

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The Advance ten years ago announced the formal opening of the Golf Club for the season on May 26th, with a President vs Vice-President match.

In May, 1923, the Independent Labour party held a convention at Porcupine Junction, and the party selected John Vanier, then mayor of Iroquois Falls, as the Labour party candidate for the approaching provincial election.

In reference to fire ranging work, The Advance of May 23rd, 1923, said:—"The fire ranging system is in full swing for the season. All this part of the North Land is under the supervision of Mr. E. C. Fole, chief ranger, of Cochrane, with this immediate district in charge of Mr. Fred Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton has his men out now and the fire is being taken up with energy and carelessness apparent. The rangers are making personal visits to all the settlers, impressing on them the need of precautions and explaining the law as it deals with matters of forest fire protection. This year in addition to additional equipment for dealing with fires, the rangers will evidently have the assistance also of better regulations. Before any burning can be done now, a permit must be procured

from the fire ranger, and even with this permit burning can only be done at night. This should reduce the danger from burnings, the tendency of fires to spread being less at night than any other time."

J. Ray O'Neill, of the Dome, was the choice of the Liberal-Conservative party of this riding as their candidate for the provincial election of 1923. The convention was held at the New Empire theatre, Timmins. R. S. Potter, of Matheson, was also nominated, but withdrew after a vote had shown O'Neill to have the majority of the delegates.

The Advance of May 23rd, 1923, says:—"Monday afternoon of this week the pupils of the Timmins High School had a genuine treat in the form of an interesting and educative address on Japan by a gentleman who lived for years in the Orient and who can clothe his knowledge and experience in most attractive form. Mr. Clarence Ludlow Brownell, M.A., Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, was the speaker, and the pupils greatly appreciated his very interesting address. Mr. Brownell gave a very graphic description of Japan and its people. He made special illuminating reference to the Japanese

language, showing how greatly it differed from English. He also touched lightly on the Chinese type of language and its history. There were many touches of humour in the address, and the pupils were also specially interested in Mr. Brownell's examples of Japanese words, phrases and sentences. "Jin-Riki-Sha" he explained was literally "Man-Poor-Car" in English. This tempted the pupils to suggest it was equivalent to "Pull-Man-Car" he said. Mr. Brownell was formerly a teacher in Japan, and he told the audience here that the Japanese children were unusually keen to learn the English language. Mr. Brownell is a recognized authority on Japan and its people. His book, "The Heart of Japan," published some time ago in London, England, is considered one of the most illuminating reviews ever written on Japan and its people, and it has enjoyed a very large sale. Mr. Brownell is in Timmins with the purpose of securing material for a number of special articles for The Toronto Telegram."

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Machinery is already here for the big plant to be established for the manufacture of cement bricks. Messrs J. Dalton and Alex Miller are the men behind the venture, and from present indications the plant is to be a big one and operations will be carried on upon a large scale. There should certainly be a big opening here for a business supplying building material of this type."

With the seventeenth annual firemen's ball held on Tuesday of this week, May 23rd, 1923, the following report of the event ten years ago from the files of The Advance will be of interest:—"Without any question or restriction the eighth annual ball of the Timmins Fire Brigade, held in the Masonic hall on Monday evening of this week was one of the most successful events of its kind ever held in this district. There was a large attendance, large enough to show the popularity of the Firemen's Annual Ball, but not too large for comfort. The music furnished by Wolno's orchestra was specially attractive, and added to the general pleasure of the evening. The refreshments were of the usual fire brigade standard, which means this part of the programme was another delightful special. Of course, all present enjoyed the event from beginning to end,—that is the invariable rule of Timmins Fire Department events. And financially the ball was also a good success, well over a hundred dollars being netted for the brigade's funds."

A good attendance, good music and a good time for all were features of the regular weekly meeting and dance of the A.S.D. held in the I.O.O.F. hall on May 16th, 1923. The music for the dancing was provided by Wolno's orchestra. Refreshments were served during the evening, and these as usual were a feature of an enjoyable programme. During the period set aside to discuss the club's affairs, Mr. R. Hogarth, the president, stressed on all the gentlemen members of the club the necessity for keeping the dues paid up.

