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Trinity Anglican Church at Thornhill observed its 108th anniversary on Sunday.

Parliamentary Personalities

By Gordon Graydon, M.P.
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The actions of those who are "great" towards those who are not, very often constitute a yard-stick by which the "great" can be measured. By this standard of measurement, and by others as well, the present Minister of Justice in the Canadian Cabinet ranks high in my humble estimation. True it is, he belongs to another political party than I. He worships at a church holding the tenets of another religion than I. He comes from a long line of French and Canadian ancestry in contrast to my Irish and Canadian forebears. But with all those contrasting backgrounds, to say nothing of the wide variation in our ages, I hold the Honourable Ernest Lapointe in high regard. Perhaps one fundamental reason exists for this, among others, which will be apparent as you read this article. He was kindness itself to me when I came in as a new member to the House of Commons in 1936. He has been kindness personified to me, personally, ever since and we all respond to that kind of treatment regardless of whether we are Members of Parliament or follow some other line of activity.

When I made my first speech in the House in February of 1936, I was pretty shaky on my feet. A "maiden" speech is just about as harassing an experience as any that I know. You have for the first time in your life a new kind of audience—one which does not uproariously applaud your remarks and in almost every respect it is different from ordinary platform or radio work. The older members are usually very considerate and sympathetic to a new man when he makes his initial oratorical effort. But Mr. Lapointe in my case went farther than that. I recall so well how he, good-naturedly, interrupted me during my address and at its conclusion wrote a note to me in my seat congratulating me upon my effort (which I should hasten to say, was a very poor effort) and saying in his usual jovial way, "I hope all your future speeches will be as pleasant to hear as this one has been." Needless to say, I treasure that note. It represented the generous gesture of a kindly and sympathetic public man.

Mr. Lapointe is second in command of the Liberal party in the House and first in command so far as the Liberal following in the Province of

Quebec is concerned. He has always been a kind of idol of the people of that French-Canadian province. While, the present Minister of Justice is now occupying a most important and prominent place in our nation's affairs today, he has plodded up to that position over a very tortuous path.

When he came into the House of Commons for the first time, it was by way of an acclamation for the riding of Kamouraska, Quebec, in 1904. On the 12th day of February this year, he celebrated his thirty-fourth consecutive year as a member of the House of Commons. This makes him the "Dean" of the House and on his 34th anniversary his heart must have been warmed by the nice things which leaders of all parties in the House said about him. I had never seen him quite so moved by the spontaneity of the remarks uttered by political friend and foe as on that occasion.

Young Lapointe entered the chamber under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and could not speak a word of English when he arrived at Ottawa in 1904. He needed no English to converse in that part of French Canada from which he came. For two years this future parliamentarian said nothing in the House. He listened. He translated into his own tongue the speeches as best he could and gradually, but surely, mastered English. At the end of two years, he made his first speech in the Commons and from then on his qualification to speak in both languages fluently has never been challenged. His style is perhaps a little more fluent in French, but his English vocabulary leaves little to be desired. His English speeches are marked by a slight hesitancy which actually brings a special conviction to his remarks that otherwise would be absent, and it certainly adds to his humorous touches in the House. I remember on one occasion last session a member said that Mr. Lapointe had misquoted a former speech made by the member, and he went on to say that he did not want the Minister of Justice to "put words into his mouth that he did not say." Mr. Lapointe was equal to the occasion and replied as quick as a shot, "I was not trying to put words into the Honourable gentleman's mouth. There are too many there already."

The Minister of Justice is a lawyer of high standing in Canada, although his political activities, especially as a member of several cabinets, have forced his retirement from ordinary practice. Mr. Lapointe was born on the 6th day of October, 1876; was married four days after his election to the House of Commons in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Lapointe have two children—a son, named Hugues and a daughter, Odette, who is now married. Miss Odette Lapointe was at one time head of the Twentieth Century Liberal Association of the Dominion.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Lapointe sits now for Quebec East, which is Sir Wilfrid's old riding. He was elected in this constituency at a by-election of 1919, caused by Sir Wilfrid's death. The City of Quebec is the home of the Minister of Justice, although he resides in Ottawa most of the time. This older statesman, first entered a cabinet in 1921 and has been a member of every Liberal government since. In addition to this service, he has been entrusted with many international responsibilities on Canada's behalf and was Canada's representative at the unveiling of the Vimy Ridge Memorial.

