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Big Conflagration Narrowly Averted

Wright's General Store Saved From Destruction

An exciting hour was passed in Flesherton on Sunday forenoon when it was learned that W. L. Wright's large store was on fire. Smoke was seen pouring out of the upper storey about 10 o'clock. A crowd soon gathered and a pail brigade was formed consisting of men, women and children, and a fight was put up to save the building such as is rarely seen. The fire was in the third storey. As it was impossible to mount the stairway to get at the fire a hole was smashed through the ceiling with a ladder and men mounted and dashed water through the opening thus made, and in this way gradually fought back the fire, which had gained considerable headway, and eventually subdued it. The roof was on fire in one place and a hole burned through, but this was also extinguished, and the building was saved. A large area of the upper floor was burned and considerable damage resulted to the stock below from smoke and water.

The stock was insured in two companies and the building in another.

The work done by both men and women on this occasion stands out as a bright spot in the history of fire fighting in this town. The team work was splendid, and some of the returned men especially distinguished themselves in fighting the fire at close quarters.

Some of those who were first on the ground and saw the extent of the blaze, consider it almost a miracle the building was saved.

Markdale ladder truck and a large number of Markdale citizens came down expecting to witness a big conflagration, but they were happily disappointed and did not arrive in time to be of any assistance, but here we are grateful for their good intentions all the same.

The building, which is a three storey solid brick, also contains Mr. Duncan's hardware store, and had the building gone the loss to all parties would have been very heavy.

The cause of the fire is a profound mystery. There was no stock, only loose papers, where the fire started. Mr. Wright was in the building an hour before the fire started and saw or smelled no sign of fire, and there had been no fire in the furnace, while defective wiring is not to be considered, as there was no wireing on that storey. Spontaneous combustion or mice and matches are the only plausible theories.

This is a case where the chemical engine would have done good service had it been prepared for the work, but it was not, and no further comment is necessary. The neglect is patent to all. We have had three fires since this instrument was purchased and at not one of them was the chemical engine ready for use.

EAST MOUNTAIN

Miss Alma Humberstone has returned to resume her duties as teacher at Nobelle.

The company threshing machine does fine work and threshing in this part is just about completed.

Miss Young of Lady Bank visited with friends here.

Wedding bells are ringing.

Sherman Bradbury and family of Toronto visited at David Genoe's.

Mrs. Hutchinson (nee Mabel Chard) of Sask. spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. R. McMullen.

On Friday evening last a miscellaneous shower was given to the bride to be, Miss Mildred McMullen, by her many friends and neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Croft and little sons, Harvey and Everett, of Rock Mills, visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. Mertin.

A stranger giving the name of Taylor came into town last week and after a brief stay took a notion to leave town again. There is nothing exceptional about his movements, but with him disappeared about $500 from a boarding house and Chief Shaw is busy trying to locate the man and the money. Taylor gave his address as Midland, and information received from there is to the effect that the young man is well known to the police. Towns along the line have been warned to keep an eagle eye open for the man and townspeople are anxious that he be apprehended—Meaford Express.

PRICEVILLE

Mr. W. Large of Eugenia, assisted by several local carpenters, is fitting up the Karstedt residence on Durham Road St. The plate and stained glass windows are receiving favorable comment.

Miss Julia McKinnon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKinnon, and Mr. Angus McLachlan were married in Toronto on Sept. 20th, by Rev. Mr. Geggie. The young couple will reside a short distance northwest of the village and will have the best wishes of the community.

Hector McKinnon of the Globe staff, and brother, Neil, of Toronto, have been spending a few holidays in town.

John McTaggert of Toronto was home here last week.

Alex Stonehouse of the C. P. R. has been ill for a couple of weeks and is under Dr. McFarlane's care.

We understand that Thos. Fisher is seriously affected by blood poison in his hand.

Mrs. A. Ivory of Toronto has been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. McIntosh.

Postmaster R. Conkey was in the city a day or two last week.

DUNDALK

George, the thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Greer, had his right arm broken while cranking an auto on Saturday.

A fierce explosion of fire damp coal gas or something of that nature maimed for life Wm. Maxwell of Maple Grove district, Melancthon. He was heating an iron rod in a forge at his home for the purpose of fixing his auto. The forge, which is in a log outbuilding, exploded and blew out the wall and put a hole through the roof. Mr. Maxwell's leg was broken and badly shattered and he is blinded for the present and it is feared he may be permanently so. The unfortunate man is lying in a critical condition. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

Mrs. Christopher Irwin met with the misfortune of having her hip bone broken when she fell from a phaeton Tuesday evening at the C. P. R. depot.

