

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

In The Advance ten years ago reference was made to the suggestions in some of the Toronto newspapers that there might be labour trouble in the Porcupine. There was no ground for the suggestion, and as The Advance pointed out at the time "only outside agitation and improper propaganda could stir up trouble here." The Advance pointed out that the mines here paid well and that the men also showed a spirit of fairness and reason at all times, and mutual goodwill kept conditions in good shape. The story of trouble was founded on a demand from a labour organization that did not represent any material body of the workers in the camp. The demand was for an increase of 20 cents per day in pay. The mines in the Porcupine were already paying the best scale of wages anywhere on the continent except in the copper mines, where bonuses based on the price of copper made the rate higher, and in the Arizona desert where conditions were not so good. The mines

and the men went on peacefully and quietly together, the only trouble being in the columns of some of the outside newspapers.

Forecast was made in The Advance ten years ago that the riding of Cochrane would likely be divided into two ridings, North Cochrane and South Cochrane, for representation in the Legislature. This has division has been made since.

Timmins Golden Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire ten years ago started a competition for the pupils of the public, separate and high schools, prizes being given for the best essays submitted. The I.O.D.E. carried on this contest each year for several years and there was much interest in the matter. In 1923 the following were the winners of the prizes:—High school, subject, "The Porcupine Camp," Marianne Colbourne, winner of first prize; Margaret Cole, second; Roy Hardy, third. Entrance class, subject, "The Natural Resources of Canada," Tessie

Baderki, winner of first prize; Willie Valerios, second; Melva Newton, third. Junior classes, subject, "The Heroes of the Long Sault," Walter Junell, winner of prize; Sonia Charron, second; Patrick Downey, third. The judges were: Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor, Rev. Fr. Theriault, Rev. R. S. Cushing, Rev. J. D. Parks, C. O. Williams and G. A. Macdonald. J. E. Newton took the place of Rev. Fr. Theriault, the latter being away during the judging of the papers.

Chief of Police M. Greer ten years ago through The Advance gave fair warning to all that it was intended to strictly enforce all the rules and regulations in regard to autos with a view to the protection and safety of the public. Chief Greer offered a number of helpful suggestions to the auto drivers and the public for the comfort and safety of all.

Ten years ago The Advance made extended reference to the difficult time experienced by Cochrane on account of the serious epidemic of typhoid fever in the northern town. It was costing Cochrane from \$500.00 to \$700.00 per day to fight the epidemic, while at the same time there were twenty-three nurses maintained and it was necessary to provide for a number of families whose breadwinners were ill with the fever. Medical supplies were costing the town a great deal. Shipments of supplies had been made to Cochrane by the Red Cross and the provincial board of health, while South Porcu-

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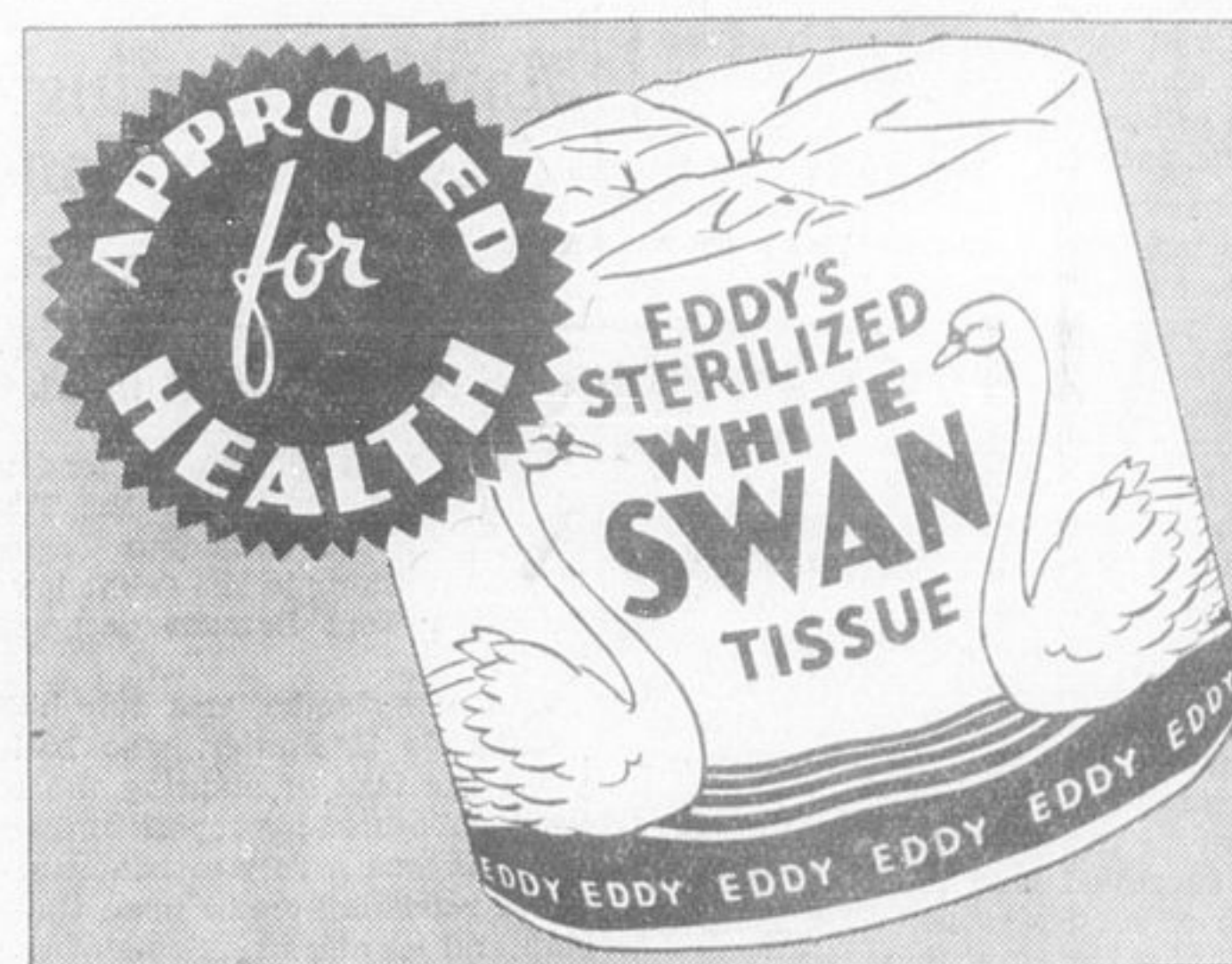
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pine and Iroquois Falls were the two first towns to show the real spirit of neighbourliness by sending in supplies and other help. Cobalt also had assisted with both money and goods. The Advance suggested that other towns of the North join in this work of helping out a neighbour town, an it is pleasant to recall that the spirit of the North proved itself from all quarters.

