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OBITUARY

HENRY EARL.

Mr. Henry Earl, of Millbrook, died on Thursday after a long illness. He was an old and highly respected resident of Cavan. Mrs. J. T. C. Lang of Peterboro, is a daughter.

CORA IDA TATE.

On Sunday Miss Cora Ida Tate, aged 28 years, died at her home in North Harvey after an illness of eight months, of tuberculosis. The young lady was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She enjoyed the best of health until about a year ago, when she contracted a cold at the exhibition in Toronto and was unable to shake it off. She was conscious to the last, and bid goodbye to her loving parents who have been waiting upon her night and day since Christmas. She was the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tate. The funeral on Thursday was largely attended. She was a member of the Methodist church.

WORK AT ROSEDALE.

Work at the Rosedale locks is progressing nicely. The gates will be in place by the end of the week. Dredge No. 7 is busy every day clearing out the channel. It is understood a

roadway is to be built on the southwest side of the cut all the way down to Cameron Lake, and the banks on both sides are to be sodded the whole length of the canal.

SUCCESSFUL AT QUEEN'S.

Fenelon Falls Gazette: We are pleased to note in the list of graduates of Queen's College at Kingston, in Saturday's dailies, the name of Mr. Alex. R. Lord, of Fenelon Falls, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. Lord is to be congratulated on the successful outcome of his studies.

BARN RAISING.

A most successful barn raising was held at the home of Mr. Nelson Hall, East Ops, Thursday afternoon. A couple of hundred farmers from all sections of Ops were present, and the huge structure was raised from the ground without a hitch.

The barn is 40x70, and is a modern building in every respect.

At the conclusion of the raising all sat down to a dainty dinner served by Mrs. Hall.

The barn was erected by Mr. Thos. Downey.

Thos. Hepburn was elected president of Preston Board of Trade.

The special committee that heard the Lumsden charges reported, recommending that they be dismissed.

Incidental Biographical Sketch of a Well-Known Lindsay Citizen

Having an idle hour or so in which to while away the time as suited him best, a representative of The Watchman visited a well known citizen, Mr. W. M. Robson, the other day with a view to having a quiet chat, and looking over some of that gentleman's interesting collection of oddities. He found the subject of this sketch seated in his "den" busily engaged in reading some recherche article in one of the leading magazines. The conversation which followed was of such an interesting nature to The Watchman that he, upon his arrival back at the sanctum, endeavored to pen out a short story relative to the life of this gentleman.

THE TOWN HAS CHANGED.

As one pauses to look backward to the years that, one by one, have brought us to the present day state of affairs, we become deeply impressed with the many changes that have taken place in our midst. Lindsay has undergone a lot of changes since the first day Mr. Robson settled here, for when he first knew what is now a thriving town of some 8,000 inhabitants it was just a comparative village like any of the little places in the county now. Mr. Robson has witnessed the growth, and did his share in making a small village more pretentious. When he first landed on Lindsay soil a large bush knoll was to be noticed in the village just where Mr. Rich. Sylvester's house now stands, and the whole south ward was quite countrified in appearance.

IT WAS BARREN LAND.

An interesting vein of Lindsay reminiscences of some of the earlier days could be told by Mr. Robson, but space forbids. When he decided to take up his abode in Lindsay, the town was surrounded by the forests, but the large and magnificent property on which Mr. Robson lives at present was nothing but a wilderness. It was a barren piece of land amid the forest. He purchased the property from Mr. E. D. Hand, who was at that time the proprietor of the Lindsay Advocate, and who is at the present time the proprietor of the Fenelon Falls Gazette.

PLANTED PRESENT TREES.

Always a lover of nature, and an horticulturist and floriculturist, Mr. Robson proceeded then and there to plant trees and shrubbery, and as a result he has to-day one of the finest grounds in the country, a beautiful, verdant garden and a property covered with magnificent, well-shaped trees. He planted every tree on the property with his own hands, and if he made any money in his early days he did not permit it to rest, but kept developing his fine garden—a garden which at the present time is acknowledged to be one of the best in the province.

Mr. Robson's fruit has been awarded many a valuable prize. He has placed exhibits at some of the largest and best of shows, where the competition was keen, and invariably carried off prizes. Every year he exhibits at the Toronto Industrial with good success. Several samples of his fruit have been sampled by The Watchman staff from time to time, and all can vouch for its quality.

