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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 5th, 1897
The teachers and pupils of the Richmond Hill High School are to be congratulated on the result of the Commercial Examinations. Of sixteen who wrote fifteen were successful.

Among the improvements in town this week might be mentioned an addition to Mr. Skeele's house on Church street, a new piece of lattice-work at Mrs. Jenkins', and a renovation of Mr. Coulter's veranda.

The council met on Tuesday, August 3rd. The revee was in the chair. Councillors present: Messrs. Hill, Hopper, Innes and Wright. The minutes of 6th July were read and confirmed. The following accounts were read: T. F. McMahon, printing Voters' Lists and advertising \$25.25; Alfred Clayton, repairs to fire engine 25c.; Chas. Morrison, work on tank \$1.30. Moved by Mr. Hopper, seconded by Mr. Innes, that the treasurer do pay the said accounts. Carried. Council then adjourned. M. Teafy, Clerk.

The School Board are hauling the brick and stone from the old school grounds down to the Hopkins lot. When this is completed they will be in a position to improve the grounds in front of the Public School. If they would take the front fence away altogether and grade from the sidewalk westward it would greatly improve the appearance of the place. It is to be hoped the grounds will be put into good shape before the re-opening of the school.

The first meeting of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist Church, for the conference year was held on Monday, August 2nd. Present: Messrs. P. Patterson, W. A. Wright, S. M. Brown, J. Barker, J. H. Sanderson, I. Crosby, J. Hickson, W. Rumble, J. Leek, A. Helmikay, A. J. Hume, W. Harrison, Dr. Hutchison. Rev. G. McCulloch presided, and Rev. A. R. Sanderson was also present. In the absence of Mr. Switzer, Mr. Harrison acted as secretary pro tem. The ministers' salaries for the year were fixed as follows: Superintendent \$850, assistant \$450; appropriated as follows: Richmond Hill, \$650, Victoria Square \$409, Headford \$164, Patterson \$77. Report showed that the ministers' salaries for the first quarter had been paid.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 1st, 1907
The spur extending to the elevator and the coal sheds at the C.N.O. station has been completed and the proprietors, Messrs. Stiver and Ramer, hope to have the roof on the elevator this week.

About sixty people went down on the Curlers' excursion to Scarborough Beach last evening and report an enjoyable time. Everybody seemed to enjoy the concert given by Raven's Band and the side attractions were well patronized, including the Scenic Railway, The Cascades, the San Francisco Earthquake, shooting the shoots, bumping the bumps, etc. The buildings on the grounds are illuminated with thousands of electric lights and a very beautiful scene is presented. The excursionists arrived home between twelve and one o'clock. The excursion was well handled by Reeve Pugsley and other officers of the club.

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General News & Views

Ontario is enjoying ideal summer weather.

Harvesting is now in full swing. Some wheat has been threshed and is yielding fairly well but no exceptional turn-outs have been reported. The price of wheat took a slump this week but is still around the dollar.

Although there has been no official announcement most observers are predicting a general election in Ontario this fall.

A record crowd is expected to attend the annual Mulock picnic at Woodbridge this year on Saturday, August 21st.

A woman said her husband took up astronomy just so that he could get out at night.

It's hard to be a law-abiding citizen when you can't tell what the law is till the judge finishes talking.

If everything seems innocent to the innocent, you know why everything seems rotten to some people.

It isn't farmers, but government observers who say agriculture is set for a banner year. An experienced farmer never lets on.

A critic says that there are loopholes in the tax structure because those who draw laws are all thumbs. With none of them in the dike.

The happiest people in the world today are—or should be—the Swedes. Sweden is almost an Utopia. While almost all other countries are struggling against deficits or trying to balance their budgets, the Swedish Minister of Finance has told Parliament that he has so much money he does not know how to spend it. His budget just introduced promises gifts to nearly all classes of the community.—Warkworth Journal.

We've heard of the proverbial man who "would steal the coppers off a dead man's eyes." Pretty near in his class must be ranked the thief who robbed a hearse of its gas and oil when it was left standing on the road by a Rouyn undertaker.

It is reported from Washington that one of the results of Amelia Earhart's fatal experience in an attempted flight across the Pacific will be that "stunt flying" may be banned. "Disclosures of inadequate preparations and lack of co-ordinated facilities for the flight, coupled with the fact that its successful termination would have achieved no specific scientific result," are said to have stimulated the probability of such prohibition.

