

Twenty Years Ago

From The Porcupine Advance Files

Twenty years ago the town of Timmins tendered a civic banquet to the returned soldiers of the district. The event was held in the Finnish hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd, 1919. About 250 returned soldiers from the town and district were present and all voted the evening a very pleasant one. In addition to the returned men from Timmins and adjoining places like Mattagami, Moneta, Rochester and Schumacher, there were several present from South Porcupine, Porcupine and other points in the camp. The arrangements for the event had been looked after by the Timmins chapter of the Daughters of the Empire and the success achieved was proof of the interest and ability of the ladies. The hall and stage were appropriately and artistically decorated with flags and bunting, and right across the hall was a large banner bearing the word, "Welcome." This "welcome" was the spirit of the evening. The menu included roast turkey and cranberry sauce and all the other accessories of a wonderful meal, while there was an added profusion of cigars, cigarettes, etc. The Advance in reporting the event, commented on the fact that Dr. J. A. McInnis, mayor of Timmins, made a particularly capable and happy toastmaster for the occasion, keeping the gathering in jolly humour all the evening. In proposing the toast to "Our Gallant Fighting Men," the mayor on behalf of the council and the people of the town of Timmins gave the returned men a very hearty welcome back to the camp. He showed that Canada's part in the war had won for this country high standing among the nations. The spirit of the people of the Porcupine was evidenced, he said, by the fact that 500 or 600 went from here to fight the battle of democracy and right. He said that pension plans should be on a generous basis, and he also promised that the matter of plans for adequate club room quarters for the Veterans of Timmins would be taken up again and carried out successfully within the coming year. In closing his remarks he explained that the Certificates of Honour to be presented to each resident of Timmins enlisting could not be ready for this banquet, but would be presented at another event, probably in February. Lieut. W. Curtis and Capt. Len Smith made appropriate reply to this toast. Other toasts of the evening included:—"The Army," proposed by A. F. Brigham, responded to by Major Mac Lang, M.P.P. and Rev. Mr. Armes; "The Navy," proposed by Rev. R. S. Cushing, responded to by Capt. C. S. Carter; "The Air Force," proposed by G. A. Macdonald, responded by Flight-Lieutenant Bigelow; "Our Nursing Sisters," proposed by the Rev. C. Theriault, responded to by Lieut. V. Emery; "The Women of the Empire," proposed by the Rev. J. D. Parks, responded to by P. A. Macaulay; "The Old Town," proposed by E. L. Longmore, and responded to by L. S. Newton. During the evening, The Advance noted, the Timmins Citizens' band was an invaluable part of the evening's success, its good music delighting all. In addition there was a high-class programme including well-rendered solos by Mrs. J. A. Theriault, Miss Jean Roberts, W. R. Dodge, Mr. Mackie, Jas. Gellis, Miss Hogarth and Mr. McHugh. There were readings by Mrs. Ralph and Miss Ingles, and a song and Highland dance by Miss Mary Downey. Chorus also added to the evening's pleasure and sociability, a number of popular numbers being on the song sheets distributed to the gathering. This very enjoyable evening concluded with a dance.

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One of the front page articles in The Advance of Dec. 3rd, 1919, was the reference to the death of Benny Hollinger, the staker of the Hollinger. Twenty years ago Timmins had a fire that did over \$30,000 damage before it was finally conquered through the good work of Fire Chief A. Borland and his firemen. The fire was noticed first at 4 a.m. on Dec. 2nd, smoke being seen coming from the fancy goods store of E. A. Terrill, Third avenue, opposite Dr. Minthorn's. Apparently the fire originated in the Terrill building, but whether upstairs or down was not known. W. Costello who had a room above the Terrill store was able to escape only with the clothes that he hastily donned after being awakened by the smoke. The firemen made a prompt response to the alarm but when the brigade arrived the flames had a strong hold. The light frame construction of the buildings made them easy and rapid prey for the flames. At one time it looked as if the Ideal Pool Room and Rooming House would go also, and the occupants took out everything they had in readiness for eventualities. In the event of the Ideal taking fire, the Kingston Hotel would have been in grave danger, the building being so close and not of very fire-resisting structure. The Marshall-Ecclesione building was also in jeopardy though its sheet iron covering proved of value in turning the fire danger. In fact, the whole block was in danger and only the good work of the fire brigade averted what would have been a much more serious fire. At that all work had to be done in a bitterly cold temperature, that felt like 40 below, and actually was from 20 to 27 below. The water froze instantly on clothing. Several of the brigade had ears and hands frozen, many of them working even without mitts at first. Mr. Brovender, of the Chas. Pierce & Sons store saw that all the men were all supplied with mitts. The smoke was also a serious factor, and Fireman Jack Desormeaux was among those who had to have medical attention following the effects of the smoke. Fortunately, the water pressure was good, but as usually hap-

