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Water Powers.

The Commission of Conservation has just issued a report on the water powers of Canada, that is highly creditable to the Commission. It is the first inventory ever taken of the water powers of the country, and places the water power resources on a reliable basis enabling a fairly accurate opinion to be formed. The report shows that a little over a million horse power is being developed at present, and it wisely gives the warning that the already ascertained facts do not warrant the frequent, extravagant estimates that are made of our resources. Our immense area of lakes, and number of rivers does not necessarily imply power. One of the chief dangers, says the Report, of such generalities is to create in the public mind a feeling of unwarranted assurance that, even though desirable water-rights are being granted by a government, yet there is so much left, that no apprehension may be entertained regarding the amount of power rights parted with. The fact cannot be too clearly understood that every ounce of waterpower in the country should be scrupulously conserved, and retained in the public hands. While the means of conveying that power over an area of a hundred or more miles, in the form of electricity, the power of a waterfall can be conveyed into every residence and every barn, for industrial works, for lighting, and quite possibly in the near future for heating. The Commission has a great duty to perform, and is doing admirable work for the people. The consumption of power is remarkable, and the ultimate demand will without fail call for every pound of power that our water resources can develop. The general idea is that Niagara Falls has an almost inexhaustible supply; on it the commission in its report makes significant reference to the granting of franchises to develop power at Niagara. The Report states that the low water flow of the Niagara river would yield at the Falls, about 2,250,000 H.P. of which Canada's share one-half, would be 1,125,000 H.P. Franchises have already been granted; it goes on to say, and plants partially completed, for the development on the Canadian side of the river, of about 450,000 H.P. In other words, instead of millions of horsepower being available, as has been sometimes stated, it appears that about half, and by all odds the better half, of Canada's usable share of Niagara Falls power has already been placed under private control. The Commission is to be congratulated on its report, which is well gotten up, and furnishes the facts upon which the future policy can be safely grounded. Much too often public opinion is founded on generalities spread to a large extent through interested parties, and by those having the gift of the gab combined with facile most imaginations. It is by the gathering and sorting of the actual facts such as the Commission has accomplished in its report on the water powers, that gifted word painters get their quietus, and the people have at least the opportunity of forming a sound opinion. This country is blessed with marvellous natural resources, and it has every need for the strictest conservation of those resources for public uses, in the future as well as in the present.

HARKAWAY

(Special to The Standard.) Mr. J. A. Halbert disposed of a team of horses last week, and Mr. A. Rusk sold one. Fancy prices were realized. Mrs. R. Lyons, jr., visited at the parental home near Walters Falls for a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. A. McCullough, of Markdale, were the guests of friends in this locality recently. Miss Carrie Lyons, of Cheesewille, has been a visitor in our burg during the past week. Mesdames Halbert and Rusk were the guests of Mrs. Will Hawkwood one afternoon of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Heimbecker, Glasgott, visited their daughter, Mrs. J. Hawken, recently. Messrs. Johnston and Duncan, of Sask., and Mr. G. Duncan and the Misses Johnston, of Dundalk, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Acheson during part of last week. Mr. and Mrs. R. McKennitt, of Markdale, were callers on Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lyons recently.

FLESHERTON

(Special to The Standard.) The first skating carnival in the new rink, held on Friday evening last, was a great success. There was a large general attendance and about a hundred were in carnival costumes, many of which were very fine. The following were prize winners: Best fancy costume, lady, Miss Laura Armstrong; Best fancy costume, gent, Mr. C. N. Richardson; Best Canadian costume, Miss Jossie Richardson; Best Irish costume, Mrs. R. H. Wright; Best United States costume, Mr. John Cairns; Best Turkish costume, Mr. Herb Smith; Best Indian costume, Master Reggie Boyd; Best Clown, Mr. Rob. Bellamy; Best Japanese costume, Miss Florence Richardson. Girls' Race—Miss Florence Thurston, 1st; Miss Florence Bunt, 2nd; Boys' Race—Roy, McCauley, 1st; Harry Frost, 2nd; Open Race—B. Welsh, 1st; W. Bushfield, 2nd. Judges—P. Kelly, Markdale; Geo. Hanbury and Geo. Curless, Dundalk. Flesherton Band supplied music. The whetted appetite of the skaters caused the refreshment booth to be well patronized. The hockey team enjoyed their trip to Dundalk on Thursday evening last though the score was against them by 3 to 1 in the match with the team there.

