

## Dipping into the past...

### 150 YEARS AGO

Thursday, September 29, 1864

From The Sun, Orangeville, compliments of Dufferin County Museum and Archives:

**MONO SHOW** ? The second annual exhibition of the Mono Agricultural Society will be held at Orangeville on Tuesday, the 11th of October, when premiums to a large amount will be offered for competition. The Directors of the Association are now completing the arrangements for the exhibition, and as the show is open to the townships of Mono, Amaranth, Garafraxa and Caledon, we have no doubt that the display of industrial products will be very good.

**FATAL ACCIDENT** ? We regret to learn that Wm. McClinchy (son of Mr. McClinchy, who has for many years been tax collector for the township of Mono) met with an accident on the 28th inst. which caused his death. It appears that the deceased had been to Tullamore with a load of wheat, and on his return home during the night, the wagon in which he and another person were riding, was upset, thereby causing his death. Mr. McClinchy leaves a wife and family to mourn his untimely end.

**THE AMERICAN WAR** ? The principal interest of the war has during the past week centred in the great Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. (On the death of Stonewall Jackson?) General Early took command of the Confederate forces in that region and gained considerable success; but during the past ten days the South has sustained, under Early, a series of disastrous reverses. Two or three battles have been fought in which the Confederate forces have been worsted and driven back with considerable loss by overwhelming forces. It appears that two or three weeks ago, General Grant dispatched 25,000 men to reinforce General Sheridan's army in the Shenandoah Valley thus rendering it greatly superior to the Confederate forces under General Early. ?General Early appears to have concentrated his forces and now occupies a strong position on Mount Jackson and in the words of the boasting Yankees ?seems disposed to offer a stubborn resistance.? A large Confederate army is making rapid advances in Missouri and has already met with considerable success. Business is suspended in St. Louis in order to organize the citizens for defense.

**ORANGEVILLE COUNCIL** ? Mr. Hewat moved, seconded by Mr. Jull, that the offer of Mr. George Bell to lease his hall at \$30 per year to the Council be accepted, and that the Clerk do draft a form of agreement between the Corporation and Mr. Bell.

**CALEDON AG. SOCIETY** ? The Township of Caledon Agricultural Society's Show Fair for 1864 will be held at the Village of Charleston on Wednesday October 12, and from the success of the previous shows held there, as well as the large sums offered as premiums, we are led to anticipate that the approaching Fair will be in no wise behind any of its predecessors. Hitherto the Society has had no place in which to display the industrial products of the township but the township authorities have with praiseworthy liberality granted a piece of ground to the Society in Charleston and contracted with Mr. John McCabe to erect thereon a magnificent Agricultural Hall in time for the approaching exhibition. The building is to be constructed under the superintendence of Isaac Harris, Esq. and is to be 60 feet long by 40 feet wide with a skylight 60 x 20 unobstructed by bars or slats. When completed the building will be an ornament to Charleston and a credit to the enterprise of the Township of Caledon.

**THE WAR IN NEW ZEALAND** ? It is a matter of great satisfaction that New Zealand aborigines have been overcome, and that the war at the antipodes has terminated. Advices from New Zealand up to July 3rd state that the war was virtually closed. The British troops gained a signal victory a few days before the 3rd of July and the leaders of the insurgents were yielding unconditionally. The Huron Signal says that on the night of the 14th inst. there was a slight fall of snow in that neighborhood (Goderich.)

### 125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, October 3, 1889

There is already considerable activity around the Driving Park in Shelburne in anticipation of the Dufferin Central Fair to be held Tuesday and Wednesday next, October 8 and 9. The main building is now almost completed and the electric light plant and wires are being placed in position by Reliance Electric Co. of Waterford. The display of exhibits is expected to be away ahead of any in previous years, and, if favoured with good weather, thousands of people are expected to attend.

Undalk: Early on the morning of September 13, villagers were aroused by the ringing of the fire bell. The barn of Mr. John McDowell, within the precincts of the village, was discovered to be on fire. His crop of wheat, peas and hay, wagon, buggy, fanning mill and two horses were destroyed. There was insurance of \$400 on the building and \$300 on the contents.

