

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance files

Remembrance Day was most fittingly and impressively observed in Timmins, Nov. 11th, 1932, Armistice Day. The Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L., had their plans well prepared and the result was the largest turnout ever witnessed on any similar occasion in Timmins. The parade fully half a mile in length, assembled at the town hall, and mustered as follows:—Chief of Police H. Jones and the Timmins police force, Fire Chief A. Borland and Timmins Firemen, Hollinger Police force, Timmins Citizens band, Sons of Scotland, pipers, colour party of the Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary, about 200 strong, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Guides, the Italian Veterans, the fraternal organizations, the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Loyal Finnish Society, the White Eagle Society of Polish people, the Loyal Ukrainian Society, the School cadets of Schumacher. Upon arrival at the memorial on Spruce street, a crowd of 2,500 or more was found to have assembled for the service at the cenotaph. The standard bearers lined up on each side of the pathway leading to the memorial. The two minutes of silence opened the proceedings at the cenotaph, followed by the sounding of the "Last Post" and "Reveille," by Buglers P. Cherry and F. J. Hornby. "The Flower of the Forest," a Scottish lament, was the played by the Sons of Scotland pipers. Adjutant Jones of the Salvation Army led in prayer. Then following the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee," sung by the large gathering, the Timmins Citizens' band playing the accompaniment. Addresses were given by the following:—Austin Neame, president of the Timmins Branch of the Canadian Legion B. E. S. L., His Worship Mayor Geo. S. Drew, E. L. Longmore, and Rev. Bruce Millar. "Forward Christian Soldiers" and "God Save the King," brought the service to a close.

The regular meeting of the Timmins town council was held on Monday afternoon, Nov. 8th, 1932, with Mayor Drew in the chair and Councillors A. Caron, Dr. Horne, R. Richardson, A. P. Dooley, J. T. Chenier, and J. Morrison present. The council had another meeting on the following day to conclude some of the business not dealt with that Monday. Matters of interest brought up included one that Mayor Drew told representatives of Ratepayers' Association that the town had avoided direct relief as much as possible. The case of a town employee who bid on property at tax sale raised a storm.

The Advance recorded the death ten years ago on Saturday, Nov. 12th, 1932, at 9 p.m. at the age of 37 years, at his residence 68 Fifth avenue, of a kind husband and father in the person of Peter Blahay, well known and esteemed citizen of this country for the previous twenty years, and a respected citizen of Timmins for eighteen years. The late Mr. Blahay was born in Poland and came to Canada as a young man in 1912. For two years he worked in the mines in Cobalt when that camp was in its prime. Seeing greater possibilities in Timmins he moved here in 1914 where he resided till death. In 1924, he was united in marriage to Miss Phyllis Nelgarowski. Besides his loving wife, he left to mourn his loss, two little daughters: Jenny aged 7 years, and Frances aged 5. Also two brothers, Nick, merchant, of Timmins, and Steve in Poland; and three sisters, Mrs. Fred Storoska, of Timmins, Mrs. Nellie Ryksuk and Mrs. Mary Truszk in the Old Country. The funeral which was largely attended, took place on Monday, Nov. 14th, 1932, at 10 a.m. from the Church of Nativity, where requiem High Mass was sung and then to the R. C. cemetery for burial.

At the weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club in the Empire ho-

"While motorists would probably be deterred by the snow in any case from rash undertakings, the Department of Highways is warning that use of the Trans-Canada link between Hearst and Geraldton is out of the question at present."

"Two contractors have not finished yet. The Department warns that there is a stretch of about twenty miles over which it is impossible to drive. The recent heavy storm left about two feet of snow, over which trucks have been operating. These trucks have left an ice ridge too high for a car to clear. There are gates at both ends of the road and all motorists are barred."

"The department has promised that if weather conditions improve so that traffic is possible, the public will be so informed. It is pointed out, however, that no gas is available for the entire distance of 154 miles."

"Blocking of the local highways at the beginning of the week brought a storm of complaints among them from settlers, particularly east of the town, that they had piles of wood ready for delivery and the town needed the wood, but it couldn't be brought in. The Department of Highways ploughed the roads to the rescue and did some cleaning east, west and south, but it is understood that this is positively the last road work which can be done this winter. When the roads block again they will have to stay blocked."

