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ALEC TEMPLETON

Alec Templeton, famous blind pianist who in 1919 won a grand piano awarded by the London Daily Express to the "best pianist in all England," and who last winter took America by storm as star of Jack Hylyton's N.B.C. broadcast, is visiting relatives in Vancouver, and may be heard over the Canadian network before the summer is out.

Visiting at the home of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Green, the famous blind pianist will leave soon for a concert tour in and around Chicago. Best known to Canadian radio fans for his novel arrangements of popular tunes, Mr. Templeton prefers the classics, and this winter will present concerts half classical, half popular in nature.

"He is short, slight and nervous. Born in England 25 years ago, Mr. Templeton played his first tune on the piano before he was two, and composed his first selection at the age of four. The piano has been his life ever since. He spends four hours at the piano each morning, largely working on his own compositions, and is always willing to play for his friends.

He is travelling with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Templeton, of London Mrs. Templeton is obviously and justly proud of her son's success, and does most of the talking for him. His memory for names and incidents is remarkably accurate. His mother is shown in the photo.

Besides the piano, Mr. Templeton plays violin, flute, organ and harp, and speaks French, German and Russian. He holds the degrees L.R.A.M. and A.R.C.M., and is one of the most versatile pianists in the world to-day.

Blairmore Enterprise: The family tree is right enough if it produces man timber and not just plain nuts.

**TEN YEARS AGO
IN TIMMINS**

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

Right Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King was a visitor to Timmins ten years ago when he addressed the largest political gathering held in the town up to that time. Estimated attendance was between 2500 and 3000. Mr. King had been Prime Minister of Canada for five years until the opposition got a little too strong and Governor-General Lord Byng called on Arthur Meighen to form a government, without having an election. That was called the "phantom government" and lasted only a couple of months until another election was held. Mr. King was campaigning and in a "long, sustained" speech did much to weld the two factions of the Liberal party in Cochrane riding into one. Broad, sweeping statements and legal technicalities appeared to be the "issues" of that election. Little great economic or moral change was suggested by either Conservatives or Liberals. Lower duties were, of course, a plank in the Liberal platform and Mr. King set forth very briefly his idea of making Canada a prosperous nation. In those post war days depression was to be seen everywhere, much as it is to-day. A nation's business depended on three things, said Mr. King. Land (including all natural resources), capital and labour. The cheaper all three were, the more easily accepted would be the goods in to the world's markets. Liberal low tariffs made the wherewithal to get production under way cheaper, said Mr. King. Jos. A. Bradette, candidate for the Liberals in the election of 1926, was on the platform, as was C. V. Gallagher.

A Conservative rally in the New Empire theatre attracted a large crowd that packed the place to the doors. J. Ray O'Neill, Conservative candidate, was the chief speaker there. He reviewed the work he had done in the past session of the house and stated that he believed the mining industry should be nursed along a little as had all other great Canadian industries, instead of being left to develop as best it could. "The division of the mines' royalty was not fair, he said. The municipalities of the North should have been getting a larger share, he said.

The most important business before the town council of ten years ago concerned a motion that had been passed at a previous meeting dispensing with the services of Town Engineer C. R. Murdock. Nearly 400 citizens, most of them prominent people, signed a petition asking that the engineer be retained. Councillors Drew and Bacon at another meeting moved that he be retained part time, to work for Timmins at least four days a week. Council threw this motion out, claiming that for the sake of "economy," Timmins could have no town engineer.

Timmins footballers won the King trophy in a game against Dome ten years ago. With just four minutes of time to go, no score had been made. Chris Sathrang shot and scored for Timmins just a short time before the end of the game. It was the second trophy won by the local team that year.

The A.S.D. Club decided in August of 1926 to begin their weekly schedule of meetings on the first of September. A special invitation dance was to be

the first on the programme and an old-time dance the second.

McIntyre and Hollinger Recreation played a football match at Schumacher ten years ago that ended in a two-all draw. "The match was somewhat marred when some players lost their tempers," said a report.

The Ramblers Club had a highly successful August dance ten years ago at the Hollinger Recreation hall.

Tuxis Boys of ten years ago returned from camp at Squaw Island, Night Hawk Lake. A party of girls from the district, under the supervision of Miss Quick, took over the camp immediately afterward.

First round in the Club trophy at the golf course was being played in the last week of August, ten years ago. Good scores were few and far between because of a high wind.

