

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago Timmins Football Club went to Brantford to play in the finals of the Ontario Cup series. They were not successful in winning the cup but they put up a wonderful battle. They played eight full games in the series without losing a single game. Only three goals were scored against the boys in those eight games. Including the overtime at Brantford only four goals were scored against Timmins. It took overtime to give Brantford the victory. In the first game with Brantford the result was a scoreless draw. The full time in the second match ended with another draw 1 to 1 and it was expected that a deciding game will be called on neutral ground. Despite protest by Timmins officials, President Dean of the O.F.A. ordered overtime to be played to decide the issue there and then. In the first half of overtime Brantford got a goal and then played strictly defensive tactics and the teams went so evenly matched Timmins lost out. It is interesting to recall that in the nine games played by Timmins in the Ontario Cup series four were draws. Timmins certainly had a great football team in those days. Those playing in the Brantford matches for Timmins were:—A. Cadman, goal; Haley and Hetherington, backs; Geo. Cooper, F. Cadman, E. R. Street, half-backs; Dunn, Sathrang, Peterson, Berg and Ford forwards. When the boys returned home from the Brantford game they were given a great reception at the station, the Timmins Citizens' Band being present, and playing selections for the occasion. The town showed it was proud of the football team. "But we lost out," protested one of the players. "Yes, but you played a wonderful game," was the response. Secretary W. A. Field went down with the team as did also—Oscar Robertson, J. M. Nicolson (Porcupine), S. Anderson and H. Dunbar (spares), while E. H. Bridger went from Toronto with the boys and gave them a great time on their off-time.

Ten years ago Messrs J. A. Frobock, A. J. Atwell, H. A. Flanders and R. M. Davis, of Boston, Mass., visited the Paymaster Mine, following the receipt of news of a strike of high-grade ore at the 200-ft. level. Mr. Frobock took back samples of the ore and from interviews given to Boston newspapers he had the other members of the party were certainly enthusiastic about the prospects generally of the Porcupine and the Paymaster in particular.

The annual Armistice dance under the auspices of the Porcupine Chapter of the Eastern Star, held in the assembly hall of the South Porcupine high school on Nov. 11th, 1924, was a most successful and enjoyable event. There was a large attendance, many being present from Timmins and Schumacher. Gene Colombo's orchestra provided the best of music for the occasion.

Announcement was made ten years ago that Albert Taylor had sold his interest in the George Taylor Hardware to his brothers, Wm. and Ralph. Mr. Albert Taylor went to Toronto to reside after concluding his connections in town.

Ten years ago The Advance noted the striking growth of Schumacher. Expansion of existing businesses in Schumacher and new businesses being established marked the special growth of Schumacher ten years ago, a growth that has continued steadily since that date.

There was a notable celebration of Armistice Day at the Central public school ten years ago. The flags were at half-mast in memory of the 60,000 Canadians who did not return from the war. The teachers gave the pupils interesting and important facts about the war. There were 625 children present, as well as a number of prominent citizens of the town, including a representative gathering of the ladies of the I.O.D.E. Inspiring addresses by Rev. J. D. Parks, Capt. Cornthwaite,

S.A., and others added to the interest. Ten years ago one of the police officers of the town at that time was charged with assaulting a man being arrested for drunkenness. Several witnesses gave evidence to show that unnecessary force was used in making the arrest. Magistrate Atkinson committed the officer for trial before a judge, and the policeman was laid off duty until after the trial.

The following officers were elected for the A.S.D. Club ten years ago:—President, A. E. Riddle; vice-president, C. G. Pirie; secretary-treasurer, A. W. Pickering; the above all by acclamation. The following were elected to the executive committee after a ballot had been taken:—Misses Mary Boyd, Mary Gray, Rhoda MacLeod, and Betsy Gowan, and Messrs Harry Austin, J. K. Kennedy, J. Jacobs, E. A. Urquhart, Past president R. Hogarth was also a member of the executive.

