

# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The meeting of the business men interested in the Kivwanis Bay at Home Campaign, called for the Empire Hotel grill room ten years ago, was very largely attended and there were many matters of special interest dealt with. The meeting was attended by Mayor Geo. S. Drew, H. E. Montgomery, town clerk and treasurer, and other town officials as well as by W. O. Langdon, president of the Timmins board of trade. Among the other questions touched upon was that of securing more effective methods of licensing peddlers and other forms of merchandising carried on by outside firms in the form of house to house canvassing. It was felt that action along these lines would not only protect the business men of the town and district, paying taxes and otherwise supporting the community, but it would also give a measure of protection to the public from the wrong practices of the transient peddlers.

Ten years ago the basement of the United Church was filled to capacity for the dancing and musical recital by the pupils of Mrs. H. F. Burt and Mrs. J. Wilkins and all present were more than delighted with the unusually pleasing and effective programme presented. E. L. Longmore, acting president of the Timmins branch of the N.O.H.A. explained that on account of the number of items on the programme it would be impossible to allow any encores. The audience showed merited appreciation of every number on the programme, and there were several selections where there was a very decided effort on the part of the gathering to overrule the necessary restriction in regard to encores. Both the pupils of Mrs. Burt, teacher of dancing and Mrs. Wilkins, teacher of music, did high credit to their own talent and the ability of their teachers. The scenic effects, stage settings and particularly the costumes were worthy of special mention.

A record crowd was present ten years ago for the dance held by the Timmins Hockey Club, and the presentation of the N.O.H.A. Championship trophy, as well as the presentation of the individual trophies to the players on the Timmins Hockey team who that year were the champions of Northern Ontario.

Despite the fact that the town council had refused permission for a parade of the aliens with banners, and no Union Jack for Sunday afternoon, May Day, the aliens attempted to carry through such an illegal parade. The parade was indirectly advertised through handbills distributed around town the previous week and on the Sunday by 2 p.m., there were several thousand of the ordinary citizens of the town gathered on the streets near the Ukrainian hall where the demonstration was advertised to take place. There were about 40 or 50 of the alien agitators gathered on the lots alongside of the Ukrainian hall and the event started with speeches by different orators of the aliens. The speeches were very poor from every viewpoint, and on this account wearied the big crowds gathered but there was no interference with this part of the meeting. After three speakers had held forth haltingly, an attempt was made to parade. As the aliens stepped off the lot to parade two local constables warned them that their action was illegal, but they kept on. The parade went along Mountjoy street and up Third avenue, the local police going ahead and clearing the way. At the corner of Third and Elm street, the parade was halted by the police and a number of the lead-

ers picked up. The reason for halting the parade at this particular spot was the fact that this was where the police van was parked ready to receive the illegal paraders. With only one or two incidents, the seven men placed under arrest were placed in the van by the police and taken to the cells. As soon as the illegal paraders saw they had miscalculated in thinking they could defy the authorities with impunity and also do as they liked irrespective of all the other people of the town they dropped their banners and tried to escape through the crowds. Most of them were allowed to do so, the leaders in the parade only being picked up. Said The Advance in the account ten years ago: "It was noteworthy that the ringleaders in agitating for these disturbances were conspicuous by their absence on Sunday leaving their poor dupes to stand any trouble."

"Work is now under way in the construction of a new mill for Rudolphe and McChesney," said The Advance ten years ago, "to replace the one destroyed by fire some months ago. The new mill and plant will be bigger and better than ever and will be modern and fully equipped in every way. Work is in active progress on the new buildings at present with about forty men engaged at the work. The work is being rushed to completion and it is expected that the new mill will be all ready to run by June 10th. The work is about half completed at the present time and all machinery is on the ground ready to be set up as soon as the building is ready to take it. The size of the main building will be 30 by 112 feet and the new plant will have a capacity of 50,000 feet per day. The new mill will have a complete lumber dressing plant of the latest type."

Local items in The Advance ten years ago included: "Mrs. J. J. McCarthy, Miss Ruby McCarthy and Master Harold Rutherford, left on Sunday for London, Ont., to attend the graduation exercises of the Victoria hospital, which takes place on Thursday, May 5th. Miss Joy McCarthy being one of the graduates of the 1932 class." "Born—in Timmins, Ont., on Wednesday, May 4th, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Starling—a son." "Mrs. Ethel Keene, Assembly Warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario returned home on Friday last after a three weeks' trip to the South where she paid official visit to sixteen lodges in that part of Ontario." "Her many friends in the town and district will be pleased to know that Mrs. J. H. Skelly is making good progress to recovery. Recently she went to Hamilton for an operation."

