

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Files

The Porcupine Lacrosse Association held its first meeting for 1933 in the town hall in Timmins on Wednesday, April 28th, at 8:30 p.m. W. C. Arnott, of Schumacher, presided. There were twenty-five present, including several who were anxious to have junior lacrosse in the district that year.

Many friends in Timmins and district were deeply grieved to learn of the death ten years ago of L. B. Smith, superintendent of the Wright-Hargreaves Mine, Kirkland Lake, and prominent and popular in business, sport and social circles in Kirkland Lake. The death occurred on Monday evening, April 24th, 1933, at his home at Kirkland Lake. The late Mr. Smith had been ill with influenza for two or three weeks before, pneumonia developing and death coming in the late hours that Monday.

An odd but serious accident occurred ten years ago when about 7:30 one evening a partridge flew against the windshield of the R. Sinclair delivery car, breaking the glass and a flying piece of glass becoming imbedded in Robert Garner's eye. The car was returning from Iroquois Falls, Melville Carswell driving, and just this side of Connaught the partridge flew right at the car with such force that the glass in the windshield was broken and Robert Garner had the dead partridge and the flying glass strike him in the face. The eye was badly injured, and to add to their troubles, the young men had the misfortune to have a blow-out of one of the tires of the car, delaying their return to Timmins and medical aid. On reaching Timmins Dr. Day cleared the glass from the eye but found the eye so seriously injured that the young man was taken on the early morning train a few days later to Kirkland Lake for treatment by a specialist there.

The May Day parade in Timmins passed off quietly and orderly ten years ago. Permission for the parade had been granted by the town council on the condition that the Union Jack be carried and that the banners be submitted for approval to the chief of police. This wording of the banners that time was not libelous, though not particularly sensible or helpful, but not being very harmful and the parade being a legal one, there was no interference with the event. The police were out in force in case of any disorder, but in view of the fact that those in charge of the parade lived up to their agreements that time, the police confined their efforts to seeing that the paraders were not molested and that traffic was not unduly delayed. The parade was only a brief affair, the paraders assembling on the vacant lot near the rink, where they were addressed by several of their speakers. There was a crowd of two or three thousand spectators out to see the parade, large numbers of these being children. It was impossible to hear the speakers, but they did not seem to mind this, so long as they had the opportunity to speak. The paraders agreed that this was to be the last parade that year. There was a drizzling rain during the parade.

The guest speaker at the Timmins Kiwanis Club ten years ago was Capt. E. Page Gaston, of the Museum Galleries, London, England, and his excellent address was listened to with the greatest interest and appreciation. Capt. Gaston had a number of pictures on the walls of the room for the occasion and he drew particular attention to these pictures, pointing out their beauties and special features. Some of them were reproductions of famous paintings and all were genuine works of art that delighted the eye. In speaking to the Kiwanis Club, Capt. Gaston emphasized the value of hobbies and showed that every man should have a hobby of some sort. He touched on the advantage of "collecting" as a hobby. Art collections would be found to be a source of par-

ticular pleasure.

Ten years ago the Porcupine Badminton Club was honoured by the visit of four of the outstanding players in the game, namely:— Professor Lindsay Malcolm, Kingston, president of both the Ontario and Dominion Badminton Associations; Douglas Grant, Canadian Singles Champion; Seymour B. O'Hara, Ontario Association executive; and Thomas B. Hayle, a former Ontario champion. On the occasion of their visit the guests were tendered a banquet at the Porcupine Badminton Club house, members of the club executive and conveners of the committee only being present. After a delightful menu had been enjoyed, John Knox, vice-president of the Porcupine Badminton Club, introduced Prof. Malcolm, who spoke briefly but effectively on behalf of the visitors. Prof. Malcolm spoke of the increasing popularity of badminton in Canada and of the plans to further advance the sport. One of his suggestions was the dividing into regions or zones, with regional contests preparatory to the provincial and Dominion contests, after the manner of baseball hockey and other sports. Porcupine, Iroquois Falls, Kirkland Lake and other clubs in the immediate area could form one region, the same procedure could be followed in regard to North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and other districts.

The following article appeared in the May 4th, 1933, issue of The Advance regarding transients:—"It is interesting to note that transients arrested at Sudbury, North Bay, and other towns and cities, and charged with vagrancy or stealing rides on the railways, have adopted the trick of giving their home address as Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Schumacher, Cochrane, or some place else in the North. In most of the cases noted the town given is not in any sense the home town of the transient. He may have spent a few days at the town he names, but originally he came from some other section of the country. The towns of the North are looking after all their own bona fide residents, as well as being further burdened with the care of thousands of transients who will stay until they are prodded on again. It seems like adding insult to injury for these transients to claim a town of the North as their place of residence."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Miss M. Clutchee returned home last week after visiting relatives in Kirkland Lake." "O. J. Thorpe is the new president of the Haileybury board of trade, with J. T. Leishman, secretary." "Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Dooley returned last night from Florida. They made the return trip by motor." "Jack Dalton, Jr., who has been attending St. Michael's College, Toronto, returned home this week for the summer vacation." "Mrs. E. M. Condie spent last week the guest of her sister, Mrs. Full, at Haileybury. Mrs. Legris was acting matron during Mrs. Condie's absence." "T. Benbow returned last week from California where he spent several months visiting relatives and also doing some prospecting in the gold country." "Born — at Main avenue, to Mr. and Mrs. Luger St. Pierre, on Wednesday, April 26th. — a son, (George Roland). Both doing well."

