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### WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

#### FORTY YEARS AGO

From Our Issue of March 12th, 1896  
The Concrete House is being brightened up by Mr. W. Minter and his men, who have been engaged cal-  
ciuming the ceiling, painting the  
wood-work, etc. It is only a short  
time ago since a new hardwood floor  
was laid, so that the whole interior  
of the store now looks bright, cheer-  
ful and new.

That well-known property known as  
the Bond's Lake Hotel changed hands  
on Saturday last when it fell under  
auctioneer Eckardt's hammer. Mr.  
Harry Legge, of Jefferson, was the  
purchaser, and the price is \$1825.  
About five acres of land on which is  
a frame dwelling was also bought by  
auction from the executors of the  
Dobb estate for \$260.

Two rinks of the Thornhill Curling  
Club came up on Monday afternoon  
and played the return match with our  
men. The ice was in perfect con-  
dition and a good game was the re-  
sult. The ice was evidently a little  
keener than the Thornhill players had  
been used to, so that the home rinks  
secured an easy victory. The follow-  
ing are the players on each side:

Thornhill	Richmond Hill
H. Harper,	A. Moodie,
J. Wilson,	F. McConaghy,
Dr. Nelles,	W. H. Pugsley
R. Clark, skip	J. Palmer, skip
Rev. J. Morgan,	T. F. McMahon,
R. Thomson,	J. Morton,
Dr. Gallanough,	M. Boyle,
J. Morgan, skip	H. A. Nicholls, skip

The visitors were afterwards dined  
at the Dominion House by their  
"brothers." A pleasant half hour was  
afterwards spent listening to a num-  
ber of short speeches, an excellent  
recitation by Mr. J. Wilson, and a  
song "My ain Scotch Lassie" by Mr.  
Moodie. All separated after singing  
the National Anthem.

The fancy dress carnival in Gallan-  
ough's skating rink, Thornhill, was  
well patronized on Tuesday evening.  
There were about 400 present, and  
about 50 were in costume. The ice  
was in good condition and the home  
band furnished good music.

#### Medal Matches

Pugsley 15	Mortson 14
Vickery 16	Mortson 13

#### THIRTY YEARS AGO

##### From Our Issue of March 8th, 1906

The Local Option by-law voted on  
in Bolton Monday carried by a ma-  
jority 11. The vote polled for the by-  
law was 101, against the by-law 90.

The Markham Village Public School  
Building was burned Wednesday morn-  
ing of last week. The loss will be  
nearly \$6,000. Insurance \$3,800. The  
fire was caused by a defective fur-  
nace pipe.

We have been shown a draft of the  
new James Bay Railway depot for  
Richmond Hill, to be erected in the  
early summer. Judging by the de-  
sign, the new station will be quite  
up-to-date.

Mr. Casper Wideman, one of the  
oldest and most highly respected  
citizens of that section of country,  
died at his home, near Gormley, on  
Wednesday, the 21st of February, in  
his 85th year. He was born in the  
year 1822 on the 4th Concession of  
Whitechurch, and had lived on the  
farm on which he died for upwards of  
60 years. The funeral took place to  
the Dunkard Cemetery on the follow-  
ing Friday, when the service was con-  
ducted by Rev. Mr. Fidler and Rev.  
J. G. Hoover of the Menonite faith.

W. J. Johnson and Sons of Fish-  
erville have purchased the property be-  
longing to Mr. W. Wood, Maple, and  
intend to carry on the butchering  
business. They will move here in  
May, and will keep a good stock of  
meats on hand to supply their custom-  
ers.

Dr. Coulter, Deputy Postmaster  
General, and Mrs. Coulter, left Ot-  
tawa this week on a trip to the con-  
tinent. They will sail from New  
York on Friday. The Doctor is Cana-  
dian representative at the conven-  
tion of the Universal Postal Union  
which meets this year in the City of  
Rome. The representatives of the  
various countries assembled regulate  
the rates and discuss different phases  
of the postal service throughout the  
world. The convention meets every  
seven years, though on account of  
the Russo-Japanese war the meeting  
was postponed for two years. Their  
many friends here will wish Dr. and  
Mrs. Coulter a pleasant trip and a  
safe return.

### The Quetton St. Georges

By Fred Williams

Do you know the romance and  
tragedy contained in the story of the  
Quetton St. George family in York  
and Toronto? Many a novelist tax-  
ing his or her imagination for a plot  
has failed to draft one which would  
equal the tragedy which made up the  
history of this distinguished family  
of old France, which through two of  
its sons adopted Canada as their  
home. It was in 1798 that the party  
of French Royalist refugees, led by  
the Count de Puisaye, landed at York.  
The foolish scheme of the Count to  
convert French aristocrats into pion-  
eers of the Canadian bush, and his  
unhappy colonization project came to  
nought. Mayor Quetton de St. George  
seems to have been the only one of  
the party who had any practical busi-  
ness common sense. He determined  
to take this land of refuge as his own,  
having proven his gratitude to Eng-  
land for having permitted him to find  
safety on her shores by adding "de St.  
George" to his name, Laurent Quet-  
ton, retaining the affix even after  
his return to France.

