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Flesherton Woollen Mill Destroyed By Fire On Monday

The Flesherton Woollen Mills were completely destroyed late Monday afternoon in a spectacular fire that means a great loss to the village, if it is not rebuilt.

The fire started in the picking machine, the first operation in making yarn, and despite all efforts by Mr. Walter Dungey, who was working the machine, and Mr. Harry Fellow, the flames gained such headway that they were unable to stem the advance of the blaze. An alarm was quickly turned in to the telephone central and very soon the volunteer firemen were at hand. It was seen then the mill was doomed and all efforts were made to save the large stock of wool and woollen products in the office section of the building. These, along with the office records and furniture were placed in safety.

A heavy rain fell during the fire but this had no effect in quenching the fire, the flames of which roared high into the air and in one hour the building was only a smouldering ruin.

During the past few years Mr. Nuhn had installed many new machines to speed up his production and these are a total loss.

Mr. Nuhn stated during the fire that $15,000 would not replace the building and machinery. He had a small amount of insurance, but this would not nearly cover the loss he has sustained. He did not know what his future actions would be, but was of the opinion that he might not rebuild.

Mr. Walter Dungey received severe burns on his hands while attempting to stop the blaze and also had his face slightly burned and hair singed. He had his burns treated by the doctor following the fire.

The Flesherton Woollen Mills commenced operation in 1863, four years before Confederation, being built and operated for a number of years by the late Peter Campbell, who later sold to the late Harry Flesher, son of the founder of Flesherton. Mr. John Nuhn Sr. purchased the mills 43 years ago and rendered splendid service to the district, the residents of whom had perfect confidence in the quality of goods manufactured. The present owner, Mr. John Nuhn Jr. took over the business of his father about five years ago. He added several thousand dollars worth of modern equipment and branched out to a point where he had a large trade, not only in his home community, but with Northern Ontario and the Manitoulin Island.

"ANY DAY A FISH DAY"

A Message from the Premier of New Brunswick.

To me it seems strange that one should be coaxed or coerced into eating fish and, to my mind, it pre-supposes a mental resistance to over-emphasize the health giving and energizing qualities of fish. While I do not doubt for a minute that fish contain superb food qualities, I prefer to eat fish because it pleases the palate like nothing else will

Living, as we do, on the Atlantic Seaboard where fish of all varieties are readily available in abundance, we are naturally deeply interested in having the people of our sister provinces make use of our food supplies; but despite my mercenary interest as a public man in the natural resources of our Province, my own experience prompts me to advise people to use fish liberally because of its own delightful appeal.

BIRTHS

PEDLAR — To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pedlar, a son, on January 28th, in Toronto.

DUNCAN — In Proton, to Mr. and Mrs. George Duncan, a son, on January 25th.

HEARD — In Durham hopsital on Friday, February 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Heard of Swinton Park, a son.

When money talks a man seldom troubles himself to investigate the truth of its remarks.

Tommy Church of Toronto wants to know the cost to the people of Canada of the Dominion and Provincial governments We are unable to supply the information and will have to be satisfied with saying that whatever the cost is it is too much.

Changing Bell Lines

This week the Bell Telephone Co. commenced making extensive alterations in their lines on Toronto and Sydenham streets. They are erecting a composite cable to serve both local and long distance lines from the cemetery to a point north of the Boyne bridge, which will result in all the open wiring disappearing from the street. The new cable will be lowered considerably from the present one now in use for local telephones. At the same time the Flesherton Hydro Commission will change their wiring system and have all their lines running above the Bell lines. Mr. Eldon McLachlan, a former Ceylon boy, is one of the Bell men engaged in the work.

Pond Had Close Call

Following a heavy rain storm on Monday afternoon and evening the rivers were running high and ponds formed throughout the village in low lying places. McCauley's pond was in danger Tuesday morning when water filled the reservoir and was escaping at the side of the pond, near the bathing house, and running across the road in front of the planing mill. Several boards were taken from the flume and the pressure was released. The Feversham mail did not arrive Tuesday morning, as a lake of water covered the road at the gravel pit near J. A. Kernahan's on the Feversham side road and he could not get through.

Saturday morning high winds and a blinding snow storm gave us more snow than we have had since Christmas but on Tuesday it had all disappeared with the rain. The streets were very icy and were sanded to prevent accidents.

ICE STORAGE METHODS

Where ice is readily available, the storage of a few blocks of it is a very simple matter. Any unoccupied corner of a shed will serve the purpose. A rough board enclosure, ten feet square and eight feet high, will hold enough ice to provide 50 pounds per day for 130 days, after allowing for a reasonable amount of wastage. The smaller the quantity stored, the larger is the proportion of waste.

