

WAY BACK IN THE LIBERAL FILES

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
 From Our Issue of April 7th, 1898
 The High and Public Schools of the Village closed on April 7th for the Easter Holidays and opened again on Monday, April 18th.
 Eggs will scarcely be so plentiful for Easter Sunday as they would have been had the warm weather of March continued through the fore part of April.
 Mr. John Brown had a successful sale yesterday, and was well pleased with the result. Messrs. Eckardt and Prentice wielded the gavel by turns, and got through a large list quite early in the evening. Implements sold well, and cattle brought good figures. One cow was carried along until the price reached \$54.00.
 The following was copied from the Stouffville Sentinel of the week before:
 On Wednesday a number of relatives and friends gathered at the residence of Mr. Chas. Radmore to witness the marriage of Miss Ida Louisa, eldest daughter of the late Wm. J. Smith to Mr. George Drury of Markham Township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Wilson of the Stouffville Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Drury will take up their abode on a farm in Vaughan Township near Richmond Hill.
 Gertrude, the five year old daughter of Mr. Geo. Derry, had a narrow escape from drowning on Tuesday afternoon. On her way to see her grandmother, Mrs. G. Wiley, the little girl jumped on the top of a water tank sunk in the ground opposite Mr. Elliott's on Richmond St., when the worn out plank gave way.
 The tank was nearly full of water and Gertrude was wet above her waist, but fortunately she held on with her arms until her little friend, Ethel Metcalf, drew her from her perilous position. A number of the village tanks are dangerous traps and the problem is how to overcome the difficulty. It is impossible to keep them locked so close to the ground, and yet it is dangerous to have the lids in such a way that children can open them. The covers could be easily nailed down, but in case of a fire there might be difficulty in opening them quickly. The council will, no doubt, look into the matter and see that the covers are not allowed to decay.

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 Deep regret was felt in Thornhill when it was known that Nellie Cooper beloved wife of Mr. J. J. Davidson, had passed away on Thursday after an illness of four weeks. The whole village was plunged in gloom as she endeared herself to a host of friends by her gentle loving disposition. She was a valued member of the Methodist Church Choir. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon at which Rev. T. Douglas, Rev. S. A. Lawrence and Rev. J. H. Oke took part. The choir led the singing and also sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." On Sunday evening a memorial service was held in the church when short addresses were given by Rev. J. H. Oke and Rev. Douglas and suitable music was rendered by the choir. The choir loft was draped in black and a sheaf of lilies and roses rested on the vacant chair.
 Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCarter have returned from Saskatchewan and will make their home in Richmond Hill.
 Changes are taking place in the Lorne Block. Mr. Ransom has removed to his residence opposite the Rustic Inn property, and the two south rooms in the Lorne Block are being fitted up for Mr. Norman Glass gents' furnishings.
 Probably the best sale of work horses ever held in Richmond Hill took place Tuesday at the Palmer House, the property of the Lauder, Spears and Howland Lumber Co. The sale was conducted by Mr. J. H. Prentice, and scarcely an animal out of nearly 30 sold was "knocked down" at less than \$200. Some teams went for nearly \$600, and many of the horses for \$250 and \$275.
 A freight car standing on the siding at the Metropolitan Waiting Room

ran down the grade Friday afternoon and through the lumber shed, the property of Mr. Trench. A cart was completely smashed, a covered buggy badly damaged, along with other articles. Workmen were on the job most of the afternoon and night, jacking up the car and getting it up on the track again.
 Mr. Justice Lennox issued judgment Monday dismissing the application of the temperance forces of Aurora for an order prohibiting his Honor, Judge Morgan, from certifying that the local option by-law submitted to a vote of the people of that municipality in January last was not carried. The effect of this decision, together with Judge Morgan's finding that the requisite three-fifths vote was not secured, is that another vote cannot be taken for three years.
 Reeve Pugsley presided at a Public meeting in the Masonic Hall, Monday evening. He explained the severe loss that Mr. Lawrence had suffered on Good Friday when his large

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VICTORIA SQUARE NEWSY NOTES

The Public are cordially invited by the Mission Band of Victoria Square United Church to their Easter Thank-Offering meeting on Tuesday, April 18th, at 8 p.m., when Miss A. O'Neill of Honan, China, will give an address with lantern slides on her work. Special vocal music will be supplied by some of the members of Agincourt Junior Choir assisted by Mr. John Moscow, talented violinist, of Agincourt. Refreshments will be served and a Thank-Offering received.

