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The Passing Of S. L. M. Luke

The death of S. L. M. Luke at the county house of refuge on Monday of last week brought to a final close a stormy career and one that bears its lessons. The old man was well known to all the older generation throughout the southern part of this county. In late years he acted as agent for a nursery firm, and thus eked out a precarious livelihood, but enough for his modest wants when combined with the good offices of many good Samaritans of his acquaintance.

S. L. M. Luke was, in the early days of this county, a strong and intellectual specimen of young manhood, with good education, and gave promise of a useful life, but a great tragedy took place in his career which entirely altered the course of events and made of him but a shadow, a travesty, of his former self. Of late years he has been called a tramp, a pariah, and other hard names, but let us be careful how we judge him. Rather, let us cast the mantle of charity over him, now that he has gone to atone for his deed. And who can say that he has not been atoning all these years?

The event to which we refer occurred in Durham on the early morning of Saturday, December 19, 1863. At that time Mr. Luke was publisher of the Durham Standard, which he had started in 1859. His wife was a Miss Mary Ann Johnson, whom he married in 1850, and by whom he had two sons—Montgomery Sheridan, andLlewelyn.

On the morning of December 19, 1863, between 12 and 1 a.m., Hugh McKay, John Riddell, James Roiley, Abraham Feather and James Feather, went into McKay's hotel in Durham. Luke was in the bar room. All were more or less under the influence of liquor, and a row occurred. Luke left and went down town. Later the bunch of revelers started for Galbraith's hotel in lower town and just after crossing the bridge encountered Luke, dressed in regimental garb and carrying an Enfield rifle with a bayonet on it. Luke struck Riddell on the side of the head and stunned him. He also jabbed at Riddell with the bayonet. He then said if anyone came near him he woul shoot him. At that moment one Seth Barnes, who was returning to town from Bentinck, happened along and went towards Luke, taking hold of the bayonet and pulling it off. At that moment the gun was discharged. The others then jumped on Luke and bore him to the ground. Barnes then went to the side of the street and leaned against a post saying, "Boys, I'm shot," then fell to the ground. Luke was arrested and stood trial on the charge of murder, but the jury decided that the shooting was accidental and he was acquitted. Barnes was taken to Galbraith's hotel. Dr. Gunn was called but the wounded man only lived a few hours. The bullet entered the abdomen and tore away a piece of the hip bone. As Dr. Gunn deposed in his evidence, it looked as though the shot was fired at random.

These are the facts regarding this sad case, as gleaned from the evidence given before Magistrate James Edge on the day following the trial. The original copy of this evidence is in our possession.

Luke did not remain long in Durham after the tragedy, selling out his paper to White & Johnston, young men working in the office. Since that time Mr. Luke has been but flotsam on the sea of time, tossed hither and thither by his appetite for strong drink. He was not a vicious man; he was inoffensive where honor was concerned and hated sham in any form, but his life was embittered. Years ago he was a powerful writer on political topics, but in later years lost his balance and indulged in such caustic criticism and bitter invective where politics were concerned that no newspaper could admit his matter to its columns. Just how much of this degeneration was due to the tragedy described above the public has no way of knowing, and no method of weighing the right or wrong or gauging the amount of remorse or suffering experienced by this unfortunate man. As we said before, the mantle of charity should be cast over his grave. The lesson he gave us is plain enough to read. He was born on the 30th day of May, 1832, and would consequently have been eighty years of age had he lived until next May.

We have gone thus extensively into this case because everybody who knew S. L. M. Luke knew that he had killed a man, but few, very few, people living today knew the circumstances. Luke was, himself, the sole surviving individual of the principals in that dark night's tragedy of fifty-two years ago.

Eugenia

Miss Evelena Smith spent the past week with friends in Markdale.

Mr. William Hugh O'Brien of Yellow Grass, Sask., visited his friends in Eugenia the past week.

Quite a number around here are suffering with severe colds.

Mrs. Frank Thompson has returned home from her visit with friends in Chatsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jamieson of Port Law were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McMaster the past week.

Miss L. Bellamy of Flesherton was the guest of Miss R. Paul over Sunday.

