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Dipping into the past...

150 YEARS AGO

Thursday, June 11, 1863

??rom the Orangeville Sun: Mr. Torrance has recently removed his Cabinet Shop to more commodious premises on Broadway. He is pushing business with zeal and energy and continues to furnish a large section of country with first-class furniture of every description. His prices are low, and we bespeak for him a still wider patronage among our readers.

South Simcoe Nomination ? Geo. Lount, Esq., Registrar for Simcoe, has received the writ for this constituency. The nomination of candidates takes place at Bond Head on Friday the 12th inst. And if a poll be demanded, the polling will come off on the Friday and Saturday following. Mr. Ferguson's return by acclamation is anticipated.

North Wellington ? The nomination for this riding took place at Fergus on Tuesday. Dr. Clarke and Dr. Parker were proposed and the show of hands was declared to be in favour of the latter. This however is no indication of the result of the election; for apart from Fergus being Dr. Parker's stronghold, the rumoured retirement of Dr. Clarke from the contest prevented his friends from attending in force. A poll was demanded and the 17th and 18th instant appointed as the days of election. Dr. Clarke has now entered upon his canvass with vigor and though he has only a few days to go over the riding, his prospects of success are most cheering.

Great Conservative Victory ? The elections in Montreal closed on Tuesday evening and resulted in the return of all the Opposition candidates. Mr. McGee, who is now opposed to the Ministry, has a majority of 750 over Mr. Young; Mr. Cartier 676 over Mr. Dorion, and Mr. Rose 88 over Mr. Holton. The rejection of the leader of the Lower Canada section of the Cabinet and of the Finance Minister by the chief city of the Province is humiliating to the Ministry and will produce a very sensible effect on the elections yet to come off. The Conservative Party never had so fine a chance to have things their own way as at present and we hope they will improve the opportunity.

The people of Phillipsburg (Maine) have voted to pay every man who may be drafted under the conscription act the sum of $300 to enable him to procure an exemption. A vigorous prosecution of the war does not appear to be a part of the creed of these people.

125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, June 7, 1888

?? public meeting was held in the Shelburne Town Hall Monday night for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of asking Dufferin County?Council to form another high school district in the county. Mr. William Jelly was appointed chairman and A. Smith, of E. Berwick & Co., secretary. After a thorough discussion of the subject, the following resolution was adopted unanimously: Moved by Rev. T. J. McLelland, seconded by Mr. J. D. Wilson, that this meeting of citizens of the municipality of Shelburne, being fully conscious of the great advantages of a high school to our community, and being earnestly desirous that our youth here have every opportunity to obtain a good literary training, agree to petition and urge upon the County Council of Dufferin the propriety of setting apart the said municipality of Shelburne as a high school district, and we do pledge ourselves to the support of said high school if the prayer of petitioners be granted.

A committee was appointed to draw up a petition to lay before the County Council.

Mr. J. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. James E. Marshall, moved that Rev. T. J. McClelland, Rev. H. G. Moore, Rev. G. Abbs, Rev. J. F. Durkey and Messrs. Skelton, Dunbar, Mason, Douglas, Wilson,?Noble, Riky, Mortimer, Smith and Rutherford be a committee to wait on the County Council of Dufferin to urge on them the necessity of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and that this committee have power to add to their number and to confer with others.

The deputation is going to Orangeville today to bring this important matter before the Council.

??orning's Mills: The new steam mill is turning out a good stock of lumber. Considerable building is going on this summer. There are no less than eight residences on the way now, and more building lots have been purchased.

??bout one o'clock last Saturday morning, Fleming's Shingle Mill, Elba, was found to be in flames and was wholly consumed. The cause of the fire is not known. Mr. Fleming was out about the mill at about midnight and there was no sign of the fire at that time. The loss will be about $250 and there is no insurance.

??arden W. H. Hunter has invited members of County Council, County officials and members of the press to accompany him on an excursion to Toronto and one of the city's parks (Friday).

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, June 6, 1913

??he Women's Guild, of St. Paul's Church, Shelburne have arranged their Garden Party for June 18th on the Agricultural Grounds. There will be a good baseball match between the Batchelors and Benedicts. A Baby Show will also be held with children up to two years anywhere in Dufferin County eligible to enter. A good programme will be given in the evening.