Business Meeting of Ladies' Guild on Friday

Members of the Ladies' Guild, met on Friday afternoon in St. Matthew's Church hall to hold their regular business meeting. There was a fairly large attendance.

Plans were completed for the supper to be held at the Church hall, on Wednesday, Dec. 9th. A large audience is expected.

The next work meeting of the Guild will be held on Friday evening, at the home of Mrs. H. Pope, 182 Spruce N.

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Next to actual household lighting, the largest percentage of electricity going into Canadian homes goes "down the drain." If the water supply in the locality is not pumped by electrical power, then the pumps are operated by power derived from coal. At the present time coal is involved in transportation difficulties and is also in short supply. The young wife, pictured above, is wasting water as she washes out tea cloths under a running tap. While wasting water she is also wasting power that might better be used by war industries.

Gold Mines Retain Priorities in U.S.

Second Thoughts Prevail in Washington as Question Studied.

When the United States gave the order that gold mining in that country should be suspended as a non-essential industry, it was feared by many that a similar attitude towards gold mining in Canada would have very serious results for this country. On second thought, however, it would appear that the United States is not altogether sure that the suspension in that country was entirely a wise move. It looks from many angles as if the small number released for the base metal mines and for other direct war work was considerably too small in proportion to the economic dislocation and the hardship imposed upon the mines and the miners. There is reason to believe that the actual situation even in the United States in regard to gold mining will eventually prove to be much less drastic than at first announced.

As for the attitude of the United States in regard to gold mining in Canada, it seems to be the accepted fact that the United States authorities realize that the Canadian gold mining industry is an altogether different proportion to general economy and to industry at large. Gold mining in Canada is evidently believed at Washington, is much more a vital factor in the Dominion's economy than the gold mines are in the United States. Another fact that seems to be generally accepted in the United States is that priorities for gold mines in Canada should have as little drastic interference as possible. The question is well dealt with in the following article in last week's Northern Miner:—

Gold Retain Priorities

It is now generally believed that Canada will not be asked by the United States to curtail radically purchases of gold mining supplies. It is said that Washington has come to realize that gold mining in this country is essentially different from the United States. The high position of the industry in economy appears to be better known, as is also the fact that gold mining here is the backbone of northern colonization, with many communities and thousands of people dependent on it.

There has been no change in the priority position of Canadian gold mines in the matter of purchases in the United States. Supplies may still be had with the same facility, subject, of course, to close scrutiny, first by a committee of mining operators and second by the Canadian Metal Controller's office.

It is quite likely that United States authorities are expecting a reduction in the quantity of supplies consumed by Canadian gold mines. There seems to be some reason to believe that the rapid decline in gold mining in Canada, because of labor shortage, meets United States expectations. At any rate, there is no evidence of a desire on the part of United States officials to rush curtailment of gold mining in Canada at the expense of undue hardship to Canadians.

There have been no new developments in Ottawa that would indicate any change in policy there from that of full investigation, and any action on the part of the government only following consultation with gold mine people. The position of gold mining and the new national policy respecting manpower and supplies is not yet clear.

Mining comes under the Metals Controller who is connected with the Department of Munitions and Supply. On the other hand, the Prices and Trade Board is charged with the responsibility of curtailing all non-essential industries to release manpower and supplies to essential war industries. It is not likely that the priority position of gold mines will be fully known until the national scheme is complete. The Prime Minister has already indicated that there is no desire to ruin the gold mining industry and, in fact, it is hoped to maintain it in such shape that it will be a help in post-war days.

There has been little change at the gold mines themselves, except that the

situation in British Columbia is rapidly reaching a highly critical point. As reported elsewhere, the mines have petitioned the government for relief from employment restrictions, pointing out that unless something is done more mines will have to close within a few months.

There was an announcement by the Quebec Prime Minister that he had been assured by the Minister of Justice that gold mines in his province would not be closed unless it were possible to divert war industries to maintain gold mining communities.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

French Mat Cocktail

Pickled Sappers Dead Beets

Soup

Absentee with Can't Tackle Sauce

Roasts

Young Tomboy with Chevron Gravy

Roast Rookie Pig with Undressed Pomme Sauce

Consolidated Pomme de Terre

Silvo Polished Peas

Strafed Turnips Corporal Cabbage

Desserts

Iced Scream Ye Olde English Pudding

Plain Apple Pie Pontoon Cake

Nix Nuts and Raisins

(See our N.C.O.'s They are Raisins enough for Nuts)

Sledge Hammer Hard Tack

Motor Cycle Cheese

Tea Coffee

On the third page of the programme the Toast List is set out in full detail, as follows:—

Toast List

Chairman—Sapper Frank J. Beech

The King—proposed by the Chairman—"God Save the King"

Our Fallen Comrades—A Silent Toast

"They died that we might live."

