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**TEN YEARS AGO
IN TIMMINS**

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

Ten years ago the old year had a joyous passing-out, thanks to the mirth-provoking and thoroughly enjoyable show provided by Capt. M. W. Flunkett's Dumbbells with their annual revue, "O-c, La, La!" given in the Goldfields-theatre under the auspices of the Timmins Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire. The two evening performances found crowded houses, and the general opinion was that the show was well worthy of a full house each and every night. The Dumbbells Company gave one of the very best shows ever presented in Timmins. Comment after the event all seemed to be highly favourable, and the I.O.E. were generally commended on bringing so pleasing and excellent an offering to this town. Many here who had seen the Dumbbells in other years suggested that some other year they were better than ten years ago, but none were so bold as to pretend that the ninth annual revue was not a first-class show — an extra special. Scenery, costumes, acting, singing, dancing, stage settings, lighting effects and particularly the cleverness of the whole show deserved special mention. From the opening sketch to the drop of the curtain, there was not a dull moment or a poor number. Some may have singled one or more items for special praise, but the very variety of the choice of special numbers to praise by different people indicated the fact that the show throughout made universal appeal, and that there was something special for everybody's taste.

Ten years ago The Advance carried the following (in part): "For some time past some boys have been in the habit of going out some three miles from town to the aerial tramway line used by the Hollinger for carrying sand. The tramway system is composed of buckets running on a cable, the cable being held up by steel towers. The boys have been making a practice of climbing the towers and getting into the buckets and thus 'stealing a ride' high in the air, the lads dropping out of the buckets at the big hill on the line. The practice has, of course, been sternly frowned upon by the Hollinger and lads have been warned away whenever found near the towers. It is high time that parents take a hand in the matter and warn their children effectively if tragedy is to be avoided. On Friday last there was a very close approach to tragedy at the aerial line. About ten boys, ranging in age from ten to thirteen years, went out to the sand line and played their usual pranks. While some of them were riding in the buckets, the aerial tram was closed down for some necessary repairs. The youngsters in the buckets were thus held high in the air, with the thermometer far below zero. Some of the lads jumped down, landing in snow banks and being unhurt. In view of the cold weather they made at once for their homes. One lad, however, was not so fortunate. In jumping down he struck against a rock and injured his back. He was crawling on his hands and knees across the snow when discovered by Mr. Penn who was passing that way on skis. Mr. Penn carried the lad to the road and got him on a woodsleigh, thus taking him to town, and to Dr. Moore's office for attention. While the doctors think the boy is not seriously hurt it will be a week or two before he recovers from his misadventure."

The curling season got away to a good start ten years ago when the local club held a bonspiel in which the greatest enthusiasm was shown. There were three events for the competing rinks, a club event, a president's event and a consolation event.

During the first week of the new year ten years ago the fire brigade had ten calls, making a total of 28 runs since Dec. 16th, 1927. On Dec. 29th there were three calls—all chimney fires, with no loss resulting. Of the other seven calls, five were chimney calls. The other two alarms were threatening blazes, but the speedy response and the good work of the chief and the brigade avoided any serious result.

Mr. and Mrs. Alderic Raelcot and their three children, together with Mr. Raelcot's brother, Theodore, were drowned ten years ago in Lake Temiskaming when the automobile in which they were driving went through the ice into the water. Hec Lapierre, he was also in the car with the party, was able to jump to safe ice and made his way eventually to safety. He went a half a mile to a house on the lake shore, where, suffering from shock, exposure and exhaustion, he was barely able to tell the story of the tragedy. At once rescuers hurried to the scene of the terrible accident but nothing could be done.

Ten years ago Mr. E. S. Noble, formerly manager of the Northern Canada Power Co. at Timmins, and then assistant manager of the Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper Co. at Kapuskasing, was re-elected mayor of that thriving new town, his majority being a very substantial one. Mr. Noble had municipal experience in Timmins while resident here, serving a term as town councillor. He proved an efficient and able member of the local municipal board and gave this town good service.

