

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The big Twelfth of July celebration in this district ten years ago was held at Timmins. It was the first time the district Orangemen had chosen Timmins as their centre and more than 125 members of lodges from Timmins, Schumacher, Connaught and Cochrane took part in the big "walk." A programme of sports was given at the ball grounds and a highland fling competition was another interesting feature. Addresses of the afternoon were given by Mayor J. A. McInnis, Rev. J. D. Parks, Rev. T. Armstrong Sales and Rev. M. H. Hall.

So successful was the farmers' market of 1924 that the council decided in July of 1925 to open the curling rink again for the convenience of farmers, market gardeners, settlers and the citizens of Timmins. As an outlet for Northern Ontario produce, economically handled, the market had proved its worth and had been a boon to the people at large. Other matters up for discussion at the same meeting of the council had to do with the general condition of the town. Water mains and sewers were asked by residents of many streets and other civic improvements were asked. Council refused most of them, as they entailed expensive rock cuts. It was proposed that the projects be put before the electors of the town, for the rentals would not cover the cost of installation and would have to be carried by the taxpayers. A plan for 50 lots in a townsite out near the cemetery was approved by the council, following re-consideration by the promoters on advice of the council, of a considerable number of lots that were in swampy ground.

Lieut. A. J. Harvey of Timmins, was making a name for himself in the shooting competition at Bisley, England, ten years ago. He won prizes in the Duke of Cambridge squadded competition, won a prize in the Ecock Exchange match, won a prize in the Wimbledon cup with 33 out of a possible 35, and was doing remarkably well in the Conan Doyle Challenge Statuette squadded competition. Lieut. Burke, of Ottawa, the famous sharpshooter, had won the Wimbledon cup with a perfect score. Lieut. Harvey was com-

missioned in the Algonquin Rifles. Mrs. J. R. Todd was the winner of a putting contest in the ladies' section of the Timmins Golf Club ten years ago. Mrs. A. F. Brigham was the winner in the driving contest the same day. Rev. T. Armstrong Sales preached an inspiring sermon to Timmins and Schumacher Orangemen when they had their 1925 church parade just previous to the Twelfth of July. The morning service was held in the Schumacher Union Church, but the evening service had to be held in the Empire theatre, so large was the attendance.

The main road to South Porcupine was closed ten years ago for rebuilding. Contractors promised in July that the road would be ready for traffic by September.

The death of Eugene Derway, who had been a popular resident of Timmins for nine years, occurred in July, 1925. He and his family had lived on Commercial avenue. In addition to Mrs. Derway, there were Mrs. V. Clermont, Mrs. B. Bogue and Mrs. Ivan Stadelman, daughters, and Ray, a son employed at the Hollinger.

Following an agitation by the council of the town as well as the Board of Trade, representatives of express companies came to Timmins to see what they could do about extending the limits of express delivery. When they first considered it, they refused to include all parts of what was then included in the municipality but when they came to look the situation over, they decided that most could be included. Only a very few sparsely populated sections were omitted. J. K. Moore, then secretary of the Board of Trade, showed the visitors around town.

"There does not seem to be any way of stopping people, out of work and out of money, from coming to Timmins to be an added burden to this town," began an article in The Advance of ten years ago. Most of them came to "live on Timmins," rather than "live in Timmins," it was stated. Relief in those days was costing the town about \$1200 a month, which was considered a tremendous sum. "It is not at all surprising that business men find conditions poor at present or that half a dozen firms have been forced to compromise with their creditors in as many weeks. When there is a steady influx of workless and moneyless people, any town, no matter how prosperous, is sure to feel the ill effects," said the item. "When labour was badly needed in this camp, it seemed impossible to get any publicity in outside newspapers for this fact. Whether this was due to the fact that people were slow in realizing the possibilities of this country, or whether it was due to the sheer perverseness of human kind must remain for dispute. Now, however, when there is no need of attracting labour to the Porcupine, it would almost appear as if there were a conspiracy outside to saddle Timmins with all the unemployed of all Canada. One newspaper had a bombastic article prophesying that Timmins would have about 40,000 population in about three years or so, and implying that there was lots of work and lots of room for all. As a matter

