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## GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Newmarket Veterans in co-operation with the council and other public bodies are erecting a War Memorial which it is hoped to have ready for unveiling on Armistice Day. It will cost about \$1700.00.

September 24th is known as "Black Monday" in conservative circles at Ottawa. The outcome of that miniature general election is having a very marked effect on the political activities at the capital. The government is now rumored to be postponing the coming session until the New Year, realizing that it will be a hotly contested session and filled with many difficulties for the Bennett government. Independent political observers now predict that nothing less than a miracle can save the Bennett government from overwhelming defeat when they face the electors of Canada next year.

A one-year residence requirement was inserted into Ontario relief regulations by an order-in-council passed and made public by Hon. David Croll, Minister of Welfare and Municipal Affairs. The residence rule governing eligibility for relief in a municipality has been extended to one year, and the municipalities from which relief recipients move after September 1st of this year will be liable for the cost of assistance for the same period of time.

The Minister stated that the new regulations were designed to check the dumping of families from municipalities with low standards of unemployment relief into municipalities with higher standards. "This does not stop the free movement of people in any way," he said, in announcing the liability of the municipalities from which the relief recipients depart.

Harold King, Gravenhurst, grocer, is displaying a huge pumpkin which grew in his garden this summer. The pumpkin weighs 65 pounds and measures eight by five feet.

The Holland River Marsh is the centre of great activity these days, with all marsh gardeners rushing the work of celery harvesting in their endeavor to get the work finished before the severe frosts set in. The one heavy frost of a few nights ago apparently did no damage, but several such might practically ruin the whole remaining celery crop.

It is an interesting sight, particularly for anyone who has not witnessed it before, to visit W. H. Day & Son's plantation of 40 acres of celery and see the methodical manner in which the crop is harvested. With some 250 men and boys engaged in the harvesting, grading and packing for shipping to the cold storage plants in Toronto and elsewhere, the whole area is an animated hive of industry; and a fair indication of what may be seen all over the cultivated sections of the marsh at the present time and for the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Emerson Faris, with 34 acres of celery and some 240 harvesters engaged, reports taking 706 cases—considerably over two carloads of the "Phenomenal" variety of celery off one acre. He estimates that it will require two more weeks, with the best weather conditions, to finish his celery harvest and three weeks after that for carrots.

Though it is rather difficult to secure definite figures, it would probably be fairly accurate to state that at the present time fully 800 men, boys or women are engaged in celery or other vegetable harvesting on the marsh.

The possibilities of another severe winter were being discussed. Press dispatches stated another hard winter was ahead. "All bosh," exclaimed one old timer. "We will have an open fall with heavy snow late in October or early November, followed by mild weather and small floods well into December, with every chance of a green Christmas; then an average winter well into March when spring will come in slowly."

"Why are you so sure of yourself?" "All Nature points that way." The beaver are moving out of the lakes which are liable to floods to the hill streams and just starting to build their dams and repair old houses. This (Sept. 24) is later than usual. No winter food is being stored by them.

Then the white aphid found on the alders is very scarce. This would indicate a normal winter. "Squirrels are storing their food

in dry places, not in any hole that can be covered with leaves.

"Yes, sir, gents, we are going to have an average winter."

Another student of Nature expressed his views as follows: "We will have considerable dirty weather this autumn: heavy snow in November followed by mild weather well into December; then a normal steady winter with heaviest snows in March and a late spring. The statement regarding beaver is right. Deer are only shedding the velvet of their antlers. This is later than usual, they are also marking the trees where they rub their antlers lower than usual. This means less snow for the winter months. Owls are frequenting the low lands. This indicates mild weather and everything points to a normal winter."

I called up the sage and inquired as to his opinion. "An open autumn followed by a normal steady winter well into March. A good winter for trappers. I see no reason for alarm as regards a severe winter. We will have the usual cold snaps that go with winter weather."

Our swallows were fully two weeks later in moving south this season. Water birds are later than usual in moulting, also the grouse. And don't forget Nature takes care of the woods folk. Beaver and muskrats are slow in starting to prepare for winter. Black squirrels migrated from old Ontario in numbers to our northern forests. There appears to be sufficient food in the woods for all birds and animals. None of our winter residents have appeared from the north. Yes, Nature calls for a normal winter season.

