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## Events Of December 4, 1837

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head of the lake for equipment. Among them the name of D. Bridgford is recorded, who subsequently was an active service. He was at Detroit when Hull, the American general, surrendered and signed the capitulation. To the end of his life the Colonel wore upon his breast a silver medal, struck in commemoration of that Canadian victory. On the 27th April, 1813, Bridgford was at the fort at York waiting for orders when the magazine blew up, blowing into the air two hundred of the Americans with their commander, Pike, and several of the British garrison as they were vacating the fort. Among those who were so suddenly compelled to take an aerial flight was Col. Bridgford, who was picked up for dead and placed in a wheelbarrow ambulance for burial. On the way suspended animation returned. He lived to do service for his country at Fort Erie, Chippewa and Lundy's Lane. Col. Bridgford survived his adventures for many years, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1850 he was elected councillor for the Township of Vaughan. He was deputy-reeve from 1852 to 1858, when he succeeded Squire Gamble as reeve of the township. The Colonel died in 1868 at the age of seventy-five years. His remains lie in the village cemetery. Col. Bridgford's daughter Mrs. D. C. O'Brien, a highly esteemed and intelligent lady with a memory as

tenacious as Hansard, and an excellent conversationalist, to whom the writer is indebted for much of the information contained in this narrative, died August 24th, 1906. Her remains were brought from Toronto and placed beside those of her father. To Mrs. O'Brien, Moodie's was a familiar face. In her girlhood days she was quite an equestrienne. Out for a ride one afternoon she was overtaken by the Colonel, who jocularly challenged her to race to a certain point in the distance. The young lady at once urged her steed to a gallop. The Colonel to his surprise found that frequent applications of the spurs were necessary to enable him to keep alongside. The Colonel, however, gallantly allowed Miss Bridgford to reach the goal a length ahead. Col. Bridgford's military mantle fell on his youngest son, Mr. D. B. Bridgford, who left Richmond Hill when about twenty years of age for Richmond, Virginia. There he joined the army before the breaking out of the civil war, and afterwards did considerable service in the Confederate camp. He was promoted to the rank of major, and subsequently was aide-de-camp to General Stonewall Jackson. At the funeral of the famous Confederate General, Major D. B. Bridgford, by the choice of his fellow-officers represented the army. He fought among the "Boys in Gray" until the close of the war. Doubtless there are many

persons who would like to see the memory of a landmark like the old Moodie residence and its associations perpetuated in some way. The Historical Association of Toronto have brought their influence to bear upon the civic authorities so that they have planted memorial stones in many spots where the last relics of important events in the history of the city are fast becoming obliterated by the ever-advancing utilitarian tendency of the age. The earnest efforts of those who are now endeavoring to perpetuate as long as possible the remains of the Old Fort and its surroundings will merit the gratitude of the lovers of history in generations to come. There are historic spots in many of our cities, towns and villages, and "the powers that be" should not allow them to pass into oblivion. A knowledge of the spot where originated some discovery, or where was the scene of some remarkable event in the past that has had much to do with the development of our present surroundings, is a great factor in riveting the record on the memory. The Moodie residence was erected by one of the early settlers, Dr. Reed, in 1820. For many years before and after the tragic end of its next owner, Col. Moodie, there stood in front of the residence, as outside evidence of the loyalty within, a tall flagstaff from which the Union Jack floated in the breeze on every national holiday.

## Rambling Around

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so he bought out the Oriole business, then moved to Don Mills Road in Gormley. The former market garden at Oriole is now the site of a lumber company and Mr. Gladding says that a new underpass for a highway is being constructed which runs right through the property alongside the Don River. The Gladding children, Jean, Joan and Jim have followed their parents to market ever since they've been old enough to take part. Ed Gladding doesn't see too much future for his children in market gardening and does not encourage them to think of it as a lifetime work. "It's a good life... nothing wrong with it... but it's getting harder and harder to make ends meet in the economic sense," said Mr. Gladding.

