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G.T.R. Time Table

GOING EAST

Passenger	7:22 a.m.
Passenger	9:14 a.m.
Passenger	10:18 a.m.
Mail	11:40 a.m.
Passenger	3:42 p.m.
Passenger	5:25 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday	7:21 p.m.

GOING WEST

Passenger	7:57 a.m.
Mail	10:18 a.m.
Passenger	2:12 p.m.
Passenger	4:50 p.m.
Passenger	6:02 p.m.
Passenger	7:09 p.m.
Mail	8:25 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday	10:03 a.m.

GOING NORTH

Mail	8:00 a.m.
Mail	4:55 p.m.

GOING SOUTH

Mail	11:33 a.m.
Mail	7:55 p.m.

Toronto Suburban Railway

DAILY TIME-TABLE

Going East	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Going West	8:10	2:24	8:40
Going West	8:55	3:10	7:29

SUNDAY TIME-TABLE

Going East	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Going West	10:31	12:50	3:45
Going West	10:40	6:10	9:32

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Waiting for worshippers to come to thee
In thy great out-of-doors!
To thee I turn, to thee I make my prayer,
God of the open air.
—Henry Van Dyke.

Sketch of Dr. Webster
Venerable Physician and Halton's Worthy Sheriff.

The following sketch of Sheriff Webster will probably be of interest to his many friends in the county and community where he is so widely known and highly esteemed.

It was just 80 years ago that Dr. Webster, as a child of a year, accompanied his parents from Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland, to Toronto, then Muddy York. His mother, an invalid, hoped to find health in the new world, but her hopes were not realized.

Dr. Webster's first essay at earning a livelihood was made in the office of the North American, where he assisted Hon. Wm. McDougall, or "Wandering Willie," as he was better known, in getting out the North American and the Canada Farmer. The late Erasmus Wiman was associated with the papers at this time.

Not pleased with the idea of female labor being introduced into the printing office, Dr. Webster resigned, and undertook to realize first ambitions in the apothecary shop of Dr. F. W. Wright, situated on the corner of John and Queen Sts., Toronto. Dr. Wright put himself through the School of Medicine, while practicing as a druggist, and when he was offered a position in New Zealand handed over his store and business to his young assistant.

"There was no other apothecary shop west of mine," said the doctor in recalling his business experience, "and there was only two shops north of Queen Street on Yonge. In those days College St. was out in the country, and we went to Bloor street in the fall to gather beech and hickory nuts."

With the ambition that has marked the progress of his fellow-countrymen, Dr. Webster began the study of medicine, in addition to the care of his shop. Graduating in 1864, he continued for a year in the shop, and then went to Norval, where he settled and which has been his home since 1865.

It was through the father of the late Dr. Row of Georgetown that Dr. Webster came to Norval, and when he arrived, was told that the postmaster and storekeeper of the village, Colonel Clay, wanted to know whether he was married. "That did not daunt me," said the doctor with a grin of recollection. "It struck me that his interest was a selfish one, he wanted my trade."

From 1765 until 1909, Dr. Webster was physician to Norval and the surrounding countryside. At first his practice was a limited one for he had rivalry on every side. But year by year he won out, and the succeeding months spread his fame as a physician and surgeon.

Thirty-two years ago Dr. Webster recalls that he fought through a terrible epidemic of diphtheria. It was before the days of antibiotics," he recalled, with a shake of the head. "You would leave a patient all right, and you would hardly be away from the house till there would be a collapse, heart failing, death. Ah, that was a sad and terrible time."

He, a life-long Conservative of broad views, spent a quarter of a century in the County Council of Halton. He was reeve for five years, after being deputy reeve for four years, and that after serving as councillor for four years. At the end of his reevehood he was elected warden of the county. In 1896 he was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain, by an admiring and appreciative electorate.

Fourteen years ago he was made sheriff of the county.

The good doctor married Miss Belle Gilling, granddaughter of one of the pioneers of the district, whose grandmother, Mrs. Robertson, used to walk from Norval to Little York to exchange maple sugar for the commodities needed in the pioneer household. Mrs. Webster is a fitting helpmate so descended, for the pioneer doctor, whose motto has been to do good to all men.

—According to one scientist the habitable globe will be ground out inside of 25,000,000 years. Well, if the dry spell continues the world ought to be ready for a change about the time mentioned.

Action

Mr. George Hynds has been ill during the week. It is hoped his health will soon be restored.

Mr. Alexander Waldie who has been seriously ill for several weeks is slowly recovering.

The recent conviction in Police Court here against Morris Saxe, of the Georgetown Creamery, for converting a cream can claimed by the City Dairy Co., Toronto, to his own use, was set aside at Osgoode Hall, on Tuesday.

The following ladies have been elected on the various committees of the Action Athletic Association: Bowling Committee, Miss Minnie Nelson, Mrs. D. L. Shroy, Tennis Committee, Mrs. L. B. Shroy, Miss Margaret Garvin; Social Committee, Mrs. W. Arnold, Mrs. Amos Mason, Mrs. W. J. Gould, Miss Laura Gray; Executive Committee, Mrs. Wm. Arnold, Mrs. L. B. Shroy, Miss M. Nelson.—Free Press.

