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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

A tragedy that shocked the whole of Timmins occurred just ten years ago this week when D. W. O'Sullivan, well-known local lawyer, fell from the stern of the steamer Minga and was drowned before he was able to reach shore. Mr. O'Sullivan came to Timmins in 1917, not long after he had been in town representing the firm with which he had been associated in Toronto—Slight and Slight. He was highly thought of here, not only as a fine lawyer but also in many community activities. How the accident happened was never discovered. He had been sitting on a chair on the stern deck when the little steamer turned to go down to Sandy Falls. A few seconds later his friends saw him in the water, swimming for shore. Just a few yards from safety, he sank.

A Nellie Lake man, shot by a woman in an early morning affray during August of 1925, was given a chance for recovery at the Cairns hospital almost a month after all hope had been given up. He had bled a great deal both inwardly and outwardly following the entrance of a bullet near the shoulder

and its lodging near the kidneys. "He had lost enough blood to mean the death of an ordinary man," said a doctor in The Advance. A specialist, brought up from Toronto, and a local physician, performed an operation on the man to stop the internal bleeding and the patient's extraordinary vitality pulled him through.

C. McGrath, of Iroquois Falls, was drowned while duck shooting at Frederickham lake in September of 1925. According to a story published in The Advance, the hunter had stood up in a canoe to take a shot at a flock of ducks. The recoil threw him clear of the boat and his heavy clothing, particularly the hip rubber boots, dragged him to bottom. He had been employed at the Abitibi mill in the paper town.

Work was begun in the fall of 1925 on macadamizing the road from Dome to South Porcupine. The Dome Ex. road was used then as a detour. Provincial police seized a shipment of 40 gallons of alcohol coming into Timmins ten years ago this week. It arrived by freight car just about the same time as Constable Finger investigated a tip. The person to whom the shipment was addressed failed to appear at police court, so the liquor was promptly shipped to police headquarters at Toronto.

Timmins had 14 blocks of paving completed in the fall of 1925 when the paving company finished its contract on time. The paving included six blocks of Third avenue; two of Pine, two of Spruce, two of Cedar, two of Fourth. There has been none added since that time.

In September of 1925, the Sisters of Providence were preparing for the opening of the new hospital. The improved Cairns hospital was located on

the corner of Spruce and Fifth streets. Mrs. Moffat, who operated the place previous to the Sisters taking it over, moved to a building on Balsam street.

Miss A. Sullivan, of South Porcupine, made a record at the Timmins Business College in 1925 when she completed with honours a course in bookkeeping and summary of commercial law in two and one-half months.

Tax rates in the Township of Tisdale for 1925, struck in September, were—School Section No. 1, 51 mills; S. S. No. 2, 34.7 mills; S. S. No. 3, 47.3 mills. Miss Olive Orr, daughter of Mr. Thomas Orr, of South Porcupine, was married on September 12th, 1925, to Mr. Frank Findlay, only son of Mrs. M. Findlay of New Liskeard. They were to live in New Liskeard.

On two days of the week of September 17th, 1925, \$71,000 was paid in at the town hall as taxes came due. During the part of the week to Thursday, \$100,000 was the total taken. The total to date for the year was \$126,000. Time for the first instalment was extended to September 22nd, in order to give everybody a fair chance to pay before a penalty was added. The biggest cheque was from the Hollinger.

Ten Timmins bakers were charged with selling bread not up to the standard weight. Only one bakery in Timmins escaped, that of John Watt, whose loaves were all found to be somewhat over the required weight. It is interesting to note that now, ten years later, Mr. Watt's son, Ian, is opening a bakery in Timmins.

The A.S.D. Club began activities early in the fall of 1925, after having disbanded for the summer months. The first event was a corn roast at Dalton's Park, followed by dancing at the Odd-fellows' hall.

A near fatality at the corner of Pine and Third ten years ago prompted an editorial in The Advance that carried a moral too little remembered by motor drivers of to-day. A child darted across the road, not looking where he was going, and ran into an oncoming motor car. Escape from death or serious injury seemed impossible. Yet the driver of the car, who had been driving slowly at the time, had complete control of his vehicle and was able to stop before a wheel passed over the little fellow's body. "The boy is to be congratulated on his escape. And the driver of the car is also to be congratulated sincerely for what he escaped. There are few drivers who would not be worried to the point of torture if they maimed or killed a child. It would be small comfort to be able to say that it was the child's own fault. There is no excuse as good as the carefulness that makes excuse unnecessary," said the editorial.

Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carey, of Schumacher, became the bride of Mr. William Drummond, son of Mr. Daniel Drummond of Ashton, Ont., in a pretty ceremony at the United Church in Schumacher on September 7th ten years ago. Item from Schumacher of 1925: "Mr.

Ivan Krankovich is erecting a skyscraper that promises to rival the famous Woolworth building. It is situated on the south of First avenue in the busy section and when completed will serve as a hotel and rooming house."

At the request of ten out of 13 business men on Third avenue between Balsam and Cedar streets, the town council of 1925 limited parking in that area to 20 minutes. The petition from the business men stated that far too many cars were left parked in front of busy places for hours at a time. Chinese in Timmins were given a warning by the council that they must not keep white girls employed in their places after 11 o'clock, or the town would pass a by-law making it an offence to employ a girl in such a place. Two men on Columbus avenue had built houses without having obtained permits and had made the roofs of wooden shingles. This was against the fire by-law, but the council left it up to the fire chief to decide what should be done. They had not known they should have obtained permits before beginning the work. Leo Mascioli, the lowest tenderer on some sewer installation work the town had to do, was given that job by the town council.

Prompt action of the Department of Public Works at Ottawa followed complaints in Timmins in 1925 that the Mattagami river was being blocked by logs entirely too much of the time. An inspector was sent up and conditions investigated. The river would be kept clear in the future, he promised.

A young man employed by Joyes United Amusements, a show that was playing in Timmins in the fall of 1925, fell down between two of the company's freight cars en route from New Liskeard to Timmins. He was rushed to the New Liskeard hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate a foot.

The Timmins Citizens Band gathered outside St. Mary's hospital on a September Sunday in 1925 and gave the patients a long and varied programme. Open air concerts were just about over for the year.

Locals in The Advance of ten years ago included: "Miss Maud Boyd has returned from a holiday visit spent in the South." "Miss L. Gibson of Toronto was a Timmins visitor last week." "Mr. C. I. Cameron is on a visit to Toronto." "Mrs. Henry Duncan returned last week after an extended visit to North Bay and Southern points." "Miss Lena Miller of New Liskeard was the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Eplett, last week." "Mrs. Anderson left last Monday morning for Toronto, called home by the serious illness of her mother." "Mr. McCamus of New Liskeard was the guest for some days of Dr. and Mrs. Minthorne." "Mrs. J. E. Belanger of Cachs Bay is visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. Beaulieu, 34 Hollinger Lane." "Mr. Thos. Lawrence returned on Sunday from a holiday visit to the South." "Mr. R. H. Unwin, of Ottawa, an expert on the organ and piano, has been secured as organist for the United Church at Haileybury." "Mr. R. Cornthwaite, of the Bank of Montreal staff, returned this week from Toronto, accompanied by his bride. The young couple are receiving the sincerest good wishes from all their friends here." "Mr. H. Egan of the Imperial Bank staff returned last Wednesday from a holiday spent in Montreal and Quebec. Among the Timmins people he met while away was Mr. A. E. Riddell, formerly of Moysey and Co. staff here, but now at Montreal. "Rid" wishes to be remembered to all old friends in Timmins and district." "Mr. W. McCracken has taken over charge of the meat department in N. Blahy's store and Mr. J. McEellan takes charge of the grocery department this week. With these two well-known and popular managers on the job, the Blahy store expects to be able to give even better service and satisfaction to the increasing list of customers." "Mrs. Edgar Welt and son are visiting Mrs. F. J. Walno." "Mr. F. Ellies returned this week from a holiday trip to the South." "Mrs. M. R. Hall and children returned last week from a holiday visit to the South." "Miss Annie McQuarrie of Iroquois Falls has joined the staff of the town office at Timmins." "Mr. John V. Lawlor left this week for a visit to his old home at Londonderry, Colchester county, N.S. Mr. Lawlor will be away a week." "Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hornby and Bert returned last week from a two weeks' vacation to Toronto and other points South." "Mr. J. W. Wray, who recently underwent an operation