Ten years ago the editorials in The Advance dealt with such different subjects as the prevalence of car thieves, and the desirability of the town giving proper recognition to the Timmins Football Club for the honour given the town through the good work of the football players in their contest for Ontario Cup honours. The Advance suggested that the town should at least give the football players a civic banquet as a mark of appreciation.

An odd accident was recorded in The Advance ten years ago. It told that while Mrs. John Costain was dancing at the Eastern Star dance she was swung around in one of the dances, the heel of her shoe catching in the bottom of the trousers of one of the male dancers. She was thrown off her balance and fell heavily to the floor, striking her back against one of the side benches. One of her ribs was broken and other minor injuries sustained.

The dance under the auspices of Gold Nugget Rebekah Lodge in King's Amusement hall on Nov. 7th, 1924, was one of the most successful of the season. Everything from the music to the dancing was the very best.

Provincial Officer Fred Simpson who was stationed here ten years ago received notice on Nov. 5th, 1924, that he was to be transferred from Timmins to Collingwood.

Two boys, 10 and 11 years old respectively, were lost ten years ago somewhere near Craft's Creek some six miles from town. They had gone rabbit hunting but became lost. The police and others searched unavailingly for the two lads. Eventually the boys returned home themselves. They had spent a couple of nights in the bush but were not seriously injured by the accident.

South Porcupine Curling Club was organized ten years ago with the following officers:—Geo. E. Cole, president; F. Horne, first vice-president; F. C. Evans, secretary-treasurer; D. G. H. Wright, C. B. Morgan and A. Anderson, executive. The matter of a club building was discussed and it was decided to go ahead with the erection of the new rink.

Hon. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King, prime minister of Canada, visited Timmins on Nov. 6th, 1924. He addressed a large gathering here, with overflow meetings necessary to accommodate the crowd. It was the first time that Timmins was honoured by a visit from a premier of Canada. Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, was one of the speakers for the occasion and he impressed on the premier the need for a new post office building here. Among the other speakers here for the evening were:—Hon. Chas. Stewart, Minister of the Interior, Ottawa; Hon. Hal McGovern, Minister without portfolio; Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; Major Mac Lang, and others. C. V. Gallagher, the witty reeve of Tisdale, acted as chairman for the evening and as usual did the work very effectively.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place on Saturday, Nov. 8th, 1924, at St. Matthew's English Church rectory, when Rev. R. S. Cushing united in marriage Charles Gilbert Hallam and Miss Emmeline Millicent Pinder. The couple were supported by John Lawes and Mrs. T. Twaddle.

Timmins Orangemen attended divine service at St. Matthew's church at Timmins ten years ago. Rev. R. S. Cushing preached at both morning and evening services.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"R. Richardson returned this week from his annual hunting trip near North Bay. He reported deer as very scarce, and also that some were breaking all the laws there were in regard to the matter of hunting." "E. A. O'Callaghan was called to Buckingham, Que. owing to the illness of a his father." "Mr. Size, accountant at the Bank of Commerce, spent Thanksgiving Day at Cobalt." "G. S. Lowe was a visitor to Toronto for the week-end."

"Frank Carlin, formerly of the Timmins hockey team, returned to town last week from his home in Montreal." "Miss M. Boivin was called to Fauquier west of Cochrane, this week owing to the illness there of Mr. Boivin, who has been conducting lumbering operations in the district." "Capt. Frank Dixon, S.A., of Kirkland Lake is the guest this week-end of Capt. and Mrs. Cornthwaite." "Miss Edna O'Brien, of Cochrane, was the guest of Mrs. A. G. Carson, for the Thanksgiving holiday." "W. A. Griffin, superintendent of the T. & N. O. Railway, and the master mechanic of the line, were visitors to Timmins last week." "J. L. Hunt, manager of the Dominion Bank, returned last week from London, Ont., to which city he had been called owing to



