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**EMPIRE DAY**

We think of the twenty-fourth of May in Canada as Victoria Day more than as Empire Day. More and more, however, around the British Empire the day is coming to possess an Imperial significance. The association of the name of Queen Victoria with Empire Day is fitting, too. It was the action of Lord Beaconsfield, first of the great Imperialists, in making the beloved Queen Empress of India that first turned the thoughts of the British people Empire-ward. The Queen, whose name is kept fresh in our minds at this home of the year, herself possessed the larger vision. She not only saw a lovely, little old England living under her gentle sway but glimpsed the splendid vision of the far-flung Empire we know to-day. It was her Diamond Jubilee celebration that first brought home the fact of Empire, in all its magnificence and potentiality, to the mind and soul of the British people at home in the Motherland.

Here in this oldest of the Dominions of the Empire we shall celebrate the coming Empire Day as loyally and sincerely as in any other part of the Empire. Perhaps we shall do so more fervently in future than ever. The attainment of complete equal status and its Imperial recognition, making Canada a sister nation of the Motherland rather than a daughter nation, will give an added and deeper joy to the sense of high Imperial destiny that stirs our pulses at such times. In a very real sense we are still "daughter in our mother's house" though "mistress in our own," but it is more the appreciation of parental self-abnegation that moves us so deeply than the feeling of pride that we have won our nationhood. We are better children because the old folks have so ungrudgingly recognized our growth to man's estate. The ties that bind us to the Motherland are infinitely stronger to-day because they are deeprooted in love and tender affection. "Blest be the tie that binds".

What wonderful thing this Empire of ours is! There has never been any confederation of peoples like unto it in the world's history. It is a grouping together of nations that have come out from an original stock, homing in a few little islands in the wild North Sea. To these have been added others, such as our French Canadian fellow-citizens in Canada and the Dutch in South Africa who by reason of the larger liberty the British Empire confers on them, and the consequent higher relative position they occupy in the world's life have become as loyally devoted to the Empire as the blood children of the mother country. Linked with these are Dependencies and Crown Colonies, all of which, it shall yet come to pass are to possess the full freedom within the Empire that the Dominions enjoy.

The secret of our strength is our freedom, of our growth our powers of self-government, of our virility the democracy which characterises our institutions. Let us all pause as Empire Day rolls around again to pledge in our hearts our loyalty to the Throne, our fealty to the Empire, and our love for Canada, a love that shall inspire us to build a Canada worthy of the Empire and an Empire worthy of Canada.

**SAFETY RULES**

Serious accidents are often caused, not through recklessness, or deliberate contempt for the law, but rather by the failure of people to observe the simple rules which govern their safety. The careless handling of a match may set a whole community on fire, and likewise neglect to conform with the simplest rules of conduct on the part of a motorist may be attended by fire results.

A recent bulletin issued by the Ontario Safety League outlines a few of these well known rules which should be followed. They are all rules which every motorist is familiar with, but that very familiarity may breed—if not contempt—a very dangerous carelessness with regard to their observance. Here they are:

- 1—Before bringing your car to a stop, signal the car behind.
  - 2—It is better to rely on the hand signal than to depend upon the stop light. It may not be working.
  - 3—To make repairs drive completely off the travelled portion of the highway. The driver who then collides with you will have to go out of his way to do so.
  - 4—If changing a tire on the left side of the car, stop so far from the roadway that this work can be done without standing where there is any likelihood of any other driver running into the worker. Your left wheels should be two or three feet from the paved portion of the road.
  - 5—Do not stop on a curve. Before stopping make sure that there is a clear space of at least 100 yards in front and to the rear of your car.
  - 6—To stop and start with safety means that there must be a clear view of the roadway, a sufficient distance ahead and to the rear.
- Every motorist is already familiar with the wisdom of these rules. The great trouble at times is that in keeping more important points in mind, the small—but nevertheless essential—precautions are neglected. Constant caution is the price of safety.

**PAY FOR PRISONERS**

General Hughes, the warden of Kingston Penitentiary, has made a proposal that, if adopted, should lead to a great change in the lot of prisoners in our jails and convict prisons, as well as assuring help to the dependent families of inmates of prisons, undergoing punishment. This good and sensible proposal is that prisoners should be paid for their work and the money so earned should go to the support of prisoners' families or to themselves to help them get started upon their return to liberty.

