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General News & Views

A Happy Easter.

Newmarket tax rate for 1937 will be 42 mills, a reduction of 2 mills from last year.

'Tis Spring—and here's hoping we don't get winter weather.

Only two months until Richmond Hill Horse Show, Victoria Day, May 24th.

Dr. G. W. Williams, M.O.H., Whitechurch Township, is not exactly going on a sit down strike, but he says he won't accept salary voted him by council and moreover that he won't resign. Last year the M.O.H. received in salary and fees \$185, but for 1937 he asks \$250.00.

Business transacted at Goodwood station on the C.N.R. is only 25 per cent of what it was a quarter century ago, and unless business improves it is likely the station will be closed.

"I am a woman of few words," announced the haughty mistress to the new maid. "If I beckon with my finger, that means come."
"Suits me, mam," replied the girl. "I'm a woman of few words myself. If I shake my head, that means I ain't comin'."

Counterfeit fifty cent pieces are in circulation in Alliston. The spurious coins are of very good workmanship and few people have any idea they are not genuine until they offer one at the bank. It is in rubbing the coin between the thumb and first finger that the false coin is most easily detected. A genuine coin is sticky and retards the movement of the fingers, while the spurious one is greasy, the fingers readily passing over it.

Canadians need have no doubt as to the reality of the record of economic improvement during the past twelve months. The gains have been substantial; indeed in many cases have exceeded expectations, and the range of industries and of economic areas which have benefited from them has shown a distinct broadening out. But perhaps the most striking fact in the situation today is the prevailing spirit of confidence based on the clear evidence of our recuperative powers. Depression psychology is passing and the old qualities of enterprise, self-reliance and courageous foresight which have been responsible for Canada's upbuilding are beginning to reassert themselves.—Hon. C. A. Dunning, Federal Minister of Finance.

In an effort to reduce fire losses in rural areas, and to secure a reduction in fire-risk premiums, all rural telephone lines in Ontario will now adopt a uniform fire signal, which is to be one long ring of five seconds. This uniformity has been urged and approved by the Ontario Fire Marshall. The simple process of giving a prolonged ring will be the signal to all subscribers to listen in and locate the fire. This new regulation should be of material assistance in lessening fire losses in rural sections of the province. Subscribers are urged to observe the new signal, and are asked not to raise the phone receiver until the ring ceases.

The holidays for 1937 are eleven in number, not counting the New Year's Day, which is past. The next holiday will be Good Friday, March 26th, and a few places will remain closed on Easter Monday, March 29th. Coronation day, Wednesday, May 12th, will be an extra holiday, and it is probable that Victoria Day, Monday, May 24th, will be widely celebrated as the first holiday of the summer season. Dominion Day, July 1st, falls upon a Thursday, and Civic Holiday, August 2nd, will of course be the first Monday in August. Labour Day comes on Monday, September 6th, and Thanksgiving Day will probably be Monday, October 11th, although the date is set each year by proclamation. Remembrance Day is Thursday, November 11th. The King's birthday, which was quite generally observed in 1936, even though it does come during the busy season, occurs on Tuesday, December 14th. Christmas Day will be on Saturday, December 25th.

Read it or Not—A nickel contains more copper than a penny.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of March 25th, 1897
A flock of 22 wild geese flew northward through the centre of the Village on Saturday. They flew very low but none of our local sports happened to have their guns loaded just at that particular time. Villagers are now predicting an early spring. Mrs. Peterson's rough-cast residence at Brown's Corners, 4th con. Markham, was burned to the ground on Monday night. Mrs. Peterson and daughter had just removed from the house the previous afternoon.

A deputation from Richmond Hill attended a meeting at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday to strengthen the hands of the Metropolitan Railway Company in their efforts to get a bill passed through the House permitting the Metropolitan Railway to run over the track of the Toronto Street Railway to the Union Station. The bill was defeated by 18 to 29.

The Markham by-election for two members for Division No. 5 for the County Council took place last Thursday and resulted as before in returning Messrs. F. K. Reesor and W. H. Hall. Mr. Slater polled a large vote in the front part of the township, whereas Messrs. Reesor and Hall got their majorities in the back part.

The Board of Education met on Monday afternoon. All 12 members present, Mr. Naughton in the chair. An account from the Village Clerk, Mr. Teefy, amounting to \$12.25 for expenses re school trustee election, was read and on motion was ordered to be paid. Communications relative to plans for the new High School building were read from the following architects: Mr. C. J. Gibson, Mr. J. F. Brown and Messrs. Greer & Gregg. Messrs. Naughton and New ton were appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of ordinary and pressed bricks; Messrs. Lynett and Bovle, the price of sand; and Messrs. McNair and Storey, the price for foundation stone. A good deal of time was spent in looking over the different plans, but as none seemed to fill the bill, the Board adjourned to meet on Friday when it is expected that other plans for new building will be submitted.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of March 21st, 1907
The heavy freight at the Richmond Hill C.N.O. station since last issue includes a car of hides for the Newton Tanning Company, Thursday, a car of salt for Mr. Joseph Hall Saturday, and a car of lumber for L. Innes & Sons on Monday.

There was not very much interest manifested in the vote on the by-law on Monday to raise \$1,000 to widen and improve the road leading to the C.N.O. station, consequently the returning officer, Mr. Hume, and the poll-clerk, Mr. W. Hall, had an easy day. The vote was small but this, doubtless, was owing to the fact that the carrying of the by-law was a foregone conclusion. There were 58 ballots cast for the by-law, and 7 against it, and 1 ballot was rejected.

The barns and other outbuildings of Mr. George Dean, lot 18, con. 3 Markham, near Headford, were struck by lightning Tuesday night about 10 o'clock and burned to the ground. Very little could be saved, the fire making almost a clean sweep. The loss will be heavy, though partially covered by insurance.


HEADFORD

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Curtis on Tuesday evening, March 16 when a Surprise Party was given to Mr. and Mrs. L. Middleton and family. It also was the occasion of both their birthdays.

A social time was spent after which Rev. J. MacDonald expressed the regret of losing them from the community. They were then presented with a handsome floor lamp and electric iron. The girls were presented with a Hymnary from the Mission Band. They replied in a few well chosen words.

Mr. Middleton has been a resident in this locality over thirty years. The family are moving to Unionville the end of the month.

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