

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Ten years ago it was the sad duty of The Advance to chronicle the death of J. B. King, merchant tailor, of Schumacher. He passed away in the Sisters of Providence hospital at Timmins after a brief illness, death being due to pneumonia. He was a native of Morrisburg, Ont., and was 42 years of age. Most of his life had been spent in the North. He conducted the King Clothes Shop in Timmins in conjunction with his brother, T. F. King, and also had been engaged in business in other centres of the North at various times. In Schumacher he was popular with all and there was general regret at his unexpected death. He was survived by a widow and one daughter, Margaret, as well as by one brother, T. F. King, and a sister, Mrs. W. D. Sutherland, of Timmins. The funeral took place to St. Anthony's Church and thence to Morrisburg, the old home of the family, for interment.

Another death noted by The Advance ten years ago was that of Mr. Pritchard, of Brockville, Ont., father of Messrs. W. H. and Ed. Pritchard, of town. The late Mr. Pritchard died following injuries received in a motor accident in the South.

A speeding automobile coming to Timmins from South Porcupine struck a telephone pole the other side of the subway ten years ago, snapping the pole in two and smashing the car. The driver of the car and a companion escaped any serious injury but the driver was arrested and charged with reckless driving.

Empire Day was observed at the Central public school ten years ago by a programme of patriotic addresses, songs, instrumental music and other features. Principal Day introduced C. G. Williams, chairman of the public school board, as the presiding officer for the occasion. In addition to the children of the school, the I.O.D.E., the members of the school board, members of the town council, parents and citizens of the town were present for the occasion. A feature of the afternoon was the singing of choruses by the pupils under the able direction of Miss Simms. Another special feature was the patriotic address by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, and Minister of Education, the reading being very ably and effectively done by Albert Belster. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. R. Hall, of the Timmins Baptist Church. Howard Vincent gave a recitation in very pleasing way. A violin solo by William Shubb and a violin duet by

William Shubb and H. Martin won much appreciation. Patriotic addresses were given by Mr. Williams and Mayor E. G. Dickson. The Cadets were present and looked very smart in their new uniforms.

The Lecturers' Convention of District No. 11 of the Knights of Columbus was held at Cochrane on May 24th, 1926. J. D. MacLean was the representative from Timmins. The visitors were entertained at a smoker and social evening given by Cochrane K. of C. at the conclusion of the convention. There were 250 present at the smoker.

Talk about cleaning up the booze and blind pigs, the police here ten years ago seized 800 cases of beer at a Birch street house.

Ten years ago a representative of the Y.M.C.A. visited Timmins and endeavoured to secure support for building a Y.M.C.A. here. He received some measure of moral support, but as on previous occasions there did not appear to be much hope of financial backing enough to assure the success of the proposed enterprise.

Ten years ago the Dome Football Club won the first round in the Ontario Cup series by defeating Iroquois Falls 8 to 1.

To protect parked cars from the damage and nuisance of joy riders, The Advance ten years ago conducted a campaign urging all car-owners to lock their cars and take the keys with them. In one week ten years ago no less than three cars were taken away, without the consent of the owners, the cars being found later in out-of-the-way places where they had been abandoned.

The Porcupine Gun Club re-organized for the season ten years ago, the active officers being as follows:—President, A. W. Young; vice-president, J. Reddington; secretary-treasurer, H. E. Montgomery.

Wednesday, May 26th, 1926, was Past Masters' Night at Golden Beaver Lodge, A.F. & A.M. At the conclusion of the work of the lodge, there was a social evening and dance. Among the musical and literary numbers were the following:—Selections by quartette (Messrs. Dodge, Heffernan, Skelly and Taylor); saxophone solo, by Tommy Stephens; vocal solo by Mrs. H. W. Darling; comic sketch (Bros. F. J. Wolno, A. C. Grant, T. Nixon, Dr. Byers, W. W. White and P. Dougall); address by the chairman, C. G. Williams. Dancing, refreshments, etc., completed the evening's enjoyment.

Two small fires in Timmins ten years ago were believed to have been due to carelessly thrown firecrackers.

Ten years ago Timmins was honoured by a visit from Lily Popovitch, the notable singer, often referred to as the "Ukrainian Nightingale." She was heard at the New Empire theatre and was described by many as "the most remarkable vocalist ever heard in Timmins." The Advance ten years ago described her voice as "beautiful, perfectly controlled and with magnificent range and striking sweetness of tone." She gave selections in Ukrainian, Russian, Spanish, Italian, French and English, every number being a gem. Other artists on the programme included:—R. Smith, baritone; Miss Pirrtisalo, violinist; Mr. Haunsson, violinist; J. Brydges, cornet soloist; Miss Slychuk and Miss Haschuk, dancers; Ukrainian Juvenile Choir and Orchestra; Geo. E. Hale and H. W. Kearney, accompanists.

