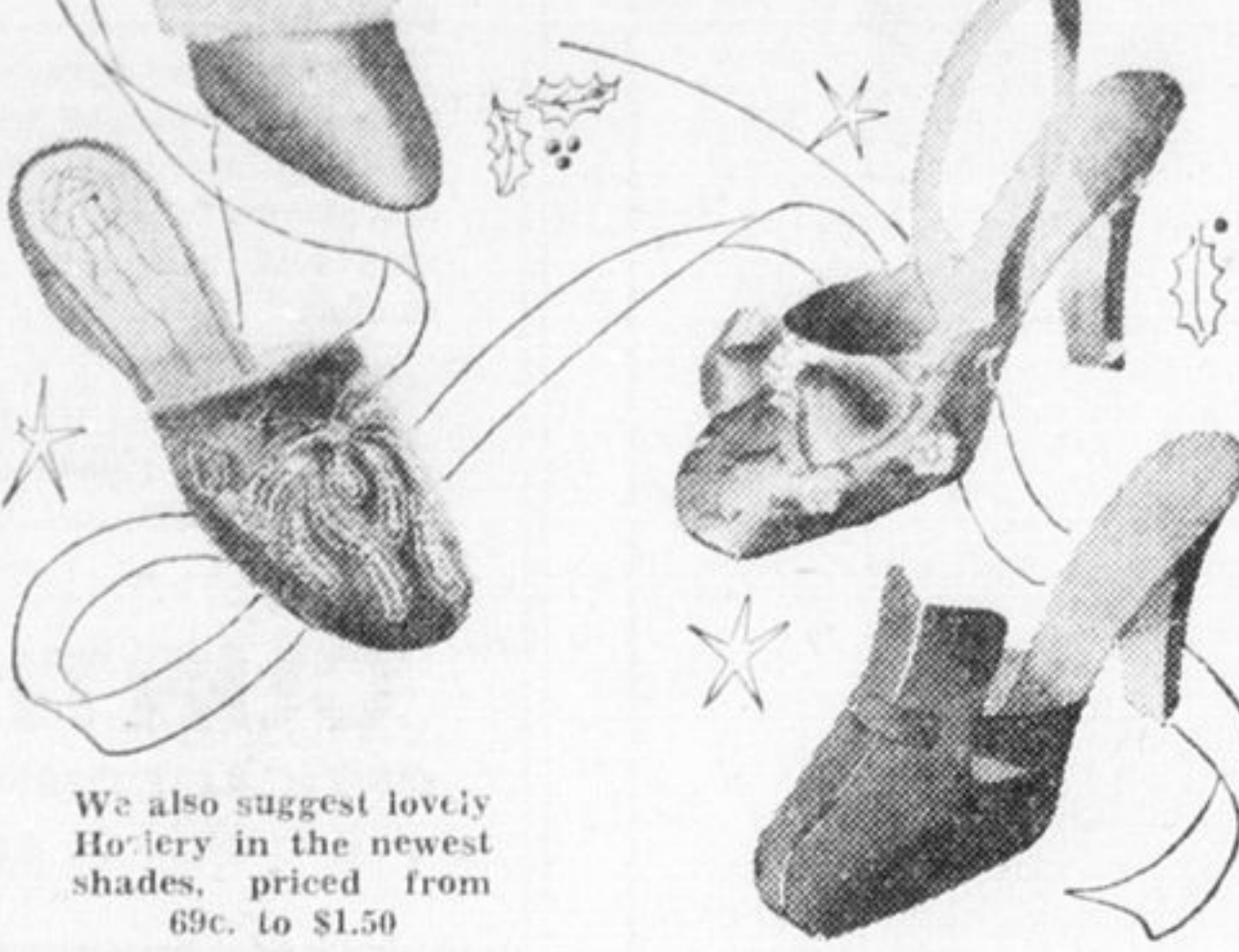


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Canadian Toy Imports from Japan Decreasing

Reports from Ottawa are to the effect that the demand for martial toys—swords, toy cannons, tin soldiers, etc.—has dropped off. Judging from enquiries heard at local stores on different days in recent weeks the demand may exceed the supply. Several local stores had these forms of toys and some of them at least seem to be selling them readily enough. At least the matter may be set down as debatable. The amount of military toys made and sold may be ascertained but it is not so easy to figure the demand, or lack of demand. As to fashions in toys that

is an altogether different matter. Martial toys constitute less than 1 per cent. of those on display for Christmas, the Department of National Revenue estimates. By far the greatest number are mechanical toys such as trains, construction kits, planes, trucks and even miniature trailers.

