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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The Porcupine Poultry and Pet Stock Association was founded at a meeting in the Prince of Wales hotel, Timmins, ten years ago. The following were the officers elected:—honorary president, A. F. Brigham; president, D. R. McDonald; vice-president, Frank Little, Connaught; secretary, W. T. Montgomery; treasurer, T. A. Skelly; executive, Frank Little, W. D. Pearce, South Porcupine, O. D. Kabel, H. Hatton, J. A. Skelly, J. Richards, Porquus Junction.

The following from The Advance of Aug. 29th, 1923, will be of general interest, especially to golfers:—"Friday and Saturday last week were red-letter days in Timmins for golf enthusiasts, and especially for the lady golfers of the town and district. During the week-end a visit was paid here by Miss Ada Mackenzie, of Toronto, Canadian Championship Lady Golfer, and runner-up in the American Ladies' Open Championship, accompanied by Mrs. Murray, of Toronto, President of the Canadian Ladies' Golf Association, and Mrs. Rogers and Miss Rowe, also of Toronto, and all expert golfers. On Friday morning Miss Mackenzie got acquainted with the local course by going around in 38. Friday afternoon Miss Mackenzie, Mrs. Rogers and Miss Rowe gave an exhibition for the benefit of the ladies of the Timmins Golf Club. Mrs. Rogers and Miss Rowe proved themselves to be experts at the game, while Miss Mackenzie's game was a revelation to those present. Her drives from the tee were invariably straight down the centre and nearly all reached a distance of 200 yards. Her iron shots and approaches were also dead on the pin. She made the course in 40 and 42. After the golf, the visitors were entertained at tea by the Timmins ladies, a very pleasing social time being enjoyed. Mrs. Murray gave a helpful address on golf, the other visiting experts also dealing in interesting and informative way with the fine points of golf. Saturday afternoon Miss Mackenzie played an exhibition game with Mr. J. W. Wray, holder of the Timmins Golf Club Open Championship. Miss Mackenzie won the contest, the score being 83 to 88. Miss Rowe and Mr. J. H. Bacon won from Mrs. Rogers and D. Mackie in a very interesting contest. There was a very large attendance of

ladies at the golf course both Friday and Saturday, while the gentlemen golfers also evidenced their interest in the event by being present in noteworthy numbers. There is no question but what the visit of these expert lady golfers was greatly appreciated and has done much to increase the interest in golf."

On Saturday, Aug. 25th, there was an important gathering at Timmins and district when ten special cars carrying the members and guests of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgy arrived at Timmins on their tour of the Northern mining fields. They remained in the camp until Sunday afternoon. There were about 200 in the party, many ladies being included in the number. Practically every mining camp on the continent was represented, as well as a number of delegates from other points, among the latter being a mining engineer from the Philippines, and Mr. Keizo Nishimura, a metallurgical engineer from Japan. Every state in the American union was represented by leading mining men, and there were also representatives from almost every country in the world. Britain, South Africa, South America, Mexico, France, Belgium, Australia, being among the lands whose mining industry was represented. On arrival at Timmins the visitors were given very hearty welcome. The town was bravely decorated with flags and bunting, the United States flag being much in evidence in honour of the visitors, so many of whom were citizens of the U. S. A. At the station there was a large tent erected as an information bureau office for the visitors and Chairman R. J. Ennis and his local committee had everything well arranged for the comfort and convenience of the guests. After the official welcome, there were to the mines of the district, the Hollinger, Dome and McIntyre, he Hollinger, McIntyre, Dome and Vipond being particularly in demand for inspection, although other mines also came in for attention and there was what might be termed a general inspection of the mines of the camp. The visitors expressed themselves as particularly impressed with the large scale on which operations were carried on at the Hollinger, Dome and McIntyre, and the improved modern methods in use in

these mines. The visiting engineers generally expressed themselves as more than favourably impressed with the present status of the Porcupine camp as they saw it and confident that the future would be a noteworthy one. On Saturday evening at the Timmins skating rink the Porcupine mines gave a dinner in honour of the visitors, the dinner being followed by a dance. For these events the Hollinger had installed a fine hardwood floor all over the rink. The building was decorated for the occasion in pleasing way. Nearly 300 sat down to the choice full course dinner, every particular of the service and catering being perfect. During the dinner the guests were delighted by the notable music by the Timmins Male Chorus and by a Timmins 12-piece orchestra of remarkable excellence. F. J. Wolno, leader of the Timmins Citizens' Band, was the leader of the big orchestra. The visitors were difficult to convince that this outstanding orchestra was an all "home-brew" affair. The Timmins Male Chorus made an equal hit. J. T. Heffernan took the solo parts in such numbers as "Killarney" and won very general approval. After the dinner brief speeches were heard from some of the distinguished visitors and from local citizens in welcome to the guests. A. F. Brigham, general manager of the Hollinger, presided at the event with notable efficiency and good humour. R. J. Ennis, general manager of the McIntyre, gave a very hearty welcome to the visitors, as did Acting Mayor J. E. Sullivan, on behalf of the town. Other addresses were by the following:—E. P. Mathewson, president of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario; Mr. Dresser, president of the Canadian Institute of Mining; and others. One delegate in an impromptu address, expressed the appreciation of the visitors for the generous welcome and the right royal hospitality of the Porcupine, and he was given rousing and emphatic support and applause from the guests.

