

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

Ten years ago the Timmins Golf Club at their annual meeting decided to secure the services of a professional. The directors for 1927 season were elected, and it was decided that fees and memberships were to be the same as during the previous year.

Halleybury's tax rate for 1927 was given by The Advance as 49 mills for public school supporters and 64 mills for separate school supporters.

Ten years ago a trapper of the Jacksonboro district was found dead on the trail between the Mattagami river and the Jacksonboro settlement. Death was due to exposure and alcoholism.

During the year 1927 several flocks of wild geese stopped on the marshy ground back of the Hollinger power house and the Porcupine Rod and Gun Club provided food for the birds in the hopes of having them make Timmins a regular place of call on the trips between North and South. Hundreds of people from town and district watched the birds while they were here and there was great interest in the matter. The Rod and Gun Club thought that it would be a good idea to have a sanctuary established here for the birds so that they would be a source of pleasure each year when they called here. This plan was dropped, however, the chief reason being that the birds were frightened away by interference. One man was fined \$25 and costs for each bird (and there were three of them so it was a very expensive sport) for shoot-

ing the wild geese. Provincial Officer Finger had been keeping a watchful eye on the flocks stopping here on their trip north, and he found the man in question deliberately shooting the birds. "The birds are so tame," said The Advance in reporting the case "that it seems pretty poor sportsmanship to shoot them."

On Monday, April 18th, 1927, a grand ball was held by the Croatian Tamburica Orchestra and the Croatian Society of Schumacher in the McIntyre hall. Schumacher, for the benefit of the children's Aid Shelter Fund. The ball was a noteworthy success, the fund netting over \$200 from the event. Besides supplying dance music, the orchestra played classical numbers for a half hour after the luncheon, and these found very decided favour. The Croatian Orchestra with their own national musical instruments made a very decided hit with the crowd.

On Wednesday evening, April 20, 1927, a boxing tournament was held in the Hollinger Recreation hall. This was a very pleasing and successful event, being under the direction of Mr. J. Cowan. The Timmins Citizens' Band orchestra under Bandmaster F. J. Wold was a special feature of the evening. Mr. J. Faithful was a very efficient referee, and Mr. J. McKenzie a very able match-maker.

Ten years ago a Philadelphia group of capitalists purchased a number of claims from D. O'Connor, of Connaught. The claims were located in Cleaver township.

Ten years ago the home of P. W. Curtis, milkman, was burned to the ground. As the house was out of the town limits and no hydrants being on hand, the fire brigade were unable to put out the fire which totally destroyed the house and its contents, causing a very heavy loss.

In the issue of The Advance this time ten years ago, H. A. Preston had an interesting account of the finding of gold in the Porcupine twenty years previously. Mr. Preston's article said that the first gold found in the Porcupine by prospectors was at Gold Island, Night Hawk Lake area.

On Sunday, April 17, 1927, Officer Laviolette by first stamping out a fire in a quantity of hay as well as he could, and then calling the fire department, who completed his work, was able to prevent what might have been a very serious fire near the Union Coal

buildings alongside the T. & N. O. yards.

Rev. J. D. Parks was the speaker at the Kiwanis Club ten years ago. He spoke on "Vestiges." At the same meeting Vincent Woodbury gave a very entertaining review of a trip he had made to California a short time before.

Ten years ago over sixty young people thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the fourth annual banquet of the Y.F.S. of the United Church. The catering was done by Mrs. J. A. Howe, the girls of the Felix Club being the waitresses for the occasion. Rev. J. D. Parks presided, adding much to the interest and success of the evening with his humorous and witty remarks. All the items on the programme were excellent, and the event was a decided credit.

The second annual Moose dance held in the McIntyre hall, Schumacher, ten years ago, was a noteworthy success. It was largely attended.

Ten years ago the Canadian Girls in Training gave a banquet in honour of Schumacher mothers in the basement of the United Church, Schumacher. In addition to the usual toasts to the church organizations, and responses, there was an excellent programme of readings and musical numbers. One of the chief items on the menu was roast chicken. The event was a wonderful success, for which the girls received due credit.

On Friday evening, April 15, 1927, a fire originating from an electrical short circuit caused considerable excitement. The fire, which was soon put out by the fire department, was in Room 24 of the Hotel Goldfields block. Miss Sloan, occupant of the room, lost a valuable quantity of clothing.

Golf started in Timmins at the weekend ten years ago.

Ten years ago a large moose held up the T. & N. O. for a few minutes in the rock cut just outside Dane. The train had to be stopped as the moose blocked the right of way. When employees started to drop from the train, however, he decided to move and move fast.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1927, a short circuit caused a fire at the Dome Pump House. Several of the men who were working on the property at the time narrowly escaped electrocution from electricity shooting about, as water touched the switches on which they were working. The roof of the building collapsed but no damage was done to the machinery on the first story.