Born—At Oak Lake, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Turner, a son, grandson to Mr. Geo. Rutledge of this place. Master Kendall, the 8-year-old son of Mr. W. J. Boyd, fell in the rink one night last week and sustained a fracture of two bones in the right arm. Dr. Carter reduced the fracture, and the plucky little fellow is bearing his mishap without much complaint. Mrs. Corbett, of this place, received the sad news on Friday evening of the death that day of her daughter, Mrs. Harland Morrow, at Oxbow, Sask. Mrs. Morrow had been ill but was apparently recovering when seized with heart failure. The deceased, who was 26 years of age, is survived by her husband and one little boy 5 years of age. Mrs. W. L. Wright, of this place, is a sister of the deceased. Mrs. McKinnon was called to Owen Sound last week by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. George V. Norris, who died in the hospital on Wednesday. The funeral took place from her late home to Greenwood cemetery. The deceased, who had been residing in Owen Sound for about a year, was 30 years of age. She is survived by her husband and an infant son one year old. Mr. James Fawcett, who a number of years ago resided at the Morey House on the Collingwood Road, died at Kimberley on Saturday, aged 93 years. The remains were taken through here on Monday to Dundalk for interment.

The Methodist Epworth League has concluded a very interesting essay contest in which nine essays were in competition. The prize winners were Miss Christina Henderson 1st, an excellent essay on "Child Life on the Farm," and Miss Agnes Henderson, 2nd, with a good essay on "The Seasons." The prize essays were part of the program at Monday evening meeting. Principal Holland, Mrs. Marcellus and Mrs. Carter were the Judges. Previous to his sermon last Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Wellwood gave a five-minute talk to the boys and girls of the congregation and two weeks ago used as an illustration of self sacrifice the heroism of the youth who lost his life on the ice floe at Niagara. On Sunday morning last to change the order and test the memory of some of his junior hearers he called on Master R. N. Cornfield to come forward and relate the incident, which he did manly and with marked clearness and intelligence. R. N. will be heard from further some day. Mr. Clifford Blakely, who has been for some time in the employ of Mr. Morley, tailor, has bought out his employer and will continue the business, getting possession on March 1st. Cliff is an industrious young man and will no doubt command a share of trade. A press despatch from Collingwood on Monday reported the death at Lewiston, Montana, of Mr. Fred C. Fowler, formerly of Collingwood, born in Flesherton in 1863. The vote on Church Union throughout the country appears strongly in favor of the movement. Out of 79 votes we have noticed reported, but 9 are against

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PROTON

(Special to The Standard.) Miss Lena Park has been laid up with the cold for the past week. Miss Ethel Conley, Dundalk, spent Friday at home. Mrs. Aaron Wurts and Mrs. Mark Stewart, Flesherton, spent Wednesday at J. W. Lyons'. Miss Edith Carson returned to the city last week for the balance of the winter. Miss Ethel Ludlow visited friends at Swinton Park last week. Miss Edna Patton, Flesherton, spent Sunday with Proton friends. Mr. Earnest Acheson, Miss Duncan and Miss Pearl Acheson, Bethel, Sundayed at Mr. Wm. Ludlow's. Mr. and Mrs. W. Little, Wareham, spent Saturday at Mr. John Lyons'. Mr. John English, Ceylon, was in town Saturday. Mr. R. A. Neilson drove from Collingwood Friday and remained over Sunday. Messrs. Robert Carson and Jared Lyons spent Sunday evening at Mr. W. Sharp's, near Flesherton. Misses Eliza Colgan and Margaret Pagarow, Dundalk, visited over Sunday, at Mr. A. Colgan's.

KIMBERLEY

(Special to The Standard.) That long-looked-for thaw has arrived at last. Miss Jean Graham, of Eugenia, is the guest of her friend, Mrs. Geo. Proctor. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Knott, of Ravensha, visited friends here during the past week and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hammond. Mr. Sanford Knott, of Thornbury, visited friends here during the past week and was the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. J. Stuart. Mr. Robt. Holley, of Meaford, was a pleasant caller in our burg on Friday last. Born—On Thursday, Feb. 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Stuart, a daughter. Died—At Kimberley, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, James Fawcett, aged 89 years. Particulars next week. Messrs. Robt. Johnston, of Rose-town, Sask.; Jas. Duncan, Vermillion, Alta.; Geo. Duncan, of Dundalk; and the Misses Eva and Charlotte Duncan spent Monday of this week the guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson. The Ice Carnival held on the Citizens' Rink on Tuesday night of last week was a decided success and was largely attended. Much credit is due the rink manager, Mr. Ern. Proctor, and his corps of able assistants who materially aided in the carrying out of the evening's programme. Music was furnished by the Flesherton Band. Following is the list of prize winners: Open Race—Harry Haskett, Walter Burritt. Girls' Race—Myrtle Camack, E. Camack. Ladder Race—Vernon Bishop, Elmer Ellis. Girls' Race under 16—Ded Thurston, Nellie Burritt. Worst Skater on Ice—Elmer Ellis. Farmer—Jasper Stuart. Clown—Mrs. Harry Smith. Best Gent Skater—C. Thistlewaite. Best Gent's Costume—Walter Burritt. Nigger Swell—Norman Beckett. Night—Nellie Wickens. Best Lady Skater in costume—Enna Burritt. Red Riding Hood—Florence Thurston. Miss Winter—Alma Camack. Highland Chief—Walter Burritt. Best Lady Skater Edna Camack. Best Lady and Gent Skaters—C. Thistlewaite and Mrs. Goldhawk. Highland Lassie—Edith Harris. Queen of Hearts—May Wickens. Western Girl—Maude Plevas.

