The Markdale Standard.

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The Late Mrs. Wm. Irwin

There have been many shocks in the community throughout the sudden appearance of the messenger Death, but none more than the news which spread at an early hour on Friday, September 3rd, that Mrs. Wm. Irwin of [illegible] had passed away. Mrs. Irwin was in her usual health, able to be up and about the house, and after an illness of some duration, which she had overcome, was taken with a sudden attack of pleurisy and pneumonia, which seized her, and after two days of intense suffering, she passed to the Great Beyond. Deceased lady was Mary Ann Hemling, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hemling, she was born in the Township of Euphrasia, County of Grey, and when 14 years of age she moved with her parents to the farm where her son, John, now lives. In 1888 she was married to her now bereaved husband. To them were born four sons and four daughters. Two sons and two daughters survive, namely: John in Beaverdale, Mrs. A. Thompson, Mrs. J. W. Wiley and George of Riverdale. Wm. died in infancy; Anna Bell died June 11, 1905; Martha (Mrs. Robt. Gibson) died August 15th, 1912, and Robt. S. died January 2nd, 1919. There are also ten grandchildren. Four sisters and two brothers also survive. Mrs. Nixon Thornbury, Mrs. Geo. Lapaan, Flesher; Sam. Hemling, Proton; Alex. Hemling, Meaford; Mrs. A. Ormsby, Meaford, and Mrs. Robt. Ferris, Banks.

Deceased was a lifelong member of Temple Hill Church, also taking a keen interest in the different societies in connection, and her place was seldom vacant as long as health prevailed. As a wife and mother she had won the highest respect of all who knew her. Her home was a spot where kindness and hospitality were lavishly diffused.

The funeral service was held in Temple Hill Church on Sunday morning and interment made in the cemetery. Rev. Mr. McKinley preached a very comforting sermon. The choir sang "For there is no night there." The pallbearers were John Breadner, James Breadner, Robt. Quinton, John Erskine, Elijah Clapston and David Boyd.

Many floral tributes bore silent testimony of deceased. The family, Mrs. C. Hutchinson, Mrs. Bert Summers, Mrs. A. Henning, Mrs. Thos. Davidson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wiley, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hemling, Miss Margaret Hemling, Mrs. G. Thompson, Mrs. Rich. Clark, Mrs. W. Foster, Miss Ethel Heath, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson.

Mrs. Jane Richardson

(By Vandeleur correspondent.)

This community was shocked on Thursday of last week when it became known that Mrs. Jane Richardson, an old and highly respected resident of the neighborhood, had passed away during the night and was found dead in bed when her sister, Miss Clock, went to her room in the morning. The deceased, whose maiden name was Jane Clock, was 76 years of age and had been practically an invalid for many years, but was tenderly cared for by her sister, Ellen. Kind neighbors, too, did all they could, but death came as a sweet release.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, Rev. Mills of Markdale preached a splendid sermon in the Vandeleur church and also conducted the service at the graveside, the remains being laid to rest beside her parents and brother, John, in the family plot in Meaford Road Cemetery. The floral tributes from relatives and friends were numerous and very beautiful. The pallbearers were Messrs. Jos. Buchanan, Geo. Pritchard, J. I. Graham, Geo. Wright, Sam. Gilbert and Geo. Shannon.

Anglican Church Notes

15th Sunday after Trinity, September 12th, 1926

Christ Church, Markdale

11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon.

7 p.m., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Wednesday, September 15th, Boy Scouts in Christ Church School Room.

Sunday, September 19th, Harvest Thanksgiving Services. A special preacher will be present for at least one service. Rev. J. R. MacKenie-Naughton, D.D., Rector, of Owen Sound.

Berkeley—St. Matthias

2:30 p.m., Church School.

3 p.m., Evening Prayer and Address.

Harvest Thanksgiving, Sunday, September 19th.

