

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

At the semi-annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade held at Cochrane ten years ago the chief matter before the gathering was the question of the route of the proposed Trans-Canada highway. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously by the gathering and expressed the careful and considered opinion of the meeting: "Whereas there is yet no highway through Canada connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts and it is proposed by the Government of Canada to assist the Provinces in building a Trans-Canada highway, and whereas it is now possible to motor from Halifax to a point a few miles west of Hearst and from Vancouver to within a few miles of the western boundary of Ontario, and whereas there are presently constructed in Ontario several sections of highways between its western boundary to Port Arthur, thence northeasterly to Lake Nipigon, and whereas we recognize that several feeders from the larger communities in Northern Ontario as in the case of Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and Chapleau, must also necessarily be connected up with said Trans-Canada highway, which highway will also eventually be extended easterly from Cochrane into the Province of Quebec. "We favour as direct a route as possible at a minimum cost to the country. "And whereas the extension westerly of the Ferguson highway route is considerably shorter than other proposed routes, and the general nature of the country west of Hearst more readily adapts itself to road building, so that this route would be much more cheaply constructed than that through rocky and swampy land. "Therefore be it resolved, that this semi-annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Association Boards of Trade go on record as favouring the construction of a highway from the present terminus of the Ferguson highway west of Hearst, in a westerly direction along the Canadian National Railways to Long Lac, and thence south-westerly to connect with the existing road at the south of Lake Nipigon. "And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable, the Prime Minister of Ontario, the members of the Cabinet and the members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

The Kiwanis luncheon ten years ago proved especially interesting and was well attended. The visitors for the day included Mr. Morrison and Mr. A. L. Hancock of Cochrane, Community singing was featured. Dr. Lee Honey making an effective leader and conductor for this part of the programme. Kiwanian Jack Walker kept presiding for the occasion and kept everything going with a swing all through the meeting. The speaker for the day was E. Wharton Shaw, of Hamilton, who was planning a trip from coast to coast in Canada the following year, the whole trip to be made under the use of the motive power with which the expedition started out.

In The Advance South Porcupine news ten years ago (in part)—"Rev. Fr. Lagrevel, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Saby, and her daughter, left on Tuesday for North Temiskaming, where he is to take charge of the parish of that place. He preached his farewell sermon on Sunday night, and after the service a presentation was made to him. Rev. Fr. Lagrevel has been held in the highest esteem by all in the district and there will be general regret at his leaving, while he will be followed with best wishes from all. In addition to the presentation Sunday evening, Mr. C. V. Gallagher read an address which expressed the feeling of all."

"On Sunday morning," said The Advance ten years ago, "Edwin Peterson, age 11 years, whose home is at 55 Messines avenue was brought to the hospital suffering from a gun-shot wound in the abdomen. He was one of a party of four boys who had been out with a Remington rifle. The other lads were Alex Kelanuk, 11 years, John Kelanuk and Thos. Chorney, 14 years. The boys went out to the bush past the Fesserton mill and young Chorney, who had the Remington rifle, was doing the shooting. He fired five shots being careful not to endanger anyone, but then

thinking that his ammunition was expended he was taking the gun apart, thinking it empty, when it discharged, the bullet passing through the abdomen of Edwin Peterson at the right side. The bullet entered at the front and lodged just behind the skin at the little lad's back. The boy was brought to St. Mary's hospital where he is making very good progress to recovery. No complications are expected and from present indications the lad will be none the worse for the accident. Young Chorney at once reported the accident and to the police told a frank and clear story that impressed them favourably."

