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General News & Views

Mayor Dr. Boyd of Newmarket has announced that he is retiring from municipal politics at the end of this year. Warden J. O. Little, present deputy-reeve of Newmarket is mentioned as a likely successor.

Work is commencing at once on a new movie theatre in Bradford. It is expected to be finished by February.

The Christmas season is almost here and those who are fortunate enough to have "plenty" should give a thought for those who "have not." The fund handled by Mrs. McConaghy at the Public School does much good in providing needed clothing for children and if you have a dollar to spare the fund could stand a few donations at this time of year when there are many demands.

There were 388 entries in the Potato Fair held at Barrie last week.

By a vote of 168 to 30 the rate-payers of Bolton have voted for the installation of a modern water system.

In Litchfield, Ill., Pastor L. A. Crown, preached on "Litchfield's Worst Sin — Ingratitude," pledged husbands of the Union Avenue Christian Church to kiss their wives twice daily for six weeks.

Father—"Darling, what has happened? Why have you got that plaster over your eye?"
Daughter—"Plaster? That's my new hat."

A new racket was uncovered in Lindsay police court recently, when E. Fredenburg and G. W. Long, both of Toronto appeared before His Worship Magistrate A. E. McGee on charges of conspiracy to defraud by deceit the public. The charge arose out of the activities of the two in Lindsay in connection with a project in which they were collecting children's photographs from local women for the purpose of entering them in a beauty contest, it is alleged. Later the men returned and asked the women to give them a certain sum of money by which they were guaranteed a certain place in the contest. One lady gave them \$250 and another \$75.

Yes, sir, it's gotten to the point that a man on home relief can't afford to accept a job.

The American Mercury tells of one case in point.

"I can't take a job paying \$2 per week more than relief because I can't afford it," the applicant quoted by the magazine says.

"Now that I'm on relief I go to the movies 7 times a week, every afternoon, at a cost of 15 cents per day.

"If I took a job I would have to go at night and pay 40 cents a night. That would make the movies cost me \$1.75 more than they cost me now.

"And if I take a job I'll have to pay 60 cents a week subway fare, making a total extra cost of \$2.35 more than I pay now.

"So you can easily see why I can't take your job. I'd be 35 cents worse off, even if your job pays \$2 more a week than I'm getting from relief."

Believed to have killed 107 sheep in the neighbourhood southeast of Stouffville, two dogs were shot recently by George Byer after the animals attacked and killed nine of his geese. The attack was made in daylight.

Farmers in the district have been worried over dogs taking their sheep, but despite every precaution the animals made many killings. At times they came right up to the barns and attacked the animals in the fold at nights.

"I cannot say that these two dogs which were killed were responsible for all the slaughter, but I believe they were," Mr. Mac. Forsyth, sheep valuator, stated. "While there was a killing almost daily when they were at large there has not been a sheep molested since the dogs were caught a few days ago."

Owners of the dogs are unknown and they had no tags. Pickering township council has awarded \$10 for the killing of any dog caught molesting sheep, and Mr. Byer expects to collect \$20 when council meets again.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of November 26, 1896
At a recent meeting of King Reformers the following gentlemen were elected officers for the year:—
President, J. M. Walton, Kettleby; Vice-President, T. J. Ferguson, King; Sec.-Treas., C. Bogart, Kettleby. A committee of four was also appointed for each of the nine divisions of the Township.

Mr. E. J. Hitchcock has been engaged for the Buttonville school for the year 1897.

There was quite a fall of snow on Saturday last, probably 4 inches. The sleigh bells were jingling in the evening, but by Monday "the beautiful" had almost entirely disappeared.

On Monday, the 26th of October, the first sod of the Metropolitan Railway extension, from York Mills to this Village, a distance of nearly ten miles, was turned, and Thursday night last, the 19th inst., between 9 and 10 o'clock, the first car reached here on the newly-laid rails. Naturally, there was a good deal of excitement when it was learned that the car was on the road, and many cheers were given for the Metropolitan Railway Company and Mr. Moyes, as the genial and energetic manager, passed through on the first railway car ever seen in Richmond Hill. It is needless to say the overhead wires are not yet erected all along the line, so to be true to their contract the car had to be drawn through by horses instead of electricity, which will follow in a few weeks if the weather keeps favorable. Two trips a day are now being made, and the roadbed is getting in very good condition. The arrival of every car is watched with interest, but the opening ceremony will not be inaugurated until the electric system is put in operation.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of November 22, 1906
The new wind-mill has been erected in the park and looks well. Some of our citizens say its chief utility will not be pointed out till nomination day.

Monday of this week was a historic day for Toronto. The first power from Niagara Falls and the first train over the Canadian Northern Railway reached the city on that day.

Mr. C. P. Wiley of this town, traveller for the firm of Mickleborough, Muldrew & Co., Toronto, purchased at the Union Station Saturday morning ticket No. 0, the first ever sold on the line of the Canadian Northern Railway. Mr. Wiley took the train Monday morning at Richmond Hill station for Parry Sound.

Last Monday, November 19, was a historic day all along the line of the Canadian Northern Railway, from Toronto to Parry Sound, a distance of about 149 miles. The road was opened on Monday for regular passenger traffic, the first train steaming out of the Union Station at 8.10. Crowds of people gathered at most of the important stations, and showed their appreciation of the new line by cheering and waving of handkerchiefs. At Beaverton a band was at the station, and smaller demonstrations were held at various other places. Many of the prominent citizens at Richmond Hill showed their interest in the railroad by their presence at the opening, and expressed a belief that a benefit to the town is sure to result. The train that went north was made up of a first-class smoker, and a mail and express car. The accommodation was quite up-to-date. The principal stations along the line are as follows:—Toronto, Rosedale, Duncan, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Gormley, Vandon, Pine Orchard, Mount Albert, Zephyr, Cedarvale, Pefferlaw, Beaverton, Gamebridge, Brechin, Udney, Monk Road, Washago, Sparrow Lake, South Wood, Torrance, Dudley, Foot's Bay, Lake Joseph, Blackstone, Falding and Parry Sound.

Local hunters have returned with their full count of game and report an enjoyable outing in the north.

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