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General News & Views Way Back in Liberal Files

One week from Saturday is the first of February.

Old man winter is wearing away and soon 'twill be spring.

Next Tuesday the York County Council meets for the initial session of 1936. The wish of the taxpayer is that it may be a brief session.

Here is a real chance for the girls in a classified advertisement which appeared in a recent issue of the Brantford Expositor: "Widower, aged 45, dead broke, but able to earn living wishes to meet lady same age, to share misery. Box 41, Expositor."

More equipment than ever before is being used by the Ontario Department of Highways to keep Provincial roads open this winter, it was stated at Queen's Park Monday. There are 2,400 men engaged in this work all over Ontario, and 100 trucks owned by the department, as well as many rented machines, are busily engaged in clearing highways of snow and rendering dangerous spots safe by liberal applications of sand.

"We are using greater quantities of sand than ever before," said R. M. Smith, deputy minister of highways. "There are 3,600 miles of provincial highways, and most of them are being sanded."

Hon. George S. Henry is not satisfied with only \$1,000 voted for his portrait to be hung in the premier's row at the parliament buildings. George would be surprised how many folks in Ontario would not grant him more than the price of a small camera snapshot. Anyway the government will appropriate no more, and it hasn't occurred to Mr. Henry to dib in any himself.

It was Alfred Noyes, the poet, who said: "Most people at the present day are sleepwalkers. They are alive but they are not awake. They don't realize their own marvellous possessions or readily perceive the world about them. If, for instance," he said "the trees were to break into leaf only once in a generation, and flowers appear on the earth only once in twenty-five years, the beauty of that appearance would be overwhelming." Just so it is with our blessings and privileges, they are so abundant and frequent, we sometimes lose their real value of beauty."

A story is told of a Sunday dinner at which the family was criticizing the church service all had attended. Father objected to the sermon, says an exchange, and mother thought it time they hired a new organist. Daughter was severe on the defects of the choir. The son of the house listened uneasily to all this criticism. Finally he put in his word: "After all, dad, I think it was a lot for a cent."

That story should set some of us thinking. Often we have come home from church or Sunday School in a critical mood, and have a lot to say about parts of which we disapprove. After all, however, have we not received a lot in comparison with the little we have given?—Huntsville Forester.

There was much speculation among his acquaintances as to why a certain commercial traveller took his wife with him when he went out on the road. For she was homely. She was so homely that none of the fellows could ever recall seeing a face so un-beautiful. In a hotel one night the travellers shook their heads at the sight of their pal newly arrived in town and checking in at the desk. At his side was his unbeautiful wife.

There must be an explanation for his doing this thing, one of their number contended. All had wives. None was homely, yet no other traveller took his wife with him when he covered his territory.

But no reasonable answer occurred to explain the strange practice. Baffled, one of the travellers volunteered to get the truth. When the opportunity presented itself, he button-holed the husband of the homely one.

"Why is it that you bring your wife with you on your trips?" he asked.

"Well, I'd rather do that," was the answer, "than have to kiss her good-bye."

Honest work and fresh air used to turn out more pretty girls than the beauty parlors.

Forty Years Ago

From Our Issue of Jan. 23rd, 1896
The members of the Richmond Hill Curling Club had a full day's enjoyment on Tuesday. By request of the club Mr. Mortson and Mr. Savage chose rinks and played for an oyster supper. In the forenoon Mr. Mortson's side won by 3 points, in the afternoon by 4 points, and in the evening by 2 points. The match created quite an interest, many of the citizens, including a number of ladies, being present at the games. After the closing match most of the players repaired to the Palmer House where an excellent menu had been prepared by the proprietor, Mr. Kelly. The following is a summary of the games played:

