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WAY BACK IN LIBERAL FILES

FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of July 20th, 1899
Two lacrosse matches were played
here this week and in each case the
home team had an easy victory. On
Tuesday afternoon our boys defeat-
ed Newmarket's best team by a
score of 6 to 0, and yesterday af-
ternoon our juniors easily beat New-
market's second twelve by 11 games
to 1. In the first match Mr. W.
Savage acted as referee, and Mr. C.
Chamberlain refereed the junior
match.

Hon. E. J. Davis, provincial sec-
retary, will represent the Govern-
ment at the formal opening of the
new cottages at the Gravenhurst
Sanatorium. The ceremony will take
place on the 29th inst.

The lawn party held on Mr. W.
A. Sanderson's pretty lawn on Sat-
urday afternoon and evening to as-
sist in raising funds for the pro-
posed excursion of the Methodist
Sabbath School to Mimico Park, did

not turn out to be the decidedly en-
joyable and successful event that
was anticipated. Just at the hour
when patrons were expected to ar-
rive the rain began to pour down
and dampened not only the ground
but also the spirits of those who
were so anxious for the success of
the party. Everything necessary had
been arranged for the illumination
of the grounds by Chinese lanterns
and other lights. Ice cream and
all kinds of cake were among the
refreshments, while sweet music
from the Village band added to the
pleasure of the evening until the
players were forced to seek shelter
from the rain. Of course much pro-
vision was left over, consequently a
ten cent social was held on the fol-
lowing Monday evening. On the
latter occasion music was furnished
by foreign artists who played on
the flageolet and bag-pipes, while a
four footed mammal delighted the
juveniles by his antics and fantastic
figures. The receipts altogether a-
mounted to over \$37.00.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of July 15th, 1909
The large crowd of men, and near-
ly as many women and young peo-
ple, who assembled at Mr. Wm.
Palmer's barn raising Tuesday af-
ternoon, would have done credit to
many a township fair. It is esti-
mated that more than 500 people
were present during the afternoon
or evening. The bank barn is 35
by 80 feet, with high stone walls,
two threshing floors, with root-
house underneath, and excellent
stabling for horses and cattle. The
masonry was the work of Mr. John
Claffey, and Mr. Wm. McKenzie has
the contract for the woodwork. Af-
ter everything was in readiness Mr.
Walter Eyer and Mr. James Mc-
Lean selected their sides for the
final contest, and an exciting time
followed. Mr. Eyer's (north) side
appeared to be leading, but when
the puline plate was lifted to its
place it was found that the centre
mortise would not receive the tenon,
so that the south men were the
first to leave the building. Tables
to accommodate over 100 people
were erected on the lawn to the
north of the residence. The pro-
ceedings closed with a dance in the
newly erected building.

The trustees of the Victoria
Square Methodist Church have de-
cided to greatly improve their
church property. An acre of ground
will be added to the church lot, giv-
ing larger shed room and very much
improvement to the graveyard. The
church will also receive some neces-
sary repairs.
Mr. John Sliney's farm, second
concession of Vaughan, was the
scene of a lively gathering Wednes-
day afternoon, the occasion being
the raising of a new bank barn. Mr.
Claffey did the stonework, and the
framer was Mr. Frank Cosgrove.
Plenty of stalwart men were pre-
sent, and there was a good sprinkling
of the fair sex. The captains se-
lected were Mr. James McLean and
Mr. George Dibb. The finish was
close, but Mr. McLean's side won by
a small margin. Supper was after-
wards served on the lawn, after
which a social hour was spent by
all present.

The excursion of the Richmond
Hill Fire Brigade to Niagara Falls
last Friday was a success. The
weather was exceedingly fine, and
even those who have visited this
natural wonder time and again say
they thoroughly enjoyed the trip
and sights last Friday. About 180
tickets were sold, the excursionists
leaving Richmond Hill by comfort-
able Metropolitan cars at 6:30 a.m.
The trip from Dalhousie by electric
cars was also enjoyable, and many
places of interest along the route
were noted. Between five and six
hours were spent at the Falls, the
party leaving for home at 5 o'clock.
All arrived safely in Toronto about
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ATKINSON REUNION HELD AT WOODBRIDGE FAIR GROUNDS