The Railway House at Orangeville Station was burned to the ground early last Saturday morning, with contents. The place, which was run by a Mrs. Smith and family, had no license. Insurance on house and furniture \$1500. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp.

Orangeville Fair, held last week, was a great failure in point of exhibits as well as attendance. The display of exhibits in the hall at

Dundalk on Tuesday (the first day of that fair) was, in spite of wet weather, far above the average and highly creditable to the town and surrounding country. Two of the judges on ladies' work who are residents of Shelburne, informed the Economist that they had never seen such a large and attractive display at any local fair.

#### 100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, October 1, 1914

The Dufferin Central Fair, held in Shelburne on Tuesday and Wednesday, was the 47th annual exhibition of the Melancthon Agricultural Society. The weather on Wednesday was good although a trifle on the cool side, and a large crowd put in an appearance. Both morning trains were met by Shelburne Citizens' Band and brought their quota, with passengers pouring in from the surrounding country. A few minutes after 1 p.m. a big procession of school children, headed by the band, with gaily decorated wagons bringing up the rear, proceeded by way of Second Avenue, Gordon Street, Main and Owen Sound Streets, to the Fairgrounds. In the hall there were large exhibits in most classes.

The Canadian contingent of 31,000-33,000 men has now left Valcartier and the first ships have by this time doubtless reached England, as the first troops are understood to have left camp Tuesday of last week. The transports are being conveyed across the Atlantic by two or three of the best battleships in the British Navy, several fast cruisers and a number of torpedo boat destroyers under the command of Admiral Wemyss. It is understood that the Canadian troops will land in the south of England and march through London to training quarters at Aldershot and Salisbury Plains, where they will be given several weeks' training under active service conditions before going to the firing line.

The 34th annual meeting of Dufferin Teachers' Institute will be held in the Opera House, Orangeville, on Thursday and Friday, October 8 and 9.

The work of organizing a new regiment in Dufferin County, which will probably be known as the Dufferin Light Infantry, is being energetically and enthusiastically proceeded with. Active recruiting is taking place throughout the County and the contiguous territory it is proposed to include. Companies will be organized at Alliston, Dundalk and Honeywood. A public meeting at Grand Valley, addressed by Lt. Col. Preston, of Orangeville, last week, was a splendid demonstration with more than 40 young men having enrolled at that point. The Shelburne company has already been recruited over strength and drilling has commenced. The companies of Orangeville, the regiment's proposed headquarters, are drilling twice a week in the Town Hall, steps are being taken to establish recruiting stations at Alton, Mono Mills, Laurel and The Maples.

The post office at Primrose has been closed as of September 30 and a new rural mail route, No. 5, starts today from Shelburne.

#### 75 YEARS AGO

Thursday, October 5, 1939

At a service in Knox United Church, Shelburne, on Sunday night, it was announced that the Committee appointed by Presbytery to decide which church is to be used by the united congregations of Knox and Wesley churches, had decided on Knox Church as the permanent home of the congregations. Since the congregations' union was voted on, services have been held alternately in the two churches in two-month periods. The last service in Wesley, the former Methodist church, was held the last Sunday of August.

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, September 30, 1964

The directors and members of Shelburne Co-Operative Association held their annual meeting last Thursday evening at the Cedar Room in Shelburne Arena. The president, Ross Ferris, told the meeting the association has the same old worry - accounts receivable, which had led to a motion that said that after 90 days a customer must pay cash. Accounts receivable were about \$5,000 above last year, at \$157,885.

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Friday, October 1, 2004

The idea that fire protection might best be approached as a regional undertaking crept into a debate about a separate Mono fire hall at Tuesday's Mono Council meeting. Residents showed up en masse to raise concerns about budget calculations, response times and service levels. One resident said the cost of providing fire protection wasn't nearly as important as the availability and quality of service.

The City of Toronto is again looking to the farms of Dufferin and Grey Counties as hosts for the disposal of its treated sewage

sludge or biosolids?

Orangeville Council was hoping to implement its proposed trash-bag reduction smoothly, last Monday's public meeting on the subject has set them straight. The proposed two-bag limit for curbside pickup proved a cause for concern for some residents who told council that despite their best recycling efforts they could not produce fewer than three trash bags a week.