

Way Back in the Liberal Files

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Our Issue of Feb. 24th, 1898
Mr. H. A. Nicholls has purchased the Grand Central property, consisting of the large brick building and half an acre of land.

On Friday, F. Sims defeated P. G. Savage in a curling match for the medal, W. H. Pugsley defeated W. T. Storey's rink, and on Tuesday in the semi-finals M. Boyle defeated F. Sims by 23 to 9. Two more matches will decide the contest.

The program for the Gospel Temperance meeting last Sunday afternoon consisted of a Bible reading by Mr. W. Harrison, an address by Rev. A. R. Sanderson, a solo by Mr. A. S. Savage and a vocal quartette by Mr. Switzer, Mr. Sanderson, Mrs. Switzer and Miss Wiley. Mrs. C. G. Derry, Miss Wiley, Mr. R. W. Glass and Mr. E. Mason played the accompaniments.

Two large sleigh loads of pupils from the Weston High School, headed by the Principal, Mr. Elliott, drove over Saturday and spent the day in the Village. They brought their skates with them, but unfortunately there was no skating, as the rink had been flooded after the carnival and did not freeze. Mr. Elliott and some of the pupils paid a visit to our High School during the afternoon.

Thomas Alfred, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Savage, died very suddenly on Monday. Funeral was held on Wednesday with a large number of relatives and friends in attendance.

The concert on Friday evening in aid of the High School Library was a splendid entertainment given for a worthy object. M. Naughton, Esq., chairman of the Board, presided. The Principal, Mr. Coombs, is to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment.

A friendly match was played here on Monday afternoon between Thornhill and Richmond Hill. The play was very close, but the home team finally won by five shots. The following men composed the rinks:

Thornhill	Richmond Hill
G. Harper	T. F. MacMahon
J. Wilson	A. Moodie
W. Clark	W. H. Pugsley
F. J. Gallanough	J. H. Sanderson
V. S. skip 11	V. S. skip 14
T. Hughes	P. G. Savage
Dr. Nelles	F. McConachy
Rev. J. W. Morgan	W. A. Sanderson
J. Morgan skip 11	J. Palmer skip 12
Total 22	Total 27

After the match the visitors were treated to a supper at the Palmer House. Before leaving the table the usual compliments were passed between the clubs, and a very pleasant hour was spent together. The return match, which will be played in the near future, will be looked forward to with pleasure by both clubs.

THE BAND CARNIVAL

The Band Carnival which had been anxiously looked forward to for some time, came off on Tuesday evening last, and was a pronounced success. It is a well known fact that whenever the ladies of Richmond Hill take anything in hand, success is assured, and when it became known that the arrangements for the above carnival were in the hands of a ladies committee, expectations of something good were raised, and, as the event proved, were not raised in vain. The chief attraction of the evening was the International Drill, in which twenty-four ladies and gentlemen took part as follows: To the inspiring strains of Rule Britannia, the Union Jack, represented by Miss Mary Trench, glided gracefully around the rink to a position in the centre. Then the well known air, Yankee Doodle, was played, and Miss H. Wiley and Miss L. Rogers representing the United States skated to a position on the corner, followed by Mr. E. A. Coombs and Miss V. Storey, representing Turkey; Mrs. Hume and Mrs. Derry, France; and Mrs. Coombs and Miss L. Clifford, Japan. These took positions on the other three corners, each carrying the flag of the country they (for the time being) were natives of. The representatives of the following countries then took positions in the centre: Ireland, Miss Ethel Switzer, Miss Jessie Moodie, Mr. W. Hall, Mr. L. Morris; Scotland, Miss Clifford, Miss F. Moodie, Mr. Jas. Wright, Mr. H. Startup; England, Miss M. McConachy, Miss L. Duncan, Mr. H. Sanderson, Mr. Thos. Trench; Canada, Miss H. Linfoot, Miss A. Glass, Mr. A. Boyle, Mr. H. Proctor. The band played appropriate national airs for each of these positions and then struck up a spirited waltz, to which the skaters in the centre performed a number of evolutions, which were a marvel of grace and precision, and which were liberally applauded by the well pleased spectators. For the successful rendering of this drill great credit must be given to Mr. J. H. Sanderson, whose skill and patience

