

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

To-day small dogs will chase their tails.
Start at their shadows, snap at wind.
Race with the first chance leaf that falls.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCKTOWER



"THIS ALSO SHALL PASS AWAY"

When morning sunbeams round me shed
Their light and influence bleak.
When flowery paths before me spread,

Continuing on the historical data concerning Eramosa Township from where we left off two weeks ago, this instalment completes this very interesting contribution to this historical column.

Robert Peamore was Chairman at the annual meeting in 1854, when a poll was demanded to decide whether the school should operate as a Free School or on the Rate Bill system.

The following year a teacher was engaged at \$25 currency per annum. Trustees Meeting, March 3, 1857.

December 2, 1857—Agreed to pay the teacher \$100 per annum for 1858.

July, 1858—Assessed the section for \$360.00. Note the change from sterling to dollar currency.

December 9, 1858—Sold the old stove at \$3.00, on two months' credit.

1863—Assistant teacher (lady) engaged at \$10.00 per month.

Annual meeting, January 11, 1865. Election of trustee: Robert Dunbar, 50; Wm. Ching, 45.

Special Meeting, February 13, 1869—To consider the division of the School Section. Moved by Alex. McIntosh, seconded by John R. Harris, that the section be not divided.—Carried overwhelmingly.

CHAMPIONS TWO YEARS RUNNING



This is the story of a great comeback, a long uphill battle and a final smashing victory that clinched a title for the second year in succession.

goals to one on the round. Thirteen thousand roaring fans cheered them on to the victory, the largest crowd at an amateur game, ever gathered together at the Forum, Montreal.

motion to continue the present system carried unanimously.

The following year the chairman, Arch. McNabb, offered some congratulatory remarks on our social and school privileges.

At the Annual Meeting in 1881—it was decided to build a stable.

At a special meeting on April 9, to choose a site, a very warm discussion ensued. Moved by D. Shultis, seconded by J. Shultis, that the stable be at the back of the yard.

At the Annual Meeting, 1892, it was moved by Hugh Black, seconded by John W. Burns, and carried by a standing vote, that the sympathy of this meeting be tendered to the widow and family in the decease of the late William McNabb, Sr., as one who has always taken an active part in questions relating to the welfare of this section, also in all interests for the common good.

In 1896, the teacher's salary was \$400 and at a meeting, in September, the trustees considered that the time had come when the salary paid teachers should be reduced, considering the amount of holidays and the continued depression and low prices for what the farmer has to sell, they accordingly advertised in the Guelph "Mercury," and secured a teacher for \$300.00.

In 1898 the salary was down to \$260.00 per annum, the teacher to light fires and do sweeping and dusting. From that time to about 1923 there was a gradual rise to a maximum of \$1,000.00 per annum.

I have not the material at hand from which to make extracts to date, but it is interesting to note, a few family threads through the records of Sections 4, 8 and 9.

Even in recent years an occasional tense moment has developed at school meetings. At a special meeting of S. S. No. 8, in 1926, the writer was Chairman, and was confronted with three nominations for trustee, but no seconds.

At the Annual Meeting, December 31, 1870, John Burns, Chairman, read a circular from the Minister of Education, calling attention to the desirability of adopting the Township Board system.

such as it has been my privilege to enjoy, would convince most people that here was a record of unselfish, ungrudging service, that could only be rendered by men and women who followed the Star.

Church records from 1858 and 1861, and school records from 1847 to 1932, reveal the true greatness of the man who has built our country.

As a worthy objective and a sound principle for some of the younger men who may read these dusty extracts, and who undoubtedly wish to succeed in life, may I close with a copy of the declaration which was signed, and nobly adhered to, by the Trustees of this section from 1847 to 1932:

"I will truly and faithfully, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties of the office to which I have been elected."

One of the most effective vermifuges on the market is Miller's Worm Powders. They will not only clear the stomach and bowels of worms, but will prove a very serviceable medicine for children in regulating the infantile system and maintaining it in a healthy condition.

The farmers of Hawaii feed their cattle and other animals, as well as chickens, from beans produced by the algaroba tree.

Some years ago, the algaroba was looked upon as a nuisance and efforts were made to exterminate it. But one discovery after another gave the tree a ranking as one of the island country's leading assets, and there are other countries that would highly prize the economic advantages which it offers.

In certain areas of the United States, the mesquite tree produces a pod from eight to ten inches long, filled with meaty beans. This tree, like the algaroba, produces abundantly, and yearly the bean crop goes to waste, very probably because no one has found from experiment and research for just what use the beans are fitted.

One of the little-known animals of the world is the Fishing Cat of India, a jungle beast resembling a small leopard, which crouches nightly at the edges of rivers and lakes and deftly catches its meal of fish with a swift scoop of its paws.

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