

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

Ten years ago, little Donald Burwell, the 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burwell, of Schumacher, swallowed a 2 1/2-inch nail that the little fellow had found. Dr. Byers was at once summoned and was able to locate the nail as being in the bronchial tube. The doctor was satisfied that no injury had been done by the nail that far, but with the equipment at hand he could not remove it without grave risk of causing injury to the child in the process. The youngster was not suffering any particular pain from the accident, but the danger was realized, and Dr. Byers at once arranged to have the child taken to Toronto to the Sick Children's Hospital so that the obstruction might be removed. The sequel to this was that a surgical instrument for dealing with just such an obstruction was added to the equipment here.

In The Advance ten years ago: "Last week Mr. and Mrs. E. Schelleter sold the Veteran House, the purchaser taking over the property and business at once, and Mr. and Mrs. Schelleter leaving on Friday morning to motor back to North Bay where they have been residing." The sale of this property breaks another link with the early days of the town of Timmins. In the early days of the camp the Cottage Hospital was noted for the care and skill given to patients, and this hospital was conducted by Mrs. Schelleter at the property more recently known as the Veteran House. In the early days the Cottage Hospital filled a big need, but in more recent years as the other hospital accommodation was extended, the Cottage Hospital which was conducted by Mrs. Schelleter for Dr. McInnis, was discontinued and the property remodelled for a rooming and boarding house. Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Schelleter could always make a success of the Veteran House, but tenants were not so successful and so last week the offer to buy the property was accepted and the property thus passes to new hands.

Ten years ago, only the presence of mind of Mrs. J. P. Dunlop, 71 Spruce street, avoided very serious consequences. Mrs. Dunlop was lighting the fire when her dress suddenly took fire from the flames in the stove. With unusual presence of mind and quick action she tore the dress off before it could burn her and threw it into the back porch. Misfortune, however, was not yet over for on the porch there was a can of gasoline and the burning

grass fell on top of this, setting it on fire. Due to the fact, however, that Mrs. Dunlop kept her presence of mind this was also offset, for she at once phoned the fire department and in record time the fire brigade was on the scene and by use of the chemical tanks had the fire extinguished in short order.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce convened at North Bay ten years ago. There were delegates present from boards of trade from all over the province of Ontario. Messrs F. M. Wallingford and M. Boivin represented the Timmins Board of Trade, and as expected, they proved efficient representatives, the resolution from the Timmins Board of Trade, the first on the docket, being passed without discussion, after the Timmins delegates had spoken to the motion. The resolution Timmins had to do with was what is known as the "Exit Line of Roads for the North," as first advocated by Mr. H. A. Preston, an old-timer of the North, and later by the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade.

Ten years ago one of Hamilton's taxis ran into the posts of the railing at the side of the little bridge on Wilson avenue, this side of the Mattagami bridge. The result was that three of the posts were torn off the car was thrown over and smashed so badly as to look a total loss. The noise made by the smash could be heard for blocks around and those anywhere near were astonished that the driver and the passenger in the car escaped death or serious injury. Apparently, however, the two men, one of whom was thought to have been Lucien Dion, who had taken the car from Hamilton's livery, were not badly injured as both of them disappeared before the police had had opportunity to investigate the accident. There were several people on the street at the time, and all agreed that the car was travelling at a smart rate.

Henry Rivett, a farmer living at Anthony, near Shillington, died in the Matheson hospital ten years ago as the result of burns received at his son's home at Anthony. The son's home was destroyed by fire, the son very dutifully giving all attention to his father, whom he conveyed at once to the Matheson hospital, leaving the burning house to care for itself. Henry Rivett, and his son, Joseph, were in Iroquois Falls, and upon returning the father decided to stay the night at his son's home. In the morning the son went out to do the chores on the farm and was later joined by his wife who assisted with the milking. The father was left asleep, but it was surmised that he awakened, and perhaps rose and lit his pipe, later, it was thought, falling asleep again, and fire from the pipe setting fire to the bed clothing. In any event the children of Mr. Jos. Rivett went to the barn and informed the father that their grandfather must be ill as they had heard him moaning. The son rushed to the house and found the room in which his father had been sleeping full of smoke and flames. The son succeeded in rescuing his father from the house and did not wait to attend to the extinguishing of the fire, but hurried off with the elder Rivett to Matheson so that his burns might be treated.

