

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

On Jan. 13th, 1925, the annual meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade was held in the council chamber with T. F. King, president for 1924, in the chair. There was a comparatively small attendance and the question was asked more than once "Why do not the merchants and others show more interest in the Board of Trade and help in this necessary and valuable work for the community?" W. S. Macpherson, secretary-treasurer presented his annual report which showed a membership of 68 and an average attendance at meetings of 12. President King referred to the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade which was to be held in Timmins early in February and urged that it be made a specially attractive event. He also suggested that plans be perfected to co-operate with the special committee of the Associated Boards in urging upon the government the building of necessary roads in the North. A definite plan was necessary with co-operation and agreement among the centres of the North. Max Ryan mentioned the change in the freight tariff on ties. It had added about 15 cents per tie to the cost of shipping to North Bay and practically put the tie industry in this part of the country out of business, particularly in the case of the smaller contractors. It was explained that the increased shipping cost was not an increase in freight tariffs but rather the placing of ties in the same category as lumber. This brought the meeting to a general discussion of freight rates, which were considered too high. It was suggested that a committee be appointed to look into the rates and obtain data but on the advice of G. A. Macdonald the president and secretary were instructed to write the T. & N. O. immediately. Mr. King was nominated as president again but declined as he had held the position for two years. H. G. Laidlaw and G. A. Macdonald retired in favour of Councillor F. M. Wallingford who was elected president for 1925 by acclamation. Mr. Laidlaw accepted the vice-presidency. Mr. Macpherson retired from the secretaryship owing to the press of other business.

Mr. Chas. Pierce returned this week from a visit to his pine limits in Sisk Township, some half a hundred miles north of North Bay. Mr. Pierce is delighted with the limits and the pine thereon. "They laughed at me for paying a big price for this timber but it looks all right now," he said. The pine is recognized as the finest in the North Land. One stick ran 2300 feet of the finest white pine. There are 36 square miles in the limit. Well-appointed camps and about 150 contented men at work are some of the features noted by Mr. Pierce on his visit," says The Advance of ten years ago.

The Advance of Jan. 14th, 1925, carries the following story:—"Fire did much damage at the Dome Mine offices

about 3 o'clock on Sunday morning. The blaze started in one of the offices, the cause of the fire not being known. Before the fire was brought under control the lower part of the building was gutted and damage done to the upper part of the building. The office of the geologist was the worst sufferer but the offices of the general manager and general superintendent were also injured by the flames. No maps or records were spoiled except in the geologist's office, the material from the other offices being in the vault overnight. The intense cold made fire-fighting difficult but the fire brigade did excellent work. It will be about three weeks before the necessary repairs can be completed to put the offices back in shape."

Ten years ago on Jan. 12th and 13th the two I.O.O.F. lodges in the Porcupine held their election of officers. At Timmins on the 13th D.D.G.M. Bro. Young of Cochrane assisted by Bros. Warrell, Cochrane, Forbes, Johnson, of Matheson; Starling, of Porcupine; Whyte and Leaman of Timmins duly installed the new officers in their respective positions as follows: J.P.G. Bro. Cowan; N.G. Bro. McHugh; V.G. Bro. Musket; R.S. Bro. Smith; F.S. Bro. Eddy; Treasurer, Bro. Harris; Warden, Bro. Newman; Conductor, Bro. Henderson; O.G. Bro. Lavin; J.G. Bro. Robinson; P.S.N.G., Bro. Urquhart; L.S.N.G., Bro. Katz; R.S.V.G. Bro. Cornthwaite; L.S.V.G., Bro. Scott; R.S.S., Bro. Geddes; L.S.S. Bro. Mansfield; Chaplain, Bro. Bailey. Following the installation, speeches were made by the elected officers and the visiting brothers, after which the fourth degree was exemplified, every one showing special aptitude in the work.

