

Flesherton Happenings

The sixth annual Spring Show of the East Grey Agricultural Society held here last week goes on record as very successful. Notwithstanding bleak and showery weather there was a large turnout of representative farmers, and the exhibit of animals was excellent. There were twenty horses on the field and among them some very fine animals. Mr. J. D. Orr, Government Judge, awarded the prizes as follows:

Imported Clydesdale, aged—Thos. Mercer's Earl of Brackley 1st; Thos. Mercer's Baron of Challanche 2nd; Alex. McLeod's Brandon Duke 3rd.

Imported Clydesdale under 4 yrs.—T. Mercer's Life Guard, 1st; D. McLeod's King's Abbott, 2nd; Jas. Patton's Dandy Jim 3rd.

Canadian Heavy Draught—Jas. Lever's Cairnbrogie 1st; W. R. Burnett's Pride-of-All 2nd; Samuel Bachelor's Royal Mason 3rd.

Belgians—Wm. Lever's Marnix 1st.

Coach—T. N. Walpole's Garnament 1st.

Hackneys—J. D. Robert's Hamlet of Shelburne 1st.

Standard Bred—Jas. Crovston's Lord Hunter 1st; Jas. Crovston's Al Brino 2nd; John Finlay's Lord Ross, 3rd.

Sweepstakes—Heavy draught, T. Mercer's Life Guard; Light Horses, Jas. Crovston's Lord Hunter, each a bronze medal. The cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd were \$6.00, \$4.00 and \$2.00.

Baseball is to be the leading sport here this season. The team organized last week with officers as follows: Hon. Pres., J. A. Boyd; Pres., George Mitchell; Patrons, D. McFavish, W. J. Boyd, Mark Wilson; Captain, Herbert Smith; Manager, Ed. Thompson; Sec. Treas., G. M. Patrick; Committee, Chas. Moore, Harold Mitchell, George McTavish; Mascots, Charley Crossley and Herb Sullivan. An invitation has been extended to the team to play at Feversham sports on the 24th.

At the Mission Band meeting in the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months: President, Mrs. W. A. Armstrong; Rec. Sec., Miss Gertie Bellamy; Assistant Secretary, Miss Lillian Bunt; Cor. Sec., Miss Laura Armstrong; Treas., Miss Iva Mitchell.

Genoe—Turner—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Turner, near Eugenia, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday evening, April 27th, when at 5:30 o'clock their daughter, Ada May, was joined in marriage with Mr. Wm. Thos. Genoa, of Artemesia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. E. Wellwood, B.D., of Flesherton, and the bride's sister played the Wedding March. The bride, who was unattended, was given away by her father and was very prettily attired in a gown of white muslin. About forty guests were present, and after the marriage partook of a choice wedding breakfast. The presents to the bride were numerous and valuable. Mr. and Mrs.

Genoa have settled in their new home on the 8th con., Artemesia. A neatly printed booklet descriptive of the young and rapidly growing town of Zealandia, Sask., has reached us by which we learn that Mr. W. H. Heath, formerly Principal of the public school here, is secretary-treasurer of the Board of Trade. Mr. Heath is making good in the West.

By an interesting letter from Mr. Cecil Legate, formerly in the Standard Bank here, we learn he is enjoying Western life located at Cadogan, Alta., a rapidly growing young town which had but a post-office a year ago. Cecil is post-master and conducting a real estate business. He has homesteaded a half section near the town and is now having excellent health.

Mr. Will Moore had the misfortune last week to have one foot badly injured by a traveller's heavy trunk that he has since been compelled to use a cane and crutch to move about.

On Sunday next, the Dominion Alliance Field Day in Grey County, the speakers at this point will be Rev. R. D. Hamilton and Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, very able men in this particular line of work. Mr. Hamilton will preach in the Methodist Church in the morning, when the Baptist congregation will join in the service; at Meaford Road in the afternoon, and Rockvale at night. Mr. Kettlewell, who will preach in the Presbyterian Church in the afternoon, will accompany Mr. Milligan to Eugenia in the morning and to Proton Station in the evening.