He realized the possibilities of this  
new country when the inevitable  
catastrophe came and the colony was  
scattered it was Quetton de St.  
George who bought the lands in Ux-  
bridge, Gwillimbury, near Whitby and  
Whitchurch and in the 'town' of Wind-  
ham, near Bond's Lake. He had, upon  
his arrival, expended his last ten dol-  
lars in the purchase of a peddler's  
pack. The aristocrat did not disdain  
the calling of an itinerant merchant.  
So well did this enterprise succeed  
that when Count de Puisaye went to  
England in 1802 to solicit further aid  
for the colony, St. George accompanied  
him to New York and purchased mer-  
chandise with which, as advertised in  
the Niagara Herald of Aug. 7, 1802  
"Messrs. Quetton St. George and Com-  
pany" opened a store at Niagara.  
From this, in course of time, there  
developed other stores at Queenston,  
Lundy's Lane, Amherstburg, King-  
ston and York, he finally disposing  
of the former and devoting his whole  
time to the business in this town.  
Tradition has it that he built the first  
brick house in York, on the corner of  
Princess and Queen Sts. bringing the  
brick from Kingston. The business  
grew, and with it Quetton St. George's  
reputation as an honest merchant and  
a good citizen. But when in 1815  
Louis XVIII was restored to the  
throne and France called back her  
scattered sons, he, with others, re-  
sponded to the call. He determined  
that it should only be a temporary  
absence, because he wanted to come  
back to his business and his friends,  
among whom were W. W. Baldwin,  
Bishop Strachan, Charles J. Scott,  
D'Arcy Boulton, John Small, John  
McGill and John Beverley Robinson.  
It was, however, destined that he  
should never come back. He had his  
estates restored, married, and had a  
son Henri, the business in Canada be-  
ing administered by the Baldwin  
family. The father died about 1827.

In 1846 Henri came to see his  
property in Canada. He brought his  
beautiful wife with him and they  
went to live on a farm near Windham,  
but the wife spoke no English, she  
was a stranger in a strange land, even  
though her mother had come with her,  
so miserable was she that she named  
the new home "Glen-lonely." Her  
only pleasure was in caring for her  
baby Jeanne, but when she died  
Madam de St. George decided that  
she had had enough of Canada and  
went back to the old home in France.  
Mr. St. George paid her occasional  
visits and in due course a second  
daughter, Madeleine, was born. Years  
later she came to Toronto to direct  
her father's home on Yonge Street  
(opposite Wood and Alexander) and  
to become one of the belles of To-  
ronto Society. The future seemed  
bright for father and daughter, but  
destiny again intervened. A famous  
French preacher came to St. Michael's  
Cathedral, Madeleine heard him, de-  
cided to become a nun and devote her  
life to mercy and good works. She  
returned to France, leaving a heart-  
broken father who, in his later years,  
gave his spare moments to entertain-  
ing at Glen-lonely more especially  
children, to whom his beautiful home  
was a paradise. In 1896 he died and  
was buried in the little cemetery at  
St. John's Church, Oak Ridges. A  
plain gray slab bears the inscription  
"In most loving memory of Henri

Quetton St. George born at Langar-  
ren, France, March 15th, 1820, died  
at Glen-lonely, Jan. 5th, 1896."

#### King Township Council

Special meeting of the council of  
the township of King was held in the  
Clerks office at 2 o'clock p.m. on  
March 3rd, 1936.

The following resolutions were pass-  
ed:

Moved by J. S. Lawson, seconded by  
C. E. Walkington—That this council  
hereby appoint J. P. Jefferson and  
Thos. MacMurphy as Holland Marsh  
Drainage Commissioners for the year  
1936. Carried.

Moved by L. B. Goodfellow, second-  
ed by Thos. MacMurphy—That the  
Treasurer be and is hereby authorized  
to issue a cheque to the Secretary-  
Treasurer of S. S. No. 26 for amount  
of one thousand dollars for the pur-  
pose of payment of outstanding ac-  
counts same to be deducted from  
School Debentures when sold; with  
Interest at 5 1/2% per annum. Carried

Moved by J. P. Jefferson, second-  
ed by J. S. Lawson—That the Clerk  
be authorized to investigate the mat-  
ter of issuing debentures for S. S. No.  
26 with out Township Solicitor on re-  
ceipt of application from said School  
Board. Carried.

Moved by J. S. Lawson, seconded by  
J. P. Jefferson—That it be hereby  
resolved to give the Township Road In-  
surance to H. Fisher representing  
Lloyds Insurance of England at a  
premium of \$235.00 on the double in-  
demnity policy of \$10,000.00 to \$20,-  
000.00 and that the Clerk be hereby  
authorized to issue a cheque to the  
above names agent. Carried.


Visitor (to bride) — Are you not  
getting tired of studio life?

Artist's Bride — "Good gracious,  
no. It's interesting. Jack paints and  
I cook. Then the game is to guess  
what the things are meant for.

Frank Kitto has been appointed  
secretary-treasurer of the Peel Agri-  
cultural Society, sponsors of Bramp-  
ton Fall Fair, at a salary of two hun-  
dred dollars per year. He succeeds  
T. W. Thompson as secretary and Wil-  
liam Davison as treasurer.

Are your pipes and chimneys  
clean? Many a disastrous fire oc-  
curs in sub-zero weather. In an ef-  
fort to produce more heat with  
heavier firing the state of the pipes  
and chimneys are often not thought  
of and up go the whole works.


Weather prophets are predicting  
that the next four years will be colder  
on the average than the last four. We  
can only hope that they will be as  
far out in their prediction as those  
were who predicted that the present  
winter would be open and mild.



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