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Mrs. Jas. Chard Died in 83rd Year

After an illness of only a few days death came to Mrs. Jas. Chard on Wednesday morning of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alex. McMullen of the East Backline in her eighty-third year.

The late Mrs. Chard, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Holland, was born in Devonshire, England, and came to Canada with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Holland, in 1875. They settled in Scarboro Township, York County. In 1881 she was united in marriage to James Chard of Agincourt following which they came to Artemesia Township and settled on the fourth line, where they resided until 1904 when they moved to the farm on which she died. She and her husband also resided for two years in Flesherton after they retired from farming. Since the death of her husband on April 1st, 1914, Mrs. Chard had been residing with her daughter, Mrs. McMullen. She leaves to mourn a kind and loving mother one daughter, Mrs. Alex. McMullen (Mary) and three sons, Tom of Toronto; Edward of Maidstone, Sask.; and George of Grand Prairie, Alta. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Jos. Dart of Toronto and Mrs. W. Graham of Collingwood. The passing of Mrs. Chard breaks the unique incident of four generations of one family living in the one house.

The late Mrs. Chard was of a most estimable character, highly regarded by a host of friends and was a splendid neighbor, ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. Her passing will leave a void in the home and many will regret the passing of a true friend. She was a member of the United Church.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon of last week when Rev. G. R. Service conducted the service at her late home at one o'clock p.m. and who delivered a most comforting message to the family. A large number of friends was in attendance.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Wm. Russell, Jas. Russell, Walter Russell, Leslie Chard, Arthur Chard and Robt. Chard, all nephews of the deceased.

The casket was surrounded with a bower of beautiful flowers from sympathizing friends and relatives among them being tokens from Grey Lodge A.F. & A.M., Toronto; Staff of the Eastern High School of Commerce and Special 2 Class at the High School of Commerce, Toronto.

IN MEMORIAM

McLEAN — In loving memory of Archibald McLean who departed this life January 31st, 1938.

His smiling face and pleasant way
Are a pleasure to recall,
He had a kindly word for each,
And died beloved by all.

Some day we hope to meet him,
Some day, we know not when,
To clasp his hand in the better land,
Never to part again.

—Ever remembered by daughter,
Jennie, and grandchildren.

Baptist Church Services
Rev. Fred Ashton, Minister

Flesherton: 11 a.m.—Divine Worship
12 a.m.—Bible School.
7 p.m.—Gospel Service.
Rock Mills: Bible School 2 p.m.
Worship 3 p.m.
Come and Worship. A welcome to all.

St. John's Church Had Successful Year

The annual meeting of St. John's United Church was held on Thursday evening last at 6.30 with about 60 of the congregation partaking of a delightful pot luck supper.

The congregational meeting followed, at which the pastor, Rev. Geo. R. Service, presided. After an opening hymn and prayer Mrs. W. A. Hawken was chosen as secretary. The chairman called for the reports of the various church organizations and the minister's report followed. Mr. Service stated that he did not think that there was a home that he had not visited the past year. During the year 46 new members had been received and there were 10 removals by death. He reported 288 members in the church.

From the minister's point of view 1938 was a busy, interesting and altogether a very happy year. Mr. Service stated: "I do want to say how much I have appreciated the warm fellowship of this congregation and the splendid spirit of co-operation which has been evidenced throughout the whole year. Such a fine spirit is conducive to draw forth the minister's best."

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. F. W. Duncan, which showed that during the year receipts were $2,625.38, with all expenses paid and a balance in hand of $54.68. During the evening the treasurer was presented with a chair as a token of appreciation for the splendid work done during the year.

The following church organizations gave reports: the Session by G. A. Cairns, Sunday School by A. Sparks, Ladies' Aid by Mrs. E. Betts, the W. M.S. by Mrs. F. W. Duncan, the M. and M. by Mrs. Cargoe; Y.P.U. by Miss K. Banon, the Mission Band by Mrs. Service and the choir by Mr. H. L. Eubank.

The Elders were appointed as follows: J. McKee, J. T. Parker, T. J. Fisher, M. Bannon, W. A. Hawken, E. Best, John Stewart, Geo. Cairns and Edgar Betts.

Board of Stewards—Dr. Milne, T. J. Fisher, A. Sparks, R. Priestley, G. Cairns, F. W. Duncan, R. Best, R. Park, A. Down, G. A. McTavish, F. G. Karstedt, C. R. Chapple.