Mrs. Rusk and Mr. Sankin of Ravenna visited Eugenia friends on Sunday.

Married—Tuesday Feb. 6, 1912, at 8 o'clock, at Mr. John K. Jamieson's residence, his eldest daughter, Grace, to Mr. Edward Hillick of Maxwell.

Mr. Bert Graham has gone on a visit with friends in Parry Sound.

Mrs. Woodburn is visiting friends in Flesherton this week.

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Riverdale

Weather probabilities: Stormy.

Rev. Mr. Beveridge of Rocklyn and Mr. McArthur of Beaverdale were visitors in this vicinity last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee visited friends at Blantyre.

What has occurred to our bright, breezy S. L. A. correspondent? Nothing doing in your progressive vicinity? Sure there is. Let us hear about it next week.

We regret to report that one of Euphrasia's early and respected settlers, Mr. D. R. Ellis, is ill at present at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. Erskine.

An up-to-date hot-air furnace was recently installed in our public school by W. S. Perkins of Markdale. We hope that a piano will be adorning the class room in the near future.

Mr. John Stephenson returned from Toronto on Saturday after spending a delightful vacation with friends in that city. Distance lends enchantment to the view, John.

A number from here attended the concert at Kimberley on Friday evening.

Found in a snowdrift in Riverdale one day last week, a pair of socks. The owner is hereby requested to call and remove the same immediately, or they will be destroyed. By order of the Riverdale Board of Health.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather and procrastinated arrival of machine repairs, lumber sawing operations at the Riverdale lumber works have been temporarily suspended.

Our accomplished schoolma'm, Miss Edith Scott, made a few professional calls in North Riverdale last week.

The professional trappers, who early last fall predicted a very inclement winter, deducing their accurate conclusions from the unusual length and thickness of the fur of fur-bearing animals, have assuredly made a beautiful hit.

Mr. Harry Burns of Beaverdale and F. Nolan of Markdale were the guests of the Misses Laura and Winnie Johnston on Sunday.

The Riverdale Imperial Checker League, which is in a promising condition at present, has pleasure in extending a cordial invitation for a checker "Waterloo" to the members of any foreign checker association who have the charming audacity to drop into our burg.

Maxwell

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday, when the Maxwell Methodist Sunday School went for a sleigh ride and then returned to the hall and were given a good supper, when about one hundred sat down and an enjoyable time was spent.

The Advance would like to get a correspondent at Maxwell. There are plenty of intelligent people living there who could easily give us a fortnightly budget of news. Who will do it?

Kimberley Budget

When is that January thaw coming?

Don't forget the ice carnival here on Friday night of this week. Flesherton band will be in attendance.

Squire Stuart spent a few days during the past week in Collingwood looking after his real estate interests.

Misses Andy, Earle, and Miss Lizzie Robinson of Dundalk, were the guests of Mr and Mrs. George Hutchinson during the past week.

Miss Hoy of Clarksburg is the guest of her friend, Miss Myrtle Camack.

On Sunday morning last the pulpit of the Methodist church was ably filled by Mr. P. A. McAslin of Heathcote.

Miss Lily Curry of Rocklyn spent last week the guest of her friend, Miss Sadie Plewes.

Messrs. Alexander Acheson of Harkaway, W. H. Johnston of Marchand, Man., and George Nesbitt of Saskatchewan were the guests af Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchinson during the past week.

At the inaugural meeting of Grey Co. Council Reeve W. T. Ellis of Euphrasia was elected chairman of the most important committee, viz., Finance and Assessment. Mr. Ellis is also a member of some two or three other committees. We offer congratulations.

Miss Edith Hammond, who spent the past two weeks visiting friends at Meaford and Thornbury, returned home on Saturday last.

Some people complain of poor accommodation for man and beast in local option towns and villages. Not so here, as there is first class accommodation for both man and beast at the Travellers' Home.

Mr. George Proctor and son, Harold, are busily engaged plastering some houses in Meaford.

