

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Whatever may be said about ten years ago in Timmins, it must be admitted that there were not nearly so many auto accidents then as now. However, even in 1924 an occasional auto accident occurred in the North and sometimes the accident included tragedy. Ten years ago, A. G. Purchas, district manager of the Canadian Rock Drill Company, who spent much time in Timmins for his firm, died in Cobalt hospital from injuries received in an auto collision at Halleybury the previous day. The two autos met on a narrow strip of road and owing to wet weather the road proved treacherous. Crashing together, both cars were overturned in the ditch. The occupant of the other car escaped injury. Mr. Purchas was an Australian by birth and had served overseas with the Anzacs. He had been in the North four years. Sincere sympathy was extended to the bereaved widow in the sad death.

Twelve hundred people attended the Timmins market ten years ago, showing the value even then of advertising in The Advance. This was the most

successful market held up to that time, and there have been four better since then. There were between 25 and 30 vendors present with a goodly array of seasonal produce.

B. Koski, a drill runner at the Hollinger, died ten years ago while on his way home from work. Constable Bennett, of Schumacher, found the body lying by the roadside near Schumacher. The body was just inside the town limits so Chief Greer was notified. Koski was a big man and apparently had been in good health but it was found that he had suffered from a heart condition for some time previous to his death. A jury inquest was not felt to be necessary, death being very evidently due to heart trouble. Koski was a native of Austria and so far as could be learned had no relatives in this country.

Ten years ago Miss A. M. Munn, inspector of training schools for nurses for the provincial department, was on a tour of the North Land, visiting New Liskeard, Halleybury, Cochrane, Timmins, Connaught and other centres.

Miss Munn was much impressed with the fine building and complete equipment and accommodation at the Hollinger hospital. The hospital at Connaught, conducted by Dr. Day, was also very highly commended. Dr. Day had a well-equipped hospital with two qualified nurses in attendance. The Dome hospital also passed inspection with flying colours, being conducted in very creditable way with the patients receiving every care and attention. The Cairns hospital at Timmins, conducted by Mrs. Moffatt, was found to be in suitable quarters and with extensions planned, would prove of benefit and fill a need in the district.

A party of members of the North Bay board of trade toured the North ten years ago. At Timmins they were met at the station by President King and Messrs D. Ostrosner, W. Rinn, G. A. Macdonald and other members of the executive of the Timmins board of trade. The North Bay party was given a view of the film depicting the Hollinger, McIntyre, Dome and other mines, and also shown the town and district by motor car trips. All the visitors were favourably impressed by the development of Timmins.

The Timmins town council ten years ago was asked for co-operation and support in the making of a complete directory of the town of Timmins. Council was in favour of the directory if no expense to the town were implied. Council had a request from Eplet's Dairy asking that protection be given the industry by the placing of a good license fee on dairies. At first the

council did not think it wise to put any sort of license on anything as necessary as the sale of milk, but after discussion a by-law was passed requiring all dairies to be licensed and asking for a \$1.00 license fee. A grant of \$100 was given the Timmins Football Club to enable that organization to proceed to Toronto to play in the finals for the Ontario Cup. Timmins had won the championship of the North. President Lambie of the Football Club, told the council that this was the first time any sport in Timmins had won the right to enter final competition for the province. Chief Borland called council's attention to possible fire menaces in town. These included stoves going directly through roofs of shacks. Chief Borland said he was trying to induce people to protect themselves and others in the matter of fire protection, but if they would not do their part the law would need to be invoked. A resolution was passed expressing sincere thanks to the fire rangers for their valuable assistance and interest at the recent Northern Canada Power Co. warehouse fire at the Mattagami river. E. L. Longmore was named acting mayor during the absence of Dr. J. A. McInnis, the mayor.

A co-operative store known as the Moneta Workmen's Mercantile Co., was organized in Moneta ten years ago. The bridge over the river on Railway street, South Porcupine, collapsed ten years ago just after a load of gravel had passed over it. The back wheels just cleared as the bridge went down.

About seventy-five men were working on the government road through South Porcupine at the time.

The funeral of the late Lawrence Pelletier took place ten years ago at Timmins, service being held in St. Anthony's church. The late Mr. Pelletier was one of the early residents of the camp and esteemed by all. The funeral was very largely attended. He was 65 years of age and a native of Ottawa. A widow and two sons survived. Death was due to dropsy.

