

Drive Being Made for 50,000 Books for the Soldiers

Training Centres Badly in Need of Books.

A drive for 50,000 books—good books to correct a lamentable deficiency in the training centres of Military District No. 2, is meeting with success, but a great many more books are needed. Dr. Lorne Pierce, Chairman of the District Library Council, M.D. No. 2, said last week.

Many libraries in Canadian training centres are comprised of obsolete, worn-out and sailed volumes, many of them totally unsuited for the men. Dr. Pierce found, after investigation. Recreation centres in camps accommodating 1,000 men were found to possess only a dozen interesting books and two dozen old magazines.

Ever since the war started, books have been in demand among the sailors, soldiers and airmen. Many auxiliary services have collected books for the forces, but they have not yet been able to meet the need, and recently District Library Councils were set up in every Military District, under the direction of the Canadian Library Council. From now on the work of collecting, sorting and distributing books will be under unified control.

The L.O.D.E. is acting as a "clearing centre" for books. Dr. Pierce said. Local L.O.D.E. branches are collecting books, and transporting them to several main depots for sorting and redistribution. The Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Salvation Army, Canadian Legion, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Council of Women, Toronto Board of Trade and the Book Publishers' Branch are all co-operating.

Lack of technical books for all branches of the services is serious. The Canadian Legion is doing fine work with its study courses, and with purchase of non-fiction books, but they need help. Pupils of secondary schools throughout Ontario are busy collecting books now. Librarians across Ontario are doing a valuable service assisting in the sorting of books. They

Flew 21,000 Miles



TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance files

At the regular meeting of the town council ten years ago, the members decided to hold a special session to expedite estimates. Present at the meeting were Mayor Geo. S. Drew, Councillors A. Caron, Dr. Honey, R. McCloud, dairymen; A. J. Goodman, financier and Bernard N. Hyman, real estate operator and president of the Porcupine United.

The session was a comparatively short one, though many questions were dealt with.

L. Leblanc, who had been on the town police force for about six weeks, left the service ten years ago, and Jack Gregson was added to the staff of constables to carry on. The new officer of the Timmins force was one of the many applicants making application for a position on the town force some weeks previously, when it was known that changes on the force were imminent. He had been a resident of Timmins for the past year and a half, coming here from England in October of 1929. Constable Gregson had had a long and creditable police force experience, having been for ten years a member of the Liverpool, England, police force.

Rev. J. C. Cochrane, Superintendent of Missions for Northern Ontario for the United Church, occupied the pulpit of the United Church at Timmins at the Sunday morning service ten years ago, and his address was of special interest. There was a good attendance at the service, and many early residents of the North who knew Rev. Mr. Cochrane in the first days of this part of the North, took occasion after the service to meet and greet him once more.

Jack Newton, well-known and popular as one of the pioneer residents of Timmins, said The Advance ten years ago, "met with a painful accident on Friday evening while walking home from his work at the McIntyre. As a result of the accident he had his ear torn, a three-inch gash under his jaw, his left cheek grazed, and his right thumb broken, as well as sustaining some minor cuts on his head."

In The Advance ten years ago: "A party of a dozen prominent people from Buffalo, N.Y., last week visited the Porcupine United Gold Mines property (formerly known as the Rochester). On Saturday they inspected the plant and property generally,

spending considerable time underground, and they were unusually well pleased with what they saw. The party was in charge of Bernard N. Hyman, president of the Porcupine United, and under his genial care all in the party had a most interesting and informative experience. The party included Hon. Frank X. Schwab and

Preston East Dome Plans to Open Up Seven New Levels

Developments to be Intensified Towards End of 1941

Toronto, March 22—Shareholders of Preston East Dome Mines, Limited, heard a recapitulation of an extremely successful year, at their annual meeting, Tuesday, in Toronto.

In addition the menu included forecasts of expansion based on the ore possibilities at depth, as already outlined by diamond drilling on seven new levels.

Timmins and the Porcupine at present time have an excellent air transport service available, and mining men, prospectors, hunting and fishing parties and others are finding the service economical as well as convenient," said The Advance ten years ago. "The Algoma Air Transport Co. Ltd. has established a very effective service for the district, and are not only planning to continue this excellent service, but are also considering enlarging it. The airship of the Algoma Air Transport Co. has been here now for several weeks and has decided to make this a permanent base. It is possible that another machine will be brought here to handle the growing business in air transport that has developed. As it is the company has made available an air service for both freight and passengers that is unequalled in its convenience and economy. At present flights are made from Timmins to any part of the district and the charges are very reasonable. As soon as the break-up comes the port will be transferred from here to the lake at South Porcupine which makes an ideal water landing place."

Few men were more widely known or more highly esteemed in this part of the North than James Murray, conductor on the T. & N.O. Railway, and so the news that he had dropped dead while on duty ten years ago came as a decided shock to wide circles of friends and acquaintances. He was in charge of Train No. 54 leaving here at 6:35 p.m. for Porcupine Junction. He had been speaking to J. H. Black, of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co. W. A. Griffin, superintendent of the T. & N.O., and others who were on the train leaving them to give the signal to the engineer before entering South Porcupine. Just as he reached the cord he collapsed in the aisle of the car, death being instantaneous. The death was due to heart trouble.

