

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The big day of sports put on by the Schumacher Fire Department ten years ago, on August 17th, that being civic holiday for the township of Tisdale, proved an outstanding success except for the weather. The cold, damp weather interfered with the attendance, but the event itself was all that could be desired and reflected the highest credit on those in charge. The crowd naturally was not as large as it would have been on a pleasant day, but those who did attend certainly enjoyed the occasion and the effective way in which it was handled, and all agreed that all the events were unusually good. The Schumacher Firemen expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Arrow Club, of Timmins, for their presence and entry into the various events, this adding greatly to the occasion.

Ten years ago the R-d and Gun Club received 20 cans of speckled trout from the Provincial Fish and Game Department to stock the district waters with these desirable fish. Another 20 cans were expected to arrive in a few days.

A rather peculiar explosion startled people in several blocks around the corner of Balsam street and Fourth avenue ten years ago. About 10.30 on a Monday evening, there was a loud explosion, that sounded as if it might be dynamite at a little distance, or a shot gun close by. The police made a very prompt investigation and located the explosion as coming from around the corner of Fourth and Balsam. The explanation seemed to be that someone was fooling with a shot gun when it discharged, the noise being considerable in the quiet of the night. No damage was done and no one was hurt.

At a meeting of the town council ten years ago, with Acting Mayor G. S. Drew presiding, and Councillors A. G. Carson, Dr. Joyal and Dr. Brennan present, a by-law was passed for the levying of a special water rate frontage tax on all properties not connected up for water service, while such service is available. The Legislature empowered the collection of this special tax. The rate was decided at 10 cents per foot frontage.

A wonderful exhibition of the art of dancing was given in the Ukrainian Labour temple ten years ago, to an appreciative audience that filled the hall to overflowing. Well over one hundred performers took part in this delightful evening's entertainment—an entertainment that fully substantiated the quo-

tion on the handbills, that it was to be "a riot of most popular Central European Folk Dancing never seen in this place before."

The Holly Rees, scored another victory on a Thursday ten years ago, by defeating the Hollinger by a score of 3-2. It was a hard match and the best of football was witnessed, especially in the second half. The Rees, had three goals scored when the Hollinger got busy and football was played—the best the Hollinger had ever played. They soon ran in two goals and from this on it was nip and tuck for both teams to the end.

Ten years ago there was a fairly good attendance at a meeting called in the fire hall for the organization of Junior hockey in Timmins for the season. The meeting was enthusiastic, and there was a general agreement that the signs promised a good season for the sport. The chief business of the meeting was the election of officers, but hockey matters in general were also discussed.

The new Ferguson highway ten years ago was certainly proving a great means of publicity for the North Land. In the South nearly everybody was interested in the North, and the influx of tourists into the country was most marked. The increase in business at Temagami was an example of what the new trunk road was doing for the North.

Ten years ago a little boy under four years of age wandered away from his parents' home on Montgomery avenue, and caused considerable alarm and anxiety. After searching vainly for the little boy in the neighbourhood, the distracted young parents sought the aid of the police. It is a tribute to the intelligence and courtesy of the town police that the parents were given such prompt, kindly and skillful attention in the matter. Within a couple of hours the boy was returned safe and sound to his home by Police Officer S. Craik.

The only woman from this part of the North Land to attend the World Federation of Education Associations ten years ago as a regularly accredited delegate was Mrs. J. H. Cole, of Matheson. The World Federation of Education Associations convened in Toronto and great interest was shown generally in the event. Mrs. Cole was the representative of the Home and School Association at Matheson, one of the progressive and helpful clubs of the North.

The second annual tournament of the Northern Ontario Golf Associations was held at the Timmins course ten years ago. The Association got away to a good start, the year before at Haileybury, and the second year of its history added another sterling meet to its records. The first day of the tournament games were arranged in four-somes in qualifying medal play of 3 holes. There was great interest shown in the matches, at which six Northern Ontario Clubs were represented. The semi-finals were played by Ben Merwin, Sudbury, who met Robt. G. (Bob) Lee of North Bay, and M. F. (Matt) Fairlie who met G. S. (Scorch) Lowe, of Timmins. The seventeen-year-old North Bay lad, Bob Lee, was the winner of the Northern Ontario Golf Championship for the year 1927.

There was quite a little excitement in Schumacher ten years ago, when an aeroplane was seen flying low and after circling around for a short time finally came to rest on Pearl Lake. In a very short time crowds were hurrying across the bridge to see this plane, which was the first to land in Schumacher. It was one of the planes used by the fire engineers and stayed on the lake until the following day. It was such a rare event to see a plane at such close range, that nearly all the residents of Schumacher and quite a number of Timmins people went over to see the plane; many even tried to take photographs, but the light was

too poor to do this successfully.

