How the Flesherton Old Boys' and Girls' Home Coming Was Started

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[Please Note— All the names capitalized are the names of people who have lived, or are now living in the village or the vicinity of Flesherton.]

The people who are now living, or have lived in Flesher-ton and surrounding country, although they are of different nationalities, and known by a variety of names, have a very Strong Love for each other; and while visiting there—my own home town—I Heard on Good authority a Short time Ego, that the people were Thurston for a Long time for an old Boyes and girls home coming celebration, so at Nuhn, which is twelve by the Clock, on a certain Day, being Boyd up with Pride, in the Hope of seeing a number of friends of their Young-er days, resolved, Orr rather decided to get be-Hind the proposition and Doupe out the Best plan to make it a great success.

A Freeman, and others of the village and vicinity, en-Dow-ed with the same laudable spirit, Gott together, amongst whom were a Baker, Barber, a Butcher, a Cook, a Cooper, a Gardiner, a Harrower, a Mason, a Miller, a Pedlar, a Porter, a Tanner, a Taylor a Weaver, a Black-Smith, an Arrow-smith, and a Goldsmith.

In addition to the above list of honorable tradesmen, they have stalwart Boyes, "Noble sons of Noble sires" of other persuasions, the Atkinsons, Andersons, Achesons, Bensons, Carsons, Dobsons, Dawsons, Donaldsons, Fergusons, Gibsons, Harrisons, Hutchinsons, Hendersons, Johnsons, Jamiesons, Jacksons, Morrisons, Matthewsons, Murchisons, Neilsons, Pattisons, Parsons, Robertsons, Robinsons, Samsons, Sandersons, Sampsons, Stinsons, Stevensons, Stephensons, Thomsons, Thompsons, Watsons, Wilsons, Williamsons and Wilkinsons.

With this Large Conn-course of people of Welsh, English and Irish descent, they thought it Wood, not be complete without a 'wee bit o' Scottish 'ta tune in 'wa them, so to the skirl o' the bags o' the Pipes, 'ta the tune o' "the Campbells are Comin'..", there was an enthusiastic gathering o' the clan, amongst which were the McAdams, McAlisters, McAuleys, McCarrolls, McCannell's, McCallums, McConkeys, McCulloughs, McCutcheons, McCrackens, McDonalds, MacDonald's, McDonnells, McDermotts, McDougalls, McDougalds, McEachnies, McFaddens, McGirrs, McGilvreys, McGowans, McIntyres, McInnis, McIntoshs, McKees, McKillops, McKenzies, McKechnies, McKinnons, McLaughlins, McLellans, McLaughrys, McLachlans, McLeods, McMasters, McMeekins, McMillans McMullens, McNallys, McNultys, McNicholls, McNevins, MacPhails, McPhersons, McQuays, McQueens, McQuarries, McRaes, McTavishs, McTaggarts, McWhinneys.

Accordingly, the Campaign, having been started, they decided to Marshall their forces and proceeded Post haste to Hunt up a place in which to meet for organization purposes, so taking a Short Wauchope the street they found a suitable Roome in the Munshaw House, Down near the Mill, In the shade of the Woods, on the Banks by the Watters of the Boyne.

The Reeve in order to call them together, proceeded to Ring the Bell in Belfoy tower.

The Elder of the party thought that Parson, dressed in his Priestly robes, Wood take Pride acting as Dean, or chairman of the meeting, so without Hope of re-Ward, in his Wisdom, this Service he amicably performed.

A Guy who was not Scilly, who Hales from Maxwell and who made it Lively for a time, Hopps up, being overcome with Joy and started to Hooper up at the enthusiasm of the meeting, and acting a Little Crossley some thought he was going on a Bender, and wanted to Waller in the gutter, but, being a Trueman of sturdy Stock, and Knott having this desire, being a good Dresser, he knew this act would spoil his new suit of Tweed, and he could not af-Ford to Marr his Fair name, by a report of this kind circulating in the neighbor-Hood.

As it was Knight, the Kertons were drawn. With a few Knox of his Dargavel, the chairman called the meeting to order.

A Bachelor looking Hale and Hardy with a Whitehead and a Beard as Gray as a Badger, came in, and as there was a Bann-on that particular style of facial decorations, Bellamy wanted to Burnett; and when he started to Trimble, some thought that a Black-burn would not be becoming for his particular style of beauty, so Murray suggested that it be Sheard off. The culprit Newell that something was coming his Way, and tried to Duckett, and being in a Pinch, and feeling somewhat Moody, asked the advice of a gentleman formerly from Grey whose judgment is always Wright, so acting on his advice and feeling a little Churney, on the Spurr of the moment, and not wanting to Bolster up the situation, took a drink from the Fawcett, and, taking a Sly glance at the crowd, pulled down his Westcott, and as it was a little Wraggett, he made a Sharp turn and left the Hall, and being a good Walker, decided to Trudge-on home.

