

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago Timmins had a well-established football club. As a matter of fact Timmins was primarily responsible for the organization and maintenance of the Northern Ontario Football Association in its earlier days. Timmins popularized football in the North. Ten years ago football was prospering here under the guidance of men like the late Bill Field and of others like W. F. B. Cadman, J. W. Faithful, J. Thomas and G. S. Cadman. The 1923 season was a successful one both from the viewpoint of sport and finances. At the annual meeting in 1924 many of the old-time enthusiasts in football dropped out to make way for newer men. B. E. Lambie was elected president for 1924. W. A. Field was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Another annual meeting held at this time of year ten years ago was that of the Timmins Tennis Club. The club started out the new year with a credit balance of 65 cents, but the previous season had been a good one in every way. W. O. Langdon was elected president for 1924, and W. H. Wilson secretary-treasurer.

The Advance ten years ago noted a very lively annual meeting of the Dome Mines. There were objections raised by Rochester and Toronto interests to the 1923 directorate and proceedings waxed rather warm at times. However, the great majority were behind President Bache and the directors and all were re-elected. President Bache gave a clear-cut defence and explanation of the policy of the board of directors. He said he would be pleased to have a Canadian representative on the board, if a suitable one could be secured to act. A comprehensive report of operations at the mine was given by General Manager H. P. DePencier. The shareholders were convinced that the mine was in good condition and their interests being well looked after.

Still another annual meeting held ten years ago was that of the Timmins board of trade. T. F. King was elected president and he selected the following executive or "cabinet" as he called it at the time:—Mining dept., C. G. Williams; fire protection and insurance, J. E. Newton; legislation, G. H. Gauthier; transportation, D. Ostrosser; public works, H. J. Marshall; mercantile, W. Rinn; settlers and lumbering, G. A. Macdonald. This was the same executive as the year before with a couple of exceptions. J. E. Newton replacing G. S. Drew and H. J. Marshall taking the place of A. Brazeau.

At the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Football Association, H. J. Laidlaw ten years ago was re-elected president. The president's review of the year showed interest and support for football were being well maintained and all was going well.

At Cochrane ten years ago the man who attacked two fellow workmen at the Dome inflicting injuries from which they died was before the court on a

charge of murder, but being declared insane in the meantime he was committed to an asylum.

The choir of the Presbyterian church, Timmins, held a very pleasant social evening on April 7th, 1923, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Easton. Only the members of the choir and their immediate friends were present. During the evening the members of the choir made a presentation of a handsome Crown Derby tea set to Miss E. Steele, for the previous few years a valued member of the choir and who was to be married on the following Saturday to Wm. Ramsay, another popular resident of the North. A. W. Pickering, president of the choir, made the presentation. The evening was spent in dancing and singing and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Reference was made in The Advance ten years ago to the purchase of the King George Hotel corner at South Porcupine by Messrs. Pillsworth and Levinson, the price paid being \$5,000.00 or \$50.00 per foot frontage.

W. R. Sullivan and I. A. Solomon ten years ago tendered the McIntyre Hockey team, winners of the mines hockey league in the 1923-1924 season, a complimentary banquet in the McIntyre Recreation hall. The four teams in the league were represented at the event as well as members of the executives of the different clubs. The guests included:—C. G. Williams, W. H. Wylie, Dr. Kirkup, F. C. Evans, W. G. A. Woods, E. J. Meyers and others. From start to finish it was a decidedly pleasant evening. The luncheon served by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shippam won special praise. Ernie Fortier made a big hit with his songs. Leslyn's inimitable rendition of the "seaweed" song was another popular favourite. Songs by James Cowan and a duet by A. Laprairie and E. Fortin made the old hall shake. The E. G. Dickson cup was formally presented to the McIntyre team by D. Briden, president of the mines league, who particularly referred to the good sportsmanship of the Hollinger, Dome and Timmins teams. Other speakers at the banquet included:—Alex Gillies, J. D. MacLean, C. G. Williams, Ham Lillie, A. Laprairie, Dr. Kirkup, I. A. Solomon, W. R. Sullivan, Chas. Roach, Jim Scully, Geo. Lake, A. E. Riddell, F. C. Evans, A. Briden and others.

Particulars were given in The Advance of a hold-up staged at Elk Lake by two young men originally from Timmins who robbed a Chinaman but were arrested at Cobalt for the crime.

The Advance ten years ago had a story of gold being found west of James Bay before the war. One of the partners in the find was killed overseas but the other planned that summer to go into the James Bay area to take up work again on the property.

An editorial in The Advance ten years ago suggested an "Arbour Day" for the town of Timmins, with trees being planted and other plans tried for the beautifying of the town.

At an early hour on Monday morning, April 7th, 1924, a well-known old-timer of the North, Gilbert McInnis, passed away at the Cairns hospital. Widely known by the familiar names of "Gib" and "Bo," he had been a resident of Porcupine from 1910. He carried on a teaming business here and was widely known for his size, his strength, the amount of work he could get through in a short time, and his continual wit and humour. Some of his sayings achieved wide publicity. He was a native of the eastern part of Victoria county but had travelled far and wide after his youth. He was 57 years of age at the time of death. He was survived by his widow. He was ill only a few days, collapsing on his way home and dying in the hospital from pneumonia.