Ten years ago the A.S.D. Club reopened its meetings for the season with a dance and social evening. There was a large attendance and all had a happy time. The music for the evening was provided by Ted Whaley, violin, W. A. Devine, piano, T. Torrance drums, and Frank Rodgers, saxophone. Refreshments were served by the young ladies of the club. In a short address President A. E. Riddell welcomed the members, while Past President Robt. Hoggarth also spoke briefly.

Ten years ago The Advance published a picture of the Timmins high school with a review of its history and progress.

T. F. King announced the opening of a large and modern dry-cleaning plant in the town of Timmins ten years ago.

A gentleman named Ridley fell 160 feet down the shaft at the Davidson mine ten years ago, striking the timbers twice on his way down, yet miraculously escaping any serious injury. The worst injury sustained was a badly crushed hand.

A young fellow in town for some time encountered Chief Greer and Deputy Chief Salley ten years ago on a vacant lot in Mattagami at an unseasonable hour in the early morning. He had a grip and some bundles with him and the police were too curious about the contents of the bundles and grip to accept the young man's story that he was simply moving his effects from one shack to another. When he eventually opened the grip and a quantity of high-grade was found, the young man's explanation was not very explanatory. To shorten the story it may be said that the young man was sent to jail for three months for illegally hauling gold.

The weather injured the crops here ten years ago. Hay was a fair crop but there was difficulty harvesting it. Peas and beans were good. Roots were fairly good. Blueberries were a big crop.

A. E. Mortimer last week had a letter in The Advance urging better service at the post office. After hearing the postmaster's side of the case and seeing some of the work of the post office for himself, Mr. Mortimer the following week wrote another letter giving the other side of the post office question.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"W. M. Whyte, a former popular pioneer business man of the Porcupine, who has been residing in Toronto for the past year or so, returned to the camp last week for a visit here." "Miss M. Lamore has returned to Timmins after a visit to Golden Lake and Algonquin Park and other points east." On her return trip Miss Lamore was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Susanne Eanyas, who has reached the unusual age of 90 years, but who made the long tiresome trip from the east in the best of spirits and without being unduly tired from the journey." "A fine new flagpole has been erected on the grounds of the Timmins Central public school." "Mr. Size, of Cobalt, arrived here this week to take the position of accountant at the Bank of Commerce, in place of T. M. White, who leaves this week for Dunnville where he will be chief accountant at the Canadian Bank of Commerce branch in that town." "George Beel, a former resident of the camp, who has been living at New Liskeard, Halleybury and other more southern points, returned last week to Timmins." "Fire Chief Borland, Mrs. Borland, Miss Maimie and Alex Borland, Jr., returned on Thursday evening last from a vacation in the South. On their return the fire hall boys had a chicken supper ready for the chief's return and a pleasant social evening was spent." "Mrs. Jos. Weston returned to Timmins on Sunday evening." "Neh Faulkenham, of Matheson, was a visitor to Timmins last week on business." "F. J. Hornby left this week for Montreal to meet Mrs. Hornby and young son on their return from an extended visit to England." "Mrs. W. S. Johns and family returned last week after an extended visit to relatives and friends in England." "Dr. J. A. McInnis leaves this week for a three weeks' vacation in the South." "Miss Maude Boyd returned on Sunday from a three weeks' vacation spent in Detroit, Mich. Miss Boyd's cousin, Miss Annie Garrison, of Detroit, returned with her and will be the guest of Miss Boyd for the next two weeks." "Mr. and Mrs. George Cooke, of Montreal, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Dr. R. B. Taylor." "H. R. Downey, now of Detroit, was a visitor at his home here last week." "A. E. Riddell left last Thursday morning on a vacation to be spent in the southern part of the province." "E. Kimberley, now resident at Beamsville, Ont., but formerly manager of Knight Bros. and McKinnon's lumber business here, and prominent in municipal and educational circles in the township of Tisdale, was a visitor to Timmins last week." "Dr. G. F. Mitchell left last Thursday morning for a short vacation in Southern Ontario." "Mrs. D. Sutherland returned home last week after a short vacation in the South."

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Tenders Not Asked in Work on T. & N. O.

Evidence at Enquiry Says that \$4,000,000.00 Contracts were Given without Calling for Tenders.

Last week it was hoped and expected that the enquiry into the T. & N. O. affairs was nearing its final conclusion. This idea is upset this week by the news from North Bay to the effect that the sessions in the enquiry have been commenced again this week.

Armand Racine, lawyer, examining the working of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, on Monday neared the end of his probe after eliciting testimony that contracts worth more than \$4,000,000 had been let to a construction company without tenders being called.

