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GOING EAST	
Passenger	7.22 a.m
Passenger	9.14 a.m
Passenger	10.18 a.m
Mail	11.40 a.m.
Passenger	3.48 p.m.
Mail	6.32 p.m
Passenger	8.20 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	6.00 a.m
Mail	4.55 p.m
GOING SOUTH	
Mail	11.33 a.m
Mail	7.47 p.m

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EASTBOUND Daily	WESTBOUND Daily
6.32 a.m.	8.20 a.m.
8.02 a.m.	11.20 a.m.
11.02 a.m.	2.20 p.m.
2.02 p.m.	5.20 p.m.
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11.02 p.m.	
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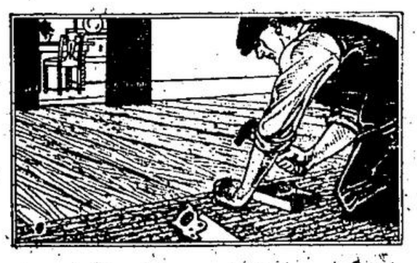

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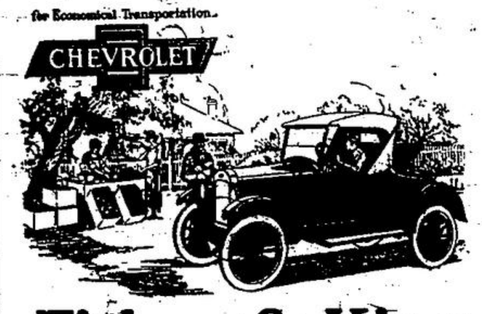

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Which kisses only smother,
Nobody pained by the mighty blow
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody knows of the sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother.
Nobody knows of the tender prayer—
Nobody knows but mother;

Nobody knows of the lessons taught,
Of loving one another,
Nobody knows of the patience sought,
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody knows of the anxious fears
Lest darlings may not weather
Storms of this life in the coming years
Nobody knows but mother;

Nobody knows of the tears that start,
The grief she'd gladly smother,
Nobody knows of the breaking heart—
Nobody—only mother.

Nobody clings to the wayward child,
Tho' scorned by every other,
Leads it so gently from pathways wild
Nobody can but mother;

Nobody knows of the hourly prayer
For him, our erring brother,
Pride of her heart, once so pure and fair—
Nobody—only mother.

Do you wish the world were better?
Let me tell you what to do.
Set a watch upon your actions,
Keep them always straight and true.
Rid your mind of selfish motives
Let your thoughts be clean and high;
You can make a little Eden
Of the sphere you occupy.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Hydro Com'n Meetings

The Hydro Electric Commission met at 2.30 January 31st. Members present Mr. H. Dayfoot and J. M. Moore.

Mr. Moore was re-elected chairman for 1924 and Miss Ryan was appointed secretary of the commission.

Communications were read from the Ontario Hydro Commission regarding the Glen extensions and the matter dealt with.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Packard Co. transformers	$1242 25
Lincoln Meter Co. split core transformers	99 28
Lincoln Meter Co. meter	65 31
Packard Co. meters	116 26
Hydro Com. Bulletins	2 00
" " street lamps	47 92
" " patrol brick line	5 60
" " cash book forms	1 25
J. N. O'Neill	2 59
W. R. Watson	2 40
United Electric Co	9 02
J. W. Kennedy	17 46
Ohio Vacuum Cleaner Co.	8 60
Hydro Com. power Dec.	1862 90
Northern Electric Co	8 18
Bell Telephone	7 41
Bank of Mont. dep. box	4 00
J. T. Cameron, express	4 11
Henderson bus. service	4 75
W. T. Evans, Public Liability	188 60
E. Lovell, testing meters	9 00

March 20th, 1924.

The Commission met at 4.30 p. m., members present Mr. LeRoy Dale, Mayor, and Mr. J. M. Moore.

Letters were read from the Ontario Commission referring to the thirteenth power bill, and advising the Commission to invest $8000 of the surplus in Hydro Bonds. It was decided to take the advice of Mr. McCollum, the chief auditor, and invest $8000 in Hydro 6% Bonds, the price to be at par.