Major K. Weatherbee, M.C. (the Iron Duke)—"Where he leads we'll follow," proposed by Sapper T. Thompson.

Our Officers—"Our leaders in action; our friends in peace"—Proposed by Lance-Corporal Stanhope; response by Captain W. T. Curtis.

The Loved Ones at Home—"Be it ever

humble, there's no place like home."—Proposed by 2nd Cp. R. Adrian; response by Lt. J. W. Solloway.

Our Visitors—Proposed by Major K. Weatherbee; response by Capt. Miall.

Sergeant-Major Stackhouse ("Good old Stack")—"His bark is worse than his bite."

Just one more note. The Advance hopes that there was as much "Scotch" there was "Scottish" at that banquet. Look at the names on that programme: Graham, Phayre, Adam, Farquharson, Cuthill, Young, and above all, William MacFarlane MacGregor! No wonder the entire company sang "Auld Lang Syne" at the close.

Globe and Mail: The Game and Fishes Department of the Ontario Government boasts that it has made deer hunting easier for city folk. But those who are worthy to shoot a buck want to do it the hard way. That is most of the fun.

Calgary Albertan: A scientist has traced man back to a fish. Looks as though he's on the right track at last.

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his bits."—Proposed by Sapper G. B. O'Sullivan.

Our N. C. O.'s—"Always on the job"—Proposed by Sapper F. Abbott; response by Company Quartermaster-Sergeant R. Phayre.

Our Allies—Proposed by Capt. W. A. Adam, M.C.—"Good Luck to the boys of the Allies."—Response by the entire Company.

Canada—Proposed by Sgt. P. Hawkes—Response by all present—"We stand on guard for thee."

The fourth page gives in detail the programme for the smoking concert, as follows:

Smoking Concert

Pianist—Spr. J. S. Graham.

Solo—"The Best Old Flag of All"—Spr. William MacFarlane MacGregor.

Solo—"A Little Bit of Heaven"—Spr. L. P. Pace.

Humorous reading—"The Jocks"—Lance-Corporal Farquharson.

Chorus by Entire Company—"The Little Grey Home in the West"—soloist Corporal J. M. Cuthill.

Solo—"The Dear Land Far Across the Sea"—Spr. J. M. Cuthill.

Monologue—"An Old, Old Story"—Spr. J. Nolan.

Solo—"Far, Far Away!"—Spr. G. B. Cram.

Chorus by Entire Company.

Solo—"Dear Land Far Across the Sea"—Lance-Corporal Stanhope.

A few remarks by our Chairman

Solo—"Annie Laurie" Spr. A. Young.

William MacFarlane MacGregor.

Auld Lang Syne—Entire Company.

Committee of Arrangement

Captain W. A. Adam, M.C., Cpl. F. Corris, Cpl. H. G. Cook, Cpl. G. Pepper, 2nd Cpl. R. W. Adrian.

Comments

It will be noted that four names on

the above programme are former popular Timmins men—the late Capt. W. T. Curtis, C.Q.M.S. Richard Phayre, Corporal Frank Corris and the late Sergt. P. Hawkins.

Both before and after the war the

late Capt. Curtis was a very popular

and esteemed member of the Hollinger

staff, being assistant underground

superintendent at the time of his death

last year.

Another of the four named who has

passed on is Sergt. P. Hawkins, who was

killed in an accident some years ago

after leaving this part of the North.

"Pete" Hawkins was of the true breed

of the North—generous, genial, friendly

and adventurous. He was for a number

of years employed at the Hollinger

and everybody knew and liked Pete

Hawkins in the earlier days of the

camp. "He was one of the best hoist

men we ever had at the Hollinger"

was the comment of Mr. Pritchard.

Only a few will recognize Company

Quartermaster Sergeant R. Phayre,

"Dick Phayre" would be more like it,

but then not one in ten would recog

nize the last name, and only one in a