

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

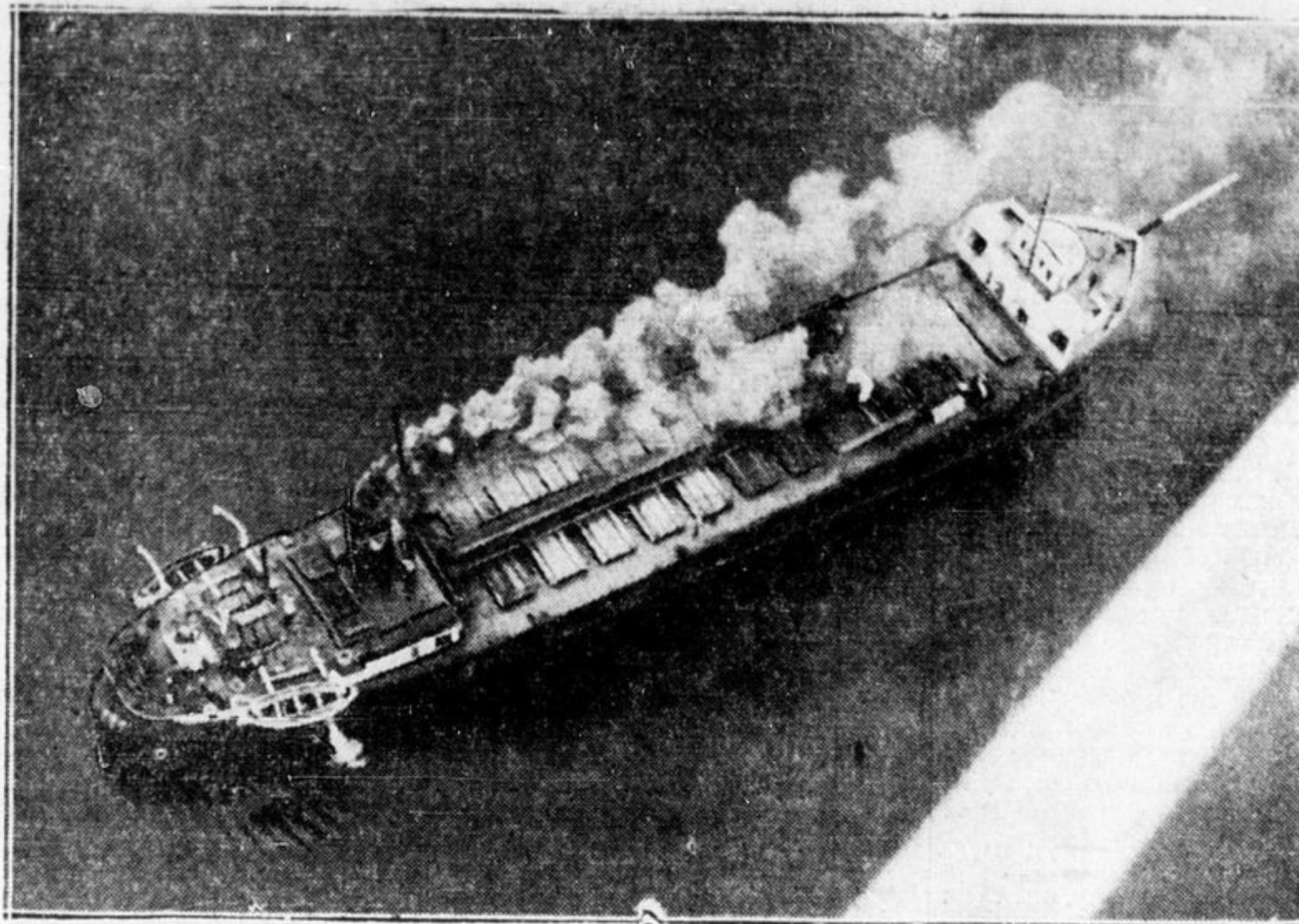
From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

