

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

Ten years ago The Advance carried a special automobile section of ten pages, the whole issue being made up of thirty pages.

In The Advance ten years ago (in part):—"This week reports are current that a wide and rich vein of coal has been uncovered on the Mattagan, north of Cochrane and not very far from the railway line. The vein is said to be 11 feet wide, while the Nova Scotia veins are seldom more than six feet wide. The Ontario Government is not giving out any information on the matter for the present, but the report is generally credited, as the presence of coal in the North has been generally claimed for some time past. The Government recently withdrew a large district in the area referred to from settlement and staking."

The carnival given by the St. John Ambulance Brigade in the Timmins rink ten years ago attracted a big crowd and proved a very interesting and pleasing event. The Timmins Citizens Band was out in force for the occasion and provided a lot of good music. The programme throughout was an excellent one and was much enjoyed by all. There was general compliment given to the St. John Ambulance for the excellence of the carnival throughout, and for the capable way in which all plans and arrangements were made to provide so acceptable an evening of entertainment.

Ten years ago The Advance carried a full and detailed account of the inquiry by the Royal Commission of Enquiry into the disaster at the Hollinger Mine at the time. Many witnesses were heard and a mass of useful information was gathered.

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prompt way and the fire was located and extinguished. In the meantime all in the hall had made their way without excitement to the outside. Then it was noted that there was some smoke in the hallway or porch leading to the main hall. An investigation, and the ripping off of some of the sheeting, showed fire in progress in that part of the structure. This was also safely and surely extinguished. To make assurance doubly sure the fire chief left two firemen at the scene for two full hours after the fire had been extinguished. Then the chief made another careful inspection. There was no sign of fire or smoke and apparently no possibility of further danger. But at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning there was another alarm of fire and it was found that there were more flames at work in the little hallway. Again the firemen put out the blaze. The loss to the building was \$2000, and on the Moose Lodge equipment about \$1500.

Ten years ago in a closely fought game at the arena in South Porcupine, Halleybury defeated the Porcupine Hockey Club in a score of 4-3, but as the goals in the round also accounted the Porcupine boys were still one up, having started the tussle with a two-goal lead and they were then scheduled to go on to North Bay to play the Sault Ste. Marie Intermediates.

Ten years ago the Temiskaming Telephone Co. took over the telephone system only of the Porcupine Power and Telephone Co., in the Towns of Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine, Porcupine, and in the townships of Tisdale and Whitney, the sale being arranged at the time. Mr. P. R. Craven of the Temiskaming Telephone Co. was in Timmins about March 1st, 1928, from the head office of the company at New Liskeard, seeing to the final details in connection with the transfer of the system.

The annual meeting of the Timmins Board of Trade ten years ago was held in the council chamber with a small attendance of members present. In the absence of the president, Dr. J. A. McInnis, a former president, Mr. D. Oströcker, was asked to take the chair, and conducted the meeting with efficiency and interest. In his address to the meeting, Mr. Oströcker emphasized the value of the Board of Trade to the town and urged all citizens to take an interest in the work of the Board for their own advantage as well as for the benefit of the town. Following the usual plan here the president was the only officer elected at the annual meeting. Mr. Langdon, previously secretary, was appointed as president, and he was to appoint his own secretary and also to select the members of the executive or council for the year.

While Mr. R. LeHeup, superintendent of the District Children's Aid Society, was in Toronto ten years ago, he met with an unfortunate accident that resulted in a painful injury to his shoulder. He was in the Timmins rink playing in the Toronto bonspiel and had been putting up a nice game. Slipping back on the ice his foot came on a spot where some water had dripped from the roof onto the ice. He slipped and came heavily down on his shoulder. His weight and the force with which he fell resulted in his shoulder being jarred out of its socket.

The death occurred ten years ago of Mrs. Fred Cox, Schumacher. The late Mrs. Cox had been an invalid for the previous three years, suffering three strokes in that time, the last one proving fatal. The family formerly lived at Cobalt, where they had many friends. They came to this camp about five months previous to the death of Mrs. Cox, taking up residence in Schumacher.

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## Receives Appointment



H. R. JENKINS

has recently been appointed a representative of The Canada Life Assurance Company for Timmins and surrounding district. Mr. Jenkins, a graduate of Queen's University, has spent most of his life in the North Country.