Another Timmins Family "Backing the Attack"

An outstanding example of patriotism was exhibited at Headquarters today by Mrs. W. Grant Duncan whose husband has been overseas with the R.C.E. for the past three years. His youngest daughter, now two years and five months old, he has never seen. Mrs. Duncan, with her two children, Isabelle and Winnifred came into the office to buy a Bond and Mr. H. B. Martin was warmed by the lady's extreme and praiseworthy wishes. She turned all her savings into Victory Bonds. "Surely" the sales chairman remarked, "this type of support from a wife to a husband who is in the fight should be an inspiration to everyone in Timmins."

Val Gagne Lad Purchases \$50 Victory Loan Bond

A fourteen year old boy, named George Robert of Val Gagne, Ontario, has purchased a \$50.00 bond from Mr. San Cartier the Canvassing District Chairman. Mr. San Cartier was high in his praise of this young lad's effort because he knew that being a poor country boy, money was very scarce, and it meant quite a sacrifice. Georges has also bought two War Savings Certificates recently.

About British Newspapers During These War Times

Canadian Editors See Many Changes in Newspapers Overseas.

(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) Like everything else, the newspapers in England have been very much changed by the war. Imagine news stands which will not sell you a newspaper. Imagine the advertising managers of newspapers being courted by those who are trying to buy a little of the space available.

One of our first experiences was at the news stand in our London hotel. We had heard rumours of the Dieppe raid which took place just as we were leaving Canada, but we had not read anything about it. We were anxious to see a newspaper. However, the news stand could not sell us one unless it was ordered in advance.

Thus we abruptly learned to appreciate a privilege which we do not think about here, the privilege of being able to buy a newspaper at any time.

People over there are now glad to have any paper at all. The privilege of having a paper delivered every day is a highly prized one. A householder who goes away for a time often finds on his return that someone else has taken the right to get his daily paper, and it may be a hard task to get back in the good graces of the paper boy.

People travelling on a train will nearly always pass their newspaper around to the other people in the compartment after they have read it.

Newsprint is severely rationed in England. Not only have the publishers been forced to reduce the number of pages to a fraction of the usual volume, but the circulation has had to be drastically curtailed. In many cases the size of the pages and the width of the columns have been reduced.

Our party was entertained at the Daily Telegraph, the Daily Express, The Times, and Reuters Agency. We were shown through their plants and given every courtesy.

At one of these newspapers, we found that the paper has been cut down from an average issue of 28 pages to four pages. In addition, the circulation has been cut from 920,000 daily average to 650,000. Several hundred applications for subscriptions each day have to be refused. This is typical of the restrictions on all the newspapers.

All of these plants have duplicate plants deep in the ground, very comfortably and completely fitted up so that the entire work of getting out the paper can be carried on without interruption during raids. Moreover, several of these papers have complete plants in other cities where some editions are printed every day. For instance, the Daily Express, which has a daily circulation of about two and a half millions, is printed in three places, London, Manchester and Glasgow. They are so co-ordinated by wire service that although they are set up and made up

in each city, they are exactly alike on most pages.

Advertising has been cut to almost the same degree as the rest of the paper. The Daily Telegraph, we were told refuses about thirty columns of advertising every day. Display advertising usually has to be booked several weeks in advance; and even then without any guarantee that it will appear. In cases where legal advertising must appear before a certain date, care must be taken to advise the client if it cannot be printed in order that an effort may be made to have it printed elsewhere.

Advertisements for beer and liquor may still be carried in the English papers, although they are banned in Canada. With so much difficulty in obtaining advertising space in the newspapers, it is not surprising to see a new development. Large numbers of notices, that ordinarily would be wanted ads in the papers, are now displayed on small cards in shop windows.

We saw a great many of such advertising cards, not printed, but written by hand, placed on display in the shop windows in many of the cities we visited. We do not know whether the shopkeeper makes a charge for all these notices (although we heard that some shopkeepers charge 5 shillings), and we wondered if this practice will continue after the war is over.

It is not surprising, with curtailments in the size and number of pages of the newspapers, that the news is also condensed. There are a great many very short items making up the news columns, but taking into consideration the difficulties under which they are operating, the British newspapers are very readable and give a surprisingly good news coverage in the space at their disposal. News of Canada appears in fairly good volume and is well presented.

