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DISASTROUS FIRE IN FLESHERTON

Three Business Places and Private Residence Destroyed In Spectacular Early Morning Fire

The most disastrous fire that Flesherton has seen for many years broke out about 12 o'clock Monday night. The fire started in the rear portion of Cargoe's grocery store and had achieved considerable headway when first discovered. In a few minutes the frame building was a mass of flames, and Mr. Andrew Gilchrist's fine brick residence to the south took fire as well as the Strain block to the north. This latter was a large three storey frame block and was soon a roaring furnace of fire. From this the fire attacked Mr. Runstadler's residence and office which was also totally wiped out. It required about two and a half hours to complete the distruction. Hundreds of willing hands saved the contents of all these buildings, although much destruction was wrought to furniture and stock. The brick walls of Mr Gilchrist's residence are still standing intact, but the ground where the others stood is a cinder covered waste.

The Strain block was occupied by W. H. Bunt, furniture dealer and uuder taker, and he also resides in the building. His insurance amounted to only $800 Mr. Gilchriest had both his buildings insured, the building occupied by W. E. Cargoe to the extent of $400 and the residence and contents for $2000. Mr. Runstadler also had insurance of $2000 on the building and contents.

The Strain block was owned by a couple of mortgagees, who are secured by insurance.

W. E. Cargoe's loss is estimated to be $500 on contents, no insurance.

The whole country around was aroused by Will Carrington, telephone night operator, and hundreds came in to see the ruin wrought and to give any assistance they could. The nature of the Strain buildings, which were constructed of pine, made the fire a most spectacular affair and the heat was intense for some time. It was only by strenuous efforts that the many buildings in the vicinity were saved. Bucket brigades were formed and water was carried from all sources in the neighborhood. The residence, owned by Mrs. Vandusen and occupied by herself and Mr. A. E Bellamy, which is beside the Gilchrist residence, was on fire in dozens of places, but with the help of the water tank a steady stream of water was kept on the roof and walls. The residence of Dr. Murray and Wm. Moore and the town hall directly opposite were also saved by the bucket brigade. The roof of Mrs. Jamieson's house was also on fire.

But the culminating fight in this big conflagration was the saving of W. A. Armstrong's residence, which was separated from the Runstadler building by about forty feet. Wet blankets, hundreds of pails of water, a line of hose and the determination of the fighters to stay the disaster was the only thing that saved the building, which caught fire in different places.

When it was seen that the fire could not be halted in the grocery store a call was put in to Markdale for help, and scores came down in quick time and gave yeoman aid in the saving of property. The thanks of the citizens of Flesherton are extended to the people of the sister town for their valuable aid

Two of the big hydro poles were partly burned and the power was shut off as soon as it was seen that there was danger in the wires falling. All towns south of Flesherton were without power service until 9.30 a.m. Tuesday morning. As soon as the heat would allow a gang of repair men from the power house were on the scene busily making repairs. There is temporary service now and the new poles will be erected on Sunday when the service can be interrupted.

The origin of the fire is a mystery

Accidentally Shot At Wodehouse

While two lads, Elmer Woods and a boy companion, were playing with a loaded shotgun on Monday evening at Wodehouse, the weapon was accidentally discharged, the charge striking the Woods lad in the back of the head. The little fellow lingered until the following morning when death intervened. The victim, a son of Wm Woods, thresher and farmer of Wodehouse, was 11 years of age.

BORN

PHILLIPS—In Artemesia on Tuesday, August 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Phillips, —a son, William Harold.

WHITTEN—At Toronto on Wednesday, August 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. A R. Whitten, the gift of a son, John Alfred.

