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I pray Almighty God that the words I write in this house may be pure and honest—that they be dictated by no personal spite, unworthy motive or unjust greed for gain; that they may tell the truth as far as I know it—and tend to promote love and peace—amongst men.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1928

**IMPORTANT BANK MERGER**

The amalgamation of The Standard Bank of Canada with The Canadian Bank of Commerce, which has been approved by the Minister of Finance and awaits only ratification by the shareholders of the respective institutions to become effective, unites two of the oldest banks in Canada and will secure for the customers of both increased facilities for their business. Sir John Aird, President of The Canadian Bank of Commerce, will be President of the united bank, while Mr. Arthur F. White, President of The Standard Bank of Canada, will become a Vice-President. Mr. S. H. Logan, General Manager of the former bank, has been made one of the Directors and will be the General Manager, while Mr. N. L. McLeod, General Manager of the latter bank, will become an Assistant General Manager. Several of the present Directors of The Standard Bank of Canada will sit on the united Board.

The stock of the smaller bank will be exchanged for that of the larger on the basis of share for share, and the total paid-up capital and reserve will reach a figure of nearly \$50,000,000. The assets of The Canadian Bank of Commerce as at the end of May amounted to \$583,107,379 and those of The Standard Bank of Canada to \$104,486,821. The united institution would therefore have total assets in the neighbourhood of \$700,000,000.

Incorporated in 1867, The Canadian Bank of Commerce has always taken a leading part in the development of Canada, serving not only the older sections, where it was well established, but doing extensive pioneer work in the newer and outlying portions of the Dominion. Its chain of 584 branches stretching from coast to coast will now be strengthened by the addition of the system which The Standard Bank of Canada has been building up since its inception in 1873, especially in the home province of Ontario where the latter bank has at present 174 branches. Allowing for duplications, it may be estimated that the united institutions will have about 780 branches, including the offices of the bank abroad in London, England, the United States, the Caribbean and in Rio de Janeiro. At present, besides its Ontario representation, The Standard Bank of Canada has also 49 branches in the Prairie Provinces and offices in Montreal, Vancouver and St. John, N. B. The amalgamation will give customers of that bank the additional advantage of an extensive connection throughout the Dominion and abroad. The merger is of interest locally as there are several branches of the Standard Bank in York County located at Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Lansing, Maple, Aurora, Unionville, Markham, Stouffville and other centres.

**"GOD PROVIDES THE MEAL BUT"**

There are a lot of people who, either from laziness or stupidity, take literally the words, "The Lord will provide" and, consequently, suffer sad and frequent disappointments. It is very true that the Lord provides. He is the Universal Provider. But He provides according to laws which operate to carry His will and with which we must cooperate. There is an old saying that bears on the matter: "God provides the meal but does not cook the dinner." It holds true.

Look around you and you will see that there is an abundance of everything provided in nature for man's use and sustenance and to fit him to carry forward the great scheme of human progression. Of food, multitudinous varieties and quantities; far more than the peoples of the earth can possibly use for their food requirements (What a tragedy, under these circumstances, that so many go hungry?) No matter what kind of food, animal, fish, or vegetable, the most abundant supply is there.

But fish must be caught, animals killed, crops grown and harvested. "God provides the meal but—"

It is the same with regard to all the other material that man requires with which to fashion life. Minerals, timber, power, light, heat everything in abundance, all waiting to have human energy and skill applied to them to place them fully and unreservedly at the service of mankind. What a magnificent world and what bountiful provision. But we must do our cooperative share. Bread will not fall into our mouths by our merely opening them. Fields must be cultivated. Follows, all that is necessary and a surplus for good measure.

This little sermon talk is intended, maybe, as a little rebuke to laziness. God helps those who help themselves. Those who will help themselves don't deserve to get helped. They soon find their own level. But if one will simply realise that full and complete supply of all our needs is ours for the asking of God and the cooperating with him in his creative work, then everything will come our way. "God provides the meal but He does not cook the dinner."

**TIME TO BE CAREFUL**

The advent of the holiday season has brought a timely warning from the Industrial Accident Prevention Association. Every year, holiday-makers lose their lives by drowning, in automobile accidents, and in other ways which are peculiar to the summer season of the year. In many cases, these fatalities might easily have been avoided by the exercise of a reasonable amount of care and caution, yet it seems as if the victims left all their ideas of safety behind them when they started off on the holiday jaunt. The warning which has been broadcast is brief, but it is to the point. It says:—

"Some remember holidays with joy, some with sorrow. Holidays, in this season will draw tens of thousands of motorists into the highways. For this reason you will have to watch for various forms of recklessness to save your own life and limb. It is safe to stop before crossing any railway. Drive carefully and enjoy life."

