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## TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

On Monday evening, July 14th, 1924, Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of the town of Timmins, formally declared the new public library and reading room here open to the public. The library was opened in the basement of the Gordon block. The mayor referred to the efforts made by many citizens to have a library established here and also complimented the library board on the time and effort given in the work of inaugurating the library. The library had an excellent assortment of books, the mayor said, and he expected it would prove of great importance and usefulness to the town. In the absence of the chairman of the library board, Mr. Day, principal of the public school, away on vacation, Rev. J. D. Parks introduced the speakers. Brief addresses were given by M. B. Scott, chairman of the public school board, D. J. Molecki, chairman of the separate school board, Councillor F. M. Wallingford, and others. Rev. R. S. Cushing, Mrs. J. A. McInnis, and Mrs. D. Crimston, secretary and librarian, were among the others present for the occasion. To the report of the formal opening The Advance added reference to the hours the library would be open and other particulars.

For years previously The Advance had been advocating two members for the Federal district of Temiskaming, holding that the district was altogether to large and important to have only one member. Ten years ago The Advance was able to announce that the new redistribution bill passed in the Dominion House ten years ago provided for two ridings, North and South Temiskaming.

The Advance ten years ago says:—"A very pretty wedding took place on Monday morning, July 14th, when Miss Ellen Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Richardson, became the bride of Mr. J. Paul Michaud, Rev. Fr. C. Theriault officiated at the ceremony. The bride looked charming in a gown of pink maracane crepe, trimmed with coral lace and orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of sweetheart roses and lily-of-the-valley. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents to about thirty immediate friends. Going away the bride wore a navy tailored suit with scarf and French hat. The honeymoon will be spent in Hamilton and other points south and east. The many gifts showed the esteem in which the young couple are held by their wide circles of friends. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Michaud will reside in South Porcupine where the groom is manager of the Imperial Bank. Both bride and groom are well known and highly esteemed in the town and district and they will be extended very good wishes from hosts of friends. The bride was for some time a valued member of the public school teaching staff and was also popular in social and other circles. The groom was for some years a popular member of the staff of the Imperial Bank at Timmins. Recently he was transferred to South Porcupine as manager of the bank there."

Ten years ago the Timmins board of trade solicited the co-operation and assistance of the Toronto board of trade in securing road improvements for settlers and other matters. The response of the Toronto board of trade

was hearty. This had special interest at the time because there was a controversy in progress in which Northern newspapers questioned the interest of the South in the North and referred to the lack of knowledge of this great new country.

The Advance of July 16th, 1924 had the following:—"On Saturday last Mr. Henry Martin, of Schunacher, met death by falling down the waste ore pass at the Hollinger Mine. No one saw the accident and so it was not known just exactly what occurred. Mr. Martin was working as repair man on the "tipplers" used for dumping ore. He had placed a plank across the pass to stand upon, and whether he slipped from the plank and fell from its position can not be known. After careful consideration of all the evidence available the coroner's jury on Monday, with Mr. T. F. King as foreman, returned the following verdict:—"That Henry Martin came to his death on July 12th from a fracture of his back and head caused by falling down a waste pass at the Hollinger Mine. We attach no blame on anyone but would suggest that life lines be provided in dangerous places." The evidence indicated that while there are many planks left for use at the ore passes, the usual method of the workmen is to use only one. There is very general regret and sorrow at the death of Mr. Martin for he was very highly esteemed in the camp. He had spent eight years in Timmins, chiefly on the staff of the Hollinger, and all who knew him regarded him very highly. He was a native of Nova Scotia and came to the North Land some twelve years ago. At the time of death he was 38 years of age. His death makes the first break in a family circle where there were 14 children. His father and mother are living at Harmony Mills, Queen's City, Nova Scotia. Six brothers, George, Charles, Zenas, Alfred, Albert and Clifford, and one sister, Zelma, also live in Nova Scotia, two other sisters, Hattie and Lettie, are residents of U.S.A. Another brother John, lives in the United States, while there are three brothers, Frank, Osmond and Blake Martin, esteemed residents of Timmins. A widow and four children are left to mourn the loss of a good husband and father. To the relatives and friends the sympathy of all goes out at this time. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday at the Baptist church, Timmins, by the Rev. M. R. Hall. The late Mr. Martin was one of the deacons of the Baptist church here, and was a helpful member of the Timmins church. He was also a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge. The large attendance at the funeral services and the profusion of floral tributes indicated the deep respect in which the deceased was held and the sympathy for those bereaved. The body was taken out to Nova Scotia on Monday for interment in the family burying ground at the old home."