A child in Halleybury ten years ago swallowed a safety pin and had to be taken to Toronto to have the pin removed. It was found that the pin was open when swallowed, but the baby, less than a year old, suffered no ill-effects from the accident. The Advance

noted at the time that a couple of similar cases in Timmins and district had been successfully handled by local doctors.

Timmins lost out ten years ago in the Ontario Football Cup series, when Kirkland Lake won 2 to 1.

The last band concert of the season ten years ago was a notable success. There was a specially large crowd and the programme was a very pleasing one. It was "Canadian Night" in the series of "National Nights" of the Timmins Citizens' Band. In addition to a number of popular selections by the band, all the numbers had a Canadian touch. Among the other artists were: Messrs. Primo, Piccolo and Desidario, Bandsman Carriere, Messrs. Wilkins and Stirling, Bandsman T. Stephens, Bandsman Lloyd, Carl Johns, O. Demers, F. J. Wolno, Chas. Smith, Ted Emery.

There was considerable activity ten years ago in the mines near South Porcupine, with particularly interesting developments in Cody township. Another story from South Porcupine was to the effect that two men snowed out of the way from Amos to Rouyn on May 18th, 1926.

Rev. C. A. Sales, pastor of Trinity United Church, Schumacher, was transferred to Mattawa in 1926. Previous to leaving Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Sales were presented with gifts and an address as expressions of the appreciation of the people for their services and friendliness.

In The Advance ten years ago there is an odd story of how certain young men were in the habit of "crashing" into dance halls without paying the price of admission. Fire Chief Borland accidentally discovered the mode of procedure. He found a couple of hats and coats on the ground outside a dance hall. Investigation showed that the owners of the hats and coats were inside the hall enjoying the dancing.

At the usual run of dances, young men are in the habit of going outside the hall for a breath of fresh air or to enjoy a quiet smoke. As a consequence, at some dances a young man or a couple of young men who come to the door without hats or coats will be admitted without question, the idea being that they have been inside dancing and have been just outside for a moment or two. At the dances ten years ago it was found necessary for a time to issue checks that would permit those going out to return when they felt like it. Unscrupulous persons used this idea to give them entry to dance halls without paying for tickets.

A new four-roomed school, fireproof and so one specially desired, was planned ten years ago for Schumacher.

A tea and sale of baking held by the Timmins I.O.D.E. ten years ago netted over \$50, the money to go to the V.O.N.

Among the local and personal notes in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Quite a number of cars came through to Timmins from Iroquois Falls on Monday and quite a number motored from Timmins to Iroquois Falls for the holiday." "Every once in a while someone steals goods from the shacks in the district. For the benefit of the mean thieves, it is well to note that recently Magistrate Atkinson sentenced one man to two months and another man to three months for this particularly mean form of theft." "The Ryland correspondent of The Cochrane News says that wedding bells will soon ring at Ryland, if the rope doesn't break." "Born—in Timmins, on Sunday, May 23rd, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Kearns—a daughter." "Mrs. D. C. Size left last Saturday for North Bay, where she will spend the summer." "E. H. Hill is making slow but steady recovery this week from his recent illness, having suffered a severe attack of sciatica." "The town of Cochrane and the Abitibi Electric Development Co., having come to an agreement on rates, the power was turned on at noon on Wednesday, May 19th. The town's substation has a capacity of about 1200 h.p." "His many friends will be delighted to know that Frank J. Carnow is now recovering more rapidly than for some time past. On Sunday last he was able to get downstairs for the first time in about six months. While still weak he seems now well on the way to strength again, and all will very sincerely trust that his recovery will continue until perfect health is restored at an early date." "Hugh Murphy left this week for the United States. He leaves behind him here large circles of friends who will wish him the best there is. He has been a resident of Timmins for five years and a popular member of the Timmins Citizens' Band, the Caledonian Society and other circles, where he is much appreciated and will be much missed." "H. B. Austin, of Cochrane, visited here for the 24th." "Miss Alice Amey, of Matheson, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Drew over the week-end." "Geo. W. Ecclestone, M.P.P., was a business visitor to Timmins this week." "Born—in Timmins, on Thursday, May 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Laprairie—a son." "Born—at Mrs. Farley's hospital, on Monday, May 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dwyer—a son." "Ed. Leslie left recently for Kapuskasing where he will be engaged at the work of painting and decorating."

Importation of dogs into Prince Edward Island is prohibited until January 1st next, the embargo being due to the fear of distemper spreading from any infected dogs to fox farms. The same embargo was in effect last summer but this year the prohibition has been made earlier in the season. Special instructions have been issued to baggage agents of the Canadian National Railways that dogs must not be checked to points on Prince Edward Island in line with the embargo regulations.