Some space was given in the issue of The Advance 10 years ago to an excellent concert presented in the New Empire theatre after the church services on Sunday, April 6th, 1924, by the pupils of Prof. Schroeder. L. S. Newton made an effective chairman for the evening. Among the numbers that won special approval were:—selections by the Junior Orchestra, the Senior Orchestra, the Schroeder Trio, a piano duet by Misses Evelyn and Sybil Anderson, a vocal solo by Jas. Geils, a piano selection by Miss Dorothy Porter and the numbers by the Violin Choir.

On Sunday, April 6th, 1924, there was an interesting wedding at the Hebrew Congregational hall, Cedar street, when a large number of friends and acquaintances gathered for the marriage of Miss Ida Schaefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Schaefer, Moneta, to Mr. Harry Rosenbloom, of Timmins. After the wedding ceremony, which took place at 7 p.m., there was a reception to a

large number of guests and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed, the festivities being carried along the following morning.

At the annual meeting of the Timmins Citizens' Band ten years ago the reports for the year showed the band in good condition and all going well. The need for new instruments was discussed and plans suggested for financing this special expense. C. G. Williams and Dr. J. A. McInnis were re-elected honorary presidents, while the following officers were also elected for the ensuing year, practically all being re-elected:—President, G. A. Macdonald; vice-president, A. E. Prout; secretary-treasurer, F. J. Hornby; executive, J. Geils, J. B. Pare, H. McCulloch; assistant secretary, T. Stephens.

At St. Matthew's rectory on April 7th, 1924, a quiet but pleasing wedding was solemnized by Rev. E. S. Cousins, rector of St. Matthew's church, Timmins, when Miss Marie Batten, of Montreal, and Mr. James Davis, formerly of Montreal, but then on the Hollinger Mine staff, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The young couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wolfo.

Some of the motion pictures shown here ten years ago may be of interest. They included:—"The Spoilers," "The Prodigal Son," "Constance Talmadge in 'The Primitive Lover,'" "Marquette Snow in 'The Veiled Woman,'" and "Pauline Stark in 'The Kingdom Within.'"

The Advance ten years ago had the following:—"Last week in publishing a photo taken of the first wedding in the Porcupine. The Advance mentioned that none of the old-timers consulted could give the name of the officiating clergyman, though all of them remembered the event and could picture well-known faces from the group in the photo. Mr. D. Maxwell last week gave The Advance the name of the minister. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Mr. Peacock. He was about a year at Porcupine (Golden City) in charge of the Presbyterian church there."

