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General News & Views

One short week until Christmas.

The King's abdication received almost as much publicity as Richmond Hill's Hallowe'en incident.

Nomination meetings throughout the district will be held a week from Monday.

An idea for getting rid of depression—throw out the autos and bring back the horses. Then the country will be stabilized.

We have seven senses. Five of them take care of themselves and two need cultivating—common sense and a sense of humor.

The 8,000,000 people of Holland have 2,500,000 bicycles.

The frank friend who tells you things for your own good may be helpful, but so is castor oil.

Regular loafers find that time hangs heavy because there are not so many busy workmen to watch.

The nicest way to prepare spinach for the table is to feed it to the cow and serve it in a milk glass.

Some consolation may be derived from the fact that a head couldn't ache if there wasn't something in it.

With the trailer an established success, how about a portable small farm that may be towed out of a drouth section.

When an irresistible force meets an immovable object, a police officer comes along and looks over the driver's license.

We're curious to know what goes on at the broadcasting station that makes people laugh so hard at the comedians.

A Los Angeles scientist has demonstrated that quality potatoes can be grown in water filled tanks. We understand the next step will be to heat the water and produce boiled potatoes.

An exchange says: "Child experts say parents who want to cure their children of sucking their thumbs should teach them to dance. Or how about making hitch-hikers out of them?" There might be thumbing in that.

The difficulties that business men have faced during the past few years are inadequately recognized by their fellow-citizens. So is the fact that fair dealing has always characterized their operations in the great majority of cases. The way they have met the test of these trying times should result in their being accorded a greater measure of public confidence which will stand them in good stead in the better days that now lie ahead.

Letters From The People

WOULD SAVE ELECTION EXPENSE

Editor, The Liberal
Sir:—
As a taxpayer I would like to voice my opinion regarding an election in Richmond Hill this year. As our present Reeve and council are doing such efficient work, why change? I wonder if the taxpayers ever realize how much an election costs? I understand it is in the neighbourhood of \$100.00 This could be used for something more necessary than an election. If the Reeve and council who are five of our best business men were not doing their utmost to improve things in our Village I would be the first to suggest a change. No one can say but that we are in a better financial condition to-day than for some time past. A TAXPAYER.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Dec. 17th, 1896
The electric cars have come, so will the New Year of 1897.

Mr. John Thompson of Thornhill, the veteran bus owner and driver, intends selling off his horses, etc. soon after Christmas. The people from Elgin Mills to the city have always found him very obliging and regret that he is giving up the business.

Over 100 books have been added to the Library during the past week, to the value of \$100. Ask the librarian for a catalogue of new books.
Mr. John Hickson, lot 27, 2nd con. Markham, has purchased a grain crusher and is prepared to crush all kinds of grain at 5 cents a bag on Wednesday of every week.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Alex. McLaughlin of Sardis, Pa., formerly of Sherwood, will be sorry to learn of the death of their youngest son, Edward E., aged 14 years. Deceased contracted diphtheria and died on the 4th inst.

Last Wednesday Mr. E. Lovatt of Vellore was married to Miss Emma Bogardis, of this place.

The Sun last week gave an account of the marriage of two of Markham's esteemed citizens, Miss Ollie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill and Mr. William Michael, son of Mr. Wallace Michael of this place.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Dec. 13th, 1906
Mr. John Sheardown has erected a new set of Wilson Weigh Scales at the Canadian Northern station.

A number of Mr. Edward Barker's friends have asked him to stand for municipal honors at the coming election, and he has consented to do so.

Two pairs of lead stones, 47 lbs., have been purchased from Rennie Brothers for the use of the Richmond Hill Club. They are K's red hones, and are fine looking stones.
At a meeting of the Curling Club last Thursday evening the following were elected skips: C. P. Wiley, H. A. Nicholls, W. H. Pugsley, F. E. Sims, George McDonald, M. Boyle, J. H. Sanderson, E. Barker.
Vaughan Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 54, has issued invitations for the semi-centennial of their lodge, to be held on Friday evening, the 21st of December. The lodge was instituted in September 1854.


On the 5th of December, at the Lutheran Parsonage, Sherwood, Mr. John Ash, son of Mr. Valentine Ash, and Miss Ida Amelia White, daughter of Mr. Hiram White, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. Mr. Alfred Ash and Miss Sarah White were witnesses of the ceremony.

A very pleasing event took place on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mr. John Watson, the occasion being the marriage of his youngest daughter, Ethel, to Mr. Frank Rumble of Patterson.

THE HOMELY CHRISTMAS

Each homely Christmas means
Hard work behind the scenes;
Morns o'er lapping moons;
Traffic with wooden spoons;
Eyes fixed on scale or cup;
Wise foreheads puckered up;
Then stealing up the stair
Aromas rich and rare.
Oh, kitchen tables would
Tell secrets if they could.
Of thoughts that travelled back
Over an old time track.
Of yellowed recipes outspread
Written by fingers long since dead.
If mincemeat and if lemon curd
Could whisper the sweet things they
heard—
Fond hopes that scarcely dared to fly,
While dear hands went on baking
pie—
Perhaps on Christmas Day,
When the yule log burns up in a
festive way
And the brave holly glow
Is shining on the mistletoe,
Perhaps just then,
Remembering again
That comfort always means
Hard work behind the scenes,
We should give thankful prayers
For angels unawares,
And then—more thoughtfully partake
Of pudding and of Christmas cake.
—Fa, Inchfawn.

It is true that cars save time, but Old Dobbin could have saved a lot too, if given a rubber-tired vehicle and modern roads.



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