"The Advance understands that there is a big probability of the Ontario Hydro-Electric entering this part of the North Land," said The Advance in its issue of April 25th, 1929. "So far as plans are formulated at present, they would include the taking-over from the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. of the Island Falls power, the acquiring by the Hydro Commission of the Canada Northern Power Corporation plans in this part of the North Land, and the transmission of power from the Island Falls plant to the Sudbury area where development is at present going forward on such a large scale. There is a capacity of 150,000 horse power at Island Falls and taking over the existing power plants of the Canada Northern Power Corporation would mean that the Hydro-Electric Commission would have a large surplus of power available for the Sudbury and other fields. The transmission from Island Falls to Sudbury by way of Timmins would appear to be a practical plan. When the Island Falls plant was first established the intention was to bring the power to Timmins for use here in mines and all plans were made with that end in view. The sale of the equipment to the Abitibi Power and Paper Co. altered the situation, of course, but at the same time it is easy to see that the idea of power from Island Falls to Sudbury is only an extension of the original scheme and there should be no serious difficulty in the Hydro-Electric following out the method with success and economy. In taking over the existing electric power companies in this part of the North Land the Hydro would be acquiring new power sources sufficient to amply provide for the territory concerned. Judging by Hydro rates elsewhere in the province there is reason to believe that light and power rates in the areas affected would be materially reduced both for the big industries and the smaller users."

In The Advance ten years ago: "Business and professional men in town should note particularly that Monday evening, May 6th, is the date of the meeting called to complete organization of the athletic club to control all junior sports in town. As will have been noted by recent issues of The Advance the plan was suggested that to prevent overlapping and repeated calls on the merchants and business men of town, an athletic club be formed to finance and control all junior sports in town. Each business man joining the club would pay a membership fee of \$10.00 for the year and be free from all further calls. The idea was to get about 100 or 150 business and professional men to take up the plan, and with the membership fees so secured, together with the fees paid by the boys themselves, it was estimated that there would be ample funds to carry through all the junior sports."

The play "The Dust of the Earth," presented by members of the Young People's Society in the basement of the United Church ten years ago was a remarkably fine example of effective acting and the crowded house evidenced its approval and delight by the generous applause. The scenery, settings, lighting, costumes and all other accessories were attended to in an unusually capable way for an amateur company. There are scores of fairly successful professional stock companies that could not give as effective a presentation of the play as was displayed by the young

AIR VIEW SHOWS COLLIER AGROUND IN ST. LAWRENCE



Straying a quarter-mile off its course in a heavy fog that blanketed the St. Lawrence, April 19, the collier Valley Camp, loaded with 2,600 tons of soft coal, grounded on a shoal about five miles west of Brockville. The ship was firmly aground as shown by this air photo. Capt. Bruce Nichols of Toronto radio-telephoned to a salvage company, which sent a tug from Kingston. Abroad the ship, which was in danger of sinking, was first mate Ronald MacDonald of Prescott, and a crew of 27 men.

About the Paeony Known as "Queen of the Garden"

Type of Soil Best for Paeonies. Semi-shaded Position Best for These Attractive Flowers. Often Planted in the Spring, But Fall the Best Time for Planting.

(Contributed by The Timmins Horticultural Society)

The paeony has been often named the Queen of the Garden. They have, indeed, become one of the most valuable of all hardy plants. In them we have luxuriant foliage and immense fragrant, single, semi-double and double flowers, produced in early summer when bloom is rare. They show signs of growth as soon as the snow leaves us and are ornamental from the first because of the rich, red color of the leaf stem.

The chief points of consideration when planting paeonies are: Deep rich soil, adequate staking and the prospect of no disturbance. They appreciate and deserve a deeply spaded, well-enriched, well drained, substantial loam or clay soil, although they do not always get it. Very stiff, sour soil should be dressed with lime.

When in full growth and bloom, paeonies form broad, spreading masses three or four feet across with flower stems two feet or more in height.

of a mechanical stoker for the High School. Mayor Drew explained that the approval of the council was necessary for the expenditure if it were to be covered by debentures. The necessary approval was given. Considerable discussion resulted from the reading of a letter from the Bituminous Paving Co. regarding the re-surfacing of the river road (Wilson Avenue). The council had previously decided to have this work done when the Dome road was being similarly treated. When the work was being carried on at South Porcupine the previous fall, however, the loose oil or tar had proved so great a nuisance and damage that merchants on Wilson Avenue had asked the council not to have this work done. When asked about the condition of the road, J. D. Maclean, town engineer, said it was in pretty good shape, and did not really need re-surfacing at the time. The clerk was instructed to reply to the letter of the Bituminous Paving Co. saying that in view of the difficulty for merchants and others, as created by the work the previous year, the re-surfacing would not be carried through as suggested.

