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**MARCH AND THE BELL TELEPHONE**

March 3rd marks the anniversary of the birth 87 years ago in 1847 of Alexander Graham Bell, who in 1874 at Brantford, Ontario, invented the telephone.

In commemoration of the birth of Dr. Bell, the "Blue Bell" ensign will be flown on Bell Telephone buildings throughout Ontario and Quebec on that day. In connection with this eventful day in the history of the telephone it is fitting to recall that March has been outstanding through the years of telephone development as a month in which much notable progress has been made.

As examples, it was cited that 58 years ago to-day Bell's telephone patent, No. 174,465 and the most valuable ever drafted, was allowed. It was in March 1878 that Hamilton's telephone exchange, the first in the British Empire and the second in the world, was opened. On March 25 of that year, Dr. Bell forecast the introduction of long distance telephone exchange service. Two years earlier, March 10, 1876, the telephone had acquired its first physical existence. The first long distance telephone line between Toronto and Hamilton was completed March 15, 1881 one year to the day after the late Charles Fleetford Sise, founder of the Bell Telephone Company had met in Montreal with Thomas Swinyard of Toronto to open negotiations for the purchase of the old Dominion Telegraph Company.

In more recent years March has been notable, too. On March 21, 1917 Dr. Bell received the Medal of Honour for distinguished public service. What are now commonplace direct circuit long distance telephoning facilities were introduced March 22, 1925, while March 7, 1926 was the date on which was held the first public demonstration of two-way trans-Atlantic telephone service between North America and Europe.

**MILK**

Nearly twenty years ago the City of Toronto made the pasteurization of its milk supply compulsory. Since that time not a single case of milk-borne tuberculosis has come into the Sick Children's Hospital from Toronto but 13 per cent of all the cases of tuberculosis admitted to that Institution are of bovine origin derived from unpasteurized milk. All such cases come from outside the City.

During that period there have been no epidemics of typhoid fever or other milk-borne diseases in Toronto, but there have been a number of such epidemics in other communities where pasteurization of milk has not been compulsory. In 1931 in St. Catharines 457 cases of paratyphoid fever were due to improperly pasteurized milk; in 1930 in Kirkland Lake 400 cases of septic sore throat resulted from the distribution of unpasteurized milk; in 1925 in Vinelands 11 cases of diphtheria were due to an infected milk handler, and many other examples could be quoted.

Such disease producing germs may be derived from the cow itself, which may be suffering from tuberculosis, mastitis or contagious abortion, while other germs, like those of typhoid fever and diphtheria, may come from the excretions of the milker who fails to live up to a reasonable standard of cleanliness. All such germs, irrespective of their source, are destroyed by the moderate heat used in the process of pasteurization.

When municipalities can protect themselves from milk-borne disease by the simple process of heating the milk to 140 to 145 degrees Fahrenheit an holding it there for a limited period of time, it seems strange that there should be any opposition to this process. As to the change in the food value of the milk resulting from pasteurization—elaborate investigations in the feeding of animals and children have clearly shown that this elevation of temperature does not adversely affect the nutritional value of the milk in any way; it does, on the other hand, make it absolutely safe. The time would, therefore, appear to be opportune for making the pasteurization of milk compulsory in the interest of public health and safety. It does not seem to be fair that innocent children and other members of the community should be subjected to diseases which can be readily controlled and have been controlled in hundreds of municipalities where pasteurization has been enforced.

Pasteurization is a proven safeguard for the health of our people.

**CREEMORE BELIEVES IN GETTING THE WORTH OF ITS MONEY**

Creemore Village Council recently appointed H. G. Carscadden as General Utility Man, Constable and Superintendent of the Hydro Electric System, at an annual salary of \$400. In the by-law ratifying his appointment, the multifarious duties assigned to him are set forth as follows:

"As General Utility Man he shall be required to keep close watch on the water system, tank and hydrants; if a leak or leaks occur in any of the pipes or hydrants he shall immediately employ some person or persons to repair same with as little delay as possible and furnish the chairman of the water works committee with a true account of the time of all persons employed to do such work. He shall supervise all work being done to sidewalks, roads, culverts and bridges while under construction or being repaired and furnish the chairman of the roads and bridges with an account of the time for work done by all persons employed. And the employee shall remove the snow from the crossings on Mill Street at his own expense. He shall at his own expense destroy and prevent from seeding all noxious weeds on all the streets of the Village within the area bounded by Collingwood, Louisa, Mary and George Streets, and cause the same to be done on all the other streets within the corporate limits and at the expense of the Village.

