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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, at which Mayor Longmore presided, there was a great deal of discussion about the matter of employing a "spotter" to help the police in convicting in cases where the law was broken. When Dr. Joyal, one of the councillors expressed himself as opposed to this method, Mayor Longmore pointed out that special methods had to be employed to enforce the law. In several cases where there had been complaints, those who complained were unwilling to come to court and give evidence so that a special "spotter" had to be employed. There were also several cases dealing with road work, mining rights, taxes, etc., and the meeting was a lengthy one.

Ten years ago, Pete Desautels who was driving a milk wagon past Dalton's farm, was ordered to "put up his hands" by a man with a handkerchief over the lower part of his face. Instead of stopping as ordered the boy, who was accompanied by two other lads, put the whip to his horse and got away, but not before the masked man had sent a bullet through the side of the wagon, not six inches from the boy's head. The matter was reported to the police and Constable Fingher investigated, finding the boy's story fully corroborated, but the man who did the shooting was never located.

Ten years ago a young cow moose got into the yard at Berger's at Porquus Junction, and after several attempts to get over the fence and away was successful in finally making a mighty leap only to crash down head first over the fence, thus breaking its neck.

A large number of friends and relatives of Misses Winifred and Ina Cornell wards of Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton of Main avenue gathered at the Hollinger Recreation hall ten years ago to wish them good-speed on their journey to join their father at their native land of Ireland. The High School Orchestra supplied the music for dancing, and by the large number of gifts the young ladies received, it was shown that they had made a very large circle of friends during their stay here.

At this time of the year in 1927, Assessment Commissioner H. R. Channen had the assessment roll for that year completed and totalled. There was an increase of \$1,455,241 over the assessment of property for the previous year, the total assessment being \$7,761,541, and an increase of \$599,580 in the income tax. The population of Timmins was given as 11,252 with another 363 in the part of Mountjoy assessed by the town.

Ten years ago one hundred and forty members of the Oddfellows lodges of Ironquois Falls, Matheson, Cochrane and South Porcupine were here for the fourth annual Lodge of Instruction in the I.O.O.F. hall. It is interesting to note that at the time those motoring here were pleased to note that the roads were greatly improved—but that was ten years ago. Among the visitors were the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Bro. Byam, of New Liskeard, and the D.D.G.M. Bro. Dan Johnston of Matheson.

Ten years ago The Advance carried an article on the death of Mr. Pete Strain, a popular old-time resident of the camp. A few weeks before he had returned from Weston Sanatorium where his ailment was diagnosed as tuberculosis of three years' standing. He was 38 years of age at the time of his death. He had come to the Porcupine in 1910 and was survived by his wife and daughter.

A party of some thirty Kiwanians and their ladies from Pembroke, Ont., the club that sponsored Timmins Club, visited the North ten years ago, arriving here by special car, a section of which was devoted to a display of made-in-Pembroke products. The party were the guests of the North Bay Rotary Club on the evening previous to their arrival here, and were guests at a dinner dance at the Empire Hotel which was sponsored by the Timmins Kiwanis Club while they were here. Presentations were made and a very happy and carefree time was had by both the guests and their hosts.

Ten years ago the closing of the A. S. D. Club for the fall and winter season of 1926-27 was observed by a banquet followed by a dance in the Oddfellows' hall. Nearly one hundred people were present at the fine dinner, after which Mr. A. W. Pickering made a short address, followed by Mr. J. M. Belanger with his witty remarks that produced much laughter. Special features of the dance for which the A. S. D. orchestra provided the music were a Paul Jones and a Broom Dance. The Club's re-opening took place the following September.

The official opening of the Timmins Golf Club ten years ago was held on the day when the first match, that of the President versus the Vice-President, was played. Over thirty two-somes took part in the opening round, the victory being with the Vice-President's team. With fine weather, and greens that were in good condition, the opening was probably one of the most successful of any of the official openings up to that time.

Ten years ago an attempt was made to enter the store premises of Mr. J. G. Sheridan. A window near the office part of the store where the safe was located was used for the plan of entry to the building. Mr. Sheridan notified the police who were promptly on the scene, though a few minutes too late to catch the robbers at their work. The robbers were, however, unable to gain entry to the store, so that their intended robbery did not materialize.

