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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

At a meeting of the town council ten years ago the council approved the proposal for a technical school to be added to the high school. A petition signed by 510 ratepayers asked the council not to follow any plan of action that would result in the town losing the use of the athletic field. Dr. S. L. Honey, president of the Kiwanis Club, and Mr. H. G. Laidlaw appeared before the council to explain the Kiwanis plan to use the "cyanide" for playground purposes.

In April, 1927, judgment was given in the case of Robt. E. Miller, claimant, and Albert W. McDonald, defendant, in regard to claims in Kamiscota. The case was dismissed with costs.

An immediate start was promised ten years ago on the extension of the T. & N. O. north of Cochrane.

This time ten years ago The Advance announced that it was likely that a brewery would be established in Timmins.

W. D. Cuthbertson was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club here ten years ago, giving a very interesting review of Kiwanis activities, the address being illustrated by lantern slides.

The Timmins branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was inspected ten years ago, at the Hollinger Recreation hall, by Col. Chas. Hodgetts, C.M.G., M.D., D.P.H., Director-General, the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas within the Dominion of Canada.

"Northwood Rona," the prize spaniel owned by J. K. Massie, Timmins, ten years ago was winning honours at big dog shows at Cleveland, Butler, Ont., and other exhibitions.

At the first regular meeting of the Tisdale Township council, held on Monday, April 11, 1927, much business was dealt with by the recently-elected representatives. There was a request from pupil school boys for better playground, which was placed before the school board for consideration. Mr. Geo. Cole spoke on a grant for the Children's Shelter to be built in Timmins and there was much discussion about license fees.

On Saturday, April 9, 1927, the local branch of the Canadian Legion held a banquet in the Empire hotel to celebrate the anniversary of Vimy Ridge. There were about 200 guests and the menu, like all other features of the evening, was of the best. The speakers for the evening were Rev. F. O'Gorman, Rev. Ivan Kennedy, Mr. H. C. Garner, Mr. Alex Shields, of the headquarters of the Canadian Legion, Mayor Longmore, Lt.-Col. J. Wright, D.S.O., of Toronto, Mr. C. G. Pirie, Mr. Geo. Cole, Mr. Robert Dye, and Dr. S. R. Harrison. The toast to the comrades who had passed was honoured by a minute of silence, and F. J. Hornby sounded the "Last Post." In addition to the addresses there were a number of entertainment features. Solos by George White of Halesbury, Tom Fisher, E. R. Street and others, delighted the gathering, while the Gilbert Orchestra, the Band Quartette (Bandsmen Wolno, Demers, Wilford and Hornby), W. A. Devine at the piano, and others in instrumental numbers added to the pleasure of the evening. The following were the officers of the Canadian Legion in that first year of the branch:—President, Dr. S. R. Harrison; vice-presidents, H. C. Garner and Austin Neame; secretary, J. Cameron; treasurer, J. Callum; executive committee, Messrs. Stroud, Jenkins, Miller, MacDonald and T. Fellows. The committee in charge of the banquet included:—Dr. Porter, Dr. Weston, Messrs. Morgan, Harris, Hamilton, Devine and Cole.

No Vigilantes Needed in Northern Mining Camps

(From the Sudbury Star) One of Canada's most-travelled missionaries, Rev. Dr. J. C. Cochrane, who helps to shepherd the souls of the United Church members in 300,000 square miles of Northern Ontario and Quebec, says the colourful Yukon "sky pilot" who used both fists and an eloquent tongue to bring religion to the mining camps, would be a washout in such modern camps as Val d'Or and Michipicoten.

Mr. Cochrane admits that Val d'Or is "a little bit tough," but that the wide-open town is slowly yielding to the influence of the church.

There seems to be a misconceived idea in some quarters that mining centres are necessarily lawless; that those who follow mining must needs be tough, unruly and disorderly. The writer remembers, years ago, on a visit to a southern city, being asked if the miners in the North were "a law-abiding lot."

Perhaps the conception some people have of mining communities has been acquired through reading fiction of the early Western United States mining camps and the tales of glamorous excitement and gun-toting of the Yukon. But even in its earliest days mining in Northern Ontario had no such surroundings. Miners, in average characteristics, are little different from the adherents of any other calling. They would justifiably resent any implication that, taken as a whole, they are less amenable to the laws of the land than any other class of worker.

