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TEN YEARS AGO
IN TIMMINS
 From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Dr. F. G. Banting, one of the research men of Toronto who developed insulin for the treatment of diabetes, was a guest in Timmins ten years ago this week, when a number of the members of the Toronto Board of Trade paid a visit to the North. The party was welcomed to Timmins by T. F. King, then president of the local board, and were shown through the Hollinger mine and conducted on a trip about town. One of the members was particularly impressed with the Empire hotel. Geo. W. Lee, then chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission, accompanied the party on its Northern trip.

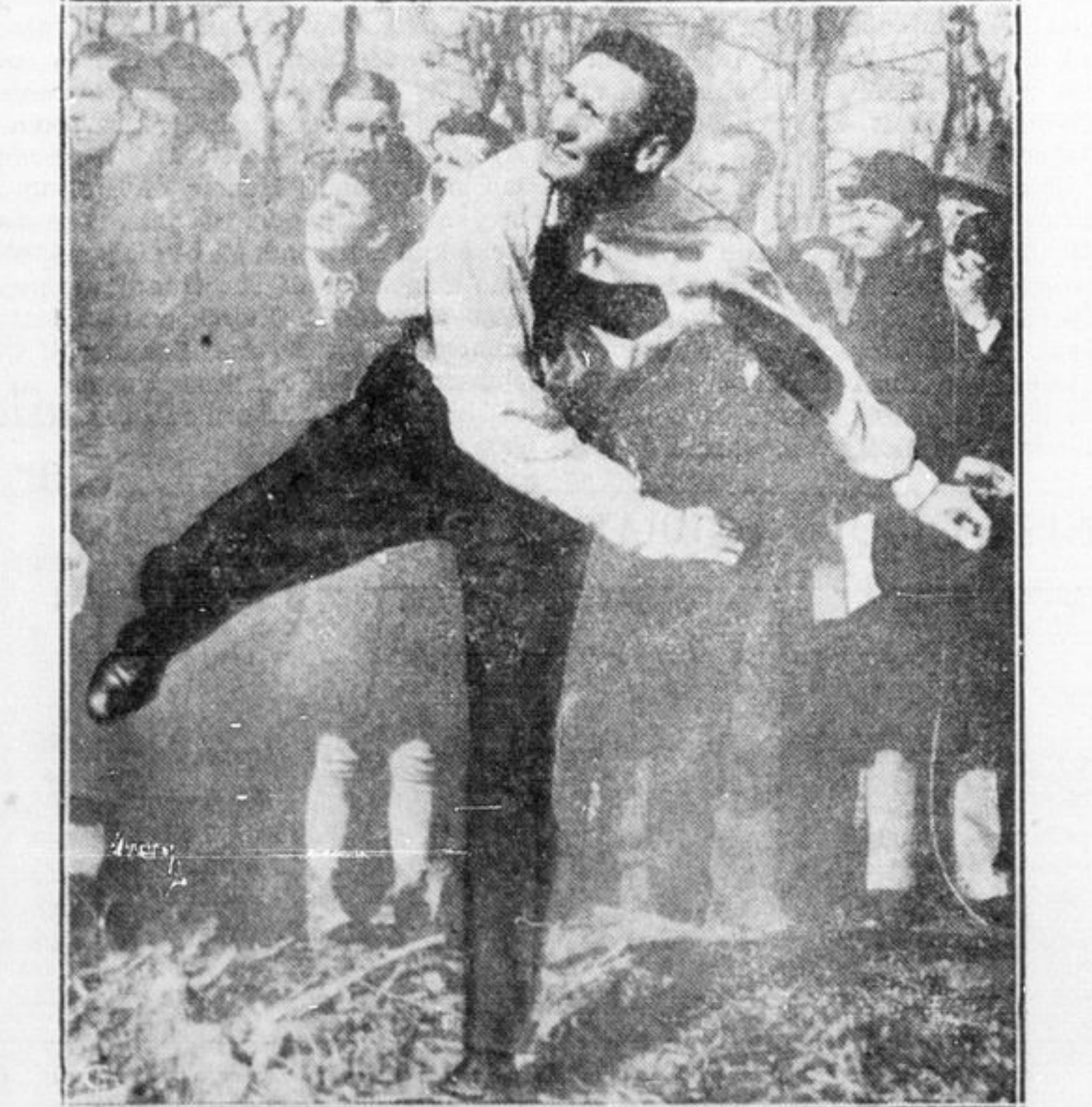
The Humane Society was doing great work in Timmins ten years ago. The society boasted a paid-up membership roll of 75 Porcupine district people, all of whom were anxious to help in the cause of making life easier for dumb animals. A great deal of good had been accomplished, according to an Advance story, in making people refrain from ill-treating horses and dogs; in making them provide proper shelter, attention for sickness and so on. Harry Browning and J. McKinnon were the local society's inspectors then but each member was expected to do his share in the work.

