

Twenty Years Ago

The Advance twenty years ago said:—Mr. E. J. McDonald, of Rochester town- site, who had his eye injured while at work in the bush some weeks ago, is making very satisfactory progress in Toronto where he is taking hospital treatment. While chopping in the bush a flying chip hit him in the eye with the result that it appeared as if the eye had been seriously injured. He went to Cochrane hospital and took treatment there for the injured eye, but decided to try specialists in the city, where his many friends will be pleased to know the treatment is proving very successful and the danger of permanent injury to the eye is practically passed.

It was pointed out in The Advance twenty years ago that after a seizure of illness South Porcupine had recovered its health and so was back to normal again. There had been considerable illness in South Porcupine and as a precautionary measure all schools, churches and other public meeting places were closed for a week or two. The epidemic in South Porcupine appeared to be more the type of the old-time la grippe or severe cold rather than the more serious disease commonly known as the "flu". Although the number of cases was much smaller and the type of the disease much milder than in the previous flu epidemic, the authorities at South Porcupine decided not to take any chances and so special measures and precautions were adopted. The prompt efforts to combat the prevalence of severe cold or la grippe were so successful that in a few days South Porcupine was back to normal health and it was possible to re-open the schools, churches and other public meeting places.

In the Advance of Feb. 11th, 1920, reference was made to a successful and pleasing band concert given in the Empire theatre by the Timmings Citizens' Band. "Bandmaster E. W. Johnston and his bandmen received many compliments upon the programme of music furnished," said The Advance at the time, "and there will be general pleasure at the announcement made that there will be other similar concerts given in the near future. The Timmings Citizens' band has developed into an excellent musical organization that is a credit to the town, and it is pleasing to all good citizens to see the general support and appreciation given." The programme comprised selections by the band and a five-reel picture. The collection totalled over \$87.00. Through the kindness of the management of the theatre, there was no charge made for the hall or for the picture shown.

At the regular meeting of the town council twenty years ago, on motion of Councillor E. L. Longmore and W. De-Feu, J. P. H. Anderson was appointed town engineer at a salary of \$2500.00 per year. In speaking to the motion Councillor Longmore said that it was his opinion that the town had grown to such an extent that there was great need for the services of a competent engineer permanently. Mr. Henderson had been in charge of the work here for Sutcliffe and Nelands during the past few months and his knowledge and attention had been of great value to the town. The motion to appoint Mr. Henderson as town engineer was passed unanimously. The matter of the building used by the town as an isolation hospital for some smallpox cases was once more before the council. The owner of the house, Mr. White, had refused to accept the town's offer, and instead asked the town in effect to buy the building or pay at least \$500.00 or \$600.00 for the use made of it. The council considered their previous offer as good as anything they could do, and they left the next move, if any, to Mr. White. Councillor Fogg and other councillors thought the town should look around and secure a place for an isolation hospital. The scavenger service came in for considerable discussion. The services of the scavenger for the year were considered as generally satisfactory, but plans were made for more frequent collection of garbage in town. The following paragraph from the report of the council meeting should be of interest in view of the developments several years later: "On motion of Messrs. Longmore and DeFeu the account of \$841.00 for the Wabi Iron Works was ordered paid. This settles the long-standing account in connection with the water tank, which has been held for payment until the Wabi Iron Works would submit a bill.

The death of Mrs. John X. McDonald mother of Mrs. J. J. Perreault, of town, was chronicled in The Advance twenty years ago. Mrs. McDonald was one of the pioneer residents of New Liskeard, and was largely esteemed by wide circles in the North. She was an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, in the hospital work at New Liskeard, and in other public capacities.

In the district hockey league twenty years ago, Timmings won from the McIntyre, 7 to 5. The game was a lively one and there was much good hockey. The Timmings team included—R. Hoggarth, Geo. Lake, Loughrin, Campbell, Breonnan, McGuire, Laflamme and Jennett.

