

Twenty Years Ago

From The Porcupine Advance Files

The Advance twenty years ago said: "Mr. Gilbert Sheridan (Shorty) one of the popular old-timers of the Porcupine was married at Trinity Church, Galt, on Tuesday of last week, Dec. 30th, 1919, to Miss Evelyn Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evelyn Turner, formerly of the Dome, but latterly residing at Galt, Ontario. Mr. Sheridan was for two years on the Dome staff, and more recently has been in charge of the warehouse department of the Hollinger Stores. He is one of the best known and most generally popular of the early residents of the camp and his numerous friends in the Porcupine will extend sincere congratulations and good wishes to him and to his bride who made hosts of friends here during her residence in the camp. After the wedding trip to the Niagara peninsula and other points south, Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan will take up residence in Timmins."

The 1919-1920 hockey season in Timmins opened with a swift hockey match between Hollinger and the Timmins teams, the town team winning by a score of 10 to 2. A. P. Brigham, general manager of the Hollinger, faced off the puck for the occasion. President C. G. Williams of the hockey league made a point of seeing that the game started sharp on time and pointed out that all the games for the season were to start the same way, in justice to the fans and the game in general. The game, while more or less one-sided was by no means an easy win, the town having to work hard for the victory. Both teams showed lack of good team work and the necessity for practice and also improvement in the physical condition of the players. The following were the players:—Hollinger—Bass, goal; L. Smith, point; McDougall, cover; Brown, centre; Jacobs, right; McCoy, left; Spares, Morgan, Irving, Rice, Simms. Timmins—Hoggarth, goal; Spence, point; Loughrin, cover; McGuire, centre Campbell, right; Ralph, left; Spares, A. Simms, Brennan, Ferguson, Laflamme, C. Jemmett, W. McNeil, referee; B. C. Kelly and John Collins, goal referees; H. W. Hooker, W. King and I. K. Pierce, timekeepers. For the Hollinger, L. Smith, Simms and Brown showed to the best advantage, while Spence, McGuire and Hoggarth were the pick of the town team.

The Advance of twenty years ago referred to the municipal election in Tisdale township as being clean but very keenly contested. The results of the voting was a surprise to many and it was felt at the time that several good men had been defeated, but at the same time all recognized that a first-class council had been elected. C. V. Gallagher won by a majority of 25 over J. E. Cook for the reeveship, and the councillors elected were: Jules St. Paul, 186 votes; Fred LaForest, 183; E. Kimberley, 155; D. R. Lloyd, 130. Messrs. F. Horne, Alexander, Monaghan, Muskett, Caverley and Goodheart also ran for council but were not elected, the first named receiving 121 votes and the last name 59 votes.

The first Rose Ball by the I. O. D. E. was on New Years Eve, Dec 31st, 1919 and on Jan. 7th, 1920. The Advance referred to the event as follows: "The Rose Ball given on New Year's Eve by the Timmins branch of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, proved a thoroughly pleasant and successful event. The attendance was unusually large, between two and three hundred being present at the Masonic hall for the occasion and all having a very delightful evening. The grand march was led by the mayor, Dr. McInnis, and Mrs. McInnis, regent of the chapter,

To Devote More Time to the X-Ray Department

(From Northern News)

Dr. R. W. McBain, radiologist at Kirkland District Hospital, will in the near future devote the greater part of his time to the X-Ray Department, but will retain his connection with the Workmen's Compensation Board, of whose silicosis work he has been in charge, it was learned at Wednesday's meeting of the Hospital Board, where the proposal was discussed.

The rates will conform with the schedule adopted by the Canadian Radiologists' Association, but in the case of indigents no charge will be made to them directly, while for those in poor circumstances reductions will be made at the discretion of the doctor.

Dr. McBain will continue to do the electro-cardiograph work on the new machine recently installed.

The term of the contract is 10 years, but the Hospital Board has a protecting clause incorporated that in the event of failure to provide a satisfactory service in the opinion of the executive of the Medical Association here the contract would be terminated.

and the old year was danced out and the new year danced in with pleasure to all present. Excellent music was furnished by the Empire Theatre orchestra. The first Rose Ball was generally voted a noteworthy success in every way. Twelve midnight was fittingly observed as it came along and the new year greeted in pleasing social fashion.