There was an alarm of fire from box 14 ten years ago and the fire department made its inevitable speed response. The blaze was at the store of Jos. Ellies, 41 Third avenue, and "blaze" it right for there seemed to be fire all over the store. The fire being of the "flash" variety, traveling along on the goods on shelves and racks, though the volume of fire was not so heavy as in some fires of lesser extension. Several thousand dollars' damage was done to the stock of ladies' and children's and men's wear goods. The damage to the building would be around \$1,000,000. The firemen confined the blaze to the store, and had the fire under control in a comparatively short time, the fire being all out within an hour.

Ten years ago the second of the play-downs for the coveted Kenning hockey cup was played at the Timmins rink and required thirty minutes of overtime to decide the game. South Porcupine finally won the match from Timmins with a score of 3 to 2. This win by South Porcupine tied the series making necessary the sudden death game the following Tuesday evening. Among the personal items in The Advance ten years ago were: "Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Newton returned on Saturday from a holiday visit to Florida and other places south." D. B. Curtis was called to Toronto on Saturday last owing to the death of his aunt, Mrs. Trainer. "Born in Timmins on Tuesday, March 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burke, 202 Maple street south—a daughter, both well." Mrs. Cockburn, formerly among the old-time residents of Schumacher and Timmins, but now living at Cochrane, is a visitor to the camp this week. Mrs. Cockburn recently returned from a visit to her old home in England. "Mark Ansara, formerly one of the popular business men of the town and still with business interests here, is visiting in town for a week or so. He is at present located at Sault Ste. Marie where he has been in business since leaving here."

Drilling has started on the seventh and eighth levels, east and northeast, along quartz intersections obtained in diamond drilling, some of which were high grade and these, in all probability, will develop some high grade sweetener for the latter part of the year. Mr. Wright calculated that with less high grade available, it would be possible for the mine to maintain its 1940 average by means of feeding a somewhat heavier tonnage.

With reference to the trend of the ore zones on Preston, regarding which he had many telephone calls, the president said: "It would appear as if our property boundaries had been made for the protection of our main ore zone, and until we have reached the east boundary of the recently acquired claim we do not anticipate losing any of our main ore zone."

Mine Manager's Report
Reviewing the period between January 1st and March 15th, V. A. James, mine manager, reported production for the two and a half month period at \$540,000 from 37,500 tons of ore or an average of 507 tons per day, together with 4,580 tons sorted, or 62 tons per day. The sorted material had an average assay of .022 oz. or 84.7c per ton. Production for the first quarter

Food for Thought



Days of "Mercy for the Huns" are Now Thing of the Past

Attitude of Nazi Creed Such as to Change British Outlook.

From London Cavalcade) Gas—dread word in the whole vocabulary of war—is in the news at last.

No longer need it dwell in the secret places of the heart, an inhibited fear, a symbol of unknown terror, too awful to be contemplated.

Suddenly it has been brought to the surface of conscious thought by the characteristic realism and courage of Prime Minister Churchill. He has dared to mention the hitherto unmentionable.

With psycho-analytical intuition, he has probed the recesses of the public mind, and given utterance to something that we have all felt but which few have acknowledged openly—the possibility that the enemy may use gas as part of his invasion plan.

"We must be prepared for it," warns the premier. "We know not what new devilry Hitler has been planning."

And immediately the inspired Nazi mouthpieces in Berlin gush forth the imprecation "You soon will."

Thus, the dread subject of poison gas comes out into the open. It is well that it should, for with the aboys on we can speak plainly. There is much to be said.

Too long have we accepted the postulate that it is the prerogative of the Nazis to smash all rules.

These barbarians glory in the fact that they alone can perpetrate the foulest crimes against humanity and get away with it.

They may bomb lightships, shoot airmen bailing out, gun harmless civilians in village streets and children in school playgrounds, they may torpedo mercy-ships, "Conventrate" open towns, and fire on rescue ships, and the world accepts it almost placidly now. The Hun does this sort of things. That's all.

Now it suits the Nazi book that they should be regarded as the sole apostles of frightfulness in a world that is too decent to emulate them.

Gangsters batten only on the law-abiding.

It has always been this journal's view that every outrage committed by Hitler should immediately have been repaid in kind. The bully and the coward understand no other punishment.

And so with this gas business.

It would be monstrous if we were merely to sit back and wait for the Hun to unleash a new apocalypse of horror on the world. For once let us take time by the forelock.

Before the whole world Britain should forthwith utter a solemn warning and pledge to this effect:

If Hitler decides to indulge in this crowning act of infamy, this nation will instantly exact a retribution so terrifying in its magnitude that the Nazi sadists themselves will stand agast and quail.

A simple, unmistakable declaration—clear-cut, definite, categorical; no diplomatic nonsense about "reserving the right to take such steps," etc. This sort of language died with appeasement.

And if that fails to stop him we must unhesitatingly implement the vow to the letter; for it would be just too bad for the leaders of this country if "higher strategy," "advisers best qualified to judge," the "sitting bird" mentality, or questions of ethics and morals stood in the way of such condign and just reprisal.

There is a limit to the patience and endurance of good democrats.

The "mercy-for-the-Hun" days are over.

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