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Dipping into the past...

150 YEARS AGO Thursday, June 9, 1864 ??From The Sun, Orangeville, compliments of Dufferin County Museum and Archives: TRAMWAY MEETING IN ORANGEVILLE ? A public meeting of the ratepayers of Orangeville, called by the Reeve in response to a numerously signed petition, for the purpose of taking into consideration the construction of a tramway from this village to Brampton or some point on the Grand Trunk, was held at Witter's hotel on Monday evening last. The meeting was well and largely attended, there being about 300 ratepayers present. A resolution proposed by Mr. Francis Irwin and seconded by Mr. S. H. McKitrick was passed after Mr. C. J. Wheelock, Civil Engineer, confirmed that if the valley of the Credit were followed as far as Chinguacousy, the tramway to Brampton or some other point on the Grand Trunk railway could be built and put in good running order for even less than the $50,000 suggested by the Sun. THE AMERICAN WAR ? If we could place any reliance on the accounts which reached us through Federal sources of the past week's fighting in Virginia and Georgia, generals Grant and Sherman have effected great strategic movements and won triumphs from which ultimate and decisive victories must follow. However, the detached engagements between Grant and Lee during the past week have been indecisive, and partake more the character of heavy skirmishing than the sanguinary engagements into which the Federals would fain magnify them. ANOTHER NEW STORE ? During the past week another new store has been opened in Orangeville. Mr. J. Anderson, formerly of Streetsville, has commenced business and will, if there is any virtue in low prices and a large stock, receive a fair share of public patronage. His stock of groceries, hardware, crockery, boots and shoes is not only large but well selected, and such as we can recommend to our town and country readers. Give Mr. A. a call.

125 YEARS AGO Thursday, June 13, 1889 ?? June's session of Dufferin County Council opened Tuesday afternoon with Warden Richardson. In the afternoon a deputation was heard in favour of the establishment of a high school district and the surrounding area. The speakers were Messrs. F. G. Dunbar, E. Berwick, J. Skelton, and T. McKim, who also presented a largely signed petition in support of their claim. After considerable debate it was moved by Mr. Jelly and seconded by Mr. McCutcheon that the prayer of petition be granted. The motion was lost on a vote of 9-7 with the southern municipality all in opposition. Said the Shelburne Free Press: ?Had there been one more vote in favour of Shelburne the resolution would have carried, as Warden Richardson stated that, in the case of a tie, he would vote for the resolution.? In its report of the proceedings the Orangeville Advertiser said two thirds of those whose names were on the petition for a high school were without interest or influence in the matter. ?This statement is not true,? said the Free Press, ?and it is probable that the Advertiser knew that it was not what it made it. We merely mention this to show the nature of the influences with which Shelburne has to contend in its efforts to obtain a high school.? ??The Loyal Orange County Lodge of East Grey, held its semi-annual meeting at Badjeros, on Friday last, with County Master Dr. Barr, MP, of Shelburne, presiding. With one or two exceptions, every lodge was represented. Dr. Barr gave an interesting address on the Orange Order and dwelt for a considerable time on the burning question of the day, the Jesuit Estates Act of Quebec. At the close of his address, he informed the members that he intends spending the 12th of July in Ireland. The following resolution was passed: ?That the Loyal Orange County Lodge of East Grey strongly disapproves of the Jesuit Estates Act on the ground that it recognizes a right on the part of the Pope to interfere in the civil affairs of Canada in a manner derogatory to our beloved sovereign the?Queen, and menacing to the liberties of the people; and further, this meeting emphatically condemns the Act of the 188 members [of Parliament] who voted against the disallowance of this bill, and heartedly endorses the act of the 13 members who voted for the disallowance, and we pledge ourselves to use all constitutional means in our power to secure the disallowance of the said Act.?

100 YEARS AGO Thursday, June 11, 1914 ??The Conservatives of Dufferin?County lined up in great force for their convention, held in Shelburne last Friday. Before the hour of opening, the Town Hall was packed to the doors, down the stairway and out on the street, several hundred being unable to get into the hall. Every polling subdivision in the county was represented except one in Melancthon. The total delegation for the county was 215 and out of that number 212 votes were cast. One delegate from East Luther refused to pledge himself to support the nominee of the convention and did not vote because he thought none of the candidates would vote would vote for Rowell's slogan, ?Abolish the Bar.? The meeting nominated John Best, MP, to contest the next federal election. Although C.?R. McKeown, MPP, faced opposition, he won the party's nomination after only one ballot, receiving 141 votes, to 36 vote for J. A. Cornelius of East Garafraxa, 29 for John Bryan of Amaranth, four for S. C McKee of East Luther and two for John Spence of Amaranth. ??On Monday next, Shelburne's G. Company of the 26th Regiment, under command of Major George Gabriel, will go to the military camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, to undergo 12 days of annual training. For the first time in over 21 years the local company will not be accompanied by its band, it having given up the position of regimental band and all their

military uniforms having been returned to the regimental headquarters this week. This will be the last camp attended by the local company, as the 36th is to become a city regiment and, failing the formation of a new rural corp, Shelburne and Orangeville companies will have to be shifted into another regiment or be allowed to die an untimely death. ??Special coins, with designs commemorating a century of peace between Canada and the United States are to be issued by the Dominion Government on January 1, 1915. The pieces will likely be in 25 and 50 cent denominations.

75 YEARS AGO Thursday, June 15, 1939 ??Last Wednesday afternoon, Irwin Lee, driver of a truck for an Orangeville bottling firm, made his regular call at the service station of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pardoe, at Violet Hill. As he prepared to drive away, Mrs. Pardoe apparently moved back to the entrance of the service station, and as the truck began to roll she was horrified to see her 14-month-old son in its path. Her screaming caused Mr. Lee to bring his vehicle to a stop but not before a wheel had passed over the child crushing him. The frantic mother and driver did all they could but he was beyond help.

50 YEARS AGO Wednesday, June 10, 1964 ?? Krim-Ko Corporation of Canada, Toronto, has announced the appointment of Shelburne native Donald A. Hughes as Sales Manager of its Dairy Division for all of Canada. Don has been associated with the dairy industry all his life as his father, the late J.?A. (Tone) Hughes was the manager of the creamery in Shelburne for years. ??Donald Shields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shields, of Shelburne, has been awarded a National Science Foundation of America grant to study physiology at the Berkeley campus of the University of California in the San Francisco Bay area. He has for some years been a high school teacher in Toronto.

10 YEARS AGO Friday, June 13, 2004 ??Residents of Camilla hamlet attended a Mono Council meeting Tuesday to voice their concerns about a 41-lot subdivision planned for the area west of Highway 10 and south of 15 Sideroad. The subdivision is phase two of a plan originally discussed in 1991 and finally approved by Mono in 1999. Concerns raised were mainly how the new subdivision might affect water quality for existing home owners.