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General News & Views

Spring is just around the corner.

No matter what Old Man Winter does now, it can't be for very long.

One of the most remarkable winters on record, say old timers who recall few seasons like the present one in their lifetime.

Most people we meet are in favor of letting those "five men from Forest Hill standing on their heads" take a trial at running York County in a contest of the County Council. Can't be more expensive, they say.

"We recommend to your attention the fact that man is the only 'animal' that can be 'skinned' more than once," observes The Cobourg Sentinel-Star.

Level crossings in rural districts are said to be responsible for more fatalities than the level crossings in the cities. It is not the level crossings, but the unlevel heads of drivers that are responsible for the fatalities.

Is there anything in the old saying, "a warm winter, a cold summer"? If so, nobody will complain of the heat next July.

Blessed is the nation that can boast of a sturdy "farm aristocracy," families that have farmed for two or three generations and would no more think of going off the land and migrating to the cities than they would of becoming sailors. Such families have character. They sink their roots into the soil, and one generation is proud to succeed another. It would be interesting to know how many families on Canadian farms could trace their ownership back to pioneer days. Such people are the backbone of the country and make the first type of citizens.—Stratford Beacon Herald.

Reeve Adam A. Armstrong, of Fergus, resigned when a woman was appointed to the hospital board by council, but the next day changed his mind and wrote the clerk, withdrawing his resignation. Meantime the woman who was appointed to the board, Miss Nellie Tindale, refused to accept the appointment. "A lady is not fit to be put on the board," said Reeve Armstrong. "You can't get two women and two men to agree on anything."

Ontario's buck law, for the past two years a worry to deer hunters, may be repealed at the present session of the legislature, D. J. Taylor, deputy minister of game and fisheries, said recently. The law has prohibited the shooting of does and fawns under certain conditions according to number in party, etc. Light snowfall of the past two winters, together with the statute, have resulted in a large increase in the deer population.

The story is told of the Missouri editor who announced that just for one issue he would tell the truth. Here are a few items from that issue:

"John Bonin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Bellevue yesterday. John Doyle, our grocery man, is doing a poor business; his store is dirty, dusty and noisily odorous; how can he expect to do much? Rev. Sty preached Sunday night on charity; the sermon was punk; if the Rev. gentleman would live up a little closer to what he preaches, he'd have a bigger congregation. Rove Sonkey died last Saturday at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure; the fact is, he was drunk, and whiskey is what killed him; his home was a rented shack on Rowdy Street. Married—Sylvia Rhode and James Canahan, last Saturday evening in the parsonage; the bride is a very ordinary town girl who doesn't cook any more than a rabbit about knowing and who has never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a fat duck. The groom is well known here as an up-to-date loafer who has been living on the old folks all his life. They will have a hard life while they live together, and the News has no congratulations to offer."

It was the last issue the Missouri editor ever printed.
Divorce is like war. It seems wicked and inexcusable if you don't need it.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of February 25, 1897
A Curling Bonspiel for a pair of stones to be presented by Hughes Brothers was commenced in the Thornhill rink yesterday. In the forenoon the Maple Leafs of Scarborough defeated rinks from Richmond Hill by 12 points and in the afternoon Scarborough won from Aberdeens by 4 points. Aurora has been drawn to play Markham to-day and Stouffville is to play the home rinks in the afternoon.

The Board of Education held another meeting on Friday and discussed at length the question of a site for the new High School, but there is nothing new to report. A delegation of ratepayers addressed the Board. The Board declined to sanction the purchase of the Powell lot for the school site, several of the members favoring the Richardson property at the northern limits of the Village. Another meeting will be held in a few days, when it is hoped the dead lock which now exists, will be broken.

The Rifle Club of Victoria Square met for their semi-monthly shoot on the afternoon of February 20th, with scores as follows:

	100 yd.	200 yd.	Total
A. Quantz	42	42	84
W. Scott	39	36	75
C. P. Reid	38	36	74
R. Agar	38	35	73
A. Smith	35	33	68
L. G. Stoutenburgh	36	31	67

The Musical Carnival by the Grenadier's Band of Toronto, held in the Skating Rink, Thornhill, on Tuesday evening was a very pleasant affair. It is needless to say the music was excellent.

This winter, so far, Thornhill has not been nearly so tame as last winter. Mercantile business is much more brisk than usual; the mechanics are all at work; the skating and curling rink has been well patronized; the lectures on English (the eighteenth of which will be given next Friday) are fairly attended, and there have been several entertainments, public and otherwise.

Mr. J. B. Lanzon, Conservative, was on Saturday elected to the Manitoba Assembly for St. Boniface by a majority of 180.

The Dominion Cabinet was considering the new franchise bill on Saturday. It simply adopts the various Provincial franchise for elections to the House of Commons.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of February 21, 1907
The residence on the St. George property, near Lake Wilcox, at present owned by Mr. Wm. Davies, was burned to the ground. The fire, which broke out in the night, seems to be a mystery. The house was unoccupied.

Mr. A. G. Savage has leased the store belonging to the Silvers estate, at present occupied by Mr. F. C. Pethick. Mr. Savage will carry boots and shoes, gents' furnishings, and clothing. He will open up early in March.

Messrs. F. W. Hall and C. A. Skeele have audited the books of the Village Treasurer, and a statement has been printed. The receipts for the past year are \$4164.46, expenditure \$4161.45, leaving the small balance of \$3.03. The assets are \$12,425.63, liabilities \$4,067.07, leaving a balance of assets over liabilities of \$8,358.56. Ratepayers may get a copy of the auditors' report by applying to Mr. Hume.

Mr. Michael Murphy, formerly of this place, died at his home, 720 Park Ave., Syracuse, N.Y., last Thursday. The remains were interred in St. Agnes' Church cemetery the following Saturday. Deceased leaves a widow, formerly Miss Riley, and one daughter.
A hockey match was played in the rink Monday evening between the High School team and the local juniors. The latter won by 5 to 1. Mr. Arthur Boyle refereed the match.

Now there is a campaign to prove the car radio a menace. It seems you can't hear what the back seat is saying.

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"Arithmetic is a science of truth," said the professor earnestly. "Figures can't lie. For instance, if one can build a house in twelve days, twelve men can build it in one."

"Yes," interrupted a quick brained student. "Then 288 will build it in one hour, 17,280 in one minute, and 1,036,800 in one second. And I don't believe they could lay one brick in that time."

While the professor was still gasping, the smart "ready reckoner" went on:

"Again, if one ship can cross the Atlantic in six days, six ships can cross it in one day. I don't believe that either; so where's the truth in arithmetic?"

Then he sat down.

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