In addition to toys made in Canada, the Santa Claus pack this year includes toys to the value of \$1,083,700 from the United States, German, Japan, United Kingdom, Czechoslovakia and France. This represented an increase of \$90,000 over last year.

Toy imports from the United States were valued at \$491,561, an increase of \$91,661; from Germany, \$262,552, a decrease of \$12,107; from Japan, \$194,238, a decrease of \$18,213; United Kingdom, \$126,607, an increase of \$323; Czechoslovakia, \$12,173, a decrease of \$514 and France, \$2,571 a decrease of \$1676.

Canada exported toys with a value of \$279,841, an increase of \$89,698.

Listowel Eanner—A man out for a walk threw a coin towards a blind man's cup. The coin missed and rolled along the pavement, but the man with the dark glasses quickly recovered it. "But I thought you were blind," said the man who had thrown the coin. "No, I am not the regular blind man, sir," he said, "I'm just taking his place while he's at the movies."

Sees Big Future in North's Agriculture

Smith Ballantyne, of Kapuskasing, Makes Optimistic Address

Cochrane, Dec. 14.—Amazing agricultural results were recounted by Smith Ballantyne, Kapuskasing, to the members of Cochrane Church Community Club Thursday when he appeared as speaker at the monthly supper meeting.

Manager of the Government Experimental Farm at Kapuskasing for 21 years and one of the first men to have been in the vicinity of Cochrane during the construction of the Transcontinental Railway, Mr. Ballantyne ran the first survey line for the railway through the town.

Find Good Soil

Pioneering, the speaker stated, was not always conducive to good farming and the first to locate on farms were not always the best, but in Cochrane district they had the finest agricultural land in Canada.

A special rust resisting seed sown May 6, and harvested on Aug. 16 had last year yielded 31 bushels to the acre and he stated that a New York analyst has in a five-year study, stated that there is no wheat grown on this continent to a higher food content than Northern Ontario wheat.

Beans grown at Rainy River were exhibited as having taken first prize at the Chicago Fair at which growers in the United States and Canada had been competitors. Alaska oats grown at Kapuskasing produced 61 bushels of 40 lbs. to the bushel per acre, while they had three cuts of alfalfa hay averaging five tons to the acre.

In the recent Royal Winter Fair, Northern Ontario potatoes had taken a premier place by winning 10 prizes.

Other farm products were also cited by the speaker, who stated that they had at present a head of cattle and shipped their best bulls all over Canada. Bees were also shipped from Prince Edward Island to Vancouver by the farm, which specialized in producing a non-swarming queen. Out of a 3-lb. package of bees, they had received 260 lbs. of honey in one instance while the five-year average was 195 lbs. per 3-lb. package.

Interesting points in the feeding of pigs, hens and livestock also were included in the talk, while shrubs, flowers and small fruits were also cited.

With a large number of farmers from the west interested in Northern Ontario, Mr. Ballantyne stated that the district must forge ahead to its ultimate place in agriculture.

Neil Wilson President of Kirkland Lake Legion

Neil Wilson was elected president of the Kirkland Lake branch of the Legion with Bob Laver as first-president and J. T. Pearson as second vice-president. The members of the executive are: Sandy Cowan, William Johnston, Alex. Mowatt, Reg. Pinegar, Major A. M. Stewart and Bob Taylor.

Kapuskasing Northern Tribune—The phrase "tickled to death" originated in a Chinese torture, when victims had the soles of their feet tickled until they died in an agony of laughter.

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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

Ten years ago, on Saturday, December 10th, it was past presidents' night at the Lancashire Club, and it was a great night, lots doing all the time. The event started off with a waltz followed by a fox-trot, Mr. T. Richards then gave a well-rendered solo. He was encored and responded with equal success. There were Paul Jones and other special dances, among them a spouge dance won by Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton.

Ten years ago many of the townsfolk were rushing to take part in the spaghetti-eating contest at the Charity Turkey Stag.

Ten years ago the curling season opened in Timmins, when the more enthusiastic curlers got together and played on the only sheet of ice available at that time. Several improvements had been made on the rink, a door having been cut in the side closest to the town so as to remove the necessity of the members to walk down the track.

The members of the Home and School Association held one of their most helpful meetings in the Central school ten years ago. The special speakers for the day were particularly gifted and spoke from a very wide and practical experience. Miss Lawrie's address was on domestic science and the large number present at the association meeting felt it was of the greatest value. Miss Lawrie was in charge of domestic science work in Glasgow, including some of the poorer sections of the city. In her experience in Glasgow she found that children especially suffered in homes where there was poverty. In many of these poorer homes conditions were made even worse than they needed be because the mothers did not know how to make the best of what they had. Working among the school children Miss Lawrie was able to teach them facts of domestic science that were of immense practical value.