Mr. Lapointe is a man of outstanding ability and capacity, with excellent judgment and a kindness and friendliness which stands him in good stead with friend and foe alike. He has now reached a far milestone in public service and it is the hope and wish of all parties in Ottawa that his health and vigor shall be preserved to enable him to continue to make heavy contributions yet to the public life of his country.

CARRVILLE

The Y. P. will meet Friday evening at Mr. and Mrs. L. Burton's.

The W.A. met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Vanderberg.

Sunday visitors at Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker's were Mr. Bill Fisher, Thornhill and Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, Roy and Helen Baker.

The Misses Mary and Louise Delbrocco and Mr. and Mrs. Cavotti of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Delbrocco.

Miss J. Parker spent the weekend with friends in Toronto.

Miss Mildred Macklin of Toronto spent Sunday with Mrs. Muirhead.

Miss Josephine Delbrocco spent Monday with friends in Toronto.

Following the closing down of a pool room over H. N. Smith's and W. S. Belfry's stores, Woodbridge is left without such a centre of amusement for the first time in many years.

THORNHILL

We would suggest you hold open the evening of March 15 and plan to attend the talking picture presentation at Thornhill United Church under the auspices of the Young People's Union. Exceptionally up-to-date sound pictures covering travel in Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific, sports including skiing, mountain climbing and social activities in the vicinity of Banff Springs Hotel in the Canadian Rockies, also pictures descriptive of life in the Caribbean Islands, an interesting picture on the Capital of Canada and other worth while subjects will be presented by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Silver collection will be taken. Everybody welcome. Plan to attend. Watch for further announcements later.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. of the United Church will be held on Wednesday, March 9th at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. P. Bone, Yonge St. The ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

A meeting of the Executive of the Horticultural Society will be held on Thursday evening, (tonight), at the home of Mr. P. Bone at 8 o'clock.

On Tuesday afternoon the W.M.S. of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. N. J. Smellie. A sewing meeting was held from 2 to 3. Mrs. Wesley, president, had charge of the meeting at 3. Mrs. Jacques read the devotional leaflet and Mrs. Wesley and Mrs. Morton took the topic, "The World-Wide Church." Mrs. L. Hicks sang "Ivory Palaces" and Mrs. M. McLean led in prayer.

Mrs. O. C. James gave a good review of the third chapter of the Study Book, dealing with unity in the different denominations. Since 1867 there were small unions of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. In 1925 the United Church of Canada was formed. It has had charge of 689 missions in the 10 years since Union. Miss A. Boyle played Lord of the lands, beneath Thy Berding Skies and was sung slowly and reverently. The meeting closed with prayer. A quilting will be held next month at the home of Mrs. N. L. Morton, Colborne St.

Home and School Association

An enthusiastic group of parents and teachers filled to capacity a room of Union School Section No. 1 Vaughan and Markham School on Monday, February 28th at 8 p.m. for the first meeting of the Thornhill Home and School Association. The hospitality convener, Mrs. S. Findlay and her committee welcomed the parents as they arrived. A great deal of credit for the large turnout should be given to the membership convener, Mrs. J. S. Farrell and her committee, who called on all the Thornhill parents. The number of fathers present was particularly gratifying.

The president, Mrs. R. H. Neil, presided. Mrs. S. Russel read the minutes of the organization meeting. The treasurer, Mr. C. E. Jeager gave his report, Mrs. J. S. Farrell gave an account of the work of her committee and the librarian, Miss Kirby, invited the parents to inspect her free literature table after the meeting and take the pamphlets they were interested in. The next few minutes were given to make a presentation of a handsome chair to Dr. Campbell, who retired from the school board last fall, after acting as school trustee for twenty-five years. Miss Kirby read the address to Dr. Campbell and Mr. N. L. Morton made the presentation. It was a great pleasure for the large group of parents to see Dr. Campbell receive this token of appreciation he so richly deserved. The lecturer, Mr. R. H. Roberts, Inspector of Schools, was introduced by the president, Mrs. Neil, and he handled his subject, The new Curriculum, in an interesting, enlightening and humorous manner. Everyone was impressed with the human and humane ideal of this new method of teaching and at the same time realized that the new system was a firm foundation of good common sense. It was generally agreed that children would have a better opportunity to develop into happy, healthy, self-reliant citizens under this new system than under the old. Mrs. T. Jackson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts, which was seconded by Mr. McCammon and the audience enthusiastically carried the motion. Mr. McCammon moved that the meeting adjourn and those present were then free to have a friendly discussion while the social convener, Mrs. A. Stephenson, and her committee served refreshments. After deciding to equip the school with some folding chairs, the school board very kindly rushed the order so the Home and School Association would have the chairs for their first meeting. The kind co-operation from the school board was greatly appreciated by the president and her executive, not to mention the audience who were able to enjoy the evening in comfort, instead of being cramped in the small desk seats of the class rooms. The Thornhill Home and School Association was honored by the presence of several Toronto guests, amongst them being Miss Power, director of Health Education for the Ontario Department of Health and Miss Small, Director of Recreation.