Making the 236-mile trip from Toronto to North Bay in thirteen hours, a scenic motor coach from the Toronto Transportation Commission arrived in that city at 10.40 on Monday evening ten years ago. The coach, making the first of a proposed series of bi-weekly trips to the North, carried fourteen passengers in addition to the chauffeur, and made the trip over unfamiliar ground without mishap.

Ten years ago, on August 12th, there was a large birthday party in honour of little Winnifred Parnell, who had reached her fifth birthday. There were about twenty of her little playmates present for the occasion and at 4 p.m. they sat down to a dainty lunch served on the front lawn of Mrs. C. Parnell's house, 83 Fifth avenue. To conclude the day there was a large adult party given at night, when a group of friends met for a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Parnell.

Ten years ago, Rev. F. McGregor, of Ottawa, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Clark, of 17 Borden avenue, Timmins. From here Rev. F. McGregor left for Rome, Italy. He was accompanied from Timmins by Albert J. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Clark, who was to proceed with him to Rome to take up the study of languages.

In the local news ten years ago: "Mrs. C. E. Taylor is on a holiday visit to the South." "Mr. W. R. Rinn left on Friday morning for Toronto." "Miss Marion Pflug returned on Sunday from a visit to the South." "Mr. Robt. Wilson returned this week from a holiday visit to Kingston and other points South." "Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, of Boston, Mass., and Mr. M. Bozzan, of Haileybury, were visitors over the weekend." "Miss Alice McQuarrie, of Toronto, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Pickering." "Mr. S. Gurnett, of Hamilton, was a Timmins visitor this week." "Mr. S. C. Platus spent the week-end with friends at Toronto."

"Miss Gladys Fairbrother has been visiting relatives and friends in Cobalt and Haileybury." "Miss Claire Godin returned on Saturday evening from a three weeks' holiday trip to Montreal, Que." "Mr. Ralph E. Sullivan, of Kirkland Lake, was a Timmins visitor this week, renewing old acquaintances in the camp." "Mr. D. Sutherland, manager of the Imperial Bank at Timmins, was one of a party motoring to the South last week from Kirkland Lake." "Mr. A. R. Globe and son returned on Saturday to their home at Grimsby, Ont., after a visit in the Porcupine camp." "Mrs. T. M. White, of Chatham, Ont., returned home on Saturday after a six weeks' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Macdonald." "Eorn—On Sunday, August 14th, 1927, at the McIntyre Mine, Schumacher, Ontario, to Doctor and Mrs. J. W. R. Byers—a son." "Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Noble, of Kapuskasing, are visiting friends in Timmins and district." "Mr. J. M. Belanger returned this week from his annual vacation spent in the southern section of the province." "Mrs. J. A. McInnis returned on Sunday from an extended visit with her mother in Toronto and other points south." "Mr. J. E. Stewart, of the Stewart Company, left this week for Toronto, Montreal and other centres on a buying trip."

Canadiens of Montreal for pro. hockey, was a visitor to Timmins last week and was warmly greeted by many old friends here who were pleased to see him again."

laws of the company may provide, and in default of any such provision on the fourth Wednesday in January or every year

(2) The directors shall, at least seven days before the day on which the meeting is held, send by post to every shareholder a report containing:

(a) a balance sheet made up to a date not more than three months before such annual meeting;

(b) an abstract of income and expenditure for the financial period ending upon the date of such balance sheet;

(c) the report of the auditor or auditors;

(d) such further information respecting the company's financial position as the special act, the letters patent, supplementary letters patent, or the by-laws, of the company may require;

(e) and the directors shall lay such report before the meeting.

(3) Every balance sheet shall be drawn up so as to distinguish at least the following classes of assets and liabilities, namely:

(a) Cash;

(b) Debts owing to the company from its customers;

(c) Debts owing to the company from its directors, officers and shareholders;

(d) Stock in trade;

(e) Expenditures made on account of future business;

(f) Land, buildings and plant;

(g) Goodwill, franchises, patents and copyrights, trademarks, leases, contracts and licenses;

(h) Debts owing by the company secured by mortgage or other lien upon the property of the company;

(i) Debts owing by the company but not secured;

(k) Amount received on common shares;

(l) Amount received on preferred shares;

(m) Indirect and contingent liabilities.

(4) If the by-laws of the company so provide it shall not be necessary to send the report mentioned in subsection 2 to the shareholders. R.S.O. 1914, c. 178, s. 45.

(5) A copy of such report shall be furnished forthwith to any shareholder on written application.

(6) Every company which neglects or refuses to furnish such report for which application has been made as aforesaid shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100. 1923, c. 37, s. 2.

"You will note that there is no penalty provided for failing to call an annual meeting or failure to send out a financial report. Under sub-sections 5 and 6 if a shareholder makes a written application for the report and the company refuses or neglects to furnish such report, it shall be liable to a penalty of \$100.