The exhibition of ski events on the afternoon of Dec. 11th ten years ago created much interest. There were over 300 people present to watch the events and each feature attracted great attention. The boys' ski race was one of the specials and the boys' ski jumping exhibition was also an interest-holder, there being many fine examples of good work in this exhibition. During the afternoon the big crowd evidenced the keenest interest in all the proceedings, and several asked for application forms to join up with the ski club.

Ten years ago Mayor Frank Lendum of Cobalt was forward with the proposal that all the municipalities of the North Land send representatives to a convention to discuss the possibility of approaching the Ontario Government with the view to inducing the Hydro Electric to enter the field of supplying light and power in this North Land. He submitted a resolution along this line to the meeting of the Cobalt council and the resolution was endorsed by the council. The same idea had been advocated ten years previously by the late T. F. King of Timmins. The Hydro was approached but would not then—the very time they were needed—consider entry into the North. "Too speculative," was the reply given the North ten and twenty years ago by the Hydro.

The A. S. D. Club held another of their successful dances ten years ago when the December Visitors' Night was the feature of the evening. There was a good attendance present for the event, both of members of the club and invited guests, and everyone had a real good time.

The annual banquet of the Canadian Club (Cercle Canadien) was held ten years ago in St. Anthony's parish hall, and despite the inclement weather, attracted a good crowd and proved a most pleasing event. The dinner served was one of the very finest ever presented in town and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. The evening throughout was equally pleasing. Mr. F. Valois, president of the club, made a very capable chairman, his address for the evening being a very pleasing one. Another address that was an outstanding one was that of the special speaker for the evening, Mr. Jos. Bradette, M.P.

Ten years ago there was a short session of Tisdale township council. Reeve Gallagher was in Toronto at the time so that Councillor Kerr was acting reeve. All the councillors were present. After the reading of the minutes, considerable correspondence was

read; several requests re ploughing of the road with the snow plough were received. There was also a petition re fireproof buildings in the business section of Schumacher, which was considered favourably by the council and was to be further dealt with.

The Porcupine Hockey Club made their first win of the season ten years ago on Thursday, December 8th, in the arena at South Porcupine when Ironquois Falls Juniors journeyed up despite the storm and took their defeat bravely, the score being 2-1 in favour of the South Porcupine team. The fans saw one of the closest games ever put on in the arena, the Falls team being a classy group and the local boys showing up well.

Ten years ago a large shipment of gifts from Mr. F. W. Schumacher, the children's friend, of Columbus, Ohio, arrived at the Schumacher station. They were to be distributed to the pupils of the public school at the closing concert and Christmas Tree, December 22nd, 1927. Every year from the early days of the camp Mr. Schumacher remembered the school children in the town that bears his name. Each Christmas time there were handsome gifts for all the youngsters.

The Arlie Marks stock company was at the New Empire theatre for a full week, ten years ago, and drew full houses each night, their show each evening being well worthy of the big attendance. There was a complete change of show every night, and the programme in each case was a good one well done. There were twelve people in the Marks company.

In The Advance ten years ago: "Friends here will be interested in the announcement of the marriage at St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, on Saturday, December 3rd, 1927, of Edith Helen, youngest daughter of Mrs. Garvey and the late Mr. Thomas J. Garvey of Timmins, and James A. Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Newton of Wright, Que. Both bride and groom have been popular and esteemed residents of Timmins for many years, and their hosts of friends will extend sincere good wishes to them."

The regular meeting of the Caledonian Society of Timmins was held in the Hollinger Recreation hall ten years ago, with Mr. P. Larmer, the president, occupying the chair, and a large attendance present. The members of the Lancashire Club had been invited to attend, and were the guests of the evening. After the business part of the meeting had been dealt with, the president called upon Mrs. A. Roberts to take the chair as convener of the Ladies' Committee who were in charge of the evening's programme, and a varied and popular programme of music and dancing was then carried through.

At the regular meeting of the town council ten years ago final adjustments were made regarding annexations, and the matter was put before the railway and municipal boards. It was decided that parts of Tisdale would be annexed to the town to accede to petitions and to square up the town.

On Thursday, Dec. 8th, ten years ago a surprise birthday party was given Mrs. Ernest Dore at the home of her sister, Mrs. Leo Martin, 162 Birch north, when about 33 guests, all wearing different paper hats, were present to wish her a happy birthday. She was then presented with a fine set of cutlery and fancy clock with two vases to match.