After a lengthy illness, Mrs. Jacob Maki died at her home 85 Elm street north, ten years ago. She had been in the hospital for eight months, and the last few months had been ill at her home here. Death was due to heart trouble. The late Mrs. Maki was one of the early residents of the Porcupine camp, having lived for some years at Pottsville in the early days of the Porcupine, later coming to Timmins where she had resided nearly from the beginning of the town. During her long residence in town she made many friends who deeply regretted her death.

There was an apple tree on the Hollinger property near the staff dining hall ten years ago, and at the time the

"UPSIDE-DOWN" GIRL GROWS UP



In New York to train for a dramatic career is Alyce Jane McHenry, who will be remembered as the girl with the "upside-down" stomach. Alyce, now 15 and quite a lovely young lady, as you can see, is staying with a friend in Newark, N.J.

tree boasted of three apples. The tree was not planted there but evidently resulted from seed dropped on the ground either as a discarded apple or simply in a core thrown away. The apple tree had never been given any attention or care but was left standing out of curiosity. In other years it did not bear fruit, though one or two years it blossomed.

Word was received here ten years ago that Govril Bojar and George Morassan, both of Timmins, had received very serious injuries and were not expected to recover. They were then in the hospital at Windsor, both suffering from fractured skulls and other injuries as a result of driving their automobile into a C.P.R. locomotive at a Windsor street crossing. So far as could be gathered from the meagre details to hand the two men, employed at the mine here, and away on a holiday on a motor trip to the south, had attempted to beat the train across the crossing, whether this was due to recklessness or to not noticing the train. The police here at once notified the wives in Timmins. Mrs. Bojar started on the noon train for Windsor to be near her husband, but when she reached Porcupine Junction she received a telegram that her husband had passed away and she accordingly returned to Timmins.

Among the locals in The Advance ten years ago were:—"Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brough, of Shawville, Ont., were Timmins visitors this week visiting her mother, and brother, Jas. Brough." "Mr. A. A. Amos, of the head office of the A. E. Moyses Co., Toronto, was a visitor to Timmins this week." "Mrs. W. A. Devine returned last week from an extended visit to her old home in England. Mr. Devine met her at Quebec City, returning here with her last week." "Dr. G. C. Ross left yesterday on a business trip to Kapuskasing."

"Born—in Timmins on Saturday, Sept. 29th, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Ogilvie—a son (Joseph Gordon)." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Saturday, October 6th, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parnell, 161 Birch street north—a son." "Mr. Doug. Brown, for some years a popular member of the Hollinger Stores dry goods department staff left this week for New Liskeard where he has a position with the Northern Telephone Co." "Dr. Clarke E. Potter left yesterday on a visit to outside points." "Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wilson left this week for Essex, Ont., where Mr. Wilson will be linotype operator on The Essex Free Press." "Mrs. Burwell, of Renfrew, Ont., who was a visitor to Timmins and Schumacher for the past seven weeks left last week for her home." "Mrs. P. T. Moislely returned Tuesday evening from an extended visit to the South, Mr. Moislely returning here with her after a brief visit to Toronto and other points south." "Mrs. J. R. Rutherford returned last Friday from an extended motor trip through Southern Ontario. Mr. Rutherford motored back to Timmins from Ottawa, arriving last Tuesday." "Wm. G. George, of St. Thomas, Ont., was a Timmins visitor on Saturday last."

Spain Aims to Avoid the Fate of Czechoslovakia

Julio Alvarez del Vayo, Spanish government foreign minister, declared at Barcelona, Spain, last week that government Spain was determined to avoid the fate of Czechoslovakia and fight until the country is "free from foreign invasion."

In an address prepared for international broadcast Alvarez del Vayo asserted:

"The terrible and monstrous experience of what has taken place in Europe within the last few days has increased the Spanish people's resolution not to permit Spain to be sacrificed to the policy of capitulation."

The policy of capitulation, he said, menaces the existence of small nations and places European democracies in ever increasing danger of disappearing.

(Spanish government spokesmen in Paris said a plan to divide Spain into two nations, one a democracy and the other a dictatorship, had been broached to the government and rejected.

(The plan, which they indicated was

Fabbro, Five Years, And Three for West

Two Sentenced in Dome Gold Theft Case.