Opera House

PHOTO-PLAYS

NO SHOW THIS WEEK

Prices 30 and 15c. including Amusement Tax

C. E. WALDEN - MANAGER

Moving Picture Of Big Export Train

A moving picture of a train load of automobiles leaving Oshawa, Ont., for Great Britain, as well as views of the Oshawa factories, etc., of General Motors of Canada, will be shown in Flesherton in connection with the regular moving picture show on Thursday night of this week. These pictures are being shown in Flesherton by arrangement with D. McTavish & Son, local dealers for General Motors products. This is the first time these pictures have been shown outside of Oshawa. The pictures are exceptionally good and very educational. You have all read of the great increase in Canadian export business this last year. Ever since General Motors of Canada, with plants at Oshawa and Walkerville, decided to enter the export market large shipments of General Motors cars have left Oshawa daily for British and foreign ports. Orders have been coming in faster than was at first anticipated.

The train load shown in the pictures consists of 63 freight cars. The value was approximately $320,000, the weight was over 500 tons and the cost of transporting the shipment from Oshawa to Britain was $40,000.

A diverse array of industries are today feeling the stimulus to business caused by the export demand for automobiles. The lumber alone required for the building of the bodies and for boxing the motor cars for this train load shipment runs into vast figures, all of which is produced in Canada. Every factory making small parts and accessories is feeling the benefit. The automobile industry is today employing more people than ever before, and in this way is one of the leading industries in hastening the return of national prosperity.

See the picture—it will interest you.

Owen Sound Fair Races

SEPTEMBER 12, 13 14

2 30, 2 50 Trot or pace and Farmer's Race open to any farmer's horse or any other that has not won money.

—E D BONNELL, Secy.

Social and Personal

Miss Evada Wilson is visiting with her uncle at Burlington.

Postmaster Trimble was in Detroit last week visiting with his wife.

Berry Armstrong of Toronto is spending a couple weeks here.

Mrs. S. E. deCudmore is spending a couple of weeks in Toronto.

Mrs. W. P. Crossley is visiting with her son and daughter in Toronto.

The quarterly Communion Service will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

Richard Carter and wife, Manilla, are visiting his cousins, the Pedlar family for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Andrew and son, Amos, of Goderich, visited with their cousin, Mrs. A. E. Bellamy, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson and little son, Stanley, of Hamilton, are visiting friends here this week.

Miss Sandiland has retured to take up her millinery duties at F. H. W. Hickling's.

Mr. Emerson Bellamy attended the big convention of Insurance Underwriters in Toronto last week, in the interests of the Canada Life Insurance Co.

Mrs. W. L. Wright is in Toronto this week attending the fall millinery openings and will have her hats on display after the 4th of September.

G. Mitchell and family returned on Thursday from a two weeks' sojourn at Wasaga Beach. Dr. Murray and family return this week.

H. Down and Mesdames Hawken, Phillips, Inkster and Down attended a W. I. convention at Kemble Thursday of last week.

A joint meeting of the Osprey U.F.O. and U.F.W.O. will be held in the Orange Hall, Feversham, on Friday, September 1st at 8 p m A good program will be given. Everybody welcome. H Spofford, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Griffin returned to their home in Toronto on Monday They were accompanied by Mrs. Wilcock who will visit Mrs. Andrew Bentham, whose health is in quite a precarious condition.

Rev. Mr. Vose, pastor of the Baptist church, took charge of the service on Sunday after returning from his holidays. The church has been redecorated and other improvements made, and the official opening will take place this coming Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Cuthbertson of Ingersoll, Ont., announce the engagement of their elder daughter, Kathleen Galbraith, to Mr. Harold P. Ferrier, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, Yarker, Ont., formerly of Flesherton, the marriage to take place in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fawcett, daughter Mamie (Mrs Chisholm) and her husband and two children of Parry Sound, called on friends here Friday last. They were on a motor trip by way of McKellar, Dunchurch, Trout Creek, Bracebridge, Orillia and Thornbury etc, and pronounce the roads over that route very good.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Miller, Wednesday Sept. 6th, 2.30 p.m. A reading will be given by Mrs. Fowler, followed by a paper on Canadian Law concerning women and children by Mrs. Thurston, a reading by Mrs. L. Fisher, after which a prize will be given for the best bouquet. Judges—Mesdames Mark Wilson, W, A Armstrong, W. Boyd. Bakery Com.—Mesdames W. Bellamy, W. Boyd, L. Fisher. Sandwich—Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs Julian.