Without Moore, ado a most capable executive and chairman of committees Kerr-fully selected, who were never Wier-y in their en-Dever to make it a great success. Every Mann was anxious to Coe-operate and all who could run an Ottewell, made his Cargoe until the radiator Boyles over. Being in a Pickle when his Karstedt Still, he thought he would Parker in the Park, and not being Rich, having only a few Nichols and a Copper in his pocket, decided to Lever in one of Barnes or at "Brack's" until he would Palmer off for a Brackenbury or an Eaton brand of Snow-mobile.

By way of a change some Betts were placed as to which Carr Burns the most Gass, the Cole, the Nash, the Brooks, the Starr, the Durant, or the Essex. This, of course, started a friendly argument, but one who appeared to be a little Gamey started to Ruff it, and Sparks began to fly. Not being anxious to Harrow the feelings of anyone, some thought it had gone far e-Knuff as it was causing more or less nerve Strain for a time, and fearing aSlaughter of some one, they called in a Sargent who put on his Carson-Armour and with a Stone in his sling and a Speer in his Hand, in the presence of an Earl and in the name of the King, the gathering which might be call l a Parliament, was called to order, and what to some might appear to be a quarrel, was only a friendly exchange of words or, as it were a "Tempest in a tea pot."

A Vause, however, was seen to fall off the Wardrobe which was made of Whiteoak, but made to Wetherall kinds of Somers and Winters that generally prevails at or near Clarksburg and Thornbury.

The secretary, after having his Inkster-ed up was asked to Reid out the names of the different officers, after which the roll was called, and amongst others, Messrs. Adams, Alexander, Edwards, Hannah, Henry, Howard, Harold, Franks, Isaacs, Jack, James, Oliver, Phillips, Roberts, Van Dusen, reported present. The work of each committee being duly allotted and obligated, the feeling of the meeting was unanimous that each and every one would make a determined effort to make the Old Home Week the greatest in the history of the village.

Having no further business the meeting adjourned.

The next morning, nearly every man was diligently engaged in his business pursuits, but a few were on pleasure bent and wanted to take a Haliday, and a Fisher was seen trying to catch Fish without Bates in a Poole just beyond the Cornfield, and being innocent of the Hazard of the situation, received a rude Bunt from an innocent looking billy goat which made him Haw-ler with Payne.

A Hunter, with a Hatton who was also an Archer, took his Gunn and went for a Trempe up the Hillock and over the Hemphill top, or Highland, and before he left the Field was seen Russell for game on the Lee side of the Heath, and succeeded in capturing a Hare, a Leppard and some Lyons.

Then a Fowler came on the scene, and was informed that Eagles, Martins, and Herons, Arnott so numerous as Hawkes, Crowes, and Partridges, are in Osprey, so he tried his Fortune out there. He thought it would Bewell (be well) to take some Bacon some White, Brown and Graham bread and a Good supply of Bowes butter, by way of a Small lunch with him.

There was also an Oldfield there who came from Holland, who boastingly said his ancestry went back to the Tudor period, or even as far as the Norman conquest. Some took for Grant-ed that he was trying to put on Ayres, as the old saying goes by "building Cassels in the air." People from Oliver (all over) the world who once lived in Flesherton, are coming Mitchell, Kingston, Beaton, Hamilton, Sing-hampton, Snell-grove, Sullivan, Crockford, Burke-ton, Heathcote, Sutton, Hogg's-Hollow, Preston, Clinton Mount Julian, and as far even as the river Jordan and river Shannon and from Genoa in Italy.

You Neff-er will have such an opportunity to hear such fine music as the Canadian Field Artillery Band of Toronto will furnish. The leader, Mr. Wilson, not Holden to ancient traditions, has kindly consented to let Mel-drum on this occasion, the laws of the Meads and the Persians not now being in force in the village. He is not Talbot is Shier than Dav-is.

I denna' Kennedy when you w'ud ha' so much fun, unless you get, as a Scot would say, Fuller 'en a goat.

Our Potts are all cleaned up, our Bowles are washed and the Chambers made Ready for our Guests.

The Old Home sports committee is making every effort to have the home comers, Small and great, Young and old enjoy thmselves, so they will find in the grounds a Ferris wheel, Teeters, Sled-riding Bowles, Ball and other games.

Littlejohn who had to Neil when he played Bowles, and who could not say Runstadler or Thistlethwaite without lisping, was a good Bowler, but did not have an Armstrong enough to place them properly. There was a little Hi(e)ckling over the result, but to Foster any hard feelings was out of the question.