An Overland approaching Dundalk from the east, and a Ford going south on the gravel road came into collision at the intersection at McDowell's corner on Sunday. The Ford was toppled over but the occupants—a lady and gentleman from Toronto—luckily escaped unhurt. The building on the north-east corner obscured the view. As the Ford was making speed on the good stretch of road an accident could not be avoided when the two cars reached the crossing at the same time.—Herald.

FEVERSHAM

Messrs. John Thomson and C. Nichol of Agincourt are visiting the former's brother and sister here. Of course John is renewing old acquaintances in other places and by the smile some of the ladies have on when they meet him we think John is in danger of either taking to himself a wife or having to buy several new silk dresses. Next year is leap year John, so look out.

Mr. Robt. Bellamy of the Bank of Toronto here made a business trip to Collingwood one day last week.

Mrs. Wm. Brown and daughter, Mrs. T. W. Conron, have returned from Souris, Man., after a two months' visit with friends out there.

Miss Nichol of Agincourt is visiting her cousin, Mr. Chris Thomson, and other friends in this locality.

Mrs. Henry Hawton and daughter, Irene, of Weyburn, visited with Messrs. Sam and Ern Hawton last week.

Miss Francie Alexander has returned home after a three week's visit with friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wood of Mount Forest visited at Fred Spofford's here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McMullin and daughter, Mabel, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Idle of Clarksburg on Sunday.

Mr. Fred Long of Maxwell is decorating the Presbyterian church here.

Glad to report Mr. R. Henderson recovering from a severe illness.

Came Astray

Came to the premises of the undersigned on or about September 10, one cow. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take the same away. FRED DUCKETT, Eugenia P.O., Ont.

KIMBERLEY

Myrtle Fawcett of Collingwood visited at the parental home here over the week end.

Revs. Goff and St. John of Thornbury delivered two fighting addresses in favor of the Ontario Temperance Act in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening last. Both these gentlemen lauded Sir Wm. Hearst for his straightforward attitude on the temperance question.

Oliver Irwin of the Traveller's Home visited with his brother, Samuel, at Flesherton one day last week.

Saul Fawcett made a business trip to Feversham on Wednesday last.

Andrew Wallace has purchased the farm of John Best near Flesherton.

Miss Rachael Hutchinson of Cherry Grove visited at the parental home here recently.

Mr. Ed. Baker of Vandeleur visited at Thos. Abercrombie's during the past week.

Mr. John Welsh of East Mountain had the stone machine operating on the farm of S. S. Burritt for three days last week. Mr. Burritt will soon have his 50 acre farm free of boulders.

Church Notes

Anniversary services will be held in Flesherton Methodist church next Sunday, Oct. 5, at 11 a.m. and 7 o'clock p.m. Rev. W. T. Andrews of Dundalk will speak at both services.

There will be no service in the Methodist church, Eugenia, next Sunday, the service being withdrawn for the Inistioge anniversary at 10.30 and 7.30 by Rev. Forth of Maxwell, and 2.30 by Mrs. (Rev.) Eagle.

Keep Thanksgiving Sunday open for Eugenia church anniversary services at 11 a.m. and 7 by Rev. Thos. Grandy. Afternoon rally service for Sunday school at 2.30.

Rev. Peter Campbell, a former pastor, will preach at Mt. Zion Methodist church morning and evening, Sunday, Oct. 19, at 11 and 7.30, afternoon by Rev. A. J. Eagle at 2.30.

McAuley-Henry

The marriage of Olive Ida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Henry, to Mr. Howard A. McAulay, took place at the home here on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at high noon. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a gown of French ivory taffeta with silver trimmings and embroidered veil and orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses. The ceremony took place under a lattice arch while Mendellsohn's march was played by Mr. C. E. Pentland, cousin of the bride. Rev. T. W. R. Pentland of Maidstone officiated. During signing of the register Miss Olive Pentland sang "Oh, promise Me." After partaking of a wedding dinner the happy couple left for Toronto and other points, the bride travelling in a suit of nigger brown velour with black velvet hat and wearing the groom's gift, a handsome set of black fox furs. Guests were present from Owen Sound, Goderich, Dungannon and Lucknow.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 31st of October, 1919, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week on the route

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Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Kimberley, Heathcote, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, Toronto.

A. SUTHERLAND, Post Office Inspector

Post Office Inspector's Office, Toronto, Sept. 16th, 1919.

Farm For Sale

Good farm, about half mile from the Village of Flesherton, containing 60 acres, 40 acres cleared and the balance hardwood bush. On the property is a good frame barn with shed beneath.

JOHN HEARD, Flesherton.