Mr. Ran. Brady and bride (nee Miss Mina Weber) left for Edmonton Tuesday morning to visit the latter's sisters, Mrs. Will Barnhouse and Miss Mamie Weber.

Vandeleur Happenings

Miss Rosie Gilbert spent last week with friends in Flesherton.

Mr. John Boland was in Owen Sound recently.

Mr. John M. Davis is on a business trip to Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Jasper Gilbert of Vancouver, B.C., and Mrs. T. A. Neely of Toronto, visited their sister, Mrs. Will Hutchinson, for a couple of days last week.

At a special meeting of the ratepayers of this school section on Wednesday evening last, Mr. George Bowles was elected trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jos. Buchanan.

Mr. W. G. Hutchinson and bride of Toronto, who spent part of their honeymoon with the former's father, returned to their home in the city last week. We wish them every prosperity.

We are sorry to report Richard Genoe on the sick list.

Marshal Beard has Herb. Baker employed drawing saw logs to his mill yard.

The members of the W. I. are busy preparing for a valentine social to be held here on Feb. 14.

Mrs. Thurston of Flesherton, accompanied by her niece, Miss Irene Gaudin, spent a few days last week at Mr. Wm. Buchanan's. The latter remainds for an extended visit.

The Hon. I. B. and Mrs. Lucas of Markdale were visitors at Mr. George Warling's recently.

Here is a message of hope and good cheer from Mrs. C. J. Martin, Boone Mill, Va., who is the mother of eighteen children. Mrs. Martin was cured of stomach trouble and constipation by Chamberlain's Tablets after five years of suffering, and now recommends these tablets to the public. Sold by all dealers.

An exchange reports that a woman drove into town to do her shopping, but found she had lost her purse. When her husband unharnessed the horse, after returning home, something dropped from its hoof. An investigation showed that it was the missing purse, with money intact.

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Priceville Jottings

Some very good ice making weather of late.

The ice harvest commenced last week, and a number of teams were drawing in off the mill pond. It seems to be of good quality.

Monday and Tuesday of last week were shipping days here and a lot of cattle and hogs went to the city.

Wednesday was Matrimonial Day and there was somethin' doin'. Mr. Joseph Campbell of Egremont has been without a housekeeper for some time, but on Tuesday evening he crossed over the sideroad and secured the heart and hand of Miss Flora McPhail, hence on Wednesday the Rev. J. A. Matheson was summoned to legalize the said contract. We tender Joe and Floe congratulations.

Frank Riley, blacksmith, has been very ill for some days with quinsy.

The Feb. meeting of the Women's Institute was held on the afternoon of Thursday last at the home of Mrs. N. McKinnon, and no doubt President McKinnon's heart swelled with joy at seeing such a goodly attendance, perhaps the largest of the season. The time was well employed, some good papers were read, profitable discussions took place, a humorous reading and piano solos were sandwiched in, and when adjournment took place, all seemed well pleased with the meeting. The March meeting will be held on the first Thursday at the residence of Miss Stothart and her brother John, at the western limit of the village.

East Mountain

Mrs. John Martin returned from Owen Sound on Saturday, after a visit of five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith attended the concert given by the jubilee singers in Flesherton last Friday night.

Mr. John Welsh bought Wm. Humberstone's timber land last week for $750.

Mrs. Milton Neil and children are in Markdale this week with her mother.

Mrs. John Welsh who has spent the past five weeks with her sister in Owen Sound, returned home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Irwin Fawcett is ill with pneumonia.

The Davies' Pork Packing Company have closed down their establishment in Harriston and are leaving that town. As a result about 35 or 40 families, who have been depending on this industry for employment, will we understand, move from Harriston. This is probably the greatest industrial blow that our sister town has yet experienced, and is said to be largely due to the lack of sufficiently cheap power to run the institution, they having to generate steam at an annual cost of about $50 per horsepower. The promoters of the new dam in Walkerton propose to furnish electric power at about half that cost, and an effort should be made to induce some of these industries, who are looking for cheap power, to locate here.—Bruce Herald.

Euroth Grunhow of Walkerton was sen up for trial on a charge of stealing a silk scarf from Walter Booth, barber.

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