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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of July 1st, 1897
Work has commenced for the new High School. A number of old trees have been cut down and cleared away, a large pile of sand has been hauled, and some of the old buildings will be removed at once. The tenders for the erection of the building will be opened on the 10th of July.

North York Schools

According to Inspector Davidson's report to the Council, the school population is 7368 of whom 6131 are on the registers. The boys exceed the girls in number by 550. The teachers number 108, the average salaries being, for males \$374, and for female teachers \$307. The report says truancy has disappeared in rural schools and in town and village schools it has decreased, where the truancy act has been strictly enforced. In the entrance examinations 45 passed out of 76 in Newmarket High School, 38 out of 57 in Aurora, 35 out of 52 in Richmond Hill, and 7 out of 24 in Sutton Public School. In the leaving examinations all three candidates passed at Newmarket, 6 out of 17 in Aurora, the only candidate in Richmond Hill passed, and 2 out of 12 at Sutton. 17 out of 19 passed the prescribed examination at Newmarket Model School. The whole report shows the schools in the northern inspectorate to be in first-class standing.

The receipts of the Temperance-ville corner stone laying amounted to \$280.00.

Mr. D. Gregory of Oak Ridges has purchased the centre hundred acres of the Larchmere farm.

By all accounts Richmond Hill will be a pretty quiet place on Dominion Day this year. There will be no public celebration here, consequently many of our citizens are contemplating visiting neighbouring villages on that day. Some will go to the Methodist festival at Maple, others will spend the afternoon at the Presbyterian anniversary at Thornhill, others will go to the Markham celebration, and others to the Bond Lake picnic.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of June 27th, 1907
The farm of the late A. F. Stoutenburgh at Victoria Square, containing 99 acres, was sold by auctioneer Saigeon, to Mr. L. B. Heise, on Tuesday of this week. The price is \$7,500.

A gang of men commenced work yesterday on the switch leading from Yonge Street to the C.N.O. station here.

Seventy-eight candidates are writing at the Entrance Examinations here. Mr. Shaw, principal of the High School, and Mr. Thompson, principal of the Aurora Public School are the presiding examiners. Mr. T. A. Lamont is presiding in Schomberg. Quite a number of our lusty citizens attended the raising of Mr. Geo. Dean's new bank barn near Headford Saturday afternoon. The frame work was in charge of Mr. Riddell of Thornhill. The captains Saturday were Mr. Ed. Lynett and Mr. Albert Williams. The former, with his men, was the first to surround the refreshment table. It will be remembered that the former barn on this farm was burned by lightning in March of this year.

Between eighty and ninety pupils and ex-pupils attended the High School annual picnic to Lake Wilcox last Friday and spent a very pleasant afternoon, though a slight shower threatened for a time to mar the pleasure of the day. In addition to the usual attractions of Lake Wilcox the pupils engaged in a number of field sports. Supper was served at 6 o'clock and the remainder of the evening spent in boating, swinging and promenading.

Marriages

STIVER-DUNCAN—At 38 Charles Street, Toronto, on Wednesday, June 19th, 1907, by the Rev. Dr. McTavish, Reuben L. Stiver of Unionville to Laberettia Jane Duncan of But- tonville.

TODD-MARSH—On Tuesday, June 25, at Presbyterian Church, Richmond Hill, by Rev. James A. Grant, assisted by Rev. J. Anderson, Ella Ade- line, daughter of William G. Marsh of Elms Lea, Richmond Hill, to Frank H. Todd, eldest son of Herbert Todd of Leeds, Yorkshire, England.

General News & Views

To-day is Canada's birthday.

Crops throughout the district give promise of a bountiful yield.

This is the holiday season—remember safety rules and avoid accidents.

What is happening in Russia confirms the wisdom of Trotsky in choosing Mexico as his health resort.

The Literary Digest has been absorbed by another magazine and, apparently, the vote it took before the recent presidential election was the last straw.

News item says a sturgeon hooked by an angler in Lake Nipissing was so big that it pulled him into the water. They're off!

We suppose a pessimist would be a man who from now on will call attention to the doleful fact that the days are growing shorter.

Labor troubles are taking many queer turns these days. In Poland 400 women armed with clubs and umbrellas chased back to work their striking men folk who refused arbitration proposals.

All Fascists in Italy are ordered to subscribe to Mussolini's personal newspaper, Popolo d'Italia. The circulation manager of this paper will be envied by similar press officials throughout the world.

The old question: Is a critic a human being? is revived by the announcement that in a vote of 500 American literary critics only one declared that "Gone With the Wind" was the best book of 1936.

There are few applicants for more than 600 jobs offered young men in the British Columbia government, yet the relief rolls continue extensive. This puzzling situation regarding relief exists also in other provinces.

Wingham made a profit out of relief. They purchased a cement tile machine from a bankrupt company and operated it in the basement of the town hall with transients and local unemployed providing the labor. Not only have they been able to supply their own needs but are also selling tile to neighboring municipalities.

Last week a shipment of twenty-one Hereford Cows arrived from the U.S.A. consigned to Mr. George Rodanz, Ringwood.

The herd is said to be a picture and will add to the large number of fine animals now on the Ringwood estate. It is reported that Mr. Rodanz paid \$8,000 to a prominent U.S. breeder for the Hereford shipment.

A recommendation to the Provincial Government that it license all junk dealers and buyers in the province, will be forwarded to Toronto by the Hastings County Council, it was decided at their meeting last week.

This will greatly facilitate the apprehension of persons who have been conducting wholesale thefts of farm machinery throughout the county during the past few months, it was pointed out by members of the Council.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
I'll pay before I go to bed
The debt I owe the printer;
Yes, there are some we know full well
Who never such a tale can tell,
But they, we fear, will go to
Well, the place where there's no
winter."

"LACKS THE DRAMATIC"
A class in English was given the task of writing four lines of dramatic poetry. One boy wrote:
"A boy was walking down the track,
The train was coming fast;
The boy stepped off the railroad track
To let the train go past."
The teacher said, "It lacks the dramatic," so the boy submitted the following:
"A boy was walking down the track,
The train was coming fast;
The train jumped off the railroad track
To let the boy go past."

Earns High Post



R. G. McNeillie, widely known and popular Canadian Pacific Railway official, who on June 30 succeeds C. B. Foster as passenger traffic manager of the Company with headquarters in Montreal. Mr. Foster retires under the pension regulations after 46 years of service. Announcement of Mr. Foster's retirement and Mr. McNeillie's promotion was made by George Stephen, traffic vice-president of the Company.

FISH OUT OF WATER

(Warkworth Journal)
It is a very easy matter to raise a laugh at the expense of the country newspaper; but just transplant a city journalist to some small town, and set him to work as editor-in-chief, proprietor, business manager, book-keeper, reporter, proof-reader, compositor, and devil, on the Slabtown Slasher, and see how soon the laugh will be on the other side of the fence.

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