While at work in charge of a boom for S. McChesney and Sons ten years ago, Thomas Sloan, a young man of 27, fell into the river and was drowned. He had just opened the boom to allow a launch to pass, and the boatman hearing a splash put on speed but was too late to save him. The accident took place up the river at Haswyer Farm, and the fire rangers taking charge and doing excellent work, the body was soon recovered.

The field day under the auspices of the Arrow Athletic Club on the athletic grounds ten years ago was a very successful event. About a thousand people enjoyed the day, the weather though cloudy, keeping fine until the programme was completed. The Timmins Citizens' Band furnished music for the occasion, and the events were well contested. There was a remarkable array of good prizes and trophies and contestants and spectators alike were well satisfied.

The Graveyard Shift Revue, 1927, under the auspices of the Timmins Kiwanians ten years ago, in aid of children's playgrounds, proved an outstanding success. The house was filled to capacity, a neat amount was realized, and the revue itself was the biggest half-dollar's worth of clever, wholesome and original entertainment ever to have been offered to the people of Timmins. The fact that it was organized, directed and presented by all-local talent speaks volumes for the amount of outstanding talent in the town ten years ago.

Ten years ago the Dome football team drew with the Cornish One-and-All, the score being 2 to 2. The Cornish were leading up to five minutes before the end, when Street stopped the ball with his face, the Dome then tying the score on the penalty. At the same time the Lancashire Roses also drew 2 to 2 with the Holly Rees. Both matches were fast from beginning to end and the public thoroughly enjoyed the games.

At police court ten years ago one thoughtless fellow was fined \$5 and costs or \$11.50 in all for throwing firecrackers at the heels of passers-by, so that it is not only during the present times that people have complained of this annoying and dangerous game. There were also drunk and speeding charges, as well as other cases, dealt with that day.

Among the locals in The Advance ten years ago were: "Mr. H. B. Austin, of the National Grocers at Cochrane, motored into Timmins on Victoria Day"; "Mrs. Harry Lickington, of Toronto, formerly of Halleybury, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. LeHeup"; "Mr. E. Chase leaves to-morrow for Denver, Colo., and will visit Niagara and other points south"; "Mr. S. A. Silver, who is now conducting a drug store at Buffalo, N.Y., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Silver at Timmins this week"; "Mr. W. T. Montgomery was a week-end visitor to Halleybury"; "Mrs. C. W. Pexton and children are visiting friends in the Rouyn Camp"; "Born at Mrs. Goulet's hospital, Timmins, on Thursday, May 19th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Levert—a daughter (Flora Helen)"; "Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gosselin of Ottawa, are spending a few weeks in Timmins, the guests of Mrs. Gosselin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tremblay, 157 Pine street north."

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Unusual Story of Nova Scotia Skipper

Captain Hatfield Now in Ottawa After Long Fight Against Extradition.

Recently another chapter has been written in the story of the life of the noted Nova Scotia skipper, Captain Hatfield. Known to many in the North there will be more than passing interest in the story so far as it is known.

Captain Freeman Hatfield, veteran Nova Scotia windjammer sailor, who came to Ottawa in 1931 and collected \$71,000 for the alleged torpedoing of his schooner, the "Gypsum Queen," returned last week to face charges that he obtained the money by false pretences and theft.

The dapper little master mariner, who claimed 67 years as his age, was brought to Ottawa by the Mounted Police officers from Manchester, N.H., where for two and a half years he has been in jail fighting extradition.

Given Remand

Captain Hatfield was arranged before Deputy Magistrate O'Connor at Ottawa on charges of "obtaining by false pretences, procuring to be delivered by the Bank of Montreal to Hance J. Logan, \$71,276.72 property of the Dominion of Canada, with intent to defraud" and "converting to his own use and thereby stealing \$71,276.72, property of the Dominion of Canada."

Edwin H. Charleson appeared for the Crown and asked for an adjournment until Friday, May 28. The request was granted with no pleas being entered. The accused had nothing to say at the brief arraignment.

Spends Night in Jail.

After being booked at the police station by Sgt. Major Thomas Gleason, Captain Hatfield was taken to the county jail. Sprightly, and with scarcely a grey hair, the prisoner refused the offer of police to carry his luggage.

