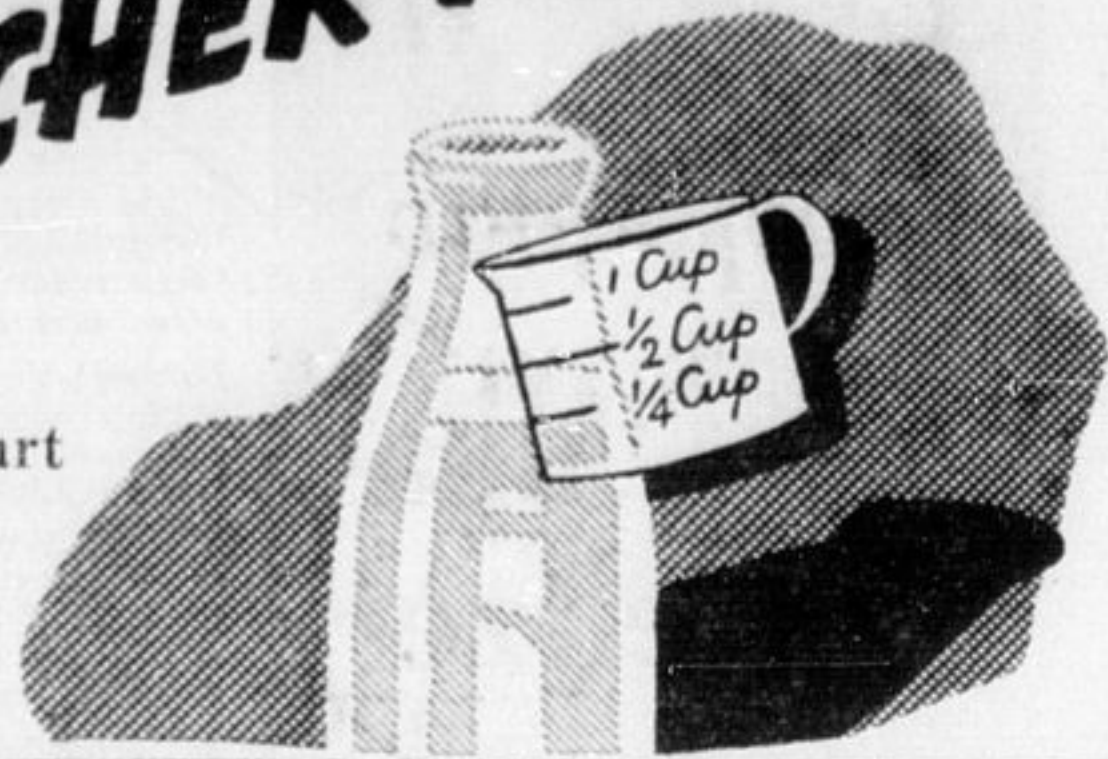


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**Marked Reduction in Mine Accidents**

Inspector of Mines, Port Arthur Division, Comments on Matter

A reduction in fatal accidents in Ontario's metal mines from an average of 3.35 per thousand employees in 1929, to just slightly over half of that rate in 1937, is reported by A. S. Bayne, Inspector of Mines, Port Arthur Division, in his paper on "Economic Safety" appearing in the March issue of the Bulletin, Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. During the same period non-fatal accidents per thousand men was reduced from 150 to 1700, and the number of operating metal mines increased from 106 in 1929 to 225 in 1937. Credit for the reduction is given largely to the Ontario Mining Act, which the author describes as being among the best in the world, and also to the diligent efforts of the mining companies and mining organizations to promote safety measures.

This steady decline in non-fatal accident frequency during the past nine years he states, is indisputable evidence of the success with which Ontario operators are combating the hazards



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**TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS**

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

In this column last week it was noted that ten years ago The Advance had a special automobile section of ten pages, the whole issue of the paper being 30 pages. This week ten years ago there was another special automobile section of 12 pages, the paper again having 28 pages instead of the usual 16.

