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The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, May 20, 1910

Undignified.

Lord Kitchener's failure to visit Canada during his recent trip through the States is being made the subject of a good deal of unfavorable comment in some quarters, and Kitchener is being asked to explain his conduct in ignoring this country. Why an explanation should be considered necessary is not at all clear, nor is it clear why Canadians should care whether Kitchener visits them or not. Anyway, to raise a fuss about a possible slight is undignified. Everybody has a perfect right to go about his business without any questions being asked. If Kitchener had any reason for passing Canada by, that is his business. If he is displeased at anything Canada has done or hasn't done, let him wait until he gets pleased again. Canada is just as big and just as important as he is. If he has actually and intentionally slighted her, which is extremely doubtful, he thereby loses a portion of whatever greatness he may possess, and any fuss on Canada's part is made all the more ridiculous.

Comet Passes Quietly.

Well, the eighteenth—and nineteenth—of May have come and gone, and no damage by the comet is yet reported. Wednesday was the date fixed by the scientists for the earth to pass through the tail of the comet, and for anything remarkable or disastrous to happen that might happen as a consequence; but the day passed without anything more startling or unpleasant occurring than a rain-storm, which, instead of being a calamity, was a blessing, totally undisguised. It was beginning to be needed.

Now that the comet has passed, heads of households who succeeded in having housecleaning postponed will have to submit to the inevitable.

The comet will be visible for a few evenings in the western sky, after sundown, and will gradually diminish in brilliancy as it continues on its protracted journey. What comets are, why they are generally in such a hurry, and what purpose they serve, nobody appears to know. Halley's comet has passed the earth forty-eight times in history without creating any disturbance, but that it could travel through space for that length of time, at the tremendous speed it does, without hitting something, appears miraculous. It seems reasonable to suppose that meteoric stones are fragments of heavenly bodies that have interfered with a comet's plans, or possibly pieces of a comet that has become mixed up in some celestial catastrophe. Astronomers have an unlimited field for research—or speculation, notwithstanding all that has been discovered since men's minds were first turned toward studying the wonders of the heavens.

Government Should Own Telephone Lines.

Axel Hultman, director of state telephones, of Stockholm, Sweden, and Hermann Olsson, engineer of the central administration, are in Canada for the purpose of examining the automatic telephone system which has been installed at Peterborough, Brantford and elsewhere. The Swedes are an enterprising people, and want the best there is. In Sweden the government owns the trunk lines, and there is no monopoly. Government ownership is so satisfactory there that Mr. Hultman strongly urges its adoption in Ontario. In Sweden all the main routes are underground, and there are no poles on the streets. Mr. Hultman evidently regarded the instruments in use in Toronto as antiquated. With those used in Sweden hearing is much clearer, the combination microphone and speaking phone being used. Mr. Hultman estimated the number of farmers' phones in use in Sweden at

much above 30,000. The fact that the government operates the trunk lines is the greatest boon to the farming population. He emphasized this point as respecting Ontario. "The government should have the trunk lines."

The Poor Beggar.

Cobalt Citizen.

A note of sympathy is sounded in the Toronto press over the hardships endured last week by the Minister of Public Works, the Hon. Dr. Reaume, in the course of a trip into this country. Dr. Reaume is reported by compassionate newspapermen to have tramped seven miles into Porcupine and on another occasion to have hoofed it three-and-a-half miles into South Lorrain from Silver Centre. Poor Beggar.

It is a pity that a few more complacent legislators from the Queen's Park could not be induced to undergo a somewhat similar awful experience. A very few miles of bush road, even though provided with a man to carry the traps and plenty of time to rest by the wayside, would illustrate very forcibly the difficulties under which the pioneers of the North Country are laboring, and might be followed by some good results.

The puffing Minister of Works is reported to have said that the walk would not have been so terribly arduous had the road been straight and the stumps perpendicular. This is very true, and it has been quite obvious for some time to the people of the North. It might be added that the trip would be still less arduous were the country opened up by a railroad. The people of Elk Lake and Gowganda, who have toiled machinery, supplies and ore over many miles of bush road for the past two or three years and who have been recently told that they are likely to continue to do so, are also satisfied that this would be the case were the country provided with this first of modern requisites of industrial success.

Address and Presentation.

On Friday evening, May 13th, the Parish Workers of St. James Church assembled at the home of Mrs. McGee, one of the members of the society, on the eve of her departure for the North West.

She was presented with an address, a case of silver and a toilet case. The address was read by the Rector, Rev. W. H. A. French, who remarked that he heartily endorsed every word contained there, and only wished the Parish contained many more of the same mental calibre as the member we are so soon to lose. The address was as follows:

Dear Mrs. McGee:

It is with deep regret that we the members of the Parish Workers contemplate your approaching departure from our midst to the Northwest of Canada.

From your long continued and faithful association with us in the work of St. James' Church, Fenelon Falls, from your valued services as being for many years treasurer of the Parish Workers, and from your warm steadfast support, we cannot but feel that the church and its parochial organizations is suffering a loss we shall feel for some time to come. Always ready, always willing, ever looking on the best side, always refusing to be discouraged, your presence and co-operation has been both a help and an inspiration to us all.

