

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The annual teachers' convention ten years ago was held in the Central public school. There were over 100 present for the event in 1923, as against over 400 a couple of weeks ago for a similar event here. This shows the development of the country in the past ten years. At the event ten years ago there was a very attractive programme of addresses and literary and musical numbers. Ven. Archdeacon Woodhall's address on "The Indians of Northern Ontario," was an outstanding feature among the addresses. At the evening programme open to the general public there were solos of special merit by J. T. Heffernan, Jas. Gells, Mrs. M. B. Scott, Miss MacIntosh, and others. A reading by Miss Stevenson was another specially appreciated number. An instrumental quintet by J. R. Newman's orchestra delighted the gathering. The quintet included J. R. Newman, Burton Holland, Eugene Simard and Misses Dorothy Porter and Louise Johnston. After the programme a dance was given to the visitors by the Timmins young ladies. At the second day's session, Rev. R. S. Cushing conducted the devotional services. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Honorary president, Dr. J. B. McDougall, North Bay; president, Miss Lynch, Dome Mines; vice-president, Mr. Mansell, Iroquois Falls; secretary, Miss Burns, South Porcupine; treasurer, Mr. Marlin, I.P.S.; librarian, Miss Fligg, Timmins; executive committee, Miss White, Schumacher; Miss Quinlan, Timmins; Mr. Carlyle, Cochrane.

Announcement in The Advance ten years ago was to the effect that the Timmins-South Porcupine road would be completed by the following August. It is difficult to remember that the highway between the two towns has only been in existence nine years. Of course, there were the two roads to connect Timmins and South End ten years ago but the condition of both roads then was just about as bad as this past summer.

This time ten years ago The Advance was giving the usual free publicity to the evening vocational classes being held here in connection with the Timmins high school. The Advance helped to build the popularity of these classes and regrets that they are to be dropped this year for they were of special value to many who wished to improve their educational status as well as to many non-English-speaking people who wished to learn the English language and to English-speaking men and women who wished to speak French.

Following a few drinks in a Mattagami section dwelling ten years ago a man was before Mr. Justice Kelly at Cochrane on a charge of wounding a friend with an axe. More serious charges in connection with the case were withdrawn the victim of the assault having recovered. D. W. O'Sullivan, counsel for the accused, made a strong plea for leniency, pointing out that his client had been under the influence of liquor when the assault took place. J. M. Greer, Crown Attorney, on the other hand asked for a severe penalty as the offence he said had been deliberate and brutal. The accused was sentenced to twenty-one months for using the axe on his friend.

A Timmins gentleman ten years ago at the Cochrane assizes was awarded \$150.00 damages in a case of what was termed malicious prosecution, the complainant having been brought to court by another Timmins man some months before. The amount asked in damages was \$2,000.00 but the jury only awarded \$150.00.

An editorial in The Advance ten years ago urged that the town should be given a larger share of the gold royalty. The reasons for this were made plain. In the editorial there was also reference to municipal taxation. It was pointed out that people demanded certain improvements and services, such as roads, walks, sewer, water services. It was only fair that they should be willing to pay for these in their taxes. It was concluded that one reason why taxes bore heavily on the people of the town was because the larger amount of royalty collected on gold produced in this town went to the Ontario Government that gave practically nothing in return, while the town had to increase expenditures to meet the growth caused by the expansion of the gold industry.

Part of the highway between Porcupine and Porquiss was completed ten years ago but there were still some uncompleted sections making it impossible to travel from this camp to Porquiss or Iroquois Falls by road.

year-old lad with five other big boys who broke into a T. & N. O. fruit car and stole a quantity of apples and other fruit. Stuff was carted away by the basket. Chief Greer traced the culprits. None of the boys were taken to the police station. None of them were locked up, although the parents of one of the lads was anxious that some such drastic measures should be taken. Chief Greer was not the sort of man who would be brutal to anyone, and especially not to a young boy. Indeed, it may be noted now, ten years after, that if any mistake were made with boys of this type, it was in not being severe enough. Perhaps, if the boys concerned had been given a touch of roughness after their third or fourth offence they might have been the better for it. However, in the case referred to the parents used their authority to teach their boys to respect property and authority and when the cases came before the Juvenile court, Magistrate Atkinson was able to let the erring boys go on parole.