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Officers Presented Car to Hero of Battle Vimy

The forthcoming unveiling of the Vimy Memorial recalls the esteem in which General Byng was held by the officers in Canada's overseas forces. Canadians all had a deep affection for the Hero of Vimy, and when he left Canada on completion of his term as Governor-General, officers who had served with him overseas presented him with a beautiful McLaughlin limousine. The car, at that time, was one of the finest that had ever been produced in the Dominion, and its manufacture at the plant of General Motors in Oshawa was not regarded merely as a "special job" but was, in every sense, a labour of love and a tribute from the 733 war veterans employed at the plant. The car had been built for English driving and was taken to the Old Land when Lord and Lady Byng left Canada. The presentation was recalled recently to factory executives by the delivery of the specially-built McLaughlin-Bulck car for His Majesty King Edward VIII.

Hanover Post:—One of the promoters of the Townsend plan by which elderly Americans are to receive \$200 a month for life, has drawn \$77,881 for 30 months of work on the plan, and Townsend has got about as much out of it. Maybe Barnum was right, after all.

Sinking of Shaft by Rickard Ramore

Considerable Exploration
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Possibilities Shown.

Rickard Ramore Gold Mines Ltd., operating in the Abitibi-Nipigon gold area and 10 miles from Iroquois Falls station, has started shaft sinking to open up two new levels at 200 and 300 ft. depths. A late report from the mine states that the shaft is going through heavily-sheared material showing very heavy mineralization. Approximately 1000 feet of lateral exploration on four vein occurrences has been completed on the first level. Encouraging indications on the 100 ft. level are reported by an official, in recent development in the west drift on what is termed the No. 1 vein. Slashing here for a width of 62 feet is stated to have exposed heavy pyrite mineralization.

A bulk sample of 90 pounds from this showing was sent to Ottawa for metallurgical tests. Assaying of the sample showed a content of 35 per cent. sulphur and 31 per cent. iron. The company has lately been negotiating for the sale of the pyrite concentrates for its sulphur value. Heavily mineralized sections of other vein showings are also expected to show an appreciable sulphur content.

Diamond drilling and underground exploration has been concentrated in the northern section of the property where several veins occurring in a quartz porphyry zone with a width of 75 feet have been investigated. Exploration has been confined to an area along the porphyry and between two diabase dykes about 1000 feet apart.

Diamond drilling along this length has cut several interesting vein intersections. At a vertical depth of 200 feet No. 1 hole cut five feet assaying 77 oz. and at the same depth No. 2 hole cut a similar width assaying 29 oz. No. 3 hole at 165 feet cut five feet assaying 25 oz. and No. 5 at 95 feet cut two feet assaying 283 oz. Two feet of sheared core material were lost in this latter hole. A deep hole at 275 feet under No. 5 cut three feet assaying 42 oz. These intersections are not necessarily along the same vein occurrence.

Attempted Hold-up Last Week at Scotia Junction

Two young men were captured a few miles south of Scotia Junction last week after they had held up Jack Gaughan, relieving C.N.R. operator at the station, and robbed the station till of about \$5. The young strangers walked into the station as Mr. Gaughan was seated at his desk. Holding him up at the point of a revolver they asked him to open the safe. He replied he didn't know the combination.

Mr. Gaughan advised the young men that their game wasn't worth the risk. He was not asked for personal money. The operator contacted provincial police at Burks Falls and Huntsville as soon as they had gone, and police picked them up south of Scotia Junction.

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Camps. Died at Toronto.

In referring to the death of the late Peter Ferguson last week The Halleybury has the following to say:—

"The death of Peter George Ferguson, which occurred in Toronto early on Monday, May 18th, 1936, removes a member of one of the oldest families of Halleybury, and a man who had been closely linked with the mining industry in Northern Ontario for over 20 years. Mr. Ferguson had been operated on for appendicitis, in the private patients' pavilion of the Toronto General hospital and complications which followed caused his death. He was in his 59th year and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Allan Ferguson, who came to Halleybury in 1904.

"After completing his education as an engineer, the late Mr. Ferguson went to British Columbia, where he was engaged in the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, and followed railway construction in other sections before coming to Northern Ontario, where with his brother, Lorne H., he prospected in the Cobalt area, took part in the Elk Lake rush and was also active in the early days of the

Porcupine district. It is recalled that they staked the ground which is now the Pamour Mines in the latter district. Of more recent years Mr. Ferguson organized the Goward Gold Mines, of which he was president at the time of his death, and spent considerable time in the Temagami Reserve. In his mining activities he followed in the footsteps of his father who, some 40 years ago, mined and shipped ore from the shore of Lake Temagami and was among the first mining men in the district.