North Bay, Oct. 12.—Terming high-grading and its accompanying illicit activities "lawlessness that is gnawing into the vitals of our country and bringing civilization in some parts of our country into disrepute," Mr. Justice J. K. MacKay sentenced Otto Fabbro to five years in Kingston Penitentiary and Nick West to a three-year penitentiary term when they were found guilty Thursday night of retaining in their possession of a quantity of gold precipitate, well knowing it to be stolen. Both are of Timmins. Their trial opened Tuesday morning last week.

West's lighter sentence was the result of a plea for the court's mercy by the petit jury of the Supreme Court, who took almost three hours to reach a verdict.

The charges against Fabbro and West arose when, on July 5, eight bags of gold precipitate, later proved to be stolen from the Dome Mine refinery at Timmins, were found in their car at Lowell Lake, near Temagami.

Another Charge Pending Direct evidence linking them with the actual theft of the precipitate from the refinery June 8 was not produced by W. B. Common, Crown prosecutor, though a formidable chain of circumstance was built around them from the evidence of a number of witnesses.

A charge of receiving the precipitate, which the men also faced, will probably be handed down to the sittings of the general sessions in November, Mr. Common stated at the close of the trial.

West, represented by W. C. Ineb, Halleybury, was the only one to testify at Thursday's session, appearing in the witness box during the morning. Fabbro was not called by the defence. He was represented by M. G. Gould, of McDonald and Gould, North Bay. During the afternoon session the addresses of prosecution and defence were made to the jury. Adjourment was made at 6 p.m. for dinner, the jury resuming its sittings at 7.30 to consider the verdict.

At 9.10 p.m. the jurors re-entered the courtroom to seek advice from Mr. Justice MacKay as to whether or not they could recommend clemency for one of the accused and retired only a few minutes before bringing in a verdict of guilty against both West and Fabbro.

Two of five civil actions listed on the docket have been transferred to the district court. The assizes will hear the remaining three cases today with the likelihood of a cleanup being made late this afternoon.

West Gives Evidence

West, who took the witness stand yesterday morning, told the court his real name was Sawchyn, and stated he had been with Fabbro on the early morning of June 8, the day the Dome Mines refinery was robbed of almost \$40,000 worth of gold precipitate. His story of their actions on the night of June 7 and early the next morning,

when they visited a number of "blind pigs" and then took a taxi out to a lonely point on Spring Road outside of Timmins, tallied with that of Otto Sinclair, the taxi driver who gave evidence Wednesday.

He could not swear that the picture of a crossroad on Spring Road, shown him by Crown Prosecutor W. V. Common, was the point at which the taxi left them. He said he and Fabbro fished in a creek only a few hundred feet from the road, though they had only one line between them, and that they returned to Timmins at about 11 a.m. June 8, on a gravel truck. At that time, he said he had not heard anything about the Dome robbery.

No Knowledge of Gold

West said he drove to Lowell Lake camp with Fabbro, July 5, because Fabbro had asked him to go along, and that he had no knowledge of the gold precipitate being in the car. He claimed that Fabbro told him they were going to pick up some American cigars, and that before he had met Fabbro, that night the latter had loaned his car to a "friend whom he did not know." The friend returned the vehicle during the night, with the fender damaged, and Fabbro and West immediately set out for Lowell lake.

"Didn't you ask Fabbro where you were going when you left?" inquired Mr. Common.

"No, I don't ask my friends those things. He told me a little while later that we were going to Temagami for a load of cigars," West said. "So you just went for the trip at 2 a.m. on a 200-mile trip, and on shady business, without asking anything?" queried Mr. Common.

"Yes," the accused answered.

Fled to Sudbury

West gave a detailed account of the arrival of Provincial Constable Brancy at the cabin in which he and Fabbro were sleeping at Lowell lake. He stated that he ran into the bush after Fabbro had gone with the constable to their car because he knew they were after the cigars and he did not want to be mixed up in the case. He rode a freight train to North Bay and took the highway to Sudbury.

He claimed that his first knowledge of the gold in the car was acquired when he read about Fabbro's arrest while in Sudbury. On the advice of friends, he gave himself up to Magistrate W. Cooper.

"Did you tell the police then all about your innocence?" asked Mr. Common.

"No, I was warned by friends not

to say anything until I engaged a lawyer," West replied.