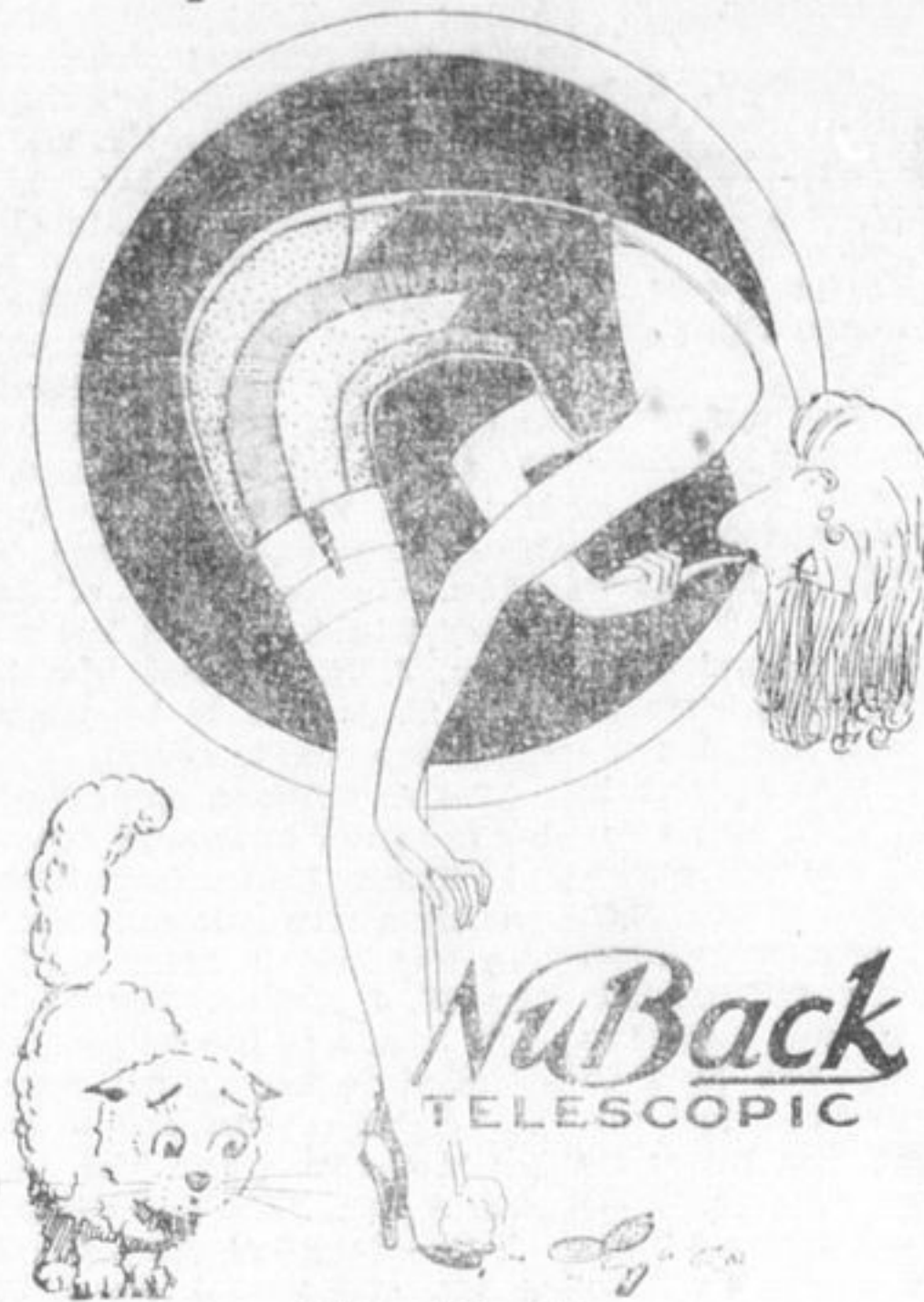
In a case at the assizes at New Liskeard ten years ago a man named Juko was sentenced to eight years for an offence against a 14-year-old girl at Leeville. In imposing the sentence Mr. Justice Kelly noted that in Canada this type of crime seemed to be on the increase and he felt that stern methods should be taken against it. His Lordship pointed out that the extreme penalty for this crime under the law was death and he said he would not be surprised to see some judge impose this extreme penalty unless there was a decrease. "If we cannot protect our woman folks," Mr. Justice Kelly concluded, "we are not any better than the barbarians."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mrs. Jos. Fenn left last week for a visit to Bracebridge." "S. D. Eplect, of New Liskeard, was a business visitor to town this week." "Red Briden, of Seattle, brother of D. Briden, of the McIntyre's winning hockey team, is in the camp." "H. J. Marshall, a visitor to Iroquois Falls for a couple of days last week." "Lee Heidenreich, engineer at the new mining camp for the Nipissing, and another man, recently made the sixty-five mile trip

from Rouyn to Dane by dog team in 12 hours. The roads were only in fair condition, it was stated, and the time established made a record for dog team work in the Dane to Rouyn run."

"Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Saturday, April 4th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Burton, Avenue Road,—a son." "In the first diamond drill hole put down from the 300-foot level of the Blue Quartz Gold Mines at Painkiller Lake, a new vein has been intersected. Assays, after eliminating the visible gold, show a gold content of over \$50.00 per ton." "New Liskeard band has been reorganized for the season, and expect this year to have one of the best musical organizations the town has ever had." "M. G. Hansman is president, and R. Parker, band leader." "J. Brown, for the past few years a member of the Imperial Bank of Canada here, left on Sunday for Niagara Falls, having been transferred to the branch of the Imperial Bank in that place. Another Mr. Brown, this time from Sault Ste. Marie, has taken Mr. J. Brown's place on the local staff." "H. J. Paul visited his home at Powassan this week." "Friends in town and district will be interested in news reaching here from Mexico City:—Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sheehan—a daughter." "Geo. A. D. Murray, secretary of the Owens-Acme Gold Mines, is in Montreal and other points east on business for the company." "Speaking of firsts, the first motor boat of the season went up the river on March 26th. Any to beat that?" "Two men and one woman were each fined \$10.00 and costs for assault on a Moneta man. The story of the complaint was that the woman first attacked him and then the two men joined in. The magistrate discounted the opposite story told by the accused. His figuring out of the case tempted one of the witnesses to admit that the magistrate had an almost uncanny way of figuring out the truth." "All will regret to know that Master Basil Howse, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howse, is very ill with scarlet fever." "An excursion party of 100 to 150 Rotary Club members from the South expect to visit the North in June, leaving the city after the International Rotary Clubs convention. The announcement was made at North Bay last week by W. H. Alderson, of Toronto. There will be 8,000 delegates at the convention, the members coming from no less than 27 different countries. Among the points to be visited on the Northern tour are:—Sudbury, North Bay, Cobalt, Kirkland Lake, Iroquois Falls, South Porcupine, Cochrane, and Timmins." "J. Kennedy, an inmate of Christie Street hospital for disabled veterans for the past month, returned on Thursday from Toronto. Jack is looking well and reports the best of treatment while at Christie Street hospital." "R. Fowler, who for the past month has been in charge of the Customs office here, left on Friday for North Bay."

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