Cochrane Board of Trade ten years ago was carrying on a campaign to have a Cochrane district map added to the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission.

Joseph Larche, Sixth avenue, showed The Advance ten years ago an enormous egg laid by one of his hens. The egg measured seven and a half inches the one way and six inches the other way.

The Rod and Gun Club ten years ago planned to establish English pheasants in this part of the North, but the plan was eventually dropped on account of the failure of similar efforts in other parts of the North.

Among the locals in the Advance ten years ago were: "Mr. H. J. Moore of Camble Robinson's, Rouyn, was a week-end visitor to Timmins." "Mr. J. E. Grossett spent the Easter holiday season at his old home, Barrie, Ont." "Dr. Clifford Sullivan was a visitor to his brother, Mr. Ralph Sullivan at Kirkland Lake, during the Easter holidays." "Miss Muriel Griffin of North Bay is visiting relatives in Timmins." "Born—in Timmins, on Wednesday,

## Blinding Headaches Made Her Helpless

### Forced to Lie Down for Hours at a Time

Other sufferers from headaches will be interested to read this letter:—"Until last summer I was subject to very bad headaches. While they lasted I seemed to lose my sight and all power in my hands, and was forced to lie down for hours at a time. My aunt (who has taken Kruchen Salts for 12 years with beneficial results) suggested my trying them. I did so, and I've not had any return of those headaches for months, in fact I feel quite better. I shall always take Kruchen regularly in future."—Mrs. J. M. W.

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April 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Craig, Cedar south—a son. "Mr. H. E. Montgomery was a visitor to Halleybury on Saturday and Sunday." "Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pickering spent the Easter holiday season as the guests of friends in Cochrane." "Mrs. E. Welt of Schumacher is at present on a visit to friends in Cobalt and Halleybury." "Mr. J. A. Cowan, special writer for MacLean's Magazine, Toronto, was a visitor to Timmins last week gathering data for a series of articles on the Hollinger, the town of Timmins, and the district generally." "Mr. and Mrs. J. Jardine will return home this (Thursday) evening. Mr. Jardine has been to Indiana attending the funeral of his mother. Mrs. Jardine has been in Toronto taking hospital treatment at the Toronto General hospital." "Miss Dorothy Noble, of Kapuskasing, has been visiting Miss Lela McCarthy during the Easter holidays." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Tuesday, April 19th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Gray, 58 Balsam street south—a son." "Ten or eleven accidents—or collisions, etc.—are reported as the incidental result of Sunday's motoring. It is too much." "J. M. McGill, of Hamilton, one of the genuine old-timers of the North Land, having been in charge of Carr's hardware store at South Porcupine many years ago, was a visitor to the camp this week and was given hearty greetings by old-time friends." "E. Pommier, father of Adrian T. Pommier, though in his eighty-second year, is on a trip through Canada and the United States. He is visiting Ottawa, Montreal and New York, and while in the latter city will visit a fellow-countryman with whom he learned the jewelry business in France over fifty-five years ago, and whom he has seen only twice since he (Mr. Pommier) came to Canada over forty years ago.

## Shut-down Mines if C.I.O. Called Strike

### Warning Given at Toronto by Heads of Two Big Mines.

(From Toronto Globe) Indefinite shut-down of the McIntyre-Porcupine and Hollinger mines will follow any serious strike difficulties which C.I.O. agents, now operating on an extensive scale throughout Northern Ontario, may thrust into the operations of these two great Canadian gold producers.

Backing Premier Hepburn to the limit in his fight against John L. Lewis' attempted dictation to Canadian industry, John P. Bickell, president of McIntyre, and J. R. Timmins, president of Hollinger Consolidated, last night issued brief statements, setting forth their emphatic opposition to the C.I.O. programme and policy, and sounding definite warning that rather than submit to intolerable strike conditions, they will halt operations of their mines.

"And when I say 'shut down' I mean 'shut down'," Mr. Bickell in particular stressed. "If my men don't want to work for me they don't have to. We won't suspend operations merely to negotiate; we'll shut down until the men are ready to go back to their jobs."

### Co-operate With Hepburn

While neither Mr. Bickell nor Mr. Timmins "anticipated trouble," they were, they said, taking careful stock of the situation, and were co-operating closely with Premier Hepburn and his government to meet any emergency which might shortly develop in the Porcupine area.

In the event of shut-downs, 1300 men would be affected at the main operation of McIntyre, and 3000 at Hollinger Consolidated.

"I have unbounded admiration for the stand and courage shown by the prime minister of Ontario," declared Mr. Bickell, "in putting principle above all else in this difficult situation. All thinking people must recognize and realize that to-day industrialists in the majority have the interest of their employees at heart and will willingly and gladly confer with them as employees. But to have paid agitators from foreign countries endeavour to disturb the peaceful relationship at present existing throughout industrial Canada is something which cannot be condoned. "So far as the industry with which I am connected is concerned, I shall never try to coerce any man into working against his will. If the majority of those for whose employment I am responsible should ever feel they are dissatisfied with the conditions under which they work, I have no other alternative than to suspend operations indefinitely."