The bottom of the enclosure should be covered with about one foot of sawdust. If the soil underneath is impervious clay, it will be all the better if there is a few inches of gravel under the sawdust. In putting the ice in the enclosure, the boards can be taken away from one side and replaced after the ice is in position. The space of one foot to be filled with sawdust, should be left between the ice and the boards, and the ice should be covered with about the same thickness of sawdust. It is the sawdust which keeps the ice from melting.

The drier the sawdust, the better the ice will keep, and it is a good plan to throw out the driest of the sawdust from time to time as the ice is is being removed during the summer. Under cover this sawdust will continue to dry out and thus be in a better condition to be used again in the following year.

Now In Galt

Mr. Eric Dowling has been appointed organist of the Central Presbyterian church in Galt. The offiicals of this church want his services to commence on the 21st of this month if possible but they are willing to defer the date till Collingwood church secures a successor if necessary. It is a little more than seven years since Eric took the organ of the Presbyterian church in Collingwood and during that time he has made a striking advancement in music. A little more than a year ago he secured the degree of F.C.C.O. which is the highest mark of proficiency obtainable in Canada. He goes to Galt well equipped for the position he will fill — Alliston Herald.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Dowling is well known in Flesherton where he resided for a time on his arrival from England with his parents. His friends are pleased with his advance in his chosen musical career. He is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinder of town.]

Police broke up a cock-fight near Burlington the other night and 150 fans got their first spot of exercise out of the pastime when they dived from the windows and staged a cross-country.

Defence Matters Receive Attention

(By Miss Macphail, M.P.)

The very large increase in defence estimates threatens to be the most contentious matter which will come up this session. The Hon. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence, will shortly introduce estimates totaling over thirty-three million dollars, an increase of 16 millions.

The matter has not yet come before the House, but the government, apparently anticipating opposition, has used every opportunity of creating a favourable atmosphere for them when finally they arrive. Several such have occurred this week: the continued debate on Mr. Woodsworth's neutrality resolution, Mr. Heaps' suggesting that we ask Mr. Roosevelt to call a world conference, and Mr. Douglas' motion suggesting that, in the event of another war, involving Canada's active participation, every agency, financial, industrial, transportation or natural resources, shall automatically be conscripted for the duration of such a war. Leading government members used each of these as an excuse for making strong, almost belligerent, speeches in favor of the huge military expenditure.

Other prominent issues of the week are the home improvement bill and another all-day discussion on the necessity of amending the B. N. A. Act.

For the renovation of a single dwelling, a loan up to two thousand dollars can be secured, with further amounts for a multiple house: duplex, apartments, etc. The borrower pays the loaning company interest by having his loan discounted. The amount of interest figures out to 6.32%, although in the Act it is said to be a discount of 3.25%, which is but another way of stating the charges. The government will guarantee the loaning company against loss up to fifteen per cent of the aggregate loan after the lenders have exhausted every effort to collect.

A publicity campaign will be carried on "to make the Canadian public home-repair conscious" and to explain the plan. Mr. Dunning told the House that the cost of this campaign would not be borne by the government but by private funds raised by business interests which expect to benefit by the expenditure and public-spirited citizens who wish to see the plan carried out. The Dominion government, in announcing the plan some time ago, stated its opinion that the properties should not be subject to increased tax assessments. Local committees are taking the matter up with the provincial governments.

J. A. Marshall (Social Credit) claims that the Banks will simply create the fifty million dollars of credit necessary to fulfil the scheme, lend it to the people of Canada and, in the process of time, get back the whole amount plus $3,160,000 for services rendered. And yet, he said, we do not hear a word about inflation. He thought the interest charge too high, pointing out that the Canadian Farm Loan Board charges only five per cent and is said to be making a profit. It was claimed that the legislation is not sufficiently wide in scope, since it does not make provision for those who most need to improve their homes but can at least afford to do so. Only those applications which are approved py the loaning compand can come under the scheme. In other words, the loan is not made on the basis of the need but on ability to repay the loan. All, however, admitted that it was a step in the right direction.

When the British North America Act was written, no provision was made for its amendment, so that in many things we are still bound by the thinking of wise and good men who lived many years ago, before the industrial age, and who could not possibly foresee the needs of this day.

Mr. Bennett assumed that the federal government had the power to enact legislation regulating hours of industry, establishing a weekly day of rest and determining minimum wages. But in a recent judgment the Privy Council (in Great Britain), determined otherwise. Uniform legislation for all the provinces on these and many other matters is needed if there is not to be a constant shifting of labor to the provinces with the greatest security and manufacturers to the provinces with the lowest costs. Mr. Coldwell, in presenting his resolution asking for establishment of a committee to enquire into the constitutional changes necessary to modernize our

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Majority Mounts

During the past week the percentage of farmers signing in favour of the Restricted Area has shown another increase. Every day, therefore, adds further assurance of the success of the project.