in Toronto, returned to Timmins yesterday, feeling in the best of health again." Messrs. E. J. Meyers, P. M. Bardessono, D. Ostrosser, and H. J. Marshall returned Sunday evening from a visit to Toronto, Montreal and other points." "Mr. and Mrs. John Kilgour and family are away on their holidays. They shipped their car to North Bay and from there will motor to Kimberley, B.C., where Mrs. Kilgour's brother and sister reside. On their return they will take up residence on Tamarack street, having sold their property on Mountjoy street." "Mr. W. Dalzell returned last week from his visit to his old home in Ireland. He had a pleasant trip, the voyage over being especially fine and the time spent in Ireland passing most agreeably. The return voyage was not so delightful, the trip taking eleven days. Delays were occasioned by rough seas, storms, fog and icebergs." "Mr. H. Darling is carrying his arm in a sling these days, having badly cut his hand through having it caught in the fan of his motor boat. Diving in the water on Saturday night in efforts to recover the body of Mr. D. W. O'Sullivan set the recovery of the injured hand back through the cold, but this week the injured hand is back again on the men's and will soon be O.K. once more."

Probably Five Candidates in S. Temiskaming Riding

According to word from Haileybury and New Liskeard this week there may be five, or even more candidates running in the coming general Dominion election in the riding of South Temiskaming. Already there are four candidates and still this does not include the Stevens party. There is a general belief that the Stevens party will not be content to let South Temiskaming escape without a struggle. The organizer for the Stevens party is sure there will be a "Reconstruction" candidate. In discussing the question last week The Haileyburian had the following to say: "The entry of J. A. Legris, K.C., into the political fight in Temiskaming South brings up the number of candidates to four, with a strong possibility that a fifth hat will be in the ring before long. Reconstructionists are expected to contest the riding, it is stated, and a letter from J. Arthur Cooke, Northern Ontario organizer for the Stevens forces, intimated he would be in this district late this week to meet friends and discuss plans. Mr. Cooke has been organizing Nipissing and East Algoma, and South Temiskaming is next on his list. Names heard as possible candidates for the Stevens party include those of Bruce Williams, K.C., and Arley I. Wright, both of Kirkland Lake, but nothing definite has been announced. So far as Mr. Legris is concerned, his action has been anticipated for some time, rumours having linked his name with an independent candidacy."

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A despatch from Espanola says:—"The Sacred Heart Church of Espanola was the setting for a pretty wedding on Thursday morning when Helen Josephine Regan, of Espanola, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Regan, of North Bay, youngest son of Mr. James Devine and the late Mrs. Devine. The wedding and nuptial mass were conducted by Rev. Father T. J. Brennan, assisted by Rev. Father Humphrey, of North Bay, as deacon, and Rev. Father Tourangeau, of Massey, as sub-deacon. The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a gown of aquamarine transparent velvet made on fitted lines with a small matching turban with silver lace shoulder veil, and carried butterfly roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Kathryn Regan, sister of the bride, wore a gown of coral transparent velvet fashioned after that of the bride, with small matching turban, and carried a nosegay of rosebuds and blue cornflowers. The groom was assisted by his brother, Mr. A. Devine, of Timmins. Mrs. Fred Arthurs sang "Ave Maria" during the offertory. Miss Celestine Massel playing the organ softly throughout the service. The ushers were Mr. Clarence Gougeon, of Sudbury, and Mr. James Arthurs, of Espanola. After the reception and buffet breakfast served at the home of the bride's parents, 3 Spanish River Drive, the bridal couple left on a motor trip for points east. The bride travelled in a smart brown tweed coat flecked with mustard worn over a mustard crepe dress with brown accessories. On their return they will reside in North Bay. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. Cavanaugh, Miss Mary Cavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Devine, Mr.

Leslie Devine, Rev. Father Humphrey, of North Bay; Mrs. T. E. Regan, Mr. John H. Regan, Mrs. John Maxwell, Miss Mary Cavanaugh, of Toronto; Rev. Father Tourangeau, of Massey; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Belden, Miss Alice Belden, Miss Lena Wood, Mr. Tanny Gougeon, Mr. Joe Shames, of Sudbury; Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott, of Kirkland Lake.