## Way Back in the Liberal Files

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
From Our Issue of Oct. 9th, 1884.  
Posters are out announcing a Grand Lacrosse Match, which is to take place on the Aurora Park on Saturday next, Oct. 11th, between the Young Canadians of this place and the Orillia team. If the weather proves fine Aurora will witness a larger crowd than has been ever gathered there for an affair of this kind, as the Young Canadians have a widespread reputation, and the Orillia club are known to be no mean competitors. They play for a silver cup valued at \$25.00.

The fall meeting of the Markham Farmers' Club was held on Saturday last, on the farm of Mr. Wm. Rennie, a short distance from Headford. About 500 people were present from the surrounding country and city of Toronto including the Hon. Alex. McKenzie, Mr. Howard the American Consul, Dr. Smith and other persons of note. A substantial lunch was prepared for the visitors, many of whom seemed to relish the hospitality shown by Mr. Rennie.

As Mr. Warren Hewison was engaged in painting the new front of Mr. Atkinson's store, on Monday, the step ladder on which he was standing gave way, letting him fall suddenly on the planks below. He sprained his instep severely, which has caused him much pain, and has not since been able to resume work.

The third anniversary of the dedication of the Richmond Hill Methodist Church was held on Sunday and Monday last. The congregation is to be congratulated on the great success which attended their efforts. On Sunday, Rev. W. G. Howson of Pickering preached two eloquent and impressive sermons to very large congregations who by their earnest attention showed that they still appreciated the speaker as in by-gone days. On Monday evening the annual Tea was served by the ladies of the congregation in the lecture room of the church when more than one hundred dollars was made. After tea, Rev. W. R. Barker, as chairman, called upon Rev. J. E. Starr of Toronto, who delivered a lecture on "The atmosphere of the Times," which was listened to with much interest. Mr. Howson followed and in a pleasing fashion spoke his little piece, according to headings put into his hand by one of his lady friends. He then delivered a short address on "Methodist Union," which he handled in a masterly manner and spoke of the good fruits which were certain to follow the Union. The choir contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening by singing several new and appropriate selections. The total receipts are something over \$130.00, which will be applied to the building fund.

## NEWTONBROOK

Thanksgiving Day was an ideal day for an outing and many folk took advantage of a drive out into the country to see the glories of the Autumn Season. The traffic was very heavy on Yonge St. over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith attended Harvest Home Services at Temperanceville United Church last Sunday.

Miss Edna Stephenson returned from the West last Tuesday where she has spent the last couple of years and is visiting with relatives here.

The W.M.S. met this (Thursday) afternoon at the church. A Thanksgiving program was presented with Willowdale and Lansing Auxiliaries taking part. Next Wednesday afternoon the local Auxiliary will visit the W.M.S. at Maple.

Mrs. M. Winter and Mrs. W. A. Carson of King City visited with friends here a couple of days last week.

Rev. A. H. and Mrs. Halbert attended the Reynolds-Halbert wedding at Thornton last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. George Street left on Tuesday of last week for a trip through the Prairie Provinces.

Miss Evelyn Case is visiting friends in Aurora this week.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the United Church next Sunday morning following the worship Service.

Rev. D. T. McClintock of Toronto will occupy the pulpit in the United Church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Rev. A. H. Halbert is preaching in Carman United Church, Toronto, next Sunday evening at a special service, which is being held under the auspices of Mansfield Old Boys and Girls Association in Toronto.

Remember The Event of the Season "The Chicken Supper and Bazaar" to be held in the Sunday School Hall of Newtonbrook United Church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 23rd. Plan to attend.

Newtonbrook United Church anniversary services will be held on Sunday, Oct. 21st, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.

A young man whose knowledge of cards was vague, was roped in to complete a bridge of four. He committed his first mistake by throwing away a king on a trick already taken by his opponent's ace.

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Beginner (stammering)—I know! but I thought I'd find out.

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