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## TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The first bonspiel held in the North was at Halleybury ten years ago when 47 rinks from all over Northern Ontario competed for the honours. In those days it was held under the Northern Ontario Curling Association and included rinks from Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Sturgeon Falls, Chapleau, as well as Timmins, Erglehart, North Bay, New Liskeard and Halleybury, that now are members of the T. & N. O. Curling association. Four rinks represented Timmins at the big event: R. F. Francis, I. A. Solomon, William McCracken and A. W. Lang, skips; S. A. Caldbick, W. Eccleston, John Watt, and G. H. Gauthier, vice skips; P. M. Gordon, J. R. Todd, Geo. Lake and George Cole, seconds; and Joe Aimm, H. N. Jackson, R. H. Hall and E. H. Hill, leads. Of those sixteen curlers, seven are in the present bonspiel here.

Vipond paid his first dividend ten years ago when company officials and mining men predicted there would be plenty more to come. Although the treasury could have stood a larger distribution, the initial dividend was set at three per cent. Good progress was being made, ore reserves were adequate and mill heads were \$6.86 a ton.

One of those R.C.M.P. "epics of the North" was heard in Timmins ten years ago when "The Advance" published a news story about Constable Trulove, first R.C.M.P. officer stationed at Moose Factory. He had gone 200 miles north of Moose Factory to Attawapiskat to capture a 50-year-old Indian who had gone wild. The native attempted to ambush the Mountie and fired on him three times. The capture was successfully made but the trip back to civilization was a hard one. Mid winter, a single officer and a half-crazed Indian was not a pleasant prospect. So untractable was the native that the officer handcuffed himself to the other for most of the journey to Island Falls, then the terminal of the T. & N. O. At night, he leg-chained him to anything that was handy. The weather for the dog sled trip was 40 degrees below zero.

Hugh McGregor Steven, 37 years old, died in Toronto ten years ago. He had come to Timmins in 1911 to take a job with the Hollinger as mining engineer. He had stayed there until war broke out when he joined the Canadian Engineers. In 1919 he had returned to the big mine and until 1926 was a popular member of the staff. On resigning he had one to Toronto. The funeral was in Hamilton.

The North Bay Despatch, a newspaper that had been published there for 35 years, ceased publication ten years ago this month and left the Nugget in

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The first white woman resident of the North Bay died just ten years ago this week at the age of 87. She had gone North with her husband in 1882 to make a farm where the Gateway City now stands and had lived there to see the railways come and the town spring into being. She was survived by ten children, as well as a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rouyn was asking incorporation of the Quebec government ten years ago this week. The town planned to have six wards.

A petition asking that a new post office be built here was being circulated ten years ago and was being widely signed. Everyone thought the quarters in which the postal service was housed on those days were much too cramped.

J. Valquette, one of the early prospectors who made his home in Timmins died here ten years ago in his 50th year, following an attack of typhoid fever. Burial was in his home town of Buckingham, Quebec.

The Victorian Order of Nurses was doing good work here ten years ago. It was revealed at the annual meeting in 1927, although the V.O.N. nurse, Miss Elliott, had been here only two months. P. Dougal was president of the local V.O.N. then.

P. Dougal addressed the Kiwanis club ten years ago after his return from Scotland. Conditions weren't so good then in the Old Land. Industrial unrest, coupled with unemployment and low wages, was having its effect. Shipyards on the Clyde were all idle, Mr. Dougal said.

Eugene Charter, an employee of the Hellingier, died ten years ago this week after having been injured on construction work at the mine. A cement bucket had struck his head, fracturing the skull. A sister, Mrs. F. Rochefort, survived him here. Burial was at Buckingham, Quebec.

"Surprise Night" at the A.S.D. club ten years ago was a happy event. J. M. Belanger was director for the evening and N. J. Leaman was the caller.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnston paid them a surprise visit ten years ago this week when they celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary. They were presented with a handsome tea set.

The death of Mrs. Eli Hakala, 50 years of age, occurred here ten years ago. She was survived by three daughters, Mrs. Cornthwaite, and Misses Ingrid and Sylvia.

Frank L. Roy, resident of Timmins for many years, died here early in February, 1927. He was 52 years old and left his widow and family survivors.

News from South Porcupine ten years ago included a suggestion that North Bay Trappers and Owen Sound Greys would be invited to play exhibition games at the South Porcupine skating rink. A Mines League fixture between the Porcupine Hockey club and the McIntyre, Porkies won 11-3.

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Schumacher young people of the Excelsior Club, of the Timmins United Church, put on a play "Profit and Loss" ten years ago. Stars in the cast were: Percy Shippam, Anna M. Hornfeldt, Beatrice Mills, Robert Mitchell, Harry Cornish, Gordon Kennisberg, Douglas Craig and William Pither.

A bright young Russian girl, Mrs. Mike Kulick, was shot to death by her husband at the Ukrainian hall, South Porcupine, ten years ago this week. Three years before, they had been married. Then they quarrelled and separation papers were signed. Mrs. Kulick was taking part in a play at the hall and he waited outside for her. When she refused to accompany him, he fired eight shots into her body then, reloading the revolver, turned it on himself. The wife was killed, but the bullet that pierced the husband's head had little effect for a man hunt was necessary to catch him. Surrounded by police, he again pointed the revolver at his head and this time succeeded in killing himself.

The fire alarm telegraph system had just been installed at South Porcupine ten years ago this week. Directions for turning in alarms were given in The Advance.