One hundred and thirty descend-
ants of the late Mr. and Mrs. John
Atkinson, (who came to Canada
from England in 1833, and settled
on the 3rd con. of Etobicoke near
Smithfield), held their 13th annual
reunion on Saturday, July 8th at
Woodbridge. Mr. and Mrs. Menno
Smith, Edgeley were awarded the
prize for the couple who were mar-
ried the longest time. Mr. Solomon
Atkinson, Nobleton, the only sur-
viving member of the 3rd genera-
tion, secured the prize for the oldest
relative on the grounds. Little baby
Annis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Norman Annis, Woodbridge, won
the prize for the youngest relative.
Officers for the coming year are
as follows: Dr. A. E. Atkinson, Buf-
falo, N.Y., president; Mr. J. H. Maw,
Minesing, 1st vice-president; Mr.
Arthur Johnston Jr., Coleraine, 2nd
vice-president; Mrs. H. B. Atkinson,
Embro, secretary; Dr. Edgar Atkin-
son, Embro, assistant sec.; Mr. Will
Atkinson, Hamilton, treasurer.
Relatives were present from Sas-
katoon, Sask. and Antler, Sask.,
Buffalo, N.Y., North Bay, Hamilton,
Toronto, Gifford, Embro, Paisley,
Nashville, Nobleton, Schomberg, Un-
ionville, Erin, Lloydtown, Maple,
Edgeley, Teston and Woodbridge.

SPORTS FEATURE ANNUAL UNITED CHURCH S.S. PICNIC

A fine programme of sports on
the Woodbridge Fair grounds fea-
tured the recent picnic held by the
local United Church Sunday School.
The close proximity of the church
facilitated arrangements for the af-
fair and refreshments were served
on the church lawns. Sports win-
ners were: Boys' and girls' race un-
der 5, Louise Davidson; girls, 7
years, Joan Whitfield; boys, 7 years,
Bruce Robins; girls, 9 years, Ruth
Watson; boys, 9 years, Norman
Watson; shoe race, boys and girls
8 and over, Ruth McLean; boys, 12
and under, Allan Watson; girls, 12
and under, Marguerite Raven; girls
3-legged race, 12 and under, Irene
Hollingshead and Marguerite Rav-
en; boys wheelbarrow race, Allan
and Duncan Watson; girls 16 and
under, Jean Watson; boys 16 and
under, Carl Ingbertson.

ALL THE DETAILS
The telegraph editor of a Denver
newspaper complained to a country
correspondent who omitted names in
his stories. He wrote the man that
if he neglected this essen-
tial detail in his next yarn he would
be discharged.

A few days later the editor got
this despatch: "Como, Colorado,
June 8.—A severe storm passed over
this section this afternoon and
lightning struck a barbed-wire fence
on the ranch of Henry Wilson, kill-
ing three cows—their names being
Jessie, Bossie and Buttercup."

another arch over the gateway lead-
ing into the park. About 11 a.m.
many of the members of various
lodges alighted from the Metropoli-
tan cars at the switch directly south
of the Village where they formed in
procession and marched to the park.
After dinner another parade was
formed, headed by the children from
the Orphanage at Elgin Mills, the
smaller ones in autos, the larger
marching in their white suits. In
the parade were three bands — the
9th Mississauga Horse, the Rich-
mond Hill band, and a fife and drum
band. A good programme of foot
racing and other sports was man-
aged without a hitch, and the con-
tests were interesting. During the
afternoon Reeve Trench, speaking
from the band stand, extended on
behalf of Richmond Hill, a warm
welcome. Several others spoke on
Orangeism. Fortunately the day
passed without an accident of any
kind to mar the success and plea-
sure of the day.

A mixed local bowling tournament
was held on the Green Monday ev-
ening. First prize, cups and saucers,
E. Barker, Miss H. Switzer,
F. E. Sims, G. Moodie, skip; second
prize, fountain pens, N. Batty, Miss
Endean, Mrs. W. A. Wright, J. Mc-
Lean, skip; special prize, popcorn,
A. Bales, Miss E. McLean, Miss Mc-
Cague, G. Willis, skip.

At the meeting of the Markham
Township council Messrs. Francis,
Farr, Smellie and Corbett waited on
the council, and asked for a side-
walk to be laid on Yonge Street at
Thornhill. They were promised \$200
provided Vaughan would grant a
like amount.

General News & Views

Fall wheat harvest is in full swing
and there are some excellent crops
throughout the district.

Have you something to sell?
Place a classified "ad" in The Lib-
eral.