Constable Trulove, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, ten years ago had more or less fame for the long trips he had to take under rather unusual conditions to secure prisoners and witnesses for cases that came to the attention of the law in the far North. Exactly ten years ago Constable Trulove had another of these long trips. He travelled about one thousand miles in the North to secure a prisoner and necessary witnesses in one case. Moreover, most of the thousand miles was made on snow shoes. The weather was not too warm either, at times, but the full trip was safely made, and prisoner and witnesses duly landed at Cochrane.

Between three and four thousand dollars' damage was done to the stock of Moisley and Ball's drug store ten years ago through the bursting of some water pipes in the upper part of the building. The water poured down on the fine stocks in the store and also ran into the cellar where further stocks were damaged. Fine face powders, stationery, packaged goods and drugs and chemicals were badly injured by the water and ice. The water seemed to have been over everything in the store and it appeared as if all the stocks were ruined. Careful checking-up of the stock and the salvaging of everything not ruined showed that while matters were not as bad as they seemed the damage would still run to at least three thousand dollars and possibly would reach four thousand.

The first match in the Junior N.O.H.A. schedule for this group was played at Iroquois Falls ten years ago. Timmins Juniors meeting defeat to the tune of 15 to 4. The Iroquois Falls lads outclassed the local boys, being heavier and more experienced. The game was clean, Timmins having only four minor penalties, and Iroquois Falls five. The score at the end of the game was disappointing to the local lads, but the game was a good one.

A very pleasant musical evening was spent at the parish hall in the basement of the Church of the Nativity on New Year's Eve ten years ago. The programme was varied enough to satisfy both the Polish and the English-speaking people attending. There were soloists, two comedy dramas, a children's play, recitations, dialogues, musical numbers, etc.

Ten years ago, Mr. Thomas J. Moore, of Schumacher, was severely burned about the arms and face while engaged at his work in the McIntyre Mine. Prompt medical attention was administered, and the unfortunate man was removed to the Timmins hospital where upon examination it was found that the injuries though painful were not so serious as at first anticipated.

The dance given by the Cornish Welcome Club in the I.O.O.F. hall, South Porcupine, ten years ago on New Year's Eve, was very well attended and a most enjoyable time was spent. The prize-winners in costume were: Most original lady and gentleman, Mrs. Goodlands and Mr. F. Huestis; best-dressed lady,

TRADITIONAL HUNT MEETS AT SCHOOL GROUNDS



Lord Hillington, right, M.F.H., and his huntsman, prepare to move out from the grounds of the Stowe school in Buckinghamshire, England, following a rousing send-off by the boys studying there.

Miss Ruby Miller, comic gentleman, Mr. T. Gibbons, Mr. George Humphreys won the prize for best-dressed gentleman. Frank Sullivan's orchestra were dressed as Coon Dudes and supplied very satisfactory music.

The All-Britain Social Club held a very enjoyable evening ten years ago in the form of a Christmas treat for the children. Mr. Jas. Hallam played the part of Father Christmas in a very capable manner. Every child received a useful and pleasing present, and after a nice lunch, all joined in parlour games, etc. The grownups enjoyed the evening as much as the children and the children had an elegant time.

In The Advance ten years ago: "Innumerable friends of Mr. F. H. V. Ball, of the firm of Moisley and Ball, druggists, will be interested in the following account of a wedding in Toronto this week, and all will sincerely extend the best of good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Ball will spend a year in the south before returning to Canada. The Toronto Star of Tuesday of this week

says:—"A quiet wedding took place last evening at seven o'clock when Miss Celia Sloan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sloan, of Ottawa, became the bride of Mr. F. H. V. Ball, of Timmins, only son of Mrs. Lella Ball and the late Mr. F. H. Ball, of Barrie. The bride wore a gown of powder blue satin crepe with silver shoes and hose to match, and carried a shower bouquet of sweetheart roses and lily-of-the-valley. Miss Byne Ball, sister of the groom, attended the bride and was in a frock of pink georgette with sequins. Mr. Heman Armstrong was best man. After the ceremony a wedding luncheon was served and later Mr. and Mrs. Ball left on a short trip after which they will reside in Atlanta, Georgia. "Ten years ago a number of the old-time hockey players got together and formed a team. Mr. Jas. Scully was the coach and manager, and Mr. Chas. Roach was assisting the management of the new team of old-timers.