"The only way in which a shareholder can compel the directors to call an annual meeting is by an application to the court by way of mandamus. In the Dominion Companies Act are the following provisions for calling an annual meeting of the shareholders.

(1) An annual meeting of the shareholders of the company shall be held at some date not later than eighteen months after the incorporation of the company and subsequently once at least in every calendar year and not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding annual meeting.

(2) If default is made in holding any annual meeting as aforesaid the court, in the province in which the head office of the company is situate may on the application of any shareholder of the company, call or direct the calling of an annual meeting of the shareholders.

"You will note that in either case the onus is placed on the shareholder in making an application to the court. This involves expense and as a result shareholders either refuse or neglect to exercise their rights.

"The Securities Commission has no right to compel the holding of an annual meeting or the furnishing to shareholders of financial statements. In many cases, however, applications are made to us by shareholders, and we endeavour to have the company call an

Ontario Companies Act May be Amended

Commissioner John M. Godfrey Suggests Changes for Better Public Protection.

Shareholders are relying more and more on the Commission to protect them and enforce their rights, states John M. Godfrey, Ontario Securities Commissioner, to The Toronto Evening Telegram. It is proposed to bring the matter before the next meeting of the inter-provincial committee on Uniform Companies Legislation, as the Commissioner states the Companies Act should be amended to correct present unsatisfactory conditions. This action is planned as the commissioner appreciates his department has no right to compel the holding of an annual meeting or the furnishing to shareholders of financial statements, the onus hitherto being on the shareholder in making application to the court.

Following is the complete statement by Mr. Godfrey:

Dear Sir—I noticed the following paragraph in your issue of August 11th: "The Securities Commissioner might enforce to greater efficiency the regulation that every company must report to shareholders annually."

"We are pleased that you have called to the attention of the public this matter. The following are the provisions of the Ontario Companies Act for the calling of annual meetings:

(1) The annual meeting of the shareholders of the company shall be held at such time and place in each year as the special act, letters patent, supplementary letters patent or by-

Some Typographical Errors to Offset the "Howlers"

Schoolboy "howlers" or blunders seem to be popular among adults, but, perhaps, the boys don't like them so well. Of course, some lads enjoy them, but these are the boys not likely to make similar "breaks" in examination answers. Anyway, last week a young lad said to The Advance: "It's all right to publish those schoolboy 'howlers', but why don't some of the newspapers publish a list of the funny breaks they make themselves?"

Fair enough, young lad! The only trouble is that the most of the mistakes—the worst of the slips—made by the newspaper are not a bit funny to the newspaper. Sometimes they conjure up visions of libel suits and what not. Always they stir up all the evil passions and the bad language that are contained in the office of the average newspaper. As a matter of fact, however, one magazine, The Literary Digest, carried part of a page each week cataloguing all the typographical errors they could encounter. Indeed, they used to give cash prizes for those sending in these typographical errors.

In addition to the above, here are a few recent typographical errors that will appear funny to practically everybody but the unfortunate newspapers in which they appeared:

"Charles Rogers returned last week from a trip to the Holy Land. While in Cairo he spent some time looking over the many interesting Egyptian mummies."—Casa Grand News.

"Mr. John Rodeen made a shopping trip to St. Louis Saturday. He was accompanied by his bitter-half."—Carlinville Democrat—Ouch!

"Mrs. Garth waited up for her husband and about four a.m. she said she saw him come up the front steps, take off his shoes and sneak into the house as quiet as a scuse."—Los Angeles Examiner.

"Mr. and Mrs. Vance R. Troster of Norman Boulevard, are the recent parents of a 7-pound laughter, their fourth."—West Portland News.—It's no laughing matter.

"Gilbert Rowe testified that his intentions toward Miss Gray were never serious, that she was just a gassing fancy."—West Hollywood News. James, my mask.

Following the discussion Mrs. Clay, president of the Women's Guild, gumbled up the proceedings with a few well-chosen words."—Exchange.—Sne would!

Modern Mechanics:—The white race not the Negro race, is colored. According to the theory of color, black is the absence of all colors, white the presence of all colors.

Lad Down Cellar Made Prompt and True Response

In the West where they appear to make a practice of keeping a good yarn on the go, the following story is going the rounds of the newspapers:—

It was one of mothers busiest days. Her small son, who had been playing outside, came in with his pants torn. His mother helped him change to another pair but in an hour he was back, his pants torn again.

"You go right upstairs, remove your pants and mend them yourself," his mother ordered.

Some time later, she thought of him and went up stairs to see how he was getting on. The torn pair of pants were lying on a chair but there was no sign of Johnny. Returning downstairs she noticed that the door to the cellar, usually closed, was open, and she called down, loudly and sternly, "Are you running around without your pants on?"

A deep voice answered: "No, madam, I'm mending the meter."

Travelers:—Stamp cancellation marks in Belgium now bear this poultryism: "L'œuf est un ailment idéal." It means that "the egg is an ideal food."

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