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the death of his sister." "It is understood that Messrs Leo Mascioli and P. M. Bardessono have decided to add another store to their big new hotel now in course of erection on the corner of Fourth avenue and Spruce street." "Mr. John Krupka, father of Mrs. N. Blahay, of town, died on Friday afternoon last, Nov. 7th, 1924, after a very brief illness, being ill only five days. Death was due to pneumonia. At the time of death the late Mr. Krupka was 52 years of age. He was a native of Austria but had lived in Canada for twenty-two years, most of that time being a resident of Winnipeg. Over a year ago the family moved to Timmins, living here with Mr. and Mrs. Blahay. In addition to the bereaved widow four sons and two daughters survive. One of the daughters is Mrs. N. Blahay, the other being Miss Mary Krupka, at home." "F. Ellis, of Kirkland Lake, was a Timmins visitor last week." "It

looks as if curling would be the great North Land winter sport this year. Timmins, South Porcupine and Englehart are now named as three of the places where the curlers are unusually enthusiastic." "The first dealer of the season to be brought into Halleluybury was one shot near McLaren's Bay by J. H. Jory. It was a fine buck weighing 200 lbs." "According to The Northern News, the special constable at Cobalt against whom charges were recently made that he accepted money from persons of improper character, has left for Toronto, having first turned in his badge. The Cobalt council is not pressing the charges against him as he has left the district."

Border Cities Star:—California, we must admit, has it on the rest of us. Out there they have only two kinds of weather—perfect and unusual.

Little Trouble in North with Hallowe'en Tricks

Newspapers of the North seem to be agreed that this year in practically all of the towns and cities of the North, the Hallowe'en occasion passed off without any serious damage done anywhere. This was the case in Timmins, where the youngsters had a big time but played the game in very creditable fashion. Here there were large numbers of youngsters out with bags and baskets and duly masked and otherwise disguised asking door to door for apples or candy or anything else that might be given. Most of the youngsters had a big time at this game, and it was surprising how many people had candies and apples ready for the youngsters when they called. Also it was remarkable how many homes ran out of the supply of eatables before the night was over. Still further it is worthy of note that the youngsters seemed to enter in the game in the right way and they had a happy time without annoying anyone. One amusing case was that of a lady with a small boy who was anxious to go out with a bag for Hallowe'en. He was only a little lad but selected a big bag, of course. He was allowed to go but his mother felt that if her boy were going out she should see that other children were well treated if they called at her home. Accordingly she secured a generous supply of apples and candies for the youngsters that might call. There were several that called and everything was all right. The little lad of the house returned home about nine, staggering under a filled bag. He had gathered up more apples and candy than the mother had found ample to provide for the youngsters calling at her house.

About the Future of the Nipissing Central Railway

The Halleluyburian last week says:—"The future of the Nipissing Central Railway is proving something of a problem, both to the municipalities which have depended on its service and to the new T. & N. O. Commission and the new general manager of that railway which operates the N.C.R. It has long been known that the electric railway, in common with many others in country, does not pay its way, but its

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operation has been continued in spite of this, in order that this part of the district might be given a service that has proved of great convenience. However, it appears that the time is coming when a change will have to be made. Listening to the discussion on Monday between the railwaymen and the local town council, one became convinced that the new management had the same sympathetic feeling towards the people here that was evidenced by the former officials and that the needs of the district were being considered. It was quite plain that the new general manager of the T. & N. O., Mr. Cavanagh, had no intention of riding roughshod over the wishes of the three towns, but that he was giving the question serious consideration. What the outcome will be remains to be seen, but in any event it appears certain that some means of reasonably quick communication between the towns will be provided, if and when the present service is finally discontinued."

London Free Press:—The forgotten man in Toronto today seems to be Dr. McQuibban, Liberal House leader in the last legislature.

North Bay Nugget:—A deep-sea diver has gone to Loch Ness, Scotland, to hunt the monster reported there. But why should he? With prohibition repealed, he could get just as good liquor on this continent.

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