

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1908.

Last Year the Best Season in Trent Canal's History

ANNUAL REPORT OF LOCKMASTERS ON THE TRENT VALLEY WATERWAY—LARGER NUMBER OF LOCKAGES THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS—SOME INTERESTING COMPARISONS.

The returns from the various lockmasters on the Trent Valley Canal have been received by the superintendent, Mr. J. H. McClellan. These returns show the number of lockages and amount of traffic generally that passed through the different locks during the past season. The comparisons show that 1907 was the busiest year in the history of the Trent Canal.

Hydraulic Lift Lock, Kirkfield.

Wm. Jobe, Lockmaster. This is the second year that the Kirkfield hydraulic lift lock has been operated, and notwithstanding the fact that there is no through route to Georgian Bay as yet, and there is nothing to demand very much traffic on the Lake Simcoe-Balsam Lake Division of the Canal, there has been, nevertheless, a slight increase in the number of lockages this year. The following table will show the number of lockages at the Kirkfield hydraulic lift lock during the past season.

Table with columns: Stms., Sm., Bts., Scs., Rfts. for various months from May to November.

Lindsay Lock.

John Makins, Lockmaster. This is well known the Lindsay lock is on the main line of the Trent Canal, being on the Scugog River and affording a means of navigation from Perry and points on Lake Simcoe to the main line of the canal. A record of the lockages during the past years at Lindsay is as follows:

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Buckhorn Lock.

R. T. Hill, Lockmaster. Buckhorn lock connects Lovesick Lake and Buckhorn Lake. A splendid new concrete dam has been constructed at this point. The total number of lockages during the past year at Buckhorn was 1,073.

Bobbycaygon Lock.

John J. Walker, Lockmaster. The lockages at Bobbycaygon during the past year totalled 826, a slight decrease over the number of lockages during the preceding year. It might be noted, however, that this decrease is not in connection with the steam traffic, but in the matter of the number of scows that were locked during the past year, and also in the matter of the number of rafts. In 1907 the number of rafts passed through at Bobbycaygon totalled 74. The number of steamboats passing through this lock during the past year showed an increase of 25 over the season of 1907.

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Lovesick Lock.

W. McFarlane, Lockmaster. The following table shows the number of lockages at Lovesick during the past season:

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Rosedale Lock.

A. Sackett, Acting Lockmaster. Substantial new lock, much larger than the old wooden lock formerly at this place, is now being completed. A splendid new concrete dam is also being constructed at Rosedale. Balsam Lake, just above the Rosedale lock, constitutes the summit waters of the Trent Canal. From Balsam Lake the waters of the Trent Canal flow eastward to Lake Ontario. While the artificial stretch from Balsam Lake to Lake Simcoe carries a very slight portion of the water from Balsam Lake to Georgian Bay.

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Fenelon Falls Lock.

W. T. Junkin, Lockmaster. The following report from the lockmaster at this point shows the volume of traffic through Fenelon Falls lock during the past season:

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Young's Point Lock.

P. P. Young, Lockmaster. Young's Point still maintains the proud position of being the busiest lock on the entire Trent Canal. Each year the number of lockages show an increase over the preceding year and during the past season the number of lockages at this point totalled 2,130.

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Burleigh Falls Lock.

J. C. Bates, Lockmaster. The lockages at Burleigh Falls during the past season showed a slight increase over the number of lockages during the season of 1907, as will be seen by the following table:

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Table with columns: Total number of live stock, Stone, cords, Title, Comparison for past five years.

Peterboro Hydraulic Lift Lock. H. W. Gillespie, Lockmaster. The traffic at the Peterboro Hydraulic Lift Lock during the past year shows a steady improvement. Each year since the opening of the lift lock in 1904, the number of lockages has steadily increased.

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Wm. Collins, Lockmaster. The traffic through the Peterboro Lock does not at the present time indicate the volume of traffic down the Otonabee River to Rice Lake, as it did some years ago, before the Peterboro Street Railway Company extended its line to just below the locks.