The Kiwanis skating carnival ten years ago was added to the list of big successes. There was a good crowd, and all enjoyed the event. There were over a hundred in costume and many unusually fine costumes. The big street parade was a very attractive feature, the animals—polar bears, brown bears, camels, grey mule, etc., making much fun and interest. On the ice the two "Hollingers" also contributed a big part to the fun of the evening. Miss Leah Muller, international champion fancy skater at the time, of Toronto, made a big hit with the crowd. Her exhibitions of fancy skating were talented and full of interest.

The Royal Commission inquiring into the disaster at the Hollinger Mine ten years ago adjourned its sittings here on Thursday, March 8th, 1928. His Lordship Judge Gosson and the counsel, Mr. Peter White, returning to Toronto on that day's train, after the concluding session. It was not known whether further sittings would be held.

The second annual meeting of the Cochrane Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society was held at the United Church, Timmins, on Wednesday, March 7th, 1928, ten years ago. About 15 delegates were present from Cochrane, Iroquois Falls, Matheson, Monteith, Connaught and Timmins. Reports showed all branches of the work in a prosperous condition. The Auxiliary Mission Band, C.G.I.T. and other branches were shown to be all progressing. Supper was served in the basement of the church after the afternoon session. In the evening, Rev. J. C. Hutton, chairman of the Presbytery, was present to instal the new officers.

Ten years ago fire was discovered in the double house at 73-73 1/2 Balsam street north. The firemen were called by phone, made a quick run and did excellent work. The fire had such a start that it was generally thought that the whole building would go, but the brigade was able to save this greater loss. The fire appeared to start in the section of the house occupied by Mr. Martini, the cause of the fire not being known, though spontaneous combustion from an oil mop was one explanation suggested. The furniture was moved from the adjoining part of the building, occupied by Mr. John Fitzgerald and family, the partitions in the house being very light and there being much possibility of the fire spreading all through the building. The firemen, however, fought the blaze with such effect that it was confined to the one section of the house where it started. The damage to the building was about \$600 while the loss on the contents of Mr. Martini's part of the building was about \$1000.

The death occurred ten years ago of Mr. F. Roscoe, for many years a resident of Timmins. For some years he had been in poor health. He was

formerly on the staff of the Hollinger and was one of the members of the Timmins Citizens' Band. At the time of death he was 64 years of age. In addition to a widow, two daughters, Mrs. Dupuis and Mrs. S. Boyd, and one son, Frank, survived. The funeral took place to the Timmins cemetery, Rev. M. R. Hall conducting the services.

The carnival held under the auspices of the Porcupine Goldfields Band ten years ago at the South Porcupine arena was an enjoyable affair. There were not nearly so many in costume as at the previous carnival. This may have been due to the severity of the weather, it being hard to get costumes in which one can be sure of not taking cold. The main card of the evening was a hockey match between Timmins Juniors and South Porcupine Juniors which resulted in a win for the visitors, 5-3. Judge Godson and solicitors who were here in connection with the Royal Commission enquiring into the Hollinger disaster ten years ago, visited that mine at the time for further details in the case.

The annual social meeting of the Lanca-shire Social Club was held ten years ago in the Hollinger Recreation hall. The Caledonian Society of Timmins were the guests of the evening, paying a return visit to the Lanca-shires. There was a very large attendance and the event throughout was most enjoyable. Quadrilles were put on for the Caledonians, these dances being led by Mr. P. Larmer, president of the Caledonians. Mr. Larmer also spoke on behalf of the Caledonians, expressing the appreciation of the members for the very pleasant time. It was a fine thing, he said, for clubs to visit one another, as it drew friendship closer and got all to know one another.

A hard-fought and cleanly-contested game of hockey was played ten years ago at Cochrane between the Senior team of the Central Public School, Timmins, and the Bengals of Cochrane, the Central School boys emerging victorious with the score of 1 to 0. The teams were evenly matched, the greater weight of the Cochrane boys being more than counteracted by the superior speed of the local lads. The game was scoreless until well on in the second period when Charlie Elies, on a pass from his brother, George, scored a very pretty goal. In the final period the Bengals gave everything they had to tie up the score, but the Central forward line back-checked them to a standstill, and the defence proved a veritable stone wall.

