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Twenty Years Ago

From The Porcupine Advance Files

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, visited the Porcupine camp on May 20th, 1918, twenty years ago, and showed the special interest he had in the work of protecting the communities of the North Land from the menace of bush fires. After the 1916 Porcupine fire Hon. Mr. Ferguson promised that measures would be taken to ensure safety to the North Land towns, and his tour twenty years ago indicated that he was ready to do all possible to fulfill his promise and to see that the work was well done.

A Timmins man made himself more or less famous here twenty years ago by a trick he played in regard to license numbers for automobiles. This man had a car, and his brother in Schumacher also had a car. They used the same license plates for each of the cars, and the license was a 1917 one at that. It was this fact that led to the matter being brought up in court. Charges of using the previous year's license number were laid against both the man and his brother and then it was discovered that it was the same number.

Twenty years ago the big farmer of the district was a Chinaman, as will be noted from the following paragraph from The Advance twenty years ago: "Last week John Chow, the Chinese farmer at the river, brought in 75 young pigs from Ville Marie to his Mattagami farm, as well as poultry and other stock. In the line of stock he is one of the biggest farmers in the district, and of course can be trusted to make a success of the business. He says it only costs him \$2.00 a day to feed all his pigs and poultry. This amount, of course, does not include all the food he gathers around town from

the restaurants and hotels, and which costs him only the time and labour of gathering."

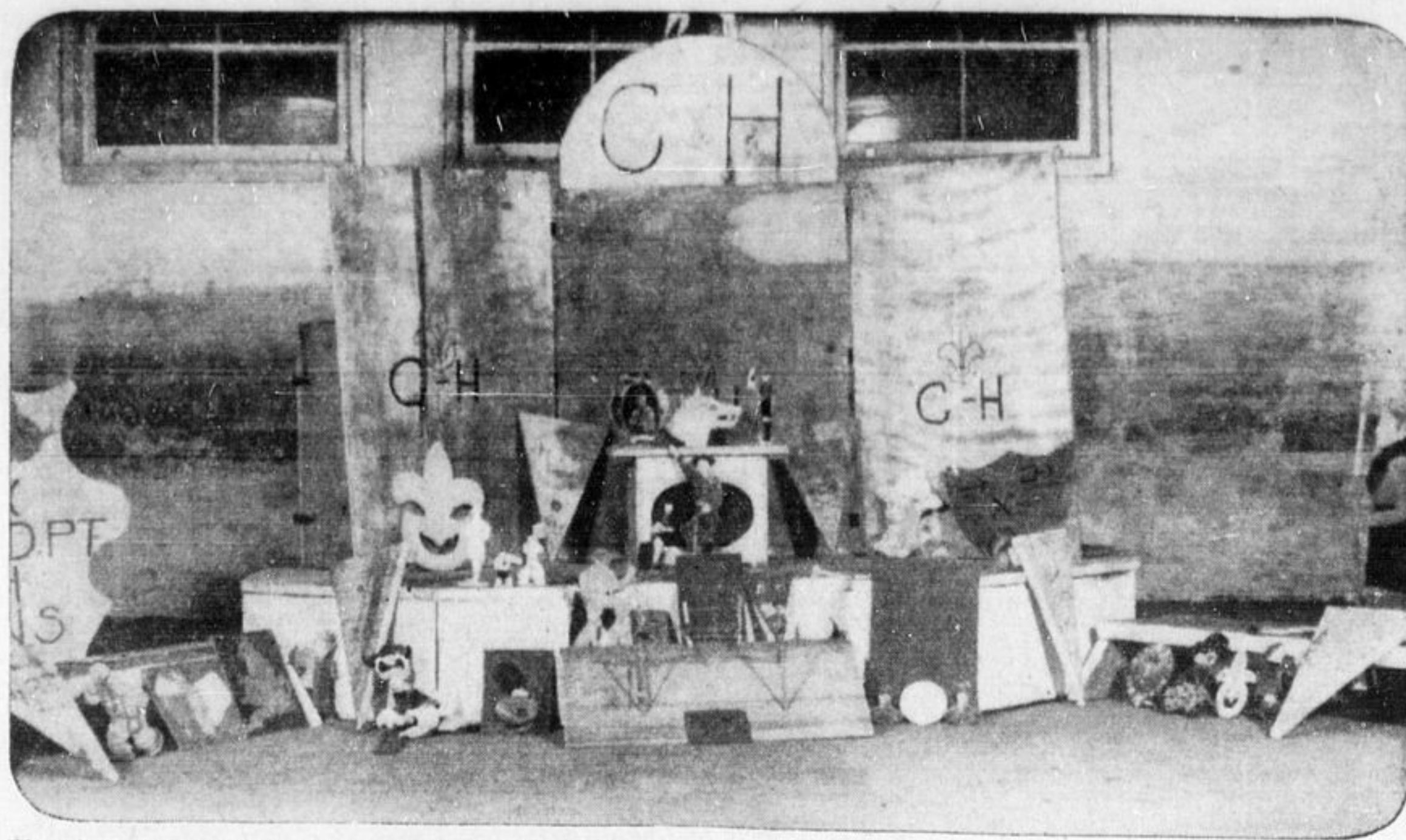
Twenty years ago there were persistent rumours to the effect that two men had been drowned in the Mattagami river. It was no use pointing out that no two men were known to be missing. The rumour-spreaders would not admit, however, that the drownings had not occurred. The grounds for the reports seemed to be based only on the fact that two canoes were found floating on the river. Provincial Officer Ackroyd investigated the matter and eventually located the owners of the canoes who were alive and kicking—kicking because they had lost their canoes. Several other people were named as the "two men drowned," but in each case it was shown that the persons named were alive and well.