The regular monthly meeting of the Thornhill Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Pearson Thursday, March 17 at 2.30 sharp. (Please note change of place of meeting). The District President, Mrs. Reesor of Scarborough, will speak to the branch. A special feature of this meeting will be an address by Mr. C. W. Jeffries, the well known artist. There should be a full attendance.

Miss Jean Egan, aged 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Egan of Kleinburg was successful in passing grade 2 piano examinations with honors at the recent midwinter examinations held at the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Jean is a pupil of Mrs. Clarence Graham, Woodbridge.

Sale Register

FRIDAY, MARCH 4—Auction sale of farm stock, implements, furniture, etc., belonging to the estate of the late Jas. Cassley at Lot 12, Con. 8, King Township. Terms cash. Terms and conditions of farm made known on day of sale. Sale at 1 o'clock. C. E. Walkington, auctioneer.

SATURDAY, MAR. 5—Auction sale of farm stock, implements, hay, grain and furniture the property of Harry D. Wood, lot 3, con. 8, Vaughan Twp., just west of Woodbridge and south of No. 7 Highway. Sale at 1 p.m. No reserve as proprietor is giving up farming. Terms cash. J. C. Saigeon, Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5—Auction sale of farm stock, implements, etc., the property of George Kaiser, rear Lot 72, Con. 1, King. Sale at one o'clock. Terms cash. F. N. Smith, Auctioneer.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5th—Auction sale of entire household furniture at Victoria Square on 4th Concession of Markham, the property of the late Robert Agar. Terms cash. Sale at 2 p.m. A. S. Farmer, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 9—Important auction sale of farm stock, implements, hay, grain, roots, furniture and other effects on Lot 13, rear of Con. 5, Markham Township (at Unionville), the property belonging to the estate of the late Richard Ash. No reserve as farm is old. Terms cash. Sale at 12.30 p.m. sharp. Prentice & Prentice, Auctioneers.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10th—Auction Sale of farm stock, implements, etc. on Lot 1, Con. 2, Vaughan. (at Fisherville) 2 miles west of Steele's Corners. Property of Jas. Hill. No reserve. Sale at 1 p.m. Prentice & Prentice, Auctioneers.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11—Auction Sale of farm stock, implements, hay, grain, roots and other effects belonging to Sam Harper on Lot 9, the 4th Con. of Markham (Brown's Corners). Sale at 1 p.m. Terms cash. No reserve. Prentice & Prentice, Auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th—Auction sale of Herd of Dairy Cattle, Farm Stock, Implements, Furniture, etc. Implements all nearly new, on Dawes Road, just south of Wexford, in North York Township. Property of Ken. Kingden. Sale at 1 p.m. Terms Cash. No reserve. Prentice & Prentice, Auctioneers.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17—Extensive Auction Sale of Farm Stock, Implements, Hay, Grain, Roots, Furniture and other effects, on Dawes Road a little south of O'Sullivan's Corners. Property of James White. Sale will commence at 12.00. No reserve as farm is sold. Prentice & Prentice, Auctioneers.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18—Auction Sale of Farm Stock, Implements, Hay, Grain, Roots, Furniture, etc., on Lot 18, 4th Line, Markham Township, north of Buttonville. Property of James Couperthwaite. Sale at 1 p.m. No reserve. Prentice & Prentice, Auctioneers.

MONDAY, MARCH 21st—Extensive Auction Sale of a Choice Herd of Dairy Cattle, Farm Stock, Implements and other effects, belonging to George May, on Lot 33, Con. 4, Scarborough, Farm known as "Christie Farm". Sale at 1 p.m. sharp. No reserve as farm is sold. Prentice & Prentice, Auctioneers.

TUES., MAR. 22—Important auction sale of farm stock, implements, furniture, lumber, hay, roots, grain, etc. will be sold by public auction on lot 5, con. 3, King, 1 mile east of King City, the property of Walter Lloyd. Sale at 12.30 sharp. No reserve. Giving up farming on account of ill health. J. H. and K. G. Prentice, auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 23—Auction sale of farm stock, implements, household furniture at Lot 64, 1st Concession of Whitechurch, 1 mile from Yonge Street on Wilcox Lake Road, the property of Wm. Smith. Sale at 1 p.m. Terms cash. A. S. Farmer, Auctioneer.