"I was born in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia," Captain Hatfield told the police sergeant, "and I was 67 years old last March." Asked his religion the skipper said, "Oh I don't know."

"Well, I have to put down your religion," the sergeant said.

"Put down your own, that will be alright," said Captain Hatfield.

Just as the police car containing Captain Hatfield, Sgt. Major Stephen Downey and Constable George Drew drew up outside Nicholas street jail, a large black cat was struck by a passing automobile and hurled on to the sidewalk.

Stepping from the car Captain Hatfield paused a moment, and shaking his head, remarked: "It's a cat and a black cat at that. What sort of luck does this mean?"

He was then hurried inside the jail where he thanked the officers who had brought him from the police station.

Governor Alonzo Dawson told The Ottawa Journal no special privileges would be granted to the skipper. "He will be given the same treatment as any other prisoner on remand awaiting trial."

In previous despatches Captain Hatfield was reported as 74 years old and through the long series of investigations and court action that followed his reparations claim, he was always re-described as in his seventies.

Long Drawn Out Action

It is anticipated the action to be taken against the Nova Scotia skipper will be long drawn out since there are volumes of evidence and it is possible witnesses will be required from England.

After a long search that took investigators up and down the Atlantic seaboard of the United States, the aged skipper was found near Manchester in December, 1934, working a little chicken farm he had recently acquired. His fight against extradition went from the lowest to the highest courts of the United States and his final appeal to the Supreme Court of that country was turned down a few weeks ago.

In 1931 the Reparations Commissioner for Canada awarded Captain Hatfield some \$71,000 as compensation for the loss of the Gypsum Queen off the Irish coast in June, 1915. The vessel was en route from Halifax to Falmouth with a cargo of lumber. Captain Hatfield and several members of his crew testified that the vessel had been torpedoed.

It developed that a document was in the hands of the Board of Trade in Liverpool, allegedly signed by Captain Hatfield, stating that his ship had been lost in a storm. The document was said to have been signed when the captain and crew were landed in Liverpool by the steamer that picked them up after the Gypsum Queen had been abandoned.

Charge Claim Fraudulent

A Royal Commission reported, after investigation that ranged over Canada, United States and England, that the claim had been fraudulent. Action was taken against Hatfield and his counsel, Senator Hance Logan, a fellow Nova Scotian, in the Exchequer Court. The verdict was that both be held respon-

sible for return of the money and recommended action be taken against the skipper for theft.

But Captain Hatfield had not been in Canada since shortly after he cashed his reparations cheque in bills of \$1000 denomination, in an Ottawa bank. And Senator Logan bore the brunt of the inquiries and court action while police searched for the sailing master.

Senator Logan has appealed the Exchequer Court order holding him jointly responsible for return of the money and his case will be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada in the fall.

He claimed throughout that he acted only because Hatfield was an old friend in whom he trusted and believed. He testified also that he had obtained only about \$2500 from the proceeds of the claim, as out of pocket expenses.

The claim arose, according to the evidence, when Hatfield, penniless and jobless in the West Indies, heard that reparations were being paid those who had lost vessels by enemy action and wrote his old friend, Senator Logan, stating that his vessel had been torpedoed in 1915, and asking him to conduct an action for compensation.

Expects Exonerated

A despatch from Manchester, New Hampshire, gives further information in regard to the case. The despatch says that Captain Hatfield was cheerful as he left Manchester and his attorney, A. J. Connor, who fought his extradition through the courts, scoffed at any suggestion his client "ever was a fugitive or had a guilty conscience."

When the old mariner "swallowed the anchor" about five years ago, he purchased a small chicken farm near Manchester.

"He went there because a sea captain friend of his lived in the town," said Connor. "His name was in the town and telephone directories and his car was registered in his own name. He is a very high type and everyone who knew him liked him. He was given almost complete liberty under the two and one-half years he was in the county jail."

Captain Hatfield shipped before the mast at the age of 15 and within a few years rose to command his own vessel—through the years he skippered many windjammers, but never trod the bridge of a steamship.

His semi-confinement never drew a complaint from him.

