

Life Story of Abraham Lincoln

The Career of the Martyred President by Rev. Dr. McMillan

Abraham Lincoln was the subject of an intellectual treat at St. Andrew's church school room Thursday evening by Rev. Dr. McMillan, formerly of Lindsay, and who has just recently been called to Halifax. Owing to the unfavorable weather conditions, the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been, but those who were present



REV. DR. McMILLAN

were delighted at the beautiful word picture of the life and labors of "Old Abe," the martyred president, whose name is revered and honored by all lovers of liberty and purity in life throughout the world.

Rev. Mr. Wallace occupied the chair and in a neat speech introduced the speaker of the evening.

Rev. Dr. McMillan sketched the life of this great American in a charming manner. Abraham Lincoln, he said, lived in obscurity on a farm in the State of Illinois until he was 39 years of age. His life was almost a series of failures. He enlisted in the Black Hawk war as a captain. He afterwards embarked in business as a merchant but it proved an ignominious failure. Next he branched out as a surveyor, but some one purchased his compass and chains.

He entered politics, but the bogey failure seemed to follow him. The Republican convention what strongly against him, but it did not in any way dampen his ardor or zeal. He was the ideal of the common people, and during his momentous political career he was only defeated once. He came into the limelight owing to his memorable debates with Stephen Douglas in 1858, and the report of his speeches finally electrified the Republican party. His brilliant speech afterwards at Cooper Union, N. Y., secured for him the Republican nomination for the presidency.

Rev. Mr. McMillan said that never was a man more misjudged. The members of his own cabinet thought him incapable. The generals he appointed despised him, and he was counted the ugliest and awkwardest man on the continent. However, he proved himself an able soldier and a statesman of superior sagacity, and vigor. The impression his grand character made is one of the greatest riches of his nation.

The speaker in splendid diction referred to the grand record of the martyred president during the trying years of the Civil War, where all the grand attributes of his character were brought into play, and where his transcendent genius and brilliant diplomacy figured so prominently. His untimely end at the hands of an assassin was touched upon by the speaker, who was tendered a hearty vote of thanks at the close of an admirable lecture by Messrs. Thos. Stewart and Duncan McDougall.

Work on the Locks

The work on the locks is progressing very rapidly, some twenty-five or thirty men being employed in tearing away the old structure. A coffer-dam is being built below the tramway and will soon be completed. Nearly all of the old locks have disappeared, having been torn away by the men.

Our Lindsay Market

The local market was fairly well attended on Saturday by both buyers and sellers. There was a large demand for butter and eggs, and these articles were picked up in a hurry. The following are the prices: Butter, 23c, 24c and 25c. Eggs, 18c. Cream, 30c quart. Turkeys, 18c per lb. Horse radish 20c bottle. Chickens, \$1.00 per pair. Hay \$12.00 and \$14.00.

Obituary

MRS. CHARLES NEIL.

The death occurred Thursday of Mrs. Annie Maud Neil, wife of Mr. Charles Neil, at the age of 40 years and 9 months. Deceased was a daughter of the late John Thorburn, of the township of Mariposa. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, one son and one daughter.

MRS. P. MULVANEY

On Saturday last one of our very oldest citizens, Katherine, wife of Mr. Peter Mulvaney, died at the good old age of 93 years. The deceased was born in Ireland, and being the wife of a soldier for years followed the fortunes of the camp. She was a strong woman, and only a few weeks ago she was able to be about town. Her illness was a short one. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock to St. Michael's church and cemetery, Cobourg.

Mrs. Mulvaney was a relative of Mr. Mulvaney, Mill St., Lindsay.

MRS. W. E. REA

The death occurred in Toronto on Saturday of Mrs. Rea, widow of the late W. A. Rea, formerly of Lindsay. The deceased lady whose maiden name was Miss Finch, was well known in Lindsay and Reaboro where the family lived for some years.

She leaves to mourn her loss four sons, Messrs. Barton, of St. Louis, Mo., Sheridan, Frank and Harry, of Toronto. A sister, Mr. Reynolds, of Toronto, and a brother, in St. Louis, are the other living relatives.

The late Mrs. Rea lived in Lindsay until about a year and a half ago.

The funeral took place to Riverside cemetery, on Monday, on the arrival of the C. P. R. train from Toronto, at 11:20 a.m.

WILLIAM ARKSEY.

Still another old resident of Ops has passed over to the great majority in the person of Mr. William Arksey, who passed away at the residence of his son, Walter, lot 21, con. 3, Thursday morning. The deceased was a native of Yorkshire, England. He settled in Mariposa fifty-two years ago. He is survived by his wife and son. In religion Mr. Arksey was an adherent of the Anglican church, and was a Liberal in politics.

THOS. A. GIFFORD.

The death took place in Pontypool on Saturday of Thomas A. Gifford, aged 41 years.