We ask you to accept our best wishes and earnest prayers for the prosperity and happiness of yourself, your husband and family in your new home, and pray the Head of the Church that He may be with you all in your journeyings and in your sojournings through this earthly life, and we beg of you to accept this case of silver and toilet case as a slight token of affection and esteem from your associates in the Parish Workers.

Signed on behalf of the members of the Parish Workers.

K. E. French, President,
E. H. Hand, Secretary,
Mrs. W. A. Bishop, } Committee.
Mrs. Townley, }

An appropriate reply was made by Mrs. McGee, who assured the members that she would ever remember the hours spent with them as among the happiest she had known. She thanked them for their kind expressions of affection and good will.

Refreshments were then served and a couple of hours spent socially before saying farewell to Mr. and Mrs. McGee and family.

Personal.

Mr. Geo. McGee is at the Falls this week getting ready to move his family to Lemberg, Sask.,

Mayor Begg and Mrs. Begg of Lindsay were in town this week.

Mr. Archie McKendry is home from Toronto.

Mr. C. Chadwick left on Saturday for Oshawa, where he has secured a situation with the Guy Carriage Co.

Mr. J. R. Graham is at the Falls for the summer.

Mr. Grattan Graham is home for holidays from the Toronto University.

Mr. Thos. Stanton, of Aurora, Ill., spent the week end with his brother, J. H. Stanton, at the Falls.

Mr. Richard Merriam, who has been attending Victoria College, Toronto, is home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Mitchell, and Mr. Wm. Cameron Sr., of Orillia, Wash., arrived at the Falls on Wednesday, and intend to reside here in future.

Boy Dies of Fright—Snake Coiled Round His Leg.

A twelve year old boy named Leo Mahoney, a son of Mr. Jas. Mahoney of Galway, while fishing in Dezzlin Lake, about six miles from Kinnmount, on Tuesday, glanced down and saw a large snake coiled around one of his legs, and died almost instantly of fright. A companion who was with him ran home and gave the alarm.

EXCURSION.

The Cambridge-st. Methodist church, Lindsay, will run the first excursion of the season to Rosedale, on May 26th, per Str. Otonabee.

HORSES.

Mr. Geo. Isaac shipped another nice string of twenty horses to the west on Tuesday. Still they go.

AUCTION SALE.

An auction sale of household furniture will be held at two o'clock on Saturday, May 28th, at the residence of Mrs. J. Twomey, Sr., on Louisa St. The sale will be without reserve. Terms cash. T. Cashore, auctioneer. See bills.

SCHOOL BOARD.

The school board met Wednesday evening of last week and engaged Mr. Cameron as principal of the continuation classes, at the same salary as last year. Mr. Robertson was appointed principal of the public schools, also at his former salary. A few accounts were passed.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The pastor will preach next Sunday both morning and evening. Subject a. m. "The Development of Life's Best." In the evening a special song service will be held. Instead of the sermon the pastor will give five minutes sermonettes, interspersed with music by the choir. All will be made welcome.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Friday, May 27th, at 2.30 o'clock, in Dickson's Hall. As this is the annual meeting for the branch, the election of officers will take place, making it necessary for all members to attend this important meeting.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A memorial service in honor of his late Majesty, King Edward, will be held in St. James' Church, Fenelon Falls, at 11 o'clock a. m. to-day (Friday), May 20th. The service will also be held in all the Anglican churches throughout the diocese at the same hour. On Sunday evening a special memorial sermon will be preached by the Rector, Rev. W. H. A. French.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

One of Mr. J. H. Stanton's well known photos of the river below the Falls here appears as "The Gorge, Niagara River," in a booklet received some months ago, advertising Niagara Falls, Muskoka Lakes and the Lake of Bays. How the mistake occurred is not known, and probably nobody is to blame. Attention is herewith directed to it for the purpose of putting prospective tourists right in the matter, and preventing them wasting time going to Niagara, to see the original of the photo. Fenelon Falls has Niagara beaten a block.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES.

At the request of the people of Kinnmount and associate congregations, Rev. John Ferry of Saskatoon has been appointed to that field indefinitely, or until such a time as a formal call can be arranged for.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Lindsay held on Tuesday Rev. C. S. Lord was elected Moderator.

Mrs. J. S. Northey, Miss McArthur, Miss Martin and Miss McKendry are attending the Presbyterial meeting at Uxbridge.

Burnt River.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Nichols on Tuesday, 17th inst, and elected the following officers: Mrs. Hodgson, President; Mrs. Pogue, and Miss Dodd, Directors; Mrs. Tinney, and Mrs. Suddaby, Auditors. The next meeting will be held in the Orange Hall on June 28th, when a delegate is expected to be present and give an address.

Mrs. Shatraw is ill with pneumonia, and Mrs. Robert Eldridge has an attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. Broderick, P. S. I., visited the school here this week.

A party of Buffalo gentlemen is visiting Mr. Waldron at the lead mine in Galway.

Archdeacon Warren of Peterboro will conduct service in St. Luke's Church next Sunday both morning and evening.

The congregation of St. Luke's Church at Burnt River will celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the church, on Tuesday May 24th. There will be a dinner served at 12 o'clock, tea and concert 25 cents, children 15 cents. A good programme of sports will be provided during the day. Everybody welcome.

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