

TORONTO FLASHES

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Congratulations to the Tribune on its 50th birthday.

Oscar Armstrong visited the Flash Scribe on Sunday.

Sorry to report Miss Mildred Footie of the Aurora teaching staff is here in the Toronto Hospital. We hope for her early recovery.

The other day we received a welcome letter from Mrs. Forsyth of Claremont enquiring about the manner in which the reunion was handled in Goodwood. Before her marriage Mrs. Forsyth was Miss Edna Coates and a class-mate of the Correspondent at Goodwood. We were glad to receive her enquiry, and if Claremont holds a reunion we wish them every success. It certainly put Goodwood on the map again.

Mrs. Will Todd was in Toronto last week. Come around and see us sometime. We like to greet old friends.

That veteran George Morganson whom we are pleased to count as among our friends paid us a call again recently.

A number of Daveys paid a visit to Stouffville on Saturday, but "yours truly" is still holding down his cot.

Sorry we missed seeing Bill Whittleton the other day when he called.

Congratulations to the newly weds Mr. and Mrs. Justin Todd. May life for them be very happy and successful.

Thos. Dowswell of Goodwood was travelling the city streets last week and we hear he is looking well.

Miss Amy Davey, daughter of the scribe, who is on the staff of the Shaw Schools visited London a few days ago, and later Newmarket, where she addressed the students of the High Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee when in town called on us and we had an interesting visit. Then we had a call from Mrs. Jos. Middleton sr. whom we were delighted to see looking so well and feeling in the best of health. Charles Lee is as cheerful as ever.

Tom Mulholland tells us that he has some good suggestions for the sports day program for this summer, so here's your chance men of the Field Day Committee and W.L. Mr. Mulholland sure has you in mind. He also tells us that Joe Grieverson whose wonderful voice delighted so many at the re-union, is singing over a Buffalo station, and has been offered \$150 a week for a contract. We extend many happy returns to Calvin Stafford on his birthday this March 25th. We remember him since our boyhood. Similar congratulations go to Mrs. Jenima Forsythe whose natal day is March 26, and to Mary Reynolds, March 22.

WHITCHURCH RELIEF

The cost of direct relief in the Township of Whitchurch for the month of February was only \$160, and not the amount stated last week in error. Township relief is falling off, and with the increased demand for help on the farm all able bodied men will have to work with the opening of the spring season, as relief will be cut off for them.

Tax Payers Face A New Issue

The ratepayers of Stouffville need have no cause for alarm over the action taken by the local school board last Monday evening in placing a formal request before the village council asking that body to provide the sum of \$12,000 for the construction and equipment of an east wing to the Stouffville school building. The wing would be 30x40 feet, three story high, providing three large rooms in all. Stouffville's share of a debenture debt for this purpose repaid in equal annual payments over a period of 15 years at 3 per cent interest would cost the taxpayers \$1005 per year. This does not mean that taxes would have to be boosted to raise this additional sum however. The situation is far happier than that, and so far as increasing the tax rate goes, the building of this extension will not actually raise taxation more than it is going to be raised to send our children elsewhere to be educated. It is this way:

There will be retired this summer an annual payment of \$500 on one of the original debentures issued at the time the school was put up, and this amount would take care of half the new debenture. The other half would be saved by reason of Stouffville being able to cut off the cost of educating pupils at Markham High School. The Board here have before them at this time a bill from Markham for something over \$500 for this service last term, which the village is forced to pay under the most recent amendments to the school act. Thus these two items would meet the annual charge for carrying this proposed \$12,000 debenture.

If a contract is given for the new wing, it will call for close to \$18,000 but the Department of Education will provide direct grants that will reduce this to \$12,000, as we stated at the outset. The new wing would provide floor space equal to four and a half standard class rooms.

The School Act now provides every municipality should pay the full cost of secondary education for children in their municipality, and the alternative to building a wing and carrying on this work locally would be to send our children to some outside school, but as we have to pay the total cost, it would prove a prohibitive undertaking. From every view point the idea of extending our own school appeals as the cheapest and best way out of the difficulty.

The basement room of the new wing would be given over to teaching manual training for boys. Ninety-four per cent of the boys do not aspire to the professions, and for them the new course is designed. This being a power age, with electric appliances of every kind, and gasoline-driven motors and equipment on the roads, in the shop and on the farm, the principles of combustion in motors and the science of electricity will be among the subjects taught in the new courses, along with the use of tools.

On the main floor the girls will deal in household economics. Equipment provided here will include sewing machines, electric ovens, and the average girl in the secondary school will go out to become a homemaker better equipped than if she had learned trigonometry.

In a recent announcement made by Dr. Rogers, chief inspector of secondary schools, he stated that the Dept. of Education had started to rewrite the elementary and secondary curricula, because something had to be done about the 94 per cent of pupils who will never enter a profession. We have health, education, social study and domestic science is now being added.

TOWNSHIP REBUKED

Judge Announces Municipality For Small Salary Paid Treasurer

(Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin) When sentencing the ex-treasurer of Euphrasia who admitted a default of \$11,000 in the township funds, His Honor Judge G. W. Morley took occasion to make some timely comment on the penny wise and pound foolish policy of so many municipalities of engaging inefficient employees at a mere pittance as salaries. In this case the man was paid \$175 a year to handle \$35,000. "A very meagre salary," said the Judge, who added, "I want this to be published. Municipalities must be urged to pay larger salaries to men in positions of trust. It is not fair to pay what they are doing now, and many of them aside from Euphrasia township, are very careless about the audit. I would strongly urge that outside accountants be hired to audit the books." His honor is quite right. Where, in private business is a \$175 employee expected to efficiently account for \$35,000? It simply is not done. The risk would be too great. Service should be paid for at the market value, and the sooner there is a realization of the fact the better for all concerned. In Euphrasia inefficiency appears to

have been the main cause for the present very awkward situation, though the municipality was also contributory to a great extent through neglect of not having had an audit for several years. Both officials and township are now paying dearly for their part. From their experience others may well take a lesson. Cheapness is not always the way to faithful service or to successful economy.