Milton

At the annual convention of the Ontario Women's Liberal Association at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, last week, Mrs. F. D. Dewar, Milton, was elected vice-president for the central district. Mrs. Dewar will be responsible for this district to the provincial association.

Miss Teresa Carroll of Milton sued the Toronto Transportation Commission for \$10,000 damages for injuries received when the plaintiff was alighting from a street car at York and Front Sts., on February 8, 1922. She claims that the car started before she had descended, and that her hip was fractured. She was awarded \$2,500.—Reformer.

Think Fruit Escaped

The thermometer registered four degrees of frost generally throughout the Niagara district last Thursday morning, and some anxiety was felt for the fruit crop. Only the early varieties of cherries and peaches are thought to have escaped any damage, some of those having already blossomed. Otherwise it was stated at the office of the District Agricultural Representative, that no damage would result. The delayed spring was a saving factor, as few trees as yet are in bloom.

—An optimist is a woman who has taken off her extra blankets and folded them away in the closet.

—Canada's growing importance as an exporter of automobiles is manifested in the shipment of over 240 Studebaker automobiles, which the S.S. Bolingbroke carried when it sailed from the port of Montreal for London on May 9th.

Notes and Comments.

NOW THAT THE SEASON for the full flowering of the automobile pleasure is at hand we would remind the enthusiasts and speeders that the most difficult lesson in physics seems to be that the automobile and the locomotive cannot occupy the same crossing at the same time without more or less serious consequences.

A FEATURE OF the religious customs of Canada is the steadfastness with which the ratio between Roman Catholics and Protestants is maintained. In 1881, 1891 and 1901 the Roman Catholic proportion was something over 41 per cent. In 1911 it fell to 38.1, and in 1921 to 34.6. This does not of course mean that the Roman Catholic population has not increased. The decline in the ratio is due to the immigration of the last twenty years, in which Protestants considerably outnumbered Catholics. The fact that the latter have fairly well kept pace with Protestants is due to the large families of Quebec.

SKILLING GOODS FOR CASH is coming more and more into business practice. A good many merchants throughout the province are announcing "the cash system." Some merchants have proved that it can be done and moreover the cash stores are getting the cream of the trade and are able to undersell their competitors. It stands to reason that merchants cannot pay for goods within thirty days unless they have to do these things, and then give their customers unlimited credit without charging a longer price than would be necessary if they were buying and selling on the same basis. It will be better for all concerned when purchases are paid for in cash when the order is given. The day for credit sales should soon be over.

KEEPING THE CIVIC TAX RATE down at the expense of necessary financing is not good business, as many a municipality has discovered in the past, and this advice is one more tendered the finance committee to resolutely face the question of sensibly financing to meet the necessities of the situation rather than be too zealous in trying to keep the tax rate down. Everyone is anxious to see the rate come down, but surely it will be better and safer financing to include all amounts that you know have to be met, than to put them over on a technicality until another year, when the demands may be as great or greater than ever. We have no desire to interfere with the deliberations of the finance committee, which is added this year with a huge task, but we think the adoption of a policy of good sound financing would be preferable to trying to keep the tax rate down to a certain mark that would prove inadequate to meet all obligations of the municipality.

TWENTY-FIVE OR THIRTY years ago the near approach of an ice-berg was a sign for a movement in the mulberry bushes and every other place. The old philosophers, the sugar-barril politicians, and the crew that congregated in the back part of the shoemakers shop were all at it. They talked politics, rehearsed former issues, and went over the high spots in previous campaigns. In that day political leaders seemed greater than they are today, and they probably were greater because people were better followers than now. The visit of a leader of a party was an event; the coming of a premier nothing short of an epoch. To one born not far from London, in the days when Sir John A. MacDonald was holding his political pincers, a tent was put upon one of the lawns. In this Sir John sat and received the starwars of the district. The very next day the sod was taken from the spot marked by the four legs of the chair where the Conservative chief had been seated. A maple tree was planted there, and it was with considerable pride that the owner of the place pointed that tree out to all the visitors. The tree grew and flourished and is a fine specimen today. The point is this—would it be possible to repeat the incident today? Both Liberals and Conservatives were greater political hero worshippers than they are today; men of to day, regardless of political leanings, will not fall in line as they used to. The present tendency may be developing too far in the opposite direction. The generation before us knew their politics better than we do; and if they studied politics they studied the history of their times. The consequence was that they were better informed and more thoroughly versed in national affairs. Indifference to politics is not a sign of good health entirely, for after all politics are the science of government. Men owe it to themselves, and to their country, to keep an eye on matters of national and provincial importance, even if there are times when the multiplicity of parties and interests makes them almost dizzy in their efforts to see the end from the beginning.

—Having succeeded in forcing down the price of sugar with a boycott, perhaps the ladies won't mind trying their hand at securing a general reduction in the cost of living.