

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

All through the North there was general protest and bitter resentment in regard to the reported policy of the Ontario Government to discontinue all roadwork in this part of the North ten years ago. That any such policy should be adopted appeared unthinkable but unfortunately there seemed to be confirmation of the reports. It would seem that for a time at least all roadwork was being stopped and plans for maintenance work had been sidetracked. The Government was certainly playing into the hands of its enemies and deserting its friends in the North in this important matter. There was dissatisfaction enough when announcement was made that only three million dollars was being asked for that year for all Northern Development work instead of the usual five million. The closing of the office of the agricultural farm at New Liskeard, the announcement of the closing of the office of the agricultural representative at Cochrane, and other evidences of what appeared to be false economy, all these things had been cited to show that the Government was deserting the North. The astounding suggestion that all roadwork in the North was to be discontinued just about put the cap on the matter in the popular opinion.

There was a very good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion ten years ago in the Oddfellow's hall. President Tom Parsons occupied the chair. One new member was fully initiated. Comrade S. Fowler, who had been given the task of auditing the branch books presented his report to the members. It was a very satisfactory document, reflecting credit upon the members and its officers.

Something of a record was made in Timmins ten years ago when some young men were in swimming at Gilles Lake as if it were the good old summer time. Swimming here on April 15th, 1933, was rather early, but the water was reported as not too cold, after the swimmer got accustomed to it. For actual swimming purposes, April 15th seemed like a record for this part of the North. Of course during the winter there were often cases of men going in the water, but it usually was very much of an involuntary affair in such cases, the ice breaking or something else like that causing the swimming. In addition it may be noted that there used to be a prospector in Timmins who never failed to have his cold bath, summer or winter, and when he was on the trail or in the bush he used the nearest stream or lake, often breaking the ice with an axe to get to the water. Naturally, he held the record for early swimming in this country. Apart from this gentleman, once passed away and not counting accidental plunges in the water, it would seem that the young gentlemen at Gilles Lake that week ten years ago still hold the early swimming record.

With hundreds on relief in the town of Timmins it was to be expected that there would be some cases where relief had been improperly obtained, ten years ago. The Timmins Relief Fund committee, however, was determined that any improper receipt of relief should be avoided so far as possible and the committee had been active to investigate any cases that were suspected as not absolutely worthy and deserving. It was recognized that any who received relief while not absolutely needing it were not only defrauding the fund but they were also injuring all who were in actual need. Among the cases investigated was one where it was claimed that a man had applied and received relief and a day or so afterwards had drawn a couple of hundred dollars from the bank. This man was brought before the relief committee and asked for an explanation of his side of the story. His explanations were not satisfactory and after giving opportunity for a return of all money received from the relief fund a charge was laid against this man for fraudulently obtaining relief.

Mrs. G. Chason and Mr. Ernest Dixon (Kirby avenue) were married on Monday morning, April 17th, 1933, at St. Anthony's church. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon later resided at 33 Kirby avenue.

In the absence of President Reg. Smith, who left ten years ago with Mrs. Smith for a visit to the Old Country, the chair at the Kiwanis Club ten years ago at the regular weekly luncheon was taken by Vince Woodbury who proved a very capable presiding officer, conducting the meeting with geniality and efficiency. The speaker for the day was Rev. Bruce Millar and his talk was one of the most appreciated given at the Timmins Kiwanis Club for some time. Rev. Mr. Millar had with him a reproduction in colours on a lantern slide of Holman Hunt's famous picture, "The Light of the World." After showing the slide of this picture, Mr. Millar gave a brief biography of Holman Hunt and then took up several of the notable points in the artist's great work.

There were unusually large congregations at the church for Sunday, April 16, 1933, Easter Services. At the evening services at St. Matthew's Anglican church there was not room for all attending and many had to be turned away. There were particularly large congregations at the United Church, the church being filled to capacity at both services Sunday. At the morning service on Sunday, April 16th, 1933, at the United Church, a particularly appreciated feature was the duet by Mrs. P. B. Carson and P. Harris, an unusually effective number given by particularly pleasing voices. In the evening, the United Church choir presented the sacred cantata, "From Olivet to

Calvary," which was much appreciated. Ten years ago were days of starting news, and the news coming over the wire one morning at the C. O'Hearn and Co. private wire gave much food for thought and discussion. The leading item of news that morning was that the United States had gone off the gold monetary standard temporarily. The story was told in two despatches, one from Washington, and the other from New York.

