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General News & Views
How many times were you fooled to-day?

Due to lack of co-operation of the weatherman the annual Easter fashion parade was a flop.

The Easter week-end was featured by cold, windy, wintry weather. In fact we've had more winter this spring than we had last winter.

Only a short time now until Daylight Saving will be in force.

The new 50 mile per hour speed limit for open highway and 30 miles per hour for built up areas does not come into effect until May 24th.

The public generally favors the change as it is felt better to have a 50 mile limit which is enforced than a 35 mile limit not enforced.

A number of Ontario communities will commemorate the Coronation by a program of tree planting and beautification. Ten thousand acorns were received recently by the Trees Society of Canada from St. Albans, England, the gift of His Majesty King George VI to this country. Several municipalities have already made application and expect to secure a share of the shipment.

Richmond Hill Horticultural Society is looking forward to receiving one Royal Oak seedling and two acorns from the Royal Park at Windsor, which we understand are being sent to every branch of the Ontario Horticultural Association.

Rubber roads are being tried out in Australia. The land of the kangaroo hopes to be a jump ahead of other countries in providing a softer landing for motorists tossed out of their cars in collisions. Pedestrians too, are hailing this new venture.

The trillium has been selected as Ontario's floral emblem, and the choice appears appropriate, since the trillium is one of the loveliest of the Province's spring wild flowers.

Deer hunters are to be required to wear a button to show they have procured a license. This should make it easier for hunters to avoid shooting at each other in mistake for deer.

There are still those who believe that the prevailing north winds at the time of the vernal equinox will influence the weather during the next three months. We'll see how it works out this Spring.

"Too Much Winter" is the heading of an editorial in the Penticton, B. C. Herald. "Just imagine," says the Herald, "getting snow between Christmas and New Years and keeping it for more than two months. Such a thing was never heard of before in the Okanagan. Six weeks without thaw!" So that's where our winter went this year. Let them ship it back C.O.D. if they don't like it. We can use it next year.

A skinless sausage has been invented. So now it only remains for someone to invent a sausage with no contents either, and we'll be within sight of a perfect vacuum at last.

The Ontario Good Roads Association in convention in Toronto recently was told by the General Manager of the Ontario Motor League that the average traffic accident occurs in broad day-light on a stretch of good road with a perfectly sober driver who is not breaking the speed limit.

Absentmindedness or misdirected attention was shown to be by far the most common of all highway accident causes. Impatience was ranked second. The operation of 1937 model cars on obsolete 1920 model roads was given as the prime cause. When eighty-mile-an-hour cars are in the hands of twenty-mile-an-hour drivers on thirty-mile-an-hour roads the results are not very satisfactory.

What this country needs is to follow the footsteps of the fathers instead of the footsteps of the dancing master.

"An opportunist is a man who, when left holding the sack, cuts it up and makes himself a suit of clothes."

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO
From our Issue of April 1st, 1897
The Legislature has given the Metropolitan Railway Company permission to extend their lines to all points on Lake Simcoe, and to use steam as a motive power with the consent of the municipalities.

The idea of holding a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration in connection with the High and Public Schools has been approved of by the Board of Education. Mr. J. H. Sanderson will have charge of the programme, which will consist of Fancy Drill, Broom Drill, Flag Drill, Dumb-bell Drill, etc. There will also be other sports and exercises provided.

The following are the officers of the East York Plowmen's Association for the present year:—President, Wm. Milliken; Vice-President, John Lawrie; Secretary-Treasurer, Thos. Hood; Directors, J. Slater, J. Little, S. Rennie, A. Dougherty, G. Gormley, R. Petch, A. Quantz, J. Morgan, W. Stiver, F. Marsh, W. McDonald, G. Forester, R. McLean, F. Wier, A. Pringle.

Another meeting of the Board of Education was held on Friday when after considering the various plans it was decided to accept that of architect J. F. Brown, of Toronto, for the new High School. The proposed building which will be of red brick, will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000. The plan shows a handsome elevation.

The people of Elgin Mills are anxious to know when they are to have a Post Office.

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Government House, Toronto,
March 23rd, 1897.

Sir:—
I am directed by His Honor the administrator, to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant accompanying a post office order for fifty-eight dollars and eighty cents (\$58.80) from the council of the corporation of the Village of Richmond Hill. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

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At the annual meeting of the stock holders of the American Bell Telephone Company the directors were re-elected, and it was voted to increase the capital stock from \$23,643,000 to \$26,015,000.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
From our Issue of March 28th, 1907
A bolt of lightning Tuesday morning struck the cable which carries Niagara power to the power terminal station near Toronto, and the Toronto Street Railway service was paralyzed for several hours.

A cheque for \$38.45 has been handed Mrs. Maxwell, the net receipts of the Benefit Concert given in the Masonic Hall Wednesday evening of last week, following her 102nd birthday. Our oldest citizen.
REAMAN-FARR—At the home of the bride's parents, Thornhill, Tuesday, March 26th, by Rev. G. McKinley, Ella, daughter of E. Farr, Esq., to Secord Reaman of Buttonville.

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