Mr. A. W. Lang ten years ago presented the Porcupine Bowling League (the Inter-Town League) with a handsome silver shield on an oak base, the shield being known as the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Shield. It was for competition in the 5-pin inter-town bowling league, and proved a very attractive trophy.

Despite the stormy weather there was a good attendance at the concert by Eirrell Bell's Symphony Orchestra in the Goldfields theatre ten years ago. All found the event a most enjoyable one and each number was much appreciated. The selections by the orchestra included: "Field of Glory," "Desert Caravan," "Autumnal Day," "Bird-land." All these were given very effectively. "Field of Glory" was especially well received and "Ambassador" was given as an encore.

Ten years ago fire which probably originated from an overheated stove, completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bertoli, on Second avenue east, in Schumacher. The family were not at home when the fire was discovered. The fire brigade was quickly on the scene and saved the adjoining dwellings. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

A quiet wedding took place on Tuesday, Feb. 28th, 1928, ten years ago, at St. Matthew's rectory, when Rev. R. S. Cushing united in marriage Miss Beatrice Cathleen Needham and Mr. Edmund Ash, both of Timmins. The young couple were popular with all who knew them and received hosts of good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Ash took up residence on Laidlaw street.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Stanley Stencilik were much grieved to hear of his death in St. Mary's hospital ten years ago. The funeral took place from his late residence to the Church of the Nativity, where requiem high mass was said by Rev. Fr. Slovinski. The late Mr. Stencilik was 37 years of age and resident of the camp for 12 years. He was well known and highly respected and popular with all who knew him.

The sad death took place ten years ago of Mrs. Gordon Thompson, 30 James street, after an illness of only about a week. Death was due to pneumonia. Mrs. Thompson returned three weeks previous to her death from a holiday visit to California and appeared to be in the best of health. About a week before her death she was taken ill and despite all that medical skill and care could do, she passed away. In addition to the bereaved husband, conductor on the T. & N. O. freight in this division, a little daughter, Barbara, aged two years, was left to mourn the loss. Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Scott, resided at Schumacher.

The annual meeting of the Lanca-shire Football Club was held ten years ago in the Hollinger hall. There was only a small attendance owing to the severe storm. Several items of business were transacted, the most important being the financial statements which was presented by the secretary, Mr. T. Richards.

In The Advance ten years ago: A

friend of The Advance and of the Timmins Football Club sends in the following paragraph this week: "A general meeting of the Timmins Football Club will be held in the town hall on Tuesday next, March 13th, at 8 p.m. It has been decided that the club shall affiliate with the Porcupine District Football League for the coming season of 1928."

A farewell party was given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stephens, 31 Messines avenue, ten years ago, to Mr. A. Odgers who left a few days later to join his wife and family at Cornwall, England. Mr. Odgers had been a resident of Timmins for about five years, being employed at the Hollinger and winning many friends here.

