

Twenty Years Ago In Timmins and Porcupine

The Porcupine's second annual dog team race was held on March 10th, 1917. George Cousineau won the A. R. Gibbs Shield for the year, a silver cup given by Dr. H. H. Moore and \$10 in cash given by A. H. Sancton. He made the route in an hour, 18 minutes and 35 seconds. Of the other nine entries, O. Larouque came second and won a toboggan given by the Northern Canada Supply Co.; W. Martin, third, won a dog team harness, donated by C. M. Auer; B. Bissonette, fourth, won a hat, given by D. Ostrosser and Co.; Harry V. Darling, fifth, won a tobacco pouch given by C. C. Cumming; P. Sullivan, winner of the consolation, was handed a lunch kit and told that he could take his lunch with him next year to eat on the road. In accepting it Mr. Sullivan said it would indeed be handy for he could have a lunch ready to eat while waiting for the other teams to arrive at the finishing post. To Mr. Bissonette went the prize for the best-looking team, a wrist watch, given by Jules R. Timmins. He also won a pair of Marshall-Ecclestone's snowshoes for making the best time on the last lap of the race, from Pearce's drug store in South Porcupine to Timmins, six miles in 27 minutes, an average of about 13.3 miles an hour.

Following complaints from the Porcupine twenty years ago about service of the T. & N. O. Railway, Chairman Englehart of the railway commission promised changes for the better.

The D.Y.B. (Do Your Bit) patriotic club gave a farewell party in March of 1917 for two of their members, Misses Louise and Laura Demers. They were leaving for Halleybury to become nurses-in-training at Providence hospital there.

It was just twenty years ago this week E. H. Hill received his official appointment as division court clerk. In those days the office was at South Porcupine and the division was No. 5, Temiskaming. Mr. Hill had lived in the North since 1910. The Advance said at the time, and had been tax collector and assessor in Timmins. He succeeded G. A. D. Murray, who resigned.

Mining news of twenty years ago included an item from the Hollinger annual meeting saying that Jules R. Timmins had been added to the board of directors of the mine. Values being obtained at the Gold Reef mine, near the present Pambour, were high, another item said. A particularly rich step had been opened.

Among those mentioned in the locals of twenty years ago were: Mrs. J. R. Todd, Right Reverend J. G. Anderson, D.D., Bishop of Moosonee; Mrs. D. Deacon, R. J. Ennis, F. M. Burke, Rev. and Mrs. J. Macdonald and H. Porteous.

Miss Ruth Smith and Ernest White were married twenty years ago this week by Rev. S. M. Beach at the Methodist Church in Schumacher.

News from Cobalt in 1917 told of the death of Martin Mahoney, 60, one of the old-time prospectors of the North. War news of the day: "Scotty" Elsie returned to South Porcupine after being wounded overseas. The Advance talked about "the century's mechanical achievement," the Royal Air Force, saying that 3000 mechanics were needed overseas. Daring and skill were needed in the air force.

There would be no special Easter railway fare rates to attract passengers, Sir Henry Drayton, head of Canada's wartime railway consolidation, told the newspapers. The lines were congested with traffic.

At a carnival held here in March of 1917, the prize winners were Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Miss O. Wilson, Miss N. Robert, G. Everard, W. Johns, C. Jemmett, E. Staff and J. Pare.

There would be "further co-operation between the Presbyterian and Methodist churches in the North," it was decided at the 1917 Temiskaming presbytery meeting. The two churches agreed to divide the missionary work evenly.

Coronation Menus for the Canadian National Diners

A series of artistically designed menu cards bearing cover designs depicting in rich colours traditions surrounding the stately Coronation ceremonies of ancient kings of England, accompanied by an interesting description in legendary form of the functions attending the consecrating of a new monarch, have been issued by the Canadian National System for use in dining cars, and also on the passenger-carrying ships of the Canadian National Steamships in the West India services. These cards have been placed in service and will serve as an attractive souvenir of the forthcoming Coronation event, on May 12.