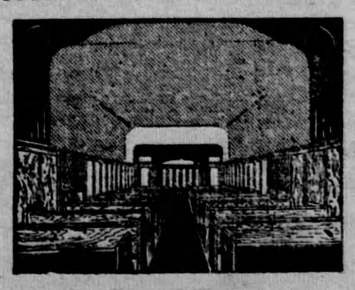
At the close of the meeting Dr. Milne spoke on behalf of the congregation of St. John's United Church, thanking Rev. and Mrs. Service for their leadership and untiring efforts during the year, and for their continuing service with us.

The meeting was then brought to a close with prayer.

LOST LITTLE SON

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weber of the Valley suffered the loss of their six months old son, Melvin Lawrence, who died suddenly on Friday morning. The little fellow had apparently been perfectly well at one o'clock and when the parents awakened in the morning death was found to have occurred. Much sympathy is expressed to the sorrowing young parents. The funeral service was held Saturday afternoon when Rev. S. McAuslan of Kimberley conducted the service at the home at 1.30 p.m. Interment was made in Markdale cemetery.

Toronto police cars are being outspeeded by cars used by holdup men. Looks like General Draper will have to sign a few Campbells or Eystons.



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Many Pay Tribute To Late W. H. Thurston

Willard Hadley Thurston, editor of this paper for fifty years, passed away at his home in Flesherton on Wednesday morning of last week in his eightieth year. He suffered a severe heart attack in May of last year and for a couple of months in the summer enjoyed fairly good health and was able to travel around to the homes of the different members of his family and enjoy life. After he wrote his "Au Revoir" to the readers of his paper on August 24th last his health failed again and he gradually became weaker. He was able to be up each day since Christmas even on Tuesday evening, and his passing on Wednesday morning came as a shock.

The late W. H. Thurston was born near Kimberley on March 2nd, 1859, and was a son of James M. Thurston and Adeline Purdy, pioneers of Euphrasia township. He attended Kimberley school and when about sixteen years of age left for Orangeville where he was apprenticed in the printing trade, his ambition being to own a newspaper. He worked later on the Dundalk Guide and with the Durham Review. From there he went to Owen Sound and for a year was in partnership with the late Arthur Pearce as owners of Tre Tribune. This lasted for only a year following which he left for Toronto where he was employed on The Globe and World for a number of years. On August 1st, 1888, he came to Flesherton and purchased The Advanre from the late A. R. Fawcett, being its editor for fifty years, until he handed over the reins last August to his son.

Deceased was united in marriage on January 14th, 1884, to Kate Amelia Gaudin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gaudin of Kimberley, who survives along with two sons, A. S. Thurston of Meaford and F. J. Thurston of Flesherton, and three daughters, Mrs. N. H. Durrant (Florence) of Mitchell, Mrs. R. W. Shaw (Myrtle) of Lion's Head and Miss Dell of Toronto. He also leaves two brothers, Dr. F. A. Thurston of Chicago and A. D. Thurston of Montreal, and one sister, Miss Myrtle Thurston, of Chicago. One son, Arnold, was killed in action in Belgium in 1916. He was a member of St. John's United Church and when enjoying good health was in regular attendance at the services.

When the police village of Flesherton was changed to the rating of a village in 1912 he was the first clerk which position he held for two years. He served as Reeve during the years 1927 and 1928 and took a great interest in the welfare of the community. He brought the first pneumatic bicycle to this district and enjoyed many excursions through the country. He was especially interested in the early history of Grey and was a collector of Indian relics. He was also a great reader, had a wide knowledge of his own country and could converse with fluency on any subject. His hobbies were fishing and hunting, being a member of the High Falls Hunt Club for a number of years. He was also a stamp collector and had a wonderful collection of stamps of Canada and foreign countries.

(By Written Mrs. W. Turney)

The remains of the late Willard H. Thurston were laid in their last resting place in the Flesherton Cemetery on Friday afternoon, the last rites being attended by a large number of people in all walks of life who desired to pay their tribute to one who had lived among them practically all his life and who by his life and the interest shown in his fellow citizens had endeared himself to the entire community.

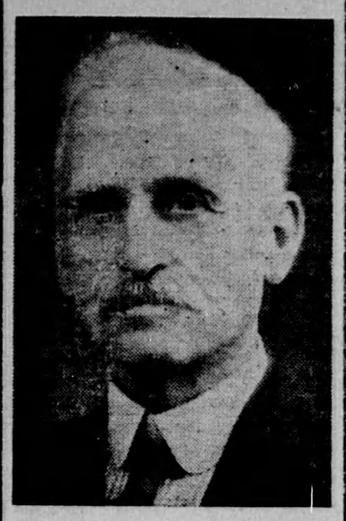
A private service for the family and close friends was held at the home at 2.45 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. R. Service, pastor of St. John's United Church, and this was followed by a public service in the church which was well filled. Rev. Service was assisted by Rev. F. Ashton, pastor of the Baptist Church. The service included the singing of two hymns which were favorites of the deceased, "O God Our Help In Ages Past" and "Forever With The Lord" and a trio "Peace Like A River," which was beautifully rendered by Mrs. J. A. Henderson, Mrs. G. E. Henry and Miss Laura Pallett, with Mrs. Blackburn at the organ.

