

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

When Mr. C. R. Murdock, town engineer, was casually asked ten years ago how much water was consumed in Timmins, he had the official figures right to hand. For the year 1927 there were 230,144,000 imperial gallons used. This meant an average consumption of 55 gallons per capita per day.

Ten years ago innumerable friends throughout the town and district were sorry to learn of the death of Mr. J. Webb, who had been a respected and well-known resident of the camp for some fourteen years. On Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1928, when Mr. Webb arrived home from his duties as caretaker of the Imperial Bank branch here, he suffered a heart attack, collapsing in the chair on which he seated himself. Mrs. Webb gave what aid she could, and placing him as comfortably as possible, went for assistance, securing the services of a nurse and doctor. At the time of the arrival of the doctor, it was thought to be only a matter of an hour or two until the end would come for Mr. Webb, but he survived for over a week, though suffering repeated heart attacks during that time. He passed away on the following Sunday morning.

The town council met in regular session on a Monday afternoon ten years ago with Mayor E. L. Longmore presiding, and Councillors W. H. Pritchard, Geo. S. Drew and P. Dougall present. Fire Chief A. Borland submitted his

annual report to the council. The report showed that during 1927 the fire department had responded to 182 alarms. The fire chief also expressed his thanks to the mayor, the chairman and members of the town council, the police department and all the other departments of the town, the officers and members of the fire department, and the press for co-operation and kindly assistance in the work of the fire brigade during the year. He recommended that further fire equipment be added to the fire department.

Ten years ago two rinks representing the Timmins Curling Club Limited successfully defended the T. & N. O. Curling Trophy against two rinks of South Porcupine challengers, and the T. & N. O. Trophy was kept in the possession of the Timmins Club.

A very pleasant time was spent ten years ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, 23 Way avenue, where a number of their friends gathered in honour of their 25th wedding anniversary. The early part of the evening was enjoyed in dancing, after which a nice luncheon was served by Mrs. Johnson, assisted by Miss L. Johnson and Mrs. Geddes. A game of euchre followed which was much enjoyed.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at Mr. Leon Leblanc's, Mountjoy street, ten years ago. Euchre and five hundred were played and much enjoyed by the guests present. Lunch was served by

Miss Bertha Morin, of Moose Creek, Ont., who was a visitor to town as the guest of Mr. Leblanc.

On several occasions ten years ago some people attending concerts and other events caused disturbance and annoyance by acting without regard for the fact that others attended the events to enjoy the music or other entertainment. There was an incident at a Sunday evening concert ten years ago when some disturbance was caused by the disorderly actions of one young man. Constable Moore who was in the gallery at the time picked out the offender and a summons was issued for the young man to appear in court to answer a charge of disturbing the public meeting. The magistrate found the accused guilty and imposed a fine of \$4 and costs, the young man having a total of \$10 to pay over.

In The Advance ten years ago: "Recently a number of cars have had the misfortune to get stalled on the road in Schumacher, and in too many cases the owners have gone away and left the cars on the road. In some cases the stalled car has actually been hours on the road, more or less blocking traffic. On several occasions the township tractor has had difficulty getting past the stalled car, while the inconvenience to trucks and motors generally has been a serious one. During the past few days the attention of the police has been called to the nuisance of the stalled cars, and hereafter unless the owner of the car takes speedy action to remove the stalled motor from the road, the police will take action to bring the car owner to court."

A very enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended the "Smoker" of the Timmins Post of the Canadian Legion on the night of Friday, January 20th, 1928, held in the I.O.O.F. hall, Timmins. Preceding the smoker a short general meeting of the Post was

Earns Promotion



H. C. JAMES, who on February 1st becomes assistant general passenger agent, Canadian Pacific Railway with headquarters at Montreal. Mr. James is at present district passenger agent for the Company at Saint John, N.B., and brings a wealth of experience, earned during his 23 years (Canadian Pacific service, to his new post.

held, commencing in the usual way with all present standing with bowed heads in silence for one minute in memory of and out of respect for their fallen comrades. During a short interval, refreshments were served by members of the entertainment committee, and a cordial welcome was given by the president to the distinguished visitors, Rev. Fr. O'Gorman and Mr. P. Dougall.

Ten years ago The Advance carried an account on flowers that do well in this North Country, and hints on their

care, based on experiments at Kapuskasing.

One of the odd incidents of the big snow storm ten years ago was the literal snowing-in of a family on Sixth avenue. The snow drifted and piled up so high against both the front door and back door that it was impossible to open either door. As a result the man of the house could not get out to go to work in the morning, and as there was no telephone in the house help could not be enlisted from the outside. Eventually, the milkman came along and seeing the predicament the family were in he shoveled the high snow away from the one door so that it could be opened. This was one of the rare cases of actually being snowed-in in this North Land.

Ten years ago the handsome new brick and tile office building of the Arthur E. Moyses and Co., stock brokers, was formally opened.