In addition to the bereaved husband, two sons, Fred and Donald, and two daughters, Mary and Sadie, all living at Schumacher, were left to mourn their loss.

Ten years ago in opening the inquiry by the Royal Commission, Judge Godson explained the aims of the Commission, which were: (1) to learn the cause of the fire in the stope at the Hollinger on Feb. 10th to 13th; (2) to fix responsibility, if any; and (3) to make suggestions that would add to the assurance for the greatest possible measure of safety to the workers in the mines of the North.

Ten years ago the community of South Porcupine and the camp as a whole were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mr. W. Melville at the Hospital at South Porcupine. The late William Albert Melville was born in Creemore, Ont., on Nov. 19th, 1877. At the age of 17 he went to Sudbury and while there became a member of the Oddfellows. At the time of his death Mr. Melville was manager of the Porcupine Lake Gold Mines and he had scores of friends among the mining men of the camp as well as others.

Friends in Timmins were sorry to learn of the death of Clarence Warren (Babe), ten years ago, being one of the best-known of the old-time residents of the North. He was for several years a resident in Timmins, and then at Iroquois Falls.

The band concert given in the Goldfields theatre ten years ago after the church services on a Sunday evening, attracted a large audience, despite other counter attractions for the evening. The programme for the evening appeared to meet with general approval. There were two features that seemed to make a special appeal. One of these was the number given by the band in tribute to the memory of those who lost their lives in the mine disaster at the Hollinger, and in sympathy with those bereaved by that tragedy. The other special feature was the introduction on the programme again, by special request, of community singing. A number of well-known hymn tunes were played over by the band, and then the audience invited to join in the singing, the band playing the accompaniments.

On Wednesday, February 22nd, 1928, ten years ago, Mrs. Edith Hart, of Golden City, passed to her reward after nine years of invalidism. The funeral was held on Friday, February 24th, 1928, Rev. F. Bath conducting the service. Left to mourn her loss were two daughters, Olive and Myrtle, and two sons, Morley and Carl, and her husband, Mr. Hart.

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been appointed by Kapuskasing council as auditor for 1928 for that town." "Mr. Robinson Simpson, of the Englehart Times staff, Englehart, Ont., was a visitor to friends and relatives in Timmins over the week-end." "Another butterfly has been found flying around Timmins these happy winter days. This latest specimen was captured Wednesday morning shortly after two o'clock by Mr. B. Wilson, of the post office staff, who found it on Cedar street." "Mr. Alex Wilson (Scotty) has returned from Toronto to take a place on the staff of Carson's barber shop." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Thursday, Feb. 16th, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Egg, Third avenue—a son (Neville Arthur)." "Born—in Toronto on Friday, Feb. 24th, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson of Vancouver, B.C.—a son. Mrs. Wilson was formerly Miss Annie Alberta Irwin, of Timmins."

## Woman is Committed on Charge of Arson

(Continued from Page One) she had had with Mrs. Votour had ended up with some mention about the possibility of fire. During that time the accused was alleged to have told the witness that electric light bulbs were being blown out by short circuits in the electric wiring and that the building itself was just an old rattle box. Three weeks before the fire Mrs. Hurley claimed that the accused had told her that the furnace was no good and that fire came out of the registers frequently, saying that on one occasion a basin of water that had been placed on top of one of them had boiled in three minutes from the heat. Proceeding further with her testimony, Mrs. Hurley swore that Mrs. Votour had asked her if she had any insurance on her furniture. "She told me that she had had a little on her premises but had let it go," Mrs. Hurley stated. "I told her that I would go and see the landlord about the furnace and he told me that he would see her. I also told her to call Fire Chief Borland and she said that she had called three times and had been unable to get in touch with him," the witness continued. On the night of the fire Mrs. Hurley stated that she had been invited to go to a dance at the Oddfellows' hall by Mrs. Votour with a party of friends. "Before we left Mrs. Votour seemed very nervous about something. She was the last one to leave the house. Everyone left by the back door. We heard the fire truck sirens when we reached the corner of Third avenue and Spruce street near the station and I had only had two dances when I was told that my house was on fire. Mrs. Votour had left the dance before that," Mrs. Hurley concluded.