Rev. Mr. Pinnington Not to Succeed Rev. Canon Hincks

The Haileyburian last week says:—"Rev. E. F. Pinnington of Port Sydney and formerly of Cobalt, will not be the new rector of St. Paul's Church to succeed Rev. Canon Hincks, according to word received on Monday from Bishop Smith. The Bishop informed the local committee that Mr. Pinnington had withdrawn his acceptance of the rectorship on the advice of his physician, who believed it would be unwise for him to move this far north. He still suffers from war disabilities. His Lordship informed the committee that another appointment would be made in the near future, but that some delay would be incurred until he communicated with other clergymen in the diocese whom he would recommend to St. Paul's. Canon Hincks will leave on Sunday evening for Port Arthur and services will likely be conducted by a lay reader in the interval."

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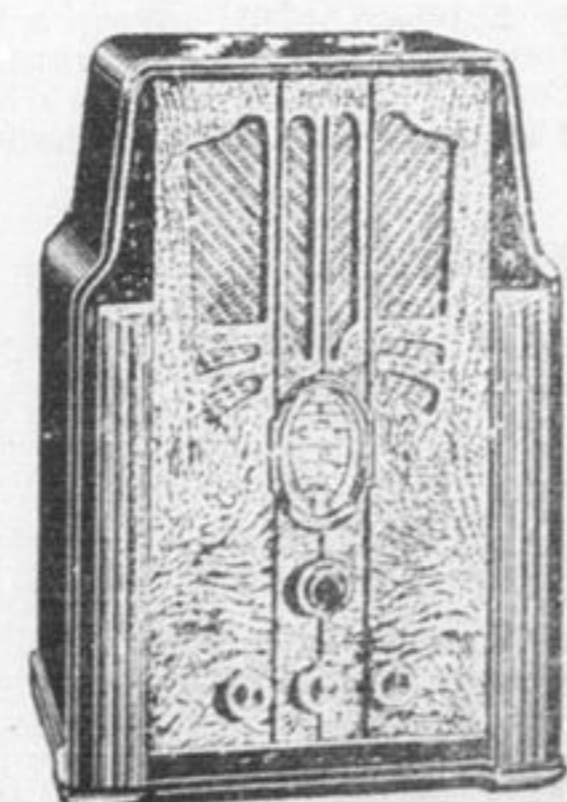
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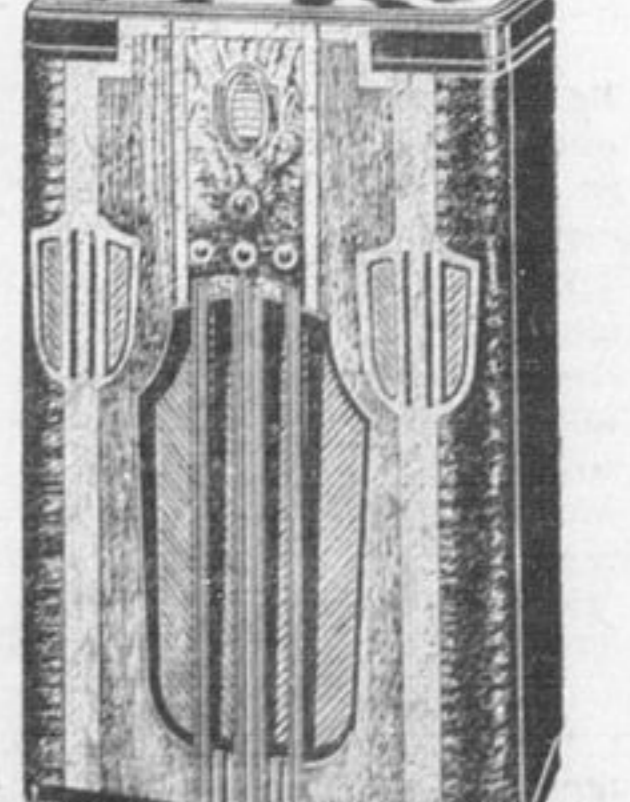
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