In the Advance twenty years ago there was the good news that Porcupine had won the northern group of the N. O. H. A. On Saturday, Feb. 7th 1920, Porcupine defeated Troquois Falls after overtime, with the score of 4 to 2. In the N. O. H. A. games, northern group, Timmings had won the first game 6 to 2; the second, 8 to 6 and the fourth 4 to 2. The Falls won the third 5 to 4. The game on Feb. 7th delighted the fans. It was fast and lively. The Timmings team was—Liberty, Lake, Loughrin, Brown, Brennan, Simms, McGuire and Campbell. For Troquois Falls the line-up was—Corbould, Masterson, Bryden, Fraser, Fluker, Wilson, McCoomy, and Bosquet.

CHARMING GROUP AT SCHUMACHER HIGH SCHOOL EVENT LAST WEEK



Prospectors and Mining Men Have Had Tough Times

Story of the Group that Made Good After Much Tribulation.

The following interesting reference to the trials and tribulations that prospectors and mining men sometimes face is from "Grab Samples" in The Northern Miner:—

1932 Was a Bad Year Eight years ago Canadian prospectors and mine promoters passed through a very tough winter. Around 1932 it was mighty impossible to raise a dime for any kind of venture and the fraternity which seeks, finds and finances mines were largely "resting" as they saw in the theatrical world. And the rest was not doing them a great deal of good.

Many of the boys had been successful in the past had good reputations, had made discoveries or had found the money for worthwhile projects. In ordinary times they would have had no difficulty in raising the financial wind, even if they had to borrow, but in 1932 (remember?) all the usual sources of funds had dried up, all the good touches were frozen stiff. Anyone, whether prospector or promoter, who was caught out in the chill wind was up against it.

One group of eight or nine men in Toronto found themselves in that predicament. They had stocks, syndicate units, claims and interests of various kinds but none of this type of collateral was saleable and none of the crowd was solvent. They were living largely on credit and memories. In the predicament they naturally gravitated together into sort of a club. One of them had a room in the King Edward hotel and another was camping on the top floor of the old Iroquois, the managements having provided these shelters for a couple of old friends who had spent plenty of money in the past. The rest would assemble in either their refuges during the day, to escape the pessimistic atmosphere of their homes or boarding house, to plan and reminisce and desperately to scheme for a way out of the economic impasse. Not infrequently they would, in the late afternoon, pass the hat and raise the wind for some refreshment which usually took the form of a bottle of over-proof rum which had the greatest spreading power and the most potent kick. The rum would be mixed in a big basin and doled out hot, to create a glow which would dissipate the prevailing gloom. In this evening hour the tales of past successes and the details of future plans would be painted in rosy hue. The talk was often inspired and inspiring.

The straits which the boys reached as the winter wore on were almost incredible. When landladies and the hotel keepers shut off the rations they hit on the expedient of chipping in to buy a dozen eggs, a loaf of bread and a pound of tea which they would take to the hotel room and cook. These all fresco meals were all some of the boys had all day. They doubled and trebled up in beds, used each other's razor and walked to save carfare.

On one occasion when one of the boys managed to raise \$10 four of them gathered in the King Edward with a bottle of rum and decided that desperate steps had to be taken. One of them had an old rattle trap of a car which had not been used for months and some discussions was devoted to selling it. This led to the suggestion that if they could only get to Montreal they might be able to raise some money. They carefully figured how much gas they would need for the trip and what they would do when they got there. One of them, an engineer who has since made plenty of money, claimed that he had a good stand-in at one of the leading hotels where he knew the manager of old. Another a geologist who subsequently married rich, stated that if he could get down there he could sell a property. The other

two, although claiming no special qualifications, were prospectors who had acclims. In the heat generated by the rum they decided to undertake the trip. Between them all they managed to raise eight dollars and a tank of gas and so they set out. They took their own rations, including bacon, eggs, tea, a loaf of bread with a frying pan and a tea-pail.

They had seven break-downs which they had to repair themselves and the trip took two days. They spent their money on gas and oil and tire patches. When mealtime came they pulled up beside a stream and started a fire, on which the prospectors proceeded to fry the bacon and eggs and boil the tea. They only regretted that they had not brought a tent and some sleeping bags. Finally they won through and drew up with a flourish at the best hotel in Montreal.