Mr. Racine received a report from Chief Engineer S. B. Clement of the railway revealing, he said, that F. H. McLean, Limited, construction concern, had been awarded contracts in connection with the railway extension to Moosonee valued at \$4,246,281 and that no tenders had been called for the work.

Mr. Clement told him the contracts were given the McLean company because it was already on the ground and because the railway commissioners wished to have the work done quickly. He commented, however, that after the road was finished the commissioners had not wished to open the new line for a year.

He also read from the minutes of a railway commission meeting on Nov. 30, 1931, that the commission did not wish to spend more money on the northern extension unless prospects of traffic over the line improved.

In Two Companies

Mr. Clement revealed Harry F. McLean, president of the construction company, was also vice-president of the Dominion Construction Company, which engineered the Abitibi Canyon power development and completed it after the Ontario government gained control of it from the Ontario Power Service Corporation subsidiary of the bankrupt Abitibi Power and Paper Company.

He said also a contract with Construction and Engineering, Limited, for work in hard pan was rejected without inquiry as to the financial or other fitness of the company.

Mr. Racine asked why the sum of \$230,000 had been paid the company in excess of the \$14,000 Mr. Clement estimated would be required for removal of hard pan. The engineer explained a great deal more hard pan had been encountered than had been expected.

The chief engineer said the same day the commission rejected the contract of Construction and Engineering it awarded the contract to the McLean company.

Would Service Canyon

Mr. Clement said he believed a service over the full length of the line should be maintained "as, if and when required," but that a regular schedule service should be maintained from Cochrane to Abitibi Canyon.

Mr. Racine suggested this arrangement would reduce the road's annual deficit \$100,000, but Mr. Clement declined to agree without close examination of the proposal.

A. B. Odium, assistant secretary of the road, described an effort the commission made to sell lots at Moosonee, which took the form of an unsuccessful auction at a cost of \$150 for an auctioneer. He said 21 lots had been sold subsequently, but that many prospective buyers at the auction were disturbed by the icy condition of the ground at the time the sale was staged.

Peterborough Examiner:—The work of district health officers, while more or less unknown to the public, is well known to the municipal health officers, many of whom have shown their appreciation of this service by a steadily greater use of it. The district men have been at the beck and call of any M.O.H. who needed help in diagnosing unusual cases of communicable diseases and in organizing the fight against such outbreaks.

Hon. Chas. McCrea May be Appointed to the Bench

The appointment of Hon. Charles McCrea, minister of mines in the Henry government, to the Supreme Court of Canada in the place of Hon. Frank E. Hughes, who recently resigned, is given great credence in legal and political circles at Toronto.

From reliable sources at Toronto, it has been learned that Mr. McCrea has been offered and has accepted the appointment to the bench on the highest court in Canada.

It is understood that Mr. Justice Hughes will continue as a member of the Supreme Court of Canada until cases upon which he has already judged are decided. This will likely be early next January when Hon. Charles McCrea's appointment may be announced.

Dues to be Cut in Two if 10,000 Men Work

Bonuses and Crown Dues to be Cut Fifty per Cent., but on the Stipulation that 10,000 Men be Engaged at Bush Work.

According to despatches from Toronto, fifty per cent. reduction on bonuses and Crown dues paid to the Government by Northern Ontario lumbermen was announced on Monday by Hon. M. Hepburn.

Lumbermen conferred Monday with Premier Hepburn and his Cabinet, including Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests, who recently completed a survey of the department's northern work.

Made on Condition

The Government made the reduction on the understanding 10,000 men would be employed in saw mills and in the bush this winter. Premier Hepburn announced after the conference.

"In order to stimulate the sawmill industry which has been virtually at a standstill, we have granted a 50 per cent. reduction in bonuses and a 50 per cent. reduction in Crown dues," the Premier continued. "In the case of red and white pine, however, a minimum of \$5 a thousand feet had been placed, and a minimum of \$3.50 a thousand feet for jackpine and spruce.

"The minimum bonus for red and white pine and spruce is \$3 a thousand feet and for jack pine \$2.50. The 50 per cent. reduction only applies to figures above those minima."

Lumbermen Promise

The lumbermen had declared they would employ 10,000 men during the winter because of the new agreement. "The timber must be manufactured into the finished product in Ontario," he said. "They must pay fair wages and make only reasonable charges to their men for their supplies.

"Where there is any grievance Hon. Peter Heenan will be the arbiter. His ruling will be accepted."

He emphasized, however, the agreement was only temporary and applied only to this winter's operations, not affecting original contracts.

Toronto Mail and Empire:—A woman who says Rudy Valle's songs were meant for her is suing him for \$250,000. The estimate of damages does not seem

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