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PROTON

Mrs John McConnell visited with her parents, Mr and Mrs Jas Corbett.

Miss Della Brooks is the guest of her sister, Mrs Davie.

We are sorry to report baby McKechnie ill with pneumonia.

Mr T McCue and Mr S Wright of Kincardine vifited the latter's brother, Mr J C Wright.

Mr Clarence Montgomery of Dundalk spent the week end with his cousin, Mr Walter Wyvill.

Miss Gertie Lyons is visiting friends in Flesherton.

Miss Ella and Mr John Hemphill visited with Mrs Bates.

While working in Carson's gravel pit a quantity of falling earth struck Mr Peter Consley, breaking a bone between the the knee and ankle. We are glad he escaped without more serious injury.

Hockey playing is the order of the day. We expect before the end of the season our boys will be the champion players.

PRICEVILLE

We had a considerable snow storm, accompanied by high wind on Sunday of this week.

Mr Elmer Watson, eldest son of Geo A Watson, brought home a bride a few days ago, in the person of Miss Haas, of Egremont. We wish the young couple a life time of happiness and success, and we might say to some young and elderly men about town "go and do likewise."

Some more Hydro Electric material has arrived in town and we expect the workmen will soon arrive to complete the connections to give us light.

Mr Watson, a son of Peter Watson of Egremont, who has been in Manitaba for a number of years, came to the village a few days ago visiting his uncle, Geo A, and ather friends in the vicinity.

Miss Ollie McLean has gone to Orangeville to take a course in the business college.

Miss Ethel Watson is attending business college in Stratford.

A nice little 6 months' old son of Mr and Mrs Sterling Whyte passed away suddenly at their home in Toronto last week. He was sleeping quietly at one o'clock a.m. and before morning life was gone. The child had been troubled with sore eyes for some time and inflammation extended from eyes to brain. Interment took place in Priceville public cemetery on Saturday afternoon of last week.

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HOCKEY

Flesherton won their first game of hockey in the Junior O H A race, when they defeated Shelburne here by 10 to 7 on Monday night before a large crowd. Shelburne has a pretty fair bunch and gave the locals a good run and made them travel at top speed all the way. It certainly was a good exhibition of hockey Silk and Matthews were the best for the visiting team, but to pick the stars from the home bunch would be unfair, as every man on the Flesherton line up played a star game. The game was free from any rough play, only penalties for minor offences being handed out.

The locals had the better of the first period, but were apparently off in their shooting. Shelburne scored three goals to their two. The second period proved to be the undoing of Shelburne and at the end of this period the score stood 10 to 5 in favor of Flesherton. The third period brought no material change in the score and the game ended with Flesherton going strong and the score 10 to 7.

Jack Herbert of Owen Sound was the referee and handled the game splendidly.

THE TEAMS

Flesherton—Goal, Jennett ; defence, McTavish and Thompson ; centre, Copeland ; right wing, Yorke ; left wing, Baird ; subs, Blackwell, Kelly and Dow.

Shelburne—Goal, Claridge ; Defence, Mathews and Brown ; Centre, Silk ; right wing, McGrath ; left wing, Kilpatrick ; subs, Sanderson, White, Silk.

Flesherton has three men signed up from Markdale and three men from Dundalk, and along with the six signed from here have a pretty nifty aggregation to choose from. Their next game is here on Thursday next. Jan. 20, at 7.30 p.m., when they play the fast going Owen Sound team. The boys have a good team, play good clean hockey and deserve patronage. Come and see the village trim the city.

Artemesia Council

The newly elected Council of Artemesia for 1921, met at the Town Hall, on Monday, January 10, 1921, there being present : W J Meads, Reeve ; J F Mathewson, Deputy Reeve ; and John Burnett and John A Hogarth, Councillors. After each of said members had subscribed and made the declaration of office they took their seats.

The minutes of last session were read. Communications were read as follows : The Clerk, account for election expenses, $83.25 ; W H Thurston, account for printing tax bills and financial statement, $42 39 ; Sick Children's Hospital, asking for grant.