There is good common-sense in this warning. The last short sentence of five words is particularly impressive. If every motor driver would consider that the least bit of reckless or careless driving is placing his own life and the lives of others in peril, there would be fewer fatal accidents to be recorded. Holiday time should always be a time of happy memories. It is only when care and caution are forgotten that they become a time of sadness and regret.

**"Way Back in Liberal Files"**

**DO YOU REMEMBER**

This Week of 1894

When at Thornhill, Jas. Farr passed away in his 70th year.

When the Richmond Hill Lacrosse club played the Markham Lacrosse club at Markham. The team was picked from the following:—G. Glover, F. Sims, W. Savage, John Glass, F. Grainger, T. Trench, W. Trench, G. Cooper, A. Shierk, C. Lyons, J. Sanderson, P. Powell and W. Hall.

When at the Parsonage, Maple by the Rev. A. Bedford, Alfred Smith was united in marriage to Alberta Elida, daughter of Jacob Williams, Esq., all of Edgeley.

When the Richmond Hill Band drove to Thornhill and serenaded Mr. and Mrs. R. Thompson, who were married a couple of weeks previous. The musicians were cordially received and treated to an excellent supper.

When Mayor Bond of Toronto Junction was fined one dollar and costs for slapping a boy, who it is said had splashed water on the Town's chief officer.

When in the cavity of the corner stone of St. Mary's church at Richmond Hill, laid by Archbishop Walsh, was deposited an iron box containing the following records of the present time:—A copy of The Liberal, The Catholic register, The Catholic record of London, The Globe, The Empire, The Mail, Voters list of Richmond Hill for 1893, list of Magistrates of the County of York, and a copy of the list of subscribers to St. Mary's old frame church, dated 1853 with other records.

**DO YOU REMEMBER**

This Week of 1904

When Mr. Andrew Boyle, brother of Mr. David Boyle and Mr. Robt. Chapman, Langstaff passed away at Waldemar, Dufferin County at the age of 79 years.

When the following pupils obtained the required number of marks were promoted to the next form. From Form I to form II:—Alex. McConaghy, George Boyle, Donald Atkinson, Franklin Jackes, Willie Lawson, Nora McMahon, Morton Gibson, Myrtle Klink, Anna Kerswell, Fred Campbell, Marguerite Boyle, Erling Gibson, Warren Page, Keith Hill, Arthur Ball, Hazel Welsh. Form II to Form III:—Garnet Dickenson, Harry Francis, Frank McDonald Hazel Switzer, Maggie Cosgrove, Jennie Clark, Mabel Byam, Jessie Morgan, George Topper, Almada Clubine, Emily Boyle.

When Messrs J.T. Saigeon, J.H. Kirby, J. B. McLean, and H.C. Bailey attended Grand Masonic Lodge at Brockville.

When a fire broke out in the hay mow of Mr. George Robinson, just outside the corporation on the Markham side, and made a clean sweep of all his barns, stables and other farm buildings.

When Mr. George Comisky had a remarkable field of Timothy the stalks measured 5 feet 11 inches.

When Messrs Winger and Son of Carrville secured the contract of erecting a concrete arch bridge on the sideline near Patterson's old foundry site.

**DO YOU REMEMBER**

This Week of 1908

When the following stood first in their forms in the mid summer examinations at Richmond Hill High School:—Form IV Hazel Smith; Form III, Ada Calhoun; Form II, Jean Scott; Form I, Fergus Jones.

When Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kirby of Hope celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. A large number of guests, including many from a distance, were present to offer their congratulations. Mr. J. T. Saigeon who acted as chairman called on a number of those present for speeches. Many beautiful and costly presents were received from the children and grandchildren, being a Morris chair, a wicker rocker, and purses of gold. The address was read by their

grandson, Master Harold Kirby.

When a glance at the Daily papers showed the many former students of Richmond Hill High School were giving a good account of themselves at the examinations at the University, Mr. Cameron McNaughton graduated with honors in arts; Mr. G. W. Carleton passed his first year in medicine; Mr. G. E. Reaman passed his first year in arts in the modern course; Miss E. Alcombrack passed first year in arts and Mr. H. C. Kinnee passed in general course, faculty of Education.

When at the residence of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Startup, by Rev. Mr. Wilson, Flossie Startup of Richmond Hill was united in marriage to Alex. Corkadle of Toronto.