## Sudbury Legion Sponsors Anti-Communist League

Probably following the suggestion made recently by Hon. E. A. Lapointe, Minister of Justice, in an address in the House of Commons at Ottawa, the Sudbury Legion has sponsored an Anti-Communist League. Already the or-

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ganization has a membership of 2000 and an additional 1000 is expected in the course of the next few days. T. S. Wilson was last week named president of the new society, which is to be known as the "Anti-Communist League of Canada." Sudbury having the first branch, F. Norman Downe and Jules J. Ferry are vice-presidents of the Sudbury branch, while Alec MacDonell is secretary and W. J. Hough the treasurer. In referring to the organization last week The Sudbury Star said:—"The organization was fostered by the Sudbury branch of the Canadian Legion and it is expected that as the movement spreads branches will be formed in other cities of Ontario. Many individual organizations which have been opposed to the principals of Communism have allied themselves with the new organization and the avowed aim is to fight Communist propaganda and develop a fuller nationalism among Canadians."

"Presidents of all member organizations are automatically members of the executive board, according to the constitution which was adopted this week. The League has expressed itself as opposed to the C.I.O., charging that that organization has Communist tendencies and principals.

"The aims and objects of the League are: 1. To organize in the district a union of all nationalities to promote amongst them a spirit of Canadian patriotism; 2. To guard against unlawful or other radical influences or propaganda which may work serious injury to its members and the community; 3. To foster and promote its members; 4. To educate the people against the evils of Communism; 5. To support suitable undertakings whereby members who are not English-speaking may get better opportunities to study the English language; 6. To co-operate with other legal organizations with similar aims and objects; 7. To encourage all outside nationalities to become Canadian citizens."

## North Militia Should Have Had Place at Coronation

(From Sudbury Star) Although it is too late to do anything about it, in the way of a more equitable selection of the small force assembled, Northern Ontario has cause for feel-

ing hurt that the militia authorities failed to give the Northland representation on Canada's coronation contingent.

There was ample justification for expecting that in view of the vast extent of the territory and its economic importance, not to say anything of the high standard of the thousands of civilian soldiers which the North sent to the Great War, some recognition should have been forthcoming in choosing a body of men to take part in the coronation ceremonies.

Northern Ontario—the metals, lumbering and farming kingdom north of the C.P.R.—is a big proportion of the province, in area, population and industrial influence. The territory enlisted thousands of red-blooded residents, miners, lumbermen, pioneers, office and business men, and these troops were outstanding in the campaign which resulted in ultimate victory. The achievements of the Northerners constitute an enviable chapter in the annals of the Great War.

It does not seem quite fair that this huge district, which has in all branches of national life been so prominent and so resourceful, should be overlooked entirely in the selection of a troop of soldiers to represent the Dominion at the crowning of King George and Queen Elizabeth.

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## Small Mining Ventures Should Have Fair Chance

Commenting on the resolution passed last week by the New Liskeard Board of Trade, The Sudbury Star in an editorial article has the following to say:—"With evidences before it that the progress of mining development is being impeded because of the new securities sales regulations, the New Liskeard Board of Trade has passed a resolution asking that the laws be repealed; that in the opinion of men prominent in the industry they are unworkable.

The changes made in the regulations have, without doubt, caused considerable grief in Northern Ontario and in centres where deals for mining properties are negotiated. Contracts for acquisition of properties and formation of operating companies have been cancelled, and several others, it is stated, have been held in abeyance.

The New Liskeard Board of Trade, among other things, feels that there is unfairness in restricting the cash payment to the owner or staker of mining claims to the amount of cash actually spent on the claims by the owner or staker. The members of the Board say that the sale of mining claims should be regulated by the same laws that govern other contracts, and that prospectors or other owners should be able to dispose of their property at the best terms obtainable, without any restrictions. There is just a question if the Ontario Securities Commission has not been entrusted with too much power.

That the new rulings have caused some heartburnings is not surprising, because it was obvious that some interests would be adversely affected. However, it is inconceivable that the Securities Commission would put into effect regulations that would do actual harm to the mining industry, and if it is found that the actual exploration and development are to be handicapped because of the amendments, it should not hesitate to have the rules revised. The public, of course, are entitled to be protected against unscrupulous promoters, and the Commission has done some good work in this respect, though there is much still to be accomplished. There is no sense in attempting to curb speculation. Without that element of chance entering into it mining would not get very far. There is, however, something coming to the prospectors and other pioneers who, at great cost of money and effort, spy out the land and locate mineral deposits. While desirous of protecting investors, the Commission must also show sympathy for those who break the trails to greater mine development.

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