The Advance ten years ago says:—"According to information given out last week, the Quinze Power Co., has given the contract to Morrow & Beatty Limited, for the building of the power plant, dams and other construction work in connection with the 20,000 horse power plant to be built at the Quinze. The contractors, who have done some of the largest engineering work in Canada, started work on Thursday. The survey of the transmission line to Porcupine has been started. Messrs Sutcliffe and Neelands are working from Porcupine and Gordon Summers from the Quinze. Mr. Summers' party went in this week. It has been definitely decided to build a steel tower transmission line. The towers will be 75 feet high. Twenty-five cycle energy will be generated, as the main market is to be Porcupine, though possibly some power may be sold in Kirkland Lake as well. To do this it would be necessary to install a regenerating station where the two lines cross, somewhere in the neighbourhood of Thornloe."

Ten years ago one of the big features of the week was the benefit football and concert for a local football enthusiast in ill health. Over \$200.00 was netted from the game and concert. The concert was an unusually good one. The football game was Timmins vs Schumacher and the score was 1 to 0 in favour of Timmins.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago:—"Dr. J. R. Hurlbise has been nominated as the Liberal party candidate on the Sudbury district for the coming provincial election. Dr. Hurlbise declared himself boldly as opposed to the O.T.A." "On Wednesday evening last five inches of snow fell at North Bay. Also during the week several householders were troubled by their water pipes freezing up. No wonder there is no tendency to move to Timmins where the weather is never so bad but it might be worse." "Last Thursday evening and afternoon, Rev. J. D. Parks and Mrs. Parks received at the new manse, large numbers of members of the congregation taking advantage of the kind invitation, and spending a pleasant social visit and enjoying the hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. Parks."

"Messrs Hill, Clark, Francis, contractors, of New Liskeard and Timmins have been awarded the contract for building the new station at Halleybury. The building will be of solid brick construction and will cost around \$3,000." "Mr. Neh Faulkenham, of Matheson, was a visitor to town this week on business." "Mr. Oliver Pauze of Iroquois Falls, has been appointed Returning Officer for Cochrane Riding for the coming provincial election." "Mr. W. M. Whyte left last week for the south, intending to spend several months in Toronto and other centres." "John Peters is ill with typhoid, and all will wish this bright lad an early and full recovery." "Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Moore, and children left this morning for the east. Mrs. Moore and the children will sail this week for a visit

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to Mr. Moore's old home in Scotland. Mr. Moore will return here next week. "Last week the Toronto Star published a map of the province to indicate the election results at the last Ontario election. It is typical of The Star's attitude and of the attitude of its little tin god, Hon. Mr. Government of Ontario, and the map failed entirely to show any such part of the province as the North Land." "Post office boxes are again available at the Timmins post office, a new shipment of boxes having arrived and been installed. This is the third shipment of new post office boxes received here within the past three months, the growth of the town and the growth of the post office business being illustrated by the rapidity with which each succeeding shipment of new boxes is taken up." "The people of the Mattagami section of the town were delighted last week to have the street lights turned on in their corner of the municipality. Street lights help a lot, and make it easier to miss the bad spots in the roads and walks. Accordingly the condition of the roads and walks in certain parts can be borne without so much burden as in the dark. The people of Mattagami feel that the town is using them fairly, and so while welcoming and appreciating each new improvement, still are waiting their turn, as it were, with commendable patience in the matter of general public works and town services." "Mr. E. Green, of Kitchener, Ont., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Parks." "Mr. Sol. Shankman, of the T. & N. O. station staff, has been visiting in Toronto." "Miss Claribel Taylor, of the Imperial Bank staff, Timmins, returned last week after a couple of weeks' visit to her home in Sudbury." "Mr. and Mrs. Rcbt. LeHeup, of Halleybury, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Elsie, to Mr. Henry G. Kennedy, B.A. Sc., of Gowganda, Ontario, son of Mr. H. G. Kennedy, Calgary, Alberta, the marriage to take place early in June." "It is understood that tenders will be called in August for the construction of the balance of the T. & N. O. extension from Tin Can to Moose Factory. Work on the extension which has been completed some distance beyond the Abitibi River, is proceeding with all possible speed and supplies are now being taken in."