in preparation proved equal to the occasion. Mr. Ed. Forester was also on the ice with his family of Brownies, who also gave much pleasure to the spectators. During the evening the races were run as follows. Open race, half mile, won by Graham, second R. Smith; boy's race, half mile, won by Ball, second by Albert Glass, Albert would easily have taken first place if he had not been seized with a desire to rest in the fourth round. The hour for closing came all too soon, and after the band had rendered the National Anthem the large crowd dispersed, thoroughly well pleased with the evening's entertainment. A number of other costumes not referred to above added to the brilliancy of the happy event. Receipts \$43.15.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From Our Issue of Feb. 27th, 1913
The Richmond Hill Public School defeated Thornhill Public School in a hockey match here last Friday.

The York Blacksmith's Association held a business meeting and banquet in Forester's Hall, Wednesday evening of last week.

The receipts at the Firemen's Skating Benefit last evening amounted to \$21.85. Those present enjoyed every band, and the rink closed at 10:30.

At the annual meeting of Centre York Conservatives, Mr. W. H. Pugsley of this Village was elected an Honorary President, and Mr. H. A. Nicholls a Vice-President.

At a convention of the West York Sabbath School Convention held at Maple last week, Mr. Geo. S. Sims of this Village was elected President for the ensuing year.

By a decision by Judge Middleton on Tuesday, York County will pay \$1800 for repairs to a portion of the Vaughan Road near Woodbridge where a washout occurred during the spring freshets.

BOYNTON-LUNDY

The home of Mrs. Harriet M. Perkins, Victoria Square, was the scene of a very pleasant event on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 1913, when her sister, Miss Frances Louise Lundy, was given in marriage to Mr. Ralph Fenby Boynton, both of Victoria Square. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Homer F. Wilson, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. G. S. Smith, of Richmond Hill.

At a meeting of Markham Township Liberals, held at Unionville, on Tuesday of last week, Mr. A. D. Bruce of Gormley, presided as Vice-President, and the following were elected chairmen of the various sub-divisions: Thornhill, Arthur Thompson; Elgin Mills, Joshua Horner; Brown's Corners, D. C. Burr; Victoria Square, F. Nichols; Unionville, Wm. Noble; Elmira, Jonathan Nigh; Box Grove, George Robb; Mount Joy, V. J. Winterstein; Dixon Hill, Lewis Hoover; Cedar Grove, Andrew Reesor; Mongolia, J. Turner.

The choir of the Methodist Church, at a meeting held on Wednesday evening presented Mr. J. Earle Newton, their retiring organist, with a gold handled umbrella and an address as a token of appreciation of his services as choir master and organist. Mr. Newton made a suitable reply, after which refreshments were served.

ON RIDING ON A FAST TRAIN

By Neil Burton

Did you ever travel on one of those fast trains that run between Montreal and Toronto? They are among the fastest in the world. You get on at Montreal and before you are aware of it you are jerked into the Union Station at Toronto at a cost of so much per jerk. A mile a minute with all the comforts of a toboggan slide and all the sensations of a sea voyage. If you paid your fare in the train you wouldn't have time to get your change back before you got there. You travel so fast that when you are jerked into Toronto you have to set your watch back a half hour to give the sun a chance to catch up with you.

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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

AMAZING INCREASE IN FARM TAXATION

While municipal taxes imposed on rural Ontario are fourteen times the amount they were fifty years ago, field crops of Provincial farms have decreased in value by \$12,000,000 in the same period, a statistical summary of rural and urban taxation over the past several decades shows. The statement is issued by S. H. Symons, Executive Secretary of the Ontario Agricultural Council, who is also statistician to the Department of Agriculture at Queen's Park.

The increase in taxation between 1911 and 1931 is termed "amazing" in the report which was submitted to the Council last week, and observes that "local Governments must in the future show more consideration of the ability of the taxpayers to pay taxes than they have in the past."

In 1911 the total of municipal taxes imposed in rural Ontario was \$7,972,335 and in 1931 \$31,138,921, an increase of \$23,166,586. In the same twenty-year period urban taxes imposed went up to \$97,518,763 from \$18,390,990, an increase of \$79,127,773.

