

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The one hundred and fourth anniversary of the founding of the Independent Order of Oddfellows was observed on Sunday, April 29th, 1923, by the Timmins and South Porcupine lodges of the order. The observation took the form of the annual church parade. The Timmins lodge paraded in the morning to the Presbyterian church. In spite of rain there was a large attendance, over 80 of the brethren being present. Twelve members of the South Porcupine lodge joined with the local brethren. For this service the Oddfellows provided their own choir. A solo by W. Ramsay, and a quartette by Messrs Street, Snow, Skelly and Ramsay were other musical numbers of merit. Rev. Mr. Parks conducted the service, his address being both interesting and inspiring. In the evening the Oddfellows at South Porcupine,

with the members of Kitchener Rebekah lodge and fifteen members from Timmins lodge paraded to St. Paul's Anglican church. Despite the fact that the rain had turned to snow by then, the evening service was also largely attended. Ven. Archdeacon Woodall, of Porquus Junction, conducted the service and his address was much appreciated by the brethren present. A special feature of the service was a solo by Mrs. Reynolds.

There was an item in The Advance ten years ago that would bring great joy to-day if it could be truthfully repeated. It told of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. giving their employees at Iroquois Falls an increase of five cents per hour, to date from May 1st, 1923. The increase applied to all classes of labour. The increase followed conferences between the unions and the paper

companies of the North. Ten years ago Chief M. Greer checked up the bakeshops of the town and district for lightweight bread. At John Watt's bakery it was found that practically every loaf was noticeably over weight. The Workers' Co-operative bakery, then under the management of C. Haapinen, was in somewhat similar circumstances, but practically all the other bakers were found a little shy in their weights. Some of them were fined, so many loaves being found under weight.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place at St. Anthony's church on Tuesday, May 1st, when Miss Yvonne Ayotte, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ayotte, was united in marriage to P. LeClair. Rev. Fr. Roulier officiated. The bride was sponsored by her uncle, A. Ayotte. Their many friends in town extended sincere good wishes to the young couple who took up residence on Cedar street, Timmins.

On Monday evening, April 30th, 1923, a dramatic and musical soiree was given in St. Anthony's parish hall, in honour of the pastor, Rev. Fr. Theriault, his birthday anniversary a few days previously prompting an expression of the affection and esteem in which he was held. The event was largely attended and proved to be successful and pleasing from every viewpoint.

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At the regular meeting of the Caledonian Society of Timmins ten years ago the special feature was a paper read by P. Dougal, vice-president of the society, on a trip he had made shortly before to the Shetland Islands. He added to the interest by showing a number of curios he had gathered on the visit. At the meetings there were solos by Mrs. W. Shewan, Miss Mary Maxwell, Mrs. J. K. Moore, Miss Jean Roberts, Mrs. I. Robertson, a reading by Mrs. G. A. Macdonald, and brief addresses by W. M. Whyte, T. S. Clark and others. Dancing, games and refreshments were also enjoyed.

There was a large crowd present at the band concert at the New Empire theatre ten years ago. There were a number of excellent selections by the band under the direction of F. J. Wolno. Councillor L. S. Newton, president of the band, occupied the chair. Solos by J. T. Heffernan, J. E. Garrett and others also featured the evening, and there was a notable cornet duet by Bandmaster Wolno and Bandsman O. Brown.

The May Day parade on Tuesday, May 1st, 1923, was held from the Porcupine Miners' Union hall to Schumacher and return. There were about 500 in the parade. The Finlanders were in the majority, with Russians, Austrians and others of foreign origin making up the biggest part of the balance of the paraders.

Provincial Officer Simpson, with headquarters at Timmins, commenced duty here ten years ago. He was previously with the Dominion police and had been stationed at Halleybury.

Ten years ago the town of Halleybury opened a relief fund to help out Cochrane then burdened with a very serious epidemic of typhoid. In a few days over \$500.00 had been subscribed in Halleybury.

Ten years ago the Northern Canada Power Co. bid in from the Quebec government the Des Quize power rights. As soon as this power site was secured work was started for the development of 20,000 additional horse power for the mines and other industries of this part of the North.