## "Monody"

(Author and Composer: George Straatman, Timmins.)

Indeed this life was joy when you were near,  
With love aflame and spirits high and strong,  
Oh! could once more I hear your voice so dear,  
My soul enjoy the sweetness of your song.

Now in my hands I hold the dearest picture,  
That bears your name; the words, "In God we trust."  
But the harp essayed,—My own heart's chosen structure  
"Oh name it not,"—The carillon is dust.

No longer do your loving arms embrace me,  
The flame is quenched that used to warm my heart.  
Oh! what is life when all its joy is taken,  
The harp of Love no longer plays its part.

Each evening in the hush of twilight hours,  
I feel those thwarted loves renewing throes,  
My heart it suffers since it calls unanswered,  
The anguish every lonesome poet knows.

I'm like the deer before the hunter's gun,  
My tortured head in vain it craves for rest.  
And when Aurora greets the rising sun,  
Tormenting phantoms play within my breast.

When northern lights play charming with the heavens,  
When sweeping bars set far-off skies aflame,  
Then I, my dear, I press your loving picture,  
Against my heart and whisper soft your name.

Though you are gone and I am left to suffer,  
Phantoms of death destroyed my fancied dream.  
Yet some bright morn new life again shall blossom,  
And after all, our love shall prove supreme.

Out of the ruins life again shall flourish,  
My fancied dream become reality.  
Phantoms of death must either flee or perish,  
But love shall last unto Eternity.

The next regular meeting of the Timmins town council will be held on Monday, June 12th, commencing at 4 p.m.

## Funeral of Father of Richard Belkia, Timmins

Speaking of the funeral of the late Frank Belkia, father of Richard Belkia, of Timmins, The Ottawa Journal on Friday last says:—"The funeral of Frank Belkia, veteran roadmaster of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who died after a short illness in a local hospital on Sunday, was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 988 Chapel street, to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Hundinger. Music was provided by O. Schultz at the organ."

"Mr. Belkia was in his 68th year at the time of his death, and had been in the employ of the C.P.R. for 48 years, holding the position of roadmaster until May 1, when he retired on superannuation. Popular among the employees of the C.P.R., his death is sincerely regretted by a wide circle of friends."

"Predeceased by his wife some years ago, he leaves as chief mourners his mother-in-law, Mrs. W. Brunke, Ottawa; six daughters, Mrs. J. E. Leichnitz and Mrs. E. R. Kirk, of Ottawa, and the Misses Wilhelmina, Pearl, Martha and Elsie, at home; three sons, Richard, of Timmins, Ont., James and George Belkia, Ottawa; a step-daughter, Gertrude Fregin; a step-son, Oscar Fregin, Ottawa; one sister, Mrs. Hugh Richmond, Smiths Falls; and 16 grandchildren."

"Members of the C.P.R. present at the funeral were Superintendent A. Williams, Smiths Falls; assistant superintendent, W. Garland, Ottawa; former superintendent, J. H. Hughes, Ottawa; H. A. Cavers, chief dispatcher, Smiths Falls; W. W. Benny, resident engineer, Smith Falls; Gordon Spencer and George Newington, of the Montreal staff; roadmasters J. Galvin and J. McManus, Ottawa; F. Debrule, manager of the Ogdenburg-Prescott Ferry Company; P. Kingston, agent, Prescott; R. V. Nichols, former bridge and building master, Ottawa; J. R. Brennan, H. O. Metcalfe, Aylmer; R. J. Crummy, Ottawa; J. McLarty, Kemplville; A. H. Cram, T. Perry, J. Risnick, of Ellwood; D. McSheffrey, Hurdman; James Wright, C.N.R., Ottawa; Tom Burgess, general yard master; J. Reynolds, night yard master; A. Robillard, Ottawa yard; Thomas Richmond, Smiths Falls; J. Richmond, Montreal; Dan Moriarty, T. Bulger, Signal Central Station; engineer W. Crighton; Pete Flynn, Ottawa; W. Lachance, Signal tower, Ellwood; W. Schiemann, Ellwood; Frank Crummish, sign maintainer, Eastview; J. R. Hamilton, conductor James McCrosbie; James O'Hara, James Lee, J. Lowden, of the Bridge and Building Department, and many others.