The engineer made good his boast; the manager welcomed him with open arms and assigned them a good double room. Then the maneuvering started. They were right out of money, had to eat in their room and were embarrassed because they could not tip the bell boys for their meals. They even ran out of cigarettes. They had to walk long distance because they had no carfare to visit their prospective victims. They made several promising contacts but they went by and the hotel manager cooled out and demanded some cheque and in simulated high dudgeon the gang moved to the next best place. No cheap hotels for these wandering big shots. Several days elapsed and the original cheque bounced, bringing with it threats of violence. Just when things looked the blackest the geologist sold a syndicate unit for \$200, and the gang was in clover. They haughtily summoned the cashier of their first hostelry to come and get his money and bawled him out when he arrived.

With this bit of financial encouragement the boys really went to town. They cultivated their monied Montreal friends with such gusto that two deals were made within a week and one of these subsequently resulted in the opening of a mine which is to-day paying dividends yielding a modest fortune to one of the group. While all did not fare equally well on the trip none of them failed to make something and all had their hope and enthusiasm restored. They abandoned the car and came home in state riding the plush. At the word of their success the rest of the "club", with some self-elected new members, quickly assembled in the room at the King Edward and had a feast. All outstanding bills there were paid up the regulars were given a bit of a grubstake, spring came and the gang scattered. The winter of 1932 proved to be the absolutely bottom of the depression but its experiences were never forgotten by that semi-starved and badly harassed crowd who, prosperous to-day, delight to recount the tale of their embarrassments and subterfuges.

Legion War Services Fund Doing Well at Sudbury

Readers of the Advance will be particularly interested in the progress of the Canadian Legion War Services fund campaign at Sudbury, because the Sudbury objective was set at the same figure as Timmings—7,500. It is interesting to note that the various objectives throughout Canada were set by headquarters and not locally as was the case in the recent Red Cross campaign. Last week the Timmings committee announced that the campaign was progressing well and that it was hoped to reach the objective here, but actual figures of collections made were withheld for the time being. In Sudbury details were given of the progress of the campaign. Up to noon on Wednesday the actual figure of subscriptions was \$4,769.22 and there was every confidence that the total objective would be exceeded before the week was done.

Brandon Sun:—Soon the same mail carriers who brought the Christmas greetings will be bringing the income tax forms.

War Weddings Worship, Worry and What-not

Getting Lord Haw Haw on the Short Wave Radio.

Writing this week in The Toronto Telegram, Thomas Richard Henry says:—

Offensive "Russian offensive gets nowhere," states a newspaper heading. To date the Russian offensive has not been nearly as effective as the Russian offensiveness.

New Heights New comparative heights were touched in England recently. A conscientious objector said he would rather spend the rest of his life in the army than another week with his wife.

Ancestor Worship It is never very complimentary to a man to identify him by one of his ancestors.

For that reason we do not think that F. A. Brock, political aspirant of Collingwood, was responsible for the newspaper report that "he is a direct descendant of General Isaac Brock." We think that it must have been just an invention of an imaginative reporter because we think Mr. Brock would prefer to be known as the sitting Conservative member for North Simcoe than the direct descendant of anybody, no matter how famous—and besides, General Brock was a bachelor.

Men Only? One reason that wars are fought may be because it spotlights the male—at least the men used to do all the fighting.

In these modern days, however, with the women's auxiliary troops and the nurses—and the forgers who use women in actual fighting—the men are losing their monopoly of the army just as they have lost their monopoly of the barber shops.

But even if the men have lost their monopoly of war they still get top billing in the footlights. And maybe that is one of the reasons we still have war with its splendour and imposing uniforms.

This enhancing of the male in wartime is indirect as well as direct. We even saw an account of a London, England, wedding that described the appearance of the groom.

All brides are lovely. A wedding report would not be complete without the statement that the bride looked lovely, followed by a description of everything from the foundations out.

But a recent account told how the groom looked. And a touch of originality was injected.