Reference was made in The Advance ten years ago to the plans for extending the T. & N. O. to James Bay. Farmers' Day at Iroquois Falls ten years ago proved a very successful event. Two hundred and fifty farmers and settlers of the district gathered at Iroquois Falls and were the guests of the town of Iroquois Falls, the Iroquois Falls board of

trade and the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. There was a visit through the mill, baseball, races and other sports, addresses by leading men of the district, luncheon, etc. This was the second similar occasion. The Advance ten years ago chronicled the death of Mrs. Dr. C. F. Wright, of Smooth Rock Falls. Mrs. Wright, who previous to her marriage was Miss Eric Fredwell, of St. Thomas, and who was a graduate nurse, died at London, Ont. There were about 700 at the Ontario Cup game at Timmins ten years ago when Kirkland Lake and Timmins battled for football honours. The result was a no-score tie. In the second game at Kirkland Lake a few days after there was another no-score draw. It was great football. The line-up of the teams will be of interest. Timmins—Street, goal; Haley and Hetherington, backs; Huggan, Cadman, Warme, half-backs; Dunbar, Peterson, Hodgson, Berg and Ford, forwards; Kirkland Lake—G. Cadman, goal; T. Ramsay and McDonald, backs; Hastie, McPhail and McVey, halves; Lucas, Hamilton, Parsons, Condie and Rhodes forwards.

Ten years ago the Children's sports day at the Dome was a big success. A petition was circulated in South Porcupine ten years ago to have the name of South Porcupine changed to Porcupine. There was some enthusiasm for the idea, but later it was allowed to drop. There were many arguments in its favour, while against it was the fact that there was already a "Porcupine" (Golden City). Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Last Wednesday evening a number of the members of the A.S.D. Club visited the Club cottage at Golden City. Despite the rain an enjoyable evening was spent in games and dancing. The rain and resultant cool weather on Sunday stopped quite a number going over to Porcupine, but those who took advantage of the club quarters at Porcupine had a very enjoyable day." "There was a large and happy gathering yesterday at Porcupine (Golden City), the occasion being the picnic given by the I.O.D.E. to those taking part in the recent presentation of "Cinderella." The youngsters all admit having a wonderful time, with the event throughout in every way a big success. Mrs. J. A. McInnis, Regent, Mrs. W. D. Watt, Educational Secretary, Mrs. W. Pierce, and other members of the I.O.D.E. saw to the comfort and pleasure of the children at the event." "Mr. K. J. Kennedy, collector of customs, was a week-end visitor to New Liskeard." "While returning home one evening last week, Mr. P. Sandeno, dairyman, was the subject of what appeared to be an attempted hold-up. The two men stopped the milk wagon and ordered the dairyman to put up his hands. He noted that they did not have firearms so he took a chance and whipped up his horse, soon leaving the would-be hold-up artists far behind with nothing more harmful than their curses following him." "Miss Mary Boyd returned Sunday evening from a two months' vacation in the south." "Mr. and Mrs. Pugsley leave this week for a visit to England. They will sail on the Regina on Saturday." "Mr. A. W. Pickering returned on Monday after spending three weeks holidaying in Southern Ontario and the United States." "Mr. W. Rinn, W.M. is the representative of the Golden Beaver Lodge, A. F. & A. M. at the Grand Lodge meeting in Toronto this week." "Mr. E. J. Mason, P.M., and Mr. Allan D. Pearce, W.M., of Porcupine Lodge A. F. & A. M., South Porcupine, are in Toronto this week as the representatives of the Porcupine Lodge at the Grand Lodge meeting. It is likely that Mr. Mason will be appointed the D.D.G.M. for this district." "Mr. P. S. Taylor is a visitor to the camp this week." "Mr. Bruce Burke, left last week for an extended visit to Drumhead, Guysboro County, Nova Scotia." "Mr. T. Kearns and family returned last week from a two months' visit to Ireland." "Born—in Timmins on Saturday, July 12th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Berni—a son." "Miss Grace Macdonald left on Thursday last for a two months' visit to Toronto and other points south and east." "Mrs. A. Stonehouse and family are leaving on Thursday for a visit to England, sailing from Montreal on the Regina on Saturday." "Mrs. F. J. Hornby and son, Bert, left last week

