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The Editor's Corner

SOME EARLY HISTORY.

This week we start a series of articles which appeared in an 1893 edition of the Toronto Daily Mail. _ The newspaper devoted a four page spread to Georgetown, with many pictures of local buildings and leading citizens. We only wish that the pictures could be reproduced also, but as the plates would have long since been destroyed, the story will have to suffice. Here is the first instalment.

"On the serpentine ridges that bank the west" branch of the River Credit, in the township of Esquesing (an Indian word signifying "The Land of the Tall Pines", County of Halton, twenty-nine miles due west of Toronto, on the main line of the Grand Trunk railway, at its intersection by its Northern and Northwestern divisions, thirty miles north of Hamilton, stands the picturesque village of Georgetown; one of the most prosperous and enterprising places of its size in the province of Ontario.

Georgetown was first settled in 1820 by the late Mr. George Kennedy and his family, who held solitary possession until the arrival, several years later, of the Marquis Gooderrow and Mr. Sylvester Garrison, with their respective families. When the Barber brothers came in 1837, and started a woollen mill, the settlement bore the uneuphonious name of "Hungry Hollow", but it was very shortly after christened Georgetown in honour of the pioneer George Kennedy. The first commercial enterprise was established here in 1840, by Mr. John Sumpter: two years thereafter, Mr. James Young started a second general store, in which he conducted business, for many years. The first tavern, kept by a man named Burt, opened its doors for the entertainment of man and beast in 1842, and in that same year the first church was built by the Wesleyan Methodists; after which the Methodist Episcopal and Anglican churches were erected in the order mentioned. The village; which grew rapidly during the construction of the G.T.R., remained a part of the township up to December, 1864, when it was incorporated as a separate municipality.

Georgetown is the geographical and commercial centre of a population numbering something over four thousand souls. To the north, in the valley of the Credit, lies Glen Williams, with three flourishing woollen manufactories; on the east is Norval, with extensive roller mills; on the south, Stewart Town, with flour and lumber mills; and on the west Limehouse, with its woolen mills, paint works, and limekilns, the River Credit and its tributaries supplying the motive power for most of the numerous industries located in these thriving villages.

POT POURRI

Death struck another cruel blow last week when Ken Mackenzie, a popular young ex-Georgetowner succumbed to poliomyelitis. Ken had the responsibility of managing the Acton branch of the J. B. Mackenzie and Son business and took an active part in town affairs there. Sincere sympathy from his friends here goes to his widow and young family . . . We knew summer would come if we just waited long enough and last week was as perfect a one as anyone could wish for. It created a flurry of redecorating on Main Street and everywhere one looked the painters were busy :

A close match for the Legion men who went to a meeting a month early is a brother publisher who prides himself on following his appointment book closely. Recently he was invited to a garden party at the home of Lieutenant Governor Ray Lawson at Oakville. With his wife he arrived - a day early. The answer? Somehow he had torn off two pages of his daily calendar and was following a Wednesday schedule on a Tuesday .

CJBC's Bruce Smith contributes this weather joke -"Did you get an invitation to the christening?" "What christening?" . . . "Why, Toronto had a little Sun yesterday." . . . The enthusiasm for the televising of the Louis-Charles fight last week recalled the fact that the Tunney-Dempsey fight was the first big sports event which we listened to on the radio. We have never been able to understand why people will pay large sums of money to watch two fighters beat each other to a pulp, but maybe we're as bad, for we listened to it It was a radio treat Sunday evening to -hear Patrice Munsell sing the leading role in "Brigadoon." Never had much desire to hear an opera but we could almost be persuaded if she were in the cast . . . Listowel and Owen Sound were on the horse show itinerary for the McMillans last week . . . "Ollie" Smith, a maternal cousin who visited with us last week told us that Dick Beaumont visited his home in Calgary several times when Dick was stationed there with the air force . .

Montreal Minister Gets Call to Milton Church

At a congregational meeting of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton, last Tuesday a call was extended to Rev. E. Orsborn of Montreal to become minister of the church. Mr. Orsborn will succeed Rev. Edward Phinn who now lives in Arizona Rev. J. L. Self of Norval, who is interim moderator was in charge of the meeting.

Mr. Orsborn is a native of Tor-Onto and a graduate of McMaster University. He obtained his theological degree at Presbyterian College in Montreal and preached seven years at Lachute, Quebec. He has been minister of Livingstone Presbyterian Church, Montreal for five years and is at present moderator of Montreal Presbytery, He is married and the father of three children -

Dance At Hallowe'en Sponsored by Lions Club

The annual Lion's Club Hallowe'en dance will be held this year on Tuesday, October 31st. in the Rose Room. The Debonaires Orchestra has been engaged to play for the dance and several prizes will be offered for costames. A dance committee headed by Jack-Gunning is planning the event and everyone is looking forward to another grand evening of fun and dancing.

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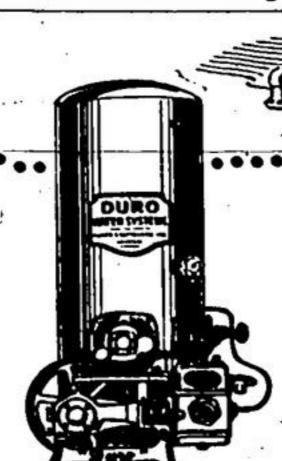
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