"Among the many floral tributes received were the following from organizations: C.P.R. employees, Hurdman; Rideau Cherie Club, Bell Telephone Company, Rideau exchange; Form 4-B and Form 3-E, High School of Commerce; the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees, Lodge No. 233."

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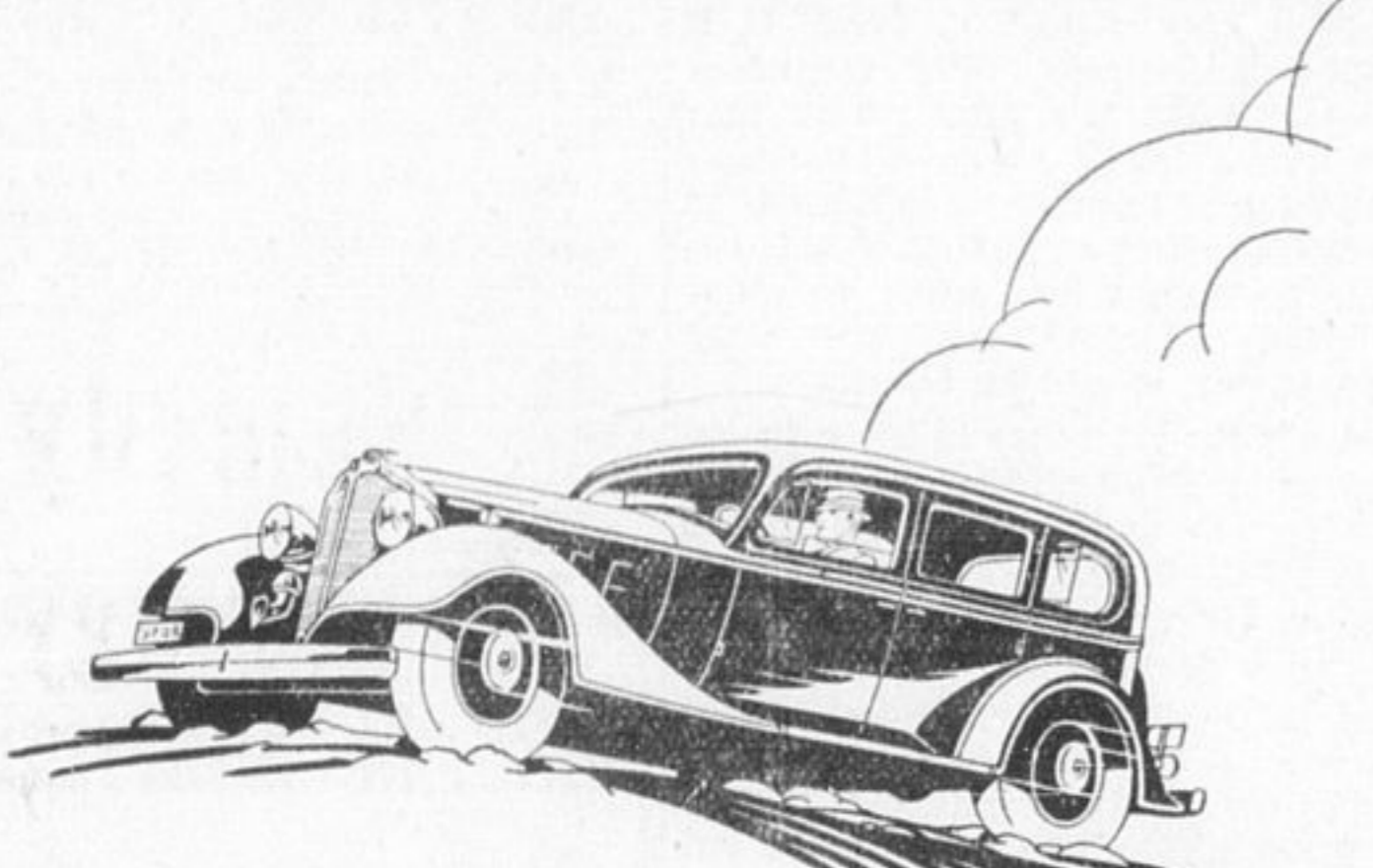
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