Among the local and personal items in the Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Born — In Timmins on March 30th, 1933, to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McNulty — a son (Phillippe Godfrey)." "Miss Evelyn Johnson is spending the Easter vacation with Mrs. Roy Dunbar." "Miss E. Terry left on Friday for a visit to the South, returning on Monday." "Dr. J. B. McClinton and Mrs. McClinton were visitors to Toronto and the South during the Easter holidays." "Mr. Allan Fish, of North Bay, spent his Easter holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blake Martin." "Mr. and Mrs. Russell Henderson, of Toronto, were visitors to Timmins over the week-end." "Mrs. Charles E. Alton and daughter, Jean, nurse-in-training, of Toronto, are visitors in Timmins attending the wedding of William E. Alton, last week." "Miss Pearce, of Toronto, was the guest of Mrs. R. Anderson and other friends in town and district during the holidays." "Miss Lilda Martin, of North Bay, spent her Easter holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Martin, of Timmins."

Pointed Denial by G. W. Spinney of Evil Rumours

Asks All to Help Destroy These False Reports on Fourth Victory Loan.

Hamilton, April 21 — Rumors concerning the negotiability of Victory Bonds going on sale April 26 were branded as "malicious and in all probability of enemy origin" by G. W. Spinney, chairman of the National War Finance Committee, speaking here on outlines and requirements of Canada's Fourth Victory Loan. He repeated the assurances given in dealing with the same subject last October.

"I have observed with some curiosity and interest," said Mr. Spinney "the fact that whenever we come into the area of these great loan operations, rumors of a malicious plot increase in intensity. One could almost plot a curve showing that this rumor crop rises sharply pre-loan and tapers off after the operation is over."

"Rumor-mongering is pernicious at any time. In time of war, when our very existence is at stake, it is a curse. Anybody who repeats and spreads a rumor may actually be doing the work of the enemy. Lately, there have been a number of rumors circulated in Canada — in all probability of enemy origin, for similar stories have been afloat in the United States."

"The outstanding rumor in this campaign is that the 3 per cent bonds differ from previous issues and cannot be turned into cash until the official redemption date. Nothing could be further from the truth. Fourth Victory Loan Bonds, like earlier issues, may be sold for cash at any time. They provide every Canadian with an opportunity to "Back the Attack" with his dollars and yet to have these same dollars available if a personal emergency should develop. The redemption date mentioned in the official announcement made by Mr. Isley refers to the time after which the government has the option of paying off the whole issue before maturity at 100 cents on the dollar."

"As I said last October, a rumor is usually nothing more than somebody with big ears listening to somebody with a big mouth. I ask all of you, including the press, to help destroy these rumors wherever and whenever you meet them."

Tax Rates Being Struck in Northern Municipalities

Timmins town council is holding a special meeting, likely this week to decide on the tax rates for this year. Some other towns in the North have already struck the rates. Halleybury, for example, this year has a rate of 60 mills for public school supporters and 72 mills for separate school supporters. These rates are slightly higher than last year, public supporters then having a rate of 58 mills and separate school supporters, 73 mills. There will, however, it is claimed, be an actual reduction in taxes for Halleybury, the small increase in the rates being more than offset by the increase in the taxable assessment.

New Liskeard also has struck its rates for 1943. The rates this year are 38 mills for public school supporters and 53 mills for separate school supporters.

This is a nice little reduction from last year's rate. They were in 1942, for public school supporters 41, and for separate school supporters 55 1/2 mills. New Liskeard's assessment will not be much different to last year, so the reduction in taxes means a material saving to both public and separate school supporters.

Important Results in Development at Aunor Gold Mines

Reported at Annual Meeting of the Company at Toronto.