We found that the Canadian soldiers are quite worried because it is no longer permitted to send papers over by mail, except actual subscriptions. They are afraid that subscription copies may also be banned. They appreciate the home paper now in a way that they never did before they left home. They read every word of it. One officer remarked that he considered a boatload of papers from home is a boatload of morale.

One reason why this restriction was placed on Canadian papers was that some publishers had been bundling up their over-runs, and sending them over to be distributed. We were told by one service worker that he had seen at one time 600 bags of such papers, and he simply did not know what to do with them. There is no doubt that the publishers who sent them were anxious to help. They thought it was a good thing to do, but it actually was a misguided effort.

It was a great pleasure to be able to visit one of the leading weekly newspapers, "The Banbury Guardian" which was the paper on which my father, the late George Legge, served his apprenticeship. This is one of the older weeklies of England and has been owned by the same family for a great many years.

It is interesting to compare present-day training with that of seventy years ago. In his memoirs, Mr. George Legge said, "The training I got in this establishment covered a much wider range than the technical school of today — sweeping floors, building fires, washing rollers, sorting pyre, etching in beer, gin, rum, and snuff, varied by an occasional hour spent on the old game of bank catching minnows for the

Preparations Well Under Way for the Legion Carnival

Committee Hard at Work on All Features of the Event.

A special meeting of the Canadian Legion carnival committee was held on Sunday afternoon, and there was a good attendance of members. It was unanimously decided to ask Comrade F. McDowell to assume the chairmanship of the "V" Celebration Week, June 21st to 26th, both days inclusive, which will be held in the McIntyre Arena.

Several committees were struck and these have already commenced work on their various activities.

Bingo will occupy the principal attraction in regard to games, etc. The Ladies Auxiliary will also operate the refreshment booth and tea garden.

Barney Quinn was named chairman of the games committee and will choose his assistants.

Jack Brady will have charge of the stage show which is now complete. Star attractions are Lee and Sandra, Canada's loveliest dance team, and Pat Bailey, radio songstress of C.B.C. fame, local stars are Miss Bernice McGrath and Miss Peggy We'remore, both of whom are well known and popular locally, and Miss Hilka Filpula, the talented young acrobatic dancer.

The draw chairmanship was accepted by P. J. Dunlop, with a strong committee assisting. A \$1,000 Victory Bond will be the top prize with several other prizes of small amounts following.

Special transportation, ra. bus fares, etc., was again placed in the capable hands of Albert Cain, and patrons are assured that a special return fare to the McIntyre Arena will again be a feature.

W. A. Devine and Jack Brady will look after the advertising and publicity for the event.

Bob Whiteman is to have charge of special advertising at the Arena.

It was voiced by President James Cowan, who occupied the chair for the meeting, that the need for building up the Legion was most urgent on account of having funds available by the time the lads overseas begin to return. The Legion has a solid foundation here, and in order to build it up, all must work to secure the success of the "V" Celebration which at the present time is the only means of securing finances to assure these lads a place in the community after Victory is won.

Toronto Telegram:— Another thing about a patched-up friendship is that it usually shows the patches.

foreman's next fishing trip."

Weekly papers have increased their price from two pence to three pence per issue, advertising rates have increased about fifty per cent since the start of the war, and the papers have decreased in size.

In England, the press is still free. The newspapers are able to choose what they shall print, and free to criticize anybody and anything. In the Axis lands and in the countries the Axis have overrun, those who print the unbiased news, and offer any criticism, do so under constant peril of death.

Given Many Gifts Before Leaving to Join R.C.N.V.R.

A great number of friends gathered at the station on Sunday afternoon to bid farewell to Mr. T. Charlton, who left to report to the R.C.N.V.R. at Ottawa.

Previous to his departure Mr. Charlton was entertained by his mother, relatives and many friends, who presented him with a variety of fine gifts, among which was included a Ronson lighter, leather tobacco pouch, pen and pencil set, pipe, and a military shaving kit.

The meeting next Monday will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Guindon, 17 Main avenue.

Interesting Letter of Appreciation for Mattagami Ladies

Weekly Meeting Conducted at Home of Mrs. C. H. Trevena.

Mrs. C. H. Trevena, of 11 Main avenue, was hostess to the Mattagami Ladies' Club at her home on Monday evening.

Most of the evening was spent knit-

ing for the boys in the hospital service. The efforts of the ladies in this club were certainly rewarded when a letter of thanks from Pie. Fritz Landers was read. His letter stated that each member should be thanked individually, and that each item right down to the smallest one, was really appreciated.

Plans for the tea were completed, and the proceeds will be used to go for cigarettes and comforts for some more of the soldiers and airmen.

The hostess assisted by Mrs. Laura Landers, served a dainty lunch, after which the raffle was conducted. Mrs. N. Cameron was the lucky winner.

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