It was decided to purchase an adding machine and a filing cabinet for the office.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—

Hydro Com. power Jan.	$2102 19
" " bulletins for Dec	2 00
" " " " Nov	2 00
" " patrolling line "	5 71
" " " " Dec	5 52
" " " " Jan	18 58
" " coils for heaters	8 88
J. B. Mackenzie	1 16
Bell Telephone	7 20
R. H. Thompson	23 50
Hydro Com. Feb. power	2021 41
J. W. Kennedy, insurance	18 00
Lincoln Meter Co.	99 66
" " Engineer's Services	18 85

Canadian National Earnings

The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ending March 14, 1924, were $4,786,446.00, being an increase of $705,554.24 or 17% over the corresponding period of 1923.

The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways from Jan. 1 to March 14, 1924, have been $45699,847.00, being an increase of $9,226,884.18 as compared with the corresponding period of 1923.

—According to a decision given in the Women's Court, Toronto, last Monday, by Dr. Patterson, Magistrate, it is illegal to hold euchre parties as a means of raising money for charities, etc.

Penny Readings and Shade Trees

Georgetown—Winter 1868-9

In the summer of 1868 the Rev. Hy. Webb came to St. Georges Anglican church here. He was newly out from London England and at that time entertainments called penny readings were very popular in London, and he being a particularly genial and active person, organized amongst the young folk a series of weekly entertainments for the winter months. The selection of material and practice of same was done at his home in a frame house where the large Barber house now stands. Where he got the design for the decorations and furnishing of the room in which we practised we never could imagine. The room was large and in it was a large square bed, square every way; only rocking chairs used, all painted white; the side walls painted black; the ceiling white, and suspended from the ceiling by very fine thread were a number of figures representing "Angels" about 8 or 10 inches in length. These white figures as flying showing against the black walls, but away from the wall, gave a person at first rather a feeling that he was not of the earth, but you got used to it. He was a wonderful preacher; an orator and dramatist. He told us he had experience of London life from stretching his legs under the table with Royalty, to joining in a procession by a "mob" in the east end (White chapel); a likeable character. Among those who took part that winter I recall Mr. Geddies the postmaster, Dr. Starr, Mr. McLaren the school teacher, David Young, David Smith, J. R. Barber, G. C. McKenzie, John Rae, L. L. Bennett, L. Grant.

The entertainments were given in the old town hall (it was across the street from the present one) and every week during that winter the place was crowded. The charge was 5c for ordinary, but on special nights, about once a month, the charge was 10c. The result was that we entertained the people and in the spring we had enough money to have most of the maple trees planted that adorn the town and have given shade to the people for so many years, and we have often in after years looked with pleasure on the result of that undertaking. Now you may ask what we gave to attract the public so long. Well, such as several acts from the "Merchant of Venice, King Richard the Third, McBeth, Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet," and other selections.

The trial scene from Dickens, "Bardel vs. Pickwick," dialogue between Brutus and Cassius by Dr. Starr and Mr. McLaren was a performance long to be remembered; readings by Geo. C. McKenzie, "The old arm chair," readings by L. Grant, humorous, "Mrs. Candle's curtain lecture song," song by David Young, (cousin of Mr. C. W. Young of the Cornwall Freeholder) who had just returned from the U. S., having served in the Army of the North, and was one of the expedition who followed and captured Jeff Davis. The following I remember is part of a parady he gave on "Just before the battle Mother."

Farewell mother, you will never
See my name among the slain,
For if I can skedaddle
You will see me home again.

Also others as follows:—Old Canadian Home, Bell Mahone, Nora O'Neill, Five O'clock in the Morning, Sweet Adeline, Faded Coat of Blue, Merriest Girl That's Out.

Another character comes to my mind. It was David Smith dressed up as a market gardener, long smock, straw hat with a willow for a hat band, a basket on his arm. Part of the song was:

All around my hat I wears a green willow
For a twelvemonth and a day,
If anyone should ask you why I wears it
Tell them that my true love is gone far away.

The readings were interesting and instructive. The ladies did not take any part as there was no musical instrument in the place but one, in the home of the late James Young. No doubt some homes had harmoniums or organs. I think old boss Statham had his brass band there one night but it was too much for the place.

