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General News & Views

They talk most who have the least to say.

A kind face is never homely.

Only three weeks until Christmas.

Who thinks too little talks too much.

A good example is a good legacy to leave your children.

The Christmas time is giving time and remember the size of your gift depends on the spirit which prompts it and on the amount you have left.

The great International Plowing Match is likely to be held near Guelph in 1937 and Simcoe County are planning to make a bid for the 1938 match.

The cost of mothers' allowances to York County this year may be approximately \$162,000 or \$22,000 more than budgeted for, it was made known by the Warden and Commissioners in their report to County Council.

A Yukon man travelled 1,000 miles to Vancouver to consult a dentist. The experience of most people is that the throbbing molar becomes as quiet as a lamb within the first half block of the journey to the dentist's office.

The court of enquiry sitting in Toronto to probe the sinking of the Sand Merchant adjourned court on account of the Santa Claus parade. At what age do people cease to be children? Or does that shadowy elf we dimly remember as our childhood selves, always haunt the background of our adult consciousness?

Headline: "Maggie, Dairy Horse, Takes Day Off and Hides in Lane." Probably went on strike for shorter hours and more oats.

A Budapest doctor challenged eight doctors to duels with swords. Out of that lot he should be able to snick out an appendix or two.

The Sunshine-Waterloo Company is now operating on day and night shifts to fill orders. — Waterloo Chronicle. The firm seems to be well named. They are certainly spreading sunshine in Waterloo.

In New York a man fell out of a hotel window to the pavement 14 storeys below; and then the news despatch added the superfluous information that he was killed.

Headline: "Pedestrian Hit by Car." Like the well known example of the dog biting the man, that is not news; but if and when a pedestrian hits a car and knocks it into the ditch, that will be news.

In Worcester, Mass., a young lady went driving with a young man. The car ran off the road, striking a tree, and injuring the girl. She brought suit for damages against the driver, but when the facts were brought out in court, it transpired that the boy friend had tried to kiss the girl, and she had not only repulsed him, but had also given him a punch in the ribs. The court found her actions to be contributory causes to the accident, and dismissed the case. The only reason we refer to this incident is to give the local girls a hint as to the proper thing to do in a similar situation—that is, if they don't want to hit a tree and lose a damage suit in addition.

There's one nice thing about being the editor of a weekly newspaper. No gangster has ever threatened to take us for a ride in the hope there will be a bunch of ransom money at the end of the rainbow.

The picture of the King will appear on all the new Bank of Canada bills below \$100.00. The new issue will come out about August of next year. As heretofore the picture of Sir Wilfred Laurier will appear on the \$1,000.00 bills. The picture of Sir John A. MacDonald will appear on the \$100.00 bills instead of on the \$500.00 bills as before. The issue of \$500.00 bills will be discontinued. They were a sort of a nuisance.

It is all very well to ask for advice, but some people make the mistake of following it.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of December 3, 1896
The new furnace is now in operation under the High School and seems to give good satisfaction during the cold snap.

The Metropolitan Railway Company are now making three trips a day to the Village. The rails are now being connected by electric wires, and the poles are being erected for the overhead wires.

At a meeting on Saturday evening the following were elected officers of the Curling Club for the year 1896-97: Patron, C. D. Warren, Esq., President of the Metropolitan Railway; President, W. H. Pugsley; 1st Vice-President, W. T. Storey; 2nd Vice-President, T. Newton; Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Grant, M.A.; Secretary, T. F. McMahon; Treasurer, H. A. Nicholls; Committee of management, G. McDonald, W. R. Proctor, P. G. Savage, J. Palmer; Auditors, F. McConaghy, J. H. Sanderson, V.S.

A crowded house greeted the band boys at their annual concert on the evening of Thanksgiving Day. The public had been led to expect a treat, and they were not disappointed. The receipts of the concert were \$69.00.

Our Fire Brigade 30 Years of Age
Councillor Sanderson, a few days ago, in searching among old papers, found the minutes of the first meeting called for the purpose of forming a Fire Company in this Village. The date is August 16th, 1866. A glance at the paper shows that the greater number of those who took part in the undertaking have since gone over to the majority. We copy the following from the minutes:—
Moved, seconded and resolved that Mr. Andrew McBeth take the chair. Moved, seconded and resolved that Mr. Wm. Harrison act as secretary. The following officers were appointed: Wm. Trench, Captain; A. McBeth, 1st Lieutenant; W. H. Myers, 2nd Lieutenant; John Drewry, 1st Branchman; Robert Ferris, 2nd Branchman; Wm. Harrison, Sec. Treas.; Edward Sheppard, Steward. The following were appointed as a committee to draft a constitution: G. P. Dickson, Esq., J. K. Falconbridge, Esq., and Henry Sanderson. Other members outside the officers were: A. Law, H. Sanderson, W. Atkinson, J. Coulter, Robert Hall, Wm. Pollock, George Barnard.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of November 29, 1906
Mr. Will Duncan has taken the north part of Mr. Sanderson's brick house, and will remove here from Balmy Beach in a week or two.

At the auction sale this week Mr. George Drury of Carrville purchased the farm of Mr. A. B. Elson for the sum of \$5,485. Mr. Drury will take full possession in the spring.

Mr. H. A. Nicholls has sold lots six and seven of the Crosby plan of building lots to Mr. H. B. Sterling of Toronto. Mr. Sterling intends building immediately. Mr. Sterling has also secured an option on lot five for a friend from the city.

On Thursday of last week, after a lingering illness, Mr. Neil Malloy passed away at his home, Maplewood, on the 5th Concession, in his 70th year. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon to King City cemetery.

HAPPINESS

It's no in titles nor in rank;
It's no in wealth like London Bank
To purchase peace and rest;
It's no in making muckle mair;
It's no in books, it's no in lears;
To make us truly blest;
If happiness has not her seat
And centre in the breast.
We may be wise, or rich, or great,
But never can be blest.
Nae treasures, nor pleasures,
Could make us happy lang;
The heart aye's the part aye
That makes us right or wrang.
Then let us cheerful acquiesce;
Nor make our scanty pleasures less,
By pining in our state;
And even should misfortunes come,
I here who wha sit hae met wi' some,
Am's thankfu' for them yet.
They give the wit of age to youth;
They let us ken oursel;
They make us see the naked truth,
The real guid and ill.
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