

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The third annual musical festival by the Caledonian Choir of Timmins was given in the New Empire theatre on Feb. 28th, 1924. The house was filled to capacity and the event was fully worthy of the attendance. "Every number on the lengthy programme roused the heartiest appreciation of the big crowd present," said The Advance. The Advance added that the greatest credit was due to the leader, Jas. Geils, the choir and the other artists assisting, for the special merit of each and every item on the evening's list. Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, was chairman for the occasion, and made an interesting and amusing introductory address, elucidating the difference between Caledonians and Calathumpians, but also not forgetting to point well-placed effort in musical lines as evidenced by the Caledonian Choir. The mayor's comments during the evening added to the general happiness. Among the numbers given by the Caledonian Choir were—"O, Who Will Offer the Downs with Me," "Laughing Chorus," "Sunset Reverie," "The Brownies," and the fantasia, "British Songs." The work of the choir made a notable hit throughout. Mrs. U. L. Acton, J. E. Garrett, J. T. Heffernan, Mrs. J. K.

Moore, were among the soloists and each and all won heartiest approval on merit. The mixed quartette, Mrs. Harris, Miss Treleaven, Mr. Heffernan and Mr. J. Twaddle, and the male quartette, Messrs Heffernan, Dodge, Geils and Twaddle, were both given very pronounced applause, as was also the trio, Messrs Mills, Forrester and Taylor. The Highland Fling, gracefully and effectively presented by little Misses May Moore, Helen Chisholm and Margaret Easton, in costume, delighted all. Each of the three little dancers was presented with a bouquet of flowers. It was noted at the time that the three talented little girls were pupils of Mrs. R. Sims. There was notable applause given Mrs. Sims when she herself gave the Irish Jig, and the Sailor's Hornpipe. A J. Downie's song, "Dance with Your Uncle Joe," and Jas. Cowan's rendition of "Fou the Noo," were other outstanding numbers on the programme. Another popular number was a Negro skit by Harry Nichols. The programme included orchestral music of high order. The Caledonian orchestra, (Jack Bridges, musical director, Messrs Brown, Cunliffe, Graham, Williams and Tor-

rance) delighted all and was admitted to be one of the best orchestras playing in Timmins for some time. The instrumental trio, Dr. McGill leading, was a happy novelty. The Hawaiian duet by Messrs Conn and Pagahari, in costume, was still another much appreciated feature of the evening. Special mention was made by The Advance at the time of Jas. Geils, conductor, Mrs. Chittenden, accompanist, R. E. Johnston, pianist, and J. Bridges, violinist. By special request the Caledonian Choir presented the musical festival at South Porcupine in the Majestic theatre and attracted a large audience there, all being delighted with the excellent programme.

Ten years ago The Advance noted the organization of the District of Cochrane Children's Aid Society as follows:—"There was a good attendance at the meeting called for last Wednesday evening in the council chamber, to organize a district society of the Children's Aid. The more distant parts of the district were not represented, but there were interested citizens present from Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine and other points. Mayor John Vanier, of Iroquois Falls, was present from the Paper Town and his brief address on the interest taken in the good work by his town was received with enthusiasm. For some time it has been felt that the work of the Children's Aid would benefit by a division of the big district of Temiskaming and the meeting Wednesday evening took the final steps in organizing a new district Children's Aid Society whose field will cover the riding of Cochrane. Mr. R. LeHeup, Inspector of the Temiskaming C.A.S., was present and assisted in the work of preliminary organization by information and advice from his wide experience in C.A.S. work. After the meeting had formally decided by motion to organize the new district C.A.S., the following officers were elected:—Honorary Presidents—The Federal and Provincial Members of Parliament. President—C. V. Gallagher, Reeve of Tisdale. First Vice-President—Mr. Albert Taylor, Cochrane. Second Vice-President—Mr. F. K. Ebbitt, Iroquois Falls. Third Vice-President—Mr. Dan Johnson, Matheson. Executive—The officers of the society, the heads of municipalities and the clergy of the district, including the Salvation Army Officers, etc., and representatives of local branches. The appointment of a secretary and a treasurer was left to the executive."

Ten years ago a notable programme of music was given in the New Empire theatre by Prof. Schroeder and his pupils. Ten years ago The Advance noted the anniversary of Byrnes Presbyterian church (now the United Church) as follows:—"On Sunday, March 2nd, Byrnes Presbyterian church, Timmins, observed the anniversary of the founding of the church here by special services morning and evening. Rev. J. Anderson, of Kirkland Lake, Moderator

of the Presbytery of Temiskaming, was the preacher at both services, and his addresses were eloquent and inspiring, and most appreciated. Special music added to the interest of the services. On Monday evening in the church basement the annual anniversary supper was held and was as usual the ladies of the church added to their well merited reputation by the abundance and high quality of the array of good things to eat and the excellence of the service. From 5:30 to 8:30 the ladies were kept busy catering to the crowds coming to the supper. A vote taken among those attending the supper would be unanimous in praise and approval of the excellent supper served and efficiency of the service. This year's supper was a special. In addition to the pleasures of the supper there was a musical programme of much excellence, the Bridges orchestra rendering a number of most attractive selections."

