# TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Fyles

The suggestion made by the Ontario Government that no road maintenance work be carried on ten years ago in the North had roused a storm of protest in this country, and The Advance said that unless the Government dropped this piece of false economy it was certain that the North would drop the Government. The feeling here was that with all the money invested in Northern roads it was little less than criminal to allow them to fall back through negelct to rack and ruin. That some such neglect was planned had been evidenced by the breaking up of the staffs for roadwork in the North. The people of the North had done their part to help the country weather the depression. The North had only a few roads but these were very necessary. In view of these things the feeling was inclined to be very bitter against the proposal to prejudice all the money invested in Northern roads and at the same time take away by the neglct the small measure of advantage given this country by passable roads. Without proper road maintenance the roads of the North would rapidly degenerate. The North could say good-bye not only to comfort and convenience, but also to a growing and valuable tourist trade.

Vice-president Vince Woodbury was in the chair for the regular weekly luncheon of the Timmins Kiwanis Club ten years ago and the meeting proved to be a most interesting one throughout. Th address on the Boy Sccut movement by Beverley Alton was a feature of the meeting and all the members were much impressed with the clean-out review of the work, its aims, objects, results and difficulties.

A very succcessful dinner was held by some twenty-five men of Timmins and district at Mrs. Shephard's tea room, Fourth avenue, on Sunday night, April 23rd, for the purpose of forming a Young Men's Club. The meeting was called with the intention of organizing here and joining the International Association of Young Men's Clubs, a world-wide organization that had many privileges and advantages. Arrangements were made at the meeting whereby the local club would function as a young men's club until the fall with the intention of joining the International Association at that time. At the meeting, Walker Weir was nominated as chairman of the next meeting and Cecil Grant to act as secretary. Messrs. G. A. Gordon, L. R. Gott, Dave Fitzjohn, and the two above-named officers, Messrs. Weir and Grant, were elected as the attendance committee to arrange the next meeting.

A meeting of the directors of the Timmins Horticultural Society was held in the town hall ten years ago and many matters of much importance were dealt with. With the exception of a few minor details which were cleaned up at the next meeting of the directors, the plans for the year were finaly completed A vote of thanks was passed to those who had already sent in their donations. A committee was appointed to prepare the prize list to be ready to put before the next meeting. Mrs. O. Ruir had undertaken to collect the advertising for the prize list and the hope was expressed at the meeting that all the merchants of the town would see the advantage of this advertising and also the benefits dervided from their donations which helped to support the work of the society. Every new member that year was given 25 gladioli bulbs free.

Dr. E. L. Roberts who was representing those in charge of the World Bridge Contest, in 1933, had received final particulars of the event, which took place at the Empire Hotel, May 1st 1933 and some of these details were passed along for the interest of local bridge players and others.

The regular meeting of the town council was held ten years ago with Mayor Drew in the chair, and Councillors R. Richardson, Dr. S. L. Honey, J. K. Massie, Geo. W. Parsons, J. E. Morrison and Moise Maltais present. A letter was received from N. Caron noting that he understood the town was considering the appointment of a special plumbing inspector and in making application for the postion Mr Caron referred to his experience of 38 years and his general qualifications. Mayor Drew said that while no action had been taken to appoint a plumbing inspector there had been some consideration of the general checking-up of plumbing in town and the more careful oversight of this class of work. Accordingly, he thought, it would be well to keep the letter on fyle so that it could be referred to should any definite plans be adopted in regard to plumbing inspection. A letter signed by J. P. Bartleman, Secretary of the Ratepayers' Association, was received, asking that in view of conditions at that time the town hold no tax sales that year. Mayor Drew said he would be glad if tax sales could be avoided but the fact remained that taxes had to be collected. In any event there would be no tax sales until the fall and when the question came up then the council would have to use its own best judgement in the mater. "It almost looks as if the Ratepayers' Association was asking the town to go back to the conditions of 1926 and 1927", said Councillor Richardson, who pointed out that taxes had to be collected and the council was as lenient as was practical and at the same time fair to the taxpayers in general. Councillor Morris asked the question as to whether the town had the legal right to defer tax sales if the circumstances required them.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Miss Annie Laronde and brother James, of Sudbury, are visiting their sister, Mrs. T. J. Lawlor." "Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sanders, of Belleville, were visitors to town this week." "Mrs. A. Shaheen was a visitor to Cochrane last week, being the guest there of her mother, Mrs. David." "Mrs. W. R. Lowery, of Haileybury, was a visitor to the town this week, being the guest of friends here." "Mrs. Jas Lynett, now of Sudbury, but formally of Timmins, is spending a week with friends in Timmins." "Sympathy will be extended to Mrs. W. D. Cuthbertson, Timmins, in the death on Friday last, April 21st, at Lanark, Ontario, of her mother, Mrs. Robert Robertson."