A Shepherd with his Horne, not a Cornet was singing Robin-Adair as he walked ac-Ross the Meddaugh and later being a Handy man, was busy trying to Sheardown a few sheep.

An 'Owler visited the old 'Olmstead but was not Gauld to find the 'A(o)ldcorn Pe(a)tch, instead of being Chard and covered by a Hayes or a Smurr as formerly, a Rae of sunshine rested on every foot of the dear old place.

At the Old Home week there will be Radwicks, Chadwicks and Wickens, but the finest "Wick" at the celebration will be Wilfenwick who came from Eugenia Falls, but is now ex-Alderman of Toronto. As a "Wick" is an important part of a candle, so this "Wick" altho' not "Wick"-ed, nor tolerates "Wick"-edness in any form, plays a very important part in the Toronto delegation; and without speaking "Wick"-edly, if you think you can knock down his "Wick"-ets you will find you are up against a piece of real "Wick"-erware.

Paul, not an apostel, had an undertaking to Plantt a few Murphys, and after Cullen out a few Sempleas, proceeded to Berry them in Rowes in the Rear of the Buck-wheat field.

I don't wonder that some from a distance be-Wale their inability to leave their Homes, in order to be with their old friends, and a tear Wells up in their eyes, but find consolation in the thought that "everything comes to him who Waites."

The fact is that I was sane enough up to the day that I decided to write this desultory; and have been since, as far as I know. I am very anxious to see this Home Coming celebration a gigantic success. If it is a failure, I want it understood that I was taken possession of by some unseen, perhaps Satanic, power; but if it is a success, then of course it was an inspiration of my own. To those who are inclined to look upon the bright side of life, who are anxious to meet and greet old friends of their youth, with a glad hand and a smiling face, this letter is respectfully dedicated.

"Smile with me, not at me."

Cattle On Highway

In the second division court in Toronto a judgment was given dismissing an appeal which is of interest to motorists and to owners of cattle. While driving at night on a highway the motorist turned aside to pass a couple of calves, when a third bobbed up from the ditch and was struck by the car, which was damaged to the extent of $300 The motorist sued the owner of the calf and secured judgment for the full amount. On appeal the judgment was sustained. The court held that the plaintiff was not guilty of negligence and the sole cause of the accident was the negligence and disobedience of the statutory duty owed by the defendant. By the Highway Improvement Act, R. S. O., 1927, chapter 54, section 73 (3) it was pointed out that, permitting one's cattle to run at large is forbidden; consequently the presence of these calves on the road was unlawful—as much so as if forbidden by municipal law.

Speckled Trout Hog

Up north the other day, Mr. Peter Stevenson, District Game Warden had the somewhat doubtful privilege of meeting a real "fish hog." Mr. Stevenson, with Bert Gooderham was patrolling near Trout Creek when he met a man carrying 96 speckled trout. None of these fish were over half a pound in weight. The man had been fishing from 9 a.m. to 5.15 p.m., the time when Mr. Stevenson asked him what he was going to do with so many fish, he claimed that he was going to eat them, a tale which the Game Warden decliped to swallow. The law allows only twenty speckled trout a day and the Trout Creek man will have to try and explain to the magistrate why he kept on fishing after he had got his number. This lack of respect for the law is too general and has much to do with the scarcity of fish in many trout streams.—Collingwood Bulletin.

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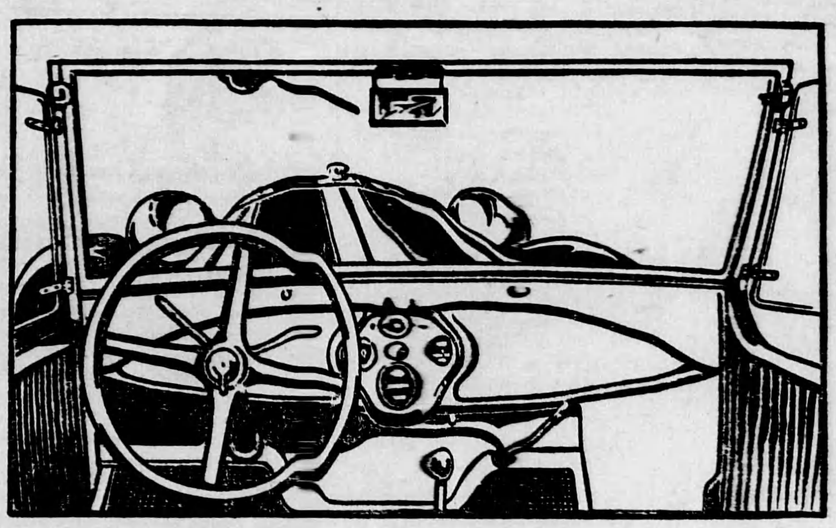

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