The chief matters of interest at the recent annual meeting of the Aunor Gold Mines was the report of important development results at the 1,375 and 1,500-foot levels, and the re-election of the 1942 board of directors for the ensuing year. The following is the summary of the report of the annual meeting as given by The Northern Miner in its last week's issue:—

"Important development results on the 1,375 and 1,500-ft levels in recent months have changed the picture at Aunor Gold Mines, Ltd., President Jas. Y. Murdoch reported to shareholders at the annual meeting on April 9th. He stated that when the ore zone had been first developed at these two horizons the results had been disappointing particularly in the 1,500-ft. level, with only 334 ft. of ore in 1,000 ft. of drifting secured. However, late in 1942 diamond drilling had disclosed a strong zone ahead, raking to the west, in which good values and widths are being secured."

"Mr. Murdoch stated that earnings in the first quarter of 1943 were 7.15c per share compared with 6.82 in the same period of 1942. Mill tonnage was down and might average 445 tons, compared with 470-ton average for 1942. Working capital, which directors had decided should be built up, was now approximately \$670,000."

"Announcing the declaration of a four-cent dividend, payable June 1st, to shareholders of record May 7th, the president stated that it was his personal opinion that this quarterly rate could be maintained in the current year."

"Amplifying the president's remarks, Mine Manager Stanley S. Saxton, stated that as of April 1st, 1943, on the 1,275-ft. level there is now indicated an ore shoot 395 ft. long, averaging 0.280 oz. per ton, cut grade, across a width of 5.1 ft. He anticipated that this shoot will continue for at least another 300 ft."

"On the 1,500-ft level there is now developed an ore shoot 668 ft. long, averaging 0.325 oz. per ton, cut grade, across an average width of five feet. The mine manager anticipated that this shoot will extend for at least another

100 ft. but suggested that it is quite possible it will extend much further."

"On this level the advance for March was 183 ft. in ore, averaging 0.391 oz. per ton, cut grade, across a width of 6.10 ft. Test holes show that stopping width will be about 10 ft. The last 250 ft. of drifting shows by test boring that the width will be about 20 ft., averaging over 0.30 oz. gold per ton."

"Seeking information on deeper values a diamond drill hole was put down from the 1,500-ft. level to cut ore at 1,625 ft. and this intersected 9.3 ft. of vein material, averaging 0.27 oz. gold per ton, with true width calculated at about five feet."

"Production for the first quarter of 1943 was 11,507.294 ozs. gold, as against 11,517.158 ozs. in the corresponding period in 1942. Costs, said the manager, are about the same as those for 1942. Grade in the first quarter was 0.309 oz. average tonnage was 453 and recovery was 97.47%."

"The new hoist is installed and is working satisfactorily, handling skips of three-ton capacity, compared with the former 1 1/2-ton equipment. The old hoist was sold for approximately 75% of the cost and a used single drum was purchased for sinking. Pockets and crosscuts have been completed and it is expected to start sinking, to open two new levels, in May."

"Mr. Murdoch reported that the plan to test the south zone by drilling from the drifts had been deferred, due to shortage of labor and materials. He warned shareholders that higher taxes could be expected in 1943, as the mine emerges from underneath the income tax umbrella on July 15th."

"The former board of directors was re-elected and at the later meeting of directors Jas. Y. Murdoch, K.C., was appointed president, with W. S. Mitchell of Medford, Mass., appointed vice-president. Mr. Mitchell was one of the original owners of part of the company's property holdings."

Busy Afternoon for Home League Members Thursday

The weekly meeting of the Home League was conducted on Thursday afternoon in the Salvation Army hall with a small attendance of women present.

The meeting was opened with a hymn by Mrs. Hoblyn, and the Lord's prayer repeated in unison.

An interesting topic was read by Mrs. S. Mahaffy entitled "Nutrition." Mrs. Street gave the Bible reading.

The thought for the day was presented by Mrs. D. Church with a poem entitled "Origin of Scandal."

Baby Recital on Friday Afternoon Enjoyable Event

Pupils of Mrs. J. Wilkins Present Enjoyable Concert at Home of Mrs. H. Wallingford.

The Grade 1 pupils of Mrs. J. Wilkins presented a delightful concert on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. Wallingford, 129 Main avenue. Mothers of the pupils and other guests were also present.

The first number "Christmas Fairy," was by Miss Helen Holland who returned again later in the afternoon with a "Raindrop Fairy," a very interesting story, illustrated in various phases at the piano.

Little Nelson Shephard presented "Meadow Lark," a delightful number, followed by Miss Dorothy Wallingford, with "Slumber Song."

