

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

In The Advance ten years ago: "Over 150 men, women and children in Timmins and immediate district this week enjoyed a ride in an airplane, most of them making such a trip for the first time. On Saturday afternoon, W. N. Miller, of Peterborough, accompanied by T. Montgomery of New Liskeard, arrived here about four o'clock in Mr. Miller's DeHaviland Moth airplane. They landed on Gillies Lake and the airship soon attracted large numbers, especially children, many of whom were having their first sight of an airship at close quarters. On Sunday, Monday and part of Tuesday morning, Pilot Miller took passengers up for airship rides of seven minutes or so each. The first trip was one made to South Porcupine and return for a Finnish gentleman who very cheerfully paid for the unusual experience of travelling to the neighbouring town by air route. Some stunt flying was also done by Pilot Miller, whose take-offs, landings and general handling of the machine proved so competent and so efficient as to win general confidence. About half-past ten Sunday morning Pilot Miller started regular flights for passengers and from then until night came he had no idle moments. No less than 93 passengers were taken up on Sunday. On Monday there were 37 flights made, with 45 passengers being taken, and on Tuesday a cross country flight was made to take Bert Jamieson out to his claims in Kamiskotia. All the time the airship was here it was a centre of attraction, especially for the youngsters and particularly on Sunday. Several youngsters spent the greater part of Sunday at Gillies Lake, finding the taking-off and the landing of the plane of unending interest. Everything went smoothly all the time; the expert handling of the plane was a genuine pleasure to all who saw it. On Monday evening there was very special interest in stunt flying done by Mr. Miller who went up 1,000 feet in his plane and did about everything that can be done with an airship and did it all so skillfully and effectively that it was all safe work. After all the stunts shown, however, it is likely that what will remain in the minds of most will be the perfect landings and take-offs made."

Canadian Village Made to Order, is Now "Ski Capital"

Ski-ing Gaining Popularity Even Inspires Pacts.

(By Percy Ghent)

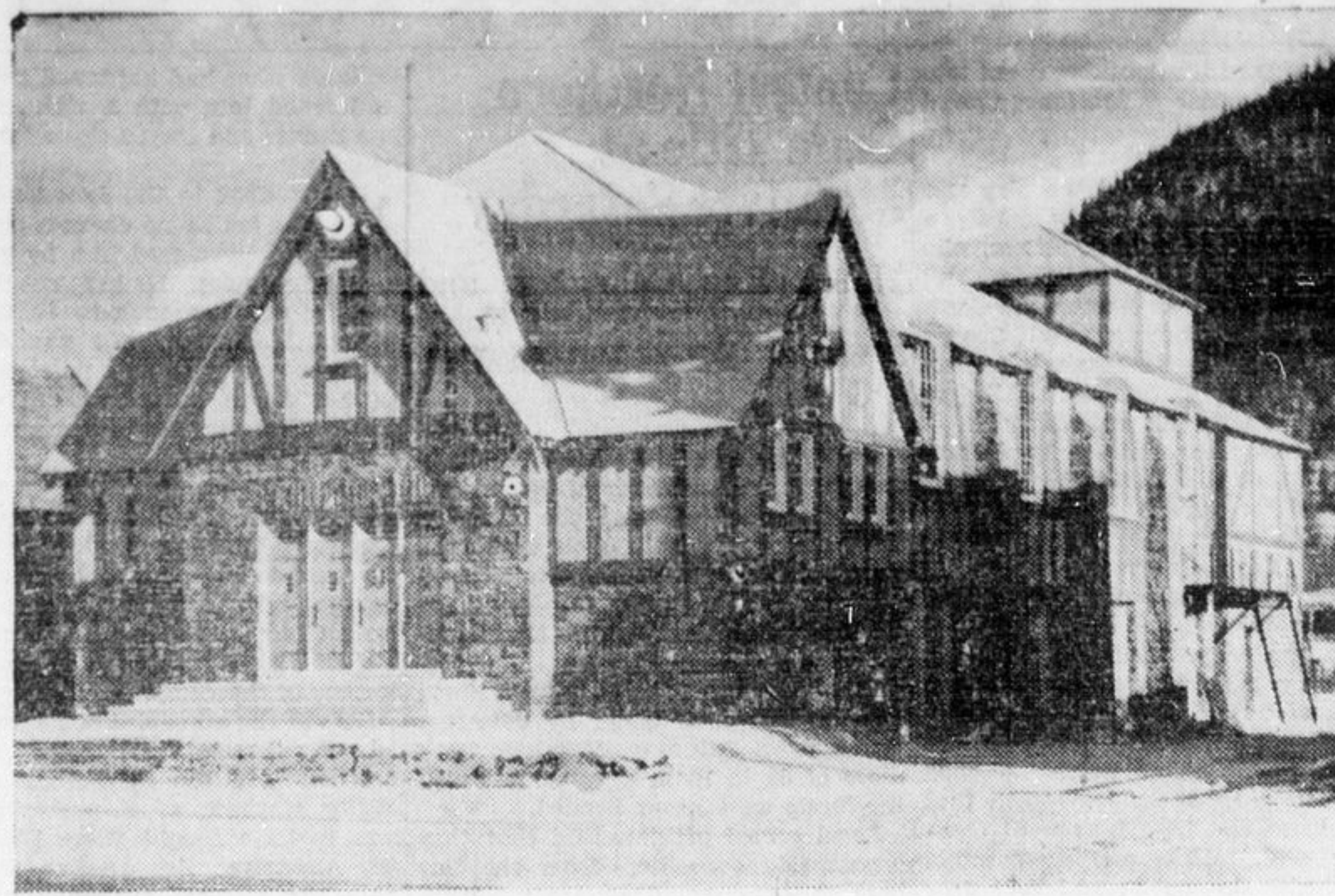
Procopius, a Greek historian of the sixth century A.D., mentions a race of Northern Europe he called "Skridfinnar." Freely translated, that word means gliding Finns, or Finns on skis. It is not surprising that these valiant folk are expert skiers in peace or war—they have fourteen centuries of peace behind them. In Canada, on the other hand, the sport of skiing has only found popular favour within the last few years or less. And that is surprising, for we have abundant snow and lots of hillside trails. Snow, crisp and deep, clean and glistening, down in the Laurentians, for instance, that will satisfy the most exacting skier from December to May. And the ideal conditions in that winter playground, with others in Quebec and Ontario, encourage the hope that the migration of American tourists to our summer jachland will in future years be rivalled by an annual trek to the alluring ski-trails of Canada through the winter months. For Canada is a heaven to which all good American skiers hope to go—before they die.