"He never whined or bellyached," said Attorney Connor. "Sometimes neighbours or seafaring friends called on him, but he held himself aloof from other inmates of the jail."

Connor expressed confidence Captain Hatfield would be exonerated by Canadian officials.

Meeting on Thursday of Fish and Game Association

A meeting of the executive of the Porcupine Fish and Game Protective Association will be held on Thursday evening, June 3rd, in the Daffodil Tea Room in Schumacher. Many details of great importance are to be taken up at this meeting.

Banquet to Grand Master on Visit Here, June 12th

The Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada will pay official visit here on Saturday, June 12th. There will be a Masonic banquet in his honour in the Masonic hall on Saturday evening, June 12th, at 7 o'clock, to which all Masons will be welcome.

Farewell Party to Mrs. Joseph Ormston

Friends Honour Mrs. Ormston Prior to Her Leaving on Visit to England.

A large number of friends attended the farewell party at the Hollinger Recreation hall on Thursday night in honour of Mrs. J. Ormston, who is leaving on June 10 for a visit to England. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Chester MacEwee and Mrs. Shaw, who served a delicious lunch at tables which were attractively decorated in red, white and blue. The evening was spent playing whist and bridge, winners being: Whist, 1st prize Mrs. W. Lawrence; 2nd prize, Mrs. Backhouse; consolation, Mrs. Whitford; bridge—1st prize, Mrs. W. Nickson; 2nd, Mrs. J. Lavereau. The special door prize was won by Mrs. Chynoweth.

Mrs. Ormston was presented with a lovely aeropack and a combination purse and umbrella. Mrs. Hemming making the presentation.

After a thoroughly enjoyable evening the ladies left the hall, but as they were having such a very happy time decided that it would really spoil it all if they departed to their homes, and therefore went to the home of Mrs. Shaw. While there they were entertained by Mrs. Fred Bennett at the piano. Mrs. B. Webber also sang a few solos, and all her friends wished Mrs. Ormston a very happy holiday. Those present at the gathering included: Miss Ruby McCarthy, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Pozzetti, Mrs. L. Bound, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Backhouse, Mrs. Priebe, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Tom Cunliffe, Mrs. Jean Roy, Mrs. Colombo, Mrs. Pirie, Mrs. Lavereau, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. R. Webber, Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Nickson, Mrs. Wolno, Mrs. MacEwee, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. Billy Wilkinson, Mrs. Chynoweth, Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Kitcher, Mrs. Farrar, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Rainsford, Mrs. Devine, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Aspinell, Mrs. McFadden, Mrs. Lameate, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Stonehouse, Mrs. Cunliffe, Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Wakely, Mrs. Hemming, Mrs. Keates, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Langman, Mrs. Whitford.



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Geo. A. Jenkin Called to Old Land by Mother's Illness

Last week Geo. A. Jenkin was called to his old home a few miles from Liverpool owing to the serious illness of his mother. Mr. Jenkin left on Thursday for Quebec to catch the Empress of Australia for the voyage to Liverpool. It was hoped that he would be able to catch the boat by regular train service but arranged to use an aeroplane service in case the train connections would not allow him to reach the steamer before it sailed. Mr. Jenkin's mother is quite seriously ill, and he is anxious to reach her bedside before she passes away, there being grave doubts as to her recovering from her present illness. It is only two weeks ago that Mrs. Jenkin received word of the passing of her mother at the same centre near Liverpool where Mr. Jenkin's mother now lies dangerously ill. While in the Old Country to see his mother, Mr. Jenkin intends to remain for a few months. It will likely be a couple of months before he returns to Timmins.

Councillor Helmer has Large Majority

Re-elected with 880 Votes Out of a Total of 1053 Votes Polled.

South Porcupine, Ont., May 29th, 1937. Special to The Advance.

The election on Friday for councillor to sit on Tisdale's board resulted in a victory for Mr. George Helmer, whose majority over Mr. Henderson was 707. The total votes polled was 1053, Mr. Helmer 880. The voting went as follows:—

South Porcupine—Helmer 418, Henderson 39.

Dome—Helmer 135, Henderson 3.

Schumacher—Helmer 291, Henderson 102.

Meneta—Helmer 30, Henderson 29.

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