Communion service in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning was well attended and impressive throughout. Fitting reference was made by the pastor to Mr. William Clayton, the Recording Steward, who lies at his home very ill. In the Presbyterian Church the sermon by the pastor on the two characters represented in the 1st Psalm was deeply interesting and inspiring.

Rev. J. V. Laughland has tendered his resignation of the Baptist charge here with the view of work elsewhere in a short time.

Mr. Frank Cairns, west back line, has purchased for his only daughter, Miss Pearl, a handsome new Heintzman piano.

Mr. Thos. Wickens, of Kimberley, visited his son Andrew last week.

Mr. W. J. Douglas, of Matheson, spent Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. Fred McClocklin visited a few days with her mother at Chatsworth.

Mr. Jessie Hemstock and sister, of Chatsworth, paid Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Wellwood a short visit last week.

Mrs. Holman's old friends are pleased to see her back to her old home and her accustomed place in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vandusen, of Dundalk, visited the former's mother on Sunday.

Miss Myrtle, Biakely is home from Toronto on a visit accompanied by her cousin, Mr. W. Moorehouse.

Mrs. Spence has returned to her home in Toronto after three weeks' visit with her father, Mr. Charles Doupe, and other friends.

Mr. John Doupe, of Owen Sound, and Mrs. H. Wren, of New Bridge, visited for a few days with their brother, Mr. Chas. Doupe.

Mrs. Andrew Carr, an esteemed old lady who has been very ill with bronchitis, is recovering. Mrs. Stewart, sr., and Mrs. Brown, sr., continue to improve slowly.

DOZEN DIE IN FIRE BEATEN TO DEATH

Holocaust in Cornwall Hotel Takes Twelve Lives.

ROSSMORE HOTEL BURNS ACCORDING TO THE POLICE

Inmates Have Little Chance of Escape—One Family Wiped Out—Cause Is Unknown, But Flames Spread With Awful Speed—Other Buildings Burn and Loss Will Total a Quarter of a Million.

Hamilton, April 29.—Twelve human lives blotted out and a property loss that \$250,000 will scarcely cover is the record of a fire which broke out at 3 o'clock yesterday morning in the Rossmore Hotel, destroyed that structure and damaged a number of leading business establishments.

It is Cornwall's second fatal hotel fire within 13 months and one of the worst holocausts of its kind in recent years in the Dominion.

The Dead.

Charles Gray, manager, Ives Bedding Co., his wife and two children, aged 6 and 8.

Ben Fielding, accountant, Sterling Bank.

Charles Gagne, teller Bank of Montreal.

Mrs. Taylor W. Archibald, aged 70, an invalid.

Wm. Hume, waiter, of Montreal.

Ernest Buller, bellboy, of Montreal.

Marie and Jennie Oliver, waitresses at the hotel for twelve years.

Mrs. Hoeller of Philadelphia, a kitchen employe.

Breaking out in the Rossmore hotel the fire spread with great rapidity, baulking for hours the efforts of the fire brigade and hundreds of citizens. Three score persons, 20 being commercial men and the others permanent guests and employes of the hotel, died in their nightrobes, reached the ground by means of sliding down ropes, with lacerated and bleeding hands.

The entire family was wiped out in the catastrophe, the remains of C. C. Gray, managing director of the Ives Modern Bedding Co., with his wife and two children, having been found in the smoldering ruins. Mrs. Gray was in delicate health, and while the facts will never be known, it is believed that it was in a desperate effort to save Mrs. Gray and the children that Gray himself perished. Of the six bodies found last night, four are thought to be those of the Grays. Judge O'Reilly saw him and held the door open for him until he himself was driven forth by the blinding smoke and rolling flames, and the last seen of Gray he was turning into the street where his wife and family were.

Pitiful too was the death of Mrs. Taylor W. Archibald, an aged invalid, who had for years resided at the Rossmore, and who through her weakness and infirmity, was unable to escape when the warning was given.