Million Dollar Ski Town

Perhaps the American slant of the situation has been over-stressed. But we have been reading an article in the Oval, journal of Canadian Industries Limited, and in it, George Stanley tells of the enthusiasm of a Philadelphia sportsman, Joseph Ryan, for the Canadian winter scene. Mr. Ryan has established the North American "Ski Capital" at Mount Tremblant, ninety miles north of Montreal. And the enterprise of this man is a thing to marvel at. Just two years ago, while visiting the snowclad wilderness around the loftiest of the Laurentian peaks, he dreamed of a winter sports resort in that majestic setting. This season his dream is a million dollar village, the capital of Ski-land.

Forty pine-panelled cottages have been built on the lower slope of Tremblant. So have shops and cafes, an inn, a community lodge and a ski school. Against the radiant white of their setting the buildings stand forth striking-

New Home for Banff School of Fine Arts



The Banff School of Fine Arts has a new home which is as modern as the splendid work done by the school. The new auditorium, which was officially opened in January in the presence of educational and other Alberta leaders, will be the scene of the eighth annual session of the school, from August 1st to 31st.

This \$50,000 building is made of native Rundle stone and is of the chalet design which harmonizes so well with the surroundings. The theatre has a seating capacity of 700 and a modern stage fitted with the finest lighting equipment and there are dressing rooms, music room, work rooms and other meeting rooms for small groups. The building is truly a co-operative effort. The Parks Department deeded two lots worth \$10,000 to the Banff School Board and supplied plans and specifications free of charge; the Sir Edward Beatty donation of \$2,500 to the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta made possible the furnishing and equipment of the stage and theatre.

Reward Railroaders for Good Work in Counterfeit Case

Cheques for Ticket Clerk and Conductor.

Kirkland Lake, March 27—Jack Sayer operator and ticket clerk at Swastika station, and Conductor T. J. McAulhey, of the Noranda-Swastika run on the Nipissing Central line, have been notified by the Royal Bank of Canada through the Kirkland Lake branch that they have been awarded 200 each for their part in the uncovering of a counterfeit ring in this district nearly two months ago.

On Sunday night, February 4, Mr. McCaughey picked up a roll of nine bills on the floor of a coach on the train from Noranda which had come in to Swastika station to meet the Northland.

He took the bills in to Mr. Sayer for his inspection. Mr. Sayer at once spotted them as counterfeit bills, as he handles a considerable amount of cash as ticket clerk.

"I noticed that the colouring was poor and the quality of the paper also struck me as inferior to the usual bank notes," he said. "The engraving of the portraits in the bills also was very badly done."

The bills really "hit him in the eye" as soon as he saw them and he knew right away that they were counterfeit, he said.

At the time he was busy selling tickets for the Northland, and he asked Mr. Aughey to call the provincial police at Kirkland Lake. In a few minutes Constable A. McDougall appeared on the platform to mail a letter and they asked him to inspect the bills. He had arrived at the station by accident and not in response to the telephone call.

The conductor recalled that a woman carrying a large metal suitcase had been sitting in the seat where the roll of bills was found.

