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## Our Newer Industries

It's very impressive and satisfying when a council or a Chamber of Commerce or some such body is able to make an announcement that a large corporation employing a considerable number of people has decided to locate in its area. Visions of increased tax revenue dazzle municipal officials. Local storekeepers look forward to increased business. Labour anticipates that its earning prospects will be improved.

Such however is not always the case. The examples where the establishment of a large concern has proved to be a liability instead of an asset are far from uncommon. Particularly in this case where seasonal activities are involved. The municipality which hoped to gain a large revenue from increased taxation finds itself paying out most of that increase in one form or another because of shut-downs and similar causes.

In our opinion the town which has a variety of smaller industries is in a far more fortunate position. Living conditions are not so susceptible to damage. There is usually a better balance between labour and opportunity. Hard times, if and when they come, are not nearly as drastic because of the fact that there is a wider diversity of employment. The shutdown of a plant employing five hundred people can become as it has in many places in the past — a major local catastrophe. Twenty small plants employing the same number of people are not nearly so likely to close all their doors at once and throw that many people on the street.

For those reasons we feel that Richmond Hill is very fortunate in the type of industry which is slowly but surely finding a place in the village.

We have in mind such organizations as the Flex-O-Loc concern, the Carstead heating and sheet metal business, to name only a couple of our newer industries. The total number of people which these and similar concerns are employing or intend to employ make a sizeable contribution to the growth and welfare of the municipality. The type of work in which they are engaged is not detracting in any way from the pleasantness of living conditions. They offer a good augury for stability in the future.

The impact which they are making on the life of the community is not a dramatic one. It calls for no headlines. Nevertheless it is, in its total, an important and pleasing one. The trend of small business to the Hill is something which we believe our citizens will watch with interest and satisfaction.

## Miss McPhail Talks Out Of Turn

In the current issue of Maclean's Magazine, Miss Agnes Macphail makes a statement which may arouse the ire of war veterans. Her article deals with women's rights, but it lacks force because she pleads for rights which have belonged to women for a long time, so claims the Oshawa Times. The Times further comments:

"The statement to which exception will be taken, however, is as follows:

"Most men wouldn't be able to face war if they knew what it meant, instead of thinking of it as a prolonged binge from their wives."

These words constitute a base slander on the hundreds of thousands of gallant Canadians who, in two wars, placed their bodies as a living wall between the enemy and the loved ones they had left at home. We can speak with some authority on this subject, having been on overseas service, away from home, in two world wars, and we feel very strongly that Miss Macphail knows nothing of the mentality of the men of the armed forces of Canada when she makes a statement such as that quoted. These men knew only too well what war meant before they went into it. They knew that their lives were at stake. They knew they would suffer hardship, discomfort, wounds and, perhaps death, but that did not deter them from volunteering for active service and giving a glorious account of themselves on the field of battle, in the air and on the high seas.

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## An All-Year-Round Job

Even in these days of astronomical figures 500,454 is still a good round sum. So is \$394,000,000.

Those figures represent the number of fires occurring in Canada during the past decade and the damage caused by them.

Even more tragic than the dollars and cents losses are the human ones. During the same ten year period 3,441 persons lost their lives through fire. At least 14,000 others have been seriously injured.

With the approach of winter and its consequent additional fire hazards we believe that it is timely that we should suggest to our citizens that more than ordinary precautions should be taken in order to ensure that Richmond Hill and vicinity do not make any contributions to such appalling figures which we have just quoted. A big fire makes a nice headline — but we would much rather not have the opportunity of employing such headlines in The Liberal.

It's strange but nevertheless true that a family will go to considerable trouble and expense in making a home as pleasant, as efficient, a centre of living as possible. Yet at the same time the most ordinary precautions to guard that investment will be overlooked. Rare is the householder who will permit a leak in the roof to continue to the point where major damage is done to walls and furnishings. Yet often, in that same house, exist hazards which imperil not only the dollars and cents investment but also the lives of loved ones.

Fire Prevention Week in Canada is over. But, in our opinion, every week during the coming months is of similar import. Fire does not watch calendars. In the interests of our community and its citizens we suggest that a thorough check-up of fire risks right now is almost mandatory — that a continuing awareness of the dangers involved is equally so.

## Commendable Co-operation

The announcement that local municipalities will get together shortly to explore the possibilities of joint action on garbage disposal is the sort of thing out of which we get a great deal of satisfaction. It is, of course, much too early to forecast what the results, if any, will be. Nevertheless it speaks well for our civic leadership when such progressive action is instituted. It isn't the fact that the garbage problem is being tackled — it's the fact that co-operation instead of battling is marking the conduct of the bodies responsible for local welfare that counts.

The days when Markham and Richmond Hill were at each other's throats belong to a very dead past. They have, fortunately, been replaced by an era in which our civic fathers are demonstrating a spirit of constructive co-operation which will be of first line value in the development of this up-and-coming part of Ontario.