Work was started twenty years ago on the new separate school building then being erected on the corner of Sixth avenue and Spruce street. Before work was started on the new school, The Advance pointed out, there was ample funds available to meet all expenditures.

Rev. D. L. Gordon, of Cobalt, occupied the pulpit of the Brynes Presbyterian Church, Timmins, on Sunday, May 19th, 1918, and delivered two excellent sermons to large congregations. Announcement was made that Rev. Mr. Irwin, now of the Theological Seminary of New York, had been secured as pastor of the church here for the time being.

The Timmins town council passed a new early closing by-law twenty years ago. It provided that commencing June 1st, 1918, the stores in town should close each Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock during June, July and August. Another by-law passed, appointed D. W. O'Sullivan as town solicitor. On motion of Councilors Brazeau and McInnis, it was decided to lift and make serviceable the walk on

DISPLAY OF HAND WORK BY THE SCOUTS



Timmins 5th Boy Scouts are expert in art and handicrafts. Above is a collection of some of the Boy Scout work done here. There are many genuine works of skill and art in the collection while every item will be found to show a high average of care and talent in the making. (Advance Photo and Engraving)

the east side of Spruce street. For years this strip of sidewalk has been so low as to be submerged part of the year and practically useless the other two months.

Tisdale township council twenty years ago dealt with many questions at a meeting on May 17th. The township took steps to assist greater production, the price for 150 bags of seed potatoes being secured, and the use of vacant lots for cultivations being advertised for.

The Advance twenty years ago had the following paragraph: "Mr. Wm Black, of South Porcupine, met with an unfortunate accident on Monday. He was using a circular saw and had on a pair of cotton gloves to protect his hands from the rough wood. The left glove, however, proved a poor sort of protection from the saw, for a loose part of the glove caught in the saw and drew part of his hand with it. Mr. Black's thumb was badly cut, the bone being almost sawn in two. Prompt medical attention was given the injury, and Mr. Black is now carrying his arm in a protecting sling, but with good hopes that though the injury is a painful one, it will not mean the loss of any part of the thumb or hand."

Twenty years ago the people had not all become accustomed to the fire alarm boxes, as witness the following from The Advance: "The fire brigade had a run to 27 Sixth avenue on Saturday, the informant travelling all the way from Sixth avenue to the fire hall, past two alarm boxes to give the information that there was a fire in progress. The firemen, however, made up some of the lost time by their very speedy turnout. When 27 Sixth avenue was reached, it was found that the fire had been extinguished by the capable work of the lady living in the house next door, her coolness and prompt and efficient action preventing a more serious fire."

Toronto Telegram:—Bell Telephone statistics reveal that Canadians lead the world in telephone conversations, which is hardly surprising after almost a year of unseasonable weather.

R.P. Kinkel is Named as Chairman of Institute

Manager of Buffalo-Ankerite Succeeds Stanley A. Wookey of McIntyre, at Annual Meeting of Porcupine Branch of C.I.M.M. R. V. Porritt, of Noranda, Speaks on Diamond Drill Mining.

R. P. Kinkel, manager of Buffalo-Ankerite mine, was elected President of the Porcupine branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy at the annual meeting and election of officers held in the Empire hotel Tuesday night. He succeeds Stanley A. Wookey, of McIntyre mine, who directed the affairs of the branch during the past year. The speaker of the evening was R. V. Porritt, mine superintendent at Noranda, who presented a paper on "Diamond Drill Mining."

In his retirement speech Mr. Wookey extended his sincere thanks to the executive and the members of the branch for the support they have given. "The Porcupine has been put on the C.I.M.M. map by the interest and co-operation shown by its members," he said. "The state of perfect accord and friendship existing among the various mines regarding new discoveries in mining methods is something of which we can be proud. We feel perfectly free at all times to go anywhere to get information that is invariably placed at our disposal. This condition has made the Porcupine one of the finest camps in the Dominion to live in, work in," he told the meeting.

The incoming president, Mr. Kinkel, thanked the members for honouring him with the chairmanship and promised to do everything in his power to maintain the record of previous executives. He also echoed the sentiments of Mr. Wookey in referring to the fine spirit of co-operation existing among the different mines in the camp and extended a welcome to everyone to bring their ideas before the institute when regular sessions resume again next fall.