The death of Francis J. Curnow, 20 years of age, occurred in Timmins ten years ago. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Curnow. He had been ill for a couple of years and had been sent to England where he consulted specialists. He kept up his duties as secretary of the Cornish Football Club right to the end. He had been employed in the Imperial Bank, the Bank of Nova Scotia and the post office and had been popular with all who met him either in a business or social way. A large number of people attended the funeral, held at St. Matthew's Church.

A Mr. Gignac, of Cochrane, race horse dealer, made good time from Cochrane to Timmins ten years ago. He left the district town at five o'clock in the morning and returned at eleven o'clock at night. For a horse, that was good going.

Because he had to get his hay crop in, a farmer near Sudbury was given a couple of weeks' leave of absence from a seven-day jail sentence for drunk driving. When the time was up he appeared at the court, and so did his hired man, in charge of the police on another offence. The farmer was given another week away from jail since there would have been no one to look after the farm.

Three deaths occurred in the North ten years ago from alcohol poisoning. Two of them at Sudbury were from drinking wood alcohol.

W. Peard, formerly a member of the Timmins Citizens' Band, was given a farewell party at Golden City ten years ago before leaving for the West.

McIntyre was winning baseball games right and left ten years ago in the Mines League here. They beat Timmins on Friday and Hollinger on Saturday.

An effort was being made ten years ago to find out how many members of the R.A.O.B. (commonly known as the Buffaloes) there were in Timmins. The Buffaloes were said to be strong in England and it was expected a good many of them would turn up here.

Rudolph Valentino died just ten years ago this week. Few of this day, even those 20 years old, will fail to remember that name. Here is an editorial from the Advance at the time that might fit many another: "In life, Rudolph Valentino achieved fame and fortune as a motion picture actor. Many women adored him; some children liked him; a few men could speak of him without impatience. He was supposed to be the ideal lover of the shadows of the motion picture kingdom. His name in the cast of a motion picture roused the lady-like to uttered enthusiasm and the gentlemanly to muttered curses. Only in a few pictures did he essay roles of serious import. It will be admitted that in 'The Four Horsemen' he took a leading part with credit in a cast that was distinguished for the talent of its actors. There were literally hundreds of greater actors in the profession, yet he held his place for years as the Great Valentino, the idol of millions. How much of his popularity was due to skilled newspaper publicity, and how much to his own undoubted attraction as a personality may not now be accurately measured. The fact remains that in life he held the popular fancy, and in death was not divided from his worldwide appeal to the people's attention. The universality of the motion picture business made Valentino known to millions. Who was Emerson? 'Didn't he write a book or something?' And Edison? 'Wasn't he an inventor or something?' Dr. Banting? 'Oh, he was connected with some cure or other, wasn't he?' But mention Valentino and the answer would almost surely be: 'Oh, I've seen him. Isn't he wonderful?' What may the moral be? Perhaps that a ready smile is a greater asset than a pure heart in this vale of sin, and an attractive personality than talent or service."

South Porcupine's baseball season was over ten years ago this week. Three players had hit over 400—Farr (435), Mansfield (421), Bourke (400)—and three over 300—Fell (367), Gagnon (350) and Longworth (303).

Miss Florence McKinley, 24 years of age, died here ten years ago this week. She had come here with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McKinley, from Nova Scotia two years previously. She had been ill only a few weeks.

Dominion Stores first opened in Timmins ten years ago this week (Saturday, August 28th) at 16 Pine street north. It was the 47th Dominion Store in Canada.

Timmins baseball club was suspended by the T.B.L. ten years ago when it was announced the club had not paid the league 10 per cent. of the gate of the previous year's finals. Cobalt also

won a protest over Hatterbury when it was found one player, Nottingham, had registered with both the Timmins and Hatterbury clubs.

Playing "under difficulties," South Porcupine lost a baseball game to Timmins ten years ago 16-4.

Boys playing around a shack at the Porcupine Crown were believed to have caused a fire that destroyed the building ten years ago this week.

"I never saw a potato bug in Mountjoy township," a farmer told The Advance ten years ago when the subject of these pests was brought up by the Hatterburyian that year. They'd had none in Temiskaming at that time, either.