## Production Cut at Dome from 1700 to 1500 Tons Daily

### Plan Adopted to Help in War Effort, Annual Meeting Told.

Some weeks ago The Advance extended reference to the annual report of the Dome Mines, Limited. This report was before the annual meeting in Toronto last week and that it pleased the shareholders may be taken for granted by the fact that all the directors were re-elected for the ensuing year. Gold mining these days has its difficulties, labour and materials not being always available at will, but

the gold mines are carrying on very ably, with the war effort always kept in mind. These thoughts naturally came to mind in connection with reports of annual meetings and the case of the Dome illustrates the earnest effort being made to carry on production to assist the cause of the war by providing the desired gold to keep stability, while at the same time endeavour is made to assist the cause in other ways. A despatch from Toronto last week gives the following reference to the annual meeting of the Dome Mines Limited, held in that city:—

Toronto—To meet several factors, particularly the government attitude on priorities, shortage of labour and shortage of material, Dome Mines Limited, South Porcupine, has cut daily milling from 1,700 to 1,500 tons, J. H. Stovel, mine manager, told shareholders at the annual meeting Wednesday. This was done, he said, to conserve essential supplies and keep in operation as long as possible.

Directors were re-elected. Reduction in output means an advance of costs, said the general manager, with corresponding reduction in earnings. He expressed the hope the mine would be able to continue operations and pay dividends as they are earned.

J. S. Bache, president, while expressing confidence in the stability of gold as a monetary medium, referred to some of the difficulties confronting mining today. Gold, he said, does not deteriorate under ground and if Dome's ore is not taken out under present conditions it will be taken out in post-war days. Under reduced operations the real sufferer would be the federal government on income tax returns.

Mr. Bache said the United States was now the dominant partner in the war against the axis powers and Washington might consider it necessary to impose further restrictions on industries not considered essential to carrying on the war. As the main buyer of Canada's gold Washington's attitude might affect Canadian policy in the months ahead.

## Red Cross Supplies Millions of Comforts for the Suffering

### Suggestions Regarding the Work Carried Out by the Branches.

With the campaign to raise nine million dollars for Red Cross work well under way, it is well to note some of the work done by the branches, making possible the work of the central authorities of the Red Cross. This district has three Red Cross branches doing unusually good work—Timmins, Schumacher and the Eastern Porcupine branches of the Red Cross. The following from the Red Cross gives an idea of what the Red Cross is able to accomplish from the efforts of the branches:—

"Thousands of women are working in the 2,600 branches of the Canadian Red Cross Society all across Canada to keep up the production of comforts and clothing and hospital supplies for the relief of human suffering.

"Last week 6,816,804 articles poured into Red Cross warehouses from these busy branches, including hospital supplies totalling 1,966,352; comforts for the Armed Forces and Women's Auxiliary Services 6,416,578; comforts distributed in Canada and Newfoundland 400,226 and civilian clothing and comforts for shipment overseas 2,239,821.

"Careful buying by the purchasing committee coupled with the generosity of the merchants and the voluntary work of devoted women all over the Dominion has meant an ever increasing supply of relief articles.

"The Canadian Red Cross has not made an appeal for funds since October 1940. A nation-wide drive opening May 11th has become a necessity to raise the \$9,000,000 required to face the still greater task ahead.

"The Red Cross must be ready to open its doors on cabled notice from overseas and the same is true of any emergency on the home front. The continuous distribution of comforts, hospital supplies and clothing must go on apace.

"Experience gleaned from past demands has made the Red Cross the smooth functioning organization which it is to-day, with the Branches working on immediate and pressing needs complying with instructions sent out from central headquarters to the Divisions.

"Since the new government rulings on made up garments the Red Cross has fallen into line, scrupulously measuring each garment as required. Everything is tackled from the simplest task of making sling bandages to the intricacies of tailoring waterproof reversible topcoats for A.R.P. workers in England.

"There are no professional seamstresses in Red Cross workrooms. All work is done voluntarily using ordinary machines. Central Headquarters makes no impossible demands on its Divisions and Branches.

"Every single article turned out in the Dominion wide branch workrooms receives careful inspection and the workers take special pride in producing garments up to the standard, skilfully made with no time or material wasted.

"Into bins for shipments overseas, into warehouses placed at strategic points in Canada for emergency distribution go the myriad articles of relief supplies. Some \$4,867,817 worth of materials was purchased last year for the production of these articles.

"To continue this work, and all other phases of the Red Cross activities \$9,000,000 is needed now, and the Canadian Red Cross is asking for this fund in a nation wide appeal being launched on May 11th."

