

## Dipping into the past...

125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 25, 1890

?? meeting in the interests of Canada's New Party was held in Shelburne's town hall on Tuesday evening. The hall was well filled with quite a number of ladies present. Dr. Gaviller, the New Party candidate contesting Dufferin in the interests of Prohibition and Equal Rights, was the first speaker. On the question of Prohibition and Equal Rights he makes no uncertain sound. The result of the meeting has been a very favourable impression on his behalf. Dr. Barr followed in quite a lengthy speech dealing with both Provincial and Dominion issues. In regards to the Temperance question he advocated ?moral suasion? as opposed to prohibition.

? Local politics are in a very unsettled state. Dr. Gaviller is the only candidate that is fully in the field as yet. Northern and southern differences in the Conservative ranks have not yet been settled. Dr. Barr will, in all probability, be in the field, but there is no certainty about it. It is thought that either the present member, Mr. Stewart, or Mr. W. L. Walsh will get the Conservative nomination if the convention is held in Orangeville. There is also some talk of an F. C. Farmers' candidate being brought out. The Reformers are not expected to put a man in the field.

? Orangeville's total current assessment is \$820,440.

? Says the Orangeville Advertiser: There is trouble among the lady teachers at the Orangeville Public School. A few weeks ago, the fair wielders of the birch formed themselves into a club for the purpose of reading and studying the works of Shakespeare. One of the standing rules of the club, which meets on Monday evening of each week, prohibited the admission of gentlemen to its meetings, as it was thought that the presence of the opposite sex would tend to detract the attention of the ladies from the Shakespearian studies and ultimately result in the club degenerating into a courting institution. The first two or three meetings of the club passed off smoothly, but last Monday evening, when two male teachers, at the invitation of some one or more of its members, came to the meeting, the trouble commenced. Now the pretty school mam's are calling each other ?mean, spiteful things,? and the Shakespearian club, torn asunder by internal dissensions, has become sadly demoralized. Just where it will all end is difficult to predict, but if the present little unpleasantness culminates in the suspension of the ladies' Shakespearian studies, it will not be the first instance in which wicked, designing men and the green-eyed monster have caused the gentler sex to fall out and pull each other's hair.

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 13, 1915

??he Cunard liner Lusitania, which sailed out of New York last Saturday with more than 2,000 souls aboard, lies at the bottom of the ocean off the Irish coast. She was sunk by a German submarine, which sent two torpedoes into her side while the passengers, seemingly confident that the great, swift vessel could elude the German underwater craft, were having luncheon. The death list obtained from official sources now stands at 1,153, of whom 115 were Americans.

? At a meeting of the House of Bishops of the Church of England in Canada, held at Fort William, the following resolution was adopted: ?The Bishops of the Church of England in Canada strongly recommend all members of the church, throughout the Dominion, to abstain entirely from the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage during the present war, and also to refrain absolutely from treating others. And further they urge the Provincial Governments to take immediate steps to shorten considerably, the hours during the sale of liquor is at present permissible.?

? An accident occurred at the hydro works at Eugenia last week, which is likely to delay matters considerably. This happened at the head gates where there is a 20-foot cutting. The filling behind the gates proved too great a pressure for the large wooden pipe beneath and crushed it in. The mishap will necessitate the shoveling out of the 20-foot fill once more and replacing the wooden one with a strong cement pipe, and it is expected the work will occupy some three months. The cement tank beneath the surge basin has not yet been started and will also require three months to complete, so that some time in August would be the earliest moment that the power could be turned on.

? Chief Justice Sir William Mulock has given judgment in the case of Hartley vs. Dixon, a lawsuit tried at the Spring Assizes at Orangeville in March. In 1912, plaintiff A.N. Hartley entered into an agreement with Mrs. Adeline Dixon for the purchase of Shelburne's Royal Hotel. Certain agreements were drawn up but the deal never went through. Hartley claimed that Mrs. Dixon refused to make the conveyance and brought suit for \$1,000 damages. Mrs. Dixon maintained that the plaintiff had not attempted to carry out the deal, did not pay over any deposit, and consequently had no claim to the property. The Chief Justice agreed with this view and dismissed the action with Hartley ordered to pay the costs.

#### 75 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, May 9, 1940

Found guilty of breaking and entering the Patterson Bros. general store in Shelburne, and stealing merchandise valued at \$2500, and assaulting Night Constable Alex Petch and occasioning him actual bodily harm on February 25, Clarence White, 28, was sentenced to five years in Portsmouth Penitentiary. County Judge Robb also imposed a concurrent two-year term on the assault charge. White pleaded guilty to breaking out of jail and for this was sentenced to an additional year in Kingston.

Shelburne was invaded Monday by 900,000 Yankees from Alabama. It was a pretty formidable invasion but it all took place so quietly that few citizens knew anything about it. The invaders were bees from Alabama - 90 boxes with 10,000 to each box. They were consigned to A. D. McConnell, apiarist.

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, May 12, 1965

The community arena sites at Shelburne and Honeywood are becoming centres of construction activity. At Honeywood, where North Dufferin Arena was destroyed by fire in January, the first sod for the erection of a new arena was turned by Mulmur Reeve Harvey Stewart on Thursday afternoon. At Shelburne the contract is being let this week for the installation of artificial ice in the arena, the preliminary work of removing the past season's ice sheet having been done a few weeks ago.

An enthusiastic group met in the basement of Shelburne Public Library Tuesday evening, April 27, to hear Phil Gosling, of Guelph, talk about the Bruce Trail. Mr. Gosling, who is head of the Caledon Hills Bruce Trail Club, supplemented his remarks with slides showing points of particular interest along the trail. The first step in forming a local Bruce Trail club involved the naming of a committee that included Elwood Hill and Graham McCutcheon of Mulmur, and Mary Tweedy, Grace Bell and Ron O'Reilly of Shelburne.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 12, 2005

The Upper Grand District School Board reached a tentative collective agreement with local elementary school teachers on Tuesday. Board chair Bob Borden said a positive relationship between the board and its teachers made it possible for both teams to work together with the ultimate goal of reaching a fair settlement that will benefit our students.

Literacy among Dufferin County Secondary School students has risen sharply in the last school year - especially at Orangeville District Secondary School, but also at Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne and Orangeville's Westside Secondary School. It has also improved to the point where the average Dufferin student is more literate than the average student in the province as a whole.