It didn't say the groom was lovely. Nor did it say that he looked like a dashing Lochinvar.

It said, "The groom was pale from a recent tonsilectomy."

Stupid We tried a little short-waving last night.

A few years ago we bought a radio that had more bands than a Shriner's convention.

With great enthusiasm we went listening all over the globe—but not

being able to understand the forgers after we got them, we soon lost enthusiasm. And our short wave bands were left to rust in idleness. Just as an experiment, however, we decided to take a stab at this Lord Haw Haw who broadcasts in English from Germany. If he is always like he was last night he should be rebroadcast by every station in the Empire. His propaganda was so stupid that it would make any Briton who heard it mad enough to go out and do something to help along the war.

(Maybe this Lord Haw Haw is really a patriot, double-crossing the Germans, and we hope the handbills that the British showered over Germany were not as blatantly silly and stupid as Lord Haw Haw's address last night.) He said France was on the verge of a revolution, and various other statements that might have been all right broadcast to the Germans in German—but became a joke when broadcast to the outside world. We hope our broadcast to Germany is a trifle more subtle than the German propaganda broadcast in English.

Liskeard Fire Brigade Save Home Furnishings

Although the New Liskeard firemen were unable last week to do anything to save the Sharp residence on the Lake Shore Road from being destroyed by fire, they did not simply stand back and see it burn, but instead they rescued every bit of furniture from the building and even included doors, bathroom fixtures, electric light fixtures and the telephone equipment. The residence is outside the town limits, and heavy snow prevented the fire truck from driving in the entrance to the home and cut off the only source of water supply as the well on the property was useless. The Sharp residence was one of the landmarks of Temiskaming and one of the oldest residences in the New Liskeard area. It was built of cement blocks some forty years ago by the late Rev. John Sharp, pioneer Presbyterian minister of Temiskaming, who was widely known and esteemed all through the North. Mrs. W. Ringsleben, formerly of Timmings, was a daughter of the late Prof. Sharp. In recent years the Sharp residence has been used as a summer home by members of the family and guests, while in the winter a caretaker looks after the place. The origin of the fire is not definitely known, but it is believed to have been in the chimney and spreading with rapidity when no effective measures were possible to control it.

Effect of Patronizing Outside Monopolies

In a single paragraph last week The Powassan News gave a graphic picture of what happens when outside monopolies are preferred to local industries. The paragraph says:—"Mr. Warren, who until recently was employed at the Powassan Bakery, has been obliged to go out of town for work. He is now at Sturgeon Falls although his family is still here. This is one of the effects of patronizing outsiders. Our local bakery suffers to the extent that the help must go and the proprietor himself has difficulty in carrying on."

Canadians Overseas Enjoy Legion Aids During Blackouts

Diversions Provided for Evenings in the Cities.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Wartime inconveniences, such as blackouts and restricted transportation, are being turned to advantage by Canada's fighting men in training at Aldershot, England. Opportunities for education being made available overseas by The Canadian Legion War Services, have become an important and welcome factor in the lives of the men.

Under blackout regulations there are but few outdoor diversions at night are because of rationed gasoline, there are few motor cars available for nocturnal excursions to town. The men, therefore, are devoting more of their spare time to courses of instruction provided by the Legion.

They don't, however, spend all of their time conning over books and listening to instructors, because the Legion is providing other important services for their benefit. Entertainment is one of these and Captain Mert Plunkett, originator of the famous "Dumbbells" of the last war who is now in charge of overseas concert parties for the Legion, has regular rehearsals going on behind shuttered windows for a series of new concert parties and minstrel shows to be staged by the troops themselves.

The Legion's officers at Aldershot are equally busy performing personal services and scores of men are daily seeking advice and guidance on personal, domestic, financial and other problems.

The extensive and essential work now being performed in both Canada and England by The Canadian Legion War Services will also be carried on in France. In addition to the education, entertainment, and personal services, the Legion also is providing recreation huts, leave hostels, unit publications and other facilities as the need arises. All these services are being rendered on a non-profit making basis to help Canada's fighting forces play their part in winning the war, and at the same time keep in touch with civil life. The Legion's education programme is designed to fit the men for rehabilitation afterwards and assist them to resume life as self-sustaining citizens.