## Forestry Parley Meets in Geneva



The leading forestry authorities of Europe recently concluded a series of discussions at Geneva to coordinate Europe's forestry policies and increase production of timber on an over-all basis. The meeting was sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Here, a Swiss Forestry Inspector explains the principles of forest conservation to a group of delegates.

## 'WAY BACK WHEN

(Excerpts from the LIBERAL files of Jan. 3, 1901)

"Members of Vaughan township council authorized payment of the following accounts: Payment to Caleb Crook for one sheep killed, \$3.33; G. Newbury, posts, 22c; John Jewitt, 5 1/2 days work, \$5.50; Naughton Bros., shovel and nails, \$1.40."

"Hon. William Mulock's work in securing penny postage within the Empire and his successful efforts on behalf of the Pacific Cable require that he shall accompany the Premier to Australia."

"Wm. Ford, an elderly farmer living on Yonge Street below Thornhill, has caused a writ to be issued against the Metropolitan Railway claiming damages for being run down and severely injured while walking along the track near his home on the 24th of May. The plaintiff asserts there were no lights on the car."

"A large number of ratepayers of Markham Township gathered at Victoria Hall on Thursday afternoon to discuss the commutation of statute labour and incidentally to listen to an address by A. W. Campbell, Provincial Road-maker and Instructor."

"A dispatch from London says it is reported that General Knox, cooperating with the British column at Reddersburg, has stopped General De Wet and that a battle is proceeding. The report adds that many of De Wet's followers have been captured."

"A dispatch from Cape Town says a public farewell was given this morning to 1,800 Canadian and Australian troops who were about to start for their homes. The Mayor made an address in which he hailed the colonial troops as heroes of the Empire."

"At the auction sale at the Palmer House yesterday milch cows were knocked down by Auctioneer Saigeon from 40 to 72 dollars."

"The individual who cut one of the skater's boots at the pond the other evening must feel mean, if he is capable of feeling that way."

"A number of citizens from our own and surrounding neighbourhoods who went to the city New Year's Day were anxious to remain during the evening but could not ascertain whether there would be a late car or not on the Metropolitan. Naturally they felt indignant the next day when they learned that a late car started from the city at ten o'clock. We wonder if those who pretend to manage the road ever feel ashamed of themselves for the way they treat their patrons."

"At the nomination on Monday for members of the Municipal Council for 1901, Mr. P. G. Savage was re-elected reeve by acclamation and the following were nominated for councillors: Wm. Innes, David Hill, T. H. Trench, Edward Barker, Amos Wright, Wm. Furey, John Empringham, Jacob Eyer. As the last two resigned the electors will be called upon next Monday to select four councillors out of the six in the contest."

"Protracted services are now in process in the Tunker church at Gormley. The brethren are being assisted by the Rev. John Smith of Canton."

"A presentation and fancy dress carnival will be held in the rink this evening under the auspices of the hockey club. During the evening Driver George Schell, who has just returned from South Africa, will be present with a gold locket and chain."

## Window Display To Feature Hydro Electric Development

The display which will be the feature of The Liberal's office window this week will be of rather unusual character.

In co-operation with the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission an exhibit has been arranged which will illustrate to citizens in a unique manner the developments which are taking place in connection with their publicly owned power and light system.

The display consists of an automatic projector which will show coloured slides of various stages of construction at four major developments and views of two other projects which were completed in 1948.

In addition to the slides the window display features a large photograph of construction progress on the main dam at the Des Joachims development and a reproduction in colours of the architect's conception of the finished project.

Four page booklets describing the various Hydro projects will be available in The Liberal office and interested citizens are invited to ask for them. During the week of the display blotters carrying a conservation message will be distributed at the various schools in Richmond Hill.

Projects Pictured  
The slides will illustrate the following projects:

**Chenau Development** situated on the Ottawa River, about ten miles north of the Town of Renfrew. Work began in the fall of 1947 and the project is scheduled for service from its first three units by January, 1951 and remaining three units November, 1951. Total generating capacity, 119,000 kilowatts (160,000 horsepower).

**Des Joachims Development** located 38 miles upstream from Pembroke on the Ottawa River. This is the largest of the commission's present construction projects and when completed will rank second only to the great Queenstown-Chippawa plant on the Niagara River. Des Joachims will have a total capacity of 358,000 kw (480,000 hp) and its first four units will be in service by summer 1950, last four

March 1, 1951.

**Tunnel Development** situated on the Mississagi River in the Algoma District about 20 miles northeast of the town of Thessalon. Scheduled for service in June, 1950, with a total generating capacity of 42,000kw (66,500 hp). Tunnel will provide for the Sudbury, Nipissing, Timiskaming and Abitibi districts of the Northern Ontario Properties and by submarine cable to Manitoulin Island.

