

Dipping into the past...

125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 18, 1890

The case of Scott vs. Atkinson was the principal one at the Dufferin County Assizes last week. The plaintiff in this action was the mother of James Scott, who met his death in a fishing fracas with Atkinson last May. The plaintiff sued for \$10,000 for the alleged killing of her son. A verdict was given for the plaintiff for \$300.

The most complete mastodon skeleton in America is now on exhibition in the corner store of the Royal Block, Shelburne. It is not the same skeleton as was found on Mr. W. B. Jelly's farm in Amaranth in fact, it is an entirely different species. The horns are scarcely as large as that of the Amaranth monster, but the other bones are much larger. The leg bones, shoulder blade and jaw bones, with teeth, are worth coming miles to see. This extraordinary exhibit will be open to the public until June 1st, when it is the intention of the proprietors to exhibit it in principal cities of America and Europe. Admission, 10 cents, children five cents. Messrs. Hillhouse and Jelly are the proprietors.

Last Friday afternoon, as Mr. Shepherd of Primrose was returning home, his horse took fright when opposite Mr. Graham Patterson's residence in Shelburne and ran away. Mr. S. F. M. O'Flynn, not being very well, was going over to his home with Mr. Shepherd. The horse turned the corner at Mr. William Hogg's residence, and in turning the animal fell, throwing the occupants out. Mr. Shepherd was not hurt, but Mr. O'Flynn received a slight kick from the horse. The wagon was smashed to pieces.

The Liberal Conservative Association of Shelburne, meeting Tuesday evening, passed a resolution deploring opposition to holding the County Convention in Orangeville, a decision apparently made by the association's president without consulting other prominent members of the party. The resolution asked that the matter be reconsidered.

The bachelors of Orangeville held their second annual assembly in the Town Hall last Friday evening. About 100 guests were present and the affair was probably one of the most enjoyable of its kind ever held in town. The hall was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting presenting a gay and attractive appearance.

Dufferin Lake has changed hands since last season. Messrs. Joseph Daly and B. Connor, of Orangeville, having purchased it some time ago. Mr. Daly is down at the lake preparing for the season.

The coroner's jury in the inquest into the death of Mr. George Island returned the following verdict: That on the 22nd day of April, 1890, the deceased George Island, died from injuries received at the Canadian Pacific Railway station, Orangeville, such injuries being received by deceased while he was attempting imprudently to cross on the crossing from the centre platform to the platform on the northeast side of said railway station, he being in such attempt struck to his injury by the passenger train moving on the Credit Valley Division of the said railway which arrives from the south at the Orangeville station about 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Further, in their opinion, from the evidence before them, said train in approaching the said crossing, was running at too great a speed, and they recommend that in future that trains be caused to approach such station grounds at a slower rate of speed.

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 6, 1915

The Orangeville Post says that at its June session, Dufferin County Council will probably introduce a bylaw constituting a board of commissioners of police consisting of Warden Reburn, County Court Judge Fisher and Senior Police Magistrate P.M. Pattullo, under the provisions of a statute passed last session. The commission will have control over the appointment and dismissal of the County Constabulary and will probably be able to arrange some method of instruction for the County Justices of the Peace, many of whom have not the legal erudition of Lord Mansfield, whose modest dictum, "God forbid that any many should know all the law," has been a greater comfort to many legal luminaries which have scintillated, more or less refulgently, since the days of the eminent jurist.

A memorial service for the late Lieut. Harry B. McGuire was held in Orangeville Presbyterian Church Sunday evening last, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Morris, assisted by Rev. J. R. Bell, of Laurel. The Orangeville Cadets and Orangeville Citizens' Band were present. The church was packed to the doors and many who wished to be present were unable to get in.

75 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, May 2, 1940

More than 150 delegates from every area of Grey, Bruce and Dufferin counties met on April 27 in the County Buildings at Owen Sound, to discuss means of improving county and township roads. It was the first such convention in the district. A talk on "power equipment for township roads" was given by J. J. Currie, of Sydenham Township, and a long discussion on the matter took place.

Among the speakers were Dufferin County Engineer F. M. Eagleson and E. C. Mandley of Amaranth Township.

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, May 5, 1965

Fast Wednesday saw a March on Ottawa made by over 1,000 members of the Farmers' Union in their demand that food producers be placed on a par with the rest of the Canadian business economy. A brief from the Ontario Farmers' Union, of which former Dufferin Warden John Dolmer is president, sought higher price support levels for farm products, improved deficiency payments and a temporary Nation Commodity Marketing Board.

Shelburne Rotary Club has decided to help in a relief project for needy persons in British Guiana. The club will act as a collection agency as well as underwriting the cost of shipping supplies of used clothing.

Shelburne Police Chief Carman Lemcke reported Monday that he had been obliged to have three dogs destroyed after they had been discovered at the scene of some dead sheep. The animals were not wearing tags and in any case were regarded as running at large and subject to the penalties of a local dog bylaw.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 5, 2005

Dufferin municipalities have a new study to guide them in their efforts to find a local solution to the growing problem of septage disposal. The study, by Triton Engineering, will be presented to county politicians tonight at the Amaranth Municipal Office. The weight of evidence suggests that despite East Luther Grand Valley's recent failure to obtain a grant for a new sewage disposal plant, the area south of Grand Valley will be the locale of that plant and a related one to process septage for the whole county and perhaps nearby municipalities.

When traffic starts using Orangeville's south arterial road late next month or early July, it will cross the Thomas Lockyer Bridge over the Credit River. Dufferin County Council voted at its recent meeting to name the bridge in honour of the late Tom Lockyer who was instrumental in getting the bypass approved.

The Town of Shelburne is going to borrow \$2 million to begin construction of an expansion to its sewage treatment plant.