WEDNES., MARCH 23—Auction sale of farm stock, implements, furniture, property of Harry McCutcheon, Lot 35, Con. 9, Vaughan Twp. one mile south of Nobleton. Very large sale. Starts at 12 o'clock. Terms cash. Farm sold. C. E. Walkington and M. McEwen, Auctioneers.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 23—Auction sale of farm stock, implements, household furniture and other effects on Lot 5, con. 9, Markham Township, half mile east of Box Grove, the property of W. H. Walker. Terms cash. No reserve as proprietor is quitting. Sale at 1 p.m. Prentice and Prentice, Auctioneers.

WOODBIDGE

Friends of Miss Elma Farr Attend Troussiau Tea

Mrs. W. Farr entertained at a tea last Saturday afternoon in her home, Woodbridge, in honor of her daughter, Elma, whose marriage to Stewart Rutherford will take place Mar. 5th. A filet and cutwork cloth was used on the tea table with pink and white tulips and pink tapers. Mrs. W. Hutchison, Mrs. J. A. Agar, Mrs. C. H. Rutherford and Mrs. J. A. McBride poured tea in the afternoon while Mrs. Ross Agar and Mrs. Melville Ackroyd poured tea in the evening.

Miss Bertha Whitmore, Miss Marie Allen and Mrs. Keith French served in the dining room assisted by Miss Bertha Agar, Miss May Watson and Misses Alice and Annie Agar.

Assisting in the different rooms were Miss Velma Darker, Mrs. Clarence Graham, Miss Mary Agar and Miss Adele McBride.

Friends of Miss Farr numbering 300 attended the event.

On Friday night the choir of the United Church honored Miss Farr with the presentation of a Flower Stand.

Late James Bernath

James Bernath, Lot 26, Concession 10, passed away on Monday, February 28th, following a year's illness. Mr. Bernath was a son of the late Jacob and Ann Dalziel Bernath and was in his 72nd year. His wife who was Miss Mary Devins, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Devins, survives. Deceased was a liberal in politics and was a member of Nashville Presbyterian Church. The funeral was held on Wednesday with interment in Nashville Cemetery, Rev. J. Ross officiating.

Woodbridge Hockey Team Champs

In the local Hockey League which Woodbridge Robinson Dye Works, Robinson's Toronto Office Staff, Humber Summit, Clairville and Fisherville played their final game on Monday night on the Dye Works rink, Woodbridge defeated Humber Summit winning the championship. Woodbridge line-up was Gordon Bagg, Bert Shore, D. Pollard, H. Bishop, Jack Hall and Jack Blake.

Mr. George Scott who has been appointed Constable to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Fred Bagg commenced duties last Tuesday.

Sunday night and Monday proved the coldest spell so far for 1938.

Mr. Charles Burton and his uncle, Mr. Charles Lawrence, both of Manitoba, have returned to their homes there.

At the annual meeting of the Peel Liberal Association held in Brampton on Saturday afternoon, Duncan Marshall, now a member of the Senate and who was defeated in Peel in the provincial election last fall, commenting on the election is reported to have said, "All this talk about us losing the election in the low end of the county is rubbish. We lost it along the north town line in Melville, Mono Mills, and that other forsaken place on the east side of Albion—what do you call it?" "Palgrave someone in the audience suggested." "Yes Palgrave. We got all kinds of promises but we were lied to by two-thirds of the people. They voted for me the first time because they wanted to get rid of the Henry government. They voted against me the second time because they couldn't stand the shock of good roads." Officers were elected for the current year. J. C. Patterson was re-elected president and Frank Kitto secretary.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 25—Auction sale of farm stock, implements, hay, grain, roots, furniture and other effects on Lot 6, Con. 4, Vaughan Township (at Edgeley), property of Carson Smith. Sale at 12.30 sharp. No reserve as farm sold. J. H. and Ken. Prentice, Auctioneers.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29—Auction sale of (35 acre farm), farm stock and implements on Lot 6, Con. 9, Markham Township. The farm is a good clay loam in good condition all under cultivation, good bank barn, drive shed, pig pen, drive house, and first class dwelling, never failing well, property of George Pennett. Terms for Chattels cash. Terms for farm made known on day of sale. Sale at 1 p.m. Prentice and Prentice, Auctioneers.