Cool heroism on the part of William Fitzgibbon, president of the Cornwall Lacrosse Club, resulted in the saving of several lives. Aroused by the watchman's knock, he woke up young Fielding and showed him how he might escape. Fielding, however, became confused and trying to get out by the regular exit, was suffocated.

Fitzgibbon then broke a skylight above the servants' quarters and by means of a ladder managed to bring three of the dining-room to the roof, when all fled to safety in their nightclothes.

Judge O'Reilly and his wife had a narrow escape in their plucky rescue of young Harry, their son, who has been ill with pneumonia. They were able to drag the boy from the room, and then over the roof of the Rossmore's dry goods store beyond the rear of the flames.

Charles C. Gray was a former Torontoian, and two brothers, F. M. Gray, barrister, and R. A. L. Gray, electrician, live there.

Strangely coincident with the fire is a judgment given yesterday morning by the Court of Appeal in a case arising from the death of George Hagle of Philadelphia. Hagle was burned to death in the fire which destroyed the Windsor Hotel at Cornwall early on March 23, 1909. In that fire three perished and four were badly injured. The money loss was about \$25,000.

Benj. Fielding, aged 32, accountant in the Sterling Bank, one of the victims, belonged to Liverpool, Eng., and came here about a year ago, from the Toronto branch of the bank.

Charles Gagne, teller of the Bank of Montreal, belonged to Lewis, Pa., and came to Cornwall from Toronto, P.Q., about four or five months ago.

Mrs. W. Taylor Archibald was a daughter of the late John Beckus of Santa Cruz, Osnabruk, and sister of Mrs. Harrison, mother of Dr. H. J. Harrison, of Sherbrooke street, Montreal. She was one son, Frank Archibald, of New York City.

Among those who had a close call was Major Beatty, M.P., of London. He was in a room on the second floor. There was, luckily, a rope in the room, which he secured, and throwing his clothing out the window, he slid down the rope in his pyjamas.

Among those who escaped were A. R. McLennan, Toronto, brother of the late Col. R. R. McLennan, ex-M.P. for Glengarry, with his wife and child, A. Findlay, traveler for J. C. Wilson & Co., paper bag manufacturers; Capt. Harold Lump, representative of Ewing's Coal, Montreal.

Just how it was that the fire obtained such a hold on the building before it was discovered, Coroner Hamilton will endeavor to find out in the inquest which opens this afternoon. The night clerk claims to have found the fire while on his hourly rounds, when, as he stepped from the kitchen to the rotunda, he was met with a burst of fire that swept up the main stairway. He at once ran up through corridors awakening the inmates, one of whom, A. F. Birchard, of the high school staff, rushed in his night clothes to the nearest alarm box. The hotel, of four stories, was splendidly equipped with fire escapes, fire ropes, night watch and a watchman's clock.

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Crop Damage Exaggerated.

Washington, April 29.—Damage to crops in the southern states east of Mississippi River is not as great as first reports indicated, according to President Finlay of the Southern Railway. He said yesterday that cotton and corn have suffered in the northern two-thirds of the States of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, but that further south these crops were not injured and that further north they were not far enough advanced to be seriously hurt.

To Conserve Resources.

Carlton Place, April 29.—The Town Hall, holding 950 people, was filled Wednesday evening to hear an address by Kelly Evans, on the conservation of natural resources, especially of fish and game, and tourist traffic.

There was great enthusiasm for the cause of conservation. Mr. Evans dwelt on the economic value of birds to the farming community. David Findlay spoke of the good work of the association.

The Budget Passes.

London, April 29.—In a quiet session lasting two and a-half hours last evening, the House of Lords, without division passed the final stages of the finance bill, which now awaits only the royal assent. There were a few peruses in the gallery and a small attendance of peers.

Lord Lansdowne, leader of the Opposition, denounced the Government's capitulation to the Irish members at an act worthy of Morocco or Somalia-land.

Bryan's Daughter to Wed Britisher.

London, April 29.—The engagement is announced of Lieut. Reginald Altham Owen of the Royal Engineers, stationed at Jamaica, to Ruth Bryan, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, who formerly was Mrs. W. H. Lusk.

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