Rev. Mr. Service in his remarks paid a high tribute to the life and service of the late Mr. Thurston, to his influence in the community which he served and where he had lived for so many years, and to his splendid character, and brought a message of comfort and encouragement to those who had been bereaved. The service throughout was most impressive and there was a feeling of sadness among those present as it was realized that one had passed on who had taken a personal interest in their welfare.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Alfred Down, Geo. A. McTavish, Chas. N. Richardson, F. W. Duncan, C. J. Bellamy and T. J. Fisher. The flower bearers were Messrs. F. H. W. Hickling, J. O. Dargavel, C. S. McTavish, H. A. McCauley, George Armstrong and William Welton. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Among those present from a distance were: Mr. Frank McIntyre of Dundalk; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Colgan and Mr. and Mrs. J. Colgan of Markdale; Col. N. E. McDonald and Lieut. Geo. Cutbush representing the Grey-Simcoe Foresters, Owen Sound; Rev. S. and Mrs. Annis of Markdale, Mr. Wm. Miller of Dundalk and Misses Marion Shaw and Betty Thurston of Toronto.

Floral tributes, in addition to many from private individuals, included those from Flesherton businessmen; Flesherton Old Boys' and Girls' Association, Flesherton and Toronto; High Falls Hunt Club; Grey & Simcoe Foresters' Officers' Mess, Owen Sound; Ontario Creamery Association; Flesherton Council; Staff of Rawlinson School, Toronto; Room 207, Rawlinson School, Toronto; "A" Co. Grey & Simcoe Foresters.



THE LATE W. H. THURSTON

Editor of The Advance for 50 years, whose funeral took place on Friday afternoon of last week.

Machinery Installed

During the past week the refrigerator in the Flesherton Creamery has been built and is almost complete and ready for the necessary air-conditioning equipment to be installed. It is interesting to note that the outside walls and floor are insulated with six inches of cork, while the inside walls have four inches. The floor is covered with cement and the walls plastered to conform to the general clean appearance of the building. The new churn was also installed last week, and the size of it was so much larger than expected that the doorway had to be enlarged by removing some of the tile brick in order that the churn could be taken into the building. The churn is the only one of its kind to have so far been erected in Canada, as it's the latest style. Manager C. Goddard expects to be churning in the very near future, when he finishes the plumbing in connection with the churn.

FROM KELVINGTON, SASK.

We enjoyed receiving a letter recently from Mr. Robt. Pallister of Kelvington, Sask., a former Osprey boy, in which he states that they have had sleighing since November 1st and that there were only six days when the temperature registered from zero to 44 below. When writing there was about 14 inches of snow, but a lot more was expected before the winter was over. It was indeed a pleasure to hear from Mr. Pallister again.

Forty travellers were stranded during a storm in the little village of Shakespeare on the western end of No. 7 Highway. It is a wonder some progressive resident didn't think of that as being the proper time to take a census.

Seek Abolish Appeals To Privy Council

(By Agnes C. Macphail, M.P.)

We have two new Cabinet ministers. J. A. McKinnon, the only Liberal from Alberta, has been made a Privy Councillor, Minister Without Portfolio. That is, he is entitled to sit in at all Cabinet meetings and to take part in the discussions, but he does not administer a Department, nor is his salary increased over the $4,000 which he receives as a member. It will mean harder work but will give him greater opportunity for service. Mr. McKinnon is a likeable man, a general favorite, an old Bruce County boy.

Norman McLarty of Windsor has been made Postmaster General, to relieve the Hon. J. C. Elliott, who has been very ill for over a year. One writer says that Mr. McLarty is a handsome man with a prepossessing manner. Mr. McKinnon far outranks him, in my opinion. Viewed as an outsider, there doesn't seem any reason at all why Mr. McLarty should have been made Postmaster General. He came in three years ago, sat on a back bench, made one speech (unless I missed something) and then, at the Prime Minister's invitation, moved into the Cabinet. I am told that he is a very able lawyer and that those who know him think well of him, and that he has a rich wife.

