

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

Shortly after on Thursday, April 26th, 1928 ten years ago, two families living at 81 Sixth avenue had to make their escape as best they could from the premises, fire being in progress at the property and the blaze having assumed considerable proportions before being discovered. Mr. and Mrs. David and child, who lived upstairs, had to jump from the windows, but escaped without injury, though Mrs. David suffered somewhat from shock. Mr. Emilie Drouet, owner of the property, occupied the ground floor, with his wife and six children. They also made their escape from the building without injury.

In The Advance ten years ago (in part): "Complair, is made by many using the highway between Timmins and South Porcupine in regard to the

condition of the road at the present time. There are a number of rather bad holes in this highway and as a consequence the road is not in the shape that would be naturally expected from such a piece of road. The holes in the road are not being helped any by the weather and it is feared that as a consequence of conditions the highway will get worse, instead of better, as the snow disappears and softer weather prevails. At the present time, of course, nothing can be done, it would seem, to remedy the condition of the highway, but repairs should be made at the very earliest moment possible."

At the regular meeting of the town council ten years ago Mayor E. L. Longmore presided and Councilors A. G. Carson, W. H. Pritchard, Geo. S. Drew, P. Douglas and R. Richardson were present. Mr. C. R. Murdoch, town engineer, wrote the council, tendering his resignation. Mr. Murdoch thanked the council for the courtesy and kindness shown him and the co-operation given by the council. He had accepted a position at Kapuskasing as town engineer and township manager. The council accepted the resignation with much regret as Mr. Murdoch had been an unusually efficient and agreeable public official.

Mr. Richard Warrill, an old-time resident of the camp, and well-known and esteemed in Timmins and district, passed away ten years ago at the home of his sister, Mrs. M. Hobson, 7 Maple street north. Death was due to heart disease. Mr. Warrill returned here in January of 1928 from Rouyn and was ill for only a few days. He came to the Porcupine camp in 1911 and had lived in the North since that time. He was one of the foremen on Government road work in this district.

The dance held under the auspices of the Canadian Legion, Timmins Post, in the McIntyre hall ten years ago was one of outstanding merit and reflected great credit upon the commit-

tee in charge. A very good attendance was present, and the event was carried through, with unvarying success, one of the primary reasons for this being the splendid dance music supplied by Mr. T. Stephens and his orchestra. The musicians were in fine form, and the insistent encores were responded to in generous manner. The big event of the evening was the prize draw for the Relief Fund, the first prize being won by Mrs. Higginbotham of 110 Main avenue.

Announcement was made ten years ago relative to the increase of the capital stock of the Temiskaming Telephone Co. from \$200,000.00 to \$500,000.00. Also, that the company would change its name from Temiskaming Telephone Co. to Northern Telephone Co., Limited. In view of the way the business of the company had spread, the new name was the more appropriate.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Dome Mines Limited was held in Toronto ten years, and there was a large attendance, so much so indeed that the original place of meeting proved too small and adjournment had to be made to the King Edward Hotel. President J. S. Bache and General Manager H. P. DePencier, both said they were prepared to answer any questions and give shareholders all information possible. Shareholders were not adverse to taking advantage of this and for upwards of an hour the management was kept busy giving out the required information. Just before the final adjournment a shareholder moved a vote of thanks to the directors for the manner in which they received and answered all queries, and this met with the unanimous approval of all present.

At Juvenile court here ten years ago two boys were charged with thefts from a local store. The boys had been in previous trouble of somewhat similar character, and it was decided to impose a fine of \$10.00 and costs each upon the parents, the idea no doubt being that this might speed up the parents to look after the lads more carefully than in the past.

Mr. J. T. Cuthbertson, one of the old-time diamond drill experts of the Porcupine, was carrying his left arm in a sling ten years ago due to an accident. While working around one of the drills his hand was drawn into one of the gears, the index finger being torn off and the rest of his hand slightly injured. It was necessary to amputate the index finger, but the rest of the hand was not seriously hurt, and the injured hand was rapidly recovering.

Mr. W. H. Kearney, for some years in charge of the Curtis Optical Co. business at Timmins, left ten years ago to take up residence in Halleybury. The departure of Mr. Kearney was viewed here with general regret, especially in musical circles. Mr. Kearney was not only a talented pianist and a musician of marked ability but he had been specially generous with his services and ability and his interest in musical matters had been a distinct advantage to the town as well as making him hosts of friends here.