"Always interested in military affairs, Mr. Ferguson was a captain in the militia at the time of the outbreak of the Great War and went overseas with the first Canadian Contingent. He served in various capacities on the western front in England, returning at the close of the war with the rank of major.

"Mr. Ferguson was married in February of 1935 to Miss Ida McNeely and for some months past they had been living in Toronto, but had planned to return to the North in a couple of weeks. In addition to his widow there are four brothers and one sister surviving. The brothers are Lorne H., of Halleybury; Russell, Colin and Clifford, at various points in the North; and the sister is Mrs. H. K. Boysen of Houston, Texas. Mr. Ferguson was born at Fort Eddy, Quebec, and the funeral was held at Mattawa, the former home of the family, on Tuesday afternoon."

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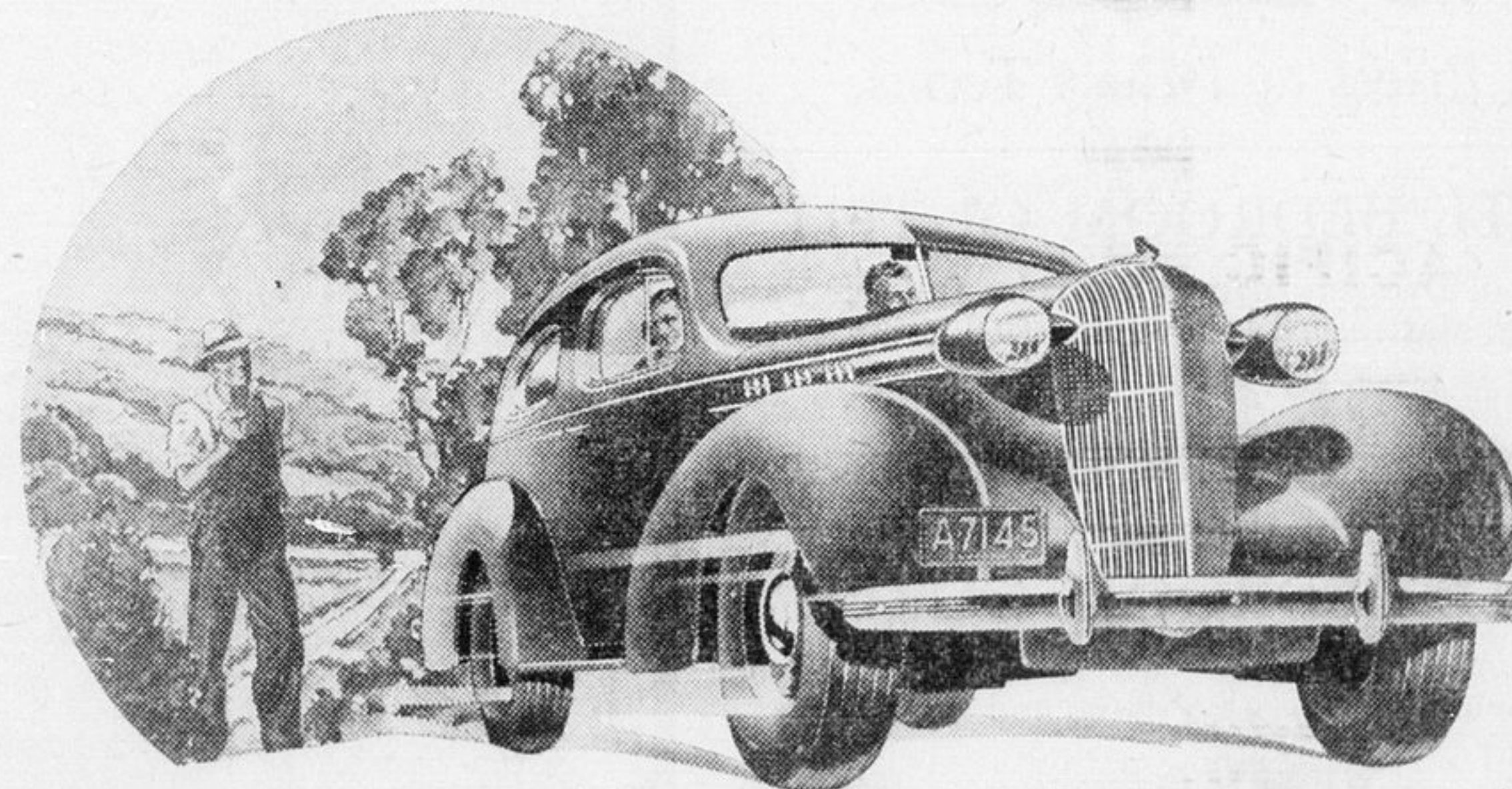
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