The advertising columns of a newspaper constitutes more than the hard commercial phase of a newspaper's existence. Apart from bargain sales and comparative values, and all that, there is the advertising matter to him who looks for it, much interesting reading. Especially is this so in the case of the advertising columns of old newspapers, from which time has effaced the last vestige of



EX-ALU. W. M. ROBSON.

President of the Lindsay Horticultural Society, and a well known citizen.

commercialism, leaving in bold relief the more romantic side of advertising matter, if it may be so called.

SOME FAMILIAR NAMES.

Hence it was that a glance through the advertising columns of the Old Lindsay Advocate, published during the year Mr. Robson came to Lindsay, viz., in 1886, revealed much that was of interest. In this tattered and time-worn newspaper are noticed the advertisements or cards of several of the ex-residents and business men of Lindsay. Among the county officials at that time were: County Judge, James Smith; Sheriff Neil McLougall; County Attorney A. LaCourse; barrister and master and deputy registrar, O. J. Mackay; Clerk of the County Court, William Grace; County Clerk, S. C. Wood; Clerk of Division Court, James McKibbin; Registrar, H. Dunsford; Crown Land Agent, G. M. Roache; W. Brown conducted a tailor shop, and William Boynton and G. Ferguson conducted two good hotels. Thos. Peall, who is still living in town, was the coroner, and Mr. James Lovell, also at present living in town, owned a harness store. Mr. E. D. Hand, now of the Fenelon Falls Gazette, ran the Lindsay Advocate, Dr. Martin was surgeon to the jail, and Dr. Kempt also practised here.



The Robson Store on Kent-st., now occupied by Mr. L. A. Primeau and Mr. W. Braund. Erected in 1871.

hardware store was run by Messrs. Drake & Foey; Geo. Crandell was proprietor of the Lindsay and Manilla stage line; Hugh Workman a livery stable; Chisholm & McRae, boots and shoes; Cluxton & Lundas, dry goods; James Lenihan, grocers; Robt. Spier, dry goods; L. McGuire, boots and shoes; Edward McFeely, hardware; John Anderson, undertaker; Cameron, Moss and Crde, money to loan.

FLOWERS AND THEIR RELATION TO US.

Being a lover of flowers, Mr. Robson prizes very highly the following extract from a paper written by himself, and read in Peterboro at an Horticultural Convention in 1894, it being an opinion on the status of flowers, or "Flowers and their Relation to Us": "Old as humanity; broad as the universe in their adaptation; deep as the expressions can give in the affections of the people; high as the heights of imagination can describe in their chastity, innocence, beauty and fragrance; emblematic of heaven's best gifts in their refreshing mission to the sick and suffering; enjoyable alike to the monarch and lowly peasant; poets and writers of all ages have vied in their lavish descriptions of their charms and influence; adapted to all states and conditions of life; expressive of human affection at births, marriages and deaths; woven in the victor's wreath, hurled in grateful tribute to valor, patriot, statesman or orator, who may captivate "by deeds of daring or thrill with eloquence," talisman of love and sincerity to youth and maiden; pleasing and refreshing reminiscence to maturity and age; to all refining and inspiring, exhaling delightful perfumes, falling like rich incense on this earth, soothing human sorrow, exalting and ennobling character, touching a responsive chord in the heart of gratitude and praise to the Giver of all good for these types of divine influence. Surely such qualities cannot fail to enlist our affections and command our care and attention to the most unassuming of those gems. As it did Scotland's greatest lyric poet to the modest mountain daisy.

INTERESTING SCRAP BOOK.

Mr. Robson does not keep a diary from day to day, but nevertheless he has his hobbies as well as the rest of us, and apart from being a hobbyist in regard to flowers, etc., he likes collecting oddities, not ancient postage stamps or battered and badly-punctured coins, but rather some gems of poetry or prose, nut-cracking conundrums, mental puzzles. He has a large scrap book, also a large drawer, crammed full of stuff, which the reporter only got a glimpse at, but it no doubt contains many other oddities. The book contained many pictures or photos of some of the most distinguished horticulturists, prominent men of the days—past and present—pictures of highly colored fruits, etc.

HIS OPINIONS IN PRINT.

Communications galore, letters written to the press of Lindsay and to other journals on subjects, chiefly having to pertain to the welfare of the town, are neatly pasted in this album, and invariably these communications are signed by either the initials "W.M.R." or his name in full. A scan of the captions over these articles shows that he has written on the following subjects: "Municipal Affairs," "Good Roads," "Parliamentary Matters," "Fire Hall Site," "Review of Current Topics," "Trip to the Fruit Belt, Niagara Peninsula," "Town Lighting," "Town Insurance Troubles," "Horti-

cultural Society Work," "Police Matters," "Granolithic Walks," and numerous others.

