

Twenty Years Ago

In the usual case of death by violence, the victim is known but the police have the difficulty of finding the person responsible for the death.

The organization of a Boys' Work Board to take charge of all Tuxis and Trail Rangers work was completed in the Presbyterian church here on the evening of Jan. 27th, 1925.

The annual meeting of the Porcupine Agricultural Society twenty years ago showed the affairs of that organization in excellent condition.

On Jan. 23rd, 1925, the fifth Burns banquet under the auspices of the Timmins Caledonian Society was held in the Hollinger Hall.

Twenty years ago the Porcupine Ski Club came into being. At an enthusiastic meeting held in the National Grocers' office, J. Mahell was elected president.

Twenty years ago the Advance reported that 1925 would be a greater year for the mining industry than any that had gone before.

The Schumacher Chorus Society was the sponsor of a highly successful concert in the Maple Leaf hall, Schumacher, on Jan. 29th, 1925.

Among the local and personal items in The Advance twenty years ago were the following:—J. W. Nichol, of Ottawa, is in town in connection with the business of his firm, the Photo-Gelatine Engraving Co.

Mr. Jack Dalton was reported as very ill twenty years ago, but the latest word just before the Advance went to press was that the popular transportation king was well on the way to complete recovery.

There was a very popular club of young people here ten years ago. It was called the A. S. D. Club, the initials standing for the words, "Always Something Doing."

The Bible has both a personal and a social work to do. These words from the Preface give the keynote of the Popular Report, never perhaps more encouraging, in spite of the restrictions and limitations imposed by the world war on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Perhaps the most striking chapters in the Report deal with the work in China, India and European Lands. Reference is made with wise caution to the prospects of the work in Russia after the war, and there is a decidedly optimistic note in the forecast.

Whilst dealing with present war conditions adequately the whole Report breathes great expectations for the future. "A World of Readers" aptly describes a world in which literacy is gaining with every decade.

For readers in Canada and Newfoundland the chapter on "The Bible in South America," will repay careful reading, and in days when Religious Education in the Schools is receiving special attention, what is said under the heading, "The Bible, the Teacher and the Child" is indeed timely.

"Though last year financially was the most wonderful year in the long and wonderful history of the Society, tens of millions of workers will be needed to replenish exhausted stocks, and new workers will have to be enlisted to carry on the Society's activities," says the Report.

Once again Mr. Statten has achieved a notable success in this Popular Report, and not only Christian people can read it with profit and inspiration, but all who desire a better world and a nobler order would do well to obtain and read this publication.

Chief among the headaches of the records clerk is the inadequate and, sometimes, inaccurate information in casualty returns. For example a soldier may neglect to inform his unit orderly room of a change in address of next-of-kin with the result that in the event of the man becoming a casualty his relatives are not promptly informed.

In brief, Records section is the fountain-head of information on the army life of the soldier. All units are kept in the picture on a field return basis by the records clerk, and records at Action and at NDHQ post the M. P. M. 2 from the Part III Orders compiled by the clerks.

The casualties section is a vital link between the Canadian soldier and his next-of-kin. The primary task of this department is to ensure that a soldier's family is immediately notified if he is killed, wounded, missing or seriously ill.

To give a more concise picture of the work done by this section, take the case of Gnr. Johnny Canuck, serving in Italy with a mortar company. During a hot counter-battery engagement he is wounded and some hours later is admitted to a hospital where, due to the seriousness of his wound, he is placed on the "Dangerously Ill" list, his condition subsequently improves and he is taken of all lists and discharged from hospital.

Within 24 hours of the time Johnny was hit a casualty return leaves his unit orderly room and is on the way to 2nd Echelon. A similar return leaves the hospital to which he was admitted giving the official diagnosis of his case. Casualties section acts upon the first reliable information received. Suppose that the unit return arrives first. They check Johnny's particulars at Records section to ensure that the next-of-kin of the right Gnr. J. Canuck will be informed. As soon as the check has been made the information is recorded and a cable leaves immediately for Canrecords, stating that Canuck was wounded and the date his wound was received. A cardinal rule of the Casualties section is that the cable will be sent on the same day that the first authentic information is received.

A day or two later the return from the hospital arrives and is extracted by typists. The extract is passed to a group who keep cards of all soldiers who have been killed, wounded or ill. This department again checks the accuracy of the information and passes it on to the battle casualties clerks who record the information on J-hunny's card. He is now on the "Dangerously Ill" list, and this latest information is cable to Canrecords and hence to Johnny's next-of-kin.

Each week whilst he is on the "Dangerously Ill" list a report on his progress is sent from the hospital to Casualties section and hence to Canrecords. The minute he comes off the list another cable to that effect is sent. Throughout his hospitalization all changes in diagnosis are recorded and subsequently posted into his documents and thus provides a permanent source of information if required for a pension board after the war.