Bylaws 1, to appoint assessor ; 2, to appoint auditors ; 3, to appoint sheep valuers ; 4, to appoint high school trustees ; 5, to appoint local board of health ; 6, to appoint school attendance officer were introduced and all passed, except No 6. A D McLeod, assessor ; Wm Buchanan and Geo Cairns, auditors ; M L McIntyre, Geo Warling, R Plantt, John Campbell, S Pedlar, W J Love, F Wright and Jos Watson, sheep valuers ; High School Trustees, Isaac Smith for Flesherton and H Shaw for Markdale ; Board of Health, G H Cairns, member and R Plantt, sanitary inspector ; No 6, to appoint school attendance officer was laid over.

The following accounts were ordered to be paie : Election expenses, $83.25 ; W H Thurston, $42.39 ; Wilfred Magee, sheep injured, $5 , J Burnett, re Pritchard's bridge, J Carson, gravel, $4.70. The Clerk was instructed to order copies of the Municipal World for the Council.

Hogarth—Burnett—That as a vacancy has occurred in the Council owing to not sufficient numbers nominated. it is hereby ordered that a new nomination be held at the town hall on Monday, the 24th inst, at 1.00 o'clock p. m., and should a poll be required the election shall take place in the several polling divisions on the 31st inst from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. for the election of said member, and the Clerk give the proper notices.—Carried.

Burnett — Mathewson — That this Council meet on the first Saturday of each month during the balance of the year (except the month of December) at the hour of 1.30 p. m.—Carried.

Council adjourned.

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A Flesherton Pioneer

The following article appeared in the Globe of recent date and deals with an old pioneer of Flesherton, Mr. Thorpe Wright, who resided here for many years and who is at present living in West Toronto :

January sunshine mellowed the wrinkles in the face so strongly delineated with character, as Mr. Thorpe Wright sat on the porch of his home at 357 Pacific avenue and chatted. Mr. Wright who celebrated his 86th birthday Jan. 3, is living his twilight days in the home he has known twenty years, his daughter, Amelia, his devoted companion.

Enjoying good health and remarkably keen witted, Mr. Wright is actively interested in the affairs of the Junction. Seldom does he miss his morning stroll to Musson's book store in quest of his beloved Globe. He is found regularly in attendance twice each Sunday at High Park Methodist church, and scorns the chimney corner generally allotted to a man of his years.

"I've been up in Grey county on a visit and travelled all around Flesherton in an automobile, driven by a girl at that. Some change from the days when I was a boy clearing bush up there and driving a yoke of oxen over those trails," remarked Mr. Wright, his blue eyes twinkling.

Then, as if his reminiscent mood had been touched by a magic spring, the pioneer drifted back in memory to the early days and the story of his parents migration into Canada, recalling events and dates with astounding lucidity.

It was in the spring of 1832 that the parents of Mr. Wright and a baby three months old sailed from Dublin for Quebec. The vessel Hebron carried 341 passengers but no doctor. Cholera broke out during the six weeks' voyage, and 41 victims died and were buried at sea. Mr. Wright's father was a tailor by trade and had won some reputation as a maker of caps and gowns for students of Trinity College, Dublin. Because of his trade he was called upon to sew up in blankets the bodies of the cholera victims. The wife also fell ill and the captain, who had been bleeding his patients, insisted upon bleeding Mrs. Wright. But the tailor being familiar with the disease in Ireland, seized his formidable shears and fought off the captain, his own treatment of steaming hastening the woman's recovery. She was the only cholera victim of the vessel to recover. The care of the infant was thrust upon the tailor, and he solved the food problem by preparing a mixture of powdered biscuit, sugar and water, upon which the baby thrived for three weeks. The vessel arrived at Quebec in quarantine with one sick man on board. He was craftily hidden. As a consequence an epidemic of cholera broke out in Quebec, thousands dying and being carried to the Plains of Abraham, where the bodies were buried in trenches. Mr. Wright's mother fell ill with brain fever soon after landing in Quebec, and her beautiful auburn hair which fell below her knees, and had solicited an offer of five guineas in Dublin, was sacrificed.

Ten weeks after landing in Quebec the mother recovered in health and the Wrights journeyed on to Lanark, Ont., where they made their first Canadian home. Mrs. Wright became the mother of 12 children and lived to rear 11 to womanhood and manhood, In 1850 the Wrights moved to Grey county, the father and one son having taken up government land the preceding year, and prepared a log cabin home for the family.