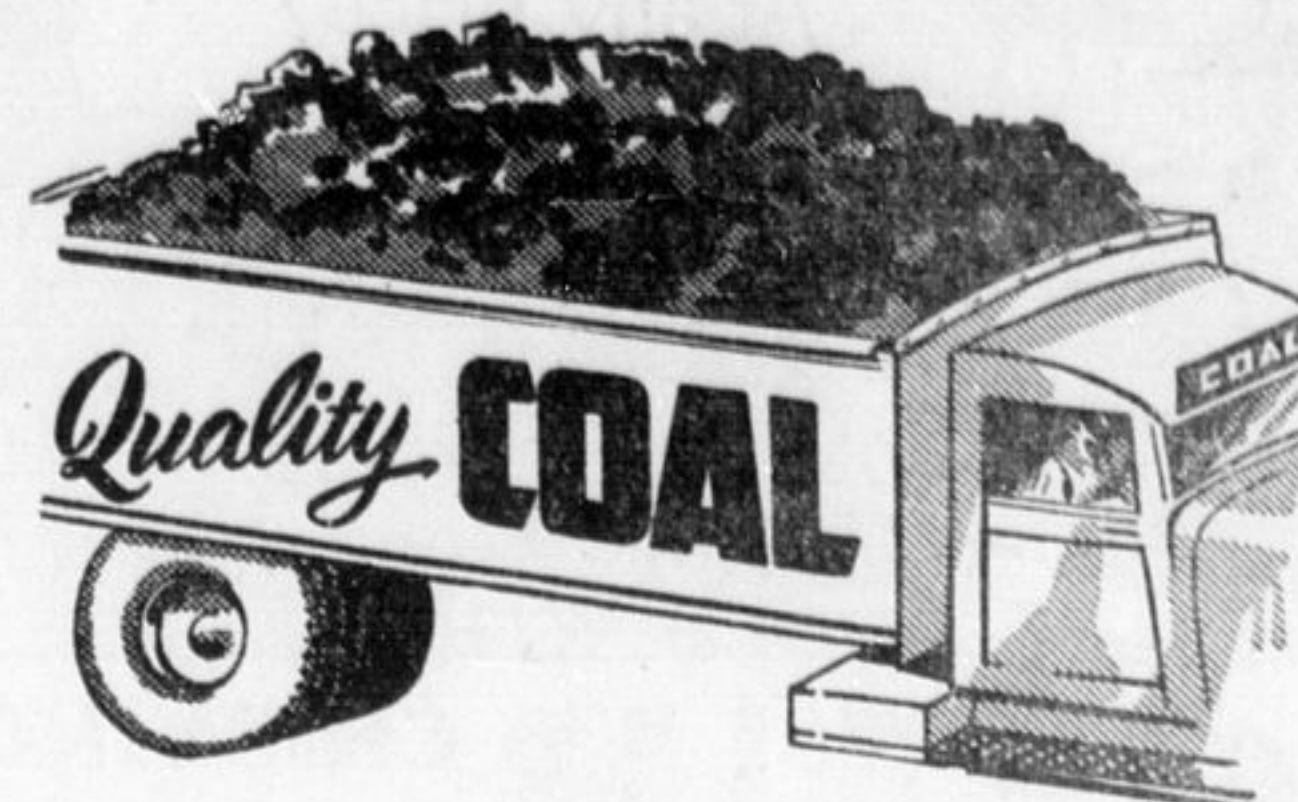
Among the local news in The Advance ten years ago: "Mr. Ed Leslie, Kapuskasing, was a visitor to town over the week-end." "There were over 329 on the hockey special from Timmins on Friday last, one of the biggest crowds going from here for a considerable time." "Mr. C. Abrams, of Schumacher, returned last week from Winnipeg, where he was called owing to the death of Mrs. Abrams' father." "Mr. W. J. Meaney, Halleybury, fell from a moving train at North Cobalt last week and fractured his collar-bone. He is making good recovery from the injury." "Last week the Cochrane District Children's Aid received the handsome donation of \$500 from the Canadian National Railways towards the District Children's Shelter Fund."

"With some of them like this ( ) and some of 'em looking like this ( ) they still wear short skirts." "A member of the Legislature in the course of a speech last week quoted figures purporting to show the increase of drunkenness under the L.C.A. He mentioned North Bay, and Mayor Banner at once wired to contradict the figures which he said were absolutely incorrect. "Police court records show police court cases 50 to 60 per cent. lower than under Ontario Temperance Act."

"The misplacement of a period in the report of the police court news last week made it appear that a man found in a disorderly house at the time of a raid by the police 'escaped with a fine of \$200.'" The fact was the fine was just ten times two dollars." "Mr. A. Laprairie is on a visit to the East, and is accompanied by his two young sons, Paul and Jules, his daughter, Rosemary, and George Darling. Anyone that thinks that the youngsters and 'Lap' are not having a whale of a time don't know anything about youngsters or 'Lap.'" They were in Montreal on Sunday and attended three churches the one day. "This is away ahead of a motion picture show," George said. They are now in Quebec City to attend a convention of a mining institute there."