If statistics were readily available, it is doubtful if they would reveal that residents of Northern Ontario mining camps are in any sense more lawless or disreputable than those of manufacturing or farming centres in other parts of the province. In addition to the obvious fact that Northerners are of a natural law-abiding bent, the church and other institutions in the North, as elsewhere, spread their influence in the field of good works.

Police Office Opened at Sullivan Mine, Quebec

A new detachment of the Abitibi patrol of the Provincial Police has been opened at Sullivan Mine, under direction of Sergt. H. Charland, who was formerly stationed at Noranda as constable. Associated with him will be Constable Jabin, of the patrol at Noranda, and the detachment, which will be a temporary one for the period of railway construction in the district, will be under Sergt. Morel, of Noranda. Sergt. Charland will also be liquor enforcement officer from O'Brien to Perron, and has already commenced work, with very satisfactory results.

The year 1926 made a new high record for the number of claims staked in Ontario, according to The Advance ten years ago. The previous record was held by 1909, when there were 9746 claims recorded. In 1926 there were 13,496 mining claims recorded.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"The mill of S. McChesney and Son is now under way for the season and expects to have a busy summer with a number of men employed and a large output for the year. Last year the McChesney mill was the first to start and the last to close, and this year again they commence with half the same record and the probabilities of winning the other half at the end of the season."—"The Dominion House of Commons estimates, as published this week, provide for \$4,125 to be spent for Mattagami Landing dock. This is a public work badly needed for years, and Mr. Jos. Bradette, M.P., is to be congratulated and commended on being able to secure this piece of justice for this part of his riding."—"On Saturday last the marriage took place of Mrs. Ida Slater, Sixth avenue, and Mr. Harry Soleski, Rev. J. D. Parks, minister of the United Church, Timmins, was the officiating clergyman. In the evening there was a wedding party at the home of Mr. J. Dolynchuck, Pine street north, in honour of the couple."—"There was a good crowd at the Hollinger hall last Thursday evening for the dance given by the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The hall was very artistically decorated for the occasion, and all the other arrangements for the event were looked after in a way that reflected the greatest credit on those in charge. The music by the A. S. D. Orchestra delighted all and the whole evening was much enjoyed by all attending."—"Mr. and Mrs. Pete Blahey and daughter, Jean, left last week for Winnipeg to visit Mrs. Blahey's parents."—"Born in Timmins, Ont., on Wednesday, April 6th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kyle—a son."—"Mr. Lewis, of the firm of Platus and Lewis, barristers, solicitors, etc., is returning to Toronto, but Mr. Platus will continue the law office here himself. The firm has been in business here for some two years past, and Messrs. Platus and Lewis have made many friends here, all of whom will regret the departure of Mr. Lewis, while all will be pleased to know that Mr. Platus will continue his law practice here as usual."—"Another of the very pleasant social events held by members of the Ladies of the Orient was the evening spent on Monday at the home of Mrs. Jas. Closs. A goodly number of the Ladies of the Orient were entertained by Mrs. Closs assisted by Mrs. Jas. Cowan. The evening was passed with music, cards and other social features, and all present enjoyed the event very much indeed. The next event will be to bring him to safety.

Horace Brown made a record for early swimming ten years ago when he took a voluntary dip in the Mattagami river on April 13th. He admitted that the water was very cold, but added that he suffered no ill effects from his rushing the bathing season. Also he said that it was healthful and great fun after the first shock of the cold water.

This bathing incident tempted The Advance ten years ago to recall the case of the late Neil Faulkenham, pioneer of the Northern mining areas, who made a year-round practice of taking a cold bath each morning. When on the trail in his prospecting trips in the winter, Neh would often cut the ice on small lakes or rivers to get to the water for his morning bath. Coming out of this "bawth," as he himself used to call it in imitation of some English friends he had, Neh was often known to give companions the cold shivers by rolling in the snow "to restore the circulation" as he phrased it.

The Advance ten years ago published an interview with R. F. Segsworth, who had just been elected one of the Dome directors. He spoke of his firm faith in the Dome and its great future.

W. Mansfield, of Schumacher, had a trying experience ten years ago, when crossing Pearl lake. About 25 yards from the shore the ice gave way beneath him and he was thrown into the cold water. As he sought to draw himself out of the water more of the ice would give way. For a time he was in serious danger, but was eventually rescued by C. Jacksch, M. Starr and S. Bunnell, who used poles and a rope to bring him to safety.