Among the locals in The Advance ten years ago were: "Mr. Jos. Caldicock

spent the holidays at his home in Halleybury." "Dr. Roberts returned on Monday night from a holiday trip to Ottawa." "Mr. Jos. Jackson, of Rouyn, was renewing acquaintances in town during the New Year holiday." "Mr. Rugg Orr, of Ottawa, is visiting his brother, Mr. W. W. Orr." "Dr. A. C. Ross returned this week after a short visit in the south." "Miss Annie Houslow, of Timmins, spent the holidays at her home at Marter, Ont." "The schools re-opened on Wednesday of this week after the Christmas holidays." "Mr. Roy Hardy left this week to take a position in the office of the Tough-Oakes Mine at Kirkland Lake." "Mr. M. C. Omerod left on Wednesday for Toronto where he will reside in future." "Mr. Jas. Cran, of the Homer L. Gibson Co., Ltd., Sudbury office, was a holiday visitor to Timmins." "Mr. J. R. Rutherford is spending a vacation in Montreal and other eastern centres." "Mr. Robt. Warner returned this week after spending the holiday season at his old home, Pembroke, Ont." "Mr.

Important Notice

Will all members of Branch 88, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. residing in Timmins please leave their Street Address with the stewards in the Club Rooms or send them to the Secretary, Box 1059, Timmins with as little delay as possible.

W. D. FORRESTER, Sec'y-Treas.

J. Nidd, Jr., has been appointed operator at Porquis Junction of the T. & N. O. For some months past he has been stationed at Bourke's." "Dr. Sullivan, of Madawaska, Ont., is visiting his brothers, Mr. W. R. Sullivan, of Schumacher, and Dr. C. Sullivan, of Timmins." "Mr. Nerval Banks returned on Monday evening after spending the holiday season at Toronto and other southern points." "Mr. A. F. Kenning, M.L.A., returned on Monday after spending the Christmas season at his old home, Pembroke, Ont." "There will be general regret to know that Mayor E. L. Longmore is confined to his home with an attack of laryngitis. All will wish him a speedy and complete recovery." "Mr. W. H. Wilson had the misfortune last week to step into an open trapdoor at his home and his arm and shoulder were bruised and wrenched as a consequence. Fortunately no bones were broken, but "Scotty" is carrying his arm in a sling as a consequence of the accident."