Ten years ago there were 32 cases at the week's police court. The cases represented a wide range of charges from drunk in charge of a car to leaving work on the street, and from alleged cruelty to dogs to running a gaming house. There were no less than fourteen arrests made at the one house in Moneta, liquor charges and other cases arising from the raid.

Ten years ago The Advance had several references to radio. One of these references was an article by an expert on the progress being made in solving the problems in interference. Another article told of Timmins Station 3-GG, Sandy Falls, being heard at London, England. The name of the London station and other details were given.

Special mention was made ten years ago in The Advance to an at home and dance held by the local Oddfellows after their regular lodge meeting. A big crowd had a happy time. There was a musical programme in which Jas. Cowan figured in his famous song, "J. R. Newman on the cello. H. F. Schroeder, on the violin, Ragwal's band, and Mrs. Harris in vocal solos were featured on the programme. A. E. Urquhart, Noble Grand, presided.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Just as The Advance goes to press the news reaches here of the sad death last night of Joyce Marjorie Lambert, the sixteen-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert at the Dome. The little tot managed to secure a box of pills used by some member of the household. The child swallowed a number of the pills and despite the prompt attendance and attention given as soon as it was noted that the child was ill, death resulted from the number of pills taken."

The Advance ten years ago chronicled the death at North Bay on Feb. 28th, 1924, of Louis Desjoe, aged 27 years. He was formerly a member of the Timmins Citizens' Band and had many friends in town and district. The Advance ten years ago said:—"The marriage took place on Monday morning at the R.C. Church of two popular young people of the town in the persons of Mr. R. Gratton of Timmins Police Force, and Miss Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, Maple street, Timmins. Monday evening a reception was held at the bride's home, a large number of friends of the couple being present and a very pleasant social evening being enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Gratton will reside in Timmins and all will extend heartiest good wishes to them."

The death of one of the real pioneers of the North Land was referred to in The Advance ten years ago as follows:—"One of the real pioneers of the North Land passed away at Lethbridge, Alberta, on February 13th, in the person of Mrs. Angus Mortson. Mrs. Mortson found it necessary to enter the Lethbridge hospital and died following an operation for goitre. Her son, Norman, on learning of his mother's illness went to the West, and was with her during her last days on earth. The late Mrs. Mortson was widely known throughout the North Land for kindness and hospitality and had innumerable friends, especially among the old-timers. In 1905 she and her husband, Mr. Angus Mortson, now of Detroit, opened the King Edward House at Lethford, which they conducted successfully for some years. They were among the pioneers of the Porcupine Camp, opening the Mortson House at Golden City in 1911 before the big fire of that year. Since that time Mrs. Mortson had resided in this camp most of the time, death coming to her during a visit to the West. The funeral took place on February 17th, interment being made in Gravenhurst cemetery. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, several wreaths being sent from Timmins friends. In addition to the bereaved husband, three sons survive. These are: J. H. T. Mortson, of Detroit; Roscoe C. Mortson, telegrapher on the T. & N. O. staff, Mr. W. G. McCoy of Timmins, is a nephew of the late Mrs. Mortson. To these and to the near relatives and friends the sympathy of all will be extended in the death of this Porcupine pioneer."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mrs. S. R. Way returned last week to see to the shipping of the household furniture to their new home in Hamilton, Ont., where Mr. Way has been transferred to an important position in the Hamilton branch of the Imperial Bank." "North Bay, another of the towns with an epidemic of a mild form of measles at the present time." "Mrs. W. Elies and daughter, Emmeline, have returned from an extended visit to Rochester, Minnesota." "Mrs. Victor Cripps and children, of Kapuskasing, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Olton, Newray Mines, Schumacher."

"The Porcupine Agricultural Society is making progress and growth. There are now over two hundred regularly enrolled members in the society." "Mr. James Scully returned last week from the hospital at Halleybury where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. His many friends are pleased to see "Jimmy" back again to the camp

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and well on the way to recovery." "Born—in Timmins, on Tuesday, Feb. 26th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bailey—a son." "Good progress is being made in the construction of the fine new brick and tile building on Fourth avenue, just behind the Dr. Moore block. This building is expected to be ready for use in the course of a couple of weeks and will be occupied by the Porcupine Garage. Mr. P. M. McEneaney, manager. "Many prospectors are going into the Rouyn gold fields these days, and as a consequence, Dan and Boston Creek stations on the T. & N. O. are busy places, these stations being "ports of entry" or "gateways," as it were, for the Rouyn fields."

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tosh; Ruth Burd and Hazel Caron equal; Ronald Jenkins, Alex Suzack, Karl Redden, Norah Paver, Stanley Glastier; May Boyd and Emma McDonald equal; Jonki Unselo.

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