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**Iroquois Falls Rod and Gun Club Meet**

Essays for School Children Discussed.

Iroquois Falls, Ont., March 9, 1938.—(Special to The Advance)—At the regular monthly meeting of the Iroquois Falls and District Rod and Gun Club, held in their rooms Monday night, considerable interest was shown on the Ontario-wide essay contest on "Conservation of Fish" open to all school children under the age of 14.

The contest is open after April the 9th, prior to which, articles will be published in The Globe and Mail and The Advance covering this subject. The subject of the essays to be written by the students is "How to Keep Good Fishing in Our Streams and Lakes." The awards will be in generous cash prizes, to the winners, and should create

something worth working for, by the pupils.

Considerable discussion was also given to the cleaning of some of the surrounding lakes suitable for trout fishing, and also brought up was the point that the large trout now supplied by the Government have a much better chance of living, than the smaller ones, which were supplied in the past.

After the reading of the correspondence, and general routine had been dispensed with, the meeting was adjourned.

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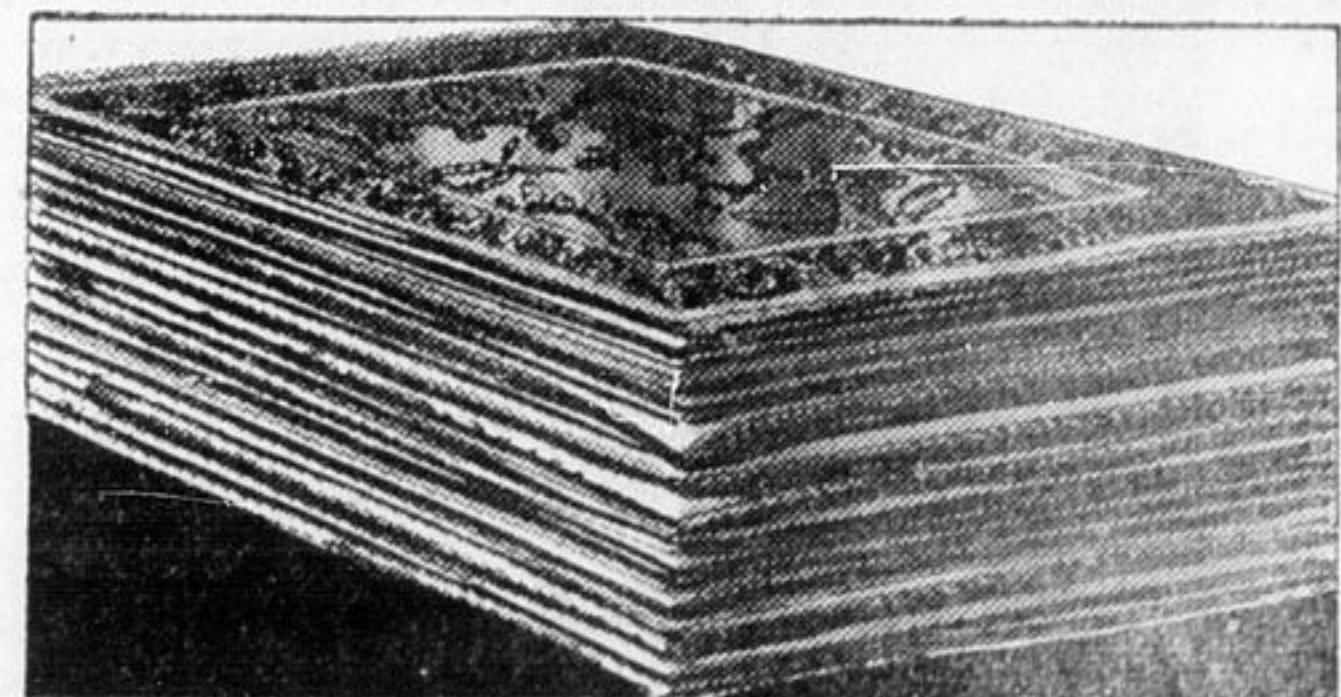
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