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MR. E. A. EDWARDS CANED LAST EVENING BY STAFF OF B. J. GOUGH'S STORE

From Thursday's Post.

Last evening the staff of Mr. B. J. Gough's clothing store were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Gough at their residence, Melbourne-st. After tea advantage was taken of the presence of Mr. E. A. Edwards, late manager of the store, to bid both he and his amiable wife farewell on the eve of their departure for Belleville. Mr. Edwards was the recipient of the following address, read by Miss M. Cain, as well as a handsome gold-headed cane, suitably engraved, the presentation being made by Mr Gough. The address was as follows:

"Dear Mr. Edwards:

We, the members of Mr. B. J. Gough's staff, have assembled here tonight to bid you farewell before your departure for the city of Belleville.

"Since our associations with you we have learned to admire and respect you for the manifold good qualities which you possess as well as the courtesy and kindness which you at all times displayed, not only in your relations with us, but with all those with whom, in a business capacity, you have come in contact.

"It is, we feel, no small tribute to yourself when it is realized that your genuine good nature and affability were most pronounced at a time

C. P. R. GRAIN LINE REACHES ORILLIA

Orillia Packet: As predicted in last week's issue, the C.P.R. rails reached Orillia on Friday afternoon last. The machine stopped operations just at the limits of the town, near Mr. A. R. D. Paine's, on Thursday evening. On Friday afternoon the last rail laying was continued as far as Couchiching Beach Park, and on Saturday the steel was laid along the esplanade. The advent of the railway was signalled on Saturday afternoon by the ringing of the town bell at 3.30 and by the blowing of the factory whistles, whose strings were tied down for fifteen minutes, at the request of the Mayor. The commotion thus created attracted the attention of the whole town, and people flocked to the lake front in hundreds to see the machine at work. It is an interesting sight. The rate at which the rails are laid is astonishing. The ties and rails are on flat cars. The rails are fed along one side of the train, and the ties along the other. There are separate gangs for each and men for every operation. A rail is laid every two or three minutes, and the train moves on along it. The splicing gang follows immediately after the train. Perfect organization thus makes possible the laying of a mile or more of completed track a day. Some of the old residents were heard comparing this method of laying rails with that in vogue when the Northern and Midland lines came into Orillia forty years ago. The machine is now as far as the cutting at the Hermitage, and will probably be to the narrows by the end of the week. The heaviest gang is nearing Couchiching Beach Park.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY FRIDAY'S STORM

Reports received from different parts of this district goes to show that Friday morning's electrical storm did considerable damage.

At Mariposa Township the residence of Mr. Nelson Weldon was struck by lightning as was also Mrs. Litchco's. Very little damage was done however.

A barn belonging to Mr. John O'Connor in East Ops was struck by lightning and a valuable horse was killed. The building sustained slight damage.

In Carden township Mr. Patrick McNaney had nine sheep and seven lambs killed during the storm.

In Douro township, Peterboro county a lad named John Cummings 15 years of age was killed by lightning. The unfortunate man has been in the employ of Mr. Martin Goughlin, lot 13 con. 5, Douro, About three, and a half mile from Douro church for a year past. He was working in the barn which was struck, and killed instantly. The barn was not burned but was badly shattered.

Lightning also made itself felt on the C. P. R. Construction work on the D'sillery Creek, when five of the men employed were stunned by a severe flash. They were not seriously injured however.

CATTLE RANCH IN SOMERVILLE

Bohycayen Independent.—Mr. Brodie was in town on Wednesday on his way home from his Somerville ranch where he has just left his second consignment of cattle. He has already placed about 200 head of cattle there this spring and reports them doing well. Mr. Brodie does a very large cattle business, mostly market cattle though he has a considerable number of thorough cattle on his ranch. The fluctuations in the stock trade are variable. Sometimes there is money to be made in buying sheep and cattle and then again they are imported from the States to better advantage. Last fall Mr. Brodie went to Winnipeg and bought six carloads of stock cattle for feeding through the winter and at present cattle can be taken to Winnipeg and sold to advantage. It requires a man of first class ability to be successful as a cattle raiser on a large scale, and Mr. Brodie is one of the leading men in the district in this particular line.

THE PETERBORO CHEESE BOARD

Review:—Of the twelve hundred and fifty-five cheese boarded at the meeting of the Cheese Board Wednesday, morning T. H. Thompson, a new buyer, purchased Keene, Shearer, Selwyn, Wareaw, C. Smith, Westwood Young's Point and Lang at 10c he being the high bid for the first selection, Gillespie started at 10c weir raised to 10c and Morton to 10 9-16. For the second selection Mr. Marton advanced a 10 9-16 bid to 10 5-8 and took the remainder of the board, Warrinster, Villiers, Oakdale, Daisy D., Maple Leaf, Myrtle, Ormond, Indian River, North Dummer, East Manly, Trevern, Norwood, Fleetwood, Killarney.

John Breckenridge, of Westwood, was elected 1st Vice-President, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of W. A. Anderson, who was elected at the annual meeting held in March.

COMMONS DISCUSSED GRANTHAM DIVORCE

Ottawa, May 15.—The unusual spectacle of a divorce bill being discussed on the floor of Parliament was witnessed when the Bill for the relief of Gertrude Mary Grantham came before the committee of the whole for consideration. The Bill was favorably reported by the Senate, but the commons private bill committee hesitated on the ground that the evidence was entirely of a hearsay character.