At South Porcupine on the 12th the ceremony was conducted by Bro. M. A. Young, D.D.G.M. ably assisted by Bro. Warrell, Cochrane, Dan Johnson, J. M. Forbes, Matheson; Wilder, Alf Luxton, Iroquois Falls; N. Leaman, Timmins; M. Smith, Geo. Starling, Porcupine. After the ceremony of the installation Bro. Young presented Bro. Cliff Jemmett, retiring Past Grand, with a P.G. Jewel. Short speeches were made by Bros. Johnson, Forbes, Boyle, Warrell, Wilder, Luxton, Leaman and Whyte. Officers installed were: J.P.G. Cliff Jemmett; N.G. Bro. Hughes; V.G. T. Gibbons; R.S., Geo. Starling; F.S. Reg Vaughan; Treasurer, G. T. S. Train; R.S.N.G. W. S. Harry; L.S.N.G. F. Richards; R.S.V.G., J. Aitken; L.S.V.G. R. Matthews; Chaplain, Alex. Hogg; Warden R. Sheppard; Conductor, P. J. Andrews; R.S.S., B. Cox; L.S.S., W. Y. Munroe; I.G., B. Webb; O.G., Ed Uren.

"J. A. Legris is the new mayor of Halleybury, having defeated the other candidate in the contest, Mr. Foppleton, by a majority of 25," says The Advance of Jan. 14th, 1925.

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and particular moral and inspiration for many at this time in the statement made by Bradstreet that eighty-four per cent. of all firms that fail are non-advertisers."

Notes of ten years ago:—"Miss Millie Lehman of Matheson, is reported ill with ptomaine poisoning thought to be due to eating some canned fruit." "W. McKnight was re-elected mayor of New Liskeard by acclamation. Mr. McKnight, who takes a very active and helpful part in Board of Trade matters, is known throughout the district as a loyal and useful worker for New Liskeard." "At a children's party a little boy was attempting to twist a little girl's arm. The little girl, a vigorous and determined young person, managed to struggle free, and, as she did so, hurried at the tormentor the indignant protest, 'Herbert Johnson, I am not your wife.'" "Some days ago some unknown party threw a brick through the window of the house of the constable at Elk Lake, narrowly missing the constable's head." "Provincial Officer Fenwick, of Porquis Junction, leaves this week for Toronto to undergo an operation for a peculiar condition of his jaw. Some months ago while making a search of a farmhouse near Connaught, the woman of the house being searched struck him over the neck and jaw with a broom handle. Since then, he has been unable to completely remedy the injury. It is thought that a nerve was injured by the blow. In any event he has been deprived of the proper use of his jaw and an operation has been ordered to remedy the trouble." "Mr. W. J. Post is the new reeve of Buckle township." "There are 292 students enrolled this year at the North Bay Normal School." "Daily newspapers have been publishing pictures recently of a motor car that will climb a flight of stairs."

Wonderful improvements have been made and are being made in automobiles. In a few years it is probable that there will be a motor car that will travel on North Country roads, even in the spring and fall. "The mother of Roy Billbrough, Kirkland Lake, died at Toronto recently through an old type of accident. She was seventy years of age and while getting ready to take a bath she slipped and fell, breaking several ribs where her side struck against the bath in the fall. She died a few hours after the accident." "The Christmas time saw a number of very interesting presentations in connection with the workers of the Baptist church in Timmins. The pastor, Rev. M. R. Hall, was presented with a well-filled purse. Mr. T. A. Skelly, the faithful and capable choir leader, was presented with a beautiful bound Bible. The girls of Mrs. McFadden's Sunday School class presented their teacher with a handsome reading lamp and an address of appreciation, the address being read by Miss Maimie Borland."

One of the big events of the week ten years ago was Bachelors' Night at the local Caledonian Society. Programme, entertainment and refreshments were all in charge of the unmarried members of the club, though, according to The Advance, Mr. A. Roberts had to be designated a bachelor for the evening to ensure the success of the refreshment end of a very successful affair. After the business part of the meeting was concluded, President D. Mackie turned over the chair to R. H. Gray. Among those who took active parts in the programme were Messrs A. Gordon, J. Bridges, J. Cunliffe, D. R. Twaddle, J. Liddell, W. Thompson, Mrs. T. Twaddle, and Miss Harman. During the evening President Mackie made reference to the expected departure of two valued members, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who were returning to Scotland. They were made honorary member of the society and were wished bon voyage by the members of the society.