Timmins was in the midst of its second municipal election in an attempt to get a council for 1926 just ten years ago this week. An open letter from Mayor Dr. J. A. McInnis explained the situation to the electors and asked for the support of the electorate.

Hon. James Lyons, minister in the Ferguson government of Ontario ten years ago, resigned his cabinet post early in March of 1926. It was for business reasons, he said, and told the house that the Lyons Fuel Company, in which he was a principal, could not afford to turn down government orders. Rather than leave the government open to any embarrassment at all, he withdrew from the cabinet.

It was just ten years ago that the Timmins branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses was organized. Following requests from local medical men and other citizens, Miss M. E. Stevenson, of Ottawa, organizer for the V.O.N., came here and saw the thing away to a good start. Organized during the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria, the order had accomplished a great deal in Canada in the way of providing hospitals and nursing service. It was an enthusiastic meeting on Monday, March 1st, 1926, when the first steps were taken. The board of managers and officers was: Mrs. Charlebois, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Dorway, Miss Foster, Mrs. Halperin, Mrs. Keddie, Mrs. McInnis, Mrs. J. E. Newton, Mrs. W. Sampson, Mrs. D. Sutherland, Mrs. H. Zimmerman, P. Dougall, Robert Dye, J. Jamieson, T. F. King, J. Knox, A. Laprairie, E. L. Longmore, G. A. Macdonald, C. R. Murdoch, Mr. Saitta, the Mayor, Ed. Richards, President was P. Dougall, with Mrs. W. T. Sampson, Mrs. E. L. Longmore and Mrs. L. E. Dorway vice-presidents; Ed.

JOHNSON DUPLICATES WASHINGTON'S FEAT



Three times on Feb. 22nd the two hundred and fourth birthday of George Washington, did Walter Johnson, once the greatest speedball pitcher in baseball wind up the old pitching arm, and cast a metal disc out into space over the frozen Rappahannock river at Fredericksburg, Va., and twice he was successful in making the disc fall on the opposite shore. This did he duplicate twice the feat that George Washington reputedly performed also two centuries ago. In two preliminary trials, Johnson failed by five feet with one (his first toss), and bridged the river by 25 feet with the second. Then with the "real money"—a silver coin the size of a silver dollar—he heaved it high, wide and handsome, and it sailed over the river to the opposite shore, where it was recovered by a farmer-spectator and returned to Fredericksburg, where the finder was rewarded with a prize of \$100. This picture shows Johnson completing one of the three tosses, with a perfect baseball follow-through.

