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General News & Views

We hope Spring doesn't go on a sit-down strike.

Coronation Day, May 12th, has been declared a public holiday in Canada.

Daylight Saving will become effective April 25th. Enjoy these fine bright spring mornings while you may.

Sure sign of spring—when you have difficulty in getting your arm through the torn lining in your overcoat sleeve.

Attractive prices for scrap iron has caused a boom in the junk business. In fact it's worth so much money one hardly should call it junk.

There is a singing class for County councillors at the York Musical Festival this week. If it's anything like the sessions it will be a long song.

Uxbridge township has reason to be proud of the tax-paying ability of its citizens. In that township tax arrears for 1936 amount to \$4,000 and for 1935 only \$9.00.

As evidence of returning prosperity the Stouffville Tribune reports the largest volume of banking business in that town on April 1st, of any first of April since the depression.

Before the present year ends if present plans are completed a regular airplane service will be in existence by means of which it will be possible to make the journey across Canada in less than 24 hours.

Toronto's fuss about Sunday selling of tobacco has unearthed a lot of dead timber in municipal by-law books. In Strathroy they have unearthed a by-law passed in 1908 and never rescinded which prohibited the storing of more than two gallons of gasoline inside the town limits.

A number of Stouffville citizens were swindled by a smart salesman who offered automobile insurance policies at \$5.00. He sold a dozen or two and when one of the "customers" wrote the company he was told the smart salesman certainly did not represent their company. Every so often comes similar stories of good people being swindled by strangers with a smooth line of chatter. The moral is plain—deal with recognized, established and known business men.

W. M. LOGAN

Well known in Masonic circles as the Grand Secretary of Ont., W. M. Logan died in Hamilton on April 1st. He had been Grand Secretary since 1918. Previous to this appointment he had been a High School teacher. The funeral service was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Saturday with Archbishop Owen of Toronto and Bishop Broughall of Hamilton taking part in the service. His widow is a daughter of Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., a well known past Grand Master. Four sons and one daughter also survive.

THE FIRST ROBIN

I opened my door one morning
The sky was clouded o'er,
It had snowed, the ground was slushy,
And the rain began to pour.

The prospect ahead looked gloomy,
A drizzling rainy day.
When a voice called out so sweetly,
From a tree across the way.

"Cheer up!" Look up and be happy,
The sun will shine again,
First the refreshing showers,
Then sunshine after rain.

The voice of the first spring robin,
Returned to his summer home,
And he to his mate was singing
Singing of home sweet home.

Joy filled my heart when I saw him
And I thrilled to hear him sing
A beautiful cheering message
That bird was caroling.

He cared not that it was raining,
He cared not for the snow;
The Father above would care for him
Through sun and rain and snow.

O, ye restless human beings,
Why worry, and fret, and stew,
For God who cares for the robins,
Is able to care for you.

—Maude Fox.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of April 15th, 1897
Owing to the very wet weather the annual Spring Fair at Kleinburg was not very well attended on Tuesday, and the number of entries was smaller than on previous years. The judges of heavy horses were, Andrew McNeil, W. Farr and Mr. Houston; and of light horses were Morrow, Harrison and Beamish. The following took prizes:—Heavy Draught Stallion, Mr. Shaw, Mr. McGeachie; Canadian Draught horse, Mr. Hutchinson; Coach horse, J. Ireland; Single carriage horse, Mr. Houston, Mr. J. Harris; Carriage stallion, J. Ireland; Saddle horse, R. Watson; Draught colt, J. Devins; Carriage colt, Mr. Houston.

The question has been asked "What would it cost the country to take a plebiscite on prohibition?" should Parliament decide to bring it on before the general election. In reply we might say that judging from the general election last June, the plebiscite vote will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The total cost last June was \$101,219.

The home of Mr. P. Bassingthwaite, Patterson, was the scene of a very happy event on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 7th. The occasion was the marriage of his eldest daughter, Tillie, to Mr. James Ellis of Concord. Miss Mary R., sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Mr. C. Cooper of Concord assisted the groom. Rev. G. McCulloch of Richmond Hill performed the ceremony. Immediately after the congratulations were over the party sat down to a sumptuous repast, after which the young couple left to take the electric car for Toronto. The presents showed the high esteem in which the young couple are held by their large circle of friends.

The Metropolitan waiting-room, corner of Yonge Street and Lorne Avenue, is now open for passengers. The sign has not yet been erected.

Now is the time to begin cleaning back yards and lanes. This cannot be all done in a day, but it is proper to make an early start. Citizens should vie with each other in their endeavors to keep their premises strictly clean.

The Canadian Workman, the official organ of the A.O.N.W., the April number of which is just to hand, contains an "Honor List" being the lodges that have made creditable gains in their membership since the beginning of the present year. We are glad to observe that Ivy Lodge of this Village has a prominent place in the list published, the lodge having initiated 11 new members since the first of January. The whole gain for the Order in Ontario was 1233 or an average of 411 per month, the largest record for the beginning of any year since the Order was established.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Our Issue of April 11th, 1907
Crosby Hall, the beautiful property of Mr. Isaac Crosby, is being advertised for sale. The building is a brick veneer of 13 rooms, all large, bright and airy, in first class repair, and is without doubt the prettiest home north of the City on Yonge street. The house, lawn, garden and orchard cover 2 1/2 acres.

Business on the C.N.O. Railway continues good both here and at Gormley stations. Since last issue the Newton Tanning Company received a car of bark extracts, and they shipped considerable leather; W. McKenzie, Willowdale, received a car of lumber from the north; Cherry & Hoover shipped 2 cars of hay north from Gormley; Doner & Heise shipped a car from Duncan to Dundurn, Sask., including several horses and a cow; Innes & Sons received a car of coal.

In the year 1852, when the Northern Railway was being built, the Chief Engineer reported that the distance between Toronto and Bradford was 42 miles, and that there were 72 taverns along Yonge street in that distance.

It was stated at Washington that a treaty had been drafted between Britain and the United States providing for a joint commission to settle fisheries and waterways questions at issue between Canada and the States.

Fable: One a tenor sang the last note as written instead of spoiling the song by showing how high he could go.

Attractive Offer By Brathwaite's For Ten Days

With the considerable increase in painting activity this Spring it is interesting to observe the very decided trend towards satin finishes for interior decorating. One of the advantages claimed for a satin finish is that while it has a high light reflection value, the reflected light is evenly diffused over the whole surface and there is no eye-straining glare.

A tremendous impetus was given to the vogue for satin finishes by the introduction this year of Semi-Lustre, a washable satin enamel made by Sherwin-Williams. This was used most effectively in House and Garden's "Model Home", Women's Home Companion's "Mystery House" and other famous model homes.

In this connection we notice that the Brathwaite hardware is putting on a 10-day introductory sale of Semi-Lustre, which offers an excellent opportunity to obtain spring requirements of this famous satin-enamel at a great saving in cash.

Rev. Norman Rawson of Ottawa and formerly of Brampton (St. Paul's) has accepted a call to Centenary United Church, Hamilton.

Barrie custom collections for year ending March 31st were \$63,000.

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