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### FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of February 24, 1898  
Mr. H. A. Nicholls has purchased the Grand Central property, consisting of the large brick building and half an acre of land.

On Friday F. Sims defeated P. G. Savage in a curling match for the medal, W. H. Pugsley defeated W. T. Storey's rink, and on Tuesday in the semi-finals M. Boyle defeated F. Sims by 23 to 9. Two more matches will decide the contest.

Thomas Alfred, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Savage, died very suddenly on Monday. Interment took place yesterday.

The Band Carnival, which had been anxiously looked forward to for some time, came off on Tuesday evening last and was a pronounced success. It is a well known fact that whenever the ladies of Richmond Hill take anything in hand, success is assured, and when it became known that the arrangements for the above carnival were in the hands of a ladies' committee, expectations of something good were raised, and, as the event proved, were not raised in vain. Receipts were \$43.15.

The Village Council met in the clerk's office on February 17. The Reeve in the chair. Councillors present, Messrs. Hill, Hopper and Innes. The minutes of the 10th February read and approved. The Village Treasurer's accounts and Auditors' Report were brought before the council and finally revised. Moved by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Hopper that the treasurer's accounts with the Auditors' Report be adopted as finally revised, and that 200 copies be printed and distributed for the information of the ratepayers. Carried. Mr. Innes introduced By-Law No. 162 to provide the amount of funds necessary to meet the requirements of the Board of Education, to pay the balance due on the High School building, etc., and furnishing the same, by appropriating the balance of the "Surplus Distribution Fund" now deposited in the Dominion Bank at Toronto. The By-Law was read a first, second and third time and passed. The council adjourned. M. Teffy, clerk.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of February 20, 1908  
Mr. Jerry Smith, accompanied by his watchmaker, Mr. W. H. Heise, attended a banquet for the opening of the new Canadian Horological Institute, on Monday evening of this week, and report an enjoyable time.

Councillor Barker has in his house a tomato plant on which are several bunches of blossoms. The plant which is now three feet high came from a seed which by chance had been placed in a flower pot. If Mr. Barker has ripe tomatoes for Easter Sunday it will certainly be a treat.

Those who have never lived or visited in a locality where farm telephones are in general use, can have no idea of their usefulness. During the late snow blockade the writer spent nearly a week around Gormley, and it was wonderful how those phones did go. When the road boss wanted men to shovel snow, he simply phoned right and left. If some one was anxious about a sick neighbor, instead of facing cold and storm, ring up, and in five minutes their inquiry is answered. Hopes have been entertained for some time that the "Independent Co." would cross from the 4th con. through Dairytown to Richmond Hill. Lately, however, we have had those prospects dimmed, as we learn the company feels like pausing before indulging in new extensions.

Mr. Wilfred W. Smith of Edgely had a very successful sale of farm stock and implements on Friday, the 14th of February. 1 heavy draught gelding brought \$254, another \$197, a two year old gelding \$190, and a light driving mare \$135. Although the afternoon was stormy, everything brought satisfactory prices. Mr. D. G. Blough of King City wielded the gavel.

There are many ways of earning a living and few choose a cooler means than K. Krikor, who jumps in the icy cold water for an existence. On Sunday afternoon this gentleman entertained quite a gallery of spectators to an exhibition of swimming in the Humber where the ice is being out. Before submerging in the water this "human seal" enjoyed an ice cream cone. When Forest Hutchinson's police dog slipped in the water Krikor assisted it back to safety.

## National Flower Show in Toronto March 24-April 2

For the first time the National Flower and Garden Show will be held in Canada, in Toronto. It will thrill the thousands of visitors with its gorgeous array of exotic and rare blooms brought from all the corners of the Globe. Large specimen Azaleas from Florida, lei from Hawaii, native cacti from California, Sacred lilies from India, 20,000 spring bulbs from Holland, tropical shrubs in rare and wonderful shapes, and our own native plants cultivated to perfection, along with many others.

This \$1,500,000 display will be open to the public from March 24 to April 2 in the Automotive Building, Canadian National Exhibition its 150,000 square feet of space will be filled with landscape scenic arranged by the foremost landscape artists in the world, mass arrangements of Rhododendrons, hydrangeas, lilies and wistarias, flower beds designed for effect, garden plots groomed to perfection, vases of roses with blooms as large as peonies, the new royal carnations the largest in the world, thousands of blooms of snapdragon, Sweet Peas, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, iris, jonquils, stocks and marigolds.

Rare Plants  
A rare oddity will be the Venus Fly Trap that grows only in the Carolinas brought to Canada for this great floral spectacle.

Tropical plants of the rarest beauty brought to Canada and so timed that each bud will be unfolded to perfection at the time of the show.

A plant that will come into a great deal of attention is the Sacred Lily of India, the plant that apparently grows without nourishment. The lei, a bell shaped flower from Hawaii, flows across the Pacific via China Clipper thence by fast planes to Buffalo and from there to the National Flower Show, Toronto.