While the actual taxes imposed have shown a greater increase in urban centres than in rural districts, the growth of population and the increase in assessable property has likewise been greater in urban municipalities. The actual burden of taxation as reflected in the rate in mills and the taxes per head of population has been much more severe in rural sections, the report notes.

It is intimated there may be an enquiry into the price of milk. If it should be an enquiry and not a White-wash for the watered-stock interests it might be alright. There is certainly too large a spread between what the farmer gets and what the consumer pays.

The Farmer's Education

An outstanding Canadian authority, discussing farming as a vocation recently, included among the essential subjects in the educational preparation for farm work, the following: A thorough training in the

use of English; proficiency in mathematics; sufficient commercial training so as to successfully carry on his business; practical training, obtained on the farm; a study of agricultural science, including chemistry, physics, botany, entomology, bacteriology, and a thorough knowledge of the more practical subjects, such as horticulture, field crops, live stock, mechanics; and a practical working knowledge of economics and civics. For the young woman whose future happiness will be found on the farm he suggested special training in cultural subjects, and in the work of the home, such as cooking, sewing, management and hygiene. Knowledge is as necessary to success in farming as in any other line of business.

SEEDS

IMPORTATIONS FOR CANADIAN USE
By C. McEown

Of thirteen and a quarter million pounds of seeds imported into Canada, according to last year's report, nearly ten million pounds came from the United States. Of this amount more than six million pounds is timothy seed, and one and three quarter million pounds of field corn, and quarter of a million pounds of garden seeds, exclusive of peas, corn and beans. The next largest contributor to our seed supply is the British Isles, which sends us approximately a million pounds of seeds, the largest single item in this is garden peas, which amounts to nearly three hundred thousand pounds. They send us nearly two hundred and seventy thousand pounds of manful and rutebaga seeds. Holland is our next largest contributor, with no outstanding quantity of any particular seed. France comes next with four hundred and sixty thousand pounds of red clover and a few other seeds. Germany provides us with three hundred and forty-four thousand pounds of sugar beet seed. We import another two hundred thousand pounds of the same from other countries. Japan comes next. Their largest contribution is peas. New Zealand gives us a good supply of grass seeds. Checo-Slovakia, Denmark and Italy also make shipments to us.

I have asked a number of seed importers why so much seed was brought into Canada rather than use the Canadian grown product. The answer seemed to be generally that it was the low cost of labor and climatic condition in these foreign countries that made competition out of the question. My belief is that this is only partially true. United States who is by far the largest seed supply of Canada, pays its labor as much as we do. It is true that they have some conditions of climate which we do not have and could therefore produce varieties that we cannot. The price of our labor is so depressed that we can now compete with congested Europe. I am, however, of the opinion that a part of our trouble is that seed growing has not been tried out by the average farmer. It is true that we grow much of our field seeds here, but it seems to be only incidental to the regular farm operations.

I do not advocate farmers entering into wholesale seed growing. Some very good work can be done, and knowledge gained along this line by attempting to cultivate one or two kinds of seeds, and selecting only one popular variety of each kind so that it will remain true to that variety on account of avoiding pollenization from other varieties in proximity to this plot.

The seed division of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa will provide an intending grower with much helpful information if he makes application.

The preparation of the soil, the care of the plants, methods of harvesting, preparing and marketing. The local seed dealer will welcome the opportunity of buying a supply of home grown seeds, which would work out to the advantage of the farmer. As it is now, the imported seeds have transportation, duties, if any, and sometimes two or three middlemen's profits added to the cost, whereas the local grown product would be marketed with only the distributors profit, and the whole transaction would benefit none others than Canadians.

For instance, there is imported six thousand pounds of pumpkin and squash seed, ten thousand pounds of tomato seed, twelve thousand pounds of lettuce seed and one hundred and twenty thousand pounds of garden beans, besides numerous other items that can be very well grown in Ontario. The difficulties attending this occupation will be overcome through experience.

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Weather not permitting Carnival will be postponed until Tues., Mar. 14