The fifth annual banquet of the Young People's Society of the United Church, Timmins, was held ten years ago in the church basement. The supper provided by the Ladies' Aid was a very pleasing one and greatly appreciated. After the supper an unusually interesting programme of music and toasts was presented and much enjoyed. There was a good attendance of

SAFE STREETS DURING RAID



With Britain bolstering her defences against enemy aerial attacks, new forms of protection are rapidly being pressed into service. In one London store a few days ago, shoppers had an opportunity to see the latest devices for the protection of people who must stay on street duty during an attack. It is splinter proof.

members of the Y.P.S., and their friends. Rev. J. D. Parks was toastmaster for the occasion, carrying that office with his usual wit and diplomacy.

A most interesting event took place in the United Church, at Schumacher, ten years ago, when the Canadian Girls in Training held a Mother and Daughter banquet. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion. About fifty mothers and guests gathered around the pretty tables heavily laden with the most inviting delicacies. After partaking of the excellent banquet, the appropriate programme of toasts and musical numbers was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Ten years ago the town of Temagami, on the T. & N. O. main line, about 73 miles north of North Bay, had a narrow escape from being completely wiped out by fire. There was a high wind blowing at the time, and for a period it looked as if the whole town would be destroyed. The blaze started in a house near the Catholic church, and soon the wind had blown the fire onto the church. Temagami had no municipal fire fighting equipment or organization at any moment, and it appeared as if the community would be wiped off the map. Fortunately, however, there were forest rangers stationed at Temagami, together with the fire-fighting equipment of the forestry department. Through the good work of the forest rangers the town was saved, only the house and the church being destroyed.

In the South Porcupine news ten years ago: "The water is steadily rising on Railroad street. Some of those who have property which has been submerged made a trip down to the Porcupine creek to size up the situation. They claim that about three-quarters of a mile from Golden City there are thirteen cords of pulpwood in the creek. This makes a considerable congestion but farther down, just out from the Three Nations Mine conditions are much worse. Here the water is dammed back to a width of two hundred and fifty feet and the pulpwood is piled solid from the bottom of the river to ten feet above the water level. All along up to this point the creek is full of pulpwood, it is claimed. Below that there is not much wood in the creek and the water is flowing away freely, the creek there not occupying more than thirty-five feet in width. The party who went down took photos of the situation at various points and these are to be sent to the Provincial Government, as soon as developed. Complaints have already been lodged with the government and an investigation asked as this damming up of the creek with pulpwood is judged to be one of the main causes of the flooded area around Porcupine Lake."

Ten years ago there were several references in The Advance to Chinchilla rabbits, this breed appearing to be a profitable side line for any fancier in this North Land. Mr. W. Trollope, of Schumacher, as had been noted in The Advance, had met much success with the Chinchillas. As Mr. Trollope had additions to his family of Chinchillas by new ones born and bred in the North Land, another reference to the Chinchillas was made in The Advance ten years ago.

The Timmins Junior Hockey Club held its annual meeting ten years ago in the town hall. There was a good attendance and much interest and enthusiasm was shown. Mr. C. G. Keddie, vice-president of the club, presided for the meeting. The reports of the officers for the seasons showed that the plan of having a genuine "home-brew" team here would work out all right. The executive expressed thanks and appreciation for the generous support given by the fans, the business men and the general public. The public and fans had given good support in buying membership tickets and the merchants and others had shown their kindly interest by donations.

The play "An Old-fashioned Mother," given under the auspices of the Porcupine Goldfields band in the Majestic theatre in South Porcupine ten years

ago, drew a full house. In the ticket-selling campaign before that night Margaret Suttie won the girls' prize and Harold Train the boys' prize. These were Eversharp pencils donated by South End Pharmacy. The play was of the comedy-drama type and moved quickly from the sublime to the ridiculous. There was an outstanding moral in its teachings and both pathos and fun in its development.

The dance held ten years ago in the Hollinger Recreation hall, under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, was one of the most enjoyable events of the season, and the large attendance proved the popularity of the Brigade. Several novelties were on the programme and caused much interest and amusement.