The petitioner is a daughter of Sir William Mackenzie, Toronto, and Sir Alan Aylesworth said he was not astonished that the private bills committee should have hesitated before reporting the bill. The evidence was entirely hearsay and consisted of the testimony of the wife, the defendant's doctor and Sir William Mackenzie to the effect that Grantham had confessed to misconduct. The minister of justice pointed out that while there was no collusion between the wife and husband suggested, it was possible that the defendant might have boasted of his affairs with other women in order to get the wife to sue for divorce.

Mr. Barber, of Hamilton, took an entirely different view, as did Mr. E. M. Macdonald, of Picton, who urged that the house should be very careful in sitting aside the judgment of the senate divorce committee, and the senate itself, which has passed this bill. Mr. Lancaster supported Mr. Aylesworth on the ground that to grant divorce on such evidence would be a bad example to young married couples. He also regretted that divorce was getting to be such a favorite fashion.

Mr. E. D. N. argued that the evidence in the case was such as was always accepted and the bill passed on years and days.

NAVIGATION NOTES

Fenelon Falls Gazette: The report and charcoal men of the Standard Chemical Company's mill at the Falls, requested a raise in their wages from a dollar and a half a day to a dollar and seventy five cents, and signified their intention of quitting work on Saturday, if the increase were not granted. The Company shut the mill down on Saturday, but for what length of time it will be closed is not certain, neither is it known whether the shut down is due to the request for higher wages or not.

COTTAGE BURNED AT SANDY POINT

Mr. Cluxton's cottage at Sandy Point was destroyed by fire about mid-day on Wednesday this fire is supposed, having run through the dead fields at back of point being on fire.

It was furnished ready for occupation. The cottage was erected by Mr. Cluxton 41 years ago, and was the first summer cottage built on what were then called the Black Lakes. The store and boat house was not destroyed. It is an interesting landmark removed and has associated with it many memories of pleasant summers.

BAD FIRE IN MINDEN TOWNSHIP

Minden, May 22.—Friday last was very windy and the weather being dry fire sprang up from unexpected sources and burned furiously. Near Peterborough in the north of Minden township a fire got a start and before it had finished burned two barns and twenty cord of wood. The barns belonged to Messrs Pitterly and King, whose barns adjoin. In Snowden township Mr. Arthur Stroiar's dwelling place and all its contents and about fifty cord of wood were burned

REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL CORONATION CONTINGENT LEAVE TOWN MONDAY

On Monday morning Sergeants Russell Henley, Thos. Edward Prestige of Lindsay and Mitchell of Ormeme, the three representatives from the 45th Regiment on the Coronation contingent will leave Lindsay.

On their arrival in Toronto they will en-train on the 7.30 Special for Point Levis Quebec where they will drill until June 2nd. They will then sail on the Empress of Ireland for England.

The trio are worthy representatives of the 45th Regiment each one of them being every inch a soldier.

Sergeant Henley, youngest of the trio is attached to No. 1 Co. 4th Regt. He has had six years experience and is a splendid type of a Canadian soldier.

Sergeant Mitchell is attached to No. 4 Co. Ormeme, and has been a member of the regiment for or five years. He will make a splendid representative of our volunteer force.

Sergeant Prestige, during the South African war served under General Redvers Buller. He was attached to the Royal Army Medical corp of the Irish Brigade, with the celebrated, Connaught Rangers, Sergeant Prestige figured in all the battles of Buller's bloody campaign and has a most creditable record.

PICTON DISTRICT FAVORS UNION

Picton, May 17.—The proposed basis of church union between the Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists meets with the strongest favor of Picton district of the Methodist church. Picton district embraces the largest churches, and largest charges throughout this county. At the annual meeting held today the vote went 17 to 1 in favor of church union, and the subject in debate received the warm support of ministers as well as laymen. The resolution will go on to conference.

BAD FIRE IN NORTH HALIBURTON

Bohycayen Independent.—Word has been received from Mr. Wm. Arnberg at Eagle Lake North Haliburton describing the loss to himself and brother John of their entire place by fire, on Friday last. A heavy north-west gale drove a fire right across their clearing of forty acres sweeping everything, house barns, contents, fences.

They took some of the contents out of the house but it was only to have it burned in the field. A threshing machine and all their farm implements were destroyed, besides about \$400 worth of logs cut last winter and on the sled-ways. Their Uncle John also lost some of his fences and the fire swept on through the woods for a considerable distance. It is a serious loss to the young men, but they have lots of nerve and pluck and will soon recover themselves and be in a better position than ever.

WILL VOTE ON CHURCH UNION

Toronto Telegram: Now that a federal union proposition has been raised by some Presbyterians rather than organic union of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches, the question will be put to a vote at all the Methodist annual conferences. Each decision will be sent to the General Conference Special Committee. Each minister and layman appointed at the Conference will vote.

TEN NEW MODEL SCHOOLS PROPOSED

It was announced yesterday afternoon by the education department, that to meet the difficulty caused by the scarcity of teachers, ten additional model schools would be opened. Their location will be announced in a few days.

It is emphatically denied that the department is in any respect responsible for the scarcity of school teachers, which is attributed to the continuous and increasing demands from the west.

ANNUAL MEETING LINDSAY DISTRICT

This morning the annual meeting of the Lindsay District of the Bay of Quinte Conference of the Methodist church was opened in the Cambridge-st. Methodist church with a good attendance of lay delegates, and clergymen.

Rev. J. P. Wilson, officiated as chairman, and opened the meeting with Rev. R. Burns, of Ormeme, as secretary.

A committee was also appointed to examine the schedules.

This morning's meeting was wholly ministerial. A number of probationers were continued on trial and those who were superannuated were continued under superannuation.

Mr. Harold Graham has withdrawn as a probationer, and placed his resignation before the district.

The general meeting of the district is being held this afternoon.

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