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TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

A very interesting marriage of a popular Timmins couple took place ten years ago when Miss Eva Abrams was united in marriage to Mr. Solomon C. Platus, popular barrister and solicitor. The happy event took place at the home of the bride, with friends of the young couple in attendance. Rev. Linder officiated at the ceremony. The couple were the recipients of many beautiful and costly gifts, while their hosts of friends extended sincerest good wishes. Many out of town guests attended the wedding.

In The Advance ten years ago: "Messrs C. G. Williams and V. H. Emery have resigned their positions at the Hollinger Mine and will move to Toronto where they will open offices as consulting engineers. The resignations are to take effect at the end of the year, and as soon after as possible it is the intention of these two well-known mining men to establish themselves in Toronto, as consulting engineers. Both are mining men of long experience and success in the profession, and there is little doubt but that they will build up a noteworthy clientele."

The ladies' committee in charge of the campaign for membership for the District Children's Aid Society to secure funds to pay off the indebtedness on the Shelter and to provide for the expenses for the ensuing year ten years ago were completing the onerous task of checking up the returns on tickets sold and books returned. An incomplete list of the tickets sold showed 864 individual names, the subscriptions ranging from \$1.00 to \$100.00. In addition there were hundreds of people who wanted to subscribe but felt they could not give as much as a dollar. They gave amounts from 25 cents each upwards and while the rules would not allow of their enrolment as members, their donations were thankfully received as they mounted up in the aggregate to quite a respectable total.

In The Advance ten years: "There was very general regret this week when it was learned that Mr. Robt. W. Copps, well-known railroad man and for many years a popular resident of Timmins had passed away in Toronto on Saturday, Dec. 1st, death being due to abscess of the liver. The late Mr. Copps was for many years on the T. & N. O. staff, his run including Timmins where he was well known and highly regarded. He was taken ill a month or so ago and first was taken to Port Arthur hospital, last week being transferred to the Toronto General hospital. De-

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The annual football smoker was held in the Oddfellows' hall, Timmins, ten years ago, and proved to be the most successful and pleasing event held here. That year the Porcupine District Football league and the Northern Ontario Football Association combined their forces and certainly staged a very attractive smoker. The attendance was larger than usual, the hall being filled, every available chair being occupied, and everyone having a very pleasant time. The programme was noteworthy for its variety and its continued interest. The display of cups, medals and trophies on the head table was very striking, indicating as it did the generous interest taken in football in this North Land. It is doubtful if even any of the large city leagues had anything like as many trophies for competition.

In The Advance ten years ago: "The A. J. Shragge & Co. store in Timmins was closed the beginning of this week out of respect for the late Mrs. Moses Bilsky, mother of Mrs. A. J. Shragge. The late Mrs. Bilsky, who was one of the leading figures in the social and religious life of the Capital, died at her home in Ottawa on Monday morning. She was in her 73rd year, and for fifty-one years had been a respected and helpful resident of the city. The late Mrs. Bilsky was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Rich, and was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Fifty-five years ago she married the late Moses Bilsky, the young couple a few years later coming to Ottawa to reside, where from the beginning they took a noteworthy place in the life and activities of the city. The late Mr. Bilsky established a jewelry firm in Ottawa that was widely known. The Bilsky family won high popularity and regard in Ottawa for their generous kindness to visitors to the city and especially to the immigrants coming to this country from Europe who found in the members of the Bilsky household able friends and ready helpers."

The St. Andrew's Night, band concert put on at the Goldfields theatre ten years ago as a Scottish night for the Timmins Citizens' Band winter event, drew a capacity house, a number having to be turned away on account of lack of further room. The programme fully deserved the large attendance and all present were well pleased indeed with the event. Apart from the band numbers the whole programme was secured and arranged by Mr. Andrew Downie who completed his excellent work by acting in very efficient way as chairman for the concert. The programme opened with a few well-chosen remarks by the chairman, followed by the hymn, "Abide With Me," by the band.

Among the locals in The Advance ten years ago were: "Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Moore left this week for a holiday trip to Florida and British Columbia. They will be away three months or more." "Mayor Chas. A. Bibby was re-elected mayor of Sudbury for 1929 last week by acclamation." "Mr. J. Gould and Sheriff Caldwell, of Halleybury, were Timmins visitors over the week-end."

Sudbury Star: One hears the remark that Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, who is moving to England, should have remained in Canada, where he made his money. But those who know Mr. Bennett know full well that he will still continue to work in the interests of Canada and Canadians.

Canadians Should Study Mining More

Too Many Millions Going from Canadian Mines to Other Countries.

Writing last week in The Arnprior Chronicle, Mr. S. Reid, mining observer has a very interesting letter on mining affairs. Mr. Reid, who is well-known in Timmins as one of the pioneers of this country writes as follows:—

Diverted from Canada by Canadians
Many hundreds of millions of dollars from our Canadian mines go to other countries because so many of our own people know so little about the merits of our country as a producer of metals and other commercial minerals. And lacking the knowledge, they as a result lack the faith in the country's merits, which are more obvious as the years go by. Unfortunately many of our citizens who do know and believe our country's wealth, are unable to demonstrate financially their knowledge and faith, because of circumstances; these, because of their circumstances are forced to miss sharing in the hundreds of millions of dollars that our mines are collectively producing annually. And those who most need an interest in a good mine are unable to obtain it.