??ays the Orangeville Sun: It is rumoured around these diggings that the two whiskey spotters that paid Orangeville such an hilarious visit a couple of weeks ago, have made a killing, and we understand that a number of summonses will be issued in a day or so against several citizens for selling wet goods in a dry town. The spotters got one young man good and hard. They got him to get them a bottle of booze. He did it to oblige them, but the spotters said he bought it for $1.25 and sold it to them for $2, clearing 75 cents on the deal. Anyway, he pleaded guilty, and was taxed $100, so he was out just $99.25 on the transaction. It was a clear case of being roped in, but the incident should be a warning to those who are requested to do a favour for strangers.

??ays the Orangeville Post: The Dufferin Agricultural Society is to be congratulated on its present position and enterprise. The society is free from debt and a fine new grandstand has just been completed at a cost of $1,000 capable of seating 600. The contractor was Mr. John?Richardson, who has completed the work in a high creditable manner. The half mile track is one of the best outside of the large centres and at present some 20 speedy horses are being trained on the oval. Some 75 rods of wire fencing has been erected and the grounds are in fine shape.

??ilbert Stuckey has a cage of young red foxes that he caught at W. Willmott's farm last week. On Saturday, Arthur Taylor sold nine others to some other Orangeville sports who were in Grand Valley. Just whether they intend going into the fox business, as is done in Prince Edward Island, or these animals are the nucleus of a zoo, is not stated. At any rate, Willmott's cage is a centre of attraction for young boys.

??ugh Falconer, JP, of Shelburne, and Stewart Tate, JP, Grand Valley, were in Orangeville Tuesday trying liquor charges against Messrs. Morrison (Sr. & Jr.), and Bennett, hotel keepers. The charge against Morrison Jr. was deemed proven and a fine of $125 and costs, or three months in jail imposed, while the charge against Morrison Sr. was withdrawn. There were two charges against Bennett. On one he was fined $125 and costs, and the other charge with withdrawn.

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, June 6, 1963

??. J. O'Flynn, a veteran and highly respected resident of Shelburne, died Monday at Shelburne District Hospital, in his 82nd year. He had been in failing health for some time. Mr. O'Flynn was an outstanding resident of Shelburne in municipal affairs for many years. He was a councillor when the waterworks reservoir was built in 1910 and served as reeve in 1921 and 22 and again from

1935-41, in the latter year being Warden of Dufferin. He was again reeve from 1946-51.

??he congregation of Christ Church Whitfield is endeavouring to repair the cemetery and is seeking the public's help. On Sunday, June 23, a public meeting will be held at the church at 2 p.m. to discuss the project.

?? special meeting of Shelburne Council was held in the Clerk's Office on June 4th. A motion was passed that leave be given to introduce a bylaw for the purpose of issuing a debenture to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the sum of $35,693.68 for a sewage pumping station, lagoon, outfall sewer and force main. A second motion authorized issuing of debenture for $50,000 for an addition to Centre Dufferin District High School.

10 YEARS AGO

Friday, June 7, 2003

??helburne's much-awaited No Frills Grocery Store will throw open its doors to the public on Thursday morning. The 32,000-square-foot store, to be operated by John and Lin Thompson, will open at 9 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:45.

??ufferin County's Community Services has a high profile in terms of its new and prominent location on Broadway and the fact that it included 10 programs under one roof. Among them is the Ontario Early Years Centre, formerly known as the Family Resource Centre, which offers many programs, ranging from a drop-in for parents and children, to a toy lending library, to organized workshops on a wide range of topics.

??ntario Premier Ernie Eves cut the ribbon Friday to official open the Sunrise Centre at the Headwaters Health Care Centre. Headwaters is the first hospital in the province to work with its community partners to develop a complete medical/legal treatment centre for victims of violence.

??s many as 235 persons, some with nine years of service, will lose their jobs for possibly six months, as a result of Canam Manac's, decision to cease operations, ?temporarily,? in the Orangeville van plant, as of July 10.

??he provincial government has announced that it will invest $34,000 in the Vicki Barron Lakeside trail, at the Island Lake Conservation Area, to promote the Conservation increased tourism and to create more opportunities for residents to enjoy nature. In making the announcement, Premier Ernie Eves said the Government ?believes in promoting active lifestyles, protecting the environment and building stronger communities.?

??lementary school teachers in Wellington and Dufferin will have a little extra money to spend this summer. The Upper Grand District School Board and the Elementary School Teachers Federation of Ontario have agreed to a one-year extension to their existing contract, with pay increases retroactive to September 2002. The salary increases provided in the settlement are 2.5% on September 2002, 1% on February 1, and 0.7% on July 31.