Deceased was a resident of Lindsay about sixteen years ago, having learned his trade as a saddle maker with Mr. J. A. Williamson. He afterwards lived in Toronto and Ottawa, travelling for a piano factory in the latter city for two years. When the South African war broke out the late Mr. Gifford enlisted as a saddle maker with the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and served a year.

The deceased, who was only one day ill, leaves behind him to mourn his loss a sorrowing wife and four children, Victor, of Ottawa, Carrie, of Toronto, and Jean and Marguerite, of Pontypool.

Mr. Gifford was a member of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows and of Fidelity Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Ottawa.

The funeral took place this afternoon from the residence of Mr. Peter Fisher, 45 Glenelg-st., at 2 o'clock. It was attended by the members of the local lodge, C.O.O.F., and Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, A. F. & A. M.

Wedding Bells

DAY-BOHNSTON.

A very pretty wedding ceremony was performed at the residence of Mr. Wm. Joffie, Cambridge-st., on Wednesday, May 5th, when Elizabeth daughter of Thomas James Johnston, Esq., of Haliburton county, was united in marriage to Mr. Albert Ernest Day, of Monmouth township. Rev. J. P. Wilson, pastor of Cambridge-st. Methodist church, was the officiating clergyman.

COLLINS-MURTHA

Downeyville, May 5.—A very pretty wedding took place at Downeyville on Tuesday, April 27, when Miss Agnes Murtha, daughter of Thomas Murtha, and Patrick Joseph, son of Patrick Collins, both of King's Wharf, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. Father McGuire performed the ceremony, and the wedding march was played by the organist, Miss Mollie Brien. The bride wore a very pretty dress of pale blue voile with yoke and trimmings of white lace, and hat of white and pale blue. She was assisted by Miss Katie Perdue, who wore a white dress and hat of white, with pale blue trimming. Mr. Joseph Flynn, nephew of the groom, was best man. After the ceremony the young couple drove to the bride's home. They will reside on the Collins homestead, King's Wharf. We wish them every happiness and a long life.

Architect's Report on Our Schools

Mr. Darrach Tells What Should be Done to Improve the Buildings.

The following is the report of Mr. N. R. Darrach, the architect who visited Lindsay a few days ago, and made a thorough inspection of our public schools and Collegiate Institute. The report in full is as follows:

To the Lindsay School Board:

As requested by your board, I have made a thorough examination of the collegiate institute, central school, and also the schools in the north and south wards of your town, and beg to report as follows:

First, as to the collegiate institute, I find it a very substantially built building and in a good state of repair, the weak point about it appears to be that proper provision has not been made for cloak rooms, and the stairways and corridors are too narrow; this cannot be overcome in building a wing to it. I understand your present immediate requirements to be an additional room for physical and chemical laboratory, and two additional classrooms. I beg to suggest the following solution of the problem, which the accompanying floor plan will make plain to you; the upper floor would be a repetition of the lower one.

This plan shows the west entrance vestibule removed, and a wing built to the west, containing on each floor one large classroom, principal's room, and one cloakroom, with lavatories on upper floor, the present staircase removed and front staircase made where shown within four or five steps of the grade line into a vestibule from which an easy stair leads to the basement, another short stair leads to the first classroom floor and stairs to the upper floor would return over this; these stairs to be about five feet six inches wide, each of which will be much better than your present stair. This arrangement will also give you another exit at the rear of the building.

I would suggest the following arrangement of rooms: Take two of the present rear classrooms on either the first or second floor for your physical and chemical laboratory, using one of the new rooms for the one given up, and the other new rooms for the class now occupying the top floor. Remove the library from the room it now occupies and place it in top floor and this will give the other needed classroom.

I considered the suggestion of one of your board of providing a gymnasium in the basement of the proposed new wing, and I find it is not a suitable place for the following reasons:

First—It requires a ceiling of about 16 feet or over.

Second—A room not less than 30x70 feet without any posts or columns, besides suitable dressing rooms, lockers, etc., would take up more space than is required for the rooms over and would be an expensive way of getting a gymnasium, besides the noise would be an objection. A separate building outside would be preferable.

This plan would not interfere with the present assembly room, which remains to be used as at present.

The cost of this wing and alterations, including the installation of a low pressure steam plant would be approximately \$10,500, as follows: \$7653 for building. \$2800 for steam heating plant.

As to the large central or union school, in my opinion it would not be wise to spend any money in an attempt to make a school building out of this that would come anywhere near fulfilling present requirements for the following reasons.

First—There is no basement under it and the front of the building is right down on the ground.

Second—On account of this and its peculiar shape it would be an endless job to underpin it, as well as a dangerous one.

Third—It will be impossible to get the proper window openings in walls, without removing the numerous pilasters and buttresses on the outside of the walls, and this would not only mar but weaken the walls.

Fourth—The entire roof would have to be removed; some of the walls raised higher, others lowered, and an entire new roof put on.