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John H. McWilliams, Lockmaster. This lock is known as Lock No. 1 of the Peterboro-Lakefield section. In former years the traffic through this lock was almost exclusively freight, but during the past season the Otonabee Navigation Company ran a passenger boat from Peterboro to Stony Lake each day, which has brought up the total number of lockages from 539 in 1907 to 888 during the past year.

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John Tracy, Lockmaster. This is a lock that is not much used owing to the fact that there is nothing to attract traffic between Hastings and Healey's Falls.

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The above list of locks does not by any means constitute the entire number of locks on the Trent Canal. For instance, on the Lake Simcoe-Balsam Lake division there are five locks between Lake Simcoe and the Kirkfield Hydraulic Lift Lock, of which no mention is made above.

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Prof. C. A. Zavitz in discussing the value of alfalfa at the Winter Fair, stated that it was interesting farmers throughout all Ontario. The hay from this crop contains 11.4 per cent. protein in comparison with 6.4 per cent. in red clover, and 12 per cent. in brans.

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Alfalfa is not as suitable for putting into the regular rotation as red clover, but it is well suited to rough fields, high land or fields far from the barn as it may be left standing for years. The one important essential, wherever grown, is a well-drained sub-soil.

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In preparing the soil for the crop the field must be well cleaned and must be entirely free from Canadian Blue Grass, as the alfalfa is not a good fighter during at least the first two years.

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Mr. Hy. Glendenning, of Manilla, in the discussion, spoke against pasturing alfalfa. He found the sowing of orchard grass in low parts of the field to be satisfactory as both will be ready for cutting at the same time.

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SPECTACULAR SCENERY—BEAUTIFUL COSTUMES—DELIGHTFUL MUSIC—CHARMING MARCHES—BRIGHT SONGS—AN INTERESTING PLAY—THIS, WITH A GOOD HOUSE, TELLS THE STORY OF "ALICE IN WONDERLAND" LAST MONDAY.

D. Hope Leonard's gorgeous spectacular production, "Alice in Wonderland," given Monday in the Academy by 250 boys and girls and young men and young women of Lindsay, under the auspices of the Sylvester Band, Lindsay, and under the direction of Miss Leonard, leaves those who attended a little doubtful as to the ability of language to adequately describe the beautiful costumes, the splendor of the situations, the charm of tuneful young voices, the beauty of the choruses and drills and the general exuberance of the production.

In the natural beauty of the sweet youngsters who took part, with the sound of delightful, fresh young voices in the ear, with the eye charmed by the beauty of the costumes and the scenic effects, and amused by the many laughable situations and the antics of the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, the March Hare, the Dormouse, and the other animals, one is perhaps apt to forget the skill and care, the watchful patience on the part of the director, that made it possible to place before the public so ambitious an effort without hitch or mar.

Every single participant in the event deserves special mention and special credit, for each and every part was splendidly taken. If natural inclination were followed this special praise would be given to each, but space would not permit. A few special numbers must of necessity be singled out for mention, and in doing this it must be understood that the rest of the programme was fully equal in interest and in charm.

Miss Helen Knowlson, as "Alice," lived the part, rather than acted, and there was much of charm in her unaffected presentation. Her singing, too, was much enjoyed for its sweetness and melody. Miss Theo. O'Loughlin made a charming Queen of Fairies, while Miss Annie Workman was perfection as the Queen of Hearts. The Duchess and her moralizing were delightful, while the peppery cook was bright and lively indeed.

The Jolly Sailors, the Flower Girls, the Jap Girls, the Fairies, the Elves, the animals—all were specially good. The marches, the dances, the drills, the choruses were perfection. The specialties were magnificent in conception and perfectly produced. Mother Goose and her Children simply brought down the house, while the choruses, "Achusa" and "The Bullfrog and the Coo" were specially pleasing. The coster solo, "All the Boys Look Good to Me," by Miss Dora Elliott, was a delightful number, and the motley gathering that joined in the chorus and dance received loud applause.

One of the most pleasing features was the rendering of song and chorus by pretty young girls in riding habits. This was exceedingly well done, and for real charm and sweetness would be hard to equal. In short, the whole programme was a succession of pleasing surprises in which all took their parts with consummate ability. The medley finale in which the double sextette took a leading part, concluded a magnificent programme.

