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General News & Views Way Back in Liberal Files

Since the middle of January we have had a taste of real old time King Winter, although this district fared much better than many other communities throughout Canada and the United States. Those who don't enjoy the rigors of winter weather or the work of shovelling coal can console themselves with the thought that even now the days are growing longer and the sun getting stronger and Spring isn't so very far away.

Two school boys in Vaughan township were talking about Reeve "Bob" Scott who recently was elevated to the highest municipal office in that township. "My daddy thinks Bob Scott is a good reeve," one of the boys remarked. The older boy replied, "Oh I don't know—he hasn't closed the schools yet."

Canada now owes allegiance to a bachelor King, is ruled by a bachelor Prime Minister, has a bachelor leader of the opposition, and a bachelor president of one of our two great railways. Surely something can be done about this in Leap Year.

Uncle and niece stood watching the young people dance about them. "I'll bet that you never saw any dancing like that back in the nineties, eh, Uncle?" "Once—but the place was raided."

The year 1936 is not only leap year but a square year. The square root of the number 1936 is 44. The last previous year that could be squared was 1849, the year of the California gold rush, that number being the square of 43. The next square year will be 2025 the square root of which is 45.

Winter motoring has its compensation. Hitchhikers are in danger of having their thumbs frozen.

A manufacturer in England who was unable to pay his taxes, took 1500 of his bricks and left them with the tax collector as a payment on account. What would the tax collector here do, say, or think, if every business place in Richmond Hill left a load of his products on his official door step

Mark Twain and Will Rogers were both apostles of that clean and wholesome humor which left nary a sting or a bad taste, and folks loved them rather than feared them. Both left the world a better place than they found it and the names of both are preserved in the hearts of the people unmarred by a single stain.

Gordon Brown was elected president of the Schomberg Agricultural Society at its annual meeting and election of officers. Other officers: Vice-Presidents, Ken. Holmes and Harry Carter; treasurer, E. B. Davis; secretary, Dr. A. H. McLeod; directors, E. G. Lloyd and W. E. Dale.

The town of Chelmsford has six councillors every one of whom is on relief. This is a unique condition, to say the least. It also admits of some argument from an economic standpoint as to whether it is good for the municipality to have its administrators receiving their living from the municipal chest.—Alliston Herald.

Another judge, this time in Wisconsin, rules that a man is the head of his own house. That's all very well for the judge. He doesn't have to go home with the man and convince his wife.

Edinburgh University professor declares that as a race the Scots are tallest people on earth. They may be close—but not to the ground.

Chicago health officer says girls should wear woollen stockings and long, heavy underwear. Well, that's the last we'll hear of that!

A parson with a sense of humor was just put up a sign in his church: "No mistakes rectified after leaving the altar."

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FORTY YEARS AGO

From Our Issue of Jan. 30th, 1896
Mr. J. H. Sanderson was on Monday elected councillor by acclamation to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of the late Wm. Atkinson. Mr. Sanderson will make a worthy successor to an honored citizen and trusted servant.

The Rev. C. W. Follett of Victoria University preached in the Methodist Church here last Lord's Day, both morning and evening. Mr. Follett is an able preacher for a young man, and is destined to make his mark in the ministry. His sermon on Sunday morning was particularly good.

The following rinks for the Smith Medal have been chosen from the Curling Club: D. Boyle, J. Brownlee, J. M. Lawrence, J. Palmer, skip; J. Hall, E. A. Coombs, W. Sanderson, P. G. Savage, skip; J. Caseley, W. R. Proctor, G. McDonald, H. A. Nichols, skip; H. F. Hopper, T. F. McMahon, F. McConaghy, W. H. Pugsley, skip; W. E. Brown, A. Moodie, C. McConaghy, J. Vickery, skip; J. Elliott, J. Ellston, J. Glass, J. Mortson, skip; Dr. Langstaff, T. Trench, F. Kirkpatrick, M. Boyle, skip.

