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July 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1896 were stirring days around Georgetown High School, when quite a large group of roungsters from the upper part of Halton County were trying their Entrance Examination, either as an entrance qualification to High School or as a culmination of their public school careers. Yes, that was exactly fifty years ago, and fifty years is a long time. Just prior to that, in fact in the month of June 1896, there was Dominion election and Wilfred Laurier, later Sir Wilfred, was chosen as the premier, the leader of the Libera party, and he remained premier for a period of 15 years. I was one of those youngsters, somewhat timid, I remember; but fortunately I kept my head, and when the results were published about the 15th of the month, I well remember how glad I was that my public school career was crowned with an Entrance certificate. I felt that I was really somebody.

Mr. T. T. Moore was the Entrance teacher at Acton, Mr. T. R. Earngey at Georgetown, Mr. R. N. Shortill at Norval, Mr. T. Norton at Glen Williams and among other teachers in the country school was Mr. W. W. Hiltz, who later became Mayor of the city of Toronto, and whose picture hangs in corridors of the City Hall there.

The successful pupils at Georgetown school were Ethel Aldous, Warner Dayfoot, Will Glass, Josie Hutchinson, George Langford, Will Litster, Nina Miller, Turville Morrow, John Reid. Will Reid, Mabel Roy and Ethel Sommerville. I well remember every one of them, because I was one of the fortunate ones who had the privilege of of those who passed from Georgetown excellent education, and I look back also attended too.

Well, things have changed a great deal in that time, and not a few of the changes are in the school system. Entrance examinations had to be written, and sometimes if a student failed in one or two subjects, by a very small margin, he was "recommended" and got his certificate, just the same as the others, Mr. Shortill at Norval who sent me up for the examination, was a most excellent teacher. I attribute my thank the Alliance Paper Mill, Beaugood grounding in public school work mont Parcel Fund, Soldiers' Comforts to him, particularly in grammar. His and other organizations and friends teaching of grammar, as of every other for sending parcels and cigarettes subject, was most thorough, and I have while he was serving overseas.

always been grateful to him for the thorough knowledge of the parts of speech which have been helpful all my life. I saw a copy of a newspaper editorial recently to the effect that the subject of grammar in both public and high school teaching was being neglected, and I was inclined to agree with their view point, I have discovered that every group of words that begins with a capital and ends with a period is not necessarily a sentence, and I don't know how often I have come across just such a group of words, intended for a sentence,

Mr. Gibbard was the principal a Georgetown, and he was the Entrance examinar, along with Mr. J. S. Descon the public school inspector. He heard the reading examinations in groups in the hall alongside what was at that time the first form. How anxious we were as to the passage required, and we kept asking those who had already read. But he changed the passage, occasionally, so that we were not sure

One of the changes that has taken place in educational circles, is the fact that at one time the school term ran to the end of June, and all the department examinations were held in July Now I believe most of them are held in June, and for some of the examinations, the term marks are taken and a certificate is issued, if satisfactory. Also for a great many years, if one wrote on a departmental examination, and failed on one subject, he had to repeat the entire year, and write every subject over again. That made every examination a nerve wracking time for the average conscientious student.

As for myself, I think that what I learned at public school has remained with me exceptionally well. I still remember the number of pounds in a bushel in every kind of grain, and I haven't seen the table since I left

The pupils at our public school of attending High School and every one fifty years ago, got what I consider an with a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to those days when we may not have had all the frills and fancies of today, but we got a thorough practical education.

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ANTHONY BLOCK SOLD TO RAY THOMPSON

Mrs. W. C. Anthony has disposed of her Main Street property in town consisting of the hardware store occupied by R. H. Thompson and P. F. Blackburn's men's wear. Mr. Thompson has

purchased the property. The block was bought by the late Mr. Walter Anthony in 1906 from the late Col. W. P. Moore, whose hardware and plumbing business he had bought three year's previously. In 192! Mr Thompson was taken into partnership and it was run under the firm name, R H. Thompson & Co. until September 1939, when Mr. Anthony again took over the basiness in his own name and carried on until his death in January,

In April, 1943, Mrs. Anthony sold the business to Mr. Thompson.

This sale marks the transfer of one of the old landmarks in Georgetown, and with the block will always be associated the name of Walter Anthony, one of Georgetown's most highly respected businessmen. With his keen understanding, foresight and reputation for honesty he helped lay the business foundations of a town which is as progressive as any in the province

Mrs. Anthony is at present making her home in Norval, but has purchased 'ario. a house in Brampton and intends to make her home there eventually.

#### CELEBRATES 83RD BIRTHDAY WITH FAMILY PARTY

Mrs. Sydney Young celebrated her 83rd birthday last Friday when members of the family gathered at her home on James Street to wish her congratulations. She received many 'gifts and the birthday supper included a lovely cake and candles. Mrs. Young has lived in Georgetown since coming here from Milton about 46 years ago. Mr. Young pased away thirteen years ago, and her daughter, Miss Georgina Young and a nephew, Mr. Sam Orpen, make their home with her. -

Only members of the family who were unable to be present were Mr. Ernest Young of North Bay and Mr. Sydney Dick of Kapuskasing.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. K. Y. Dick and Kenneth and Mrs. K. P. Marshall and Winifred, of Milton; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dick and Billy, Campbellville; Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Jennings, Jill and J. B.; Miss Edith Dick, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Gibb, Isabel and Virginia "of Toronto; and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Young, Billy and John, Oshawa, Ven. W. G. O. Thompson called during the day to wish her many happy returns.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Sarah Jane Mc-Lean, late of the Township of Bramosa, in the County of Wellington, Widow, deceased,

The Creditors of Barah Jane Mc. Lean, late of the Township of Eramosa, in the County of Wellington, Widow, deceased, who died on or about the 27th day of May, 1948, and all others having claims against her estate are hereby notified to send by post, prepaid or otherwise to deliver to Messrs. Langdon & Aylaworth, Georgetown, Ontario, Solicitors for the undersigned executors of the estate of the said Sarah Jane McLean, Widow, deceased, on or before the 1st day of August, 1946 their names, addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their claims and the nature of the securities, if any held by them, and that immedistely after the 1st day of August, 1946 the executors will proceed to distribute the estate of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the executors shall then have

DATED this 20th day of June, 1944 William McNabb and Malcolm Mo-Nabb, Executors. By Langdon & Ayleworth, their solicitors, Georgetown On-

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