There is much to be said for the suggested plan. For one thing, it would serve to prevent men losing all their self-respect, as so often happens to the prison inmate. The very thought that a man's wife and children are deprived of his support tends to lessen the prisoner's respect for himself and causes him to lose heart and hope. For another thing, a prisoner would find a greater joy in working for wages than when performing the almost endless, and nearly always useless, tasks given him to do under present conditions. To know that the work he does has some value placed upon it, instead of being merely a time-killer given to keep him occupied, must help a man to feel he is still something of a man.

The whole theory of punishment by imprisonment is due for re-examination. Punishment if it be solely vindictive and punitive is useless for the purpose for which designed. Unless punishment aims at reforming men, rebuilding character, and aiding men to desire to become good citizens once more it serves no useful purpose. It is at once un-Christian and uncivilised; barbaric beyond measure. Offenders against the law who are paying the penalty for their disrespect of law and order are often so treated in prison as to make them embittered against society and determined upon revenge. They become dehumanised frequently, and the treatment they receive at the hands of society makes them its enemies. This is not true in every case but in far too many.

Let all prisoners be treated with kindness, wisdom, and practical philanthropy, without in any way coddling them. Help them to go forth from jail determined to be better and do better, give them a helping hand after they leave prison, allowing no stigma of imprisonment to attach to them, and most so-called criminals can be redeemed. General Hughes' proposal not only reflects credit upon himself but will bring satisfaction and pleasure to all people who have "Kindness in another's trouble; courage in their own."

When you lose control of your car, you are pretty sure to have a wreck on your hands. P. S. Read that again, substituting the word "son" for car.

If one's interest in life is so weak that he hopes some day to be able to live without work, he is headed for failure, no matter how successful he may be in the hoarding of money.

Failure will never knock at the door of a man who can truthfully say, "I am honest, fair and square in all my dealings with others. I am honest with myself."

**"Way Back in Liberal Files"**

**DO YOU REMEMBER**

This Week of 1890

When a juvenile team of baseballers from Thornhill visited Richmond Hill in a one-horse chaise, and after sharp play on both sides, succeeded in "downing" a young team here by 1 innings and four runs. The score stood 26-24. Richmond Hill is destined to be beaten by Thornhill in baseball.

When Victoria Square Cricket club has re-organized, the following were the officers:—President, T. Klink; Vice-President, S. M. Brown; Secretary-Treasurer, A. G. Smith; Capt. C. Forester. Committee, J. Jenkins, J. Rowbotham, C. McKenzie, Ed. Forester, Ed. Dixon, J. Forester, R. Frisby. Field Manager, Wm. Frisby. Honorary Members, J. Lever, G. Forester, W. Lawson W. Meek, T. Frisby and Captain Stoutenborough.

When the Thornhill Baseball Club re-organized with the following officers:—Hon. President, Dr. Nelles; President, Thos. Hughes; Vice-President, J. T. B. Lindsay; Captain, C. Muldoon; Treasurer, J. E. Frances; Secretary, W. Richardson.

When at Maple Public School—Fourth Class result of a written examination in Geography; names in order of merit are as follows:—James Keffer, Lula Shunk, Passie Crooks, Louis Keffer, Minnie Dilworth, Bert Jackson, A. C. McNeil, Fred Rumble, Maunsie Aitken and Michael Powers.

When Mr. J. Munday, Thornhill was making preparations for building a house in connection with his shop. It is understood that he intends to retire from business.

**DO YOU REMEMBER**

This Week of 1903

When a barn with contents, on the farm of Mr. Oliver Nixon, Lot 29, 4th con., Vaughan, north of Maple, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

When Cameron McNaughton, a High School student had his bicycle taken from his boarding house Mrs. Woods on Centre Street.

When the following were elected Epworth League officers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Shaw; 1st Vice-President, Miss A. Trench; 2nd Vice-President, Miss E. Switzer; 3rd Vice-President, Mr. G. Campbell; 4th Vice-Pres., Miss Alice Campbell; Secretary, Miss Hattie Linfoot; Treasurer, Mr. E. Mason, Junior League Superintendent, Mrs. Atkinson; Organist, Miss Ida Glass.

When the Richmond Hill Women's Missionary Society elected their officers for the year:—President, Mrs. A. Newton; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. C. Mason; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. T. Hopper; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Mortson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Switzer; Treasurer, Mrs. Crosby.

When Mr. W. H. Clubine, of the observatory farm, Yonge Street, a short distance south of Richmond Hill had a field of barley that was out in head on the 15th of May and the straw was 4 feet, 4 inches in height.