First Shipment from Red Cross Workers at South Porcupine

Large Amount of Work Done by South Porcupine Ladies.

South Porcupine, Dec. 9th. (Special to The Advance)—The Red Cross Executive (ladies) were busy on Saturday afternoon packing their first bales for shipment to the Red Cross headquarters. The amount of work done since inauguration is most creditable and the ladies expect to do infinitely better now that every worker is getting into her stride and mistakes which were inevitable are being corrected. The rooms used at present have been found to be too small so that the store of Mr. W. W. Wilson (the old building) on Bruce Avenue has been requisitioned, and will soon be ready for use as the new Red Cross rooms.

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pens in intense cold weather, the water did not appear to have ordinary effect on the fire. However, the persistent work of the brigade eventually won out after many hours of hard effort. The buildings occupied by Terrill's store and Smith's lunch were destroyed by the fire. The occupants lost practically everything they had, with little insurance carried. These buildings were owned by P. McCormick who carried some insurance. The building occupied by J. A. Theriault's tailor shop and Fat's lunch, and owned by Mr. Theriault was also badly damaged, being burned to some extent and injury also caused by smoke and water. Mr. Theriault was able to save his stock and some of the fixtures. For a considerable time it was thought that the building owned and occupied by E. H. Bridger's stationery and music store downstairs and the Oddfellows' hall upstairs would be saved from the flames. The blaze, however, crept along the joists from one building to another and though the firemen made desperate efforts to curb it, the upper part of the building was destroyed by the fire. The Oddfellows lost fitting and regalia worth \$1,500 or more, with only part of the loss covered by insurance. The Rebekahs also lost considerably. The L.O.L. had their property in a room that escaped damage. Mr. Bridger was a particularly heavy loser by the fire. Although there was no fire in his part of the building, except in the ceiling from flames above, the whole stationery and fancy goods stock was a complete loss. This included above \$2,400 of Christmas goods he had just put into stock. Mr. Bridger had only \$1,300 insurance so his loss ran into the thousands. It was estimated that the total loss from buildings and stocks reached between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

The Governor-General Sees the Troops



Outside the Princess Gate at Exhibition camp, Lord Tweedsmuir, awaits with Brigadier R. O. Alexander for arrival of Toronto's men of the Canadian Active Service Force. After reviewing the troops, the governor-general opened the Y.M.C.A. branch in the Exhibition grounds.

To be Busy Week at the Red Cross Rooms at Schumacher

Other News Items of Interest from Schumacher and District.

Schumacher, Dec. 9th. (Special to The Advance)—This week will be a very busy one at the Red Cross room at the arena. Mrs. Robson is busy getting the first consignment of goods ready for shipment. All conveners of groups are asked to have their work finished and handed in as early in the week as possible.

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Returns in Safety to South Porcupine from European Trip

Mr. Arne Manner had Thrilling Vacation Time.

South Porcupine, Dec. 9th. (Special to The Advance)—Mr. Arne Manner has arrived safely back in South Porcupine after seven months in Europe. The Swedish steamship, "Gripsholm," brought him safely from Finland, sailing up the Norwegian coast (where in Bergen harbour the "City of Flint" was sighted) and round by Iceland to New York. Although his seven months' vacation in Europe was novel and exciting, and after war broke out rather unsettling, he is very glad to be back once more on good Canadian soil. Coming also to South Porcupine to join their husbands after being in Finland on holiday were Mrs. Heepukka and children, and Mrs. Laurila and children—all passengers on the "Gripsholm."

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