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General News & Views

Spring work is in full swing.

Richmond Hill Fair is only one month away.

Don't forget to put the clock on one hour Saturday night.

Easter services at all churches throughout the district attracted large crowds last Sunday.

About all you can say for minding your neighbor's business is that you never run out of something to do.

Some from this district were among the crowd perch fishing at Lake Simcoe on Good Friday. They report a good catch.

Easter Sunday provided a variety of weather. Fine, bright and spring-like in the morning, the afternoon was showery.

Mr. "Geordie" Little, one time Warden of York County and prominent in political circles, called at the Economist office on Tuesday looking hale and hearty as usual. We tried to draw him out on the matter of shelving County Councils but the best we could do was to elicit the remark in a rather light strain "It would be too bad to do the boys out of an occasional good time." Markham Sun.

Richmond Hill council and the Horticultural Society are starting out this year on a tree-planting program. It takes vision, and patient work, to plant trees, but the dividends are many.—Newmarket Era.

The person who is inclined to decry the place in which he resides would do well to consider the following advice from the Shelburne Free Press-Economist: "If you think your town is a punk town, the first thing to do before you say too much about it is to sit down for awhile and ponder the question as to whether you ever tried to do anything to make it better."

Hon. Dr. L. J. Simpson stated in the Legislature last week that his Department has under consideration a plan to assist poor but deserving students by bursaries and scholarships. Establishment of such a system would be the means of making it possible for many a clever youth to secure a university education from which he would be otherwise barred by lack of funds. Expenditures for such bursaries would meet with general approval.

At this season of the year, when the ground is soft, lawns and boulevards frequently suffer from the footsteps of the careless "short-cutter". As the Listowel Banner points out, the shortest way is not always the best way and those who are inclined to take a short cut should think of the other fellow who delights in fine boulevards and lawns. It is pure carelessness or thoughtlessness, whichever you like to call it. A word of caution is all that should be necessary.

According to D. J. Taylor, Ontario Deputy Minister of Game and Fisheries, the speckled trout fishing season will officially open on April 30 this year. As May 1, the usual opening day, falls on a Sunday, the authorities have decided to move a day ahead and allow the anglers to get an early start at their favorite past-time without having them break the Sabbath.

Several Bradford residences have been entered the past two weeks by some person or persons as yet eluding the police. Small sums of money have been secured but as far as ascertained, no valuables were taken.

A Scot, who had worn the same hat for 15 years, decided, with heavy heart, to buy a new one.

Going into the only hat shop in his neighborhood, he said: "Well, here I am again!"

The Meaford Express, in one of its bright front-page editorials, cites the case of a Meaford resident being fined by a radio inspector for not having a license, though the machine had only been in the house about ten days. The householder, however, noticed the Inspector pass a "stop" sign, laid a complaint, and the inspector was mulcted \$13.00 for the offence. What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of April 21st, 1898
Councillor Wright has torn down a section of his residence and is rebuilding in a different shape, on a new stone foundation.

Dr. Langstaff is making improvements in his building and premises this spring. Having erected a windmill and a large tank some time ago, he is now converting his driving shed into a wash house where his rigs may be washed by water forced through hose from the elevated tank. The Doctor is also re-seeding his front lawn which has been plowed and levelled up.

The following directors have been appointed to take charge of the different departments at the fair to be held here on the Queen's Birthday: Heavy horses, D. Lynett; Light horses, F. J. Gallanough; speeding, J. Slater; Cattle, R. Elliott; Sheep and swine, D. Steele; Poultry, C. Norman; Hall Com., J. H. Sanderson, P. G. Savage, T. Lloyd, G. Dibb, I. Crosby, C. Norman; Callers in, W. Eyer, R. Elliott; Music and games, T. F. McMahon, W. Scott, H. F. Hopper; Renter of Booths, J. H. Sanderson.

A fire occurred near Dollar Post Office, 3rd con. of Markham Thursday afternoon last, burning Mr. John Ness' house and Mr. Stephenson's barn. Those two neighbors had been smoking their meat in Mr. Ness' smoke-house in the forenoon, and it is thought that that was the origin of the fire. When the fire was discovered both the residence and the smoke-house were in a blaze, but as the latter building was completely enveloped it is thought that a spark from the smaller house fired the larger. Sparks then carried to Mr. Stephenson's barn setting fire to it, which was situated on the next farm south.

Mr. W. Hewison has just completed a job of painting papering and calcimining at the Dominion House, and his handiwork shows for itself. Every room has been carefully gone over, the result being that the interior of the building is like new.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of April 16th, 1908
A large new safe has been purchased and placed in the office of the Sterling Bank at Maple.

Mr. Wes. Boynton of Victoria Square has sold his house and lot to Mr. T. G. Stoutenburgh who will take possession in May.

The Victoria Square Rifle Club had their weekly practice on Saturday last at the usual site on Goose St. The following is a summary of the five highest scores out of a possible hundred points: C. P. Read 82, W. Scott 79, T. Read 71, R. Agar 71, W. Scott Jr. 64.

Chelsea, near Bolton, was swept by fire last Sunday. Loss about \$7,000,000. There were four deaths, and many persons injured.

DUKE OF WINDSOR HAS BIG INCOME

Before the Duke and Duchess chose the Chateau de la Maye, a modern structure of indifferent Louis XIII style, it had been expected they would settle down in one of the fine historical chateaux that abound in the vicinity of Paris.

For a time it was expected they would take the Chateau de Grosbois, which was given by Napoleon to Marshal Bertier, but the duchess, having gone through the magnificent rooms and extensive grounds, declared the setting was "too regal" for "David and myself."

Although they often complain about money, the Windsors are quite well off. They received a lump sum of about \$4,500,000 in consideration of a transfer to King George of Sandringham and Balmoral, which their father had left to the Duke of Windsor in his will. The duke receives an annuity of \$125,000, so his total income is about \$280,000 a year.

TIMES DO CHANGE (Durham Chronicle)

A new Bedford, Massachusetts, dentist extracted two teeth from a 23-month-old infant. A Milverton, Ontario, surgeon performed an operation for appendicitis on a four-months-old baby. The world sure does move.

Jazzaway Jinks says the girl of today is as good as the girl of twenty years ago — provided she isn't the same girl.

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