J. M. Lawrence	J. W. Elliott
J. Ellston	F. McConaghy
J. Brownlee	D. Boyle
J. Vickery,	W. H. Pugsley,
skip 15	skip 12
W. R. Proctor	J. Hall
J. Glass	John Casely
T. H. Trench	A. Moodie
Geo. McDonald	W. Sanderson
H. A. Nicholls,	J. Palmer,
skip 19	skip 11
W. E. Brown	H. F. Hopper
E. A. Coombs	J. Casely
F. H. Kirkpatrick	T. F. McMahon
C. McConaghy	P. G. Savage
J. Mortson,	M. Boyle
skip 20	skip 15

At the regular semi-monthly shoot of the Victoria Square Rifle Club held on Saturday last the following scores were made:

	100 yds.	200 yds.	total
C. Forrester	40	40	80
A. Quantz	37	36	73
J. C. Jenkins	45	24	69
R. Agar	40	26	66
W. Mustard	35	30	65
George Brown	36	29	65

Thirty Years Ago

From Our Issue of Jan. 18th, 1906
Mr. Donald Mackenzie of Woodbridge has been appointed license inspector of West York in place of the late James Bond.

About a year ago one of the principal discussions in shops related to the by-law for the removal of snow in the village of Richmond Hill. Until to-day the by-law this winter has been as unnecessary as are the snow fences along the Metropolitan Railway.

At the annual meeting of the Methodist Sabbath School all of last year's officers and teachers were re-elected. The following are the officers: Superintendent, J. Switzer; Secretary, G. S. McMahon; Assistant Secretary, Donald Atkinson; Treasurer, A. J. Hume; Librarian, Wm. Sanderson; Leader of Singing, W. A. Wright; Organist, Miss Wiley; Assistant Organist, Miss Barker.

Mr. T. Thomson of Headford installed the Sons of Scotland officers on Wednesday evening of last week. William Henry Harvey, who for a number of years kept the store at the Metropolitan Waiting Room, North Toronto, died suddenly of pneumonia, Saturday last, in his 37th year. Interment took place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Monday.

The weekly practice of the Victoria Square Rifle Club was held last Saturday afternoon. The following are the five who made the highest scores: A. Quantz 90, R. Agar 77, T. Read 73, W. Scott 71, C. P. Read 65.

The annual meeting of the R.H. and Y.S. Agricultural Society was held on Saturday. The Secretary-Treasurer's books were audited, showing a good substantial balance on the right side. The following officers and directors were appointed: President, J. Slater; 1st Vice-President, G. Leek; 2nd Vice-President, G. Gormley; Sec.-Treas., H. A. Nicholls; Directors, Whitechurch T. Lloyd, W. Thompson; King, T. H. Legge, W. Wells; Markham, G. Padget; W. Ormerod, A. Pingle, D. Lynett, R. Elliott, J. E. Francis; Vaughan, W. H. Clubine, J. N. Boyle, J. S. McNair, G. Dibb, G. Redditt, H. Rumble; Richmond Hill, W. H. Pugsley, T. F. McMahon, J. H. Sanderson, P. G. Savage, W. Eyer, E. Barker, J. Palmer, I. Crosby; Executive Committee, Messrs. Pugsley, Sanderson, Boyle, Clubine, Palmer, Padget, McMahon, Lynett, Savage. Messrs. Sanderson, Leek, Pugsley, Clubine and the Secretary were appointed a committee to superintend the Seed Show which will be held here on the 10th of February.

It is announced that ears are growing larger. But that doesn't mean that anybody is going to listen any more attentively to all you say.



SIR WILLIAM MULOCK
Canada's Grand Old Man who on Sunday last celebrated his 92nd birthday. Sir William, who is now Ontario's Chief Justice, is hale and hearty and enjoying the best of health. His host of friends in North York and through out Canada extend to this outstanding citizen best wishes for many more years of happy useful life.

Ham (mournfully, as he leaned out of the window of the Ark)—This is tough luck.

Shem—What's the kick now?
Ham—Why, we've got all this water around us to fish in, and only two fish worms on board.

A smart man is one who never makes the same mistake twice, but a smarter one is he who never makes it the first time.

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