of fact there are literally hundreds of unemployed here, with no present prospect of permanent work. It is a sin and a shame not to point out that at present this is a good place to keep away from for the man without money or work assured," commented The Advance in the story that seems to apply to-day as well as ten years ago. Just how far this adverse publicity had gone was indicated by a story appearing in the North Bay Nugget that told of a man walking from Port Colborne who was on his way to Timmins to seek work. He had his wife, wife's brother and five young children, ranging from four to twelve years in age. Their sole worldly possession, a few bed clothes, cooking utensils and a rug or two, were hauled on two small children's wagons and on which the children took turns in riding. They learned only when they reached North Bay that the tales of work for all in Timmins were false, and a friend advised them to try to find work on some of the farms near North Bay or Sudbury.

Timmins' football team of ten years ago was going along so nicely that it was predicted they would win the Dickson Cup with little effort. They won from Kirkland Lake 1-0 in the first of a home and home series.

The first time Timmins new fire truck of 1925 was used for an alarm in the Gilles Lake district. "Just as there was dissatisfaction at the Firemen's Tournament at South End over the use of the motor truck in place of the horses, so Wednesday night, many missed the dash of the horses from the hall. So accustomed are people to the spectacular promptness with which the big greys came tearing out of the hall and be well out of sight before the alarm quit ringing, that the motor equipment actually seems slower," said the news story of a fire at the home of Angus Coules, 66 Lake Shore Road, Tisdale township. A long line of hose had to be laid from the nearest town hydrant and although the house was saved, the upper part of the structure was badly burned.

Officers of the Gold Nugget Rebekahs No. 173, was held in Timmins on July 8th, 1925. Following were the officers: Sister E. Elliott, N.G.; Sister Cowan, V.G.; Sister E. Arnold, R.S.; Sister M. Shepherd, P.S.; Sister L. Johns, treasurer; Sister J. Kelly, Warden; Sister H. Rutherford, Com.; Sister M. Murley, I.G.; Sister S. Johnson O.G.; Sister N. McCarthy, R.S.N.G.; Sister Geddes, L.S.N.G.; Sister C. Cross, R.S.V.G.; Sister K. Cameron, L.S.V.G.; Sister E. Saykch, Chap.; Sister Rose Anderson, I.P.N.G.; and Sister M. Cameron, pianist.

Editorially, The Advance was still carrying on a battle, this time in 1925, for the settlers who sold pulp to the Mattagami Pulp and Paper Company, who had not paid for it, nor had they taken any steps to pay up until that time. The Nugget of North Bay had published an article to the effect that the settlers had little chance of getting the "mere" \$23,000 due, about \$450 per settler. "From the settler's standpoint, this sort of argument appears to be adding insult to injustice," comments The Advance in an editorial asking that the government step in, investigate the whole affair and see that the hard working settlers were properly dealt with. "It is perfectly true that by figures it can be proven that the average loss to each settler is only a matter of \$400 or \$500. But while high finance that sum is paltry, to the settler it is a matter of very life or death so far as being a successful settler is concerned. If the amount is so paltry, why do not the big high finance fellows pay it and be done with the whole affair?" asked The Advance.

Work of macadamizing the road to the Dome from South End was under way ten years ago this summer. Another little story from the Dome follows: "Mr. Licorice, our popular West Indian, was asked why he didn't go for a trip up in the hydroplane and he stated that "terra firma" was good enough for him, the more "firmah," the less "terrah."

A plea for roads in the Shillington district was contained in another news story in The Advance ten years ago. Settlers living six miles from Shillington had at that time no road facilities at all, it was stated.