The following paragraphs from The Advance ten years ago: "There was much amused interest shown in the result of the civic elections in Toronto last Thursday, the election of some of the candidates so strenuously opposed by some of the Toronto newspapers being one feature of the interest and the defeat of some others so flatteringly supported by the same papers being another. For the sixth time Thomas L. Church was elected mayor of Toronto, his majority this year being in the neighbourhood of 5,000. Jas. Simpson well-known in the north as a labour party speaker, was defeated for the board of control, being second from the wrong end of the list of eight for seats on the board. Mrs. Constance Hamilton, also well known to many here as a woman speaker, was elected them all, but years ago the Porcupine race was a mighty close second, sometimes nosing into first place so far as success was concerned," said The Advance Twenty years ago.

The Advance, of Jan. 7th, 1920, said: "S. R. Rawlinson is giving up farming and intends shortly to go into business in partnership with J. Brough, blacksmith at Mattagami Heights. Mr. Rawlinson is renting his farm and may sell it later. He has had some experience in what may be termed farm blacksmith work and in addition he is by trade a wheelwright and general carpenter, so the partnership should offer the general public a very desirable combination in the way of services."

Twenty years ago The Advance referred to the fact that at the time there were only three dog team race events of any importance on the continent, others of previous years having faded away. The three big dog races, known far and wide were the Hudson's Bay Dog Race and the Porcupine Dog Race at Timmins. The Porcupine Dog Team Race commenced in 1916. The Winnipeg-St. Paul event started a year later. "The Pas event is looked upon as the king of

Telegram:—All that glitters is not gold, and many a fur coat is descended from a rabbit family.

Poultry Keeping Discussed at Short Course at Matheson

Special Speaker Last Week, J. K. Knights, of Kapuskasing.

Matheson, Jan. 13.—The highlight of the Short Course in Agriculture at Matheson during the second week, Jan. 8 to 12, was 5 lectures on the subject of Poultry Keeping in Northern Ontario by Mr. J. K. Knights, B.S.A., a member of the Dominion Experimental Station Staff at Kapuskasing.

In his opening remarks Mr. Knights pointed out that the guesswork had been removed forever from the possibility of the Poultry Industry in the North by the tremendous amount of Experimental and Research work which had been carefully carried on at the Dominion Experimental Station at Kapuskasing, since the Poultry Division had been established, at that Institution in 1921.

For example, he stated that previous to that time there was little or no information available as to what actually constituted a workable and satisfactory type of poultry house for the accommodation of heavy-laying birds during the severe weather of the winter months, as existed in that large area lying North of the Height of Land.

Experimental data gathered during the last 20 years had proved that the climatic conditions as they existed in this particular part of the province presented no unsurmountable difficulty or barrier to the obtaining of high and profitable egg production even during the coldest of weather so long as the birds were selected from high producing strains; were provided with well constructed, though not necessarily expensive houses, which were properly operated as to sanitation; ventilation, etc.; and were judiciously fed with good quality farm grains, most of which could be successfully produced in the North. It was of course necessary to include in the ration certain supplementary feeds such as animal protein, mineral matter, green feed and cod liver oil.

As proof of the above observation Mr. Knights cited some of the remarkable records which had been established by the flock of Barred Plymouth Rocks kept on the Farm at Kapuskasing. For example it had been the practice to pick out the best 80 birds on the plant each spring for pedigree mating. The average production of these 80 selected birds during their pullet year had been as high as 241 eggs each; several birds had reached a record of 300 or over and one outstanding bird namely Old K. 53 had actually laid 964 eggs during her lifetime. This latter bird's production by years was as follows: Pullet year 312; second year 206; third year 198; fourth year 150 and fifth year 98.

Even as early as December this present winter the average production of the entire flock of pullets had reached 75 per cent and a year ago this week they were laying over 79 per cent.

During the five lectures at Matheson, Mr. Knights discussed in detail the various features of the poultry industry such as housing, incubation, rearing, feeding, general care and management, crate fattening, marketing, etc., and in addition presented the results which had been obtained from numerous experiments conducted at Kapuskasing. These include: cost of operating incubators and brooder stoves; cost of rearing chicks; cost of egg production; the value of lights versus no lights; skim-milk versus meat scraps; sprouted oats versus clover leaves; snow versus water; home grown rations versus commercial rations and the advantages of crate fattening.

The above lectures were supplemented by the showing of a set of 60 slides prepared by the Publicity and Extension Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

Fort Erie Times-Review:—The Nazi government has begun censoring Czech weather reports because the official Czech weather bureau issued the following forecast: "Cold and rain will continue for some time, but fine weather is approaching. Cloudy in Germany with the likelihood of disturbances." Evidently, the Czechs have retained their sense of humor, and as one paper puts it, "that is a great help in nazy weather."