**Sherwood**

Reception for New Minister

On Saturday evening, July 7th, the members and friends of the Lutheran Church, Sherwood, together with the congregations of Buttonville and Unionville gave a reception and banquet to their pastor, Rev. E. Heimrich and bride, this being his first charge in ministerial work. One hundred and fifty-five were seated in banquet form in the school room and enjoyed the sumptuous supper prepared by the ladies of the congregations. Rev. S. Gartung, of Welland very ably filled the position of toast-master. Mr. H. E. Keffer spoke words of welcome to the pastor for the Sherwood congregations and Mr. A. Summerfeldt in like manner for the Markham Congregations. Rev. Bowman, of Presbyterian Church, Maple, Rev. Kerr of United Church, Maple, Rev. Roberts, of Anglican Church, Maple brought greetings from their respective congregations to the new pastor in his work in this community. Dr. Caldwell of Maple, very ably explained his position in life work in conjunction with the work of the minister, wishing Mr. Heimrich every success in his new field of labor. The last item which is quite worthy of mention was the presentation of a purse of gold to the bride and groom from the congregations of the parish presented with well chosen remarks by Mr. E. Stiver. The singing of the old familiar hymn "God be with you till we meet again" closed a joyful well spent evening.

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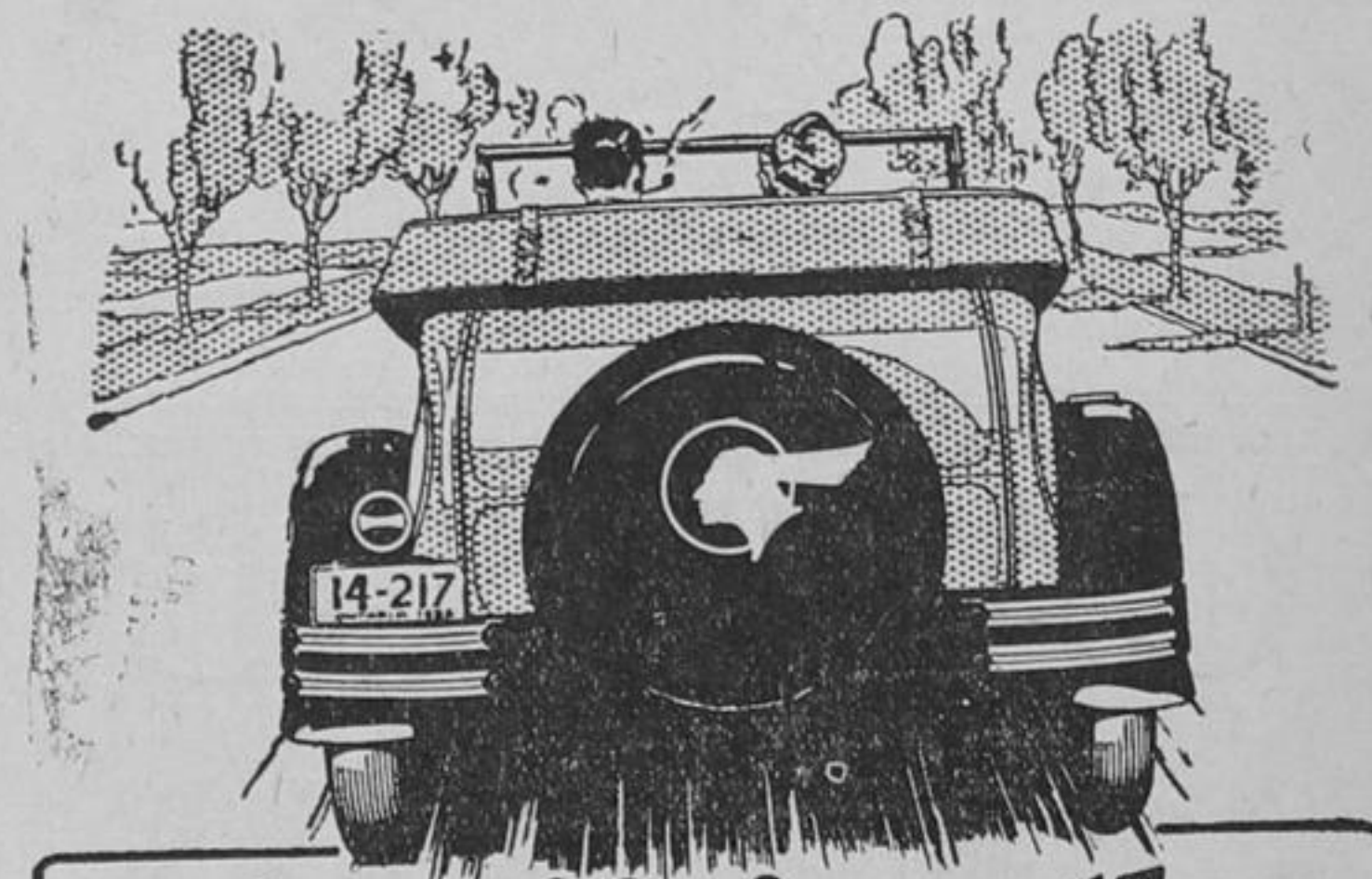
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