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be at the home of Mrs. J. J. Johnston on Wednesday evening, April 20th.

"Mr. M. Gibson, who was assessor here in 1926, has been appointed assessor for 1927 for Kirkland Lake, Swastika and the rest of Teck township."—"The steady progress being made by Kirkland Lake and its advancement along modern lines are evidenced by two items in the report of the last meeting of the Teck township council. The one item tells of authority being given the clerk to purchase name and number plates, so that the street names may be properly displayed for the benefit of the public and the houses and business places may all be numbered so that they may easily be found by any person seeking them. The other item tells of the acceptance by council of a plan for the installation of a new electric fire alarm system."—"The whist and dance given on Tuesday evening in the Hollinger hall by the Hollinger Football Club was a most successful and pleasing event. There was a large crowd present for the occasion and all had a jolly good time. There was pep music by the High School orchestra, and everything else was up to the best standards. Refreshments were served during the evening. In the whist drive the following were the winners:—Ladies 1st, Mrs. C. G. Bellamy; 2nd, Mrs. T. Scott; consolation, Mr. Crisp, playing as a lady; gentlemen 1st, R. Webber; 2nd, A. G. Johnson; consolation, Mr. Bell.

Brookville Recorder - Times: "Mitch" Hepburn says he will not tolerate "sit-down" strikes in Ontario—nor strikes apparently, in the party of which he is the head.

Renfrew Mercury: This month there is income tax for the Dominion and income tax for the province. Very soon there will be the municipal taxes. Here a tax, there a tax, everywhere a tax.

J. I. Dixon, 67-year-old war veteran, is resting comfortably in hospital at Sudbury this week because Jack Raye, his partner, made an heroic trek across twenty miles of rotten and treacherous ice to summon an airplane to his aid.

Dixon was lying in the little cabin belonging to the pair at Lake Wahnapitae, seriously ill with pneumonia. Fearing that he might die before medical aid could reach him, his partner started out on the dangerous hike, scoring the fact that the safe period for walking across the ice has been brought to an end by the warm breezes and sun of spring.

Twice during the journey to the air base he crashed through the honey-combed ice and into the frigid waters of the lake. When he reached Sudbury he was soaking wet and not far removed from exhaustion.

Upon arriving in Sudbury he gave instructions to Pilot Phil Sauve, who himself took a long chance in landing his machine on the ice near the shore, where shelter from the sun had prevented the ice becoming too rotten to hold the plane's weight.

Dixon's condition was described by hospital authorities to-night as "improved."

Edmonton Journal: An Alberta court has ruled that a guest, visiting a private home, may not bring drinks with him. This interpretation of the Alberta law upholds the old Western tradition that the drinks should be on the house.

Cobalt Man Freed on Charge of Assault

Fracas in Hotel Followed by Police Court Case.

Cobalt, April 15.—(Special to The Advance)—A fracas in the Miners' Home hotel here in which the proprietor, Joseph Robitaille, was involved, had a sequel before Magistrate Atkinson on Saturday when Robitaille was found not guilty of assaulting Omer Perron, young man from Temagami, after accused produced corroborative evidence for his contention that his wife and Perron had been together in a room of the hotel in the early morning of March 29. All three previously had attended a party given Easter night at the home of accused's sister.

Perron denied familiarity with the woman when questioned on the point by Geo. Mitchell, K.C., defence counsel. He said she and another man had been there when he first looked into the room, and afterwards obtained her permission to sleep there. He was alone when awakened by Robitaille, who ordered him out, giving no reason and using abusive language, complainant swore. Robitaille, according to Perron, struck him, twisted his arm, put him on the floor, damaged two of his teeth, and picking up a chair, threatened to kill him. Perron said he took refuge in the lavatory of the hotel,

whose beverage room has been closed for some days allegedly by orders from the provincial authorities.

Robitaille said there had been "a little bit of a fight," saying he lost his temper when he found the pair in room. He ordered Perron out, he said, and when he did not comply, hit him again. The evidence regarding the alleged presence of Mrs. Robitaille in the room (which adjoins the proprietor's private apartments) was corroborated by a Ville Marie man named Jubenville, who had come late to the hotel and, asking Robitaille for a room, was shown to that where Perron had gone.

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