The Advance ten years ago had the following:—"While passing the Rex Cafe on Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bardesono noticed smoke issuing from the stairway at the side of the building, and sent in an alarm by phone. The fire was in some waste material under the stairs. The brigade made a lively response and soon had the danger of fire removed by liberal use of the chemical tanks. The fire was caught before it had a chance to gain headway. The cause of the trouble was perhaps a match or cigarette stub dropped on the stairs which are not closed in and which are used by others than those entitled to be in the building."

Ten years ago The Advance had another article advocating the establishment of a poultry association for the fanciers of Timmins and district. A number of those raising poultry had shown much interest in the proposal to organize a poultry association and the matter had gone far enough that there was talk of calling a meeting and getting organization under way at once.

According to The Advance in its issue of May 2nd, 1923, the fever epidemic at Cochrane had apparently passed its worst stage and the end of the epidemic seemed to be in sight. In the last week of April, it appeared, only eleven cases of fever had developed. The total number of cases up to the end of April was given as 796, with the total as 45. Several of the patients at Cochrane were reported as very ill, but the majority seemed to be making good progress to recovery. Among those noted by The Advance as quite ill but with good chances for recovery were Albert Taylor and Provincial Officer Kenny.

Mr. Harris, of Toronto, representative of the Ontario Religious Educational Council, was a visitor to Timmins in the early part of May, 1923, and a conference was held in the Presbyterian church here for the religious workers of the town. Representatives of the Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican churches and the Salvation Army were present. There were both afternoon and evening sessions, with inspiring addresses and helpful discussion.

The usual weekly half-holiday for the summer months started in Timmins on Thursday, May 3rd, 1923, for that season.

Sincere sympathy was extended by all in Timmins and district ten years ago to Angus McDonald, M.P. for Temiskaming riding, in the death of his mother on April 27th, 1923. She was 87 years of age at the time of death and had only been ill for three or four weeks. She died at her home in Glengarry County. Her sons, Angus McDonald, M.P., and his brother, from the United States, were able to be at home before the passing of their mother.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Plans are under way for the building of a Masonic temple in Halleybury on the site of the former Methodist church. It is said that the Oddfellows

will combine with the Masons in the erection of the building and have it large enough for the two lodges."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Cobalt has made a grant of \$1000.00 to Cochrane to assist the northern town to fight the fever epidemic." "The Gamble-Robinson wholesale firm in Timmins has now been incorporated under the firm name of Gamble-Robinson, Timmins, Limited." "A witness at a local court case recently had this complaint to make. He said that he had taken his oath to tell the truth and he tried his best to do so, but every time he would start to tell the truth some lawyer would jump up to object." "The Sudbury assessor's figures for the year 1923 give the population of Sudbury as 8,498, a decrease from the population of the town the year before. Sudbury taxpayers have been further jolted, it is said, by the fact that their assessment notices indicated an increase of probably one-third all round in the assessment." "A pamphlet issued by Messrs Mitchelson, Partners, Limited, says that the Porcupine gold camp is the only great gold mining centre of the world where the production is rapidly increasing." "Kirkland Lake has already started ways and means for a big day on July 1st." "Chief of Police Maloney, of Espanola, was in Timmins this week, coming here to take back a prisoner apprehended here for him by the local police." "The Double Diamond Lumber Co. will start a drive this week. The Ontario Tie, Timber and Construction Co. have some ties to come down the river from the Redsucker. S. McChesney has some logs to come down also. So the river will be pretty busy for a time." "Dr. R. C. Forbes, optical specialist, has opened an up-to-date and very completely equipped optical parlour in connection with J. E. Garrett's jewelry store. Dr. Forbes is a graduate of the Northern Illinois Colleges, Chicago, and previously to coming here was practising his profession in Southern Ontario." "In connection with the recent head-on collision on the T. & N. O. at Heaslip, it is understood that three employees of the line have been dismissed. These include the despatcher on duty at the time at North Bay, and the operators on duty at the same time at Englehart and New Liskeard." "Mrs. I. Joyal and baby left last week for a visit to Montreal and other points east." "The masquerade dance given last Thursday evening in the Masonic hall by the Timmins Dancing Club proved a very pleasing and successful event."