The suitcase was observed standing in the waiting room just inside the door. The woman had boarded a bus for Kirkland Lake. She was asked to accompany the officer and gave her name as Nancy Hill, of Rouyn. When the suitcase was lifted from the station floor two more bills fell out.

At the police station the suitcase disgorged bundle after bundle of counterfeit money, especially when it was found that there was a hidden compartment. Most of the money was

found in this hiding place.

Altogether the counterfeit money totalled \$138,370 made up of \$50 Bank of Canada notes, \$20 U.S. treasury notes and \$10 Royal Bank bills. The Royal Bank bills totalled \$38,020 in value.

In making the award of \$200 to each of the two railwaymen, the Royal Bank was acting for itself, entirely independent of anything the Canadian Bankers' Association might do. Their organization has standing rewards for apprehension and conviction of bank robbers.

Mr. Sayer received his \$200 reward on Saturday and he notified Mr. McCaughey over the week-end of their good luck. Mr. McCaughey's home is at North Bay, and he was at his home for the holiday season.

Huntingdon Gleaner:—Near Natchez, Miss., stands an unfinished mansion on which construction was begun in 1890. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, the builder and owner, Dr. Haller Nutt, boarded up the windows, took down the scaffolding and left the house in its uncompleted state while he joined the Confederate forces and went to war. He died three years after, and his impoverished family could not finish the mansion. The unfinished building still stands just as it was left nearly 80 years ago, rotting away and falling into ruin.

Some More of Those Schoolboy Howlers Some Old, Some New

Including What Sir Walter Raleigh Said and What the Queen Said.

A friend of The Advance sends in the following, alleged to be "schoolboy howlers" made in answering examination questions, and also alleged to be new, or, perhaps, new:—

Transparent means something you can see through—for instance a key-hole.

The words "Would God I had died for thee" were uttered by David after he had murdered Uriah and married his widow.

The Minister of War is the clergyman who preaches to the soldiers in the barracks.

Esau was a mighty hunter who wrote fables and sold them for a bottle of potash.

Lollards are lazy people who always wanted to rest against something.

Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.

Julius Caesar was renowned for his great strength. He threw a bridge across the Rhine.

The Mediterranean and the Red Sea are joined by the Sewage Canal.

A vacuum is where the Pope lives.

An Abstract Noun is the name of something which has no existence, as goodness.

In 1620 the Pilgrims crossed the ocean. This is known as the Pilgrims' Progress.

A dirge is a song a man sings when he is dead.

Evolution is what Darwin did.

A grazer is a man who runs down mountains.

The people of Iceland are called Equinoxes.

A grass widow is the wife of a dead vegetarian.

A total eclipse is one which lasts forever.

"Sub judice" is the bench on which the judges sit.

Ambiguity is telling the truth when you don't mean to.

Quinine is the bark of a tree, canine is the bark of a dog.

A damsel is a small plum.

Many Crusaders died of salvation. Horses are fed on provens. Virgil is the man who cleans up churches.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle. Sir Walter Raleigh, walking one day through the streets of Coventry, was surprised to see a naked lady riding upon a horse. He was about to turn away, when he recognized the rider as being none other than Queen Elizabeth. Quickly throwing off his richly embroidered cloak he placed it reverently around her, saying as he did so, "Honi soit qui mal y pense," which meant, "Thy need is greater than mine." Thereupon the Queen thanked Sir Walter, saying, "Dieu et mon droit," meaning "My God, and you're right!"

Regular Weekly Group Five Hundred Card Party

Mrs. Geo. Nippers of 35 Tuke street was hostess on Wednesday evening at the regular weekly group five hundred party, which was an enjoyable event. The hostess served an especially tasty lunch and the evening was well arranged.

Winners of prizes were as follows: 1st Mrs. W. D. Forrester 2nd, Mrs. E. McQuarrie and 3rd Mrs. Alf. Bellamy.

The next regular card party will be held on Friday, April 5th, at the home of Mrs. Pope, 21 Hart street.

Blairmore Enterprise — Statistics show that the biggest turnover in the automobile business is on Sundays.

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of skiing has made in Canada during the last few years. Other signs are the promising industries created by the demand for skis, poles and the seemingly essential skiing costumes. Special trains carry hundreds to revel in the snows of northern resorts, where the natives, until recently, hibernated, more or less, for the winter months.

Even the poets are finding inspiration in the sport. Unfortunately, either from modesty or the instinct of self-preservation, the author of the following tender stanza prefers to remain unknown:

Annabelle was a charming young skier. Whose politeness was famed far and near.

When she crashed a pine tree, She said, "Do pardon me. But I thought you would duck, you old dear."

Poet Got Cold Feet

This million-dollar, made-to-order village, then, is but one of the indications of the enormous strides — or should it be glides?—which the sport

"She wants to know, George, if we could squeeze her inside here for a few minutes."
—Humorist