mins over the week-end." "Mr. Hercules A. Cole, aged 86 years, died on February 23rd, at the home of his son, Mr. John H. Cole, Matheson." "Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Blackman returned this week from a holiday visit to the South." "Mrs. A. E. Brazeau, Jr., successfully underwent an operation on Saturday at the Providence hospital and her many friends will be pleased to know that she is now making very satisfactory and pleasing progress to complete recovery." "Mr. E. Robert of Cobalt has been transferred to the F. W. Woolworth store here." "Born—in Porcupine (Golden City) on Friday, Feb. 26th 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. N. King—a son." "Born—in Timmins, on Thursday, Feb. 25th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Acton—a son." "Mr. Walter C. Kingsmill left on Saturday morning on a business trip to Ottawa and Montreal." "Mr. Harold Collins, who has been a member of the staff of the F. W. Woolworth Co. Ltd., since the opening of the store here, left last week for North Bay, having been transferred to the Woolworth store in that city." "Mr. Arthur Parks had the misfortune last week to have his hands and face rather badly burned with hot paste while at work in the mine. He was taken to the hospital where he is doing nicely. His injuries were found to be less serious than might have been, and all his many friends will be pleased to know he is making good progress to recovery." "Three men, garbed in the full regalia of the Ku Klux Klan, walked into a church at Saul's Ste. Marie recently, deposited \$5.00 on the collection plate and then walked out again. This would soon popularize the K.K.K. with church people, if the K.K.K. never did anything worse than this." "A week or so ago The Advance announced the birth of a daughter to a prominent young man of the town and his wife. The following day two or three ladies met the proud father and after congratulating him wished him many happy returns of the day." After two or three had used this particular joke the young father thought it looked like a plot, so he hunted up an old experienced father to whom he told the story and asked: "Now can you think of a fitting reply to that saying? 'Why, sure! The next lady that congratulates you on that birth and adds 'Many happy returns of the day,' you simply reply seriously 'The same to you and many of them.'" "Announcement is made this week that Mr. Jos. Bourke has been appointed manager of the Northern Canada Power Ltd., in succession to Mr. E. S. Noble, who is going to Kapuskasing as assistant to the manager of the Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper Co. Mr. Bourke was manager of the Great Northern Power Co., in which position he showed executive talent and the ability to make friends."

T. F. Sutherland, chief inspector of mines for Ontario, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Porcupine branch, held here ten years ago. He told the members much of interest regarding mining in South Africa. Where Ontario's fatal accident rate was 3.4 for every thousand men employed, South Africa's was only 1.75, he said. Blasters, hoistmen, assayers, surveyors and mine managers there all held certificates of competency. Mines were at that time approaching the 7,000-foot depth. He also gave some most interesting facts about the mining country of South Africa as he knew it.

Thirteen prominent shareholders in Faymaster mine visited the property ten years ago this week. The party was in charge of A. S. Fuller. To the shareholders, some of whom came from the United States, the trip north was a revelation. Paymaster was at that time considering raising the milling rate from 150 tons a day to 350.

Northern Ontario was Canada's cow, Harry Preston said in a letter to The Advance ten years ago, and Southern Ontario was the milkmaid. The latest two schemes, the first to divert the Albany river flow into Lake Superior and the second to build an all-American canal from Lake Erie to the Atlantic, were water steals that should be stopped before they were properly begun, said Mr. Preston. Otherwise the country might be caught in the same predicament in which Chicago's "drainage canal" had placed them.

John Morrison, of Timmins, and Geo. C. Murphy, of Schumacher, were the two Porcupine district delegates at the convention in Toronto of Royal Arch Masons from all over the continent. The Advance rose to protest the Canadian National Railway's action in raising the rates on shipments of dogs in the winter of 1926. Prospectors taking dogs from Timmins to Hudson, the nearest railway station for the Red Lake rush that was on at that time, were forced to pay \$9.70 a dog if they were to be tied in the express car, or \$4.85 per 100 pounds crated. Crating dogs did not provide for proper attention, The Advance said. The return rate was even higher—\$11.00 per dog, not crated. This made it most difficult for prospectors to get into Red Lake properly equipped. The Advance pointed out. The T. & N. O. and the C.N.R. used to accept prospectors' dogs as baggage. The T. & N. O. still did, but the C.N.R. complained that there were now too many of them, they took up too much room and so advised that they were discontinuing the practice and that express would have to be used.