**Pine Portage Development** on the Nipigon River in the Thunder Bay District of Northwestern Ontario. The first two units of this project will come into service in June, 1950, with a generating capacity of 60,000 kw (80,000 hp). However the station has an ultimate generating capacity of 120,000 kw (160,000 hp).

**Stewartville Generating Station** situated on the Madawaska River, 14 miles southwest of Arnprior. This project was completed in September, 1948. It has a maximum generating capacity of 60,000 kilowatts (80,000 hp).

**Azusaebon Generating Station** on the north shore of Lake Superior about 130 miles east of Port Arthur. Total generating capacity 40,000 kilowatts (53,000 hp). Plant was placed in service in October, 1948.

## Now 1015 Local Phone Users Against 440 Four Years Ago

During the past four years, there has been a 130 per cent increase in the number of telephones in service in Richmond Hill, and local calls have risen by 68 per cent, S. R. Van Dusen, Bell Telephone manager for this region said this week in reviewing the record-breaking postwar demand for service which has required the addition of much especially made and costly equipment. Long distance calls originating here have increased by 150 per cent in the same period, he said.

There are now 1,015 telephones in use in Richmond Hill compared with 440 four years ago. Local calls average 3,655 per day against 1,480, and long distance calls average 500 daily or 300 more than in 1945.

## News Of Our Neighbours

The appointment of a member of Orillia's six-man police force as a plainclothes policeman is being urged by Ald. Wilbur M. Cramp of that town.

Action to set up a seven-man Community Centre Commission to take charge of the erection of the new arena has been taken by the Orillia town council.

\$709. was stolen from the safe of the Orillia Farmers' Co-operative Chopping Mill during the weekend. A hack-saw was used to cut open the door.

With road expenditures running \$5,000. over the sum on which the provincial government will pay a 50% subsidy, members of North Gwillimbury township council have decided to seek a greater subsidy from provincial authorities and to appeal to the Minister of Highways if necessary. Additional costs were incurred by the thickening of surfacing of the Lakeshore Rd. from Paradise Beach to Jackson's Point.

The village of Sutton now has a population of 1,161, according to the assessor's report. This is an increase of 47 during the past year.

Twenty-five voluntary workers helped over the last weekend in welding and threading pipe for the artificial ice at the Newmarket arena. The result was 8,580 feet of pipe welded and 182 lengths of pipe threaded.

A branch of the Optimists Club has been established at Newmarket with Joseph O. Dales, young Newmarket barrister, as president. The club's principal activity will be in connection with boys' work.

Reeve George H. Mitchell will seek re-election in North York township for the coming year, it is reported.

Fire started by combustion in baled straw did \$25,000 damage to a barn on the property of J. Milton Cork on Steele's Avenue.

Whitchurch township will hold its annual council elections on the first Monday in January, with nominations being held on Monday, December 26, council has decided. A new poll will be added at Wilcox Lake.

A speed trap is to be installed in Stouffville, the municipal council has decided, unless fast driving is curbed.

Surveyors have been laying out the proposed extension of the new highway between Nos. 11 and 27 which at present is under construction as far as Barrie. The extension, it appears is to run in a relatively straight line from Crown Hill to Waubashene.

The Bell Telephone Company is opening a new business office in Barrie.

Lindsay is facing a tough problem in connection with school accommodation. Building of an \$850,000. Collegiate and additions to two public schools are said to be necessary in order to alleviate the situation.

Lindsay town council is giving consideration to the revival of its town planning board.

An increase in water rates is to take place in North York township. The minimum rate per quarter for up to 6,000 gallons will be raised from \$2.30 to \$3.00. The township has been losing money on water, it is reported, and additional costs such as locating new wells and using water softener have forced the increase.

Building figures in North York continued their upward trend during September, with permits to the value of \$3,575,697 being issued. The figures brought the total for the year to \$29,442,604 as compared to \$16,694,685 for the same period in 1948.

Number of telephones in Barrie has increased 60% during the past four years, with local calls increasing by 30%. Local calls increased during the period from 14,100 daily to 18,500.

175 students have registered to date in the night classes being conducted at the Barrie Collegiate Institute. Courses in commercial subjects, basic English, girls' physical education, dancing, leather work and woodworking are being offered.

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# OTTAWA LETTER

by "Jack" Smith, M.P. North York

The budget is being delivered in the House tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, by Finance Minister Abbott. Budget night usually is one of the highlight events of a session, but this time is different to other budgets in that tonight will be largely a re-presentation of the budget read last March.

A lot has happened in the political world since last March and the then sensational Abbott budget has been almost forgotten.

The budget, changing as it so often does taxation and customs levies, comes into effect on announcement. Thus the very welcome tax reductions and tax changes announced by Mr. Abbott have been in effect since then, although they still have to be adopted by Parliament.