Fifth—Everything is wrong inside, halls too narrow, stairs too narrow and steep; walls would have to be removed to widen them, and rebuilt, floors replaced, doors changed and replaced with new ones; in fact, the whole interior would require to be rebuilt. Then after all this is done, and two thirds the price of a new building spent on it, you would have a building not suitable for the work for which it is intended, and a

building that you would find more costly to maintain and keep in repair than a new building would be, and altogether unsatisfactory in every respect.

I have therefore no hesitation in recommending as the proper and more satisfactory thing to do, the taking down of the entire structure and rebuilding on modern lines, using all old materials that are found suitable. All the old brick could be used in interior walls and the stone in the new basement walls, and the lumber, such as scantling, joisting, etc., could be used.

The cost of a new school building, faced with present brick and stone trimmings complete, with steam heating and lavatories for boys and girls would run as follows:

12 classrooms complete ... \$ 35,000
8 classrooms complete 24,000
4 classrooms complete 12,000
2 classrooms complete 5,000

The above estimate is based on our price for labor and materials here in our own city (St. Thomas) and it will not be much different in your own town, but should be a trifle less. I examined the north ward two roomed school, and find it a very poor building, not good enough to warrant the expenditure of sufficient money to make it even a second grade school.

The south ward school, while not a very good building, still is of such a shape that it can be improved. If it were higher above ground a basement might be put under it for lavatory and heating purposes. The other thing to do is to build out from the hall a small building, in which heating apparatus could be in the basement, lavatories on the ground floor, and the teachers room over, on the upper floor. Ventilating shafts would have to be built and rooms, being large, wardrobe screens could be placed in each room, thus providing clear rooms. No stairs would be required.

A vestibule built on front. All this, including low pressure steam heat, and lavatories for girls and boys, will cost about \$125 per classroom.

All of which is respectfully submitted by.

N. R. DARRACH, Architect.

Rode Automobile From St. Kitt's

Messrs. M. W. Robinson and Reub Sadler Bring Runabout Home for Mr. Wm. Sadler

Messrs. M. W. Robinson and Reub Sadler returned Threday from St. Catharines, where they purchased a 10 horse power Reo' automobile for Mr. Wm. Sadler, and made the trip home on the runabout without delay or the slightest accident.

They left the Garden City at 4.30 p. m. on Wednesday, reaching Hamilton at 7.10, where they remained until next morning. They took in the places of interest in the Ambitious city, including the Kinrade residence.

Leaving Hamilton at 9.35 Toronto was reached at 12.25. At 3.10 in the afternoon they bade good bye to the Queen City, and reached Whitby at 5.26 o'clock. At the stroke of six o'clock Messrs. Robinson and Sadler started the runabout Lindsaywards, and notwithstanding the storm, arrived in Lindsay at 9.50.

It might be stated in connection with this exploit, that it is Mr. Robinson's third trip from St. Catharines.

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A Very Enjoyable Queen-st At Home

Bible Class Has a Very Pleasant Time Tuesday Evening

An "at home" of Queen-st. adult bible class was given jointly by Mrs. Sid Morrison and by Mrs. W. H. Merrill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Morrison, King-st., Tuesday evening, which passed off very pleasantly, all enjoying a pleasant evening. The following programme was rendered:

Duet by Miss Stollard and Mr. Bickford.

Recitation by Mr. Johns, "The Daughter's Grief."

Duet by Mr. and Mrs. Howkins.

Reading by Miss Seymour, "Keeping the Faith."

Solo by Mrs. Rea.

Recitation—Mrs. Real, sr.

Duet by Mrs. Walters and Mr. Bickford.

Reading by Mrs. Sid Morrison, "Whistling in Heaven."

Solo by Mr. Bickford.

Reading by Mrs. Babcock.

Reading by Miss Jennie Fee, "Praying for shoes."

Instrumental by Miss Lucey.

Reading by Mr. Stollard.

Reading, "A job for an expert," by Miss James.

An imitation phonograph selection by Mr. Bickford, which was heartily enjoyed.

Instrumental by Miss Lucey. Recitation by Mr. Hughes. Reading the report of last social evening by the secretary, Mrs. Merrill.

Recitation by Mrs. Morrison.

During the evening, upon the suggestion of Mr. Smith, a vote was passed, exchanging greetings of the class with a class in the old land that Mr. Smith was interested in.

After refreshments were served and a short time was spent in social intercourse, a vote of thanks was passed, thanking Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Merrill for their pains in making the social evening a success. The evening closed by singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and prayer: by Mr. McWatters.

Had Paralytic Stroke

Mr. Peter Curtin, G. T. R. bridge carpenter, was the victim of a paralytic stroke on Thursday while on Russell-st., and Dr. Jeffers summoned. It was found that the right side of Mr. Curtin's body was completely paralyzed.

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