### MARKET GARDENING IN FOR A TOUGH TIME

Mr. Gladding thinks the small market gardener has a harder time making a go of it today. Competition from the larger growers has become a fact of life and it just costs more to grow things in a small way unless one can cater to a retail outlet. "This seems to be a general trend in our society," observed Mr. Gladding. "Once agriculture was the basis of the Canadian economy. It is no longer recognized as such. Even farming has to get bigger in order to survive." Mr. Gladding feels this is a sad state of affairs as it tends to make things concentrated in the hands of a few, to say nothing of destroying initiative and individuality.

### MARKET GARDENERS HAVE NO HOURS

According to Mr. Gladding a market gardener has no hours. Sometimes he and his family work half the night and sometimes all day... it depends on the crop and time of year. Oriole Gardens specializes mostly in greenhouse produce and spring plants. They have cut down their extensive market gardening considerably. Going to market is quite a thing. The Gladdings spend three days to get ready for Saturday which is market day. This leaves three days in which to do all the rest of the work.

Many of the original market gardeners were at their stands the day I talked to Mr. Gladding. It would take a lot of columns to do justice to the people who maintain Thornhill Market. Here are some names very familiar to the customers who go there Saturday after Saturday: C. Bowers, C. G. Palmer, Cliff Turner, George Sayers, the Watson, Hanson and Stuckley families, Mrs. C. Seaton and Ross Stevenson of Richmond Hill area and C. Dunning of Pefferlaw.

## Five Convicted On Liquor Charges In Magistrate's Court Recently

A number of liquor charges dominated the Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court July 25. Douglas Cox, 15 Lancer Drive, Maple, was fined \$100 and costs, and had his licence suspended for three months by the Department of Transport when he was convicted of impaired driving. Cox pleaded not guilty and conducted his own defence. Constable William Hill of the Vaughan Township Police force testified that he followed Cox through Maple May 28 after he refused to lower his high light beams. Constable Hill went on to say that when stopped, Cox "fell heavily against his car when he got out, and he smelled of alcohol." The crown attorney told the court that Cain had been found on Highway 49 May 23 with two bottles of beer in the back seat of his car. Cain pleaded guilty to the charge. Allan Cornell, of Woodbridge, also pleaded guilty to having liquor in a place other than his residence. Cornell was found on Islington Avenue May 30 with beer in the car. The crown attorney said Cornell and two other young men had been driving around Vaughan Township drinking. Cornell was fined \$25 and costs. His two companions in that incident also came before the court on charges of drinking

## Ottawa Report

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It was full of surprises, but pleasant surprises. While I do not want to be unduly partisan, I cannot help but feel that Mr. Trudeau has begun in a way that confirms our confidence in him. That justifies the gamble made and the hope so many had for a new breath of fresh air in Ottawa. A young cabinet of new unusual talent. Many of proven experience, most of exceptional promise. The right balance, the proper emphasis. This government has the potential to be the greatest and most exciting government in Canada's history. I think we are fortunate to be living in these times where we can expect to see our country and our people achieve the potential of which they are capable. It is a great time to be young, for the future is brighter than ever before. It is a time when everyone should remain or become involved in the political process through the party of their choice. We generally get the sort of government we deserve. In my experience we only deserve what we work for. I want to thank the voters of York North for allowing me to be at the centre of the action. I won't let you down. Barnett J. Danson, MP. York North

## Court News

"In my opinion his ability to drive was impaired by alcohol." Sergeant Thomas Shields of the Vaughan force stated that when Cox came into the Vaughan police station that night, he staggered and was unsteady on his feet, and had the odor of alcohol on his breath. When Cox took the stand, he told the court he had been taking pills for his nerves and three beers he had earlier in the evening had reacted with the pills to produce the condition the policemen had described. "I had just driven from North Bay and I was very tired," he testified. He claimed that his job as a truck driver depended on the outcome of the trial. Magistrate Russell Pearce fully reviewed the evidence before convicting Cox. "The court can have sympathy, but cannot go on sympathy alone," he said. Brian Cain, of Nashville, was fined \$25 and costs when he was found guilty of having under age. Gary Moore, 19 of Woodbridge and Kirk Killingbeck, 18 of Woodbridge both pleaded guilty, and were convicted of drinking under age. They were each fined \$25 and costs.

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