Balcombe - Eagles

St. Matthias' Church, Berkeley, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, September 1st, 1926, at high noon, when Miss Mary Rebecca Vera, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Eagles, became the bride of Mr. Alfred Balcombe of Toronto, formerly of Berkeley. Rev. A. S. Mitchell of Markdale performed the ceremony, using in the presence of a few friends of the young couple. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The bride looked lovely in a dress of white ivory satin with tulle veil, trimmed with orange blossoms and pearls. She carried a bouquet of Opheliae roses and fern, and was assisted by Miss Eva Crawford of Toronto who was dressed in fawn canton crepe trimmed with lace and carried a bouquet of Autumn King dahlias and fern. Mr. R. A. Crawford assisted the groom. Miss Myrtle Stafford of Berkeley presided at the organ. She also played a peach crepe-de-chene and played "Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus" and "All Joy Be Thine." At the completion of the ceremony dainty refreshments were served by a number of girl friends at the home of the bride's parents.

The young couple left by motor for Toronto, the bride travelling in a costume of navy tricoline with black hat and fox fur, the latter the gift of the groom. They are now on a honeymoon trip by boat to Prescott and other points east. On their return they will reside in Toronto where the groom is in the employ of the Hydro Electric Department.

The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a silver mesh bag, to the organist a white gold bar pin set with amethyst and to the best man a gold ring. Many beautiful and costly presents were presented to the bride. The Standard extends hearty congratulations and best wishes to the young couple.

Baseball

The championship cup of the Centre Grey Baseball League has been won again by Flesherton and we congratulate our sister village on their win. Dundalk was in line for the cup also, but in the final games Flesherton proved too strong for the Irishmen. In the first game at Dundalk the score was 20 to 12 and at Flesherton on Thursday the score was 7 to 6 in one of the most interesting games played there for years. Markdale Citizens' Band was present and played a few selections before the opening of the game on Thursday.

Gone to Elmira

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Morrison left last week for their new home in Elmira, where the former is Principal of the High School. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were good citizens, both active in church and social work and they will be much missed in many organizations, and particularly in those of Cooke's Church. Before their departure both were the recipients of many tokens of good-will from several of the societies in which they were active. May they be long spared to continue in the good work for which they are both well qualified.

Public School Re-opened

The Public School re-opened on Tuesday with the former staff again in charge: Mr. W. J. Messenger, Principal, and Misses M. McLoughry, Miss R. Sarjeant and Miss M. Mann as assistants. During the holidays the members of the school board have been busy and as a result of their activity the school building and equipment is now in first-class condition. New desks have been placed in the two upper rooms and those in the lower rooms have been re-dressed and varnished. Mr. Richard Smith made an excellent job of this work. The interior has also been brightened with a coat of paint and the blackboards have been improved. Mr. Thos. Lemon, the caretaker, has everything spick and span and teachers and pupils are pleased with the improvements which have been made.

Born

WILEY—In Euphrasia, on Tuesday, August 31st, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wiley, a daughter, Fern Lorene.

LIVINGSTONE—In Glenelg, on Wednesday, August 25th, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Livingstone, a son —Wallace Albert.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sutherland, Alliston.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. McNally, Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Watson, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Coolne, Detroit.

To the Electors of S. E. Grey

Mr. Edwards, at the Nomination, stated that Canadians consumed 85% of all farm products; that Sir Robert Borden introduced penny postage, and he inferred that I did not favour having manufacturing plants in our towns. I had not time to touch on these in my 15 minutes for reply.

Canadians consume about 46% of what we produce on farms in good years and about 60% in bad years. The average would be less than 50%.

Sir Wm. Mulock introduced penny postage when Postmaster General in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Cabinet. I favor an intensive and industrial development as is healthy or other progress in Canada; am always glad when factories are running full time. Then I know that the workers are busy and happy and that Canadian citizens elsewhere are prosperous enough to buy the products of their labor. I know that the cheaper goods are, the more will be sold and the busier the workers will be. I know that high tariff makes dear goods.

Yours sincerely,

Agnes C. Macphail.