Locals in The Advance ten years ago included:—"His hosts of friends will be sorry to learn that Mr. D. Loughrin of the Hollinger office staff, is ill in hospital at Montreal. Good wishes for his early and complete recovery and return to Timmins will be many and sincere." "Mr. R. LeHeup, C.A.S. Inspector, returned last night from Toronto where he was on business for the Children's Aid Society of the district." "Messrs H. J. Marshall and C. Hodgins were among those attending the big annual motor show at Montreal last week." "V. M. Bowie and Co. have moved to the handsome new store at 35 Third Avenue (Dalton's new store), where the firm is more centrally located and with better opportunity for the display of their good stocks of men's clothing, furnishings, etc." "A sentence of two years and ten lashes was imposed on Alphonse Lauzon, of Ottawa, by Magistrate Weegar at North Bay on Saturday last. Lauzon admitted attempting an indecent assault on a five-year-old child. Magistrate Weegar asked the prisoner if he had ever been in an asylum and when Lauzon answered in the negative, the magistrate suggested that the asylum would be the place for him. The imposition of the lash will be found to help materially in keeping down this type of insanity. General experience with such cases justifies the magistrate in adding the lash to the prison term." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Saturday, January 29th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. John Power—a son." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Saturday, January 29th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Depatie, Balsam street south—a son." "Innumerable friends here will be pleased to hear that Mrs. C. R. Murdock, who has been taking medical treatment at Guelph, is making good progress to recovery." "A barred rock hen in North Bay last week laid an egg said to measure seven inches by nine inches. There were three yolks in the egg. This is enough to discourage the ordinary hen." "Last week, owing to the melting snow on the steps, the stairs to the basement of the Gordon block were in bad condition. There is considerable traffic on these stairs on account of the fact that they lead to the public library and to Carson's barber shop. Three ladies fell on these stairs last week while on their way to the public library. One of these was Mrs. J. W. Faithful who sustained injuries to her shoulder through the fall. The absence of a railing on certain stairs make them dangerous in certain weather. In view of the large public use of the stairway, it would appear to be well to have a hand rail on each side, so as to minimize the chances for an ugly fall."

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Says Land Settlement Best Aid to Unemployed

Hon. John Bourque, Provincial Minister of Public Works for Quebec, said lately that the government favoured the settlement to the land movement to help solve the unemployment situation in the province.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Eastern Townships' Associated Boards of Trade and Eastern Townships' Settlement Society at Sherbrooke on the immigration question and unemployment, Mr. Bourque declared that "the government of this province is determined to leave no stone unturned to remove, in so far as it is humanly possible, the plague of unemployment."

He said that though "some seemed to favour organized immigration under a plan of government financed and supervised settlement" it was his opinion such a scheme would only relieve unemployment and improve business temporarily.

Improvement would only be noticed, he said, "as long as the government backing these immigrants continued its support." Then it was probable that within a short time these new settlers would swell the ranks of the unemployed.

Past experience has shown, he continued, that the usual run of immigrants were unskilled and unable to assist in the commercial and industrial development of the country.

"In all justice to our thousands of unemployed it would not be advisable to embark upon an intense programme of immigration at the present time," the minister concluded.

Literary Digest.—Eikichi Tatsuguchi was arrested in Tokyo, Japan, charged with killing more than 1000 cats. He had been using their stretched skins for the drumheads of banjo-like "samisens." "Every cat looks like five yen to me," he stated.

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### Says Youth Should be Trained in Mining

Some Hopeful Words for the Mining Industry by Hon. Chas. McCrea.

(From Sudbury Star)

Losing none of his optimism or powers of perception since relinquishment of his post as minister of mines, but on the contrary, more enthusiastic than ever over the picture being revealed in Canada's mineral kingdom, Charles McCrea sees the mining industry expanding to such an extent that it will in due course of time be in a position to absorb within its ranks every young man that the universities of this country can educate in mining, metallurgy and engineering. In fact, Mr. McCrea expresses the view that, due to the rapid advances of the past two years there appears the possibility of a dearth of competent men to fill executive positions in the industry, both as to investigation and production.

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industry. Mining executives have shown a commendable desire to maintain the conduct of their affairs on a high plane, and with the progress the industry has recorded and manifests for the future, there are sure to be places for men who equip themselves for the higher positions.

### Notable Broadcast Series Starting Sunday, Feb. 7th

Presenting diversified entertainment originating in London, New York, Montreal and many world centres, "Canada 1937," the most elaborate broadcasting series ever to originate in Canada will be heard on Sunday, February 7, from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., E.S.T. over CKGB and a coast-to-coast network.

The new programme will combine entertainment brought from other parts of the world with a large orchestra, a dramatic company and singers in Montreal. But, for all the variety, novelty and international flavour, the series will keep uppermost one thing—the theme of Canada, of a great people in a great land on the threshold of new prosperity. To preserve this theme the sponsor will present no commercials.

"Canada 1937" has been under preparation for a long time. Victor George, who is producing it for Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada Ltd., has worked on the programme for six months, having travelled as far as Europe to complete arrangements for the broadcasts.

Three radio control rooms will be necessary in Montreal, including one specially built for the broadcast. This installation will be equal to that of a moderately-sized radio station.

The various units composing each broadcast will be fed to this control room and synchronized as a complete show for the network. Its facilities are such that two-way conversation will be possible between the Montreal control room and any part of the world where programme material may originate. The Montreal announcer may interview anyone taking part in the programme.

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