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North and South

Transportation facilities in Toronto, as in the Dominion as a whole, have fallen into "east and west" lines. Possibly, it is for this reason that residents of the city and district have come to think in terms of "east and west."

An esteemed reader called the other day to set The Liberal right on some points relating to the radial problem.

Why should the Liberal, he inquired, put forward the suggestion that Richmond Hill was logically situated to become the terminal point for a straight run from Downtown Toronto, with transfers here for points north? The distance, he pointed out, was obviously too great for such a straightaway run. We suggested some mental arithmetic, whereupon, as crowning proof of our faculty, he computed that it was a stretch of some 13 or 14 miles.

In all humility we were moved to ask him to compute the distances between Victoria Park and High Park, or indeed those of any one of three or four other long-established "east and west" runs within the city. At which point we left the problem with him.

Through sheer force of habit, residents of Parkdale and West Toronto are prone to speak and think of even the northern city limit as a desolate region—lying far, far away, in the general direction of the North Pole. Isn't it about time for a little clearer and more definite thinking on "north and south" lines?

Progressive thinking, as well as progressive acting, is called for today as never before in Richmond Hill and in the whole Suburban Yonge district. A "stand pat" attitude will not do.

Whether we like it or not economic pressure will increase inexorably—and rapidly. The alternatives are:

1. A policy of "Wait and See," the best interests of the district meanwhile being overrun by the pressure of outside development.

2. A policy of taking forethought now, with a view to shaping the future of the district in the interests of the district.

In the matter of rapid transit, Richmond Hill should be in a position to assert itself. If, by taking forethought, it can establish itself as the important radiating centre for business on the Metropolitan line, why not a little forethought—on "north and south" lines?

Ready—Or Not!

We told you so!
That dull thudding sound you hear, resembling stage thunder, is coming from the woodshed, where Lil' Arthur is receiving some overdue attention at the hands of Mother Telegram. Like the sword of Damocles, the Melinda Street slap-stick has been suspended some weeks in mid-air—pending the conclusion of the pre-Christmas entertainment in Bagot. Arthur, of course, was permitted to "say his piece" in the roaring farce comedy, "Ready (Aye Ready)—Or Not, You Must Be Caught." But his clever juvenile imitations of a man in the throes of a new-born passion for Responsible Government failed for lack of an appreciative audience. Hence the dull thud of the slapstick in the dark recesses of the woodshed.

Penny Postage

Under the administration of Hon. Charles Murphy, the Post Office Department has to its credit a record of notable achievement which has not received the attention it deserves. Many new services have been introduced, adding to the revenues of the department and to the convenience of the public. Hon. Mr. Murphy now intimates that he would gladly return to the penny postage rate. Jurisdiction in the matter, however, apparently rests with the Finance Department. It is hoped that Hon. Mr. Murphy will find it possible to add Penny Postage to the many progressive measures that have marked his regime.

Oshawa has just received a reduction in fire insurance rates. On a first-class dwelling the old rate was 60c. per hundred, now it is 50c., and on veneered brick houses the rate is changed from 70c. to 60c. a hundred. Mercantile buildings have received a similar cut. What astounds us most is the vast difference in rates imposed in Stouffville to a place like Oshawa, where the losses to fire insurance companies are far greater in proportion to the insurance carried than the losses in Stouffville. The Fire Underwriters' Co. appear to act as a sort of combine for the insurance companies, and the public get soaked as a consequence. Places like Oshawa, where strong pressure was brought to bear, get from under.—Stouffville Tribune.

(From The Newmarket Express-Herald)

When the paper all seems wrong,
Blame it on the editor!
They're a race that's good and strong,
Blame it on the editor!

If the news seems awfully tame,
Blame it on the editor!
Perhaps he knows who is to blame,
But—blame it on the editor.

Wait a bit—ere you begin
To blame it on the editor;
If you never hand news in,
Don't blame it on the editor.

JUNIOR PLOWMEN MAKE PROGRESS

James McLean, of Richmond Hill, Presents Interesting Survey of Year's Work

Mr. James McLean, of Richmond Hill, who has covered a large section of the province in connection with the work of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, in a review of the notable developments of the season just closed, presents some interesting observations. Mr. McLean says:

Now that the plowing is over for another year, it is a good time to review the work of the past season and call attention to some of its outstanding features. It is pleasant to be able to state that there are distinct signs of progress all over the Province. This is especially evident when we compare present conditions with those which prevailed before the Ontario Plowmen's Association was organized. Plowing Matches were then practically unknown; proper plowing was almost a lost art, and the importance of this phase of agriculture was scarcely recognized. To-day it is almost an axiom of farm-life that the soil has to be well and skilfully worked if a maximum yield is to be secured, if purity of seed is to be preserved, and if the land is to be kept free from noxious weeds. Of course, there is still room for improvement and some of our countries are considerably in advance of others, but the general progress is very marked.