Among the local news in The Advance ten years ago were: "Dr. H. H. Moore returned last week from a visit to the South." "Born—in Timmins, at Mrs. Goulet's hospital, on Monday, April 23, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rudken—a son." "Mrs. C. G. Keddie returned on Friday from a visit to Toronto and other points south." "Born—in Timmins, at Mrs. Goulet's hospital, on Monday, April 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Devis—a daughter." "Mr. Percy Carson, formerly of Halleybury, and well-known and popular in the North Land is in town at present for the Swift Canadian Co." "Born—in Timmins, at Mrs. Goulet's hospital, on Thursday, April 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Richard—a son." "Born—in Timmins on Wednesday, April 18th, at Mrs. Goulet's hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gibson—a daughter (Marjory)." "Mr. Peter Gravelle and daughter, Kathleen, have gone to Buckingham, Quebec, owing to the illness of Mr. Gravelle's father." "Mr. and Mrs. Claude Desaulniers have returned to town, again taking over the direction of the Timmins Drug Company business here." "Mr. R. Southey, formerly a popular resident of Timmins, and now one of the higher officials of the Canadian Ingersoll-Rand Co., is a visitor to town this week."

"Friends will regret to learn that Mr. W. A. Field is on the sick list, suffering from the prevalent grippe. All will hope for him a speedy and complete recovery." "Mrs. P. Montgomery, formerly of Schumacher, but recently of Timmins was operated upon at the Toronto General hospital on Friday last, and her many friends will be pleased to know that she is now well on the way to complete recovery." A telegram received by Mr. Montgomery on Saturday said that Mrs. Montgomery was doing nicely and everything was satisfactory. "From references in practically all of the newspapers in the North Land recently, there seems to be more than the usual amount of illness recently. The chief type of sickness, appears to be a form of grippé or "flu", more severe than in other recent years, and more difficult to shake off, though, of course, not so serious as in the epidemic years." "Mrs. Condie, matron at the Children's Aid Shelter, spent a few days this week the guest of friends at Halleybury."

Condition of Streets Also Troubles Town of Val D'Or

(Val d'Or News) As a result of a timely decision on the part of the town council of the town of Val d'Or our worst advertisement can now be turned into our best advertisement. During the past three weeks, businessmen and citizens have suffered no end of inconvenience and loss of time and money as the result of our main streets being in a depraved condition.

Daily growing worse, the condition now has reached a peak whereby it is economically unsound to drive on them and the result is that trade and commerce lags and progress is held up or is at a standstill. Only the more venturesome, those who have to travel on the streets with trucks or cars to earn a living, use them.

However, at this writing, the town council has announced that it has given a contract with the approval of



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The patience of every person in the community and those who have visited the community has been taxed to the limit and it is also understood that the town councillors and the mayor have not been blind to the situation that existed. For it is not difficult for any observant person to walk down main street and not see that those ruts, gulches and bumps need not have been there. Forced to await the arrival of the representatives of the municipal commission, the town council found its hands tied and could only suffer in silence as the barrage of criticism stormed about their bowed heads. Now that the details of ironing out this situation have been thrashed pro and con and a contract decided upon, it only rests with the contractor to complete the advertisement. It is sincerely hoped that it will be a credit to the community and end for all time the stigma under which we have operated during the past two years.

paper contains an introductory section by John E. Hammel, President of the company. In it he intimates that during his thirty years' experience in the search for and operating of gold mines, he has come to the conclusion that, although individuals may give all their time, energy and money, Governmental assistance is absolutely necessary chiefly in the development of hydro-electric power sites and roads. The Governments to date, he states, have given splendid co-operation in this direction, but in order that the industry may go ahead the assistance must be continued, and if possible, greater relief from taxation must be given to mines situated at a considerable distance from the railway.

The paper gives a vivid account of early developments at the property, with particular reference to transportation difficulties. This is followed in turn by a description of the geology of the mine and by detailed accounts of mining and milling operations.

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Portland Oregonian—Scientists of Purdue University, in Indiana, have come out with a timely explanation of "Spring fever." They say, as has always been indicated by the name and maintained by the victims, the thing is a disease, not mere laziness.

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 Prepared by A. G. Hattie, manager, and by other members of the staff, the



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 Alice Faye and Tony Martin in
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 Gene Autry in
 "Old Barn Dance"
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 John King and Constance Moore in
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 Glenda Farrell and Barton MacLane in
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 WEDNES. & THURS., MAY 5—6
 Peter Lorre and Jane Regan in
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