Among the local items in The Advance ten years ago were: "Dr. W. C. Arnold and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kirkpatrick and little son, Keith Kirkpatrick, left last week for a tour of six weeks or two months in the British Isles, France, Belgium and other European countries." "Mr. R. Beck, of Toronto, representing The Legionary, the official paper of the Canadian Legion, is in town this week looking after subscriptions to the paper. Mr. Beck is an ex-Navy man with a fine record in the recent war, and bears not only credentials from the headquarters of the Legion but also from the Timmins branch." "Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Honey, of Port Perry, Ontario, left on Tuesday for their homes in the south after a visit to their sons here, Dr. S. L. Honey, Timmins, and Dr. E. M. Honey, Schumacher. It was their first visit to the North Land, and Mr. Honey was much impressed with the development of the country and the mining and other possibilities that seem to promise even greater expansion in the near future." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Monday, April 22nd, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Potence — a daughter." "Mr. R. T. Stewart, of Toronto, was in town this week in connection with the C.X.L. Co." "Mrs. P. Carson and young son, Billie, and little daughter, Jean, visited friends in Halleybury over the week-end." "Mr. Ralph Taylor, of Cobalt, was a visitor to town this week in connection with business of the Geo. Taylor Hardware." "Mrs. Raymond Cuthbertson, and son, left this week to join her husband in Montreal where they will reside in future." "Mr. Wesley Bass, well and favourably known in the district is opening a general blacksmithing, wood-working and repair shop at Connaught Station."

Value of the Promoter in the Progress of Mining

(From Globe and Mail)

The alarming decline in prospecting throughout Canada is causing all sorts of comment in every mining province from coast to coast. Recently Dr. J. F. Walker, Deputy Minister of Mines for British Columbia, had something to say about the situation, and his remarks seem to have been taken as inferring that it would be better for the industry if the small promoter were excluded and all development left in the hands of the big companies.

With that inference in mind the Stewart News and Northern B.C. Miner has the following to say on the subject, and we think it will be interesting to all classes of mining men in Ontario, where the same inference of elimination may be visualized without much stretch of imagination.

"While it does not say so in so many words, still, this statement (Dr. Walker's) seems to at least infer that the mining industry would be far better off without any promoters. If we are correct in assuming this inference, would we also be correct in assuming that such is the official attitude or policy of the department and government?"

"If such is the case, then certain restrictive sections of the Securities Act are undesirable, as they give the operating mining companies pretty much of a monopoly, or to put it another way, a mild form of concession to exploit the mineral wealth of the Province.

"If it has been the desire, in the interests or otherwise of the operating mining companies, to eliminate the promoter, a good job has been done, and with his elimination has come the elimination of the competition, and consequently greatly increased dif-

iculty for the prospector until he, becoming discouraged, is giving up. "Before we sit down and smugly rub our hands with satisfaction at elimination of the promoter, would it not be well to make a study of the circumstances that have led to the development of the mines in Canada. How many of them are the result of the work of a promoter, and how many of our great mining companies today were once promotions.

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IT SHOULD HELP

(Listowel Banner)

The average Briton, according to a high official in London, knows less about Canada than about Czechoslovakia. He said that British textbooks devote more attention to early Greek history than to the Dominion of Canada, and very little Canadian news appears in the English press. It is hoped that the visit of their Majesties to Canada this spring will stimulate the interest of the British people in our Dominion. As they follow the tour they will get some idea of the size of Canada, they will find a loyal population, and they will learn of Canadian industries. This may counteract their present ideas of ice and snow, of cowboys and Indians.

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that there are hundreds of locations in B.C. that warrant varying amounts of capital for their development, but legislation has become so restrictive that such is unavailable, other than in exceptional circumstances. For instance, under existing laws, it is a safe bet that Premier would still be looking for development capital, so would, we venture to say, many other mines."

Powassan News: Doctor (to patient) — It's nothing to worry about—just a little boil on the back of the neck. But you must keep your eye on it."

Globe and Mail: It appears that there will be so many at Woodbine on King's Plate day that the horses may have to gallop in single file through a lane, as in a bumping race.

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