There was a fire at the Queen's hotel, Timmins, ten years ago, the loss running over \$1,000.00. M. J. Moleski, the manager of the Queen's hotel at that time and had been conducting an excellent hotel. The cause of the fire was not known but it had considerable headway when discovered and the structure of the building was such as to make the danger of a serious fire very urgent. The fire brigade received a lot of praise for the good work done in saving the building from destruction and keeping the fire loss down so low.

Ten years ago there was a bad wreck on the T. & N.O., near Dane, when a head-on collision between two freighters resulted in the death of one engineer and two firemen. The dead were En-

gineer Thos. Woolfings and Brakesman Kirkwood and Faulken. All three were known in Timmins, Engineer Woolfings being especially well known and popular.

The Advance ten years ago noted the fact that W. Dalszell was in Toronto buying the stock for the new store he was opening on or about Sept. 8th, 1923, at South Porcupine. It was also noted that in the earlier days of the camp Mr. Dalszell was among the business men of the district, and was also well-known for his service to the public at Cobalt in the early days of that camp, and more recently at Timmins.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. J. S. McGuire left last week for a two weeks' holiday in the south. He will visit Toronto, Orangeville and other points, and of course he will take in the lacrosse matches, especially those in which his old home-town of Orangeville figures." "Mr. George Springham returned on Sunday from a trip to Sudbury." "Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Curtis returned on Sunday from a visit to the south." "Born in Timmins, on Sunday, August 26th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Cherry,—a daughter." "Mr. W. Cooper, of the Dominion Bank staff, left last week for a couple of weeks' vacation in the south." "Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Richardson returned on Saturday last from an extended visit to Muskoka, Toronto, Ottawa and other points east and south." "According to recent official figures, Ansonville (Iroquois Falls Wye) has a population of 2,480. Of this number 400 are children. There are 516 dwelling houses." "The annual report of the superintendent, Smith Ballantyne, of the Kapuskasing Experimental Station, has just been issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. It is a 92-page pamphlet containing much valuable information for farmers in Northern Ontario and copies may be obtained on application to the Department." "Mr. M. Wernick, of North Bay was a business visitor to the town this week. Mr. Wernick was recently appointed to a more important position with Canadian Toledo Scale Company, being given the district management of the whole area from Bracebridge to Winnipeg, with head office at Port Arthur. Mr. Wernick was one of the popular pioneers of this part of the North Land in the early days, and his hosts of friends here will be pleased to see that he is making more than good with the big concern he represents in this district." "Mr. and Mrs. James R. Spence of Iroquois Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Rutherford, to Mr. William Henry Brydge, the wedding to take place at the Anglican church at the Falls on Sept. 5th. For some seasons past "Bill" has been the captain of the Iroquois Falls hockey team as well as prominent in baseball and other sports. His father, Mr. John Brydge, was among the pioneers of this North, and to-day has many mining and other interests in the Porcupine and other camps. Many friends in Timmins and district will extend sincere good wishes to "Bill" and his bride." "Mr. Wm. Burns spent the week-end at his home in New Liskeard." "Miss Steele, of the Taylor Hardware staff, returned on Sunday from a holiday in the south." "Mr. A. H. Cedarberg returned on Saturday from a business visit to Toronto." "Mr. Wm. O'Keefe returned after an absence of several months." "The fire brigade had a short run on Saturday afternoon, but did not have any fire to handle. They made a speedy run, however, showing if there had been a fire, they would have been right on the job. The alarm was a "still alarm" coming to the hall by phone. Some papers and sweepings were being burned in the furnace in the Dr. Moore block and a lady seeing the dense clouds of smoke thought a fire was in progress. Almost as soon as the alarm was given, it was discovered that there was no fire, but the firemen were already on the scene ready for work."

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Cobalt Miner Dies at Small Mine Property

Two Men Trapped by Shaft House Fire at Cobalt. One Miner Makes His Escape. John Kennedy, West Cobalt, the Victim.

A despatch from Cobalt this week says that a man dashed through flames to safety, although suffering burns to hands and head in the process, but his machine mate met death in the bowels of the earth at the Yorkshire Cobalt property, when fire destroyed the surface plant of that mine about five o'clock Thursday morning. Two men working underground had their means of escape cut off as the shaft house was wiped out with other buildings, John Kennedy, 39, unmarried resident of West Cobalt, being trapped under and perishing there, while Adelard Leonard managed to reach the open air after climbing ladders from the 160-foot level and racing out of the burning mass.

A third employee, William Brooks, was overcome by gas during futile rescue efforts, but both he and Leonard were reported by Dr. G. E. Case to be making favourable progress in the Municipal Hospital last week. Leonard had all the hair burned off his head while Brooks, en route to hospital in a hastily summoned ambulance, had to be transferred to a passing automobile on the way, after another vehicle had forced the ambulance from the road and almost into the waters of Clear Lake.

Body is Located Kennedy's body was located early in the afternoon by Fire Chief R. J. Matheson and Percy Smith, of Kirkland Lake, who had swept down the Ferguson Highway in 90 minutes from their home town, with rescue equipment. But owing to the heavy gas remaining in the comparatively narrow shaft, it was not possible to remove the victim's body, and some hours elapsed before it was brought to surface after team had been played into the workings to clear the atmosphere. Chief Matheson, a former Cobalt man said that Kennedy apparently had been crushed, probably from a fall in a stope where presumably he had sought to take refuge.

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