Some of the subjects deal with bear titles such as "Westminster Abbey," "The Legendary Consecration of the Abbey," "The Wedding Ring of England," "The Legend of the Oil and Ampulla," and "The Stone of Scone." In addition to these menu cards for immediate use, another one entitled "The Coronation Chair" will be available during the month of May.

Another series of menu cards have been designed for use in the buffet cars of the Canadian National Railways, presenting scenes of outstanding interest along the lines of the system across Canada, in which is featured sketches typical of Jasper National Park, the Gaspe Peninsula and Totem Poles of the West Coast. Each of these cards also carries a drawing illustrating some important improvement in equipment, such as individual controlled air inlet in air-conditioned sleeping cars, air outlet in ceiling of air-conditioned cars and some modern features of the 6400-class engine, the world's largest stream-lined steam locomotive.

Accident Could Not Have Been Prevented

Inquest into Death of Steve Sarkotich Showed A 11 Known Safety Measures Observed.

The accident at the Hollinger through which Steve Sarkotich lost his life was one of those things that cannot be prevented by any known safety measures. It was made clear at an inquest on Friday evening at the town hall under Coroner H. E. Montgomery.

According to the evidence of Z. Cividini who was working just a few feet away from his partner, the ten-ton slab of schist slipped out of the "hanging wall" of the stope without warning. Careful tests by two shift bosses and all the men employed in the stope had failed to reveal any weakness along that wall. There was no warning crack as the piece of rock 10 feet long, eight feet wide and two feet thick tumbled down on the unfortunate Steve Sarkotich. He must have died almost instantly, for according to Dr. Mackechnie's evidence, the chest was completely crushed.

Graphite Slip Exposed A graphite slip had been exposed for two or three feet near the piece that came out but all their efforts with scaling bars to pry it out of position had failed. Said Cividini: "My partner says that maybe not come down. I say I don't know."

There is a possibility that blasting that same day in the millhole of the stope had caused the structure of the wall to weaken. Twice during the morning of the day on which the accident occurred the millhole had to be blasted to free muck. Twenty sticks of powder had been used in each blast, D. Mick, shift boss, said. A pipe had been hammered down through the muck in the hole to the point at which the ore was "hung up," well below the working level of the slash and fill stope.

The accident happened at about ten minutes to four on Tuesday afternoon in "25 east of 12" stope on the 675-foot level. Fifteen minutes later, Dr. Mackechnie was in the stope and was able to reach in under the fallen rock to Sarkotich's head and feeling his temple pulse, found he was dead. The man had been pinned squarely under the rock.

"One of Best Men I Had" A. Jelliecur, shift boss on the afternoon shift, had tested the wall himself the two days previous and had heard no "drumminess" to indicate a large piece of loose. Speaking of Sarkotich, he said: "He was one of the best men I had, both in working and in carefulness. He had good judgment and good experience. If it had sounded loose he would have blasted it down or tim-

bered it." The stope had been considered a particularly safe one. On afternoon shift previous to the accident blasts of nine and 12 sticks of powder had been used to free the millhole. Captain R. E. Delahunt produced plans of the stope, showing the exact spot at which the accident had occurred. Speaking of the graphitic slip, he said: "It would possibly cause it (the rock from the wall) to loosen up. It would give way easier than it ordinarily would." There had been no previous trouble with "slabbing off" in that stope he said. Staging had been erected to be sure the roof could be scaled each shift.

Tested Wall Few Hours Before R. Tubman, machineman on the opposite shift, had tested the wall a few hours before and found it apparently solid.

The jury's verdict was that Sarkotich had come to his death "from a fall of rock. We attach no blame to anyone." Members of the jury were: A. G. Carson, G. Hayes, Frank Piro, E. P. Mahoney, William Cripps, A. C. Birch and G. Balfour.

Mining Inspector E. B. Weir questioned each witness carefully to draw out all possible information.

World's Biggest Diamond (In Replica) on Display

The famous Cullinan I, world's largest diamond, which is set in the sceptre of His Majesty King George VI, is on display (in replica) at C. A. Remus', jewellers.