There was a large attendance at the fourth annual meeting of the Caledonian Society of Timmins in the Oddfellows hall on Oct. 12th, 1923. The retiring president, G. A. Macdonald, gave a brief review of the Society's progress for the year then closing, commenting on the number of meetings well attended and successful and also on the fact that the Society was opening the new year with a credit balance. D. Mackie was elected president by acclamation for the ensuing year, the other officers, most of whom were elected by acclamation, being:—vice-president, W. D. Watt; secretary, A. J. Downie; treasurer, Jas. Cowan; executive, A. Roberts, Jas. Gells, J. K. Moore, G. Murphy, P. A. Macaulay, the officers for the years and the past presidents; standard bearers, D. Maxwell and P. A. Macaulay. With the new president in the chair an attractive programme and pleasant social time was enjoyed. Mrs. I. Robertson and Mr. MacGregor gave appreciated piano solos; A. J. Downie pleased all with his solos; refreshments were served and there was a general happy time enjoyed.

Ten years ago there was a report in The Advance of the marriage at Halleybury, of Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Caldbick, and Dr. Clifford E. Taylor, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Taylor, of Cobalt, Rev. Canon F. H. Hincks officiating. After a honeymoon in Montreal and the East Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Taylor took up residence in Timmins.

Mention was made in The Advance ten years ago of the fact that Serg. F. Gardner had returned to Cobalt from Old Forge, Pennsylvania. He had been at the latter place in connection with the arrest at South Porcupine some months before of a man named Stalloni who was wanted for the murder of three men at Old Forge. At the trial Stalloni was found guilty and sentenced to the electric chair.

The Advance ten years ago says:—"Recently V. Woodbury's homing pigeons have been making some interesting and successful flights. Messages have been brought by them during the past few days from Porquiss Junction, Matheson, Bourkes and Swastika. It is intended to have them fly from Cobalt and North Bay respectively and then from Montreal. Mr. Woodbury has lost a couple of birds through the evil work of hawks. The destruction of useful and interesting birds like homing pigeons by the hawks tempts one to think up methods for the extermination of the hawks in whose behalf there seems to be nothing good to say."

These will be special interest now in the following paragraph from The Advance ten years ago, the visitor interviewed now being Minister of Labour, Minister of Mines and Minister of Immigration and Colonization, in the R. B. Bennett Cabinet, and known as an outstanding statesman of the day. The paragraph from The Advance of Oct. 17th, 1923, reads as follows:—"Among the visitors to Timmins last week was W. A. Gordon, barrister and solicitor, of Halleybury. Mr. Gordon, who visits the camp several times a year, mentioned that on each visit he is impressed with the continued and phenomenal growth and advancement of Timmins. He is enthusiastic in regard to the development of this gold camp and the progress and substantial prosperity of Timmins. For his own town of Halleybury Mr. Gordon, however, has still greater enthusiasm and optimism. He is positive that a bigger and better Halleybury is rising on the site of the town destroyed by fire last year. He looks for Halleybury to become the residential town for a wide district, and in view of the advantages of location and the spirit of the people of the town he is certain that Halleybury's future will be pleasing and noteworthy."

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"His many friends will regret to know that Constable W. Par-