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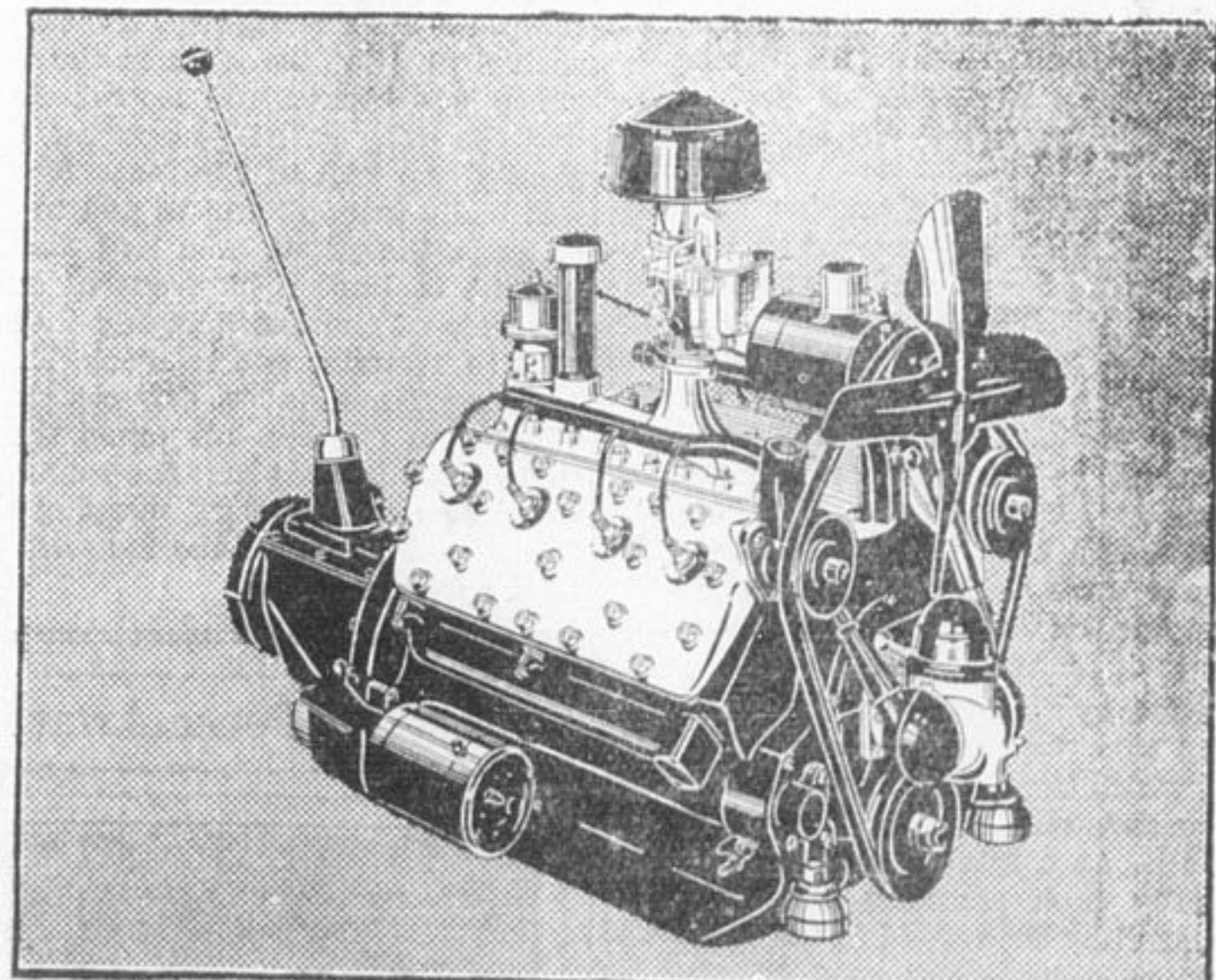
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