The story of the Cullinan is one of the most fascinating in the entire history of diamonds.

One January afternoon in 1905, Fred Wells, a surface manager at Premium Mines No. 2, strolled out for a casual tour of inspection; twenty minutes later he came running like a madman, carrying in his two hands the biggest diamond crystal ever seen. Walking along an embankment, his glance had caught the gleam of the sun on a shining object high up on the mine face. Only half believing what he saw he clambered to the spot and tried to loosen the dirt-embedded stone; his pocket knife split—but at last the monster stone came loose from its age-old bed. When the crystal was placed on the scale, the indicator swung to 3,024 carats. A pound and three-quarters avoirdupois! Three times the size of any diamond that had been discovered.

This great find brought a reward of \$10,000 to Mr. Wells and world-wide acclaim. The Founder and the Chairman of the Premier Company, Mr. Thomas H. Cullinan, gave the four-inch diamond his name. When the owners decided to send it to London they entrusted it to ordinary registered mail. At the request of King Edward VII the stone was taken to Buckingham Palace soon after its arrival. The King remarked, as he held it up to the light,

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Later the crystal was separated into 9 fragments. Work on the largest piece, Cullinan I, continued for seven months. When finished, the pear-shaped gem weighed 516 1/2 carats. It was 2 1/5 inches long and its maximum breadth was 1 2/3 inches. All the diamonds of the Cullinan series are flawless and of the very finest blue-white water.

The largest, Cullinan I, sometimes called the "King Edward", is the chief ornament in the handle of the royal sceptre, which plays a historic part in the Coronation ceremonies.



BOY SCOUTS IN TIMMINS

The other day I picked up a copy of "Handbook for Patrol Leaders." It is a very compact little book and contains a great number of useful things. You should read it when you get a chance. But there is a story connected with it. Would you like to hear it?

Once upon a time there was a boy who wasn't much of a boy. He wasn't physically strong. He didn't care very much for games such as other boys played. Indeed he didn't care very much for other boys. He lived mostly in a dream world of his own.

Then one clear January day a good many years ago, he became a Scout because his father gave him the "Handbook for Boys" for a Christmas present. Little by little he became absorbed in the life of the Scouts, in the things that Scouts do, in the ideals of the Scout movement.

He was lucky enough to have a very wise Scoutmaster who understood the minds and moods and abilities of his boys and tried to give each one an opportunity to grow. And so, one day the Scout found himself appointed a Pa-

trol leader. And right then and there, a new life started for him.

His responsibilities developed his character. His life with his patrol in the open strengthened his body. The realness of the boys in his group made him into a real boy himself.

For a long time he carried on his job. Slowly he learned its many phases. Slowly he made himself a leader somewhere near worthy of those wide awake, very much alive boys of his, that patrol group with its splendid spirit of loyalty, unity and "togetherness."

And as he worked he came to wish that he might some day give to other patrol leaders the benefits of some of his experience, to help them along on their path to successful leadership.

The "Handbook for Patrol Leaders" is that other boy's dream come true. And that other boy is William Hillcourt.

Scouter Childs kept his troop in the "dark" as to what their meeting would be last Monday night. Because of defective fuses the 7th Troop held their meeting by the light of one small bulb. The boys say it was a lot of fun and the Scouter says that it was a "darned good meeting."

Last Friday night I had my hands full when I conducted a demonstration meeting of the Scouters and committee-men of both French troops. Each of the 60 boys seemed to enjoy himself as did the group committee. Father Theriault and Mr. Gauthier passed on words of encouragement to the boys. Four members of St. Charles Troop were invited by Scouters Pelletier, German and myself.

I've been hearing things about a "Pirates Night" for the Mattagami Park on the 24th. What's it all about Akela? Must see about getting round to it myself.

And then there is something in the air about a debate on "Patrol System vs. Group System" in the 2nd Troop. When, where, who the debaters are, or can we all go, I haven't heard but I'm sure it will be very interesting.

And so till next week, Good Scouting, E. B. R., District Scouter.