He has also in his possession a number of momentos which he obtained in England, France, Australia and Germany, which he prizes very highly.

POEM FOR ARBOR DAY.

Among various other poems in Mr. Robson's album the following was noticed, and he stated that he thought it would be very suitable to be sung at the closing of all horticultural society meetings or on Arbor Day. It is sung to the tune of the national anthem:

God save this tree we plant;
And to all nature grant
Sunshine and rain,
Let not its branches fade,
Save it from axe and spade,
Save it for joyful shade—
Sheltering the plain.

When it is ripe to fall,
Neighbored by trees as tall,
Shape it for good,
Shape it to bench and stool,
Shape it to square and rule,
Shape it for home and school,
God bless the wood.

Lord of the earth and sea,
Prosper our planted tree,
Save with Thy might,
Save us from indolence,
Waste and improvidence,
And in Thine excellence,
Lead us aright.

—by Henry Hanby Hay.

HAS TRAVELLED MUCH.

By birth Mr. Robson is an Englishman, and at times traces of the bull-dog British nature are noticeable. At the age of twenty he left the Old County for France, having first secured the necessary passport to enter the land of the Fleur de Lis. At the time Napoleon III was on the throne and it was the year France held her first exhibition, 1855, also notable for the taking of Sebastopol. Mr. Robson followed his trade of a moulder for some time, and then decided to leave the country, it again being necessary to have a permit. During the time he lived in France owing to the troublesome times he had to carry around with him all the time a workman's book, he which was given in detail a description of himself. It also contained the laws of the time, which he was called upon to strictly observe. This relic he still possesses, together with valued testimonials.

After eight months spent in France he decided to return to his native heath, but not long afterwards the lure of the gold fields enticed Mr. Robson to go to Australia to seek his fortune. He commenced to dig for gold and also for his living, and in a measure was successful, handling considerable of the yellow dust. He settled in Ballarat and was residing there when the famous gold Welcome nugget was found, one of the largest and most valuable in the world.

CAME TO CANADA.

Once more he returned to England and after remaining there a year he set sail for Canada. It was a long rough voyage, and he was glad when he was safely landed on terra firma. He first settled in Clarke township, County of Durham, and for a long time worked in the village of Bowmanville. Mr. Robson came to Lind-

in the year 1866 and proceeded to follow the occupation of a moulder, but shortly afterwards he went to Fenelon Falls for the purpose of starting a foundry, and then again was induced to return to Lindsay on the promise of entering into partnership with Mr. Dobson, the foundry being situated where the present McCrae foundry is located. Mr. Robson came to Lindsay after the "big fire" devastated a large portion of the town, and he has lived here ever since.

ENTERED GROCERY BUSINESS.

Quitting the moulting, Mr. Robson went into the grocery business, his first store being located on William-st. north, which was burned down. He then moved to Kent-st., where he built and located in the premises now occupied by Mr. L. A. Primeau, and he himself had the Beaver sign, which is still on top of the building, placed there. Some years later Mr. Robson built the Robson block on Kent-st. west, in which block his son, Mr. Ed. Robson, is still doing a brisk and profitable business.

IN TOWN COUNCIL.

Mr. Robson has always displayed an active part in municipal affairs, and for seven or eight years sat around the council board. He also was a member of the County Council for a couple of terms.

For a number of years he has been identified with the Lindsay Horticultural Society, and at the present time is President of the same.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

Mr. W. M. Robson fondly anticipates a "Greater Lindsay," with a mixed and industrious population, the banks of the winding Scugog lined with solid-looking brick buildings with tall chimneys; the streets nicely paved with beautiful extending and far-reaching boulevards. That's it—the keynote of Mr. Robson's hopes. An enthusiastic gardener, a lover of the beautiful, and a horticulturist of no mean repute, he honestly believes that in the near future Lindsay is bound to go ahead, and along the lines of beautification, as well as commercial lines, Mr. Robson has at different times made many valuable suggestions in regard to civic beauty, and if the town ever does take steps towards out and out beautification, and if the heights in the vicinity of the town wharf and the McDonnell estate are ever made a park—a spot of beauty—he will be regarded as the father of the scheme. Mr. Robson some time ago devoted

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EARLY CLOSING

Beginning April 30 the office of The Watchman will close each Saturday Afternoon during the summer months at 3 o'clock p.m. Parties having business to transact will please make a note of this.

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