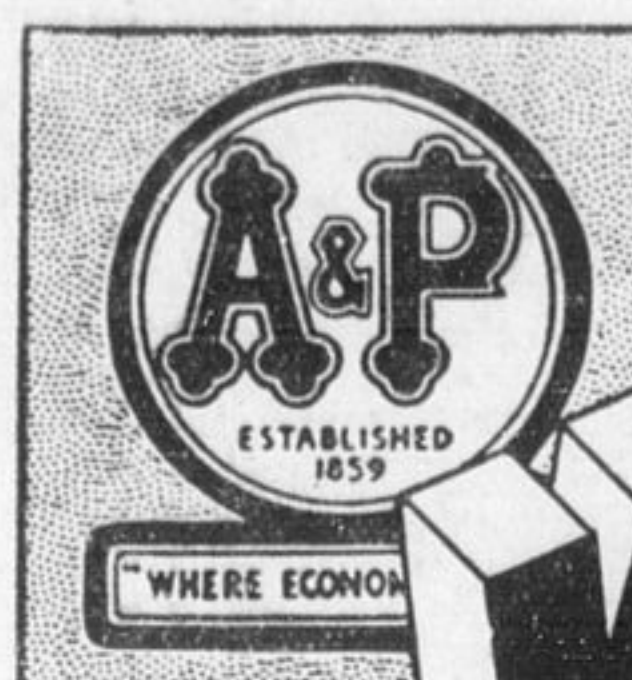
er is ill at present with typhoid fever. The attack, however, is not a severe one and he is making good progress to recovery." "Mrs. H. Patrick is spending a few weeks in Toronto, being called to the city owing to the illness of her sister, who, however, is now making satisfactory progress to recovery." "Their many friends in the town and district will regret the expected removal of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aspect from town. Mr. Aspect has sold his property on Sixth avenue and has taken a position as representative for the Swift Canadian Co., with headquarters at Cochrane, to which town they expect to move next week." "Innumerable friends will regret to learn that Frank Carlin is laid up with an injury to his back, sustained while at work at the Vipond Mine on Monday." "Mrs. Moffat is moving the Cairns hospital this week to the larger premises at the corner of Fifth avenue and Spruce street." "A couple of boys sneaked a rifle from the window of a local store, but were soon traced and caught by the police. The rifle was found hidden in the bush near town. These were the simple facts on which was based the story that a couple of local lads had staged a bold daylight robbery here." "Schumacher's new residence for teachers is under construction." "H. A. Procter left on Sunday on a business trip to New York." "The partridge season opened on Monday, Oct. 5th, 1923. It will close on Nov. 15th." "Capt. Cornthwaite, of the local Salvation Army, was in Toronto last week attending the annual council of the Army." "Born—In Timmins, on Tuesday, Oct. 16th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Murray—a son." "Mr. and Mrs. F. C. H. Simms returned last week from a holiday spent in Toronto, Montreal, and other southern and eastern centres." "Born—In Timmins, on Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Elm street—a son." "Bert Wilson, of the post office staff, is spending a vacation in Montreal and other points south and east." "Born—In Timmins, on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. George Harrower, Wilson avenue—a daughter." "A. E. Riddle returned on Monday from a visit spent in Southern Ontario." "Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Turner, of Peterborough, Ont., were visitors last week to Timmins and were delighted with the progress, prosperity and development noted in this part of the North Land. Mr. and Mrs. Turner were on a trip to the West, leaving here last week to proceed on their way to the coast." "Rev. T. H. Young, of St. James' Anglican church, Cobalt, is credited with establishing a record production in the North Land. He planted one bag of potatoes in his garden near the pumphouse at Sasaginaga Lake, and from this patch he has harvested 26 bags. The soil is loamy. The variety of potato planted was the Green Mountain." "Not a single pant's button was dropped in the collection plate at the band concert on Sunday night but one fellow did put in a sort of coin that at a hasty glance might pass for a quarter but in reality was only an aluminum token good for 5c in goods."

"T. A. McDonald, employment supervisor of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co., and Alex Dewar, editor of The Broke Hustler, Iroquois Falls, were among the visitors to Timmins last week." "John King, of Kingston, Ont., is spending a few days with his brother, T. F. King." "Born—In Halleybury, on Friday, Oct. 5th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Harrison, Browning street—a daughter." "A party of the shareholders and directors of the Night Hawk Peninsular Mine are on a visit to the property and are finding much of interest and pleasure in the visit to this promising mine, which has reached an advanced stage of development in a comparatively short time and gives every indication of proving an unusually valuable property." "Mrs. Whorley, of Halleybury, was a visitor to Timmins last week. For years past Mr. and Mrs. Whorley have conducted a successful florist business at Halleybury and have been well and widely known through the North for their fine stock and service. It is understood that they may establish a similar business in Timmins where there would seem to be an unusually wide and promising field for a business of this kind." "The supposed counterfeit quarter in circulation in Cobalt, according to later reports is said to be a perfectly good quarter. It certainly is hard luck if they don't know a perfectly good silver coin in Cobalt, eh? Inspector Moore, after testing the coin thought to be "phony," pronounced it all genuine. However, it is still well to watch your quarters. If you get enough of them sooner or later you will get a bad one."

MAYBE THE HALLEYBURY HUNTERS KEPT CLOSE SEASON

In this part of the North there has been a lot of complaint about the apparent scarcity of partridge this year. This is openly blamed by most hunters on the fact that for weeks before the open season the birds were being shot by some. Around Halleybury, however, there is said to be lots of partridge. The Halleyburian last week said that hunters there were having good luck, many securing the bag limit of five with no trouble at all, in spite of the wet holiday. It may be that the Halleybury hunters observed the close season and so when the open season arrived they had some game to shoot at. If so it shows that the Halleybury people used the right kind of good sportsmanship and observance of the law and so deserve all the good luck that may come to them. It is too bad, though, that a few poor sports can spoil everything for those who observe the rules and regulations, as seems to be the case up in this section of the country.

Barrie Examiner:—The Toronto police commission is to be congratulated on resisting the clamour of certain elements that Chief Draper be dismissed. Doubtless the Chief has made some mistakes but he has made Toronto known among evil-doers as a place that is unhealthy for thugs, gangsters and racketeers.



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