Only minor changes in the March budget are expected here tonight.

**New C.N.R. President**  
Big, burly Donald Gordon has been named as president of Canadian National Railways. Gordon became a national figure through his administration of price control in war years. He was known as a "tough administrator" in a government feels fortunate in having a man of his very special capabilities undertake the presidency at this time. True, Gordon isn't a railroad, but he's a driver and an organizer, and much of C.N.R.'s present problems are in the financial field where big Donald is an unquestioned expert.

**Changes to British North America Act**  
Proposed constitutional changes to give Canadian Parliament power to change our constitution as it concerns federal jurisdiction were introduced Monday by the Government. The Prime Minister has announced he will call a provincial conference following the session, to agree on ways of making changes in matters which pertain to provincial rights. The issue is one which promises to provoke a lengthy debate, not so much on matters of principle as on matters of detail.

**Campbell Clan**  
A recent visitor to Ottawa was Major General A. D. Campbell, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., B.A., Engineer-in-Chief, War Office, London.

**Fire Prevention Week**  
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The year's gain was the third in succession, following increases of 13 per cent in 1947 over 1946, and 7.8 per cent in 1946 over 1945 — the low point reached in the war-time period.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON

DR. ARCHER WALLACE

## THE MAN WHO LINGERED ON

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Then there came a starry night in spring when, at Easter season, lantern in hand, he climbed the creaky staircase of the belfry and looked over the village where dim lights glimmered in the deepening twilight. It was still — so still that the barking of a dog or the jolting of a cart would be distinctly heard. From the opening in the tower the old man leaned out and surveyed the village in the darkness. In the cemetery below he could see the crosses standing as though with outstretched arms they sought to protect the ill-kept graves. In the distance he could see the Easter procession making its way to the church; he must ring the bell once more, then the service would follow. Soon the air was filled with the resounding sounds of the bell.

When the bell ceased the church service began and from his position in the belfry the old man watched and fell to musing. He thought of other days — of Easter services he had known long ago. He remembered his father's severity and his brother's deep pity. One by one various episodes of his past life moved like some procession through his mind. He had known hard work, sorrow, care and some happiness. The sorrows had furrowed his face and bent his back. He remembered her who had become his wife. She had known much poverty, and hard work and suffering had with-

He was guest here last week at the annual dinner of the Military Engineers Association, and of special interest to North York was the fact that the presiding president of the Military Engineers' Association was Brigadier Colin Campbell, O.B.E., of Pine Grove, Trial Census

In preparation for the 1951 census of Canada's population, agriculture and housing, the Bureau of Statistics this month will conduct a trial census among 120,000 Canadians in seven areas across the country, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Howe, announced on October 1.

In the trial census, new, high speed, labour-saving machines will be employed for the first time in the history of national census taken anywhere in the world. In this way, the Bureau of Statistics staffs will become familiar with the machines and will iron out any kinks in their operation before the real census begins in 1951. In addition, the Bureau will be able to try out new techniques it has developed during and since the war.

**Canadian Workers**  
The total working population of Canada as at June 4, 1949, numbered 5,018,000. At March 31, 1949, there were 123,924 of these employed by the Dominion Government. Figures are not available here as to the number employed by provincial and municipal governments.

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ered her beauty. She had long since passed on and of all their children only one remained.

He remembered his enemies, especially one who was rich; how he had hated that man. Even now after many years his heart boiled within him as he thought of him but he bent his grey head and asked God to forgive him, while the tears rolled gently down his cheeks. How futile and foolish it all seemed now after the lapse of so many years. He crossed himself and struck his forehead against the ground. Yes, it was all long past and God would be the judge. Soon he rang the bell again — for the last time — and there was great joy in his heart. And so it was that he who lingered on came to understand how utterly foolish and sinful a thing is hate and how gracious is forgiveness. He knew now how much he suffered because of the malice in his heart.

During the Great War on several occasions, when men sent out poison gas hoping to destroy their enemies, by a sudden change of wind the deadly fumes were blown back into their trenches and they became the victims of their own hatred. It is strange that so elemental a truth of the Christian religion has often been lost sight of.

Our happiness and much of our usefulness depend upon our willingness to cast hatred and prejudice out of our hearts. Some years ago the son of a minister was killed at a railway crossing in Ontario. It looked as if there had been some mistake or negligence on the part of a signalman. To the credit of that minister he it said that not only did he not seek to have the signalman punished but he wrote the man a letter breathing forgiveness. He said he did not cherish in his heart any anger nor did he wish the man to have any unhappy memories.

Whatever relief came to that man through the letter he received — and it, no doubt, was great — the writer himself must have been made happier because of his forgiving spirit.

Our quotation to-day is from Proverbs 16:32. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

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