To the Electors of S. E. Grey

Markdale, Sept. 5th, 1926.

Editor Markdale Standard:

Dear Sir,—It is not often of late years that I have been tempted to write an open letter through the columns of a newspaper, but your last week's issue contains a political appeal so amusing and, at the same time so misleading, that I cannot let it pass without comment. My reference is to an article or advertisement under the caption of "Farmers in the Field," and is published by the authority of the President and Secretary of the S. E. Grey U. F. Political Association. The identity of the author matters little. It is the hand of Esau but the voice is that of Jacob. The expressions "honest toil", "common people" and "special privilege" in the first paragraph, sound amazingly like the pet phrases of the late member for South East Grey. If it had included "the people who work with their hands," the cycle would have been complete.

A "motoring tourist" is supposed to be enquiring as to the candidates in the political field, and is informed that there are two farmers, one who has served well and represents the "common people" and the other representing "special privilege." Any one giving such information has certainly succeeded fairly well in "stifling the voice of conscience." An unbiased informant would have said that the Conservative Candidate is a farmer, the U.F.O. Candidate a school teacher, and that no Liberal Candidate has yet been selected.

If the farming activities of the U.F.O. Candidate have included anything further than an occasional helping at home in the holidays, and the buying of chickens which make some background in a photograph, those activities have been kept quite successfully hidden. If a representative farmer is one who for thirty years has continuously resided on a farm and has during all of those years been actively engaged in farming, who has reared and educated a large family of sons and daughters, who has improved his land and brought it to a high state of tillage, who has erected a house and barns that are a credit to the community and made of his home and its surroundings a pleasing sight to the eyes of the "motoring tourist," then R. T. Edwards, Conservative Candidate in South East Grey, is that man.

It is rather amusing to note how the interests of the "common people" are being represented by Miss Agnes Macphail, "who served them so well in the last two parliaments." If by "common people" is meant people who do not read, cannot think and fail to understand, then perhaps the statement is well within the truth. To people who have been honestly and intelligently trying to follow her, however, the mental acrobatics of our late member in the last session of parliament must have been productive of a vast amount of dizziness and brain fag, to say the least. In her election campaign literature last year she was an Independent. In her nomination speech at Durham she declared that if elected she would represent the farmers of South East Grey and no one else. In caucas at the beginning of the session, the Progressives, to which group she attached herself (no longer independent), voted, by a substantial majority according to one of their own members, to support the Conservatives. Before the first division in the House most of them, including Miss Macphail, had made an agreement to support MacKenzie King. When the Customs Investigation Committee reported and the matter was up for discussion and action in the House, the first division was on the Woodsworth Amendment. She sat in the House and did not vote at all. (The King government supported the Woodsworth Amendment.) When the Fansher Amendment (Progressive) was brought in, she voted with the King government against allowing it to be discussed. After the Conservatives had appealed successfully against the Speaker's ruling on this question, she switched back again and voted with the Conservatives against the Rinaret amendment which was the third attempt by Mr. King to avoid the censure of the House of Commons. Finally when the government had changed hands, and Mr. Meighen was trying to save the country expense, by completing the work of the six months' session, voting supply and passing third readings on bills which had occupied much time and had cost so much in effort and expense, our late member must needs swing back again to MacKenzie King, supporting him in his attempt to prevent the voting of supply. She stood the same way on the Constitutional question, which brought the session to a close with its work undone. The vote was close, 96 to 95. On the head of Miss Macphail and one other, Bird of Nelson, who voted although paired with a sick man, rests the responsibility of the loss of a large share of legislation which they had personally approved, and of the forcing of another election which will cost the Dominion another two million dollars. And this is the story of how our late member represented the "common people." This is how we have been represented "loyally, independently and fearlessly in the past." Is there any member of any political party who can conscientiously approve of it or even follow it?

