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General News & Views

Clean up and paint up.

This is the season to help brighten up your community by a clean up and paint up campaign.

Three weeks from next Tuesday is Fair Day in Richmond Hill. Start now to be a booster for the big day.

Night prowlers have been busy in Aurora recently and several residences have been broken into.

Newmarket will erect a new vocational wing to the High School at a cost of \$24,000 of which the province will pay half.

Because our governing bodies have not had sense enough to live within their incomes we Canadians have accumulated a debt of over eight billion dollars, or some \$800 per head for every last person in the country. Chickens will come home to roost some day unless we right about face and begin to spend less than our income and reduce our appalling debt.

Relief in the Township of Whitchurch showed an appreciable drop for March when the total outlay was only \$174, as compared with slightly over \$400 for the same period in 1937. The steady demand for farm help and the better position of the farmer in being able to hire additional man power on the farms has much to do with the change no doubt.

John Bull is making it easier for Tommy Atkins. He won't have to shine any more buttons, for on the proposed new uniforms some of the buttons are hidden and others are zip fasteners. But best of all his pack is to be lightened. Each soldier is to have a small hand case for his personal articles and these are to be carried by motor transport while he is on the march. Veterans of the Great War will be almost ready to enlist over again.

It is estimated that we have in Canada 375,000 public officials and employees, which means that for every seven families in the Dominion there is at least one government servant looking after their day to day public needs, says "Canadian Business." Canada is surely the most over governed country on earth.

Samples of license plates which are to be used on motor vehicles in Ontario in 1939 will be run off at the Ontario Reformatory this week, according to Dr. J. D. Heaslip, superintendent at the institution. The new style plates will have to receive official government approval before work on the year's supply is started.

The 1939 plates will be yellow and black "with large numbers," according to an announcement made recently by Highways Minister T. B. McQueen. In a previous statement in the legislature, Mr. McQueen said he would "take the blame" for the much criticised 1938 plates which are orange and blue.

The number of things for which Premier M. F. Hepburn of the Province of Ontario is credited, is legion, and apparently the end is not yet, according to Principal S. H. Connor of Tweed Consolidated School. On a recent examination in grade VII history, pupils were asked to name an important character in Canadian History, who played an important part in the early settlement of Upper Canada. One boy answered: "Mr. Hepburn."

"Notwithstanding world conditions unsettled by civil and undeclared wars, the aggressive and swaggering attitudes of distastefulships, and the reaction in security values, wholesale prices in Canada in common with other economic factors as employment and physical volume of business showed remarkable improvement."—H. S. T. Piper.

"What a happy country Canada would be if everyone who professes and calls himself a Christian were living as Christ would have him live. And why should we not?"—Bishop Farthing.

"Governments are not solely to blame for any backwardness in major social reforms. Governments have to find the money, and while they are given plenty of advice as to what they should do, they do not get much help in finding the wherewithal."—W. T. Burford.

WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of April 28th, 1898
Last evening (Wednesday) a meeting of gentlemen was held at the home of Mr. Ernest Coombs for the purpose of organizing a tennis club. The result was that all the business which is necessary to bring the club into existence was transacted. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres., Mr. I. Crosby; President, Dr. Langstaff; Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) Hutchison; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Coombs; Com., Dr. Hutchison, Mr. Garvin, Mr. F. Johnston. As the club has received from Mr. Crosby the kind permission of playing on his beautiful lawn, the name of "Crosby Hall Tennis Club" has been chosen for the new organization. The club expect to have the grounds ready by the beginning of next week.

A new tower is being built on the Methodist Church in Maple which will add greatly to its appearance.

Another pioneer of Vaughan passed away Friday afternoon in the person of Mr. Michael Fisher of Pine Grove, aged eighty-six years. The funeral was held Monday forenoon at the Lutheran church here.

The Mail & Empire has entered into an arrangement with the New York Herald and London Times whereby it will give the latest and most reliable news of the Spanish-American war. Richard Harding Davis of New York and Mr. Akers of the London Times will be the chief correspondents for those papers.

The Metropolitan Company are running a new car No. 11, this week. She is a beauty, and the people here are much pleased with the new accommodation.

At a meeting of creditors and representatives of the Farmers' Loan Company held on Monday it was decided to accept the offer of Hon. Wm. Mulock of \$150,000 in settlement of his liability as director, with a further payment of \$50,000 to constitute a fund for widows and orphans and other destitute persons who were effected by the failure of the said company.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of April 23rd, 1908
Mr. H. A. Nicholls informs us the Mill Street property of Mr. Frank Cosgrove of Elgin Mills has been purchased by Mr. Isaac Walder. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of nine hundred dollars.

Mr. Wm. Rumble of Patterson has purchased from the Cook estate the farm in the north part of the village, at present occupied by Mr. Geo. Thompson and formerly known as "The Red Barn Farm". The farm consists of about 134 acres. We are pleased to see substantial citizens like Mr. Rumble becoming land owners in our town.

At the last meeting of the Markham Township council accounts were passed for shovelling snow during the winter amounting to over \$850, and less than half the divisions were heard from. When the accounts are all in it is estimated that it will have cost the ratepayers nearly \$2,000 for keeping the roads open last winter.

The Smoker held under the auspices of the Richmond Hill Hockey Club in the Lorne Hall last evening was a decided success. The amusement of the evening took the form of Progressive Euchre, and in all ten tables were used, and eleven games were played. Mr. Robert Tyndall being the winner of the most games obtained first prize, and to Mr. Arch. Savage was awarded the booby prize. During the game cigars were dispensed and when full justice was done to these more fragrant clay pipes with French tobacco was introduced. After the playing a light luncheon was partaken of. The successful players were presented with their several trophies by Mr. H. A. Nicholls. To Mr. Tyndall was given a handsome briar pipe with amber tip and silver ferrule, enclosed in a neat case, and to Mr. Savage, the less expensive but just as good a smoker, "the corn cob". Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Passing through a village street, a recruiting sergeant met a young farmhand delivering milk.

"Now, my lad, wouldn't you like to serve the King?" he asked.

"I would, mister," replied the other, "but I can only let him have a quart at night an' a pint in the morning."

CHANGE OF TIME TABLE

Effective Sunday, April 24th

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d 2.43 p.m.		d 2.43 p.m.
d 5.48 p.m.		d 5.48 p.m.
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