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## GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day.  
Valentine Hitler might send to  
Mussolini: "Dear Mussy, even for a  
wop you are a flop."

The president called his office  
manager in and thrust a letter un-  
der his nose. "Look at that! I  
thought I told you to engage a new  
stenographer on the basis of her  
grammar". The office manager look-  
ed startled. "Grammar? I thought  
you said glamour."

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Talk is cheap but savings pledges  
really talk.

To reform a man, you must begin  
at his grandmother.—Victor Hugo.

If you can't win, make the fellow  
ahead break a record.

February is pledge month for war  
savings. Back up your talk with a  
little sacrifice for the war effort.

Last Saturday Ontario got a taste  
of a real winter blizzard. Roads  
throughout the district were badly  
blocked but were soon opened.

Don't talk sob-stuff about sym-  
pathy for war effort and at the same  
time refuse to make any sacrifice  
for war work.

Don't put things off — put them  
over.

What did one eye say to the other?  
Don't look now, but there's  
something between us and it smells.

You won't have to worry about  
bombs crashing into your home, if  
you cover your roof with a thin  
layer of War Savings Certificates.  
They make excellent protection.

Churchill's speech last Sunday was  
typical of the spirit of Britain. The  
same spirit should be evidenced in  
Canada with a generous response to  
the February drive for War Sav-  
ings.

A young lady asked on a quiz pro-  
gram about Lindbergh. She replied  
"Lindbergh is a rank smelling Ger-  
man Cheese". She didn't get the  
dollar but we claim she was entitled  
to a double award.

We've heard of rats eating news-  
papers, but it seems that the rats  
of Charleston, S.C., read them be-  
fore they eat them! At any rate,  
immediately after the town news-  
papers announced that the city  
health department was about to  
launch an eradication program (to  
exterminate rats), five persons were  
bitten by the rodents!

When you are shivering with the  
cold and your teeth are chattering,  
let your thoughts stray to the little  
gold mining town of Marble Bar,  
in Australia — and forget your  
troubles. For the past 110 days in  
a row, the maximum temperature  
there has been over 100 degrees of  
heat. Even the town swimming pool  
has long since dried up.

A nurse in a Maryland hospital  
couldn't convince her colleagues of  
the truth of her claim that a young-  
ster had swallowed a toy airplane.  
Becoming annoyed, the nurse thought  
she'd show them, and demonstrated  
with a teaspoon — and accidentally  
swallowed it. Now both youngster  
and nurse are under the same doc-  
tor's care.

The long arm of coincidence  
stretched out in a number of queer  
cases recently. In Salt Lake City,  
Utah, Mrs. F. W. Clements has four  
sons — and each of them has been  
badly bitten by a different dog dur-  
ing the past month. Ohio comes in-  
to the news with five brothers all  
becoming fathers within a few  
months. California, not to be out-  
done, reveals the story of Mrs.  
Thurlow Pardee and her four sisters  
— each of them became a mother of  
a daughter within three months...  
Families sticking together.

The first man to plough a fur-  
row on what is now Thorncliffe Race  
Track observed his 90th birthday  
Saturday, Feb. 1st. He is Peter  
Aitchison, pioneer lumberjack and  
farmer, who five years ago retired  
to live at Pine Grove, a mile north  
of Woodbridge. His 8 children and  
19 grandchildren gathered during  
the week-end to quietly celebrate his  
birthday. Mr. Aitchison was born  
at Precious Corners, near Cobourg,  
and his early life was spent in such  
big logging centres as Muskoka,  
Gore's Landing and Rice Lake. Later  
he farmed at Grahamsville, Edge-  
ley and near Woodbridge. Last De-  
cember 9th Mr. and Mrs. Aitchison  
celebrated their 55th wedding an-  
niversary. Mr. Aitchison still enjoys  
good health and frequently enjoys a  
walk to Woodbridge.

You can help win the war by buy-  
ing war savings stamps.

## WAY BACK IN THE LIBERAL FILES

**FORTY YEARS AGO**  
From our Issue of Feb. 14th, 1901  
The many friends of Mr. and Mrs.  
Amos Wright sincerely sympathize  
with them in the loss of their little  
girl Alene at the age of 5 years.  
The following officers were elect-  
ed by the Board of Education on  
Monday: Chairman, J. N. Boyle;  
Sec.-Treas., J. A. E. Switzer; Com-  
mittee, F. McConaghy, J. H. Sand-  
erson, George McDonald. Mr. Isaac  
Crosby was elected a member of the  
Public Library Board.