Our present Minister of Agriculture, in his recent address to farmers, has advised us to aim first of all at the quality of our products, even if quantity should be reduced, and in this advice, I heartily concur, for after all it is quality that matters most. All who have the interests of agriculture at heart should aim at raising the standards to the highest point possible. In this connection it is a pleasure to refer to the help given us by the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Guelph O.A.C., and one must not fail to make special mention of the Kemptville Agricultural School, which has rendered a great service to the farmers of Eastern Ontario. Chief credit, however, must go to the Ontario Plowmen's Association, which has affected the farm life of Ontario to a really remarkable degree. Who would have dreamed when the Association was formed some fourteen years ago that plowing-matches and competitions would be held by this time in nearly every country in the Province, all the way from Kenora to Glengarry! It is doubtful if any organization of recent years has such a fine record of actual achievement to its credit. In the light of what has been accomplished, we will be fully realized and the soil so cleaned and improved as to provide a maximum yield, together with the finest quality in both grains and grasses.

Marked Improvements Noted
Comparing the season just ended with that of last year, it is gratifying to report that in going through the different counties, I can see once again a marked improvement in the plowing, despite the fact that the season was exceptionally unfavorable. This interfered seriously with the Fall work, and as a result much plowing has had to stand over until Spring. In many of our clay soils the delay will doubtless mean a reduced crop next year, especially if the Summer should be dry. However, the farmers made the best of a poor season. I am glad to say that never before have there been so many inquiries for advice as to the best type of plow, which indicates a recognition of the fact that for the right quality of work, a first class plow is essential.

A report issued by the Central Experimental Farm caused me no little surprise, as it contains the statement that it makes no difference whether the plowing is wide or narrow, deep or shallow. Of course at the Experimental Farm, where almost ideal conditions already prevail, and where there is abundance of fertilizer, and a proper rotation of crops, one would naturally expect little difference, but on the average Ontario farm, such conditions are not found, and the mode of plowing is of the utmost importance. In some of the Eastern Counties close to the Central Farm, there is much of this indifferent kind of plowing. A loose, wide, shallow furrow is turned, and the combination of an impoverished soil and an abundance of twitch and other weeds, produces results that better plowing methods would vastly improve. This explains, by the way, why Prof. Bell and Mr. Hampson are working so hard to establish their favorite plant, Sweet Clover, believing as they do, that they can thus solve the problem of cleaning the farm of weeds, enriching the soil and keeping the silage full of what has already proven itself to be highly nutritious food.

(Concluded next week)

THE WHITE MICE INDUSTRY

This locality is one of mixed farming, says the Markham Economist and Sun, but one of the newest developments is the raising of rare animals, for which there is a ready market. Mr. John Green, of Mongolia, is the largest breeder of guinea pigs in this part of Ontario, and at the present time he has about one hundred of these creatures on hand. His chief sale is to the universities, where they are used extensively in research work. White mice are just a side line for Mr. Green, but he has twenty of these little animals of a rare breed, which are valued for their fur, while a third line of stock unusual to most farmers is Flemish giant rabbits, which Mr. Green is raising with good success. Truly, Mr. Green is developing a section of the farming industry new to this section.

Way Back in "The Liberal" Files

THIRTY YEARS AGO
Issue of December 12, 1895

The Curling Club appointed the following skips to play for the Smith medal: W. H. Pugsley, J. Palmer, William Atkinson, H. A. Nicholls, M. Boyle and Rev. J. Vickery.

County Council grants extension of time to the Metropolitan Railway to complete line to Richmond Hill.

W. Scott makes high score at "shoot" of the Victoria Square Rifle Club. J. C. Jenkins elected president at meeting in parlor of Meek's Hotel, Anglican Church at Maple to be opened December 15.

"A beautiful large skating and curling rink has been almost completed at Thornhill," says a correspondent, "and will be opened in the near future by very prominent political men of both shades of politics."

Brethren of Richmond Lodge, A.F. & A.M. attend installation services of St. George Lodge. Frank Dalton installed as W.M.

J. W. Dean, Thornhill butcher, to hold a shooting match for turkeys and geese.

Twenty-five Years Ago
Issue of December 13, 1900

Inquest relative to the death of David W. Eyer, who was killed by Metropolitan car, December 7, held in the Council Chamber.

Induction of Rev. W. G. Back takes place at St. Paul's Church, Maple. Robert Clark leases the Thornhill Skating Rink.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Thompson, just back from honeymoon, serenaded by friends from Bond Lake. Music created with cowbells, mouldboards, horns, sleighbells, etc., under the direction of the veteran "Billy Clifford," while the "firing party," with six guns, was led by Sergt. John Ferguson.