On Saturday morning the following three townships were completed. The results show: Sarawak 95.5%, Derby 95.4% and Sydenham 94.9% in favor of the scheme. It is hoped that by the end of this present week the remaining municipalities may have their reports completed.

Grey County farmers are surely living up to their reputation, that of being most progressive and leaders of all the beef producing counties.

Congratulations are due the above three townships. They have completed the work in record time.

The farmers, who are responsible for circulating the petition, did an exceptional job. They laboured most zealously and successfully in the cause. As they received nothing for their work, the Grey County Department of Agriculture owe them a debt of gratitude. Thanks a thousand times.

Litter Contest Results

Results of Ontario's thirteenth bacon litter contest in eight years, and the third since rail grading has come into force, have recently been announced by Homer Maybee, Senior Hog Grader, Dominion Live Stock Branch, at Toronto. The litters in this competition were farrowed in the spring of 1936 and marketed in the fall. There was a total entry of 129 litters scattered throughout the province out of which 72 litters completed and qualified. These were divided as equally as possible into three districts with 14 prize winners in each district.

This was the third competition where the scoring was done on the basis of dressed weight and grade, and this time the score for weight was made directly on the carcass weight without first bringing it back to live weight. It is believed that producers are now well informed to think of marketing hogs in terms of dressed weight.

The summary of the 42 prize-winning litters showed the youngests average age yet obtained and the largest size of litter. The average weight per pig was equivalent to 205.6 lbs. live weight, which was down a little and the quality was high.

The honor of producing the best litter in this competition went to Geo. Lannin & Sons, Dublin, who won first prize in District 2. Fifteen pigs were marketed at 175 days of age, weighing 2,321 lbs. dressed and grading 10 A's. This litter was from a Yorkshire sow and boar, the latter having strong Advanced Registry backing. A few of the carcasses were a bit short and the shoulder fat on some was a little too thick—otherwise it was a splendid litter. The feed used was 6,200 lbs. oats and barley chop and 6,000 lbs. skim milk, together with a half ton commercial concentrate, which was the only feed purchased.

Pack Eggs Big End Up

Eggs, especially those to be shipped for hatching, should be packed snugly with the large end up as hatching eggs are less likely to be broken when in this position, than if they are packed with the small end up. Each normal egg has an air cell at the large end and it is necessary that the membrane separating the inner portion of the egg from the shell membrane be neither broken or shaken loose.

Research has shown that eggs with tremulous air cells hatched only two-thirds as well as the eggs which had normal air cells. Packing the eggs with the large end up removes the pressure from the inner membrane.

The egg case should never be placed on the bumper of an automobile as the vibration at this point is possibly greater than on the floor inside the car. If the hatching eggs are hauled in a wagon or truck the bed should be matted with straw, which serves as a shock absorber.

"It is better to give than to receive," said the doctor, as he administered the anaesthetic.

Ottawa's mayor will represent the city at the coronation but insists that he pay his own expenses. From one who breathes the air of Ottawa that is indeed remarkable.

Miss Mabel Clark Died At Clinton

Miss Mabel Rebecca Clark, editor of the Clinton News-Record for the past 27 years, died suddenly Wednesday night while preparing for bed. This death has a peculiar interest for the editor of this paper and we feel her passing as a personal loss, as we have known her from young womanhood as a bright star which has passed across the journalistic firmament within our own experience.

It was about 47 years ago that The Advance persuaded a young girl to take up correspondence duties from Epping, where she was living with an aunt.. She was loath to undertake the work, but we thought we understood her capabilities, and Mabel Clark has many times expressed her gratitude to us for having insisted that she undertake the job. Later she was taken on the staff of Saturday Night under her brother, Joseph T. Clark, then editor of that periodical. When her brother went over to the editorship of the Star an opening was offered her on the Clinton paper, where she has remained ever since. Since that time Miss Clark and ye editor have frequently exchanged calls on each other. It was always a delight to see her genuine smile and warm words of welcome.

Besides her brother, Jos. T. Clark of the Star, a nephew, Gregory Clark, is also attached to that paper as a specialty writer, and a brother, James, at one time editor of the Pickering News, died several years ago. She also leaves three sisters Mrs. Ogle Cooper of Toronto, Mrs. J. E. Cantelon, Toronto, and Mrs. Marquis of Lefroy.