Officers installed at the Timmins I.O.O.F. lodge ten years ago were: Bro. Muskett, N.G.; Bro. Harris, V.G.; Bro. Smith, R.S.; Bro. Robinson, P.S.; Treas. Cooke, P.G.; Bro. Cowan, R.S.N.G.; Bro. Holland, L.S.N.G.; Bro. Katz, Warden; Bro. Stern, Cond.; Bro. Henderson, Chap.; Bro. Young, R.S.S.; Bro. Simms, L.S.S.; Bro. Brown, I.G.; Bro. Elliott, O.G.; Bro. Lorin, R.S.V.G.; Bro. Brough, L.S.V.G.

Dome Mines won the first first aid competition staged in this district, according to word received from Toronto ten years ago. George Wright had presented a silver shield for competition and it had been won by the Dome over Hollinger and O'Brien of Cobalt.

Timmins footballers won from Dome 4-1 in Dickson Cup series ten years ago. Timmins baseball club were going strong too and won a game from Iroquois Falls, 7-3.

Ten years ago a deputation from the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade interviewed the government of the province on several matters pertaining to the general condition of the North.

Locals in The Advance of ten years ago include:—"Mr. Syd Fairbrother is away on a holiday visit to the U.S.A." "Miss Jean Duff left on Sunday for a visit to friends at Winnipeg, Man." "Mrs. C. Taylor is spending a few days at Haileybury." "Messrs A. W. Pickering and J. K. Kennedy were weekend visitors from Timmins to Iroquois Falls." "Mrs. A. G. Carson and Misses Evelyn and Pat are visiting friends in Swastika." "Mrs. Dodd, and son Morgan, left last Thursday morning for a visit to Cobalt." "Born—at the Cairns hospital, Timmins, on June 21st, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ducharme—a

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son." "Mr. E. C. Rodgers manager of the Sylvanite mine, Kirkland Lake, was a visitor to town this week." "Mr. Jas. Fuller has returned from his farm at Shillington to take permanent residence in Timmins." "Mrs. Geo. Pond and Master Jim left on Saturday for a few weeks visit with friends and relatives in Cobalt." "Mr. Wm. Andrews of the Bank of Montreal staff here returned last Friday evening from a two weeks' vacation at his home in Belleville, Ont." "Miss Lena Nicholson of Montreal who for the past two weeks has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tierney, left on Saturday morning." "Born—at the Cairns hospital, Timmins, Ont., on Monday, July 6th 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Greening, Gold Centre—a daughter." "Born—in Timmins Ont., on Friday, July 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Hudson, at 161 Cedar street north—a son (Norman Robert)." "Mr. John W. Eedy, editor and publisher of the St. Mary's Journal-Argus, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Arch Gillies." "Mr. J. W. Faithful left last week for Corning, N.Y., where he and Mrs. Faithful are spending a holiday visit with relatives and friends." "Mr. Geo. W. Lee, chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission, accompanied by Mr. J. A. McLeod, general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and Mrs. McLeod, and Senator Geo. Gordon of North Bay and Mrs. Gordon were visitors last week to Timmins in the private car Temagami." "Mrs. J. D. MacLean left this week for a visit to friends in the South." "Mrs. N. Leaman and son Clem are visiting friends in the South." "Mrs. Fortin, who has been the guest of her son, Mr. E. Fortin, returned last week to her home in Cobalt." "Mrs. S. A. Caldwell is this week the guest of Sheriff and Mrs. Caldwell, Haileybury." "Mrs. W. McCord and children and Mrs. Sparling are visiting friends and relatives near Ottawa." "Mr. Austin Cooke, formerly of Toronto, but now of New Lislerly, was a visitor to Timmins last week." "Messrs J. Massie and G. N. Moore returned Monday evening from a trip to the Old Country." "Mr. and Mrs. James C. Norton, of Montreal, were the guests of Mrs. Nicholas Norton, Fine street." "Born—in Timmins