E. M. Stenhouse, of the local public works department, said that he had inspected the furnace in Mrs. Votour's premises on December 8 at the request of the fire department and found it in good condition. Mrs. Votour had not complained to him about the furnace at that time.

While at this point several other witnesses were yet to be heard, Mr. Yates decided to close the case for the Crown and without any comments or summing up of the evidence, Magistrate Atkinson ordered a committal and renewed bail.

## Says Canada Fails in Duty to Empire

New York Publication Has Pert Words for Dominions.

Canada is not doing her duty toward the British Empire, states a New York publication, the Commentator. Canada, and the other Dominions, too, expect in the event of war to be defended by the British Navy, yet they are doing nothing to strengthen that navy. The outspoken and pithy comments of this publication, under the title, "The Do-Nothing Dominions," follow:

For the self-governing Dominions of the British Empire all of us have the greatest respect. But we happen to be living at a time when words have to be backed by deeds and the question now is whether the Dominions are ready to quit pretensions and come to realities.

In 1776, the United States frankly declared her independence of the British Empire. The Dominions are still supposed to be within the fold. Anyway, they like front seats at a coronation.

## New Commissioner



ROY B. WHITEHEAD

who was recently appointed Chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission, in succession to John M. Godfrey, K.C., who vacated the position on being appointed a judge of the Ontario Supreme Court. The new commissioner, a lawyer, was for some time on the staff of the Ontario Labour Relations Board, and he relinquished that position to take on the present appointment.

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The British Empire is up against it. No one can say for certain what will be its future—and it does not look as if the Dominions very much cared.

The challenge is threefold. Germany is aggressive in Northern Europe. Italy menaces the lifeline of commerce in the Mediterranean. Japan battles to bite the foreign trade of China. If Germany, Italy and Japan have their way, the British Empire will be a memory.

The Empire, thus threatened, is fourfold. First, there is Britain. Second, there are the Crown Colonies directly governed by Britain. Third, there is India. Fourth, there are the much advertised Dominions.

Crown Colonies like Uganda in Africa cannot defend any empire. They have to be defended.

India does her best. She pays for a highly equipped army which defends her on land. But it is the British Navy that saves her seaboard from the fate of Shanghai.

The duty of defending the Empire, if it is to be defended at all, thus falls on Britain herself, and on the Dominions. Is that duty to be fulfilled?

For the first time, Britain is vulnerable. This small, built-up island is becoming one vast city. At sea, she can be blockaded, more or less, by submarines. From the air, the huge metropolises can be bombed like Madrid. Britain fights for her life. Every month, she adds a hundred planes to her air fleet. She increases her navy. She mechanizes her army. She accumulates imported supplies. She provides, every man, woman and child with a gas-mask. If ever a nation was preparing to face the worst, it is Britain. She is doing her duty.

Even Britain cannot manage the whole job alone. If she handles Europe, is it too much to ask the Dominions to do their bit in Asia? Can a Dominion claim to be a "nation" if it makes no serious effort to uphold itself and the sovereignty to which it is supposed to belong?

There are four of these self-styled "nations"—Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand. They have a population of 28,000,000—more than half that of Britain herself and at least twice as vocal. The white population exceeds 21,000,000, and it is increasing. In Britain, every person on the average is paying \$45 a year for the defence of the Empire. In the Dominions, each white person pays less than a tenth of that sum. To put the matter plainly, the Dominions make no contribution that amounts to anything.

In their own interests, the Dominions are short-sighted. Suppose that Britain is overwhelmed, where will they be? What "navies" have New Zealand and Australia to set against the Japanese navy? In 1914, the Dominions had to join in, and if there were another world war, that would again be the position.

The scornful and selfishness of the Dominions will not save them in the long run from any ordeal that may be inflicted on the British Empire.

After all, the United States is preparing for eventualities, and don't her taxpayers know it! Why should the United States and Britain have to defend a number of quasi-nations that can well afford to pay a share of the cost?

If democracy is to be safe, democracy must share and share alike.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: Not a single Communist is now in jail for political activity in the United States, reports the American Civil Liberties Union, which ascribes the fact largely to "changed tactics of Communists in abandoning revolutionary propaganda in favour of support of democracy." Hitler may therefore be considered in some degree responsible by showing the Communists that there are worse things than democracy.



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