"There is no new thing under the sun," declared a professor long ago in the Bible, and certainly the stories of some of the inventions of olden times make us pause to consider and wonder. The prospect of television reception, to follow ordinary radio programmes, already a daily feature on a London-Leeds express, sounds, however, beyond the wildest dreams of the past. On the London Underground preparations are being made to render the life below the earth's surface as bright as day, in fact brighter often than the day, when fog prevails above ground. The stations and booking-halls are to be encircled with glowing rings of beautiful phosphorescent light. In one underground station a loud-speaker directs passengers, while some time ago there was installed at another station a machine which gives change for silver coins, from a sixpence to a half-crown. Very ingenious and advanced this seems, but, even in the days before Christ, Egyptian priests had introduced

coin-in-the-slot machines for supplying "holy water in the temples." The interesting book which records this fact tells, also, that chariots of that period were equipped with what our modern world calls taxi-meters, to record the distance travelled, and describes a most ingenious B.C. alarm clock, in which dripping water operated a syphon and by suddenly compressing a volume of air, blew an early morning whistle. We can only hope that this early wonder proved more effective in getting folk out of their beds than do some rising bells and modern alarm clocks!

Carleton Place Canadian.—Technocracy, says an exchange, is like the flu. Everybody seems to be catching it in some form. Some have a very strong attack of it and talk about it deliriously as if they have wild dreams of a short working week and a long bank roll. Others have just a touch of it, confessing to feel a little mentally lame all over about it, but with hardly any fever. At the first intimation of technocracy, the best thing to do is to go to bed and try and sleep it off.

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