### THERE ARE NO NICE JAPS

An actor went into a Chinese restaurant where he had dined frequently and after he had finished his meal, the proprietor said, "I would like you to meet my little son." He called him, a lad about six. After speaking to the boy, the actor said, "he's a cute little chap." The boy quickly said, "I'm no Jap. I'm Chinese."—New York Post.

## Many Basic Drugs Hard to Get, Due to War Conditions

### Another Way in Which the War Affects Business and Life in General.

The well-known shortage of rubber and gasoline may tempt some people to overlook the fact that in scores of ways the war is showing its effect on business and life. There are few lines of business that are not seriously affected. Merchants and other dealers in commodities are having their own special troubles these days. Among those especially affected are the druggists. To-day there are scores of basic drugs that are very difficult to secure, due to the effects of the war. Last week in conversation with The Advance, a local druggist referred to half a hundred such basic drugs, with the place of origin, the latter giving a hint as to the reason for the difficulty of securing new supplies.

One of the chief difficulties, of course, in the case of all imports is the matter of safe transportation. This difficulty has been overcome to large extent by the courage and enterprise of the merchant marine. To this difficulty, however, in some cases is added the effect of war on the production of certain countries.

War in the following countries has affected the supply of the following drugs:—

East Indies: Quinine, srucees, cinchona bark, squills root, oil citronella, benzoin, curcuma, cubeb berries, damar and dragon's blood.

Malaya: Derris root, Egypt: Senna leaves, henna powder, aniseed and foenugreek seed.

Africa: Wormwood and ginger, Russia, France and Belgium: Licorice root, valerian root, nux vomica, juniper berries, chamomile flowers, isinglass, arnica flowers, gentian root, castor oil, an'imony, cantharides, caraway seed, digitalis, buckthorn bark and foenugreek seed.

Japan: Insect powder, camphor, menthol, agar agar, oil aniseed, Mediterranean Area: Olive oil, belladonna, red squills, white squills, juniper berries, orris root, valerian root, alkanet root, almonde castor oil, aniseed, colocyath, buckthorn bark, lavender flowers, saffron.

India: Senna insect powder, spices, shellac, gum arabic, oil citronella, flea seed, jalap root, aniseed, castor oil, cardamom seed and India gum.

China and Asia: Rhubarb root, isinglass, gum benzoin, an'imony, cantharides, coriander seed, caraway seed, curcuma, henbane, oil aniseed and storax.

Blairmore Enterprise—A doctor's definition of a milkmaid is "one darn thing after an udder."

## Investigating Death of Kapuskasing Man in 1937

Ontario provincial police have reopened the investigation into the death of Jaakko Tikkanen whose body was found on April 18th, 1937, near the eastern limits of the town of Kapuskasing. At the time of the death there was one theory that the Finlander had been the victim of a hit-and-run accident. Against that was the fact that the body was lying close to the edge of the highway, with the victim's hat and gloves placed neatly in position a foot or so away. The police at the time suspected that the body might have been placed on the highway after death. There was also the fact that several men of the same nationality in this North had been meeting death in unexplained way. As usual, the police gave earnest effort to the investigation at the time, but apparently were not able to reach a definite conclusion. Recently, however, something has started the police on the trail again. What this new information may be is not known, but according to reports from Kapuskasing Inspector W. J. Franks, of the Criminal Investigation Branch of the Ontario Provincial Police, has been working on the case for the past couple of weeks, with the assistance of Provincial Constables Walsh and Pearce, of Kapuskasing. It is understood that important evidence has been gathered pointing to the fact that Tikkanen met death by foul play.

## Ladies' Auxiliary Completes Plans for Birthday Banquet

### Members of Legion are Invited to Attend Social Evening After Banquet.

President Mrs. W. A. Devine was in the chair at the general monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion held on Monday evening in the Legion hall, and three new members were initiated during the meeting. These new members are Mrs. Emma Keelby, Mrs. Molly Smith, and Mrs. Mae Ames McLennan.

Arrangements for the annual birthday banquet to be held next Monday evening in the Legion hall, were completed, and it was decided that the procedure followed in other years—that of inviting members of the Legion to the social evening after the banquet—would be repeated again this year.

Mrs. Tilley, as wool convener, gave her report, and Mrs. T. Gay read the names of the men in service who have received parcels from the Comfort Fund, and who have written to thank the Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. Pot's won the regular raffle, and it was announced that the general meeting for the next month would take place on Monday, June 1st.