No article on this flower show would be complete without mentioning the most romantic and rarest of all flowers the Orchid, Queen of the flower world. This exotic flower for which men have forfeited their lives in the swamps of South America so that we could enjoy its royal and superb bloom. The colouring and splendour of this bloom obtained by the most skilful hybridizers will thrill the crowds again and again.

This Flower Show is sponsored by the Society of American Florists and Horticulturists, and educational and scientific society for the advancement of horticultural and floral-cultural knowledge.

It will be well worth your time to spend a few days in Toronto admiring this spectacle, the most beautiful ever staged in Canada. Neither cost nor effort has been spared to make this show a thrilling experience that you will remember for years.

## General News & Views

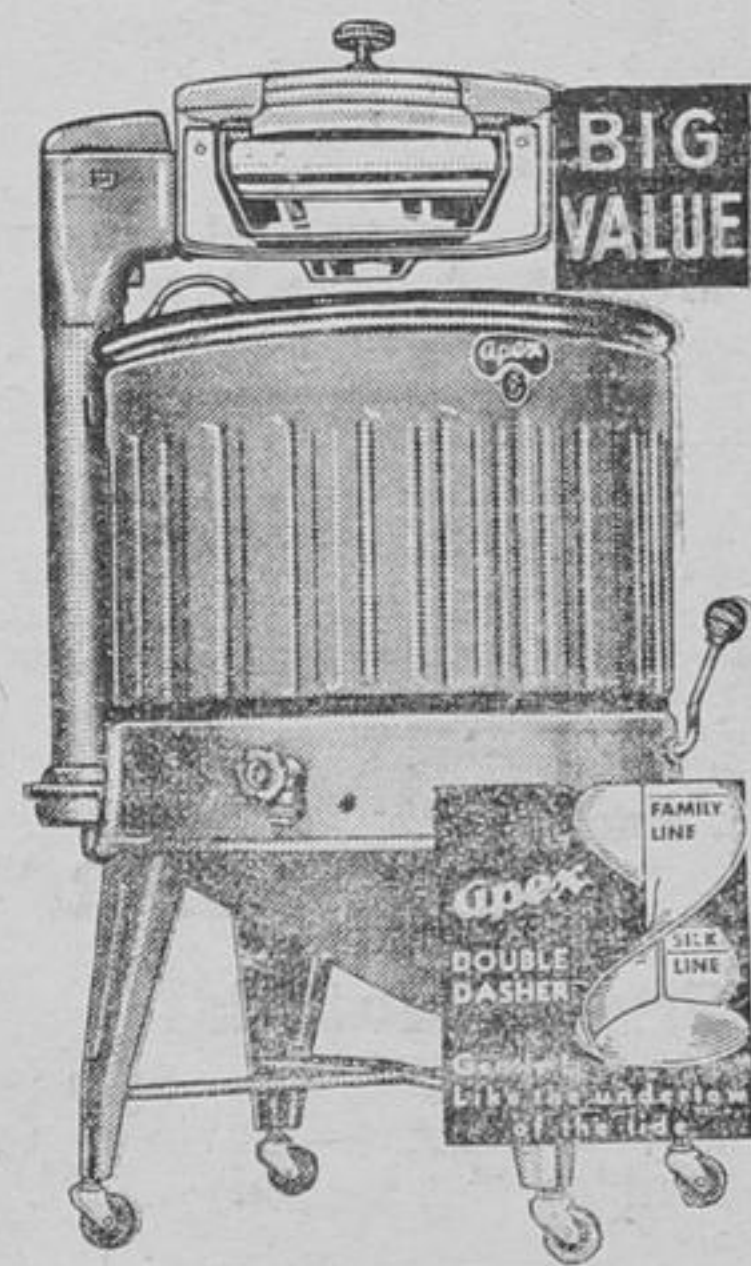
Old timers sigh as they recall the real winters we used to have a half a century ago. Many recall away back when snow blocked Yonge St. and you could touch the trolley wires.

Aurora Horticultural Society has chosen the petunia as the town Jubilee flower. Each member of the Society this year will receive a package of petunia seed.

An old couple bought a large mantle clock, one of the kind that strikes the hours and half hours. That night they were awakened by the striking of the clock. Something had gone wrong with the mechanism and the chimes, instead of stopping with the usual 12, kept right on sounding. The bewildered husband counted them up to 102, and then awakened his wife. "Mary, for goodness' sake, get up! It's later than I've ever known it to be before!"

Commenting on the naming of a new rose grown in Richmond Hill as "The Globe & Mail" the Newmarket Express-Herald said last week: "Naming a new variety of rose discovered at Richmond Hill 'Globe & Mail' instead of 'The Liberal', will not go over very big with Editor Smith of that place. York County Council, however, will argue that Smith's editorials are far from 'rosey' on their behalf."

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