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yesterdays
 by mary dawson

Recommended to Col. James MacLeod, a native of Richmond Hill, for the North West Mounted Police. Fury joined the company being formed at the New Fort in Toronto. It was composed of 84 men with arms and ammunition and 76 horses, and left in the spring of 1879 for the

Sgt. Fury - Part 2

territories to enforce law and order. The company travelled by ship to Duluth and then by train through the United States to Bismark, North Dakota, and by boat to Benton, Montana, arriving at Fort Walsh, north of the border, June 27. There they found the Indians on the Warpath — the Blackfeet and Crowfoot under Poundmaker and the Crees and American Sioux under Sitting Bull. The Indians were ranged along the heights surrounding the fort and their sharpshooters sent bullets whizzing into anything that moved and through the police tents. The plains often trembled as herds of buffalo which were still quite plentiful on the plains, stampeded. Never numbering more than 500 the North West Police taught the Indians to respect the "red coats" and to observe the laws of the land, as they travelled from fort to fort which were located 500 miles apart. In 1882, the first year of construction of the CPR, Fury was promoted to sergeant and was sent to Regina (then without a single house) to keep law and order among the construction crews. The police lived in rude shacks at first while they built the first barracks there. The next year he was in Calgary (originally Fort MacLeod), then a trading post on the Elbow River, which had only a few rude shacks inhabited by half breeds. While stationed there he arrested an Indian, Red Dried Meat, in a Blackfoot camp of several hundreds. The Indian was found guilty of horse stealing and sentenced to six years in Stony Mountain Penitentiary. During the years immediately following, the mounted police were kept busy trying to stamp out the trade in liquor which sold at 25 cents a drink or \$5 a bottle. In drawing up the constitution of the territories Hon. Alexander Mackenzie had inserted a clause prohibiting the sale of strong drinks. Lieutenant-Governor Royal had softened this legislation by allowing the sale of four percent beer, and Governor Dewdney had introduced the permit system, which allowed anyone who could secure the signature of a clergyman or magistrate to buy and sell liquor not exceeding two gallons in quantity. Hundreds of gallons were sold under these permits. When the police investigated complaints they would be shown the permit and the not quite empty two-gallon keg. However, if it could be proven that the trader

had exceeded that limit, he was subject to a fine of \$200 or six months at hard labor. Several months were spent in keeping order in CPR construction camps in the Rockies. The railway had more than 7,000 men in its employ and was more than three months in arrears in payments of wages, which led to strikes and demonstrations. Next week, some recollections by the sergeant of the North West Rebellion.

Information officer leaves York board

Margaret McLean, information officer of York County Board of Education for the past eight years, is moving to the Peel Board of Education in the same capacity, January 1. Mrs. McLean was one of 200 applicants for the job. A reporter at The Liberal for nine years, before joining the York board in its inception year, she said she was leaving because she didn't think it was good to stay too long in one place. "As I told them in Peel, 'if any of you have been married, you'll know what I mean,'" Mrs. McLean said. She said that, after a certain length of time on a job, one didn't have the same sort of impact. She also felt the York board didn't always appreciate the role of the information officer to the fullest. She said the new system had 148 schools, compared with 90 in the York system, and the job, itself, tended to be "quite fluid". Mrs. McLean, who received \$18,000 with the York board, will get approximately \$21,000 with Peel. She said that, while with York, she had tried to write her news releases in a way that would let people who hadn't been at the meetings, know what had transpired, and to let them know "what their education dollars were buying." "I hope I've done that," she said. A resident of Concord, Mrs. McLean has seven children, all of whom are now grown up and away from home. The Peel board offices are located at Highways 10 and 5 (Dundas) in Mississauga.

From the churches Deep trust comes from loving acts

By REV. ERNIE JOHNS
 Thornhill Baptist Church
 "Hey, do you want to do me a favour?"
 "What's that?"
 "On your way home would you stop in and do some shopping for me?"
 "Well, I don't want to, but I will."
 How many times through the years have I said this to one of my family members? If I had tried to keep track, I would be lost in the counting. "I don't want to, but I will."
 What do you answer in your house? Particularly, when doing an errand means changing plans already forming in the mind so that you are fighting back feelings of annoyance, what do you say?
 It is easier for me sometimes to do a good turn for a stranger than to agree to run an errand for someone I live or work with in a close relationship.

They pointed to his example in laying down his life for his friends, and even his enemies, and they said, "so we ought to love also".
 Christian love, then, includes keeping to a given standard. Doing things for others cannot depend on how I feel about it.
 Whether I feel happy today or sad, generous or mean, must not stop a loving action. My feelings must not dictate the action. Agape love is doing what one knows to be the right thing, no matter how one feels about it.
 It is hard, Jesus said so. (Matt. 11:30), but it is easy, too.
 It is easy because kind and loving acts lead to the deepest trust and to creative goodwill between persons.

Jesus told a parable of two sons who were told by their father to go and work in the vineyard. One answered, "I will not", but afterward he repented and went. The second said "I go, sire," but did not go.
 He asked his hearers to decide which did the will of his father. (Matt. 21:28-32). Jesus was illustrating a quality of character desirable in his disciples. Later, the New Testament Christians called this quality Christian Love, or agape in Greek, and they called upon each other to love as Jesus Christ himself loved in obedience to his Father's will.

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Seniors busy in December

Richmond Hill Senior Citizens will hold their annual dinner in the clubrooms tomorrow (Thursday) beginning at 6 p.m.
 On Tuesday, December 13, the seniors will journey to Simcoe to view the Christmas Light display in the park there.
 The bus will leave the Yonge Street clubrooms at 1 p.m.
 The group will stop at the Burlington Mall for a Christmas shopping spree, then head to Simcoe for dinner at the Royal Simcoe Lodge.
 On Wednesday, December 14, the monthly meeting will take place in the clubrooms at 2 p.m.
 A special Christmas program and refreshments will highlight the afternoon.
 Trips to Florida and Spain are planned for January and February respectively.
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