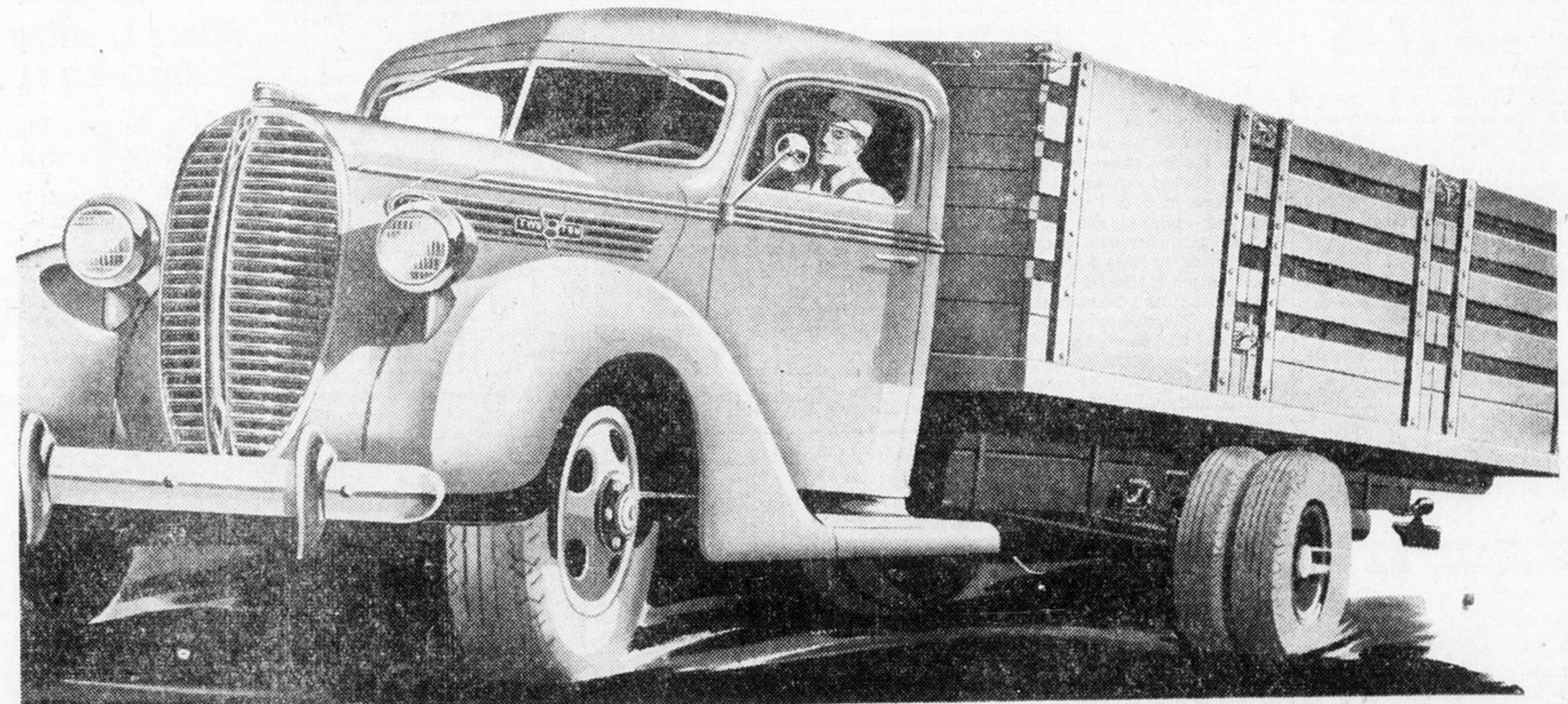
be further varied by the actual adjustments in fires where estimates only are available to date. The City of Hamilton and the month of November account for the increase in the total fire loss. November 1937 had a fire loss of nearly a million dollars or almost double the normal. Then in the City of Hamilton two fires alone account for a loss of over \$400,000, being Consolidated Sales Book and Wax Paper Co. Ltd. on November 11 with a loss all covered by insurance which has been adjusted at \$216,525, and that the Steel Company of Canada on December 15 with an estimated loss of \$200,000 which was not insured. In the four leading property classifications, the substantial increase in the fire loss in barns and in factories can in a large measure be accounted for by the increased valuations of farm produce over previous years and the increased activities in factories.

Increase in Fire Losses in Province of Ontario

A decreased insurance loss of over a quarter million dollars is shown for the year 1937 as against the year 1936. This is despite an increased total fire loss of over \$300,000 for the entire year which will probably be increased by at least \$100,000 by the time the total fire reports for 1937 are received. The figures in the statistical tables are based on reports received of fires only to December 31 and naturally cannot include fires occurring within the last few days and still unreported, and may

North Bay Nugget: Recent executions in Soviet Russia raised to more than 1,300 the toll of lives in Comrade Stalin's purge. Fortunate, indeed, is the political leader who can solve his little problems so quickly, so neatly and so permanently!

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