Locals in The Advance of ten years ago included: "Mr. Jean Pare left this morning for a holiday visit to Ottawa, Montreal and other points east." "Mr. Sam Elies leaves this week for a visit to Toronto, where he will take in the Toronto Exhibition." "Miss Rose Abrams, Toke street, has recently returned from a sojourn of several months in Montreal." "The famous Pete Taylor, formerly of the Volunteer Fire Brigade, now residing in Hamilton, was a Timmins visitor last week." "Mr. H. Martin, of Chas. Reckin Limited, Cobalt, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. Lawrence." "Mr. and Mrs. C. Abrams, Toke street, have as their guests Miss Yentelle Fred and Miss Dorothy Shregge, both of Winnipeg." "Miss Edith Gordon and Miss Marjorie Martin have been visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Lawrence, Elm street south, for the past month." "Miss Josephine Tremblay left this week for two weeks' visit with her sister, Mrs. Gosselin, at Temagami, Ontario." "Mrs. G. A. Macdonald returned on Tuesday from an extended visit to Peterborough, Toronto, Chatham and other southern points." "Her many friends will be pleased to know that Miss Doris Harrison, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is now fully recovered." "Mr. Pernie Faulkenham who was in town last week for a few days, left on Friday morning for Red Lake camp." "Mr. Percy Youlten leaves on Friday morning for Cornwall, England, Wednesday evening he was presented with a handsome pipe and pouch from the Cornish P.C. with all sorts of good wishes for his future." "Mr. C. G. Williams returned last week after a visit overseas, where he enjoyed a well-earned holiday, spent chiefly on a motor trip through interesting sections of Europe." "Mrs. D. Mackie, who was sufficiently recovered some weeks ago to return from Toronto to her home in Timmins, continues to progress toward full recovery of health and strength. Many friends here have been delighted to welcome her back and to see her able to be out and around again much as usual, and all will sincerely wish her a rapid restoration to the best of health." "Mr. Geo. A. D. Murray was a visitor to Ottawa last week." "Mrs. Brunton left this (Thursday) morning for a visit to her home in Mattawa." "Dr. G. F. Mitchell returned last week from an extended holiday in the southern parts of the province." "Mrs. S. R. McCoy left on Sunday on a holiday trip to Ottawa and other centres in the East." "Mr. J. Hamilton left on Monday for a holiday visit to the South. He will motor from North Bay, having had his car shipped ahead last week." "Mrs. and Miss M. Hogg, after having spent a week's vacation at Timmins, returned to Niagara Falls on Sunday. Miss Hogg will leave for New York the first of September." "Mr. Godfrey Johnson returned last week from Toronto where he was in Wellesley hospital for an operation for appendicitis. The operation was successful

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"The Red Lake Lookout says that Dan S. Hill, old-time prospector from Timmins, has made a real gold discovery on the shore of Lost Bay, Clearwater Lake, which is situated on the east side of Woman Lake."

"Mr. M. Greer returned last week from a visit to Ottawa where he went to see his father and mother and his family. He found all well and returned here to pack up and move his household effects to Ottawa where the family will reside. Mr. Greer will be here, however, most of his time this year looking after interests that he has in the district."

"Rev. Father O'Gorman, for many years in Cobalt, came to Timmins last week to reside permanently. On the street last week he was meeting so many old friends that five feet was a good average distance he was able to walk without being stopped by some old friend who wished to welcome the Rev. Father to Timmins, his friends including all classes and creeds."

"Mr. and Mrs. J. Dalton returned last week from an extended motor tour from Winnipeg to the British Columbia coast, and then back through the United States and Canada. The trip was a very interesting and pleasant one but no better little city was seen on the trip than the one that Mr. and Mrs. Dalton have seen grow from a clearing in the bush to the present modern, well-equipped town of Timmins."

The Advance, quoting from the Municipal Act, showed ten years ago that special private meetings of the council held in rooms in the town hall were not legal. The only way such a private meeting could be held, the Act states clearly, is by resolution passed in council. In those days they omitted the resolution.

McIntyre's annual report showed an increasing profit from the mine, ten years ago.

Hollinger Recreation Football Club won the P.D.F.L. shield in 1926.

Cornahunt Gun Club was having regular weekly meets, well attended.

A presentation had been made at Cobalt to Rev. Father O'Gorman before he left his charge there.

**Small Reward Offered
for Escaped Prisoner**

A reward of \$200 has been posted by the Ontario provincial police for information leading to the arrest of John Gray, prisoner escaped from the Burwash Industrial Farm over six weeks ago. Gray escaped in company with another prisoner named Marshall Johnson. There was an intensive search made for the two escaped men and a

couple of days after the escape, Johnson's body was found on the shores of Rock Lake, near Paget, in the Sudbury district. There was a serious forest fire in progress in that area and at first it was thought that Johnson's death might have been due to the fire, but examination of the body showed that his skull had been fractured. John Gray is wanted, not only on account of being an escaped prisoner, but also for questioning in regard to the fate of Johnson. Most people will feel that \$200 is a small reward to offer if the authorities are very anxious to recapture Gray.

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