Ten years ago a representative gathering of members of the Masonic Craft in the Porcupine Camp met at the Masonic Temple, Timmins to do honour to the Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge of Canada, in Ontario, Most Worshipful Brother R. B. Dargavel, of Toronto, on his official visit to Golden Beaver Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 528. After the usual proceedings of the Lodge meeting were concluded the brethren sat down to a fine banquet, presided over by Wor. Bro. John Morrison, of Golden Beaver Lodge, and after refreshing the inner man an interesting programme of songs and speeches was followed with great interest.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were: "Mrs. John Archer, who has been at Owen Sound and North Bay for the past few months is spending a few weeks with her son, John Archer, Timmins." "Miss Idella Martin (better known to her friends as Bobby) was operated on at the St. Mary's hospital on Sept. 15th for appendicitis. Everyone will be pleased to hear that she is recovering rapidly." "Miss Tillie Stuart, of New York City, who has been visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Howie, for the past five months, returned to her home last Thursday accompanied by her sister, Mrs. R. Howie." "Douglas Craig returned on Sunday from a trip to Toronto and Niagara." "Miss Eva Archer is in town from Owen Sound and North Bay visiting friends and relatives here." "Mr. and Mrs. T. McDonough and children, of Kirkland Lake, have been visiting Mrs. McDonough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, Schumacher." "Messrs. R. G. Harris and R. G. Martyn, of Ripley, Ont., paid a brief visit to Timmins on Sunday last on a tour of the North." "Mr. Owen J. Hughes of the March Gold Mines returned last week from a motor trip to Detroit, Mich., accompanied by Mrs. Hughes." "James Dodd, of Haliburton, was the guest last week of his brother, Thos. Dodd, coming here to visit his father Thos. Dodd, Sr., who had been ill and who passed away last Friday." "R. J. Jemmett, formerly of Timmins, and now of Barrie, Ont., is spending a few days in town. He was accompanied from Barrie by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arnold, also former residents of Timmins. Mrs. Arnold being Miss Dorothy Jemmett before her marriage." "Mr. and Mrs. James Stirrat sailed from Montreal, Sept. 12th, 1930, on the C. P. R. Liner Minnidoso for three months' holiday with their parents at Motherwell, Scotland." "Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Blackstone, of Toronto, were Timmins visitors last week."

Bathing and Bath Tubs Vary in Many Parts of the World

Some of the National Customs About Bathing.

(By J. W. S. McCullough, M.D., D.P.H.) Bathing customs vary the world over. North America has more bathtubs than all the rest of the world put together. Ninety-five per cent of all these utilities are found in the Western continent.

But the Finns have their sauna, one room for dressing and another for bathing. They heat stones in a big stove, then splash the water on the stones raising a great steam. They sit

in this steam, rub themselves with Epsom salts or whip themselves with the branches of trees and then take a plunge into a snowbank.

The Japanese are daily bathers in water at 120 deg. F. Cold baths are only for penitents. The private bathtub of a Jap family is in full view of the street and the public baths accommodate both sexes without any embarrassment.

Bathing in Rome has fallen off from the days of the Emperor Diocletian. Gone are the days when a Roman bath occupied 50 or 60 acres with marble tubs and modern conveniences. Now-a-days it takes 15 minutes to hal an hour to get the water heated while the tubber sits shivering in an icy atmosphere.

The Germans are away behind in bathing facilities. The older German houses are lacking in modern conveniences. The tubs often have corrugated bottoms which give the sitter-down a surprise. There are plenty of public baths in the larger cities but soap is non-existent. The towels are large enough for the mainmast of a yacht.

The Laps and Eskimos save themselves a lot of trouble; they never bathe. They are on a similar footing with the lamas and Buddhist Priests of India. The latter never bathe nor wash their faces so that in the course of life they are clothed in a strata of filth.

In India the average native bathes in the nearest river, bathing being a part of his religion. The better class bathe under primitive conditions and if there is a bathroom one must watch out for the venomous snakes which conceal themselves in sponges.

The Arab echews water; he rubs himself with the sand of the desert. When the native Ethiopian desires a bath he drives the cows, goats and sheep out of the river and takes possession. The European living in that country contents himself with the historic bowl and pitcher.

In dry places of Southwest Africa, bathing is expensive. A four-gallon tin of water costs a \$100 and each additional one 25 cents. The water is not wasted; it is used to satisfy the thirst of the plants about.

In Belgium, the rentier of an apartment is obliged to install his own fixtures and when he bails out, he takes them with him.

In the old houses of the English, water is lugged in cans from the basement to the attic and after use is carried down again. The newer houses have baths and 4000 of the better hotels have bathtubs, either adjacent to rooms or on each floor. But they are scrupulously clean and well appointed. The average Englishman would sooner go without his breakfast than his morning cold bath.

Russia, is an expensive place for the bath. A bathtub costs 2000 roubles—the cost of a grand piano. Soap is unheard of and the average Russian bathes once in 18 months. In apartment houses the tub is commonly used as a convenient receptacle for coal or vegetables. Sanitary conditions in Spain are abominable. They spend too much money on revolutions to have any left for modern conveniences.

In Paris, only 25 per cent of the population have private baths but there are over a 100 public baths each with twenty or more tubs. The average Parisian takes 3 baths a year but statistics say that Paris is one of the cleanest cities on the Continent. As matters stand at present the major portion of the world's population is an unwashed army.

Smooth Fellow

Wife—I'm afraid, Oliver, you do not love me any more—at least, not so much as you used to.

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