In reviewing with Mr. C. Young the other day, when he was here at his brother's funeral, something brought the foregoing to my mind and I thought perhaps some even at this late date may say if they did not build for the future they planted, and we can on a hot day enjoy the work of 55 years ago. They have all passed beyond, but for a time at least their works remain. The Dr. Starr referred to is the father of the two eminent Drs. Starr of Toronto. Both were born in Georgetown. The Rev. Webb went to Philadelphia, Penn., and the last I heard of him was from Nicholas Armour, an active member of his church, an erratic but good-hearted Irishman went to see him about a loan and he told me he let him have as much more. Enough said.—L. Grant.

(Glenwilliams' turn next.)

—Get your income tax form at the Post Office, fill it out, and get the ordeal over. It must be done before April 30th.

Notes and Comments

SIR HENRY THORNTON is not only optimistic, he is confident. He promises that the Canadian National Railways will cease to be a burden upon the Canadian tax payer in three years, and in ten years will be second to no railway system in the world. This is the best kind of message for the Canadian people. It should be an effective antidote to much of the calculated pessimism of the day.

UNDER THE OLD ACT it was permissible for a farmer, provided the seed was not taken off his farm, to sell clover and timothy without first having these graded by the Seed Department. Now, all seeds of grasses and clover sold by farmers, even on their own farms, must be first graded before offering for sale, unless sold to a seed merchant to be recleaned. Grade names defined under the Act are registered Extra No. 1, No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3. The first two mentioned grades are given only for seed whose variety name, through field inspection of the growing crop, is known. Seed that will not grade No. 3 is designated rejected and is prohibited from sale in Canada.

THE HAMLET of Charing Cross, Kent County, boasts five couples whose lives represent 281 years of *matrimony. Not one has been* married less than fifty years; one husband and wife have weathered the stresses and storms and reaped the happiness of living together for 62 years. All are to be congratulated; their record is a creditable one for all is not smooth sailing in matrimony. It is a give and take proposition, for no two people, even though they love each other dearly, can always agree. And the country that produced them is likewise to be commended, for their lives are the embodiment of the sort of high ideals that go to make up the kind of nation we want to have. Best of all such news, at a time when the public prints contain so many stories of divorces, and tales in which mere sex plays such a part is really refreshing.

THE ONTARIO SOCIETY for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, is appealing to the various branches for renewed activity and for the securing of good inspectors, who will be equipped with proper conveyances for getting around the country. In his report the secretary-treasurer makes the astonishing statement that "in no portion of the South Sea Islands could one witness worse exhibitions of savagery than in the rural districts of civilized Ontario, where no watch is kept on the offenders." He said reports received by the society showed at the present moment in Ontario there were thousands of animals needlessly dying of hunger and neglect. It is difficult to believe that conditions are quite as bad as here pictured, but in the past few weeks evidence of criminal neglect of animals has been brought to the attention of the authorities. Too often in towns and villages delivery horses are driven for hours without sufficient water and food, but there is a very great improvement in this regard in recent years, thanks to the efforts of members of the society and others who are equally interested in preventing cruelty to both man and beast.

THE PAGES OF THE fashion magazines have burst forth with all the glory of spring toggery and Easter millinery. We hear the cry that we have wandered far from the example set us by our forefathers. They say, "Just look at the peacock pride in this good year 1924. Just look at the ladies' hats." Now, as a matter of fact, there is nothing in the ladies' hats of to-day equal to the scuttle hats of a hundred years ago. They will say, "Just look at the bobbed hair." Do you know the most extreme styles of to-day will never equal the topknots which our great-grandmothers wore, put up with high combs, and which we wonder did not make our great-grandfathers die with laughter. The hair was lifted into a pyramid a foot high. On the top of that lay a white rosebud. Shoes of bespangled white kid and heels two or three inches high. Grandfather went out to meet her on the floor in a coat of sky blue silk and vest of white satin, embroidered with gold lace, lace ruffles around his wrist and his hair falling in a queue. Their hard cider mint julep and hot toddy sometimes made lively work for the broad-brimmed hats and silver knee buckles. Talk of dissipating parties of to-day and keeping of late hours. Did not our great-grandfathers have their bees and sausage stuffings and tea parties and dances, that for heartiness and uproar utterly eclipsed all the waltzes, fox-trots and toddles of 1924? And they never went home until morning. Talk about the disbonesties of today! Ninety-five years ago, the governor of New York state had to disband the legislature, because of its utter corruption. You see that we are not so bad after all, when compared with our great-grandfathers.

—Cheltenham has an outbreak of chicken pox among the junior pupils of the schools, though not at all a serious one.