

Dipping into the past...

150 YEARS AGO

Thursday, September 3, 1863

From The Sun, Orangeville:

Dr. James Henry, whose card appears in another part of this issue, has just commenced the practice of medicine and surgery at Mono Mills. He is a graduate of Toronto University and having recently passed very credible examinations before the Medical Board for Upper Canada, we can heartily recommend him to the confidence of our readers in the practice of his profession.

THE GRAND TRUNK BRIBE ? On Thursday last Mr. J.A. Macdonald gave notice in the Assembly that he would on an early day, move for a committee to investigate the alleged attempt on the part of the Government to purchase the influence of the Grand Trunk company in the elections with a bribe of \$50,000. As ministers cannot well resist the motion, a committee will doubtless be granted and one of the most flagrant attempts to corrupt on record against any Administration, will be fully ventilated. A clearer case, or one more damning to the Ministers implicated than that which has now been exposed, there never was; and we shall be surprised if the Parliament allows them to go unscathed. We await the report of the committee with considerable interest.

THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT ? From the Parliamentary reports of last week, it appears that a grave misunderstanding exists between the Premier and Mr. Brown on the Seat of Government question which may yet result in embarrassing the Government. Mr. J.S. Macdonald almost accused Mr. Brown of 'double-dealing' in the matter and the latter retorted in language implying that he had been misled by the Premier on the subject. Mr. Brown moved for a committee to ascertain when the Ottawa buildings would be completed and thereby virtually impugned the Premier's declaration that they would be ready for the session of 1865. An angry debate arose on the motion (whether) the Government intended to leave the removal to Toronto an open question pending the erection of the Parliament Buildings, instead of declaring to remain in Quebec.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR ? The news from the seat of war continues to be very meagre. There are at present no signs the Federals intend prosecuting their late success with vigor. No movements of importance have taken place in the army of Gen. Meade and the operations so far as we have learned have been confined to reconnoissances, cavalry movements and chasing guerrillas. The siege of Charleston progresses slowly. Although the walls of Sumter are stated to be crumbling to ruins under the fire of the besiegers and the Confederate flag reported to have repeatedly been shot away, it has in every instance been replaced, and still flies defiantly above the shattered fort.

Among those who were drafted last week was John Morrissey of pugilistic fame. Upon learning of it, he being at Saratoga, wrote to his banker to furnish a substitute for him who must be 5 feet 11 inches high, weigh 183 pounds and be a courageous man in every sense of the word. To such a one he would pay \$6,000.

DIED ? In Orangeville, on the 1st inst., Robert Galbraith, Esq., aged 62 years.

TO LET OR SELL ? A good Stand for a Store or Tavern. The undersigned will either let or sell on reasonable terms a first-rate stand for a Store or Tavern with 19 1/2 acres of land thereto, in the Village of Laurel in the township of Amaranth. There are on the premises a Barn, and excellent Stable and a commodious log Dwelling House and Store; also a never-failing Spring Well of excellent water within six feet of the house. The place is 25 miles from Fergus and 10 miles from Orangeville, there being no stores any nearer than those places, and as there is a large agricultural country around, and the soil of the best bearing quality, there is an opportunity here offered rarely to be met with. Parties renting would be paid for any improvements they might make. For further particulars apply either in person or by letter (post paid) to the proprietor, James Spence, Laurel, P.O.

125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, September 6, 1888

The following account of the death of Thomas Campbell was given by the Charleston correspondent of the Orangeville Post:

On Thursday last, Mr. William Tandy came to Charleston and gave the Warden notice to go to his barn and take away a man who was lying there and likely to die. Wardens Wilson and Leslie went and took a doctor with them and brought the poor man to Charleston. Mr. W. L. Wilson identified him as Thomas Campbell, better known as 'Yankee Tom.' They brought him up in a democrat wagon and placed him in what is called the jockey's room of the outbuildings in the Dwier House. Mr. Dwier ordered the wardens to place him in a bedroom upstairs in the hotel, but they, considering the convenience of attending the poor man, decided to place him in the room above-mentioned. All that could be done to resuscitate him was done, but he remained in a semi-conscious state and grew worse until Saturday about 10 o'clock when death put an end to his sufferings. He was buried on Sunday afternoon in the Charleston burying ground. Rev. James Thompson attended the funeral and conducted the burial services.

The deceased was brought up in Mono on Lot 5, Con. 8, better known as Pinkney's Corner. He was well known as one of the principal men who attended White's Fair some 40 years ago. He was very inoffensive and had an independent disposition. He would neither give nor take insult and when he would get into trouble he generally came out one ahead. He believed in the Scriptural statement, 'They that marry not do better,' consequently no widow or orphans mourn his death. He also followed the advice 'take no thought of tomorrow' and did not provide for old age, nor did he sponge on his friends. He always moved among strangers. Of late years he was somewhat demented, and should have been placed in some home for safe-keeping, but he was allowed to wander and lately came to Caledon, where he was a comparative stranger. We have heard that he was roughly treated on the 3rd Line East towards the south end by a gang of roughs such as that place can produce, but he has now crossed the river which separates the living from the dead. He has now faced his last enemy, and passed into that land of deepest shade unpierced by human thoughts, the dreary regions of the dead, where all things are forgot.