Barn Burned At Markdale

On Thursday evening of last week a frame barn belonging to Elijah Snell of Markdale suburbs, was burned to the ground with contents when struck by lightning during the thunder storm. The fluid struck a stable adjacent to the barn and ignited it, the flames communicating with the barn, which was filled with this season's crop. Mr Snell had drawn in the last load of his harvest that day. No animals were destroyed. The barn was only insured for $700, and the loss will be very heavy as it contained all of the season's crop.

Tire Lost—On Sunday, Aug. 27th, between Rock Mills and Maxwell, a car tire. Finder kindly leave at this office or communicate.

Local Chaff

Get a copy of Flesherton fall fair prize list and prepare for a big show.

Three autos were burned in a private garage at Owen Sound.

Flesherton Fall Fair is Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29.

The fine weather of the past two weeks has enabled the farmers in this district to practically complete the harvest.

The C. P. R. freight sheds at Fort William were burned with a loss of $100,000.

Tom Anderson, a moonshiner of Albernarle 15 miles northwest of Wiarton, was fined $500 or six months. He chose the free grub at Walkerton.

The Toronto exhibition is in full swing this week and is likely to attract a record breaking crowd this year. We believe that more than the usual number are attending from this part.

Mrs. Hanley has moved into her residence, across from The Advance office recently purchased from Malcolm Mc Donald. Extensive alterations have been made to the building.

A very foolhardy thing was done here on Saturday night when a load of coal, en route to the Shelburne coal fields was left standing in front of the Munshaw House Saturday and Sunday night without police protection.

Mr. Ben White of the West Back Line showed The Advance a stalk of corn that measured eleven feet, four inches in height and then the maximum height had not been reached, as it was still growing when cut. Corn is a bumper crop in this district this year.

A Miss Jennie McDowell has been engaged as principal of Flesherton high school. The lady has first class qualifications and it is believed will make a success of the school for the coming year. The coming term opens on Tuesday of next week.

A very beautiful memorial tablet was placed in the Methodist church this week by members of the family in memory of the late M. K. Richardson and wife, who were among the founders of the church here. The tablet is of pure white marble, about two feet square, and is a handsome specimen of the marble workers art.

East Grey Fall Fair Prize lists were sent out to members last week. The list is bigger and better than ever this year and should attract a large number of exhibitors. Write to Secretary W. A. Hawken for a copy and prepare a list of exhibits. New members will be made more than welcome.

On Saturday afternoon last the Hydro Electric service was cut off from Owen Sound for a couple of hours on account of the breaking of two wires on the line north of Chatsworth by blasting operations on the Provincial highway. The repair gang was rushed from Eugenia to repair the break. The service in Owen Sound has frequently been interrupted by blasting.

Saturday last a big American car from Detroit was captured just south of Mt. Forest and brought to the town for speeding. The speed cop also discovered a good supply of distillery gas in the car, which was taken to a garage to await adjustment. But before adjustment could be made the wet goods are said to have disappeared. Another car following was also "soaked" for speeding. Some of these American gentry who are high up in affairs of the nation have learned that they are not immune and that Canadian speed cops and whiskey sleuths are costly to monkey with.

Father Clohecy Dies

Father Clohecy, who was shot by a deaf mute in Proton, died on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The remains were taken to Hamilton, his native town, for interment on Friday.

The man charged with the murder is lying in Owen Sound jail and does not appear to appreciate the gravity of the situation in which he is placed. When told of the priest's death he made no comment, though offered an opportunity with pencil and paper. He has expressed no regrets for the act.

The Best Start

The best start you can give your son or daughter is a course at the Northern Business College, Owen Sound, September 5th.

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