A report of the work done by the Children's Aid Society for the District of Cochrane covering the period from May, 1924, to December, 1924, by Oscar Robertson, local superintendent then, was published in The Advance ten years ago. The Cochrane District Children's Aid was organized in May, 1924. Formerly it had been under the Temiskaming C.A.S. Headquarters were established at Timmins for work done in the judicial district of Cochrane, including Timmins, South Porcupine, Schumacher, Porquis Junction, Iroquois Falls, Ansonville, Matheson to Kenngami Lake, Cochrane east to Grant. Officers were Chas. V. Gallagher, South Porcupine, president; Albert Taylor, Cochrane, first vice-president; F. K. Ebbitt, Iroquois Falls, second vice-president; D. Johnson, Matheson, third vice-president; D. Sutherland, Timmins, treasurer; O. Robertson, Timmins, local superintendent and secretary. The executive committee was composed of the mayors, Reeves, and clergy of the district with the members of the federal and provincial houses as honorary presidents. During the time covered by the report seven applications were received for children, 24 were received from the juvenile court, 13 were made wards, six were sent to industrial schools, four were given suspended sentence, 31 investigations were made in homes of the district, 25 office interviews were given, 28 attendance at court were necessary, eight wards were placed in private homes, two were sent to the Halleybury shelter, 3000 miles were travelled on business of the society, 135 pieces of mail were received and 160 despatched, 700 miles more were travelled visiting wards outside the town, and 20 wards were visited. For finances the society received grants from the towns of Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Matheson, Dome, Hollinger and McIntyre mines; Abitibi Power and Paper Co.; Township of Tisdale; A. S. Fuller; Timmins fire department; I.O.D.E.; H. Webb; Porcupine Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and the Abitibi Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

Members of the Roman Catholic separate school board elected for 1925 were:—D. Laprarrie, J. E. Newton, and F. Kehoe. There was more interest in the election than usual, as a large percentage of the total possible vote was polled.

Some Make Money in the Mining Stocks

It Requires Good Judgment and Courage, but it is Done in Some of the Best Families. Some Examples

There was a time when the newspapers were full of stories of the money being made in Cobalt, Porcupine and other mining places. Ever hear about the fortunes made in the Yukon? Once it appeared as if there wasn't anything but making money in mining towns and mining stocks. But there was a time when everything seemed to change. With the trial of the brokers some years ago the impression seemed to be generally spread that there was nothing but losses in mining stocks. Articles in the newspapers and even books have been written about the money lost in speculation in mining stocks. Of course all this doesn't prove that there is nothing but loss in mining investments. All it proves is that there are fashions in newspaper material used, and that a lot of newspapers follow fashion slavishly without knowing what they may be doing. Of course there is money lost in mining towns and mining stocks. There are no lines in which losses are not suffered in this funny world. But there is another side to the picture. This other side is well worth consideration. It is very effectively dealt with by W. J. Gorman, who writes the ever interesting column, "Grab Samples," in The Northern Miner. Here is what Friend Gorman says:—"One hears a good deal about the losers in the mining market but not so much of the winners. Yet a great many people have made a lot of money in the past few years out of mining shares or now have holdings which have a large marketable value. To offset yarns about the widows and old maid school teachers who lost all there is the authentic story of a professional man in a Northern Ontario town who was fortunate enough to be given an opportunity to buy Little Long Lac stock at 25 cents. He scraped up \$750 and secured 3,000 shares. Not long ago he met one of the officials of the company and told him that this purchase had been a godsend to him. When the shares went to \$7 he sold a thousand to secure a sum adequate to put his son through a college course, the funds for which had not been otherwise available. In addition he has 2,000 shares worth about \$14,000, which he is holding for dividends. The transaction, in brief, had revealed him of pressing financial worries, secured a professional education for his boy and left him with an asset of considerable actual and perhaps greater potential value. In telling of his experience he did not fail to express his gratitude to the mining official who had given him the opportunity to do a little speculating in mining shares.