Word from Hearst ten years ago told of a fire that took place at a home about five miles distant from Hearst. The lady of the house, Mrs. Vandette, had just gotten up to prepare breakfast and attempted to get a fire going too speedily. For this purpose she used coal oil, and there was the resulting explosion that occurs so frequently when coal oil is used for fire-lighting. In a minute the whole house seemed to be on fire. There were five children in the house and Mrs. Vandette had not the time to properly dress herself or her children. It took her utmost effort to rescue the children and get them out of the burning house. In the work of rescue Mrs. Vandette was badly burned, and was taken to the hospital. The children were practically uninjured by the fire, but suffered much from the cold and exposure.

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ago, Mr. J. Fred Verner, of the head office staff of the Arthur E. Moyses Co., stock brokers, passed away suddenly from heart failure. He had been in apparent good health during the day, and collapsed suddenly just as he reached home after the day's work. The late Fred Verner had wide circles of friends in the North Land, where he was well known and highly regarded. He was an authority on mining matters, and for some time had been in charge of the publicity department of A. E. Moyses and Co. In his work he gave intelligent and helpful publicity for the North Land, and his able pen was of benefit on many occasions to the mining industry and the mining camps, including the Porcupine camp.

The "Beehive Smoker" organized by the enterprising entertainment committee of the Timmins post of the Canadian Legion, and held in the I.O.O.F. hall, Timmins, ten years ago, was an occasion that lingered in the memory of those who took part in it for some time. It was a revival of the comradeship which carried the Empire through the War. Nearly one hundred ex-service men of all ranks met in a fellowship of remembrance. They sang the old-time popular war songs with gusto. They mingled their laughter, their humour, their jokes. Reminiscences and anecdotes of the "gory days"—almost entirely humorous in nature—were told and recited to an appreciative audience.

Local news in The Advance ten years ago:—"There are many busy places in town these days, but perhaps the two as busy as any are the public school skating rink at the Central school, and Mr. Field's rink for youngsters on Hollinger Lane in the Hollinger township."

"The new stock exchange building for Arthur E. Moyses and Co. is making noteworthy progress to completion. The work of plastering the interior is now in progress. The building will be ready for occupancy before the year is out." "At the annual meeting of the New Liskeard Firemen's Association last week, Mr. F. E. Thompson was re-elected chief and Mr. M. G. Hansman, deputy chief, both by acclamation. Mr. R. W. Thompson was also elected by acclamation as secretary-treasurer." "Some time ago The Advance mentioned the remark of Mr. Geo. T. Smith at one of the Kiwanis Club meetings here that he intended to see if a Kiwanis Club could not be organized in Hallybury. Now, Hallybury is being considered for the starting of a Rotary Club here. Last week a number of North Bay citizens, members of the Rotary Club of that city, were in Hallybury in conference with about 15 residents of the town, to whom was explained the aims and objects of the Rotary Club. Mr. Geo. F. Summers was appointed chairman of a committee to further consider the matter."

Girl Said She Was Promised \$10 for Drinking Big Gins

John Kostic, of Sudbury, last week was sentenced to a month in jail for supplying liquor to a minor. The evidence in the case does not suggest that the sentence was excessive. Most folks will think it erred the other way. A 16-year-old girl told the court she had been taken to Kostic's house in the afternoon by a young man who was to call for her again at 2:30 the next morn-