Plowing bee held in fields belonging to the Manse, at Maple.

A Carrville news item says: "One

of our young men is away learning motor driving, and will take a position with the Toronto Street Railway as motorman, when adequate to the responsibility involved. Carrville friends wish Mr. Bert Boston every success in his chosen vocation."

Rev. N. Wellwood presides at annual meeting of the Bible Society.

Twenty Years Ago
Issue of December 14, 1905

About forty couples attend dance given at the Dominion House by Eli Shierk.

Dr. Sisley, of Agincourt, elected president of the East York Reform Association at a meeting held in Unionville.

P. G. Savage, after 25 years' service in the council, announces that he will not be a candidate for re-election as Reeve.

J. O. McCarthy presides at opening meeting of the Willowdale Sons of Temperance. Misses Riseborough and Gibson and the Willowdale Quartette and Chorus furnished the music.

Pupils of Richmond Hill Methodist Sabbath School busy practising for presentation of Cantata, "Santa Claus' Defenders."

Jerry Smith advertises dessert sets for husbands who are worried over the selection of suitable Christmas gifts for their wives. In A.D. 1905, large quantities of tableware were obtainable for \$9.70. To wit: Sugar bowl, sugar tongs, creamer and six sterling coffee spoons. P.S.—The set was put up in a leather covered case, satin lined.

A. Hopkins, W. McCaffin and F. Lynett attended the Fat Stock Show at Guelph.

J. G. McDonald gives interesting address at "An Evening with Burns," under the auspices of the Epworth League at Maple.

Election Talk Grows Lively

With Mr. J. Lunau, Mr. David Hill and Mr. James McLean, definitely in the field for Reeveship, interest is increasing daily in the coming municipal election, Mr. Joseph Monkman, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate, informs the Liberal that it is not his intention to run, Mr. W. H. Pugsley has not yet reached a definite decision but states that in view of the importance of the transportation and other questions coming up next year, he is giving serious consideration to the matter.

At least two vacancies will be left in the council, and current rumors have brought out many names as possible candidates. Mr. J. A. Greene, of course, will be in the field for re-election. Others mentioned are: Mr. W. G. Baldock, Mr. Harold Murphy, Mr. R. Edean and Mr. William Davies.

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APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE

NOTICE is hereby given that Bertha Violet Lidke, of the Town of Mount Dennis in the County of York and Province of Ontario, presently residing at 1202 Jane Street, in the said town, will apply to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof, for a Bill of Divorce from her husband, Clifford William Lidke, of the City of North Bay, in the District of Nipissing in the said Province of Ontario, Labourer, on the grounds of adultery and desertion.

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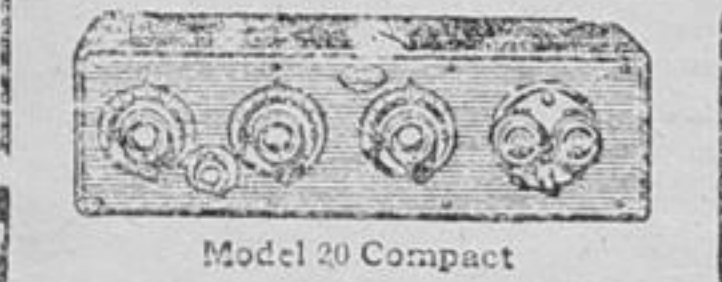
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FOR SALE—Geese for Christmas in good condition. Apply John Donald, Box 16, Elgin Mills. 24-25

FOR SALE—One Heater, Royal Oak and one box stove. Apply James Cruickshank, Centre St. East, Richmond Hill. 24-25

FOR SALE—Timothy Hay. H. A. Collen, Stop 29 A. 24 25

FOR SALE—One second-hand Massey-Harris Cream Separator. Apply W. J. Scriver, Massey-Harris Agent, Richmond Hill. 24-25

FOR SALE—A number of purebred White Wyandotte Cockerels. Apply Menno Smith, R. R. No. 1, Maple. 24-25 26

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SATURDAY, December 19—Auction sale of about 4 acres of standing timber in 1-4 acre lots consisting of maple, oak, birch and some poplar, at lot 29, concession 3, Vaughan, the property of Mr. W. T. Cook. Sale at one o'clock. Terms: 11 months credit on approved joint notes bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum. J. T. Saigeon, Auctioneer.

APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE

NOTICE is hereby given that HAZEL PEARLE CLARK PEARCY, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York in the Province of Ontario, Married Woman, will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof, for a BILL OF DIVORCE from her husband, GORDON MONTGOMERY PEARCY, of the said City of Toronto, Insurance Broker, on the ground of Adultery.

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