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Language Over the Radio Should be Very Temperate

The following is an editorial article from The Toronto Mail and Empire under date of Tuesday this week:— "Because of the enormous extension of the human voice by means of radio, speakers on controversial subjects should exercise a corresponding care in their language. This is the view of Mr. Owen D. Young, who finds fault with recent speeches by Mr. Hoover, Al. Smith and Senator Robinson because of their intemperance, though all of them must have been much milder than the diatribes of the late Huey Long and the living Father Coughlin and Gen. Johnson. But intemperance in language, as in other things, brings about its own punishment, and, as the Springfield Republican points out, one of the chief merits of permitting the critic a loose rein is that the public is thus permitted to come to an understanding of the critic which may be more important than coming to an understanding about the public man he is attacking.

"An interesting case in point is provided by Mr. Henry L. Mencken, perhaps the best known of all-round American critics. Writing of President Roosevelt, he says that he is a quack and 'has never for a moment shown any serious regard for the high obligations lying upon him.' The greatest president since Hoover has carried on his job with an ingratiating grin upon his face like that of a snake oil vendor at a village carnival, and he has exhibited precisely the same sense of responsibility in morals and honour, no more." Having thus warmed up to his subject Mr. Mencken continues: "If he became convinced to-morrow that coming out for cannibalism would get him the votes he so sorely needs, he would begin fattening a missionary in the White House backyard come Wednesday."

"We suppose nobody would accept this as a serious criticism of President Roosevelt. It is merely a revelation of Mr. Mencken's style, and we have no doubt that the President will laugh heartily when he reads it. Everybody knows that Mr. Mencken does not like politicians. We can recall his praising of but two: the late Grover Cleveland and ex-Senator Jim Reed. His opinion of Theodore Roosevelt, expressed after his death, reveals similarly Mencken's delight in flamboyant and extreme statement. He said: 'In a political career of nearly 40 years he was never even fair to an opponent. All his gabbles about the square deal was just so much protective coloration... He took extravagant advantages; he played to King, or the Customs Dept. scandal, could not some of the extra cars and coaches lying around Cochrane and other points be utilized for the accommodation of the rush to Red Lake?' The Advance asked.

Why in the name of Hon. Mackenzie

the worst idiocies of the mob; he hit below the belt almost habitually. One always thinks of him as a glorified longshoreman engaged eternally in cleaning out barrooms—and not too proud to gouge or to bite in the clinches or to oppose... with chairlegs, bungsters, cuspidors, demijohns and ice-picks." This is Mr. Mencken in his happiest mood, but no sane person will believe it has been a serious study of Colonel Roosevelt.

North Cochrane Member Helps Burned-out Family

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the report of the fire at Kitigan, near Hearst, where three children lost their lives, and the father, mother and surviving baby son suffered serious burns. The affair was one of the tragedies often occurring in the smaller communities of the North where fire is so tragic an occurrence. It is a sad thing to consider the sorrow and pain entering this family circle. But over against this there is something heartwarming about the prompt action of J. A. Habel, M.L.A. for Cochrane North, the riding in which the tragedy occurred. Immediately on hearing of the matter, Mr. Habel got in touch with the authorities at Toronto and there was prompt action taken to assure Mr. Belanger and the two other survivors of his family should have every possible care and attention. Mr. Habel had the department wire the relief officer at Hearst to take full responsibility for the family. This is in striking contrast with the evasion of responsibility shown on more than one occasion in regard to unfortu-

nate people from the unorganized districts of the North. "The Government" has no funds for such a purpose," was the wise from Premier Drury on one occasion when a widow and children were reported to the Government as in danger of actual starvation on the outskirts of Cochrane. For years The Advance carried on a campaign to induce the Government to accept responsibility for the care of people from the unorganized districts. Boards of trade and other bodies urged similar attitude, but it was a hard battle to get anything done. Hon. Mr. Finlayson went so far as to say that he would discharge any employee of his department who did not promptly help in any such case of need, but even with that the onus seemed only to be thrust on the unfortunate employees of the department. Mr. Habel's prompt action calls attention to the need for automatic authority in such cases. In referring to the case in Toronto this week Mr. Habel said:—"Mr. Belanger is a returned soldier, and is a settler who has suffered many reverses recently. He deserves all and every consideration."

Sudbury Star:—A marooned trapper in the Northwest rode to safety on an 8 x 6 cake of ice. Now to go over Niagara Falls on an eskimo pie.

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