Should Johnny die the section cables the news to Canrecords, provides a record of his burial and ensures that a letter of condolence is sent to Mrs. Canuck. His personal effects are received by a special section. The effects are sent from the unit or hospital by registered mail and are carefully checked before being sent to Canrecords and hence to Mrs. Canuck by bomber mail. If the section is not satisfied with what is received it makes a thorough check right back to the unit to ensure that nothing has gone astray. Aid is given in clearing up Johnny's estate and the details are forwarded to London with complete documents.

Porcupine All-Stars Defeat Newmarket With Score 11 to 2

The Porcupine All-Stars defeated the Newmarket Army team in a fast, snappy checkered game at the auxiliary Arena last Friday night by a score of 11 to 2.

The Schumacher Lions finally reached top spot in the local juvenile hockey league by defeating Iroquois Falls 3 to 2 in a close checking game on Monday night at the McIntyre Arena.

The Timmins Canadiens defeated the United Movers by a score of 9 to 5 at the McIntyre Arena on Monday night. Both teams are now tied in third place in the league standings.

Standings.—Juvenile League

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts. Rows include Schumacher Lions (6-2-1-13), Sea Cadets (5-2-2-12), United Movers (3-4-2-8), Canadiens (3-4-0-6), South Porcupine (2-5-2-5).

How Casualties Are Dealt With on Italian Front

With the Canadian Army in Italy.—Nerve Centre of personnel administration for the Canadians in Italy is the Canadian Section G. H. Q. 2nd Echelon AAL, a compact, hard-working unit, unique in that it's aim is not only to serve the Army but the individual soldier and his next-of-kin. The unit is commanded by Col. O. B. E. E. D. of Cornwall, Ont., and is divided into three main branches, Organization Liaison and Personal Services.

The Organization Branch is primarily concerned with the man-power situation and consequently maintains comprehensive statistics on all phases affecting Canadian troops in Italy. The reinforcement section of this branch is responsible for the posting of reinforcements from week to week to meet deficiencies in the field units.

The Liaison Branch is the link between Echelon and C-rps. With liaison officials at the various formation headquarters assistance is easily given to field units with their administrative problems.

Perhaps the most interesting department to the soldier is the Personal Services branch whose primary concern is the individual. This branch is divided into five sections, namely, the discipline and pay section which is responsible for the verification of the legality of every punishment awarded to a soldier; the posting and transfers section which deals with cross-posting or transfers of individuals from one corps to another; the postal tracing section whose function is the prompt re-routing of mail when a soldier's address is changed; records section, and finally the casualties and effects section.

The Records section is undoubtedly one of the most important branches of Army administration from the standpoint of the soldier. The complete technical history of every officer and rank is kept there, concerning such information as next-of-kin, service, promotion, reversion, trades pay, punishment and leaves. Most important from the post-war angle is the detailed recording of injuries, illness and wounds, as accurate data may be the deciding factor in after years when a man applies for a pension.

Under the present "tri-wound" scheme of sending men back to Canada when they have been thrice wounded, it is of the utmost importance that each individual casualty be entered on the soldier's M. F. M. 4. A double check is kept on this by casualties section and the records clerks. Location is another item of extreme importance and a close check is maintained over the movements of every soldier.

Key men in the Records section are the clerks. These men are drawn from every Canadian unit in Italy and their job is to ensure that a complete record is kept of every man in their unit, and to inform units of changes through Part II orders. These N.C.O.s have had years of experience in their job and take a personal interest in the men whose records they keep. Their lot is not an enviable one, particularly when their regiments are in action, at which time they work night

Schumacher Lions Win from the Falls in Junior League

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Young Man Wanted His Trial "Now or Not at All," he Said

In the Morning he Pleaded Guilty and Was Given Thirty Days

The case of Norman Goudreau, a young man charged with the theft of ten packages of cigarettes from a local poolroom, created some amusement in police court on Tuesday.

Max Bourke, of Preston East Dome, Dies from Injuries

South Porcupine, Jan. 31st. Special to The Advance.

Max Bourke, of Preston East Dome Mine, aged 42, died on Sunday night in Porcupine General Hospital after being injured in an accident at the mine.

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ICE SKATING THURSDAY—8:30 Public Skating FRIDAY—2 p.m. Public Skating 8:15 Senior Hockey, Timmins vs Schumacher SATURDAY—8:30 Public Skating MONDAY—8:15 Senior Hockey, Timmins vs Cambrian TUESDAY—Skating Club all day WEDNESDAY—2 p.m. Public Skating; 8:30 Public Skating.

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PALACE Now Playing Humphrey Bogart TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT WITH Lavren Bacall — Walter Brennan — Dolores Moran SUNDAY MIDNITE Judy Garland MEET ME IN ST LOUIS Margaret O'Brien — Tom Drake — Marjory Main

Gene AUTRY with SMILEY BURNETTE Ride RANGER Ride Friday and Saturday CARTIER TODAY ONLY "JANIE" "FOLLIES GIRL"