In its issue of April 18th, 1923, The Advance had a suggestion for the organization of a poultry association for the Porcupine, the number of poultry fanciers in the area seeming to fully warrant such a move.

Timmins had hockey matches on good ice in April 12th and April 15th, 1923, the match on April 12th being an exhibition game for the benefit of Ran Montgomery, of New Liskeard, who suffered a serious injury to one of his eyes in a game at Timmins the previous year. The Hollinger mines league team and the Timmins Seniors were the teams playing. There was a fair attendance, about \$50.00 being netted.

Ten years ago the Caledonian Society regular meeting proved of special interest. There were about 130 present. The event was in the form of a reception to the Caledonian Choir. There was a musical and literary programme of much merit, as well as cards, dancing, games, etc.

A meeting called to organize baseball in Timmins ten years ago failed to draw a crowd as there was hockey in progress, so the meeting was postponed to a later date.

The Advance ten years ago had a banquet given at South End by the firm to the staff of Sutcliffe & Neelands, contractors for the power line, etc., of the Great Northern Power Co., the company developing power at Matatchewan, and bringing in some of that power to the Porcupine camp. At the banquet reference was fittingly made to the men whose work had made the record construction of the line possible, and just as fittingly it was also pointed out that the organization and direction of the firm made possible the pleasing result. The construction work can rightly be set down as a record. Starting in Jan. 20th, the work was cleverly pushed along and 65 miles of right of way completed, poles and wire put up, substation building erected at South Porcupine, and a light burning on Connaught Hill to show the power was already actually through, all inside of three months, Sutcliffe & Neelands expect to have the line in to the Porcupine Peninsula in ten days. Work is in fine progress taking the line to the Davidson Mine, past the Triplex, Two-In-One, Hunter, Miracle, Premier-Langmuir, and other properties, all of which are thus placed in position to have available power when they require it. This new power line will be a mighty factor in advancing the development and progress of the district. Thoughtful citizens of South Porcupine are particularly enthusiastic in their praise of the good work of Sutcliffe & Neelands in the matter. They say that the methods used by the firm showed the greatest skill and foresight, both in regard to the men at work and in dealing with materials and conditions.

The following from The Advance of April 18th, 1923, will be of interest to-day:—"The plant and machinery for the latest industry for Timmins is arriving these days. The industry is the brick-making one being established by Mr. N. McEachren in the Matagamini section of Timmins. There Mr. McEachren has a large area of good clay, and he is installing an up-to-date plant. He expects to be able at an early date to deliver a superior quality of clay brick at a price that will be attractive and will bring brick construction within the reach of the ordinary builder here. The freight on brick hitherto has made its use prohibitive except in rare cases here."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Wednesday evening last R.W. Bro. F. K. Ebbitt, D.D.G.M., paid an official visit to Golden Beaver Lodge A. F. & A. M. W.M. Bro. G. S. Lowe presided at the banquet to the D.D.G.M. after the work of the order. The banquet proved a very pleasing event, with inspiring addresses and attractive music." "Councillor J. E. Boyle, of South Porcupine, returned last week from a visit to Toronto." "Mr. Fred J. Squire, of The Pas, Manitoba, was a visitor to Timmins this week, and was much impressed with the evident growth and prosperity of the camp."