The council met in the council chamber on Monday evening, Jan. 28th, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. John H. Sanderson who was in the day elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy caused by the late William Atkinson, handed in declaration of qualification and of office to be clerk and took his seat. All the members present except councillor Savage. The reeve in the chair Minutes of the 20th of January were read and on motion adopted. The Registrar-General's certificate acknowledging the Village Clerk's returns of Births, Deaths and Marriages was read and ordered to be paid \$1.80 By-law No. 150 for the appointment of officers for the year 1896 was resumed, and after making certain appointments, was read a second and third time and passed. The following are the names of the appointees: Hesse A. Nicholls, assessor; Francis Wiley, bell-ringer; Jas. Brownlee, Village inspector, impounding officer, etc. The council adjourned to meet 20th Feb. at 8 p.m.

Mr. Slater, reeve of Markham Township, was on Tuesday elected to the honorable position of Warden of York County by a large majority. The vote stood, Mr. Slater 29, Mr. Hill 16.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
From Our Issue of Jan. 25th, 1906
Stories of January robins in some neighboring towns are in circulation. The red breasts have not been seen in Richmond Hill, but Mrs. Wm. Innes picked pansies in bloom from an outdoor flower bed on Monday, 22nd inst.

York County Council opened Tuesday with every member present. The first business was the election of a warden. The choice was Mr. W. H. Johnston of Georgina. The council have decided to oppose the going back to the old system of electing county councillors as proposed by the Whitney Government.

The curling rinks of President Barker have won from the rinks of Vice-President Wiley by a score of 11 points. The following are the two matches played:

President	Vice-President
W. Hall	J. Morgan
H. Sanderson	T. F. McMahon
A. G. Savage	J. H. Sanderson
E. Barker, skip 17	C. Wiley, skip 16
T. Lamont	W. Capel
G. McDonald	J. Michael
G. Cowie	W. A. Sanderson
F. Sims, skip 20	H. Nicholls, skip 10

The minister called on the Jones' home one Sunday afternoon and little Willie answered the bell.

"Pa ain't home," he announced. "He went to the golf club." The minister's brow darkened and Willie hastened to explain.

"Oh, he ain't gonna play any golf, not on Sunday. He just went over for a little game of stud poker, sir."

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The eightieth annual Oyster Supper was held in Edgeley Hall on Friday evening, Jan. 25th. In spite of the cold weather and snow drifts the attendance was good.

At the opening of the program by the President, Mr. Percy Puterbaugh, a minute of silence was observed in honor of His Majesty the late King George V and an expression of sympathy for the Royal Family was given by the Secretary, Mr. Robert Mitchell. "The King" was sung in honor of the new King, Edward VIII.

All were well entertained by Clair Rouse with all his musical instruments also Dorothy Fielding pianist and accordionist and Rex Slocomb—The Mystery Man and his accordion.

The Club's slogan is still "More Members." The executive is as follows: H. Broadbelt, B. Peelar, E. Robb, A. Stong.

AGINCOURT

On Sunday last David Marshall celebrated his eightieth birthday at his home in Agincourt and received congratulations from a host of old friends and neighbors. He has been a life-long resident of Scarborough, having been born on the homestead one mile west of Ellesmere.

He comes of Scottish parentage, his father, David Marshall, being born near Glasgow and his mother, Agnes Brownlie, at Strathern. He resided on the homestead for sixty-one years, retiring to Agincourt in 1917 following the death of an only son, aged eighteen, James Brownlie.

His wife is the former Barbara Marshall of Brampton, cousin of Hon. Duncan Marshall. For many years Mr. Marshall was a member of the board of management of Knox Presbyterian Church, Agincourt, and is a Liberal in politics. Though not in good health, Mr. Marshall is active and is intensely interested in community and current events.

He has one brother, Thomas, in Willman, Minnesota, and two sisters, Mrs. John Young, Markham, and Mrs. McCowan, wife of Sheriff Alex McCowan, Toronto.

Sandy joined a golf club and was told by the Pro. if his name was on the golf balls and they were lost, they would be returned to him when found. "Good," said the Scot, "put my name on the balls."

"The Pro. did."

"Say, would you also put 'M.D.' after it," said the new member, "I'm a medical doctor."

The Pro. obeyed.

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