STRAYED

On Lot 15, Con. 10, Osprey, on or about the middle of August, one Oxford lamb. The owner may have same by calling and paying expenses

ERNEST HAWTON, Feversham

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CEYLON

Mr. and Mrs. John Nixon, who have been visiting their numerous friends here for several weeks, returned to their home in Caledon this week.

Mr. George Strain called on old friends here last week. All were pleased to see him.

Mrs. Ross Leslie and babe of West Toronto spent a couple of days first of the week with her mother, Mrs. A. McMullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sinclair and two children left on Monday for a two week's trip to Toronto, Harriston and other points.

Mr. Thomas McArthur of Niagara Falls visited the past week among his friends here.

Mr. Reed of Toronto is relieving agent here in Mr. Sinclair's absence.

Mr. Wm. White had a bee cutting wood on Saturday.

The ladies intend holding their Institute meeting at Mrs. D. D. McLaughlan's on Thursday, October 2nd, at 2 o'clock, when they hope to see a good turnout.

Miss A. Harrow returned on Monday from a week's visit with Chatsworth friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Jaynes, who have been visiting Mrs. A. Rutledge, left on Thursday to visit friends at Newcastle before taking up their residence in the West. Their little son, George, who has been living with his grandmother here, accompanied his parents. On the eve of their departure Master George was very kindly remembered by his schoolfellows with a grip and several other articles as a slight token of their good wishes. He will be missed in the Sunday school, where he was a regular attendant. The good wishes of all go with him to his new home.

Who was the gentleman that took possession of the lady's cushion at the Flesherton fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie of Walkerton are visiting at A. McMullen's.

Miss Maud Hemphill has returned home after a visit of several weeks with friends in Toronto.

Edward McCallum

The late Edward McCallum passed away at his residence near Maxwell in his 79th year. He was born in King township in the county of York, where he spent the first 26 years of his life, coming to Osprey township in the year 1967. He married Margaret Hamilton, taking up farming on the townline of Osprey and Nottawasaga, where they lived for twelve years and then moved to his late residence, 4th con. Osprey. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church, in which he took an active part. Besides his widow he leaves a family of two boys and four girls—Walter of Edmonton, Harry of Wynyard Sask., Mrs. James Inkster of Luseland, Sask., Mrs. S. J. Arnott of Wareham, Mrs. (Dr.) Guy of Maxwell, and Alice at home. The remains were interred in the Maxwell Presbyterian cemetery on Sept 22nd.

East Grey Fall Fair

The fall fair has come and gone again, and to say the least this year's fair was a black disappointment to the directors. The day was an ideal fair day, the inside exhibit was a splendid one, as it nearly always is—none better in the county—but for some reason many of the farmers in this section fail to take any interest in their fall fair. Why this is so only they themselves know. Other fairs are well attended, while ours goes begging for patrons. Can anyone explain the reason for this condition of affairs? This year the gate receipts amounted to about $150, while the concert netted $175—$175 for amusement, $150 for educational purposes. Comment is unnecessary.

Some fine horses and cattle were shown, but the exhibit of both was scarcely up to that of last year. Poultry was slightly better than last year. Fruit flowers and roots were up to the standard. J. R. Fawcett of Kimberley showed a squash weighing 130 pounds and another weighing 122 pounds, which attracted much attention.

The farmer's race resulted as follows: 1st Wm. McCutcheon, 2nd F. Taylor, 3rd W. Poole.

For best single turnout, H. Culliton.

Lady driver, Mrs. F. Taylor, Miss Amanda Stewart.

The prize list will appear next week, or as much of it as we can spare space for.

Cattle Came Astray

Came to the premises of the undersigned, lot 178 and 179, S.W.T.S.R, Artemesia, about Sept. 13, eight young cattle. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take the same away. C. HINDLE, R.R. 3, Proton

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THANKS!

I desire to express my very great gratitude tothe ladies and gentlemen who so nobly came to the rescue of my premises from fire on Sunday last. Their aid was timely and well applied.

Yours very gratefully, W. L. WRIGHT.

W. L. WRIGHTS'

Corner Store, Flesherton

Farm For Sale

Possession this fall, 100 acres, on the Toronto Gravel, good county road, soil good clay loam, 8 acres bush, 10 roomed brick veneered house, soft water inside, good well, never failing springs, creek close to out building and house, large bank barn 50x65, 20 ft. posts, well lighted, good stabling, drive house, piggery, hen house. ½ mile from S. S. No. 3 public school and 1¼ miles from Flesherton. Apply to

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10,4,19 T. J. STINSON.

FARM FOR SALE

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