Seeking Whereabouts of Thomas H. Inkster

Kirkland Lake Northern News.—Information is sought regarding the whereabouts of Thomas H. Inkster, former Sylvanite Mine Employee, who left town to enlist some weeks ago. Anyone knowing of his unit or regimental number, or having other information, is asked to get in touch with Frank Smith at the Sylvanite Mine.

Twenty-Third Annual Banquet of Firemen, Best Held

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enthusiastic singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." His Worship referred to previous happy Firemen's banquets he had attended, but ventured the opinion that this one was probably the best yet, having the added advantage of the presence of the ladies. He promised Fire Chief Borland and his efficient staff full co-operation in the present year as in the past.

Community singing, led by Mr. Fred Bull, with W. H. Wilson at the piano, gave added interest to the programme while songs by Mr. Bull, a new member of the brigade, were also much appreciated during the evening.

Mr. Desjardins, of the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, Toronto, who happened to be here on business, and was invited to the event as one of the special guests, was called upon and responded in very pleasing way. He said it was his first visit to Timmins and to have the good fortune to be present at such an event certainly gave him a happy impression of the town and district, where friendship and harmony seemed to be the keynote. He referred to the fact that he had heard much about Fire Chief Borland in different parts of the country, and now seeing the organization behind him and the spirit of the people he realized how efficient and successful Chief Borland was in his chosen calling and why his wide reputation was so well deserved. "In these days of war," said Mr. Desjardins, "we think of the gallant soldiers who are our defenders. The firemen are our soldiers and defenders in times of war and of peace alike. They have a standing declaration of war against the enemy fire, and they wage constant battle to defend our homes and our lives from this cruel foe."

Councillor Karl Eyre, chairman of the Fire and Light Committee this year, said he did not pretend to know much about fire, and what he did know he did not like. "For one thing, I know it's red," he said, "and I haven't any use for anything red." As chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, he thanked Chief Borland for the notable service he had given the town in the past 23 years. "I hope and expect to see him round out a full quarter of a century's efficient service as fire chief of Timmins," he added. Councillor Eyre also took occasion to express appreciation for the efficient and generous service given on the volunteer fire brigade by ex-Councillor Jack Morrison, who had been secretary of the brigade for over twenty years. There was also a special word of praise for Alvin Leach, the chairman of the volunteer branch. Councillor Eyre concluded with a well-deserved tribute to Mrs. Borland, who had been a worthy helpmate to the Fire Chief, and a regular Mother to the boys of the Fire Department.

As Councillor Eyre sat down there was a loud and insistent demand for a speech from Mrs. Borland, who responded briefly but effectively, telling of her constant interest in the boys of the brigade, and her pride in the success that they had won in their good work as firefighters.

Fire Chief Borland, when called upon, said that of all the successful banquets in the past twenty-three years, this appeared to be one of the very best, probably because there was the added attraction of the presence of the ladies. He asked the full interest of all members of council, and assured them that though he might ask for many things during the year, there would be no requests for anything that was not really needed and everything would be done with the idea of protecting life and property from injury by fire. There was often criticism of the fire department, he said, and he did not believe that such criticism should be stifled. "I always welcome constructive criticism," he said. "That is the way progress is made? As for complaints, he urged the council to investigate them and to withhold judgment until the facts were made clear. Chief Borland gave tribute to the interest and efficiency of the salaried firemen and the volunteers alike, and the harmony existing in their ranks and adding to their efficiency.

Councillor Miss Ellen Terry was given a regular ovation as she rose in response to the call upon her for an address. In referring to the result of the recent municipal election, she said her effort would be to continue to be worthy of the confidence given her. Personally, she felt that the town could not ask for a better council. Her experience, after several meetings, led her to believe that the members of council were working in the fullest harmony and co-operation and with but the one thought—the welfare of the people of Timmins. Most people, Miss Terry said, do not realize what the firemen face in the regular course of duty, and it was a pleasant knowledge to realize that they met each task and difficulty with full courage and resourcefulness. In lighter vein, Miss Terry referred to the way the firemen often late at night or early in the morning went by her apartments, waking her up with noise of the trucks, the sound of the siren, the clang of the gong, "yet always passing by." With humorous phrase, she pointed out that she had no partner

to calm her fears at fire's alarms, but gave due humorous warning that it would not be impossible to change this in such a year as 1940. During the evening Miss Terry showed her ready wit by apt reply to various attempts to joke at her expense.