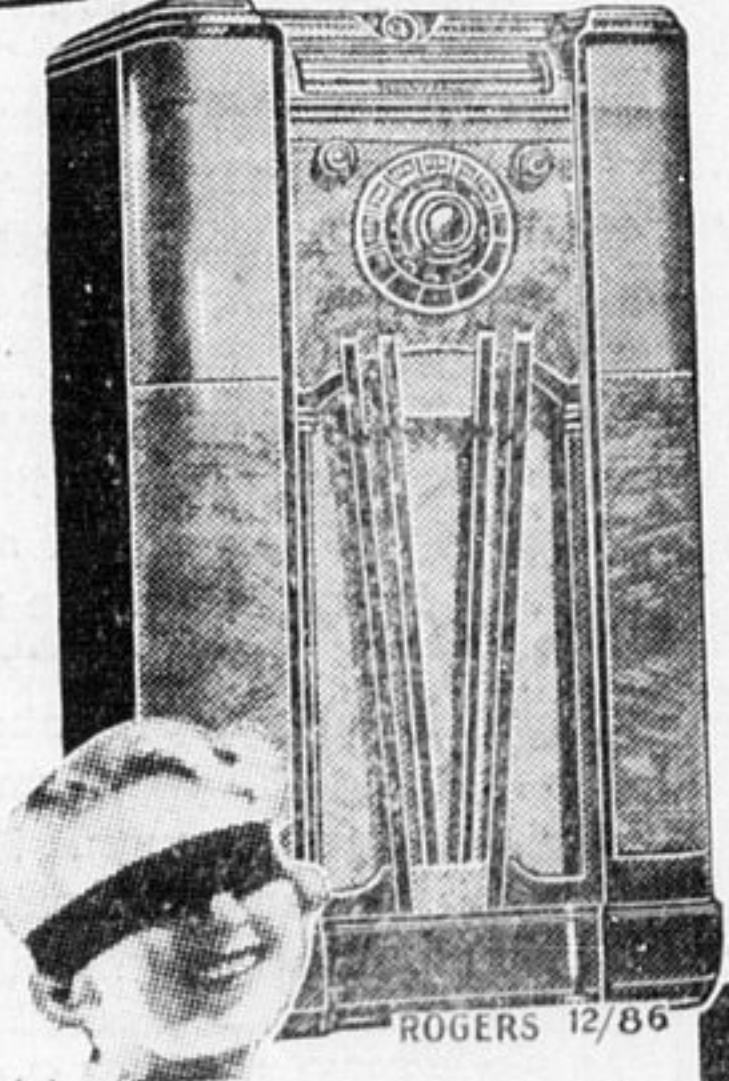
ing when he came off shift. A man came into the room and offered \$10 to anyone who would drink two water glasses full of gin. Kostic drank the two glasses and then explained to the girl it was her chance to make ten dollars. The girl drank the two glasses of gin. She didn't know much after that, except that the \$10 was not paid.

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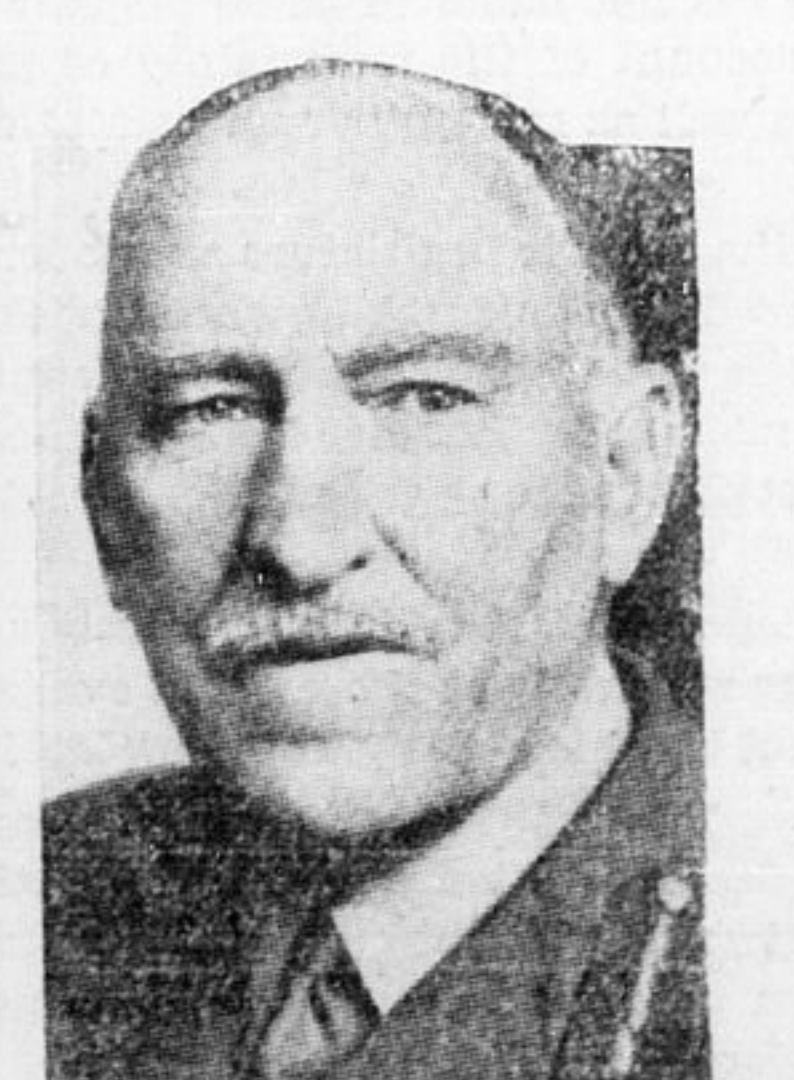
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