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FORTY YEARS AGO
From our Issue of August 20th, 1896
Mr. John Watson, an old and highly respected resident of Vaughan Township, died suddenly at his home a few miles south of Vellore, on the 7th inst. Typhoid fever was the cause of death which came two days after Mr. Watson had taken his bed, although he did not feel well for several days before. Deceased was in the 54th year of his life and had always been a resident of the Township. The funeral which took place on the following Sunday to the Methodist Church Cemetery was very largely attended.

Two lacrosse matches were played in the park here last week. On Thursday, Richmond Hill III, were defeated by a junior team from Newmarket by a score of 3 to 2, and on Saturday Richmond Hill II defeated Aurora by 4 to 0. In the last match the captains for the home team and Aurora respectively were W. E. Wiley and J. Mosley. Grant Cooper and N. Frisby were umpires, and A. Powell refereed the game.

The toll gate on Yonge Street just outside the city limits and the check gate above St. Clair Avenue were fired by an incendiary or incendiaries on Sunday morning about 3 o'clock, the latter being burned to ashes, while the former is almost a ruin. There has been a bad feeling in that section since the commissioners erected the check gate to prevent users of Yonge Street from driving along St. Clair Avenue, through Reservoir Park, down Avenue road, and so avoiding toll. High Constable John has begun an investigation and hopes to discover the guilty parties. On Monday Warden Slater, Reeve Pugsley, Engineer McDougall and the County Commissioners held a consultation near the remains of toll gate No. 1, and decided to immediately rebuild the structure. It was also determined to offer a reward of \$100 for the conviction of the incendiaries. So far there appears to be no clue.

A good many people are in doubt as to whether they should take American money from those with whom they do business. In the present unsettled state it is certainly more satisfactory to avoid American money as much as possible until such time as our southern neighbors get their affairs straightened out on the silver question. The banks in Toronto some time ago gave notice that 10 per cent discount would be taken off silver certificates on deposits and the street railway officers were instructed to refuse American silver altogether. Wherever practicable handle Canadian silver and be on the safe side.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
From our Issue of August 16th, 1906
Our High School has again done well at the Departmental examinations. The report a year ago was most satisfactory, but this year is even better than last. Two or three of the strongest candidates failed by a few marks, but on the whole the standing of the school is excellent. Both teachers and students are to be congratulated on the good showing.
The \$8,483 given by the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, in cash prizes is divided as follows: \$3,700 to Shorthorns, \$540 to Herefords, \$470 to Aberdeen Angus, \$395 to Galloways, \$220 to grade cattle (beef breeds), \$205 to fat cattle, \$731 to Ayrshires, \$795 to Jerseys, \$307 to Guernseys, \$899 to Holsteins, \$221 to grade cattle (dairy breeds).

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General News & Views

Meet your friends at the Mulock Picnic, Woodbridge, Saturday, August 22nd.

Whitchurch township tax rate this year is three mills higher than last year.

Orillia Town Council has passed a by-law licensing slot machines in that town. For 25c. machines the license fee is \$100. per year.

Tourists will spend over \$250,000,000 in Canada this year.

Walter Dickson, a Stouffville farmer, threshed two acres of oats last week and reports a yield of 60 bushels to the acre. The grain weighed 36 pounds to the bushel.

Provincial Traffic Officer L. B. Byles has been transferred from Thornhill to Orillia, to take the place of Constable Robert Waude, transferred several weeks ago.

As a start towards adopting a new school system for higher grade public school pupils, the Orillia Board of Education plan to experiment with practical training subjects under a rotary system of teaching at Central public school when the new term begins September 1st.

Four classes are planned for junior and senior IV pupils, in which the boys will be taught manual training subjects and agriculture and the girls domestic science. Both boys and girls will be taught music, art and given health courses. This will be in addition to the regular grade work.

Big fish are again being caught in Midland harbor. Jack Puddicombe and Frank Murphy, Midland, hooked and landed an 18½-pound "muskie" only a few minutes after putting out from the dock in a row boat. Murphy, who was handling the line, took half an hour to land the big fellow and one occasion was almost pulled overboard. The catch measured three feet, seven inches in length.

The one and only P. T. Barnum is alleged to have said many things that never found their way into our copy books—things to which few of us would wish to subscribe. But he uttered a profound truth when he said: "If you don't advertise your business, the sheriff will."

"Though the drought be thought thorough enough, it isn't through." And it's said the English language is simple.

"Heil Hitler" is supplanting the conventional "yours truly" in all correspondence between German state banks and banks in countries outside Germany. An Ottawa bank received a general collection letter from Germany recently which concluded with the salutation "Heil Hitler."

After a heated argument, Mrs. Brown had succeeded in persuading her husband to allow their daughter to go to boarding-school. After a few weeks the girl wrote home and said, "I'm awfully keen on ping-pong."

"What did I say?" exclaimed Mr. Brown. "I knew it would come to no good; now you see she's fallen in love with a Chinaman."

The time of year is here when people who wouldn't think of eating with a fly on their table will go on a picnic and eat a meal in the presence of a thousand flies to say nothing of the ants, gnats, bugs and varied other flying insects and crawling critters.

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband, while a man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

Every town, which values its trees, should have a skilled man to look after them. Trees are living, breathing things and they require proper attention. A town without trees would be a town without shade or birds or lawns or flowers—a barren spot where smiling would be an effort and a laugh would never be heard. Trees should be looked after, they should be treated for disease and assisted in their fight against destructive insects. Trees require man's care and the better the care the more the tree will return in companionship and comfort.
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