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2 of Spades—Jack Alger. 5 of Spades—Bob English. 7 of Spades—Tom Trotter. King of Spades—A. Stevens. King of Clubs—H. McMullen. King of Diamonds—L. Blackwell. Queen of Spades—V. Milne. Queen of Clubs—G. Roenick. Queen of Diamonds—Phillis Workman. Three Jurors—Frank English, Wilfred Stinson, Bruce McCarly. Mother Goose—Irene Parkin. Mother Goose Children. Baby Bunting, E. Mills; Little Girl with Curl, K. Baker; I Like Cake, Grace Lewis; Higglety Pigglety, H. Duck; Tom, the Piper's Son, W. Davidson; Boy Blue, A. Davidson; Little Miss Muffit, K. Walters; Cry Baby H. Houzer; Jack-be-Nimble, S. Terry; Paty Cake, L. Bell; Little Jack Horner, C. O'Loughlin; Mistress Mary, A. Blanchard; Goozie Gander, P. Letts; George Porgy, M. Walsh. March Girls. L. Murray, L. Brown, H. Skinner, K. Pepper, Lula Murray, O. Knowlson, H. Hungerford, V. Teevins, T. Dolby, R. Broad, I. Parkin, G. Roenick, M. Sadler, B. Begg, G. Skinner, B. Chard, V. Newsome, M. Alger, M. Morrison, B. Babeock, A. Young, E. Chord, T. O'Loughlin, W. Clendennan. Double Sextette. Misses E. Knowlson, M. Ross, M. Flood, O. Morson, M. Steers, A. Sylvester, and Messrs. Green, Stevens, Simpson, Sylvester, McGregor and Murdie. Fairies. G. Powers, C. Houzer, H. Cuthbert, M. Corran, L. Callaghan, H. Mills, M. Stamen, E. Skinner, Edna Roenick, Elva Roenick, C. Martin, R. Terry, J. Parkin, L. Barnes, C. Barnes, R. Moore, M. McCrohan, H. O'Neil, H. White, A. Killen, A. Duck, R. Shannon, A. Switzer, H. Newsome, L. McFadden, N. Bell, M. Perrin, M. Meehan, O. Meehan, A. Holtorf, L. Bailey, H. Crandell, D. Nichol, E. Hughan, A. Sullivan, A. Blair. Elves. V. Mills, G. Cuthbert, W. Scully, H. Rogers, J. Killen, T. Cuthbert. Sailors. J. Trotter, C. Mulvihill, J. Spratt, R. Benson, F. Bartlett, W. Alger. Japs. M. Woods, A. Sinclair, M. White, A. O'Connors, R. Gassien, M. McFadden. GOLD MEDAL FARMERS OF VICTORIA COUNTY. The Orillia Packett says—"It is sometimes charged against Farmers' Institute speakers that while they tell others the theory of agriculture, vorably with those of their neighbors. This cannot be said of Mr. J. Campbell, of Woodville, who is to be one of the speakers at the meetings next week, for some years ago he was awarded a gold medal for the best-farm in nine counties. This is perfectly true in regard to Mr. Campbell, and it is also just as true of a great many other scientific farmers of the district. Mr. Wm. Channon, of Oakwood; Mr. Henry Glendenning, of Manilla, and many others in this section who take a prominent part in Farmers' Institute and other work of similar nature, while they may not have gold medals to their credit, have anyway the gold medal style of farms that win approval for the scientific style of farming and prove that education and study in agriculture is as beneficial and useful as in other lines of endeavor.

MARRIAGES. JOHNSTONE-ADAMS—At 32 Cowan avenue, the residence of the bride's uncle, John Sinclair, B.A., on Wednesday, December 30th, 1907, by Rev. A. L. Geggie, Mary Scott, (Mazie), only daughter of Charles M. Adams, Esq., of Cobocok, to Henry Blackburn Johnstone, M. D., of Fenelon Falls. DEATHS. MANN—At his residence, 260 Huron-st., Toronto, on Wednesday, December 30, 1907, James T. Mann, of the Ontario Civil Service, in his 61st year.