"The said employee shall also be Constable and Sanitary Inspector for the Village. It shall also be his duty to superintend the Hydro Electric System, read the meters and do any repairs to street lights and see that they are lighted and turned off at the proper time.

"As Constable it shall be his duty to enforce in a reasonable manner all the provisions of the Municipal By-laws, the Liquor Control Act, the Highway Traffic Act and any other laws where required.

"It shall be the duty of the Utility Man as follows: He shall be Collector of Taxes, Caretaker of the Rest Room; he shall clean the manholes on Mill Street four times a year at his own expense and clean Mill and Caroline Street pavements four times a year with the assistance of one man supplied by the Village Council to help him at the time directed by the chairman of roads and bridges."

**Way Back in the Liberal Files**

**THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**

From Our Issue of Feb. 23rd, 1899  
The Anglican Parishes of Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Oak Ridges are considering the question of an amalgamation, with Mr. R. H. Steacy as their Pastor. Mr. Steacy has had charge of Richmond Hill and Oak Ridges Parishes for the past ten months, during which time both churches have done good work, and there has been the most cordial relations and the best of feeling between Pastor and congregations.

The Carnival held in the rink Friday evening passed off very pleasantly. The attendance of spectators and skaters was satisfactory, though the number of masqueraders was not large. Some of the costumes were very pretty. Probably one of the richest and best costumes ever exhibited here was worn by a Mr. Byrne of Toronto who represented the Duke of Buckingham, but he did not appear until the prizes had been distributed.

Later in the evening an exciting race, 10 laps, took place between skaters from Aurora and Markham. Graham of Markham came in ahead, and Lanill of Aurora second. The great attraction of the evening, as was anticipated, was the fancy skating by Miss M. H. Douglas of Toronto. This young lady was neatly and modestly attired, was graceful in her movements, and everybody present seemed delighted with the part she took in the evening's program. Among the figures cut were her initials—M. H. D.—Inside Edge, the figure 8, Spread Eagle, Scissors, Fish, Roll and Vines, etc. Although the ice was too soft for fancy skating, Miss Douglas performed her part well and kept good time with the music furnished by the band. The entries for the Cake Walk didn't fill, consequently that part could not be given.

Mr. T. H. Bull, Clerk of the Peace of York County, has resigned, and Mr. H. E. Irwin of Weston has been appointed to the vacancy.

The Markham Bonspiel which was to have been held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, has been postponed on account of the soft weather.

Messrs. W. H. Pugsley, John A. Boag and Ward Woodcock attended the annual meeting of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Association on Tuesday as representatives of York County Council.

A large number of friends met at the residence of ex-Warden Slater, Buttonville, on Friday evening, and presented Mr. J. S. Galloway, who is removing to the North West, with a purse, a cane and an address. A very pleasant evening was spent by those present.

Dr. J. N. Hutchison started yesterday for New York City where he will take a course of lectures on special lines in his profession.

On February 4th, 1899 after a brief illness, Mr. Wm. Munshaw passed away at his late home, Langstaff.

Ever since it became reasonably clear that the Metropolitan would in a short time be able to carry all kinds of freight, there has been a feeling among the citizens that an effort should be made to establish a market. Messrs. C. D. Warren and J. W. Moyes, President and Manager of the Railway Company respectively, were in the Village Saturday evening and talked over this and other matters with the Council and a few of the ratepayers. The result of this interview was a Public Meeting held in the Lorne Hall last evening and called by Reeve Savage in compliance with a requisition from a number of citizens. Keen interest was shown by most of those present and before closing he meeting the following resolving the meeting the following resolution was carried: That it is deemed advisable that the establishment of a grain elevator and the providing of accommodation for a Banking Institution and Express and other offices, would be in the interest of this community, and that a committee be appointed to evolve some plan to that end. The committee named to act in conjunction with the Village Council are, J. A. E. Switzer, I. Crosby, W. H. Pugsley, H. A. Nicholls, J. H. Sanderson, M. McNair, W. Harrison, T. F. McMahon.

On February 20, 1899, at 339 Quebec Avenue, Toronto Junction, Thomas Page, late of Concord, Vaughan Township, aged 73 years. Funeral was held from his late residence to Prospect Cemetery on Thursday, Feb. 23rd, at 2 p.m.

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**ELDER NEWS**

Master George McClure and Miss Ailie McClure, Toronto, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. McClure.

A number in this vicinity are laid up with colds.

The road scrapers are kept in active use in order to keep the roads passible. It is not an uncommon sight to see tunnels fully ten feet in depth.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure entertained a number of their friends on Wednesday evening of last week in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman of Owen Sound.

Knox W.M.S. purpose holding their March meeting at the home of Mrs. R. K. Johnson on Thursday p.m.