for a visit to England. Mr. Hornby accompanying them as far as Montreal, from which port they sailed for the Old Land on Saturday. Mr. Hornby returned to Timmins this week." "The Orange Lodge held a pleasing and successful evening cruise on the Steamer Minga on the evening of the Twelfth." "Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Noble and Dr. R. H. Brown left this week for a vacation in the south. They will motor from North Bay to points south for a week or ten days." "Reports to the effect that the body of a man had been recovered from the river this week are not founded on fact. In the last few weeks there have been a number of these unfounded rumours built apparently on someone's futile imagination. The reports have included false stories of nearly everything from more murders in Moneta to other less terrible accidents and incidents." "Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fitzpatrick, of Iron River, Wisconsin, U.S.A., are visiting friends and relatives in town. They were among the early residents of Timmins and are being warmly welcomed here again by hosts of friends. Mr. Fitzpatrick was in partnership here with Mr. T. F. King in the early days of Timmins. He is now conducting a men's furnishings store in Iron River, Wisconsin, and reports business as good." "Mrs. Jos. Goulet left last week for Hawkesbury to attend the funeral of her father who passed away at his home there." "Messrs. H. DeLabarre, Carl Mueller and Rex Wilson left on Sunday for North Bay from which centre they will proceed on a six-weeks' motor trip that they expect will take them as far as West Virginia where Mr. LaBarre intends to take treatment at the famed Springs in that State." "Much interest was evidenced last Friday in a large aeroplane passing over the town about one o'clock in the afternoon. The aeroplane was high up in its flight past here and was making speedy time." "Messrs. Geo. and J. G. Sheridan have just returned from Parry Sound where they were attending the funeral of their father, the late H. Sheridan. The late Mr. Sheridan was 83 years of age, and had the unusual distinction of having been an Orangeman for 65 years."

**Funeral of Late Hubert Monahan, of Matheson**

A despatch this week from Matheson says:—"The funeral of the late Hubert Monahan took place Thursday, July 12, from the residence of his father, Walter Monahan. After a house service conducted by Rev. Mr. Turner, interment was made in the Union Cemetery. The pall-bearers were, Walter Harper, C. O. McLean, Wilfred Johnston, Joseph Cole, Lorne Hicks and Kenneth Eady. Those attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Monahan and son, Knox, Mattawa; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Monahan and daughter, Timmins; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Timmins; Mr. and Mrs. George Monahan, Timmins; two sisters, Mrs. Leach and Mrs. Gibson, Florida, were unable to arrive in time for the funeral."

**Judge Says Money Paid as Charity Not Recoverable**

There was an interesting judgment given at Sturgeon Falls recently by Judge H. D. Leask. The case was that of the Township of Field seeking to recover \$126.25 from one of the present members of the council, L. Sharkey. The judgment was to the effect that a township has no right to recover money from recipients of charity. In view of the amount of relief that has been given in Ontario during the past few years the judgment is of special interest. In some cases those getting relief have volunteered the promise that they would pay the money back as soon as they could. Some councils, have mentioned the fact that the money should be paid back if the recipient later could do so. In the most of cases, however, there has been no thought of repayment of the money on either side. It has been felt by the recipient that the time when he might be able to repay would be so uncertain that there seemed to be little use referring to it, while councils felt that in most cases those taking relief would be doing well to get off relief, without thought of repayment of the money involved in relief.