A vocal selection by Betsy Clarke, "Welcome to Spring," was very enjoyable. Later in the afternoon Miss Lulu Jean Kerr played and sang "Gay as a Rose."

"Bourree" was presented by Malcolm Slack, and Miss Doreen Ormston displayed her talent with "Rose's Dream" both enjoyable numbers.

A duet by two little misses, Dorothy Wilkins and Dorothy Wallingford "Over the Waves" was a particularly appreciated number.

George Gedhill appeared on the programme for "Meadow Fairy," and later for "Brahm's Lullaby."

A lulling tune, "Turkey in the Straw," was presented by little Betsy Clarke, and was followed by Dorothy Wallingford with the "Hungarian Dance."

Doreen Ormston appeared again with "Little Colleen," a very pleasing selection.

Later in the afternoon, Mrs. G. Shephard favoured the guests with some enjoyable vocal selections.

The National Anthem closed the recital, after which Mrs. Wallingford, assisted by Mrs. Shephard, and Miss MacKay served a delicious lunch to the guests.

During the afternoon, members worked on knitting.

Mrs. J. McChesney was in charge of the lunch which was served by Mrs. Kempers and Mrs. Hoblyn.

The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer, and the next meeting will be held this afternoon, (Thursday).

Five Births Recorded in Timmins This Week

Born — on March 25th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James Steepe, Schumacher, Ont., at St. Mary's hospital — a daughter (Mary Jane Sharon).

Born — on April 7th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Omer Kadour, 43 Wilson avenue — a daughter (Marie Loraine Lynda).

Born — on March 23rd, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Rene Monette, 43 Main avenue — a daughter (Louise).

Born — on March 20th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dillman, 56B Second avenue, Schumacher, at St. Mary's hospital — a son (Morley Wayne).

Born — on March 20th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. George Frank Teen, Windsor, Ont., at St. Mary's hospital — a son (Rodney Ferris George).

Miss M. Cripps Honoured at a Shower on Friday

Hostesses were Mrs. R. J. Kennedy and Mrs. J. A. Macdonald.

Mrs. R. J. Kennedy, and her mother, Mrs. J. A. Macdonald, were hostesses at a shower on Friday evening, at the former's home, 177 Pine north, in honour of Miss Marian Cripps, bride-elect of Monday, April 26th.

During the evening the guests played cards, winners being Miss Cecil Sebastian, Mrs. A. Tomkinson, and Miss Florence Demers. There was also a general sing-song, with Mrs. Margaret Easton Shields at the piano.

Miss Cripps was the recipient of a

lovely, lined, Ethenille bedspread and three bedlamps to match, as a gift from her many friends present.

Lunch was served by the two hostesses, tea cups being read by Mrs. L. Wood, and cards by Mrs. J. Golds.

Those present were Mrs. L. Sisson, Mrs. Min Stephens, Mrs. Marj. Clark, Mrs. Mae Clark, Mrs. Adrian Lynch, Mrs. Margaret Easton Shields, Miss Cecil Sebastian, Mrs. B. Doherty, Mrs. Jennie Golds, Mrs. L. Webb, Mrs. Irene Cecchini, Mrs. A. Tomkinson, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Bea McCurdy, Miss Florence Demers, Mrs. Grace Engley, Mrs. Julie Gauthier, Mrs. Ann Montgomery, Mrs. Len Thomas, (mother of the honouree), the guest of honour, Miss Marian Cripps, and the hostesses Mrs. R. J. Kennedy, and Mrs. J. A. Macdonald.

Those who were unable to be present but who contributed to the gifts were Mrs. Flo. Courville, Mrs. Ida Cooke, and Mrs. A. Monahan.

Kirkland Lions to Give Concert at Monteith

Kirkland Lake Lions Club is planning to give a special concert at Monteith in the near future for the pleasure of the Veteran Guards stationed there. Recently The Advance noted that a group of New Canadians in Timmins are planning a similar venture at Monteith. Thus, the Veteran Guards, at Monteith, are not to go without entertainment. On the other hand the Vet Guards at Monteith do not forget others. The Monteith Veteran Guards have a clever company of entertainers of their own, and these are arranging to visit Timmins at an early date to give a concert in aid of the Victory Loan campaign here.

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