Notes. Everything went along smoothly, not a hitch during the entire program. In the open race Harry Haskett of Markdale was in a class by himself. No, neither of the local cracks entered the open race, "The Bulletin." Ern Proctor, was suffering from a sprained knee, and "Cyclone" Esdale Walter was suffering from an attack of grippe. Messrs. Bal. Abercrombie, of Wodehouse, and Norman Beckett, of Rocklyn, as fat woman and negro swell, respectively, were easily the best impersonators on the ice. The ladder race was certainly exciting. It was indeed amusing to see the boys in the rush between the rungs of the ladder.

WALTERS FALLS

(Special to The Standard.) The weather continues mild. Mrs. T. Barker received a phone message on Monday calling her to the bedside of her son, Charlie, of Midland, who had been suddenly stricken with appendicitis. Mrs. Barker left immediately, and we have since learned that Charlie was operated on on Monday p.m., and came through it very successfully. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Jerry are moving into the residence of the late Mrs. Bredner. Mr. John Stewart has purchased the house and land of Mr. George King and will take possession after March 1st. The Epworth League of the Methodist Church held a very successful "St. Valentine" social on Wednesday eve, Feb. 14th. Messrs. Leagues were invited and turned out in goodly numbers, and a most pleasant social evening was spent. Music, games, etc., were enjoyed, and lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. John Reid entertained again on Thursday evening to a very pleasant house party. Next Sabbath evening Rev. Mr. Stanley will preach on "The Ideal Church of the Future." Last Sabbath Mr. Stanley's text was "Church Union." There was a large congregation present. Mr. and Mrs. Fowell, of the U.S., are the guests of the latter's brother, Mr. J. L. Layton.

SHELburne

(Special to The Standard.) The weather has been very spring like for the last few days, but is little cooler at time of writing. The big skating races held on Friday of last week on our rink here was a decided success. In the open race for the purse of \$25.00 there were 17 entries, parties from Montreal, Toronto, Grand Valley besides some from home. G. McArthur from near Grand Valley took first, and a young man from Toronto took second. There was also a County Race and a Shelburne Boys' Race, both of which were keenly contested. Over \$28.00 was taken in at the door. Mrs. B. A. Jelly, who has been very sick for some weeks, died at her residence, Main st. East, on Sunday evening about six o'clock. She leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her demise. The new Carnegie Library was opened on Monday of last week with Mr. Jas. Cameron as Librarian. We think the choice of the committee is a good one, as we consider Mr. Cameron will fill the place to the satisfaction of all. There was quite an excitement about 4.30 on Monday afternoon when Mr. A. McDougall's team dashed away from Tipling's blacksmith shop. The team was hitched to a cutter, to which a hobsleigh was attached. They turned the Union Bank corner and dashed down Main street at a great pace. They were captured at the grain mill after running about half a mile. Very little damage was done, although there were some close calls, but all got out of the way in time. Miss Martha Watson, of Priceville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson, Owen Sound street. The Dufferin Central Fair in Town Hall in this place on Feb. 27th. This is the first held here and should be well patronized by the farmers, as it will give a good opportunity for those who have seed to sell and those wanting seed, to get together. There is already a goodly number of entries by parties who intend to show grain and potatoes.

WODEHOUSE

(Special to The Standard.) Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, of St. Vincent were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Loughhead. Messrs. George Tuck and Ross Hutchinson, of Heathcote, were visitors at the home of Mr. Vincent on Sunday. Miss May Laakre visited with her friend, Miss Olive Kirkpatrick, on Sunday. Mr. Wilfred Fawcett, of Markdale, and sister Irene, of Wodehouse, spent Sunday with their brother, Alwyn, at Meaford, and also visited Mrs. Morwood. Mr. Jos. Lanktree had a very successful wood-tee last Friday, it being composed of his brothers and brothers-in-law from Fairmount and suburbs. Mr. C. Beckett, of Fairmount, visited with his friend, Mr. Arthur Thompson, one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kirkpatrick attended the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kirkpatrick, of Goring, on Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Fawcett and Mr. Wm. Fawcett attended the funeral of their uncle, Mr. James Fawcett, of Kimberley, on Monday. Miss Annie Hawken, of Hartway, spent a few days, with her sister, Mrs. Jas. Snell. The remains of the late Mrs. R. J. McAfee were interred in New England cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th inst. She was a former resident of this neighborhood and member of this Church, a large number of her old neighbors and friends turned out to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed and sympathized with the bereaved family.