Evidence of Taxi Driver

Otto Sinclair, former Timmins taxi driver, was a surprise witness produced by the crown Wednesday afternoon. Sinclair told of having driven Fabbro and West to a point on a side road leading off Spring Road, near Timmins, at daybreak, July. He said he left them there and returned to Timmins. He identified a photograph submitted by the crown, showing a crossroad on the Spring road as the point at which he turned after letting the accused men out of his taxi.

Evidence given by Provincial Constable Stringer and Inspector Creasy stated that car tracks were found leading from the same side road into the bush to a point where the grass was trampled and dead. There had evidently been something heavy, presumably the bags of precipitate, cached in the grass at that point. The police officers stated that because of the grassy nature of the ground at that point, the car that had been brought there had skidded, making it impossible to find tread marks.

The court was also told by the officers that they first investigated the road leading off the Spring road after finding a rough diagram drawn on a medical certificate, which they found in Fabbro's home when searching there after he had been arrested.

Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin — Doughnut tomatoes are being grown about Elora, the Express tells. Is that another Scotch scheme to make Nature's work go further?



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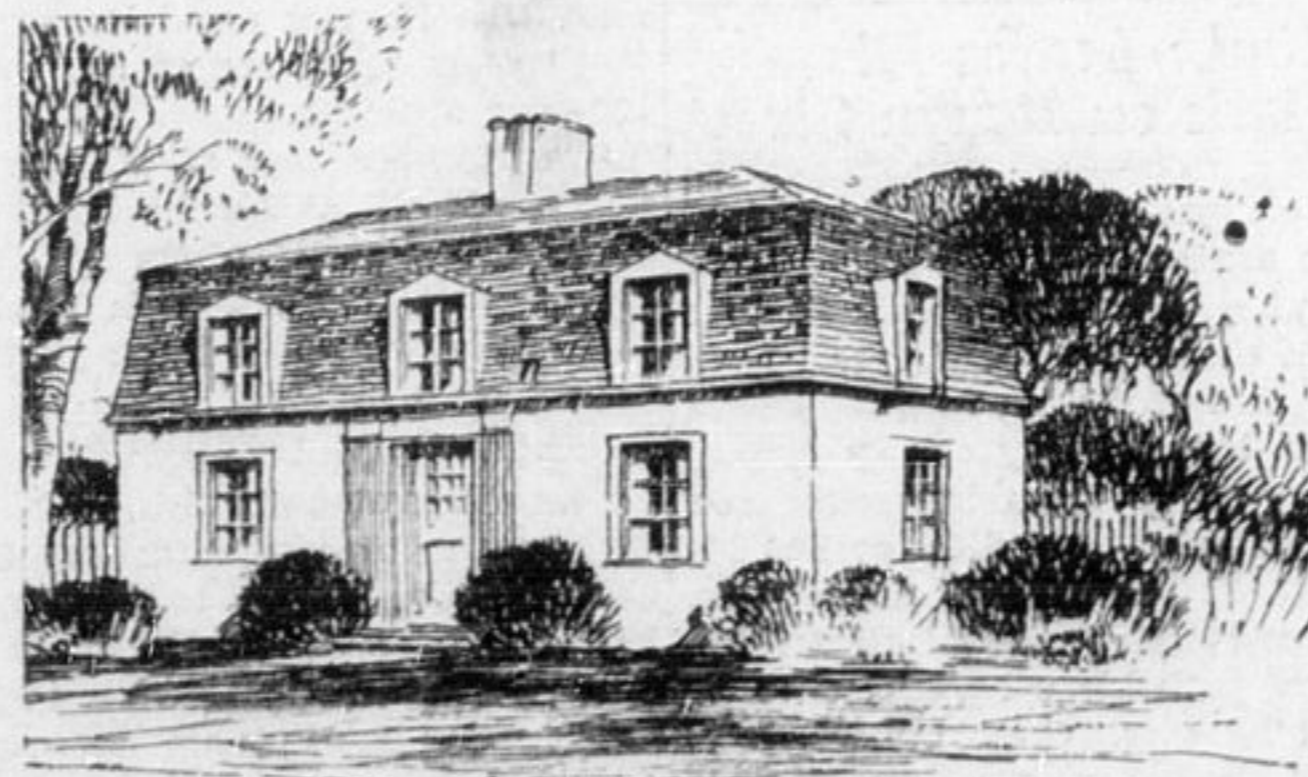


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