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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of January 27, 1898
The travelling public along Yonge Street have learned with regret that the car sheds of the Metropolitan Railway Company were burned Sunday evening about 9 o'clock. All their cars were burned except one of the new cars which had run to this village in order to clear the track after the snow storm. The power-house was saved after hard work by the firemen of North Toronto and Rose Avenue, Toronto. A live wire is supposed to have caused the fire. The loss, some \$10,000, is covered by insurance. Mr. Moyes, the manager, expects to have new cars in a few days.

The Board of Education met on Friday, 22nd inst. The following accounts were, on motion, ordered to be paid: Wm. Trench & Son, H. S., \$40.45; P. S., \$8.63; C. Mason, H.S., \$17.43; P.S., \$8.66; J. Francis Brown architect, \$40; Steinburger for maps H.S., \$31; M. McNair, \$6.25, refund on taxes. A resolution was passed instructing the Board to submit the H.S. building accounts to the Village Council, and ask for the sum needed to pay off the indebtedness. The Principal was instructed to procure two dictionaries for the H.S., and Mr. Coombs and Mr. Harrison were appointed a committee to formulate a plan to accumulate a library for the H.S.

Messrs. J. T. Saigeon of Maple and J. B. McLean of Purpleville, commenced yesterday to audit the books of Mr. J. M. Lawrence, clerk and treasurer for Vaughan Township.

Twenty of the stables at the Woodbridge Fair grounds were burned Monday evening. Loss about \$150. No insurance. Cause of fire unknown.

In accordance with previous announcement by the President a meeting of Curlers was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening. The members proceeded to select skips by ballot to choose teams to play for the G. B. Smith medal and the honors fell to the following: P. G. Savage, W. H. Pugsley, F. McConaghy, J. Palmer, W. T. Storey, M. Boyle, F. Sims, J. H. Sanderson. Matches were also arranged for Friday afternoon and evening between the following:

Bachelors and Widowers	Men with Wives
Afternoon	
H. A. Nicholls	J. H. Sanderson
F. Sims	P. G. Savage
D. Boyle	A. Moodie
F. McConaghy	T. F. McMahon
J. Ellston	J. Casely

Evening	
M. Boyle	W. T. Storey
R. Moodie	J. Brydon
C. McConaghy	J. Palmer
W. Clifford	W. R. Proctor
W. Forhan	W. H. Pugsley

All business of the evening being concluded all those present, by the kind invitation of the popular president, Mr. J. H. Sanderson, proceeded to Mrs. Soules' Oyster Parlor, where they were treated to a tempting oyster supper.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of January 23, 1908
Orange Valley
Mr. Matthew McQuarrie has purchased Mr. Duncan's farm. \$3,500 was the price paid.

Mr. Peter Jones has purchased the William Gallaway property.

The Thornhill Hockey seven defeated Richmond Hill Monday evening in the return match here by 5 to 2. The match was refereed by Dr. Johns of Thornhill.

Marriages

JACKSON-SAIGEON—At the residence of the bride's father on Wednesday, January 22nd, by the Rev. P. Jones, Daisy Ethel, eldest daughter of Mr. J. T. Saigeon, to Mr. G. H. Jackson, all of Maple.

ROBSON-WILSON—At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Henry Wilson, Elgin Mills, on Wednesday, January 22nd, by the Rev. G. W. Robinson, Miss Annie Elizabeth Wilson, to Mr. J. H. Robson of Purpleville.

The Thornhill Hockey Team defeated the Richmond Hill intermeditates Wednesday evening at Thornhill by the score of 4 to 3. Line-up: Thornhill—Goal, Henry; point, F. Hooper; C. point, Winger; forwards Wright, Echlin, Wice, Watson.

Richmond Hill—Goal, W. Hall; Point, C. Hall; C. Point, F. Boyle; forwards, Pethick, Brown, Palmer, Naughton.

General News & Views

Lengthening days and warmer sunshine are unmistakable signs that spring is coming.

Don't worry if your job is small
And your rewards are few;
Remember that the mighty oak
Was once a nut like you.

A strong resolution will be sent to the Provincial authorities by Owen Sound City Council, urging that slot machines be banned from the Province.

Collingwood Township Council has imposed a license fee of \$15.00 to sell milk.

Coldwater Council advertised all positions to which annual appointments are made.

James Wheeler, Erin, claims that an apple tree, on the Wheeler farm, on the 8th line, is 106 years old, and bore fruit this year. His father, the late James Wheeler brought the seed from the old country.

An interesting comparison of prices is that of the prevailing price 50 years ago and the prevailing price today, for farm produce in Renfrew County. Fifty years ago, prices were as follows: Wheat 80-90c bus., peas 59c., oats 35-36c, butter 12-20c lb., eggs 17-20c doz., potatoes 50-60c bus., hay \$9-\$10 ton, turkeys 8-9c lb., geese and chickens 5-6c. Prices prevailing this year during the holiday season were: Wheat \$1.00-\$1.25, peas \$2.00-\$2.25, oats 55-60c, butter 34-36c, eggs 25-35c, potatoes 50-60c, hay \$8-\$11 ton, turkeys 20-25c, geese 17c, chickens 18-25c.

It is often said that there is not as much "courtesy on the road" as there was in the good old days. It is true many motorists are not prone to give lifts to anyone since the advent of the days of wholesale hitchhiking. The case of the pedestrian who collapsed on Yonge Street near Aurora last week and laid on the roadside for a considerable time is evidence of the indifference of the majority of motorists to those who trudge along on foot. Not many motorists would pass a real needful case on the road and the great majority will gladly give a lift to any deserving case. But so many people beg rides who can well afford to pay for them that the great majority of motorists pass up all hitchhikers and the needful ones lose out with the spongers.

The following were re-elected officers of the Markham Fair at the annual meeting last week:
Hon. Presidents—A. J. H. Eckardt, W. H. Crosby, R. R. Corson, R. P. Armstrong.

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Discovery of the rabbit fever organism in a patient at the Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital and reception of news there were virulent cases of the disease in New York state led deputy minister D. J. Taylor, Ontario Department of Game and Fisheries, to emphasize the possibility of spread of the infection.

He said the provincial laboratories reported that everyone who dresses a rabbit without rubber gloves or eats one which has been improperly cooked may become infected.

"Rabbits were almost wiped out in Ontario the year before last, I suppose by rabbit fever," Mr. Taylor said. He explained there possibly was no animal so subject to cycles of decimation by disease as the rabbit.

"The infected rabbits bloat up, half an inch under the skin," he said. "There are lumps like big water blisters."

The Motto of some countries these days: Business as usual during alterations.

HEADFORD

Several from here attended the Sunday School Convention at Stouffville on the 20th. The delegates from Headford Sunday School were Mrs. Freeman Barker, Misses Gwen Smith and Mary Stewart.

Mr. Acreman and Murray and Mr. Fred Lee attended the Banquet given by Eglinton Hunt Club at the Carlisle, Toronto, to farmers through whose farms they hunted. A very enjoyable time is reported.

Young People's Union was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Barker on Monday evening with Elmer Leek presiding. Jean McDonald very ably presented the topic, "An Age for Men." Miss Love gave a reading "Because of Thy Great Bounty." The missionary offering this year is to be voluntary instead of by envelope. Y.P.U. will meet next Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith.

Miss Gwen Smith was the guest of Miss May Plewman, Richmond Hill, over Sunday.

Miss Jean McDonald of Victoria Square spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith.

Mr. Carl James has been confined to the house with a heavy cold. Friends will be pleased to see him out again soon.

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