Chinese Withstand Burden Well

China Inland Mission
Loping, Kiangsi,
February 4th, 1938

Dear Friends:

"Here have we no continuing city" — might well be my motto, and that of many out here in China at this time. As you will see this month of February sees me back in Loping again, after being away for just over a month, and who would have thought that it would have been possible to return in such a short time—but it just brings Praise to our God in answering prayer and keeping the enemy back.

Most of this month has been spent in Kian, and things there have been very peaceful on the whole. There are numbers of students there just now owing to the Universities of Chekiang having moved to that place or vicinity. The friends there I know will value your prayers as they seek to reach these with the Gospel—there is a Young Peoples Meeting every Sunday afternoon now especially to try and reach these students.

I left Kian on Tuesday the 25th, travelling by bus to Nanchang, wondering all the time what circumstances had transpired that I should be summoned so hastily by wire. Arriving I found my Exam papers awaiting me and also a request to come here as soon as possible as the soldiers were wanting this house. It certainly proved a busy few days; I spent Wednesday and Thursday cramming in the last minute things; wrote the Exam on Friday and Saturday; preached Sunday morning in the Chinese Service and spoke at the English Service in the afternoon; Monday was 'Kou-nien' (Chinese New Year) and I left by the Tuesday morning bus! And the Lord helped.

To say that they were pleased to see me back here would be to put it mildly, and truly it was a treat to feel one was really wanted and needed at this time. The Chinese are a wonderful people for standing up under difficulties! Coming back one would not even dream that things had looked black, and that this city had been in the direct line of the Japanese march—everything is going on about as usual including the New Year celebrations; and from the surface one would not think they were a country facing war. It is not surprising that the Japanese have come to this point where they are finding it even difficult to hold what they have, let alone advance to take more territory—we praise God for hearing prayer and pray that China may be able to sustain this rally she has made in the last month.

Some of you may remember in my letter of March 1st, last year I told something of the Chinese New Year festivities; and this, though not quite as noticeable here, has been going on this week—much earlier this year. How sad to think in this time of national need that so much money should be wasted in idolatry; will you not join us in praying that during this time of distress and warfare the people may follow their leaders and come to see that salvation can come through none other than God Almighty! Although the Japanese advance has been stayed lately there is still the menace from the air, I went through an other air-raid while in Nanchang, please remember these friends who are living in such cities in continual suspense.

Now in closing may I thank you for your letters and Christmas remembrances, some of which are just coming through. Some mention not having written before for fear letters were not getting through—they get through somehow, though a little late so please write, how eagerly they are waited for at this end—THANKS!

Remembering Psalm 55:22,
Yours in the Master's Service,
William W. Tyler.

TO HOLD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The village of Claremont is contemplating holding a Centennial celebration this summer, and are seeking any information "old timers" can give them regarding the history or events of past years. These will be most welcome by the Historical Committee. A meeting in the interests of the Reunion was held last week and a good turn-out was most encouraging to the Committee; M. Evans Ward has agreed to try, and re-organize the Old Brass Band, so popular a generation ago.

MAIN SUPPLY LEATHER COMES FROM FARMS

Tanning which is dependent mainly on agriculture for supplies is now one of the major industries of Canada, producing leather both for the home market and for export to other countries. In the matter of leather gloves alone according to the latest statistics no fewer than 7,223,676 pairs were produced in the Dominion in 1936, cowhide being used for 2,505,612 pairs, sheepskin for 1,971,072 pairs and muleskin for 932,208 pairs, with a total value of \$4,024,590 for leather gloves. Although the total production of the leather industry in 1936 was valued at \$23,294,210, and the principal kinds of leather manufactured were oak tanned sole leather, calfskin leather, cattle and horsehide leather; patent and on-ameled shoe leather, and glove and coat leather.

Among the several kinds of hides and skins used, the item "cattle hides" is of chief importance, with a total weight of 78,616,632 lb., and a value of \$7,878,329. The item "calf and kip skins" comes next, with a total weight of 19,211,111 lb., and a value of \$2,345,400. The value of these two items represents 90 per cent of the total value of skins and hides used. Canadian farms supply most of the cattle hides, and were it not for the spoilage of some Canadian hides through rough branding and the ravages of warble flies, Canadian farmers could probably supply all the cattle hides necessary in calf and kid skins used imported hides represent 38 per cent and with regard to sheepskins Canadian animals supply about half the skins required by the industry, the other half having to be imported.

The centre of the tanning industry in Canada is the province of Ontario, where the value of output in 1936 amounted to \$9 per cent of the total for the Dominion. The number of plants in operation in that

year was \$7. Ontario had 32 and Quebec 33 tanneries in operation but many of the latter province were of small capacity although in the matter of leather gloves Quebec turned out 56 per cent of the total value for the Dominion. Alberta's plants numbered seven in operation Saskatchewan 6; Manitoba 4; British Columbia 3; and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick 1 each.

PAY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(Penetang Herald) Salaries for the civic officials of Penetang were referred at the Feb. meeting, to the finance committee for investigation.

The motion was that the mayor be given a salary of \$300 per year and councillors five dollars per meeting. W. M. Thompson in speaking against the motion as originally put said, "While I agree with the spirit of the motion, I doubt that we are going at it in the right way." He said that all possible publicity should be given the suggestion before the enabling legislation is passed to allow for a full expression of public opinion. It was pointed out that Penetang is the only municipality in Simcoe county in which the council is not paid. The motion



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