Ont., on Saturday, July 4th, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nusham, Commercial avenue—a son (Richard John)." "Mr. H. M. Porteous of the Huntin Mine, Kirkland Lake, was a visitor to Timmins over the week-end. Mr. Porteous was formerly one of the popular residents of the camp in the earlier days." "Mr. P. T. Phelan of Toronto, president of the Canadian Railways News Company, was the guest of Col. Worthington over the week-end. Mr. Phelan was accompanied by his grandson, Tom, who will spend the summer of Ottawa, is in town with a view to arranging a carpenters and joiners union here. Mr. Green addressed a meeting of carpenters at the Empire hotel last night." "Entrance was made one evening last week to the basement of Hollinger stores, by the prying open of the Yale padlock. Nothing was taken from the cellar and the thieves did no further harm than the destruction of the padlock. This is the second time that forcible entry has been made to the rear of Hollinger stores." "Miss Emma Trofford is on a two weeks' vacation to Sudbury and vicinity." "Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dye left this morning for the South. Mrs. Dye will visit Cobalt, and Mr. Dye will go on to the Mining Association meeting at Sudbury." "Dr. George, provincial medical Health Officer for the North Land, is a visitor to town this week." "Mr. and Mrs. J. Knox and daughters left this morning for a visit to the South."

Not Necessary to Burn the House to Enjoy Roast Pork

(San Francisco Argonaut)

If the wealth of the nation were in lump sums and exclusively in the hands of persons who had amassed it by illegal and reprehensible means, it might be possible to invoke confiscatory taxation and accomplish some small redistribution of wealth. But in our intricate interlocking system of economies, if your crusader for social increase starts out after some arch-fiend in human form he invariably ends up by creating untold havoc to the economic structure he is bent upon stabilizing. The Chinese boy in Charles Lamb's famous essay finally discovered that it was not necessary to burn down his house every time he wanted roast pork, but the supermen at Washington have not learned this simple fact.

Ottawa Citizen:—There is hardly anybody in the world who knows about the existence of money who does not believe that at some time or other he will have a lot of it—preferably without working. It is probably this ingrained conviction which causes the ready popular acceptance of get-rich-quick schemes, no matter how outlandish they may be.

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Earnings for 12 Months Ending May 31st, 1935, Show Increase Over the Previous Year

Accompanying the dividend cheques on the preferred stock of the Canada Northern Power Corporation, Limited, there is the usual financial statement and review of the company's business by B. V. Harrison, vice-president and general manager. Mr. Harrison says in part:—

"The steady progress that has characterized the company's operations for some years past has been maintained, as will be seen by reference to the following comparative statement of the company's earnings during the twelve months ended May 31st, last, together with the figures for the corresponding period ended May 31st, 1934.

	12 Months Ending May 31st, 1935	12 Months Ending May 31st, 1934
Gross Earnings	4,297,008.88	3,865,105.85
Operating and Maintenance	1,556,182.98	1,203,929.41
Net earnings	2,740,825.90	2,661,176.44

"This satisfactory result has been made possible by the activity in the mining areas served by the company, which are all in a prosperous condition. Most of the established mines are being operated to capacity, some of which are adding to their equipment or extending their operations.

"In the Northwestern Quebec field the mill at Lamaque Gold Mines has been completed and placed in operation, thereby bringing the property into production, while a similar result has been achieved at the property of Canadian Malartic Gold Mines, Limited. "At the Arntfield Gold Mines, Limited, mill construction has been practically completed, and it is expected that this property will shortly be in-

creasing its power demand. "The return of better prices for silver has had the effect of stimulating operations in the Cobalt camp, many small groups having undertaken the search for ore considered unprofitable when silver was low in price.

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Geo. C. Murphy Leave for Trip to Bonnie Scotland

The following letter was received last week from Geo. C. Murphy, formerly of Schumacher and Timmins, and one of the pioneer residents of the Porcupine camp. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy and family were among the most popular and esteemed residents of the district, and have hosts of friends here, and the letter is passed along for the interest of all.

Unionville, Ont., July 10th, 1935

To the Editor of The Advance, Timmins.

Dear "Advance":—I have great pleasure in "beating you to it" by enclosing my renewal for the paper before I get a dinner. I am cleaning up a few odds and ends (no disrespect to The Advance) as I am leaving for Bonnie Scotland to-morrow evening. Sailing Friday morning from Montreal and expect to be away about five or six weeks. Best wishes and kind regards, Very truly, Geo. C. Murphy.