The concert given in the Goldfields theatre ten years ago after the church services by the Birrell Bell Symphony Orchestra and the Goldfields String Quartette was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. The event was under the auspices of Hadassah Chapter. Mr. Sol Shankman presided for the occasion, filling the position of chairman with noteworthy skill and success. The programme was one that made special appeal to music-lovers. In addition to the varied and pleasing programme of instrumental music, the vocalists for the evening were especially popular. Mr. Crotea's solos were enthusiastically encored. Mr. Des. Murphy played the accompaniments on the piano for this soloist. Mrs. H. W. Darling won very pronounced applause by her singing of attractive numbers, the "Bird Song" being an especially pleasing one and given with very sympathetic expression and in excellent voice.

In one of the hardest fought games ever staged in the Porcupine camp up to 1928 the Porcupine Hockey Club nosed out a victory of 5-4 over the Eskimos of Iroquois Falls ten years ago. Thirty minutes overtime was played before the tie was broken, the teams playing three ten-minute periods of strenuous hockey, with only five-minute rest periods in the overtime.

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club ten years ago, the president, Mr. Chas. G. Keddie, occupied the chair. Among the visitors for the day were Mr. D. W. Neall, of Timmins, Chief L. MacLachlan, of Timmins, and Dr. J. W. White, late of the Western Hospital, Toronto, who had come to Schumacher to take over the practice of Dr. Barry. Mr. P. Dougall had charge of the programme, which was a special "Scottish Day." He presented a striking paper on the pipes, telling why Scotsmen love the bagpipes so truly.

Ten years ago the number of drunks per month convicted under the L.C.A. remained the same as those under the O.T.A. There were also other interesting statistics in the report prepared by the chief of police for the town of Timmins, such as the total number of prosecutions being 838, with 586 convictions.

Despite the very inclement weather ten years ago there was a fair attendance at the hockey match between Porcupine Juniors and the Monteith Academy boys at South Porcupine. The Monteith boys had been very much handicapped during the year, there being so much snow as they had an open air rink and their practices were very uncertain. However they were clean sports and the making of a good team with plenty of hockey marrow in their bones, and the score of 8-4 in favour of the South Porcupine team was not a criterion of what might be expected from Monteith.

Among the local in The Advance ten years ago were:—"A Ploughman's Association was organized at Cochrane last week with an initial membership of 27." "Mr. H. C. Garner, issuer of motor licenses, has received the license forms for the new year, but the license markers for the 1928 year are not yet available." "Mr. I. K. Pierce returned this week from a visit to Toronto, Kit-chener and other southern centres." "Cochrane held a very successful 'Farmers' Day' recently, settlers and others from the district gathering in the town to discuss various problems." "District Deputy Grand Master A. G. Carson was paying official visit this week to the I.O.F. lodges at Cochrane, Troquois Falls and Matheson." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Thursday, Jan. 19th, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Milen, 8 Hollinger Lane—a daughter." "Mr. T. McCann returned last week from Miami, Florida, and is again on the local staff of the F. M. Burke store, where he is being warmly welcomed by hosts of old friends." "Mr. H. E. Montgomery left to-day for Kapuskasing where he will preside as coroner at an inquest into the death of a man in the northern town." "A rink composed of Messrs. E. H. Hill, D. Ostrosser, F. Kehoe, and S. A. Caldbick, visited Haileybury during the week-end and played a friendly game of curling with a Haileybury rink." "The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. are holding their annual convention in New York this week. Mr. J. J. Lynch, of Timmins, manager of the northern district, left on Saturday last to attend the event, and will return here the first of February." "The heavy snowfall and the storms last week caused some delay in the train service, but nothing serious. The T. & N. O. handled the situation very well."

Coilingwood Enterprise-Bulletin:—Again it's the poor motorist. A police magistrate at Cornwall has decided that according to the law if an auto runs over a chicken it is an accident and the driver must return to the scene and if there is any other party present must give name and address. This appears to be stretching the case but the F.M. says that's that in his court until a higher court rules otherwise. Page the traffic commission!

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Dominion Bank has Another Good Year

Large Increase in Current Loans, Earnings Improve Strong Position.

The shareholders of the Dominion Bank were presented with a very satisfactory statement of the bank's affairs at the 67th annual meeting held in Toronto on Wednesday, January 26th. The outstanding features of this statement were a very strong cash and liquid position, a substantial increase in commercial loans, an enlarged security portfolio and a large growth in deposits.

Total deposits amount to \$117,782,320, an increase of \$5,303,800 in the year. The security portfolio comprising investments in Dominion and Provincial Government bonds and other high-grade securities is the largest in the history of the bank. They total \$54,648,741 as compared with \$51,538,902 in the previous statement, an increase of \$2,509,839 during the year.

As has been stated the bank is in a very strong liquid position. Its cash assets are shown at \$27,567,007 which amount equals 21.72% of public liabilities. Immediately available assets are \$91,445,340, or 72% of liabilities to the public.

Current loans and discounts in Canada have reached a total of \$41,516,254, an increase of \$7,419,858. This is an improvement of about 22% in loans to commerce and industry, and reflects the improvement in conditions and increased activity in Canada during the past twelve months.