Bad roads are the popular topic of conversation these days, and furnish plenty of material for discussion. For once the "depression" has faded into the background, as a subject for table talk. Our so called "highway" the fourth, is in the worst condition. Messrs. C. Colnau and Charles Hart found difficulty in entering the church gateway on Sunday, miring their cars to the axle.
 Miss Dorothy Oliver spent Saturday in Toronto.

Our young people are busily engaged these evenings in practising for two plays. One, under the auspices of the J.F.A. and J.W.I. is a four act drama entitled "Hometies," will be presented in the near future. A one act play "The Neighbors" will be put on by members of the Y.P.S. in the drama competition with Temperanceville on Friday, April 28th. Mrs. P. W. Willows is the genial and able director in each case.
 Miss Marion Klinck is spending a few weeks at her home here. Miss Klinck gave a very interesting address in Sabbath School on "The Greatest Thing in the World."
 His many friends are pleased to see Mr. Chas. Denne is out again.
 The Misses Hopper are also improving in health. Miss Hannah at her home here and Miss Alice in the Wellesley Hospital, Toronto.
 Messrs. Wilfred Anderson and Douglas Gee spent Sunday evening at the home of the Misses Vera and Reva Nichols.

MARCH & APRIL CHICKS PAY BEST

Early chicks mature faster and lay earlier, when eggs are going up, not down. Success will be yours, with our Barred Rocks or S. C. White Leghorn chicks or started pullets.
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Free Electric Flat Rate Water Heaters for Every Hydro Home in Ontario

To THE CITIZENS OF ONTARIO

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario is prepared to place in every Hydro home a flat rate electric water heater at no charge to the consumer. This means that an electric heater complete with accessories— heating element, thermostat and tank insulation and the necessary wiring—will be installed in any Hydro home in Ontario where facilities exist *absolutely free of all installation cost to the consumer.* All the consumer has to do is to pay for the current he uses at a new low flat rate. This plan provides for the free installation of "Flat Rate Water Heaters" only where such electric hot water heaters are not already installed. This offer will be made for a limited period of time—the expiry date to be announced later.

In homes where a "Booster" heater may be required in addition to the "Flat Rate Water Heater" installation will be made and the consumer will pay a nominal monthly charge which may give him exclusive ownership of the heater at the end of a five-year period.

Why this offer is made to you

The Hydro Commission submits this offer to the people of Ontario for two reasons:

- To increase consumption of electrical power.*
- To set to work as many Ontario citizens as possible.*

UNUSED POWER. Owing to the present long-continued depression, resulting in the slackening of industry throughout the province and the material falling off in the consumption of power by industrial consumers, the Commission possesses power capacity which if not used will be lost. In order to absorb this power the Commission is prepared to install electric water heaters in all Hydro homes *free of cost*, believing that mutual benefits will be conferred on (a) the user through free equipment and a water heating service superior in availability, convenience and comfort to any other method of water heating; (b) the Commission through revenue obtained by the sale of power.

EMPLOYMENT. The plan of the Commission to install *free* electric water heaters in all Ontario Hydro homes will directly stimulate employment, in addition to benefits to be derived from economy, convenience and increased comfort in the home. Orders have already been placed with factories located in various parts of the Province which have created employment for skilled and unskilled labour and resulted in the purchase of raw materials and the disbursement of wages. There is scarcely a home in Ontario which will not be affected beneficially by this plan of free installation of electric water heaters.

Task will take time

Despite the fact that this plan has been given many months of study and preparation by the engineering staff of the Commission it will take time for the factories of the Province to produce all the equipment called for. Raw materials must be bought—special tools devised—dies cut—machinery installed and even new industries established, before we can be assured of a steady supply of heaters built to our standards and specifications. We have already secured the utmost co-operation from electrical, mechanical and allied trades in the Province. Costs of equipment have been worked to a new low level providing at the same time fair wages to those who have found employment and a fair return to all those engaged in production.

The Hydro Commission has set itself a task of considerable magnitude. There are hundreds of thousands of Hydro homes. Industry and employment are given impetus under the plan. The free installation of electric water heaters eventually pays for itself in power consumed. The plan will cost you nothing. It will give you lasting benefits, the first cost of which has not obligated you for one cent. Every home—every resident—the whole Province will be benefited, stimulated and enriched.

From time to time the Commission will advertise details of progress. We confidently anticipate your interest and co-operation in a plan by which all will profit. Watch for the next announcement by this Commission. Your own Hydro officials will gladly furnish further information.

- HON. J. R. COOKE, M.L.A., *Chairman.*
- C. ALFRED MAGUIRE, *Commissioner.*
- RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, P.C., K.C., *Commissioner.*
- W. W. POPE, *Secretary.*