From the political gossip, I was expecting the decision to be between Ross Gray, the chief Liberal Whip, and William Mulock, whose outstanding characteristic is that he is his grandfather's grandson, and Sir William was once Postmaster General.

If hard work for the party was the determining qualification, Ross Gray would now be "The Honorable the Postmaster General. As chief Whip, he has a dog's life, though with his present overwhelming majority in the government party it is easier. It may be that Ross Gray's partisan spirit was not mitigated against his selection. It is a Department requiring many appointments and one that has been the football of bitter debates. There is, however, excuse for the slight suspicion that his friendship with Mitch. Hepburn had something to do with it. That is unfortunate.

In addition to the general debate, called the address in reply, which still goes on, a bit tiresomely, but this week saw the introduction of several billls and the tabling of the estimates. Mr. Cahan, Conservative, Montreal, has introduced a bill which seeks to abolish appeals to the Privy Council, by way of amendments to the Supreme Court Act. I wish it luck.

Tommy Church presented a bill which, if passed, would provide for indeterminate sentences for youthful offenders. That is, when those in charge of the delinquent youth thought the maximum benefit of imprisonment had been reached, the offender would be released.

The Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of Health and Pensions, known to everyone as "Chubby" Power, presented a bill dealing wtih the Food and Drugs Act. It enlarges the scope of the Act, and deals with the licensing of cosmetics manufacture. It seems that analysis on this continent have found that some preparations being offered on the market constitute a real danger to women, and the government will increase its staff of analysts and make a thorough check-up.

The business of Canada is presented to the House by the estimates, which tell how the money is to be spent in the fiscal year beginning April 1st, and by the budget, which tells how the money is to be found. The estimates for the coming year (starting April 1st call for an expenditure of $457,241,215, as compared to the $418,968,456 last year. And that is the main estimates in both cases. There were supplementary estimates last year of $11,000,000 and, undoubtedly, will be as much or more this year. The largest increase was shown in defence estimates, totalling $63,435,175, as against $35,936,524 for the year which will close the end of this March.

From the government point of view, the Minister of Labor, the Hon. Norman Rogers, made a strong speech, on the unemployment situation. He would much rather see private business expand sufficiently to absorb the unemployed than to take up the slack by public works. As scope for private

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Made Home in School

(By Victoria Corners Corr.)

Sunday of last week was very stormy. When the caretaker went to school Monday morning he discovered one storm window had been removed and carefully placed in the woodshed. The inside showed signs of having been occupied over the stromy week end. A can of cocoa, from which the children had been having hot drinks at noon, was all gone. Dirty cups were left to show where. There was sugar left of course and the girls who had furnished the milk forgot to take their sealer, with the remaining milk, home, so there was milk for the codoa. The transients were of cleanly habits, as they used one of the pupil's towels and soap while there "borrowing" the teacher's towel and soap to take with them. However, they left a supply of wood from the shed to replace the one which had been carried in on Friday night. It was nice to know that some persons were comfortable during the storm.

Walkerton Man Is D.R.O.

Mr. Norman Archibald of Walkerton, formerly of Ceylon, has been appointed Returning Officer for the riding of Grey-Bruce for the coming Dominion election. A. E. Moore of Owen Sound is Returning Officer for North Grey. Already two hundred and thirty-six returning officers have been named in two hundred and forty-three ridings throughout the Dominion, and while reports are current of a general election this fall, Jules Castonguay, chief electoral officer, states there is no especial significance in naming them now.

The present appointees are all new because the new Electoral Act passed at the last session of Parliament wiped out previous appointments.

Will Oppose Tax Increase

Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Ontario Minister of Highways, assured a meeting of his constituents last week there would be no increase in the provincial gasoline tax if he had anything to say in the matter. A royal commission under Justice E. R. E. Chevier recently recommended the tax to be increased from six to nine cents per gallon as part of a scheme to refinance Ontario's highway debt. Mr. McQuesten declared he believed it would be a mistake to boost the tax. Instead of producing more revenue, it would curtail the amount now being paid as motorists would drive less. It also might discourage tourists from visiting Ontario.

BORN

BELL— In the Flesherton Nursing Home on Monday, January 30th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell of Priceville, a daughter.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness during the illness and death of my father, Jas. Milne.

—Mrs. Sornberger.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. Jas. Chard wish to thank their neighbors and friends for flowers, their kind expressions of sympathy and their many acts of kindness during their recent bereavement.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. W. H. Thurston and family wish to express their appreciation for the many kind acts and expressions of sympathy during the illness of their husband and father and in their bereavement. Such actions will always remain bright during a dark hour.

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