

Dipping into the past...

150 YEARS AGO

Thursday, March 10, 1864

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

ORANGEVILLE COUNCIL ? This Council met at Witter's hotel on Monday evening and after confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, granted certificates for tavern licenses to Geo. Bell, John Jones, S. Van Wyck, J. Witter and S. Wallace, they having complied with the requirements of the By-law respecting the licensing of taverns. The special committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to report on Bylaw No. 5, presented its report and the Council having resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, the report was adopted. The committee rose and reported a slighter alteration of the tenth section, and the By-Law was then read a third time and passed. There being no other business before the Council, it adjourned to meet at Kelly's hotel on Monday evening next.

The captors of the Chesapeake have been declared guilty of piracy, robbery and murder by the Police Magistrate of Halifax and have been committed to jail for surrender to the United States authorities.

The population of British America at the present moment approached four millions, and the quantity of land valuable for agricultural purposes is approximately 207,000 square miles or more than twice the area of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and equal to France (including Corsica) Belgium, Holland and Portugal combined.

Mrs. Tom Thumb has become a mother. The infant is said to be about the size of a man's thumb rather sprightly and resembles its father wonderfully. General Tom Thumb is very proud of his son, and so he ought to be, for there is not another like him in the known world.

The lakes and basins in the Crystal Palace enclosure, London, have been converted into skating ponds.

SEED WHEAT ? The subscriber has now on hand at his farm Lot. No. 17, 3rd Con. WHS Mono, a large quantity of Glasgow Spring Wheat which, having been grown under his own supervision, he can confidently recommend to farmers requiring good, pure seed. It will be sold cheap, quality considered. ? Daniel McNaughton, Camilla.

We are pleased to notice that notwithstanding the hard times Mr. Sepha Donner is increasing his stock of stoves, sugar kettles, tinware, etc., and offering every article below last year's prices. He is pursuing a course which entitles him to a share of public patronage, and he most certainly should receive it.

THE WAR IN DENMARK ? A Copenhagen telegraph says: - The German troops have entered Jutland in considerable force. The Germans attacked the Danish outposts along the whole line on the 18th, but after several engagements, they were repulsed, though they occupied all their former positions. The Frankford Diet had resolved that an embargo be placed on Danish shipping in all German ports, in consequence of the Danes having laid an embargo on all German shipping.

The Archduke Maximilian will be present at the baptism of the son of the Prince of Wales and, on quitting England, will proceed to Vienna and officially receive the Mexican deputation. When the deputation receives the assent of the emperor of Austria, it will proclaim the accession of Maximilian (as Emperor of Mexico).

125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, March 14, 1889

The Town of Collingwood sent a deputation to Ottawa two weeks ago to interview the government, Mr. Van Horne and Mr. Hickson on railway matters. Mayor Lockerbie, interviewed by a representative of the Enterprise, said: 'We had two hours' interview with Mr. Van Horne regarding the Collingwood and Bay of Quinte RR. He could not see how the CPR could handle that road advantageously. After a long explanation of his views, I asked him if it was not the intention of the CPR to build a road from Shelburne to Collingwood. He said, 'That is the intention.' The difference in grades between the Collingwood and Bay of Quinte and the Owen Sound branch was pointed out to him, but he said the grades made no difference to them, and they were not taken into account.'

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, March 12, 1914

The village of Flesherton expects to have the Hydro-Electric in operation this spring. The cost of the power will depend on what municipalities are grouped in combination. With Eugenia and Dundalk, Flesherton, Hanover, Walkerton, Markdale, Chatsworth and Owen Sound in one group, the cost will be \$27.41 per horsepower. With Owen Sound, Shallow Lake, Flesherton, Dundalk, Durham, Hanover, Walkerton, Markdale and Chatsworth in a group, the price will be \$26.05. With only Owen Sound, Chatsworth, Markdale, Flesherton and Dundalk in the group the price will be \$30.05. The power commission says it will be able to deliver all the power for which the towns may contract, being the season wet or dry.

A motion passed by Shelburne Council at its last meeting, asked that the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario be requested on behalf of the village to enquire, investigate and report upon the cost of constructing and operating an electric railway from Guelph and Fergus through Grand Valley and by way of Jessopville to Shelburne and north to Horning's Mills, Redickville, Maple Valley and Singhampton to Collingwood.

Last Friday night, a few minutes before the northbound train to Owen Sound was due to pass Bolton station, a freight was wrecked as a result of a broken rail, four cars being ditched and three others derailed. Although no person was injured, the accident was a serious one and blocked the line for several hours. At the time the freight's engine was running at a high rate of speed to give a through track to the passenger train following. Although the engine and tender succeeded in crossing the break in safety, the following car jumped the tracks, dragging the others with it. Before the train could be brought to a stop, a large section of the roadbed had been torn up. Word of the accident was immediately sent out and an auxiliary train was rushed to the scene, but it was more than four hours before the tracks were repaired and the line opened.

75 YEARS AGO

Thursday, March 16, 1939

The Dufferin Old Boys of Winnipeg have sent out invitations to attend their annual reunion at the Marlborough Hotel on Wednesday, March 22. The Dufferin Old Boys' Association has for its main object the keeping alive of the traditions of the pioneers of both Old (Ontario) and New (Manitoba) Dufferin. Dinner in the hotel's Blue Room will be followed by dancing and cards.

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, March 11, 1964

In a wide area of this part of Ontario, residents have been reporting what may be signs of an early spring. At Harriston, a flock of two dozen whistling swans was spotted flying north at a considerable height. At Dundalk and Shelburne, crows have been seen around and a young lady showed the Herald a cabbage butterfly which she had captured in her sun porch.

The number 13 was not unlucky for the Shelburne Figure Skating Club, which held its 13th annual Ice Review in the local arena Saturday night before a record crowd and with ice that proved surprisingly good in spite of the mild weather last weekend.

10 YEARS AGO

Friday, March 12, 2004

Despite about 450 people occupying a waiting list for social housing in Dufferin, it does not appear that the County will be making changes to turn the tide any time soon. Asked of the possibility of more social housing units being constructed in the near future, Warden Keith Thompson replied: "We have not had a discussion."