E. L. Longmire, of Hollinger, sponsored a resolution expressing the appreciation of the members of the fine work that had been done by the executive of last year and years in the past in bringing the branch into the prominence it enjoys to-day. His suggestion was warmly applauded by the gathering.

Professor George Langford, former chief geologist at McIntyre, who now occupies the chair of geology at Toronto University, was given a warm welcome by his former colleagues. In the course of his brief remarks Prof. Langford complimented the branch on the fine organization that has been developed here.

Officers Elected
In addition to Mr. Kinkel as chair-

man, Charles G. Kemsley, of Dome Mines, was named vice-chairman, with Orville Atkins, of Canadian Industries, being again the unanimous choice for secretary. The executive is composed of representatives of the producing mines in the camp, the officers elected, to represent the mines with which they are connected. Other members of the executive are as follows:—McIntyre—Stanley A. Wookey; Hollinger—James W. Doherty; Moneta—J. D. Barrington; Pamour—C. D. Stevenson; Conlastrum—W. O. Lafontaine; Hallnor—J. H. Stovel, Jr.; Delnite—K. C. Gray; Paymaster—A. E. Pugsley.

Resolution of Sympathy

The sincere regret of the branch will be expressed in the form of a resolution to the family of the late Thomas Sutherland, deputy minister of mines, who passed away suddenly in Toronto last Sunday. The deceased was well known to many of the mining fraternity of the Porcupine.

Diamond Drill Mining

"While the application of the diamond drill in stopping has been limited to harder ground at Noranda, we believe that it has further possibilities and that improvements in the drill may widen its scope considerably," Mr. Porritt told the meeting. "A suitable electric drill, by virtue of its greater power efficiency, might be a very important development for the mining industry," he claimed. He cautioned his listeners that the mining methods in use at Noranda in which diamond drill stopping is used, are applicable only to large orebodies where the character of both ore and wall rock is such as to permit fairly open stopping.

In the development of longhole and diamond drill mining at Noranda the sub-level stopping method was adopted and the orebody was laid out into a system of transverse pillars and 60-foot wide stopes. The stopes were 175 feet high and up to 250 feet in length.

By the use of the new method less stope development is required than when stopping by the slash and bench method, this applying particularly to the diamond drill mining, rather than the jointed drill. Pillar outlines are definitely established by the original sub-level drifts and no further surveying and supervision is required for the observance of these limits and stope progress is easily calculated from the progress of blasting.

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advance. As a certain fire risk is involved at Noranda if broken sulphide ore is allowed to stand for any length of time, and as flotation metallurgy requires fresh unoxidized sulphides, it is impossible to accumulate any large broken reserve. A drilled off reserve amounts to very much the same thing as a broken reserve, Mr. Porritt pointed out, in listing the many advantages his firm had found from the new and improved method of mining.

through the kindness of Mr. W. Black, manager. The consolation, which was a "oil ball in each case, was donated by the kindness of Mr. T. H. Wilkes.

The members furthered their enjoyment as they played many more games later in the afternoon, and it would seem that this year has every earmark of being one of the banner years in the golf sport.

Iroquois Falls Members Attend Church Parade

Many of the Iroquois Falls members of the I.O.O.F. journeyed by car to South Porcupine, on Sunday, May 29th, to attend the annual district church parade, which was held in the South Porcupine United Church.

They voiced their approval of the fine service, and commented on the enthusiasm shown by the various lodges throughout the district.

Iroquois Falls Golf Club Opening Day

Church Parade Attended by Iroquois Falls I.O.O.F.

Iroquois Falls, Ont., June 1.—(Special to The Advance)—The Atitibi Golf Club celebrated their official opening day here when on Sunday, May 29th, about 50 members turned out to participate in the mixed two-ball foursomes.

With the weather particularly favourable, and the course in good condition, it presented a most enjoyable day. The ladies and gentlemen players were not allowed to choose their partners, and this feature tended to make the games most interesting.

The score was net, after the handicaps had been considered, and the results were particularly good for this stage of the season's activities.

With a net score of 33½ for the nine holes, Miss Alma Wilkes and Mr. Leo Devine copped the first prize. Running a close second, Miss Elsie Corrigan and Mr. A. R. Armstrong came in with a net score of 38. The consolation was awarded to Miss M. Abramson and Mr. Jack Varrett, who totalled a net score of 62.

The first prize, which was a lovely pair of silk stockings, for the lady winner, and a smart tie for the gentleman, also for the second prize which consisted of 2 golf balls for the lady, and a case of ginger ale for the gentleman, were donated by the Mercantile,

New York State's legislation in regard to pre-marital tests to curb venereal diseases is said by health officials there to be experimental. Health officials generally will watch the operation of the law with interest. Following the introduction of a similar bill at the last session of the Ontario Legislature the subject was debated and the bill withdrawn but the discussion will probably be renewed at some future session.

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