Mrs. Roberts, wife of Councillor Bill Roberts, delighted the gathering with a solo, "Down by the Old Mill Stream." This won a very insistent encore, to which she responded by singing in very effective way, "Grandfather's Clock."

Councillor Wilfred Spooner, chairman of the Waterworks committee, said that the motto of the council might be phrased to read:—"Council expects that every employee each day will do his duty." He was certain that the fire department would not fail in this, but would continue to maintain its high reputation for service and efficiency. After humorous reference to plans for popularizing the product of the waterworks department, Councillor Spooner outlined methods he had suggested to council to enable practically all employees of the town to buy Canada's first war loan bonds. The plan was to assist by the town financing purchases to the limit of the ability of the employees, with the latter being allowed to complete the purchase over a term of months. Not only would this help the employees in buying the bonds, but it would also set a worthy example to other employers.

Councillor W. Roberts spoke of the pleasure he had experienced in working with the Fire Chief and his capable staff. He looked forward to the same co-operation and harmony for the public advantage in the coming year.

Councillor Philip Fay in adding his tribute to the good work of the fire department referred to his own experiences in the early days of the North, when bush fires gave sad emphasis to the menace of fire.

Chairman Alvin Leach referred to the plans for a pension fund for firemen as mentioned at the last annual banquet, and he asked the present council to give some consideration to the matter.

Other speakers of the evening included J. D. MacLean, one of the veteran members of the volunteer brigade, Jack Morrison, secretary of the brigade for over 20 years, G. A. Macdonald, editor of The Advance, W. J. Marks, of The Press, Jean Legault, of Vox Populaire, and Pat Murphy, of The Advance.

Second Timmins Rangers to Meet at the Town Hall

The regular meeting of the Second Timmins Rangers was held on Wednesday evening in the Scout hall. After the meeting was called to order, and the colours paraded, the Rangers joined in singing "God Save the King," and in the Ranger Prayer.

Two officers of the St. John Ambulance gave the Rangers their first lesson in first aid.

The next meeting of the Rangers, on Wednesday of this week, will be held in the town hall. All Rangers are asked to make special note of the change of place, which will be effective for the one week only.

Huntingdon Gleaner:—The Queen has placed an order with the Highland Home Industries, Limited, Edinburgh, for several hundred pairs of hand-knitted socks for Scottish troops. The socks will be knitted of Harris wool, which will be specially hand spun. Her Majesty has bought 100 pounds of this fine damp-resisting wool for her work parties.

TOWN OF TIMMINS

Tenders will be received up to January 19th for supplying, cutting, storing and delivering of wood for fall and winter of 1940-41. All labour for cutting to be supplied by Relief Department. Further particulars and forms given on request to Town Clerk.

P. H. MURPHY, Clerk.

Large Amount of Town Business Transacted

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Legion to Have Conklin's Again

Permission was given the Canadian Legion to sponsor Conklin's Shows here from June 10 to June 15. Walter Greaves, President of the local branch of the Legion, said that the fact that 29,000 persons attended the shows last year proved that there was general interest.

C.W.L. Tag Day

Permission was given the Timmins Catholic Women's League to hold a shamrock tag day in Timmins on March 16.

Appointments

F. Gauthier was re-appointed the representative for the Town of Timmins on the Public Library Board.

J. A. Cousineau and J. P. Burke were re-appointed representatives for the town of Timmins on the Timmins High and Vocational School Board.

James Knell was re-appointed Weed Inspector at a salary of \$20 a year. His 1939 salary of \$10 was ordered paid.

Tenders for Wood

Tenders will be received up to January 18 for supplying, cutting and storing wood for relief purposes to be used in the fall and winter of 1940 and 1941.

Sanitary Sewers

The Council adopted the recommendation of the Board of Health regarding the compulsory installation of sanitary sewers at a house on Kent Avenue.

Other Items

The tender of J. Van Rassel for \$16 for the construction of an outside entrance to the women's cell block, was accepted.

The Clerk was ordered to advertise the sale of equipment in the town's old pump house, the advertisement to be obtained at as low a cost as possible.


Board of Health

P. J. Doyle, J. Disley and V. Rozen were re-appointed as members of the Timmins Board of Health.

Thanks to Boards

Councillor Spooner said that he wished to take the opportunity of the first meeting to thank the members of the High School Board, the Library Board, and the Board of Health for their excellent work during 1939. Letters were ordered written each of the boards expressing the town's gratitude.

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