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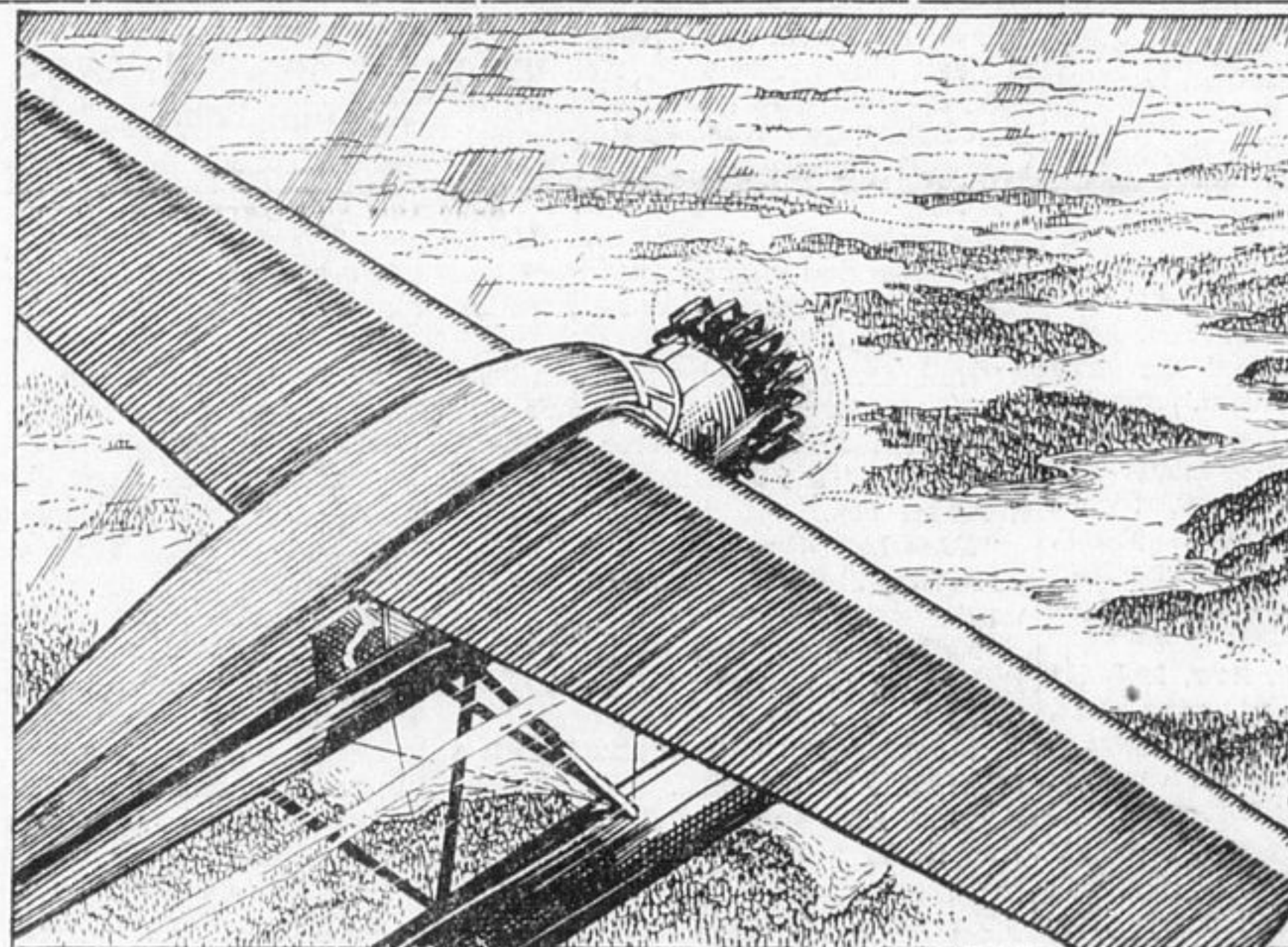
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