"Mr. W. Reid left today for Detroit to reside." "Kirkland Lake has adopted the early closing idea, the stores there to close at 7 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights." "Mr. Sanford Drew left today for Detroit. For some time past Mr. Drew has been on the Hollinger staff and has been popular in many circles here. He was one

of the members of the Timmins Volunteer Firemen. He will be much missed in town, and all will wish him the best of success in his new place of residence." "His many friends in town and district will be pleased to learn that there was no truth in the report of the death of Cochrane of Mr. "Faddy" Gallagher, a former popular resident of this camp, but now with the Northern Development Branch at Cochrane. Mr. Gallagher is ill with the fever, but is making good progress to recovery at last report." "The Timmins-Porcupine motor bus service has been in constant commission all winter providing unfailing motor car service between Timmins and South Porcupine. That is some record. While driving passengers over the route one day last week, in one of the new motor cars bought for the run this year, Driver E. A. Roy, took occasion to point out some of the monster snow-cuts at points in the trip. At the other side of Schumacher the snow is piled ten feet high at both sides of the road. "How is that for April 13th?" asked Mr. Roy. Well, it's surely a funny world—this North Land—if you don't weaken. "If you weaken, Good Night, Good Night, Beloved." "Homer L. Gibson, of Toronto, is on a visit to the camp." "The snowfall last week is reckoned to be the heaviest this year, some estimating the fall in certain parts of this North Land at 18 inches." "Iroquois Falls is again adopting the daylight saving scheme, so-called. The clocks are to be monkeyed with on Sunday, May 20th, and again on Sept. 9th. Otherwise, the Falls seems to be normal. "When is the spring coming this year?" Mr. A. J. Courtemanche was asked last week. "No spring in this country," he replied. "Just two seasons—winter and July." (Clip this out and read it again in June, August, September and October.) "D. McInnis returned last week from a visit to Toronto." "Mrs. Geo. Laporte returned on Saturday from Renfrew, where she was called on account of the illness of her father." "All will regret to know that Mr. D. O'Connor, of Connaught, is on the sick list, being confined to the house with a severe cold. All will wish him a speedy and complete recovery." "It is understood that there is a decided probability that English financial and mining interests are negotiating for all the unissued shares of the Holyrood Mines at a price said to be around 80 cents per share." "Mr. C. S. Carter, principal of the Timmins Public and High Schools, who was taken ill last week with heart trouble, is making good progress to recovery, though he will be under medical care for the next few weeks." "Innumerable friends and acquaintances in this part of the North Land will regret to learn that Conductor Murray of the T. & N. O. is laid up at present with an attack of diphtheria. All will wish him a speedy and complete recovery." "Many friends in the town and district were pleased to see Col. Worthington in town again yesterday and apparently on the way to complete recovery of health. Col. Worthington has been laid up for some time past with illness, but now is going along nicely to a good recovery." "Kirkland Lake is growing. Within twenty-four hours recently no less than five babies were born, two boys and three girls, one of the boys, and one of the girls being brother and sister, and two together being twins." "The Timmins-Porcupine Bus Service will have four cars on the road for passenger traffic between Timmins and South Porcupine this summer. It is the intention to give a quarter-hour service between the two towns. The buses will be reserved for use between South End and the Dome and for handling traffic on special occasions on the main route." "A reader writing from Toronto says: "It was nice indeed to read the heading in your issue last week, "Cobalt Police-men Have Their Heads Sliced." It shows that even police in the North Land are human. It would be hard to stich the heads of some of the Toronto police, especially those in plain clothes. It would have to be done with wood-working tools, or ivory carvers, particularly in the hockey season." "The annual Schumacher Firemen's ball held in the McIntyre hall last Wednesday evening proved a very delightful one, the hospitality of the Schumacher people leaving nothing to be desired. Socialbility, refreshments, music, etc., were all up to the usual Schumacher high standards. The music for the occasion was furnished by the McIntyre orchestra. This annual ball may be set down as another enjoyable success to the credit of the Schumacher Firemen."

Edmonton Journal.—A second concentrator is to be shipped into the Great Bear Lake field this summer. Mining machinery of this nature is not shipped to the rim of the Arctic for decorative purposes and this action should be a reasonably definite answer to the query, "Have they really got anything in there?"