Miss Kathleen Bagg, teacher at S. S. No. 15, has been off duty during the past week through illness. Miss Velma Darker, Woodbridge, is supplying.

Miss A. McCallum spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. Neal, Richmond Hill.

**ON THE PARTY LINE**

If all the economists in the world were laid end to end, they would never reach a conclusion.

Medical Examiner: Suppose you should have a patient with some disease about which you knew nothing. What would you do?

"Charge him three guineas for the examination, then send him to you."

A young man proved himself very wise the other day when a certain widow asked him how old he thought she was. He answered: "I am just doubtful about making you ten years younger on account of your looks, or to make you ten years older on account of your intelligence."

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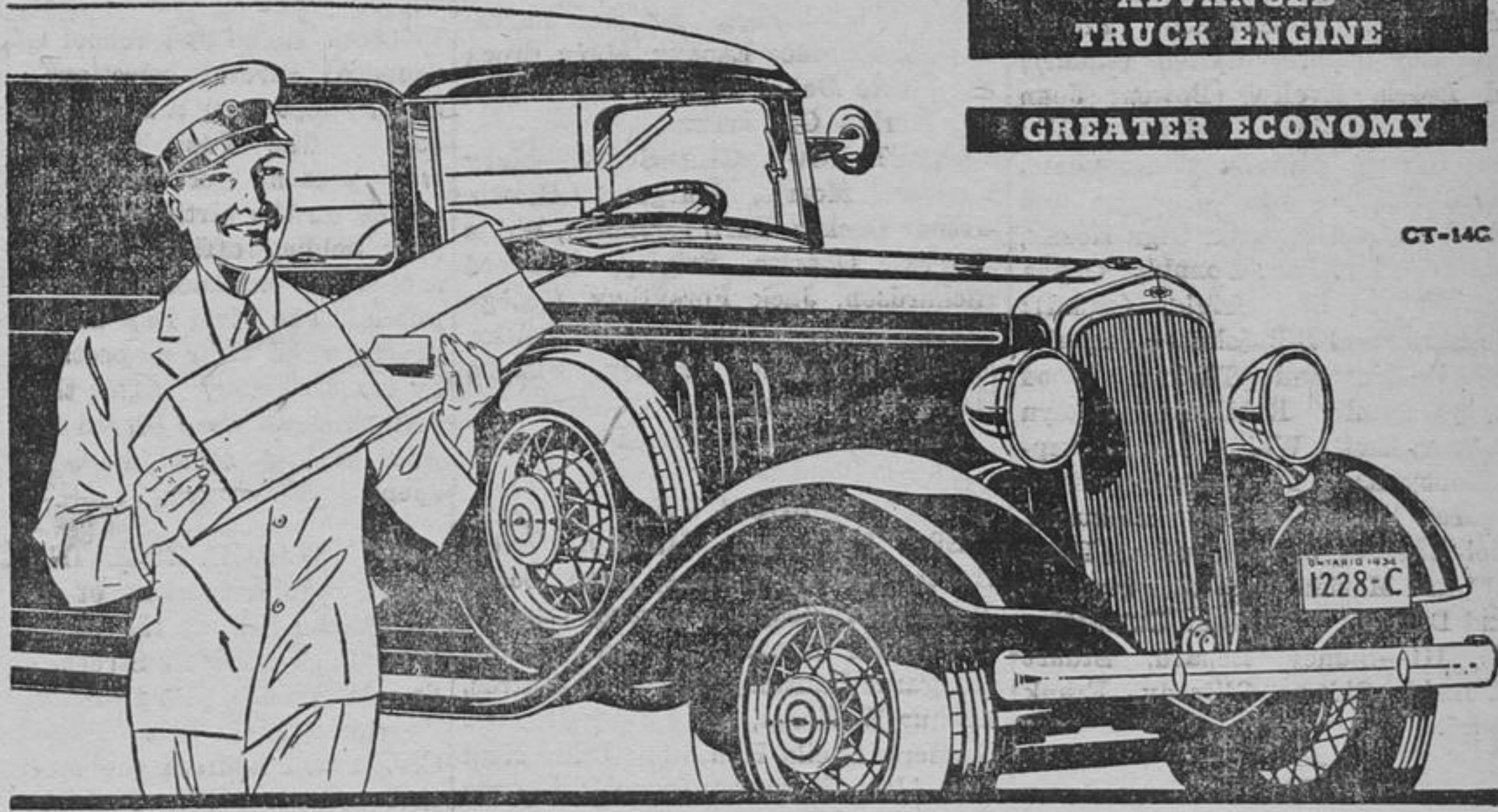
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