Call loans in Canada are lower by \$3,719,051, and elsewhere by \$1,976,298.

After making provision for Dominion and Provincial Government taxes, the net profits for the year were \$976,838, an increase of \$25,560 compared with \$951,278 in 1936. Out of profits \$700,000 was provided for dividends, \$75,000 was contributed to the officers' pension fund, \$100,000 was written off bank premises account, leaving \$101,836 to be added to profit and loss account, which is thereby increased to \$770,815. The capital paid up is \$7,000,000 while the reserve fund and undivided profits total \$7,770,815.

Sudbury Police Sergeant Tells Regular Ghost Story

Sudbury, Jan. 22nd—Leaving Sudbury for Toronto, where he has been transferred, Sergeant Charles Ripington of the C.P.R. Police Force told about his encounter with a ghost—the most thrilling experience in his eleven years of service in Sudbury.

"One summer evening a Finnish lad from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., stopped and asked me for a dime for a cup of coffee," Sergeant Ripington explained. "I spoke to him for a few minutes and therefore had a good look at him. Next night the unfortunate lad cut his throat in an attempt to commit suicide, and I found him near the empty box car in which he had been sleeping. I rushed him to St. Joseph's hospital, but he died within a few hours. I arranged for the funeral, and wired his parents in Sault Ste. Marie. A brother was to come to the funeral, but did not arrive.

Exactly one year later I was flashing my light on empty box cars at exactly the spot where this boy had cut his throat. Then I saw the same boy walking down the tracks toward me dressed in clothes identical to those worn by the boy I knew we had buried. "What are you doing here?" I asked.

feeling more like running away than anything else. "Didn't we bury you last year?"

The fellow stood and stared at me for five minutes and if it wasn't that his shoes had cracked as he walked down the tracks I might have really thought he was a ghost.

Then he laughed. "Don't be frightened, copper. I'm not a ghost. I'm the other lad's twin brother. I've just come to have a look around at the spot where he committed suicide. We were always great chums and I've missed him this past year, so I just thought when I was in Sudbury I'd have a look at where it happened."

Entering his twentieth year with the C. P. R. police, Sergeant Ripington joined the force at Toronto in November, 1918. In 1919 he was chosen as one of the special escorts of the Prince of Wales, now Duke of Windsor to accompany the Prince's private car across 12,000 miles of Canada. Before coming to Canada he served twelve years with the Coldstream Guards and for five years was in Egypt with the Camel Corps in Cairo, Khartoum and the Sudan.

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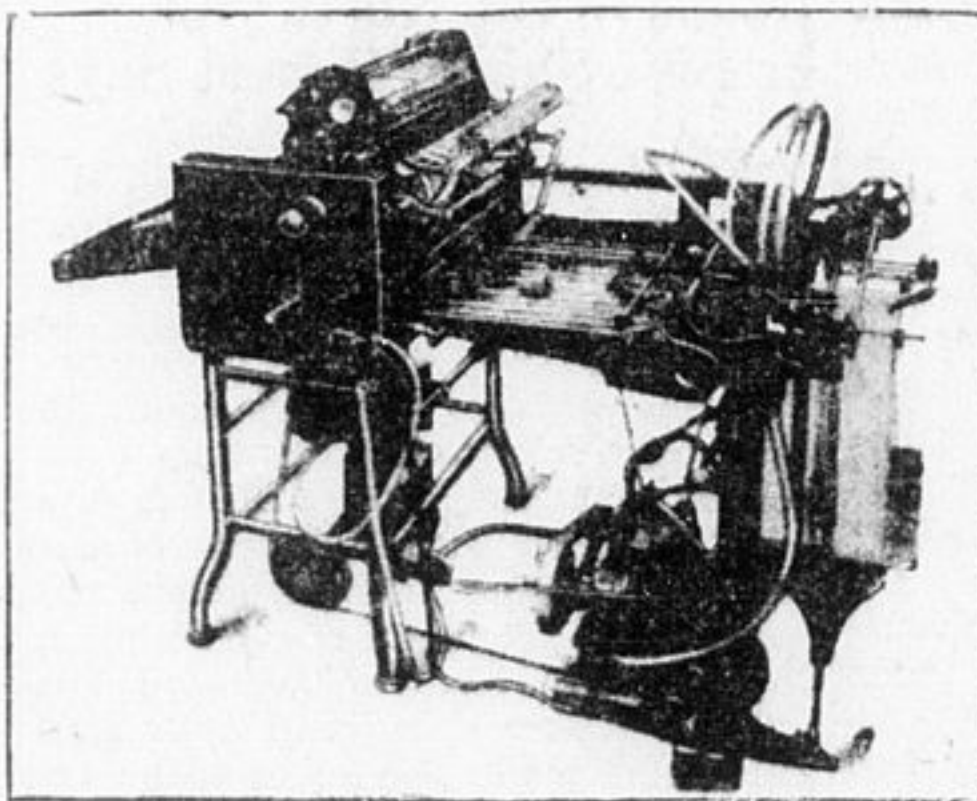
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