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General News & Views

This relief is a funny business, remarks an exchange, and recounts the story of a relief recipient who when confronted with an order lessening his allowance, flew off the handle and exclaimed "this is the last straw, I'll quit relief and look for a job."

McKim Township in the Sudbury district this year will have a tax rate of 92 mills, which is the highest in the province of Ontario.

Norman Wice, an Innisfil Township farmer, when working in the field recently had the remarkable experience of witnessing a great bolt of lightning hit the ground about 35 yards from him. The lightning struck the ground and tore a hole four or five feet long and about a foot deep.

Up in Newmarket they have decided to have their municipal elections the first Monday in December instead of the first Monday in January. Sounds like a fair good idea. It is now the practice in many towns and seems to be gaining in popularity. Anyway who wants municipal election talk for Christmas dinner?

All of which might suggest the question as to what is going to happen around here when municipal elections do roll round. Reeve J. A. Greene was a long time making the chair of chief magistrate but once he got seated there the people appear to want to keep him sitting right on the job. So far the local municipal pot looks as calm and peaceful as the pyramids.

Except that we might predict that if there is any fur flying round hereabouts on election day it is apt to be in the Board of Education elections. School Board elections have in the past been quite nice affairs but these days school matters seem much to the fore in discussions round corners where election contests brew.

And Richmond Hill is going to have a theatre. A group of local citizens have formed a company according to best information available and will shortly give to Mr. Average Citizen a chance to invest in a real home town undertaking. This is certainly a movie age and an up-to-date movie house would be an asset to Toronto's highest and healthiest suburb.

Canadian exports to the United States jumped \$9,000,000 in August. Russian coal will be admitted into Canada to the extent of 250,000 tons per year under the new agreement with the Soviet.

What has become of the large family Bible that used to be a landmark in any front parlor? According to Rev. F. W. Miller of Australia, the Bible has been ousted by the radio. He says the parlor has become a living-room and the Bible has been relegated to some back room out of sight.

The passing of the old family Bible will be regretted by all of us who can remember when it was the most important and most impressive object in the parlor. In those days the parlor was the receiving room and show place of the home. The furniture was of the stiff horse-hair variety that was decidedly uncomfortable to sit on but was regarded as an absolute necessity in the furnishing of such rooms.

Talking seriously though it is a queer old world and, right now she's in quite a turmoil. It is a peculiar fact that while nobody wants war we seem to be heading straight into one. It is probable not five per cent of the people on the face of the earth desire to engage in war. Yet to-day when the world is supposed to be at peace, there is bitter fighting taking place in China, Central Asia, various parts of Africa and Arabia, in Palestine, and in Spain, while force is being used by more or less tyrannical governments to suppress the suffering and discontented populace in Japan, China, Siam, the U.S.S.R., parts of India, Persia, Syria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Germany, Poland, Italy, Portugal, and a dozen States of Latin America. And nine qualified observers out of ten predict a new world war within five years. Is the world insane?

And talking about what we heard reminds us of what a friend of ours told us the other day. He said "It's wise to believe only half what you hear and then forget half of that."

"Who was doing that terrible swearing at your house this morning, Henry?" asked the old lady. "I do hope it wasn't you." "No indeed," protested Henry, "that was Pop. You see, he was late for church and couldn't find his symn-book."

Down in East York the other day a deputation asked the right to hold a tag day to help the defenders of democracy in Spain. One wise township father opposed the request on the grounds that by the end of the week there'd be no one left over there to help.

Hon. Harry C. Nixon, Minister of Game and Fisheries, has announced that no shooting of partridge would be allowed in Ontario this fall, in view of reports that the birds are practically extinct.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of October 1, 1896 The Munshaw farm, consisting of 65 acres, two lots south of this Village, was sold at the Palmer House on Saturday by auctioneer Eckardt. The purchaser was Mr. Isaac Dillery, of Fairbank, and the price paid is \$3,800.

In the semi-final matches for the league championship, Weston has defeated Ellesmere 5-0 in the first match; in the second Ellesmere reversed things by a score of 2-0. The tie will be played off at York on October 3rd. In the Nobleton grounds Nobleton has defeated Aurora 2-0, and these teams will play their second match at Aurora. The championship now hangs between these four teams.

Last Friday evening a large number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith met at the residence of Mr. T. Cousins, Maple, to spend a social evening with them before their removal to their new home in Elmvale. The time was spent with games and music, and after supper was served Mr. and Mrs. Smith were made the recipients of a handsome easy chair. Miss L. Rumble made the presentation, and Miss S. McDonald read the address. Mr. Smith replied feelingly and in suitable terms, thanking those present for their expression of good-will toward him and his wife. Shortly after midnight the company dispersed, having spent a very pleasant evening.

A memorial service for the late Mrs. George Hooper was held in the Methodist Church last Sunday evening, when an impressive sermon was preached by the Pastor, Rev. Mr. McCulloch.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Sept. 27th, 1906 The Toronto Street Railway carried 4,540,829 passengers during the two weeks of the Exhibition.

The completion of the James Bay Railway to Parry Sound was marked by a trip Sunday over the road by Mr. D. D. Mann, First Vice-President, and party. The trip was made in six hours, the distance being 150 miles. There were nine in the party, including Mr. D. B. Hanna, Third Vice-President. The train was in charge of Conductor Brooks and Engineer Yarnall. The road was considered in satisfactory condition, and it is expected will be open for passenger and freight traffic in about two weeks.

The annual meeting of King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple, on Saturday, the 15th inst. The auditors' report showed the association to be in good standing. The date set for the coming match is Thursday, November 8th. The match will be held in the Township of Vaughan. The following officers were duly elected:—President, Wm. Walkington; Vice-President, Jas. Cameron; Treasurer, Geo. Lawson; Secretary, J. T. Saigeon; Directors, Jas. McLean Sr., T. H. Legge, S. Lemon, A. D. Carley, R. Thomas, A. McCallum, A. L. McNeil, S. Jamieson, S. McClure, A. B. Wells, R. Jones, Jas. Sutton, Wm. Wells, J. J. Marshall, George Phillips, Andrew McNeil, T. Butt, Chas. Witty, Wm. Glass; Honorary Directors: Alex. Cameron, Jas. Wells. The members purpose making this the best match ever held by the association.



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