CHERRY GROVE

(Special to The Standard.) The soft weather has come gone. We are sorry to report that Mrs. R. Black is indisposed. Mr. Jack Wyville had another bone taken out of his leg last week. Mr. Wyville has certainly had a long and painful illness. Mrs. T. Harvey and Mrs. W. E. Brady are visiting this week at Tara with their mother, who is ill. Miss P. Struthers and friend visited at Waudby the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Brady. Mr. George Taylor and mother visited Harkaway friends the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston spent the latter end of the week with the latter's mother, Mrs. T. Brady. Miss Kate Dickie has gone to Toronto on a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. Thompson.

VANDELEUR

(Special to The Standard.) The January thaw has arrived at last. Mrs. R. Genoe and Mrs. R. G. Gert visited friends in Rocklyn on Thursday of last week. Mr. Wesley Cooley, from the West, who is a former resident of this place, renewed old acquaintances here recently. Mr. Thomas Shannon, of Methuen, is visiting his brother, George, of this place. Mr. George Holley, of Alberta, is visiting friends here at present. Miss Eva Burnett, of Markdale, visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Graham, one day last week. Miss Christine McLeod, of Flesherton, visited with Miss Tillie Buchanan a few days recently. Mr. Matt. Devitt, of Rocklyn, was the guest of Messrs. Lundy and Will Johnston over Sunday. Mrs. Thompson, of Kimberley, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Holley the first of the week. Mrs. Wright spent the first of the week with friends near Heathcote. Miss Della McGee visited with friends in Maxwell recently. Married—A Cook's Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, Feb. 14th, 1912, by Rev. A. T. Taylor, Minister of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham, to Mr. John A. Toms, of Parharton, Ont. Messrs. Fred and Chas. Boland each sold a team of horses during the past week. A number from here attended the carnival at Kimberley on Tuesday of last week and report a pleasant outing. The pastor, Rev. H. F. Wellwood preached a strong sermon on Sunday last in favor of church union, and also distributed ballots to the congregation. The Valentine social given by the Women's Institute on Wednesday evening of last week was a grand success. The weather being favorable, a large crowd turned out and listened with pleasure to the excellent program consisting of songs, dialogues, recitations, club swinging, music by the string band, and others. Messrs. H. C. Duff and G. A. Clark, of Markdale, were present and gave short addresses. Mr. J. I. Graham supplied the chair. After the programme lunch was served by the ladies and everybody went home pleased with the evening's outing. Mr. Card and Mrs. E. Graham, of Eugenia, attended Divine service here on Sunday.

PRICEVILLE

(Special to The Standard.) The 9th and 10th of this month were very cold, and several persons suffered from frost bites, but the mild, pleasant weather since then has put everybody in good humor again. Two gangs of men and teams are busy loading cars with sawlogs for Durham and Hanover furniture factories. There is also a quantity of square rack oak timber being hauled to this station. Jack Frost, the noted burglar, has made an entrance to several places this winter that seemed to resist all his skill in previous seasons. The Public School Literary Society has been preparing an entertainment for Friday evening next. One of the numbers will be "The Merchant of Venice." Everybody welcome. Mrs. Ellie McPhail, O.D.R., has rented her farm to Mr. Jas. Reid. She took the train to the West on Monday, where she has a valuable quarter section. Mr. Don. McKinnon, who has been postal clerk on the C.P.R. for some time, has accepted a position down near the Atlantic. He went last week. Foxy Valentines on the morning of the 13th Ben McKenzie secured a fine fox, and on the morning of the 14th David Hinks captured another sly rascal. A pleasant twinkle may be observed in the eye of these two sports ever since.

TOWN LINE A. & E.

(Special to The Standard.) Mission Circle meets on Feb. 27 at Mrs. Thos. Freeman's. Many friends of Mr. Ben Sewell are glad to hear he is getting better. Miss Cora Hutchinson, of Markdale, visited at her home, Basswood Corners. Messrs. Fred Curtis and John Hutchinson, of the 7th line, are hauling logs to Markdale. Some of the young people attended the Valentine concert at Vandeleur on Wednesday and reported a good time. Mr. John Brown, of Kimberley, is drawing brick for Mr. Wesley Fowler, of Cheesewille. Mr. Russell Freeman visited his home on Sunday. Advertise in The Standard.

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