A cow was recently tossed one
hundred yards by a tornado. But
some men can toss the bull a longer
distance.—Gore Bay Recorder.

Morning Advice—When in doubt,
wait until the train goes by—the
big bully may be in just as great
a hurry as you are.

Scrap iron is well named in view
of the principal use being made of
it today, opines the Christian Sci-
ence Monitor.

Now that strawberry festivals are
over some folks we know are look-
ing forward longingly to fowl sup-
pers.

Now we are quite certain we
know why R. B. Bennett left Cana-
dian politics and went to live in
Britain. He had inside family in-
formation as to the impending
birth of the New Demo-CRAZY
party.

It's curious the way international
relations work. Japan buys scrap
iron from the U.S.A., makes it into
munitions and then threatens with
their aid to blow American ships
out of Chinese waters. Perhaps
there is something short-sighted a-
bout American sales to Japan.

Crop prospects in the prairie pro-
vinces continue to be favourable as
a second week of warm, bright weath-
er hastened growth and provided
ideal conditions following the good
start obtained in June, the Domini-
on Bureau of Statistics said on
Tuesday in the seventh of 15 week-
ly telegraphic reports covering crop
conditions in the prairies.

A considerable part of the wheat
crop is now headed without any ex-
tensive damage being reported.
Grasshoppers are flying but to date
have caused little damage. Hail
storms took a considerable toll at
scattered points.

Truant Officer: "Why aren't you
at school?"

Boy: "I'm keeping house for my
father."

Truant Officer: "Where is your
father?"

Boy: "In jail for not sending me
to school."

Hon. W. D. Herridge's New Dem-
ocracy program does not seem to
be meeting a very enthusiastic wel-
come from the press of Canada.

There is something vaporous a-
bout Mr. Herridge's speeches which
does not arouse a great deal of con-
fidence as to what he would accom-
plish. He paints a glowing picture
of what the "new democracy" should
be. But he does not tell how the
things he talks about are to be
brought about.

The war in China, entering its
third year last Friday, is estimated
to have cost between 4,000,000 and
5,000,000 lives, counting soldiers and
civilians killed directly in bombings
and civilians who died as a result
of floods and disease indirectly
caused by the war.

Japanese casualties are estimated
at some sources at 600,000. Above
5,000,000 lives, counting soldiers and
be hopeless due to the war.

Chinese medical units admit that
more than 1,000,000 Chinese troops
have died in the war, more than half
of these due to lack of prompt care
on the battlefields. Civilian casual-
ties are placed at almost 1,000,000.
About 2,000,000 are estimated to
have died in floods and famine.

Chinese relief organizations esti-
mate that at least 6,000,000 children
have been orphaned by the war.
There are only 5,000 doctors and
6,000 nurses in all China to care
for the victims of the war.

The monetary cost to Japan to
date is placed at \$5,500,000.

IN CIRCULATION
"You just can't trust anybody
nowadays. Why, my own grocer
gave me a phony quarter in change
this morning."
"Let me see it."
"Oh, I haven't got it any more.
I gave it to the milkman."

AND GONDOLAS BUSY

After their much-talked-of trip a-
broad, the Greenings told their ex-
perience to their envious friends.

"And what did you think of Ven-
ice?" asked a neighbor.

"Venice? Venice?" murmured Mrs.
Greening. Then she turned to her
husband: "Did we go to Venice,
George?"

"Don't you remember that we
stopped there, but there was a flood
on, so we didn't leave the station?"

GEORGE HAYES

An ardent Orangeman, George
Hayes died on the 12th of July at
his home north of Schomberg on
the 5th concession of Tecumseth.
Had he lived a few more days Mr.
Hayes would have reached his 90th
birthday. He was a member of the
Bond Head L.O.L.

In earlier years he was reeve of
Tecumseth Township.
Funeral services were held from
his home Saturday afternoon, July
15th with interment in Tottenham
cemetery.

NICELY PUT

The inquisitive traveller saw an
Irishman on a river bank, and
watched him hauling up water.

"How long have you been doing
this?" asked the traveller.

"Tin years, sor."

"And how many bucketsful do you
carry off in a day?"

"Tin to fifteen, sor."

"Dear, dear. Now, how much
water would you say you had car-
ried since you started?"

"All the water you don't see there
now, sor."

The Colonel (trying to make con-
versation)—I see that India is start-
ing a big campaign to fight malaria.
The Dumb Debutante—How dread-
ful! What have the Malarials done
now?

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