**DO YOU REMEMBER**

This Week of 1907

When the home of Mr. W. J. Ness was the scene of a happy gathering, when the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Ness gathered to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

When at Buttonville on the 25th May, William Lunau passed away in his 77 year. Funeral was held Tuesday.

**Summer Term**

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When Richmond Lodge held its annual meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months:—I.P.M., D. Hill; W. M., T. A. Lamon; S. W., W. H. Legge; J. W., C. E. Hopper; Treasurer, A. Moodie; Secretary, H. A. Nicholls; Chaplain, Rev. A. P. Brace; S.D., R. Shaw; J.D., A. G. Savage; S. S., J. McKechnie; J. S., E. M. Byrne; I. G., F. Helmky; Tyler, G. Cowie; D. of ceremonies, T. H. Trench; Auditors, I. Crosby and T. F. McMahon.

When the teachers and pupils of the Richmond Hill Public School marched to the park in the afternoon of the 23rd of May, when a short programme of Patriotic addresses, choruses, etc., were rendered. Mr. J. H. Sanderson made an enthusiastic chairman and led in the singing. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Anderson, Mr. F. J. Graham and Mr. Lamon, principal of school. Master W. Patton gave a recitation. Towards the close of the programme a vote of thanks was tendered the chairman and speakers, on motion of Masters W. Patton and M. Allen.

**Whitchurch Council**

The Council met at Vandorf on Saturday last, with all members present, and Reeve Morgan Baker presiding at the morning session, and Deputy Reeve Herman Kidd in the afternoon, owing to the absence of the reeve.

A deputation from the Aurora Agricultural Society was granted \$25 for the spring show, on motion of Councillors Crawford and Williams.

Messrs. Smith, J. Brown and Hume from Oak Ridges school section requested council to assist in building a sidewalk from Bond Lake to the blacksmith shop north of the school.

A communication from Aemelius Jarvis requested a grant towards a "Hunter's Field Day trial" and on motion of Councillors Crawford and Ratcliff, \$25 was granted.

The Dept of Agriculture and District representative wrote respecting the appointment of a weed inspector and on motion of Messrs. Kidd and Crawford, M. F. Star, was appointed at 60c. (including expenses) per hour while actually on duty.

The collector's returns for 1927 were made of uncollected taxes of \$2228.58, also \$300 penalty percentage collected and paid to the treasurer. The report was approved by council, and the collector was relieved of \$8.00 uncollected on two dogs. He was granted his salary and postage account amounting to \$320.

Councillors Crawford and Ratcliff moved that council petition the Highways Dept. for the statutory grant of \$23,322.40 read expenditure for 1927, Carried.

The following accounts were ordered paid by resolution.  
H. Pegg, drag, div. 42 \$11.55; G. L. Bingham, drag, div. 33, \$4.75; W. Botham, drag div. 3, \$16.05; Earl Davis, drag Div. 39, \$48.95; Percy Wright, snow shovel \$9.45; A. Emmerson, drag div. 24 \$6.53; Fred Terry, drag div. 71, \$13.85; W. H. Sproxtton, drag div. 21 \$17.25; E. Madill, graveling \$94.90; L. W. Steckley, drag T.L. \$24.51; A. Heise, drag div. 6, \$2.50; J. H. Widdifield, supt. 90 hours \$54.00; A. Allin, brushing \$7.50; C. Brandon, drag div. 27 \$7.05; J. Marriot, gravel 50c.; W. Cockerill, drag div. 46 \$15.10; John Carroll, drag div. 13 \$9.30; J.H. Widdifield, brushing \$35.88; R. Gray, shovelling snow \$17.34; W. Beach, drag Div. 41 \$11.80; A. J. Speart, drag div. 1 \$24.50; Geo. Cook, drag div. 29 \$24.40; D. L. Stouffer, drag div. 34 \$23.20; Otto Tranmer, drag etc. \$23.50; H. Guthrie, drag div. 14 \$20.70; Chas. Howlett, drag div. 16 \$29.95; A. J. Stuart, drag div. 1 \$25.05; W. J. Pattenden, dragging \$23.75; J. Wright, accident March 17 \$7.80; Two new graders \$304.62; New culvert \$34.55; Leslie Preston, gravel \$80.50; J. Empringham, drag \$12.95; Alfred Dixon, drag \$9.31.

Council adjourned to June 9th to meet at 2 p.m. as a Court of Revision.



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