"Another case comes to mind. A stockographer in a mining office had made a little money in the market and had a chance to buy the first issue of a gold mine stock, to the tune of 5,000 shares. While her courage might have resulted in the loss of her little stake it today stands responsible for a win of \$35,000. She has been able to afford a husband which is something in these days.

"Judging by the reports that come to this office many people have made money in mining shares. A few days ago a visitor pointed across the street to a \$2,000 car and said he won it out of one particular issue in a few weeks. A reader listing his stocks, valued at about \$83,000, said they represented an original investment—of speculation—of \$2,300 made over a period of several years. In the interim he had extracted a considerable sum in dividends.

"One very old man has been a consistent dabbler in mining shares, although his own particular business had nothing to do with the industry and he lives far from a mining atmosphere. His selections have been remarkably good and his winnings must be very large. Every six months he comes in to review the situation and to check over losses and gains.

"There must be something about the medical profession that makes its practitioners good speculators. A surprising number of medics become interested in mining, as one may note from a study of mining company directors. It is said, too, that all the doctors and dentists in the country are

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"However, mining speculators or investors are not confined to any one trade or profession. The railroaders, for example, take fliers and follow the progress of their companies with intelligent interest. Western farmers (and where do they get the money?) are good customers of the brokers and promoters. Ontario livestock men, Nova Scotia apple growers, British Columbia lawyers and Quebec business men reveal their identities occasionally as chance takers and frequently as winners in a business of which they can normally have little first hand knowledge. Of course the mining camps provide the greatest percentage of share-buysers. Even up in the Arctic they get radio quotations of mine shares six days a week and make their commitments through Edmonton brokers by wireless.

"No matter how dull the market may be there are always some share seekers. As a matter of fact a good many patient people wait for slumps and pick up bargains when others are willing to offer them. Later they modestly announce their purchase price at a time when market excitement offers them large profits. Others have a yen for "averaging down" their cost, apparently having heard sometime that this is a good practice, whereas it often is a debatable course. Then there are those who can be "re-loaded" a strange type who will continue to buy, time after time, the same stock in the same enterprise with the same unvarying lack of success.

"One of the oddest cases of which the writer has knowledge is that of a Northern business man who had achieved remarkable success over a period of years in his speculating activities. He came to be regarded as a sort of gambling authority and had built up a considerable fortune by a series of shrewd moves, some of which were rather spectacular. When he finally, in 1928, converted his holdings into cash he fell in love with a certain mining project of dubious merit and developed an ambition to own a majority stock interest. He bought the shares in blocks and in reams, refusing to listen to the counsel of his friends,

He finally got what he was after and had himself elected president of what proved to be a worthless enterprise, into which he had sunk the large winnings of years. He was reduced to turning to a small business enterprise which barely kept him going. Obviously his speculating experience had failed to teach him the fundamental fact that it is ore and not market activity that counts in the long run.

Gogama Wolf Appears to be After Record for Size

Sudbury at present is boasting the presence of a dead wolf that seems to be a record for size for the timber wolf variety. The animal is seven and a half feet long from tip of nose to the end of its tail, without their nose or tail being unduly long. Alive, the beast stood two and a half feet high. Its claws are an inch and a half long. Altogether it was the set of an animal that no one would want any dear little Red Riding Hood's meet in any Gogama forest. Fortunately this monster timber wolf did not meet any little girl or boy. Instead it met a trapper with a gun and he trapper was able to draw the trigger before the wolf got those claws to work on him. Just how the story happened and progressed is told as follows:—"Two weeks ago C. D. D. Gogama, trapper, was making the rounds of his trap lines. Rounding about of a creek after examining a minitrap, he found himself not 12 feet from a wolf the size of none other he had ever seen in his life. With the wind at its back, the animal had not scented the man approaching. Perhaps, down arrogant by its power, the husk beast refused to be disturbed by a lone trapper. Rising over the bones of a rabbit which had just before crossed its path, with blood and fur crusting its paws, the lordly beast bristled and snarled a challenge at the amazed trapper. Recovering his senses and mentally thanking a Deity who had allowed him the protection of a life, Mr. Potvin raised his weapon and as the beast tensed for its leap the bullet sped true to its mark and the wolf dropped in its tracks, shot through the head."

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