Miss Clark was born in Flesherton 65 years ago, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark, and always held a warm spot in her heart for the place of her birth.

Service was held on Friday evening at Clinton and on Saturday the remains were brought to Flesherton by motor hearse, the cortege arriving about 1.30 p.m., when interment was made in Flesherton Cemetery Chapel, later to be placed in the family plot. Rev. Geo. R. Service, pastor of St. John's United Church, conducted the service at the chapel. A number of old friends gathered at the cemetery to view once more the face of her whom they knew so well.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Bert Marquis and Jack Marquis of Lefroy, Chas. Marquis of Toronto and Gregory, Joseph and Arthur Clark of Toronto.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. Bert and Mr. Jack Marquis of Lefroy, Messrs. Gregory Clark, Jos. Clark Jr., Arthur Clark, Chas. Marquis of Toronto, Mr. Hall, proprietor of the News-Record, and Miss Rudd of Clinton, Mr. I. M. Spring of Stroud and Mr. Frank Irwin of Durham.

Card of Thanks

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to all those who ably assisted in saving the mill stock from the fire on Monday and for other kindnesses extended to me.

—JOHN NUHN

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pedlar announce the engagement of their daughter, Ita Mable, to Mr. Burton Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Watts of Berkeley, the marriage to take place in February.

Trail Rangers' Corner

Rev. G. R. Service, B. A. Scribe

What boy is there who does not find a real thrill in discovering and following a trail which some old pioneer has blazed through the woods.

The name "Trail Ranger," signifies that the boys have set out on the greatest trail of all—"The Trail of Christ-like Living." Jesus was the pioneer and each boy has set as his ideal "the Jesus way" of life.

Each boy, before becoming a full-fledged member, makes the following promise: "As a Train Ranger I promise to do my best to—Seek Truth, Cherish Health, Love God, Help."

In order to aid each boy in the attainment of this ideal a ten-point Trail Ranger code, has been worked out which is as follows:

1. A Trail Ranger loves God.
2. A Trail Ranger is faithful to the King, his Country, and to those in position of leadership..
3. A Trail Ranger is friendly; a brother to all, irrespective of their race, creed or color.
4. A Trail Ranger is eager to learn; he makes the most of his opportunities.
5. A Trail Ranger is trustworthy; he can be depended upon..
6. A Trail Ranger is cheerful; he smiles when things go wrong.
7. A Trail Ranger is courteous; he does the hard thing that is worth while.
8. A Trail Ranger is healthy; he gives his body a chance.
9 A Trail Ranger is clean in thought, word and deed.
10 A Trail Ranger believes that to "play the game" is more important than to win.

At any time a Trail Ranger is supposed to be able to repeat this code from memory.

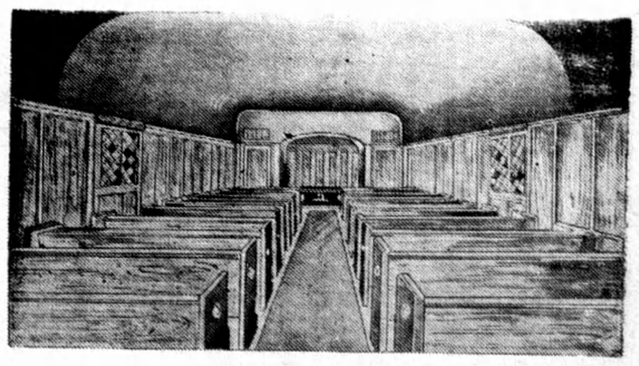
These last two weeks there were 16 and 15 boys out. We wish to express our thanks to those who gave substantial donations to our club this last week. And so till next week, Good Climbing.

A Timber Harvest

This winter thus far has been wonderful for bush and logging work, owing to the absence of snow. Sleighs have been off the job, however, having been replaced by trucks. It is surprising what loads have been moved in this manner. We have noticed trucks going through town loaded with from fifteen to eighteen large maple logs piled on them, destined for Mildmay, Walkerton, Owen Sound and even Goderich. Several truck loads of telephone poles have been taken as far as Galt. Timber of all kinds appear to be at a premium just now, with everything saleable. Mr. Foster at Rock Mills informs The Advance his mill yard has now more logs than it has ever had before, and more are wanted. He says they will buy as long as logs are offered. It is a bonanza for all who have timber for sale, and farmers are busy taking advantage of this source of revenue.

WORLD'S DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's Day of Prayer, which is being observed the world over, will be held in the Baptist church, Flesherton, on Friday, February 12th, at 3 p. m. Mrs. J. R. Wolstencroft is the Key Woman. Will all who have a Missionary Monthly please bring it to the meeting, as it contains the program.



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