"That morning is as clear to me today as it was that May time seventy years ago. Some folks would have counted it hardship. We didn't. We had a good time, fine weather and plenty to eat," declares Mr. Wright. "It took us two weeks making the trip with a yoke of oxen and a wagon that we had fixed up with a covering like a gipsy van. We stowed the family, father, mother and the eight children, as well as the household goods, in the wagon. We stopped sometimes at hotels to eat, and often made our meals over camp fires by the wayside. We took the boat from Brockville to Toronto, and kept the Sabbath by resting in Toronto from Saturday night till Monday noon. Toronto wasn't much like it is now—not more than 30,000 people—and we drove through what is now Dundas street, nothing more than a wagon track through the bush then. In Toronto we bought up supplies and hung our tinware on the outside of the wagon. All the way along the road to our destination in Grey county folks thought we were travelling tinkers and came running from the farms with their tinware for us to mend.

It was in the settlement of Grey Co. that afterwards became the village of Flesherton that Mr Wright experienced genuine pioneering. The oxen were permitted a three days' rest before being set to the task of logging. Then the men set forth on a forty mile trip to Newell's Mills for provisions, returning with one cow, five barrels of flour and potato seed. In the fall the pioneers were able to procure their flour from Durham—a seventeen mile trip through the woods. Mr Wright, then a lad of sixteen, thought nothing of the tramp. He would make the trip one day, spending the night at the mill sleeping on the floor, and baking cakes from the flour provided by the miller for his patrons. Flour and water were mixed and cakes baked on flour scoop held over box stoves

"For five years, until the settlement built a mill of its own, we walked to Durham for flour, carrying home 60 pound loads on our backs. Let me tell you the bread was sweet" chuckled Mr Wright.

The first school in the settlement was held in the home of the teacher, Mr Campbell, who solicited $49 in subscriptions, outside his Government grant, for salary. There was a little band of Church of England people who wished a preacher and sent a request to Owen Sound. A clergyman arrived and preached two sermons, but refused to come again unless the people paid him $40. This sum could not be raised and the Church of England became Methodists.

Mr. Wright recalls vividly the "Bee" that erected the meeting house at Inistiogue. When dinner was called nobody said to him "Come along, sonny" and the bashfulness of the boy kept him in the bush until the wood choppers returned. Without complaint he resumed his chopping and walked the four miles home that evening.

"A pretty tough experience for a boy, but it didn't turn me against meeting places in general," laughed Mr. Wright. "For sixty years I've served on the Trustee Board of the Methodist Church."

Mr. Wright's father's trade as tailor was greatly appreciated, as he visited the settlement homes and fitted out entire families. In those early days leather was purchased in large quantities and the travelling shoemaker visited each family in turn, remaining until the household was completely shod.

In 1858 Mr. Wright married Eliza James of Lanark and made a home on the farm adjoining his father's land. Always the pioneer has been a staunch prohibitionist, and he struck a snag in his first barn raising. It was the custom to provide a generous amount of liquor for a barn raising. Mr. Wright did not make this provision and the neighbors raised a protest, threatening to desert. Mr. Wright stood by his guns ; the barn was raised and without the usual stimulant.

In 1900 Mr. Wright moved to Toronto engaging in the wholesale wood business until a few months ago, when he retired. In 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Wright celebrated their golden wedding. Mrs. Wright died in 1910. Mr. Wright lives much in the memory and glory of his pioneer days.

"I count it no hardship to have been a pioneer. Experience teaches us there is no hard thing if you don't think so," is the pioneer's philosophy. "I've never sampled either liquor or tobacco. I'm proud to say I haven't a pain or an ache and can eat three square meals a day. I've been a reader of The Globe over sixty years—The Weekly Globe up in Grey County and The Daily since I came to Toronto—never missed an issue."

VANDELEUR

Miss J Sinclair of Owen Sound was the guest of Mr Wm Buchanan and family recently.

Mr H I Graham made a business trip to Listowel last week.

The Epworth League had a social evening on Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs Davis and family. A very interesting address was given by Mr W R Buchanan on "Resources of Canada.' Music and games occupied the remainder of the evening, after which a dainty lunch was served.

Mr Wm Buchanan, sr., has returned home after spending some time with friends in Toronto.

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