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# Weekly Newsmen Had Conferences With Ministers

(Another in a series of articles written by W. R. Legge and C. V Charters, who represented the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association in a recent tour overseas).

(By Walter R. Legge)

As mentioned in an earlier article, in addition to the conference which we had with Britain's Prime Minister, we had informal meetings with a number of the Cabinet Ministers.

Naturally as editors we were particularly interesting in meeting the Minister of Information, the Hon. Brendan Bracken. Before his appointment to this post in July, 1941, Mr. Bracken was Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Churchill. He has had practical publishing experience, having been editor of "The Banker", chairman of the "Financial News," and managing director of "The Economist".

Mr. Bracken is the fourth man to have held the Ministry of Information past since the beginning of the war.

Our conference with him was an inspiring one. He told us something about what England is doing. "The people of England," he said, "are working harder than any other people have in any war. A series of nothing but misfortune has not destroyed our senses. The English people are all out in their war effort. We will see this thing through to the absolute end.

"Some people think that after the war, England will give up her Empire and Imperialism. This is entirely wrong. We will not sell our heritage for a mess of potage. We have an immense contribution to pay to posterity, and no government will ever agree to the dismemberment of the British Empire.

"The British lion is not a mangy dying animal, nor will he be confined in an iron cage. Only in the years to come will the effort of England be really understood."

Such was part of the message that the Hon. Brendan Bracken had for us.

We found the Ministry of Information most co-operative during our stay in England. The passes issued by that department were so effective that the others which had been issued to us were almost superfluous.

We met the Hon. Ernest Bevan, Minister of Labour, in his office and had a talk with him. Mr. Bevan was born in 1884 and started his career as a truck driver, was general secretary of the Transport Workers' Union, and, in 1940, became Minister of Labour and National Service. Some people think that he may some day be Prime Minister.

His is one of the most important tasks today. for Britain is manning the world's greatest navy, maintaining armies in many parts of the world, supplying a steady stream of youths for the R.A.F., keeping up home defences, fire fighting and A.R.P. services, and steadily increasing production of war supples. No wonder that that he told us there was no such thing as a saturation point in manpower.

He has made a wonderful success of his task, but it must be remembered that this result could not have been attained without the enthusiastic co-operation of the entire population.

In answer to our question he said that there is very little wilful absenteeism. But when we asked him about labour troubles in certain places, he impatiently replied that the newspapers had to make news, and "virtue has no news value."

He thinks that the war is teaching the United Kingdom a great deal about transportation which will have an effect after the war is over.

We had an interesting conference with the Hon. L. S. Amery, who is a Secretary for India and Burma. He told us a great deal about the troublesome elements in India. Most of us went away with a new conception of the India problem. We also began to realize how little most people know about it.

Mr. Amery has travelled in most parts of the world, and as we left, he said, "I wish the war were over so that I could pay another visit to Canada."

The last conference we had was with Sir R. Stafford Cripps, who is probably better known to Canadians than any minister except the Prime Minster. He has been a very successful legal counsellor, and is now Lord Privy Seal.

He has a very attractive personality, a keen mind, and our whole impression of him was entirely favourable. It was an intensely interesting conference, for he spoke of Russia and his mission to that country, and about India and the failure of his mission there.

Sir Stafford Cripps is a deeply religious man. A few days before we met him he had given an address in Bristol which aroused wide discussion. He declared that he felt the Church had failed to give the leadership expected of it, and that it must be reawakened to a realization of its responsibilities. He thinks that the disestablishment of the Church of England is not far off.

Next to the conference with Prime Minister Churchill, this was the most interesting meeting we had. It gave us much food for thought.

Our conferences with Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, and the Hon. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, have been described in previous articles. Lord Woolton, whose name before he became a peer was Frederick James Marquis, has brought a fine business experience to his task. He was chairman of Lewis Limited, one of Britain's largest departmental stores, treasurer of Liverpool University, chairman of the Liverpool Medical Research Council, a director of Martin's Bank and director of the Royal Insurance Co. and of many other corporations.

The way in which he has handled the food situation in England compels the admiration of all.

The Hon. Herbert Stanley Morrison is another Labour man, having been secretary of the London Labour Party and also of the National Labour Party. He led the group assailing Chamberlain's war policies. He became Minister of Supply, and later Minister of Home Security. His chief task is to look after Civil Defence, which was formerly known as Aid Raid Precautions. His talk with us was covered in the tenth article which was about A.R.P. work.