In order to continue and expand this important war work the Legion is appealing to Canadians at home for \$500,000. The appeal will be made starting February 12. All money received will be used exclusively for the benefit of the men of this country on active service.

Different Positions

(Exchange)

"So you're a young man with both feet on the ground, eh? What do you do for a living?" "I take orders from a man with both feet on the desk."

Grade of Ore at the Broulan Higher Than Expected

Annual Report Shows Good Amount of Ore Reserves.

The annual report of Broulan Porcupine Mines, Limited, plus a supplementary report bring operation to the first week in February, and provides a clearcut and pleasing view of developments at this new Porcupine gold prospect, says The Northern Miner. January production from unsorted ore was valued at \$69,375, compared with \$60,442 in December. In December ore was taken from dumps only and in January from development headings and dumps. Officials state that from now on a grade more closely approaching mine average and of higher value than hitherto milled will be processed. Starting this month sorting will remove 15 per cent of milled material.

A feature of the annual report is the ore reserve statement. Work to year end indicated 463,000 tons of ore, of an uncut grade of 323 oz. per ton and by cutting high assays to \$50 a grade figure of 241 oz. is obtained. Ore has been opened on all four levels to 523-ft. depth. At the uncut average the indicated reserves at year end, subsequently materially increased, were valued in excess of \$5,700,000.

B. W. Lang, president of the Company states in the annual report that the company received in the year \$107,500 from Haras Corporation for 400,000 shares of treasury stock and a total from this source of \$347,500 for 1,100,000 shares. He states that indicated grade of ore is considerably higher than the estimated cut grade of 20 oz. which was calculated on results of surface diamond drilling.

"It was deemed advisable," the president states, "to direct the underground work, as far as possible, to the outlining of the orebodies in the known ore zone in order to prepare the property for production in the minimum length of time. Therefore work was confined to a relatively small area of the 523 ft. level. A programme has been planned to explore the known ore zone below 523 ft. level and to extend the drifts east and west to test more distant sections of the property which are considered of potential value."

Ore Reserve Details are given in the report of lengths, widths tonnage and grade cut and uncut, of various zones on the four levels, resulting in a total of 463,000 tons, of uncut grade of 323 oz. per ton and cut grade of 241 oz.

The full width of this ore is yet to be determined with a width of approximately 18ft. indicated by diamond drilling on the second and third levels and a width of 15ft. indicated by slashing on the fourth level.

Balance Sheet The balance sheet as at 31st December, 1939 showed cash accounts receivable, bullion on hand, materials and supplies, valued at \$114,797, with investments of \$4,500 in Ontario Provincial bonds. Liabilities amounted to \$37,361. Net profit on operations for 1939 (November and December production) was \$36,936 after all writeoffs. Operating cost at mine were \$3.59 per ton gross recovery was \$7.10 per ton.

The company's financial position at February 1st is estimated to show net current assets of over \$160,000 after all owing for all current liabilities. This amount plus the additional cash which will be accumulated during the next three or four months from the continued successful operation of the mine should make available sufficient funds to pay the cost of a mill at the Broulan mine. The question of a mill is now being considered.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!



IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN TO YOU Are You Fully Protected?

In addition to Fire Insurance if you receive an income from your property it is just as necessary to carry rental insurance, so that in case of fire loss your income will not be impaired while your building is being reconstructed or being made ready for occupancy.

For Complete Details Phone 295

A. Wilson Lang

INSURANCE OF ALL TYPES

Room 1, Gordon Block

Pine St. North

Advertisement for Remus Optical Dept. featuring a portrait of J. M. Waterman, R.O., Eyesight Specialist. Text: "It Pays to See Well. You must see well to keep informed on business and general affairs. Help your eyes, to help you, by keeping them properly equipped to work in comfort. REMUS OPTICAL DEPT. J. M. WATERMAN, R.O., Eyesight Specialist 17 PINE ST. N. Evenings by Appointment PHONE 190"