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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of February 3, 1898
Mr. Salem Eckardt, the well known
auctioneer, has removed from Union-
ville to Toronto. His many friends
and patrons will be glad to know
that he purposes working along the
same line of business, and that he
and his able partner, Mr. J. H. Prentice
of Carville, are prepared to at-
tend to all sales as heretofore.

The men with wives defeated their
less fortunate brothers in the curl-
ing rink on Friday. The following is
the result:

J. Ellston	J. Casely
F. McConaghy	T. F. McMahon
D. Boyle	A. Moodie
F. Sims	P. G. Savage
H. A. Nicholls	J. H. Sanderson
skip 6	skip 21
W. Forhan	W. A. Sanderson
W. Clifford	W. R. Proctor
C. McConaghy	J. Palmer
R. Moodie	J. Brydon
M. Boyle	W. T. Storey
skip 12	skip 16

With the thermometer considerably
below zero, a piercing wind and a
blinding snow storm which blocked
up the roads running east and west,
the people of this section have ex-
perienced one of the severest storms
for several years past. With the ex-
ception of the newspapers brought
from the city by the Metropolitan
Railway no mail arrived in Richmond
Hill on Tuesday until about 8 p.m.,
and then Mr. Proctor had to drive
to Aurora for the mailbags, as it
was impossible to get to Richmond
Hill station. Yesterday morning, the
roads being still blocked, the mail
was taken to the station by a carrier
who walked across the fields. The
roads north and south were not very
much drifted, consequently the Met-
ropolitan made their regular trips,
night and morning.

The annual meeting of the Pres-
byterian congregation was held in
the church on the 27th of January.
There was a good attendance. Rev.
Mr. Grant presided and Mr. John
Innes acted as secretary. Reports
were read from the different orga-
nizations of the congregation, show-
ing a continued interest and a mark-
ed progress in every department of
the church work. Four new man-
agers were elected, Mr. Robert Mc-
Lean for one year, in place of Mr.
Fred Jackes, who has moved away,
and Messrs. Matthew Boyle, John
Savage and John Innes re-elected for
three years. Messrs. John Boyle and
Wm. Russell were elected auditors.
The officers elected for the Ladies'
Aid are: President, Mrs. Grant; 1st
Vice-President, Mrs. John Boyle; 2nd
Vice-President, Miss Coulter; Secre-
tary, Miss Powell; Treasurer, Mrs.
Skeele. At the close a very enjoy-
able social hour was spent, the lad-
ies having provided excellent re-
freshments.

A number from Maple went to
Malvern on Friday to hear the Orato-
ry "Queen Esther" given by Mr.
H. M. Fletcher's singing class of that
place.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of January 30, 1908
Toronto's population is now said
to be 355,726.

Fourteen below zero in Richmond
Hill this morning. This must be the
"open winter" the weather prophets
told us about last fall.

Mr. Wm. Vanderburgh died at his
home on Tuesday of last week. Al-
though he had been in failing health
for the past year, the announcement
of his death came as a surprise to
most people outside of his own house-
hold. The funeral took place from
his late residence to the Richmond
Hill cemetery last Thursday and was
largely attended. Besides his widow
deceased leaves the following chil-
dren: Laura, Clara (Mrs. Bell), Rolph,
George, Mable and Murray.

Marriage

LYNETT-DIXON—At St. Luke's
Church, Thornhill, on January 28th,
by Rev. Father Grant, Miss C. J.
Dixon of Victoria Square to Mr. E.
J. Lynett of Richmond Hill.

The Postmaster-General's report
for the fiscal year ended 31st March,
1907, covering nine months only,
contains interesting information re-
garding his department of the pub-
lic services. The gross revenue for
nine months amounts to \$6,535,093.18
and the surplus, after paying all ex-
penses, amounts to \$1,082,301.59.

The annual meeting of the Rich-
mond Hill and Yonge Street Agri-
cultural Society was held in the
Lorne Hall on Saturday afternoon.
The auditors report showed a sub-
stantial balance on hand. The elec-

The Ottawa Spotlight

By Spectator

Ottawa, Feb. 1—The Speech from
the Throne with which every session
of parliament is opened gives a gen-
eral survey of the legislation which
the government proposes to bring in
during the session. It also touches
on general conditions in the country,
but it makes no attempt to cover
completely the work of parliament.
It is a sign post indicating the road
along which the government and par-
liament will travel. Many bills which
will be presented to parliament have
not yet been drafted, and events
transpiring while the session is on
will doubtless raise issues and bring
about legislation not contemplated at
the opening of the session.