These ministers whom we met are charged with the work of conducting vital parts of the war effort. They gave us a valuable insight into the way they have overcome their problems.

## Training the Men That Swoop in Silence

Picture shows: A British Army glider pilot pupil at a school run by R. A. F. Flying Training Command for men of Britain's Airborne divisions. Silence and surprise are the great weapons of the glider-borne soldier.

# Prime Minister of Luxemburg to Visit Here on May 4th

## To be Guest of Joint Meeting of Service Clubs at McIntyre Community Building.

At the Timmins Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Empire hotel on Monday President Stan Gardiner, of the South Porcupine Kiwanis, advised the meeting that on Tuesday evening, May 4th at 7 p.m. there was to be a joint meeting of the service clubs of the Porcupine at the McIntyre Community Building to receive Prime Minister Dupont of Luxemberg who is to visit the Porcupine next week. The meeting is sponsored by the South Porcupine Kiwanis Club and will be a ladies' night. Tickets for the event are $1.00 each. Timmins Kiwanis Club has cancelled its regular meeting for Monday, May 3rd, so that all may attend this joint meeting at the McIntyre Community Building at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4th, with Prime Minister Dupont of Luxemburg as the guest.

Prime Minister Dupont of Luxemburg is one of the several government heads in exile through the gangsterism of the Germans, Italians and Japanese. Luxemburg (or Luxembourg, as the spelling is in the Encyclopedia Britannica) is the state lying between France, Germany and Belgium. It was first created a state by the treaty of London in 1839 and celebrated its hundredth anniversary the year the war began. Its ruler after the last war was Grand Duchess Charlotte. On May 10th, 1940, the Grand Duchess was forced to flee as German troops swept into the country though the neutrality of the country had been definitely pledged by Germany in 1939. In August of 1940 the administration of Luxemburg was placed in the hands Dr. Gustav Simon, a Nazi of the most contemptible type. Luxemburg was practically incorporated into the Reich, its economic and other resources were exploited for German advantage and the use of such terms as "Grand Duchy" and "State of Luxemburg" were strictly forbidden. However, the Encyclopedia Britannica says: The population remained stubbornly hostile to the new rulers and continued to be loyal Luxemburgers, true to their democratic traditions and the words of their national song, "We want to remain what we are."

## May Organize Air Cadet Squadron at Liskeard

New Liskeard is another town in the North now planning to organize the Air Cadets. Timmins was among the very first in Canada to organize the Air Cadets here. The plan was sponsored by the Timmins Kiwanis Club and to say that it has been a notable success is to put it very mildly indeed. It has been successful not only in preparing young men for the air force service, but its effectiveness as an inspiring influence has been even greater. The discipline, the neatness, the comradeship, the pride in service that mark the Air Cadets have been one of the greatest powers for good in this town, the influence of the movement not only having its effect on those actually joining the Air Cadets, but spreading also to all with whom these young men come in contact. From the Timmins Air Cadets have gone many to the R.C.A.F., and as time goes on there will be an increasing number with the great advantage of this preliminary training and knowledge.

Last week The Advance noted that the Kirkland Lake Kiwanis were sponsoring the Air Cadets at the Lake Shore town. Some weeks ago reference was made to the new group of Air Cadets at South Porcupine sponsored by the South Porcupine Kiwanis. The latest to plan the establishment of an Air Cadet squadron is New Liskeard, where at present the Kiwanis Club of that town is investigating the practicability of the formation of a squadron of Air Cadets at New Liskeard.

## Insurance Plans in Cases Where Employees Transfer

Ottawa, April 27—The Minister of Labour announces that a recent Order in Council provides for the continuance, where practical, of group insurance or participation in a medical services plan, of an employed person transferred, or requested to change to more essential employment under National Selective Service Civilian Regulations.

Mr. Mitchell pointed out that it is the intention of the Order that workers who are required or requested to change their employment within industry, so that their services will be utilized to greater advantage, shall not suffer the loss of group insurance protection or participation in a medical services plan of which they may have been members, by reason of their move to more essential work.

Arrangements in regard to group insurance will not apply, however, where persons may be accepting employment with the Dominion or the provinces or any municipality.

In the case of medical services plans, employees or their families will continue under a scheme where they remain in the district in which the plan operates.

## First Pledge at South Porcupine for New Loan

Word from the South Porcupine Victory Loan headquarters officials this week was to the effect that Stanley William Mitchell, of Dome Street, South Porcupine, was the first person in South Porcupine to pledge himself to buy a Fourth Victory Loan bond. The pledge was made to Miss Minerva Levinson, a teacher who is promoting the sale of bonds in the schools. It is felt that this pledge was the direct outcome of her talks.

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