Coming back to this "Farmers in the Field" stuff, almost the last sentence is an expression of that school of thought which is mainly responsible for the Russia of to-day. It says that the Conservative candidate is pledging himself to follow blindly a political leader "whose Cabinet contains many millionaires." It does not say how many, or who they are, or whether they inherited their wealth, earned it themselves honestly, or acquired it by bootlegging and smuggling. There is a type of mind which begrudges success to anybody else. A person possessed of such a mind is always missing the good things of life. It induces meanness, envy and cupidity. In political circles it is used by the Red element to stir up discontent, to disrupt social institutions, and to foment rebellion. I don't think that we have very much of it in South East Grey. Thank God for that. As far as the Cabinet in this or any other Government is concerned, the welfare of Canada is very much more likely to be in good hands if directed by men who have made a success of their own lives rather than by those who are failures. We are also more likely to be better off financially as a nation, under a government whose members are making sacrifices to serve the Dominion, rather than by those who consider government office as a royal road to easily acquired wealth. I may be wrong but I have a faint suspicion that the two gentlemen whose names are attached to the article are striving honestly to accumulate a goodly portion of this world's goods and would not put up any determined fight against getting into the millionaire class.

The phrase "special privilege" used in the article as being responsible for the bringing out of Mr. Edwards as a candidate merits just a little attention. If there is one thing besides the soundness of its national policy of which the party which brought out Mr. Edwards is justly proud, it is the democratic manner in which its candidates are chosen. Its policy is national because its exponents believe that it is solid in its appeal to the needs of the people of the nine provinces, that it can be expounded from the Atlantic to the Pacific without abbreviation or amendment, and that within it there is nothing offensive to any creed or class of our people. Its candidates are chosen by the people of the riding to be contested irrespective of whether they are painters, preachers or plumbers. The Dominion of Canada contains a majority of rural ridings. The riding of South East Grey contains a majority of rural polling divisions. If there were anything in "special privilege" the farmers of the Conservative party and of the Liberal party could at any time select and elect a majority of farmers to the House of Commons. Once in a generation they push this special privilege to an issue. They did it in the Ontario elections of 1919, when a good many of our best farmers fell for this special privilege cry, and voted for a real special privilege which lasted four years, made some people rich, sent others to jail, and fastened a burden of taxation on the Province which will last for a lifetime. This cry of special privilege surely comes with poor grace from a political party with such a record behind it, with an appeal to people of one occupation. It comes with even less weight from a political group which in the lost Dominion Election elected only two members out of eighty-two in the Province of Ontario, in three Provinces has no candidates nominated, and couldn't form a government if all its candidates throughout the Dominion were elected.

I have refrained from discussing any of the issues, contenting myself with criticizing and refuting the mis-statements and innendoes contained in the article in question. Politics is not rotten even if some politicians adopt rotten methods. The people of Canada, both common and uncommon, whether they work with their hands or whether they use their heads and their hands, are pretty well fed up on the evils of group government. There are in the final analysis only two sides to any question, the right side and the wrong. We have wasted years in helpless drift. Let us have done with the nonsense. The subscribers to the article are made to say, "Electors do not let your conscience be stifled on September 14th." I would add to that message, men and women of South East Grey, whatever your calling or occupation, awake to the need of your country. Forgetting the past, but remembering its lessons, use your influence and cast your votes for Canada and Canadians, by marking your ballots for R. T. Edwards, not because he is a farmer, not because he is the nominee of a political party, but rather because he is in accord with a program which, if put into force and effect, will insure stability of government and national prosperity.

Yours Truly,

L. G. Campbell

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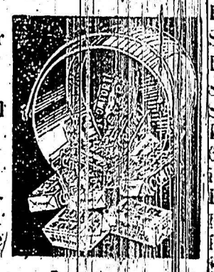

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Township of Holland

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Notice is hereby given that I have completed the section 16 of the Voters' Lists Act and that I have posted up at my office on the 25th day of August 1926, the list of persons entitled to vote in the said municipality as members of Parliament or at Municipal Elections and that such list remains there for inspection.

And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law.

JAMES P. HARE, Clerk

Wednesday, August 25th, 1926.