Schumacher High School Dance to be Notable One

Students at the Schumacher High School are planning on making their annual at home, to be held in the high school on Friday, April 2nd, the finest event of that sort they have undertaken. Special care is being taken to have the floor in first class condition for dancing; enticing refreshments are to be served at midnight; and a good programme of dance music is being arranged.

Any who have not already received invitations to the affair may have them by getting in touch with any student at the school.

Noted Pianist Plays for Porcupine School Pupils

Reginald Stewart's Interpretation of Classical Numbers at Empire Theatre Friday Morning Delights Five Hundred High School Pupils from South Porcupine, Schumacher and Timmins.

Reginald Stewart made five hundred young friends in Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine high schools in about ten minutes on Friday morning as he opened a programme of piano music for their benefit at the Empire theatre here.

Most of them were listening to their first good concert; all of them obviously enjoyed it thoroughly. And to make it unanimous, the pianist enjoyed playing for them. He not only told them so from the stage but said so most emphatically in an interview afterwards.

He didn't just display his art. He made them feel what he and the composer felt. Choosing Chopin's "Ballad in A Flat," he told them the story of the Polish poem on which the music is based: the young man walking in the moonlight by the lake, meeting a beautiful mystic lady who finally promises him her love if he remains true for a moon; the meeting of the young man with a second mystic lady, more beautiful than the first, who leads him in a dance over the water cut to the middle of the lake where she throws off her disguise and reveals herself as the first woman; and finally how she causes a storm to rise that swallows the young man in the depths. Mr. Stewart played the strains that represented the young man, his loved one, and the storm, so that his audience might follow the musical story with complete understanding. They were enthralled.

Highlight of Both Concerts Then, surprise of the concert, and highlight of both performances, evening and morning, came the first movement of "The Moonlight Sonata." Beethoven's soft, sad music had a visible effect on the unsophisticated audience. The applause that followed was the most tumultuous of the recital.

"Scherzo" means "joke," the pianist explained before playing Mendelssohn's "Scherzo in E Minor." As he sat down he told them that the great composer had set down in music an incident that had occurred while he was having afternoon tea with a friend, Madame's little dog had come racing into the room, a tin can tied to its tail. The quick-moving music, accentuated here and there with heavier bass notes, was a perfect note-picture.

Sharp Contrast Brahms' "Waltz in A Flat" brought the concert back to slow, clear melody. Sharply contrasting with this was "The Donkey" a composition of Grovlez, one

of the modern French musicians. In conclusion, Mr. Stewart repeated Ruzicstein's "Staccato Etude" he had played the evening before. Here the perfection of his technique was again well demonstrated.

His attentive listeners had learned their lesson well, the pianist found, as he asked them questions about the programme, all of which were answered correctly.

Of the students who attended, 140 were from Schumacher, 115 from South Porcupine and about two hundred from Timmins. They showed a surprising appreciation for the classics, to Mr. Stewart's delight.

Jack Hammell Addresses Prospectors' Association

(Friday's Globe and Mail) Grizzled veterans of Northern Ontario—some who struck it rich, others who still plod the trails searching for the hidden gold—gathered last night in typical prospector fellowship for their annual get-together.

Jack Hammell, famed for the Red Lake discovery; Russell Cryderman, dean of prospectors, new president of the Ontario Prospectors' Association, and several hundred others equally as well known in their natural haunts, were on hand.

The ballroom of the King Edward hotel re-echoed with laughter and noise as Hammell in his inimitable style told how he was "softening up the powers that be."

"We've got to soften up the Minister of Finance, that guy Dunning," observed Mr. Hammell. "Another guy I've got to work on is the Minister of Taxes. We must educate him. If we can show him how big that North Country is, I think he'll let us keep our dough."

Hon. Paul Leduc, Minister of Mines, promised Hydro power to the Red Lake district by July 1. This year, he said, the Provincial Government was sending 15 geographical field parties into Northern Ontario. Last year 12 were in the field, and the year before only six.

Members of the executive of the association expressed appreciation for the efforts of daily newspapers in publicizing the North Country to Southern Ontario and the rest of the world.

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