On the other hand, many with thousands of dollars lying idle lack the courage to put some of it to work in the development of new mines, and so they also miss sharing in the new wealth which our mines produce. Others again make the mistake of plunging 5, 10 or even 20 thousand dollars into one prospect when if they divided that sum into 5 or 10 of the best mines they would multiply their chances for success, and one success overcomes the adverse results of a flock of failures; and yet by intelligent selection the risk of failure can be greatly minimized. When the silver mines of the Cobalt camp were discovered, we witnessed the coming of many from the United States, who, because of their greater knowledge of the important wealth producing power of good mines, had the courage to participate in financing their development. And the result was immense sums of our native and virgin Canadian wealth went over the international boundary.

Again, when gold was discovered at Porcupine and Kirkland Lake, the Americans (no blame to them) came over and secured heavy holdings right under our noses so to speak. And why? Simply because we, lacking knowledge, faith and courage, were too slow and timid, and consequently again much of our native wealth left our country. The Americans had reason for many a laugh on the Canadians. And the same thing is still going on; only yesterday I was in conversation with a mining man who has a good prospect in Quebec, and he stated he had to go to the States to get the necessary funds for the development of his property.

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Some of the Oddities of This English Language

- (Baltimore Sun)
- A flock of ships is called a fleet.
- A fleet of sheep is called a flock.
- A flock of girls is called a bevy.
- A bevy of wolves is called a pack.
- A pack of thieves is called a gang.
- A gang of angels is called a host.
- A host of porpoise is called a shoal.
- A shoal of fish is called a school.
- A school of buffalo is called a herd.
- A herd of seals is called a pod.
- A pod of whales is called a gam.
- A gam of lions is called a pride.
- A pride of children is called a troop.
- A troop of partridge is called a covey.
- A covey of beauties is called a galaxy.
- A galaxy of ruffians is called a horde.
- A horde of rubbish is called a heap.
- A heap of oxen is called a drove.
- A drove of blackguards is called a mob.
- A mob of worshippers is called a congregation.
- A congregation of theatregoers is called an audience.
- An audience of peacocks is called a muster.
- A muster of doves is called a flight.
- A flight of larks is called exaltation.
- And if they are warblers it's murrination.
- A murrination of bees is called a swarm.
- A swarm of foxes is called a skulk.
- A skulk of pigs is called a sty.
- A sty of dogs is called a kennel.
- A kennel of cats is called amuseance.

Sudbury Star: Taxes are the seven league boots worn by a man's running expenses.

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Funeral at North Bay of Mother of Timmins Man

North Bay, Dec. 8.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Laronde was held Monday morning with service at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, Rev. J. C. Humphrey officiated. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. Laronde's death occurred Friday afternoon at St. Joseph's General Hospital, the result of a paralytic stroke. She was stricken Wednesday morning while attending Mass at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption, and was rushed to the hospital. She did not regain consciousness.

The former Mary Lanther, she was born at Perth, Ontario, in 1870. She married John Laronde in Renfrew County in 1886. She was a resident of North Bay for the past 25 years, residing at 510 Harriet street. She was predeceased by her husband 24 years ago. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Fred Standusky, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. R. G. Laing, Toronto; Mrs. J. Valiquette, North Bay; Mrs. T.

Ricketts, North Bay, and Mrs. Bert Molina, Vancouver, B.C.; and four sons, Edmund, Matheson, Eugene, Timmins; Dillon, Halyre, Ont.; and Joseph, Feronia.

Discussing the Question of Women Serving on Juries

Brantford Expositor—It is quite probable the question of appointing women on juries will bring about considerable discussion because of the deputation from the Provincial Council of Women that waited on the Hon. Gordon D. Conant, attorney-general, the end of last week. The attorney-general in his answer was distinctly non-committal. "Theoretically you are right," he said, "but personally—I am not speaking for the government—I am not enamored of the idea of women pounding around jury rooms, compelled to listen to all the lurid details of cases being tried, spending long tiring hours under circumstances and in accommodation to which they are not accustomed." That was rather a hard jolt that

Mr. Conant gave to the idea. Whether or not the proposal will meet with general favor remains for time to reveal. One well-known woman barrister when asked for her opinion, said: "My opinion is that women should have the right to serve on juries, but I cannot see why they want to. But if they want it, give it to them. It is one service I would leave to the men." That expresses a good deal in a very brief manner. One wonders why women would want to serve on juries. It is looked upon by men as one of the most disagreeable services which they can be called upon to render. As the attorney-general remarked, the women's delegation may be theoretically correct in their request in view of the equality of privileges granted to women in recent years. Nevertheless one wonders why they want to serve on juries. "Aye! That is the rub."

Sudbury Star: Santa used to come blustering along, but this year he has been sneaking up on people.

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