The Shelburne Free Press says the deceased resided in Shelburne for the past eight years and only left a short time ago.

Oneywood: The look of comparative satisfaction which irradiates the faces of the farmers generally is a good indicator as to the state of the harvest affairs in this neighbourhood. Grain of all kinds have the showing of a good yield, particularly wheat, which is a most excellent sample. Mr. Ralph Foster and Robert Copeland chanted the 'Harvest Home' and the bulk of the harvesting will be easily completed this week.

On Wednesday evening, detectives Burrows and Cuddy, of Toronto, arrested Mack Howes at Union Station on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses at Ingersoll. The Toronto papers say that Mr. Howes was at one time a Winnipeg hotelkeeper and that in his pocket had been found a card of the Star Mercantile Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, of which he appeared to be president. Mack was well known in Shelburne, having at one time held the position of bailiff of the Shelburne Division Court. When taken to Ingersoll he was honourably acquitted of the charge.

Shelburne Council met on Monday evening to make final arrangements with the Ontario Pump Co., through their representative, Mr. Peck. They discussed the matter up to a late hour but no agreement was signed. The sticking point appeared to be the guarantee asked by council which Mr. Peck refused to give. Says the Shelburne Free Press: 'From all appearances it is unlikely that anything will be done this fall. It is generally believed that it will take council another year to let the contract.'

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, September 4, 1913

??ays the Orangeville Sun: ?The electric light property at the corner is not going to be the site for the Dodds knitting mill after all. The deal for that property fell through but the factory will be on the opposite corner, which is at present occupied as a lumber yard by James A. Matthews, who in lieu of these premises acquires the skating rink property and will use it for a yard. Unless another rink is built it looks very much as if there will be no skating this winter. The site secured by the Dodds Knitting Co. is the very best obtainable. It is central and a railway siding can be laid without much trouble. The site will be cleared at once and arrangements have been made to commence building right away.

??r. and Mrs. George Swain, of the Grand Central, left on Monday of last week for the west for an indefinite visit. The Grand Valley hotel is closed until their return and the village's other hostelries will have to assume the burden of catering to the needs of the village's patrons.

??he Mansfield correspondent of the Alliston Herald says: ?We understand that nets are being used in the Pine River of late for the purpose of gathering in of larger quantities of speckled trout than can be caught with hook and bait. Autos come from a great distance with fishing parties. The authorities should endeavour to land the guilty parties.?

??r. McFadzen, Messrs. William Dermott Sr. and J. H. Alpaugh, of Fergus, narrowly escaped deaths in an automobile accident last week. The three gentlemen had motored to Orangeville and from there had started out for Grand Valley. At a point on the road near Grand Valley where the banks above the Grand River are about 15 feet high, they turned out to pass a rig and lost control of the auto, which dashed down the bank into the river below. Dr. McFadzen, who stuck to the wheel, was injured internally, while Mr. Dermott received a gash in the head that required eight stitches and Mr. Alpaugh strained his ankle.

??he work of excavation for the foundation and basement of Shelburne's new post office building has been completed and last week work was started on the stone work of the foundation.

??riday morning at about 2:15, smoke was discovered issuing from the stable of Mr. Kauffman, Jewish junk dealer, in the rear of that gentleman's home on East Broadway, Orangeville. The alarm was sounded and the fire brigade soon arrived, but the building was frame and so dry it flamed high in the air and soon was burned to the ground. A horse, wagon, harness, 90 crated live chickens and several tons of hay belonging to Mr. Kauffman were also consumed. His loss will be well up to \$1,000. The flames spread to the shed, barn and ice house of the egg factory, the property of Mr. Stuckey, and these too, were soon destroyed, with Mr. Stuckey's loss about \$500. It was gratifying, considering the very hot, dry weather, to see the water supply in a good condition. Four heavy streams were in use and the new turbine pump did excellent work.

??he Canada Grain Co. have reopened their elevator at Melancthon Station and are now prepared to buy all kinds of marketable grain at highest prices.

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, September 4, 1963

??t the start of the 1962-63 term at Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne the total enrolment of 313 students set a new record in attendance. However, the total enrolment at the start of the 1963-64 term, shows a total of 360 students, truly an all time high and a number that will not comfortably be accommodated until the school's new wing is completed and open for use. Until then, one class is being held in the gymnasium and another in the staff room, which is suitable under the circumstances as long as physical training can be taken outdoors. The new wing is expected to be completed and in use by Thanksgiving.