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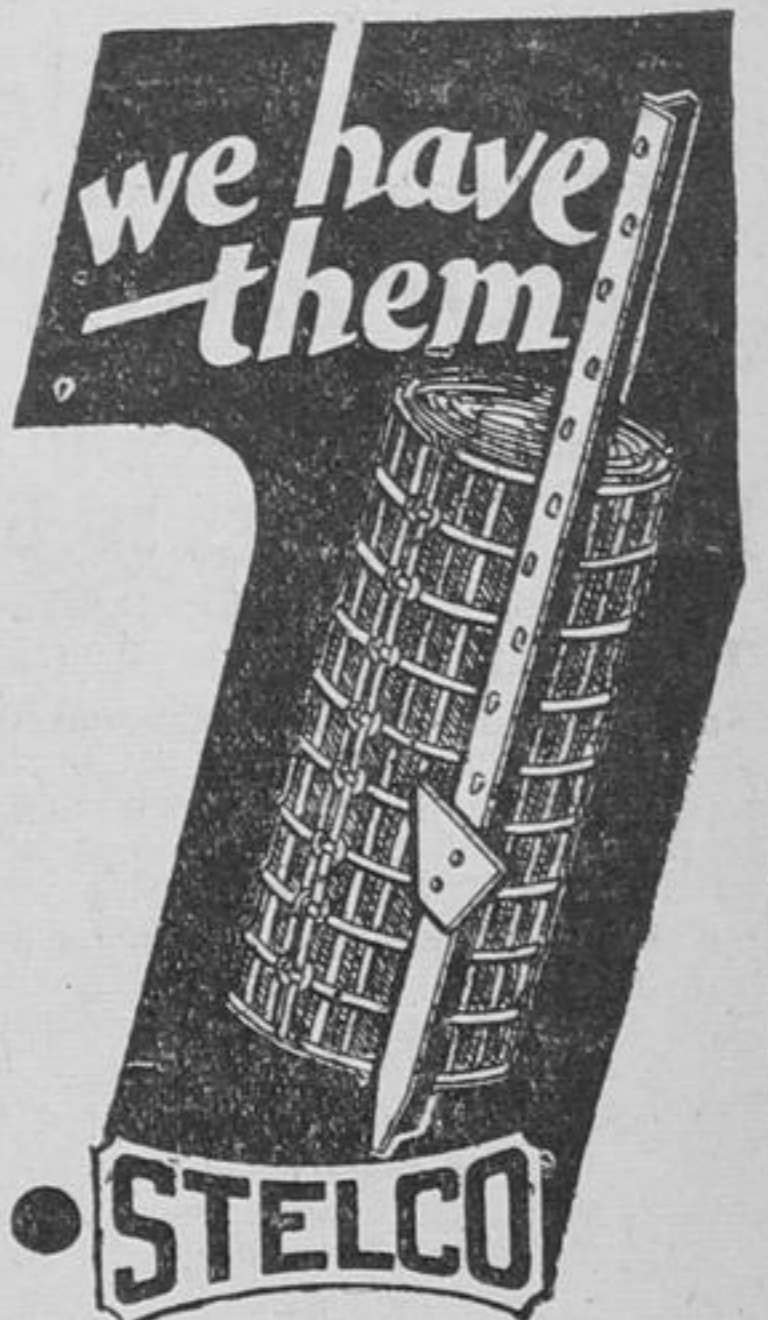
In the June number of Readers' Digest extracts are given from the diary of an American flier who was killed in the world war. The fliers, because they were frequently at a great elevation and covered great distances, had exceptional opportunities of seeing the destructive effects of modern war.

Speaking of this the diarist said: "The devastation is horrible. It looks from the air as if the gods had made a gigantic steam roller, 40 miles wide, and run it from the coast to Switzerland."

Here, after some months of service are some significant observations: "It gives me a dizzy feeling every time I hear of men who are gone... I have lost over 100 friends. ... I keep watching the clock and figuring how long I have to live.... When I go out to get my plane my feet are like lead—I am barely able to drag them after me... Here I am, 24, but I look like 40 and feel 90." And here is a sentence that should be pondered by all, especially by those who profess belief in The Man who came to proclaim peace on earth: "I am beginning to understand the term 'anti-Christ.' Both the Allies and Germans pray to the same God for strength in their slaughter. What a joke it must seem to Him!"

Newspaper mistakes still occur, comments the Hanover Post. The Alliston Herald, under the heading, "Lisle Church Jubilee," placed the following news item: Tuesday's wrestling program drew a large crowd of satisfied fans. The cheering and urging could be heard throughout the town as the crowd went wild at times when the favorite hold was applied to the villain." Then there was the one by the Orillia Packet-Times which mixed up two small items, the result being as follows: "Following the church service on Sunday evening Rev. John Gray held an open air service at the corner of Mississauga and Peter Sts. We call upon the authorities to put a stop to this sort of rowdyism."

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