The "Witch" Carnival in the rink  
last evening under the auspices of  
the Fire Brigade was a unique af-  
fair. Every arrangement previously  
made was carried out to the letter,  
the only disappointment being in the  
small attendance. This was not sur-  
prising however, as the weather was  
frightfully cold, and the roads in  
many places were almost impar-  
able. The rink was appropriately  
decorated for the occasion with ev-  
ergreens, black cats, owls, dragons,  
etc., and everything had a weird ap-  
pearance. In the centre of the rink  
was the witch cave. In the centre  
of the cave was erected a large cal-  
dron, hung on a tripod, under which  
was a flaming fire-place. Here the  
witch broth was made, and this pro-  
ved a refreshing drink, flavored as it  
was with 'nakes and toads. Around  
the fireplace the witches and their  
escorts danced, singing in their sin-  
uous course the couplet:  
Double, double, toil and trouble,  
Fire burn and caldron bubble.

This part of the program closed  
with a drill. All skaters then took  
the ice and had an enjoyable time.  
The school attendance at Vellore  
the past few days is smaller on ac-  
count of the cold weather and snow  
drifts. It would be a good idea for  
the teacher, Mr. Percy Keffer, to  
furnish himself with a pair of snow-  
shoes.

York County Council at the recent  
session donated \$25.00 to the Rich-  
mond Hill and Yonge Street Agri-  
cultural Society.

King council met on the 24th ult.,  
and made grants for gravelling roads  
to the amount of \$1,100.

A recent number of the Rocky  
Ford Tribune, of Colorado, contains  
a lengthy account of the marriage  
of Mr. James Francis Legge, eldest  
son of George Legge Esq. of Jeff-  
erson, to Miss Wilma Hentchel of  
Rocky Ford.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of Feb. 9th, 1911  
The friendly match played here  
Thursday evening between Egling-  
ton and Richmond Hill hockey teams  
was clean and fast. The home team  
played great combination. Burnett  
made good in goal, and Boyle play-  
ed well on point. Both of these play-  
ers are new ones for the team. The  
score at the close was Richmond  
Hill 9, Eglington 4. The teams lined  
up as follows: Eglington: Mc-  
Kendry, goal; Vernon, Reid, Shack-  
leton, Gordon, Whaley. Richmond  
Hill: Burnett, goal; Boyle, Naugh-  
ton, Fairie, Brown, Tyndall.

On account of the storm which  
blocked up the roads Mr. Frank  
Graham's auction sale, lot 24, con-  
2, Markham, was postponed for one  
week.

## EDGELEY

The regular monthly meeting of  
Edgeley W.A. was held at the home  
of Mrs. Nelson Peeler on Thursday,  
January 23rd, with Mrs. E. Stong,  
president, in the chair. The state-  
ment "Faith on God" was discussed  
in a talk by Rev. Fockler, a poem  
was read by Mrs. Espey, Mrs. A.  
Bagg contributed a piano solo, and  
a paper entitled "Reaching Out,"  
was given by Miss Helen Newton.  
A sale of toilet articles, donated by  
Mrs. C. Peeler, and the customary  
social hour completed the meeting.  
The December and January meet-  
ings of Edgeley Women's Institute  
were held at the homes of Mrs. P.  
Usher and Mrs. E. Phillips respec-  
tively. In December, Gladys Smith  
and Helen Newton gave introduct-  
ory lessons on the local leadership  
work "Meat Cooking". A large bale  
of clothing, valued at \$85.00, was  
packed and forwarded to the Inter-  
national Women's League.

Ella Whitmore, legislation con-  
vener, who was in charge of the Janu-  
ary meeting, secured as guest speak-  
er, Mr. W. J. Lawson, M.A., L.L.B.  
He spoke on laws relative to women,  
Upon request, and in her charming  
way, Mrs. Lawson told of her visit  
among the people of the Vali Islands  
in the East Indies. A second part  
of the "Meat Cooking" course was  
given by the leaders.

## Banff Queen



The third American girl to  
become Queen of Banff's Win-  
ter Carnival, Miss Catherine Betts,  
of Spokane, Wash., was selected  
to reign over Western Canada's  
great winter sports festival, be-  
cause of her good sportsmanship,  
natty attire and proficiency at  
skiing, snowshoeing, ski-joring  
and skating. "Queen" Catherine's  
first official act was to proclaim  
that the dates of this year's car-  
nival at the mile-high resort would  
be from February 13 to 16.

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