## Vancouver Sun Defends the Freedom of the Press

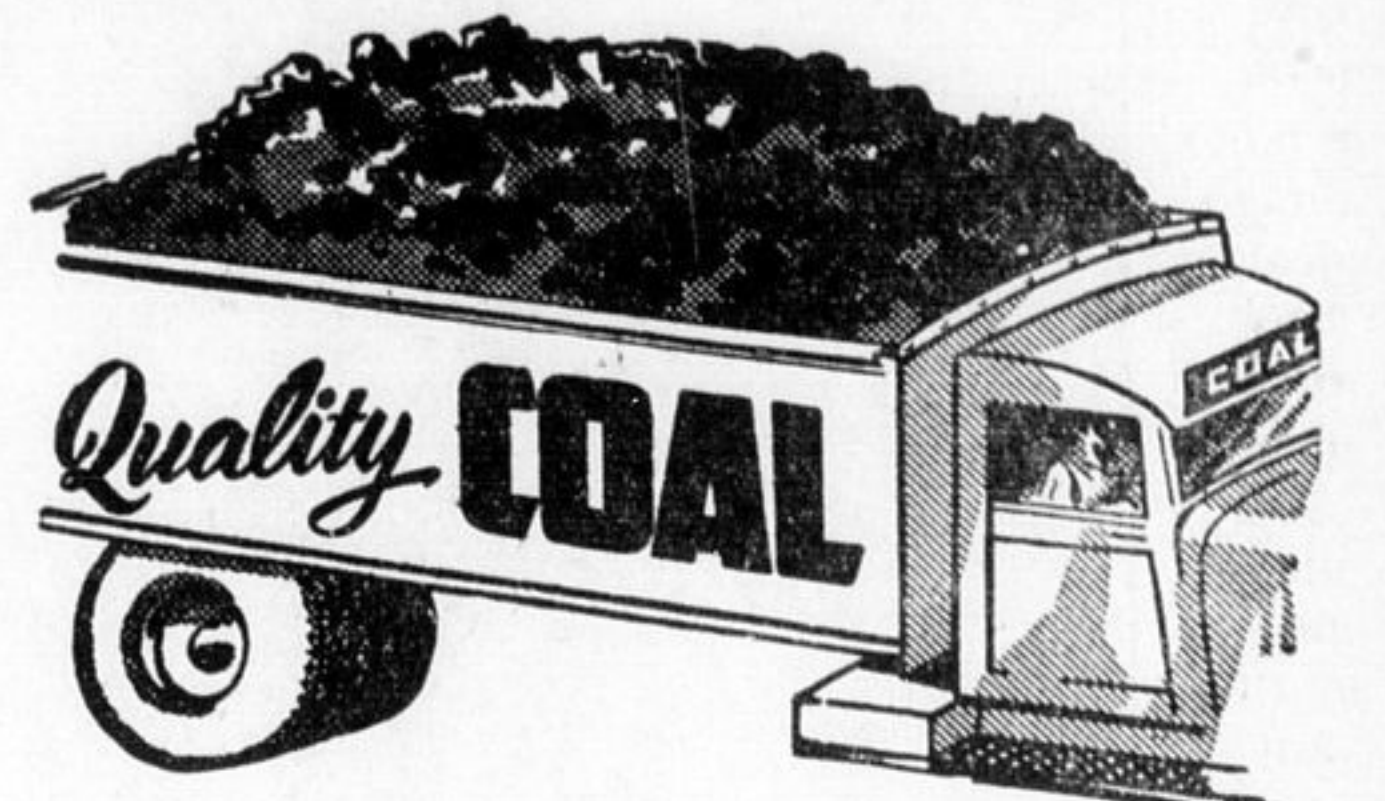
(From The Ottawa Journal) Recently the Vancouver Sun was fined for violation of the Defence of Canada Regulations. But the Sun, while not denying the Government's right to take action against it in a specific instance (a different thing from prosecution for a recognized crime), adheres to its view that the facts it published were in the interest of the public and the war, says it is without regrets and can offer no apologies. It adds:

"When we look back over the record of the war, when we remember how nearly every constructive act by the Government has occurred only after months of vigorous public demand,

only after long campaigns in the press, only after extreme pressure, we realize that without full criticism the Government would never have produced the present war effort. And since the Opposition in Parliament is lamentably weak, most of the useful criticism has come from newspapers and most of the good results can be traced to the free journalism of the nation."

This is in the authentic accents of free British journalism; the antithesis of what they have in slave states like Germany. The Vancouver Sun may have been wrong in specific instance, in detail, but it was probably wholly right in the gross, and all who value and understand a free press will be glad to see that a mere fine will not make it strike its flag.

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