In the case brought against Councillor Sharkey by the Township of Field, Judge Leask awarded \$26.25 for hospital expenses, holding that the township had the right to recover under the Hospital Act. He stated, however, that although Sharkey would be morally responsible to pay if he had the balance, the \$100 had been entered in the books as charity and a gift, and there was no legal right to recover. The case demonstrated that the only way a municipality can protect payment eventually of such outlay, was to secure signed memorandums, agreeing to repay if and when they are able. Evidence produced showed that the \$100 had been advanced to the defendant September 14, 1929, as charity, while in the same year there had been a hospital bill of \$26.25 for the treatment of his wife. McDonald & Gould, North Bay represented the plaintiffs, while J. A. Cousineau acted as counsel for Mr. Sharkey.

Hamilton Spectator:—"Eat what you like," advises Dr. J. Roberts, Hamilton health officer, "walk on the sunny side of the street, go to bed early, get up early, and live long in the land which the good Lord gave you." "We'll have to try that some day, soon as we get time."

Sudbury Star:—"Although a doctor warns that a kiss shortens a man's life three minutes, Richmond Pearson Hobson, who, after he sank the Merrimac, was kissed by myriads of women, has reached the retiring age, still hale and hearty."



**FAMOUS FATHERS ATTEND WEDDING IN WASHINGTON**  
Baseball and politics mingled at the wedding in Washington of pretty Susan Sheppard, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Morris Sheppard of Texas, and Cornelius McGillicuddy, Jr., son of the famous baseball player, Connie Mack. Here are the principals at the ceremony—left to right—Senator Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. McGillicuddy, Jr., and Connie Mack.

### REPORT BEARS NUMEROUS IN HAILEYBURY DISTRICT

According to reports from Haileybury bears are not only numerous in that district, but they are also becoming more or less of a nuisance and cause of damage in the area. Wm. Davis, who lives in Haileybury, but has a farm in Firstbrook township which he looks after, says that he has caught a couple of bears recently. The last one was caught in a trap after he had attempted in vain to shoot it with a rifle. He was determined to get this particular bear in some way or another as it was a case of getting rid of the bear or losing a lot of other things around the farm. Bears are more or less famous for their curiosity and also for their appetite, and this bear in these two particulars was a very typical bear. According to Mr. Davis settlers for some time past have been unable to leave anything outside without having it carried off or damaged by the marauding bears. Anything eatable, from vegetables to live stock will attract the notice of the ordinary bear and the bears around Firstbrook township seemed to be particularly keen in sampling anything in the eatable line. Even if it were not good to eat the bears would investigate it and would be sure to cause some damage or other. Bears are well known for their wide appetites. Any-

one knowing the ways of bears will be sure to compare them to pigs in the fact that they will attempt to eat anything and in any case will damage goods within their reach. One reason that bears are so destructive is their apparent curiosity. They investigate nearly anything that they may find and their methods are by no means careful or gentle. Some years ago at a public meeting in Timmins a well-known local man told some of his experiences with the destructive habits of bears, and many who heard the address were inclined to think the gentleman was exaggerating a little. However, any who have had experience with bears know that the destructive habits of bears is not easy to exaggerate. The settlers in Firstbrook township will be likely to agree that bears around their farms cause very serious damage and are generally very undesirable, indeed. There seems to be something humorous about the ways of bears, but the average settler troubled by the visits of bears will not likely be able to see much fun in the damage that will assuredly be done by these animals. It is more than likely that guns and traps and other means will be used to keep the bears away in Firstbrook township.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Pirie left on Sunday for a vacation at their home in North Cobalt.

### Milk Samples Taken in the Township of Tisdale

The following is the report on milk samples taken in the township of Tisdale as reported by W. R. Michell, Director of Branch Laboratory Dept. of Health:—

Where Collected	Bacteria	Butter Fat
J. Huot	Millions	3.3
J. Bepalko	10,000	3.3
G. Nummela	12,000	4.0
W. Kesnecky	6,000	2.6
M. Luhta	Millions	3.7
N. Klinga	50,000	3.25
G. Helmer Past.	60,000	3.5
G. Helmer	30,000	3.3
M. Kinnunen	20,000	2.9
Worker's Past.	20,000	3.4
N. Rein	120,000	3.25
Mr. Lena	10,000	3.6

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