It is therefore only in a general
way that the speech delivered by His
Excellency the Governor General at
the beginning of the present session
forecasts the course of the work of
parliament during the next few
months. In regard to social legis-
lation it is clear that the govern-
ment hopes to secure an early ap-
proval by the provinces of the amend-
ment to the constitution which will
allow parliament to pass its unem-
ployment insurance measure. Whether
such approval will be forthcoming
it is for the future to disclose.
At the moment the chances do not
seem very bright.

A good deal of space was given
to the work of the Royal Commis-
sion on Dominion Provincial Rela-
tions, which is examining the econ-
omic and financial basis of confed-
eration and the distribution of legis-
lative powers "in the light of the
new conditions which have arisen in
the past seventy years". It was
stated that the stresses strains which
economic and social development
since confederation have placed on
Canada's governmental structure
"Have disclosed the necessity for ad-
justments which will enable it the
more effectively to serve provincial
and national needs and to promote
and preserve Canadian unity". The
commission will continue for some
months to gather the necessary in-
formation; it will then issue its re-
port with recommendations and then
it will be in the hands of "approp-
riate authorities" to decide what
should be done.

The statement in the speech that
arrangements are being completed
for the inauguration of a national
trans-Canada air service refers to
the airway for which fields have
been constructed throughout the Do-
minion, which has already been mak-
ing trial flights in the West and
which in the coming summer will
doubtless reach Montreal as a stand-
ardized service. It is a gigantic un-
dertaking but it will place Canada
definitely on the air lines of the
world, and will link with the trans-
atlantic services coming into opera-
tion before the end of 1940.

The Transport department will
sponsor legislation to extend the au-
thority of the board of railway com-
missioners. Last session an endeavor
to create a transport board out
of the railway commission was de-
feated in the senate. This year
changes in the original bill will be
made to remove objections that arose
last session. One of the cardinal
features of the original bill was to
bring other forms of transport un-
der some degree of control, the rail-
ways being the only form at present
regulated under the board of railway
commissioners.

Considerable interest will be a-
roused when the legislation "with a
view to furthering the principle of

tion of officers resulted as follows:
President, George Leek; 1st Vice-
President, George Gormley; 2nd Vice-
President, George Padgett; Sec-
Treas., H. A. Nicholls; Directors, T.
Lloyd, W. Thompson, George Brodie,
T. H. Legge, W. Wells, J. Slater,
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can, J. Lunau, E. Lynett, J. N. Boyle,
J. S. McNair, G. Dibb, W. H. Clu-
bine, G. Redditt, H. Rumble, P.
Bassingwaite, W. H. Pugsley, J. Pal-
mer, P. G. Savage, J. H. Sanderson,
T. F. McMahon, W. Eyer, E. Barker,
I. Crosby. It was decided to hold
a seed show on the 11th of Febru-
ary; also to add apples and pears to
the exhibits. The secretary was au-
thorized to procure speakers. A com-
mittee of Messrs. Sanderson, Nich-
olls, McMahon, Palmer, Pugsley and
McNair were appointed to provide
special attractions for the Annual
Fair on the 24th of May; and Messrs.
Sanderson, McMahon and the secre-
tary were appointed a concert com-
mittee.

parliamentary control of the export
of power" is introduced. This ques-
tion of power export, it will be re-
membered was the occasion of a
lively exchange of views between the
prime minister of the Dominion and
the premier of Ontario.

Gratification was expressed at the
substantial economic advance of Can-
ada at the increase in revenues, the
expansion in trade, the increase in
employment and the decrease in the
numbers receiving unemployment as-
sistance. On the other hand in the
minds of legislators there must be
some anxiety over conditions in the
United States and the possible ef-
fect these may have on Canadian in-
dustry if they do not soon improve.

The country will wait with inter-
est the terms of the new treaty be-
tween Canada and the United States,
which the speech said is in process
of negotiation. It will be very much
interested in the trade agreement
which will be concluded between the
United Kingdom and the United
States.

Eastern as well as Western Can-
ada will have been pleased to learn
that the activities of the Prairie
Farm Rehabilitation Act will con-
tinue. The work already done under
the terms of this act has merited
more credit and publicity than it has
received. The expansion promised in
the efforts to train unemployed
young people will also meet with
general approval.

The Canadian people share with
the government its anxiety over the
international situation, and will view
with sympathy the efforts which the
speech stated the government has
made, where opportunity offered, to
promote international understanding
and goodwill. They will also be in
full accord with the statement that
"The government is convinced that
in seeking to co-operate with the
United Kingdom and other countries
in efforts to promote international
trade, it is pursuing one of the most
effective means of ensuring securi-
ty and progress in Canada and the
betterment of conditions in other
parts of the world."

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