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GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Weather prophets who predicted a mild open winter have been sent ignominiously shivering to their fire-sides and we have experienced a real old fashioned steady cold winter. However, February is almost spent and the first of March less than a week distant. Spring will soon be here and think of the fun we'll have next July talking about this winter.

A plant for the manufacture of peat will be installed at Bradford in the spring. Employment will be given to about 125 men. It is planned to produce 40,000 tons annually.

Due to hard times, Babe Ruth, America's star baseball batter, has agreed to accept \$35,000 as his 1934 salary. Poor Ruth! In 1930 he drew down \$80,000 and the same amount in 1931. It must be terrible to have to live on \$35,000 for a year!

Again war between Russia and Japan is predicted and many so-called authorities are convinced these two nations will come to grips within six months, and that Germany will line up with Japan and United States with the Soviet Union. If this situation develops, another world war will engulf humanity. Here is an opportunity for the League of Nations to serve the world by putting forth every effort to avert this threatened calamity.

Here's how cold it was in the second concession of Sidney. One prominent farmer on that line stated that it was so cold while they were milking one evening that the milk froze solidly in the pails. Dumping the solid block of frozen milk out of the containers it was then carried into the kitchen, where, after it was melted, it was fed to the separator.

The same farmer said that a neighbor of his has been milking with woollen mitts on since the start of the real cold weather.—Ontario Intelligencer.

The staggering load of debt which is being borne in Canada was indicated by Sir Joseph Flavelle, Bart., chairman of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and one of the Dominion's outstanding financiers, in a thoughtfully prepared and forceful address at a meeting of Barrie Kiwanis Club Monday evening at which members of the Lions Club and other citizens were guests.

"The aggregate bonded indebtedness for Dominion, provinces and municipalities, which in 1914 was \$1,149,000,000, in 1918 was \$3,010,000,000, and had grown, with Federal Government guarantees, to \$6,650,000,000 by the end of 1933," Sir Joseph declared.

All new buildings for dwelling purposes built in Orillia will be tax-free for a period of one year besides the year of construction, under a motion passed by the Town Council. The object is to encourage a revival in the building trade and create work. All improvements to dwellings will also be free from taxes for two years.

"I venture to say that the youth of this generation is of finer materials than the youth of any other generation of which I have any knowledge in the history of this country. They are so frank, so sincere, so straightforward, extraordinarily hopeful and courageous in their outlook on life."—The Archbishop of Canterbury.

Did you know . . . that the average life of a dollar bill is less than a year . . . that they wear out quicker in the summer than in the winter — that it costs the government a cent and a half to print a new one . . . that an issue of Dominion five dollar notes once had to be withdrawn because the photographer sent out to secure for it the picture of a Canadian ship passing through a canal, chose an American canal.

Toronto is talking up its centenary, but has not quite decided on how to pronounce it. When in doubt use another word.

Lake Simcoe is yielding a great harvest in white fish this winter. A piece of red flannel is a favorite bait. We don't know what the fish think it is, but you cannot fool the trout in May that way.

The Niagara Falls Review says it is good policy to keep as little as possible in the cash register. We believe that this practice has been fol-

lowed in many places of business because there has been little to leave in.—Exchange.

Alliston Town Council has been requested to have the curfew ring every night at nine o'clock. This will not be done but the police will endeavour to keep children off the streets after that hour.

That Beeton is a place of health and remarkable longevity goes without saying. With a population of between 600 and 700, there reside within the precincts of the village more than twenty octogenarians.

About twenty Dutch families will arrive in Bradford on March 24 from Holland and will settle on ten-acre plots, with a house on each, on the Holland Marsh.

Way Back in the Liberal Files

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
From Our Issue of Feb. 16th, 1899
The hockey team from the City last Thursday evening defeated the home team by a score of 6 to 4. In consequence of the snow drifts the team did not arrive here until between 9 and 10 o'clock.

The High School is booming. The pupils are working hard. The reading room is well patronized and heartily appreciated. The whole institute may very properly be called a hive of industry.

A number of former Richmond Hillites among whom were Mr. C. C. Billings, Mr. J. McConaghy and Mr. C. McLean attended the curling match in Toronto on Saturday between the Lakeview and Richmond Hill clubs. Mr. McLean and Mr. A. S. Savage remained for the supper and sang a number of songs at the entertainment which followed.

Two rinks of curlers went to Toronto on Saturday and played the return match with the Lakeview curlers. After a sharp and even contest the visitors won the game by three points, score being 24-21. After the match the visitors were invited to the dining-room where an excellent supper was in waiting. A pleasant hour followed in speech, song and story, after which the teams separated, feeling that although they had met a week before as strangers they now parted as friends. The following is a summary of the play: Lakeview, E. H. Thompson, J. Kyle, C. C. Matchell, Geo. G. MacKenzie skip, 9; Richmond Hill, A. Moodie, W. Sanderson, F. McConaghy, M. Boyle skip, 11. Lakeview, J. Alexander, A. Wright, W. Mansell, J. Head skip, 12; Richmond Hill, T. F. McMahon, P. G. Savage, J. H. Sanderson, W. T. Storey skip, 13.

Mr. J. B. McLean of Purpleville was on Tuesday appointed by the Council, Clerk and Treasurer for the Township of Vaughan in place of the late Mr. J. M. Lawrence. At the annual meeting of the Dominion Shorthorn Breeders' Association held in Toronto on Wednesday of last week, Mr. James Russell was re-elected president of the Association. The Village Council and a committee of citizens met last evening in anticipation of a visit from Mr. Warren, President of the Metropolitan Railway, who had arranged to come up and explain the company's proposition relative to erecting a bank, express office, grain elevator, etc., in the Village. For some reason Mr. Warren did not get here, consequently the meeting adjourned after looking over the plans of the buildings.

Mr. A. J. Hume is attending the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the A.O.U.W. now in session in Toronto, as a delegate from Ivy Lodge, No. 114.

Some of the city papers refer to the probable appointment of Mr. Frank Denton as successor to the late Judge Dartnell for Ontario County.

Only one match in the series for the medal has yet been played here. On Friday last skip Storey's rink defeated skip Savage's by a score of 15 to 7.

Mr. Thomas Wilson has hired with Mr. George Drury and commenced work on Monday.

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