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The First Minister of Knox Church

The Call Extended to Rev. John McLachlan in June, 1851

An interesting letter from Mrs. Henrietta G. McLachlan, of Toronto, the widow of the late Mr. A. W. McLachlan, the first Presbyterian minister of Acton, was received by the editor on Saturday.

In her letter Mrs. McLachlan enclosed the original call to Rev. Mr. McLachlan to be the pastor of the churches at Acton and Boston, and the accompanying subscription list for stipend from the members at Boston Church, Esquesing. Both of these are given below.

Mrs. McLachlan's primary object in writing was to secure particulars respecting the place of burial of her husband's mother, who died while Mr. McLachlan was minister here, and was buried in the old cemetery. A monument was erected to her memory in the cemetery plot.

The writer has visited the Old Cemetery since receipt of the above mentioned letter, and made an earnest effort to locate the grave, but in vain. The interment was made about seventy years ago, and for forty-five years no interments have been made there, and there have been only a few spasmodic efforts occasionally to trim out the rank growth of shrubs and trees during these years.

If any of the older residents can remember the location in the cemetery of Rev. Mr. McLachlan's plot, the information will be appreciated at this office, and will be thankfully received by Mrs. McLachlan, to whom it will be promptly forwarded. Mrs. McLachlan is very anxious to discover the plot and have it looked after.

The call to Rev. Mr. McLachlan was as follows:

Call to Rev. John McLachlan, from Acton and Boston, Esquesing

We, the undersigned elders, deacons, members and adherents of Boston and Acton, in communion with the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, desirous of promoting the glory of God and the good of the church, being destitute of a fixed pastor, and having been assured by good information and our own experience of the ministerial abilities, piety and prudence, as also the suitableness to our capacity of the gifts of Mr. John McLachlan, preacher of the gospel, have agreed to invite and call like as by these presents, and do heartily invite, call and entreat you to undertake the office of pastor among us, and the charge of our souls; and further, upon your accepting of this our call, promise you our dutiful respects, support encouragement and obedience, in the Lord.

In witness whereof we have set our hands this twenty-fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-one.

James Laidlaw, Duncan McCallum, Shusan McCallum, Alex. Duff, James Duff, John Duff, Catherine Duff, Samuel McGregor, Ann McGregor, Alex. Grant, Janet Grant, Robert Young, Walter Laidlaw, Catherine Laidlaw, Elizabeth McPherson, James McCallum, Findlay McCallum, Margaret McCallum, Christian McCallum, Janet Duff, Jas. McPherson, Jno. McPherson, Wm. Chisholm, Jas. Laidlaw, Duncan McColl, Jno. McGibbon, Ezebella McGibbon, Duncan Robertson, Janet Robertson, James Robertson, Mary Robertson, Donald Campbell, Helen Campbell, John McColl, Sr., Catherine McColl, Hugh McColl, Christy McColl, James Laidlaw, J. McColl, Jr., Archibald McDonald, Jas. Baxter, John Gillies and Janet Gillies, of Boston Church.

Duncan Kennery, James Lindsay, Ninan Lindsay, Thomas Burns, Donald McIain, John Shaw, James Warren, James Grant, John McDonald, Adam Mathison, Ann McKinnie, Alex. Burns, Thomas Davidson, John Gordon, James Gordon, James Russell, Alexander Mann, John Lindsay, Angus Kennedy, Catharine McBain, William Leishman, Robert Kennedy, Alex. McComb, Archibald McNab, William McNab, Duncan McCarter, Robert Allan, James Broachy, Archibald Campbell, Janet Grant, Donald Livingstone, Robert Brown, Robert Kennedy, Andrew Kennedy, Alex. McDonald, Duncan Ross, James Shaw, John Mann, John McBain, Jane McBain, Paul McBain, Robert Farrier, Hugh Mann, Ronald McDonald, Simon McLean, John McGregor, John Mann, Sr., John McIntyre, Thomas Burns, Robert Nickell, Mary Gordon, William Gordon, Archibald Gordon, B. Lindsay, Mary Lindsay, Catherine McLean, Robert Cochran, Alexander Kenney, Mary Davidson, Ninian Lindsay, Jr., Peter McDonald, John Warren, Barbara Warren, Duncan Kennedy, Jr., Isabella McBain, Alexander Warren, Alexander Kennedy, Electa E. Kennedy, Alex. Grant, Charles Davidson, Niel McLean, Duncan McLean, Arch. McLean, Donald McLean, Peter Torrie, Archibald Torrie, Arthur Torrie, Robert Ball, James Rutherford, Christina Rutherford, A. D. Currie, Nancy Currie, Robert Warren, Charles McDonald, Margaret McDonald, Alex. McDonald, James McDonald, William McIntosh, Peter Mann, Ann Mann, David Ross, Margaret Ross, Ann Ross, Thomas Ross, William Ross, Duncan Ross, Junior, John Ross, Janet Ross, Isabell Ross, Margaret Nicoll, Agnes Nickell, Margaret Ann Nickell, William Nickell, John Hodd, Ann Hodd, of Acton Church.

I hereby certify that this call was moderated on June 24th, 1851

ROBERT URE.

The subscription list toward the stipend, by the Boston Church congregation, was as follows:

Boston Church, Esquesing,
May 5th, 1851

We, the undersigned members and adherents of the congregation of Boston Church, Esquesing, in connection with the Presbyterian Synod of Canada, agree, in the event of the Rev. John McLachlan accepting a call to become our pastor, in connection with Acton congregation, to pay into the hands of Mr. John McColl, as stipend for said pastor, the sums set opposite our respective names, in half-yearly installments, viz: on the 30th of October and 30th April:

John McColl, Jr.	£2	5	0
James Laidlaw	3	0	0
Hugh McColl	3	10	0
William Chisholm	2	0	0
Duncan McCall	1	5	0
Samuel McGregor	2	0	0
James Duff	1	5	0
James McPherson	2	0	0
James Robertson	2	0	0
James Laidlaw, Jr.	2	0	0
Alexander Duff	2	0	0
Duncan McCallum	3	0	0
Walter Laidlaw	5	0	0
John Duff	1	5	0
John Gillies	2	0	0
J. S. McNaughton	1	5	0
John McGibbon	1	10	0
Wm. Cumenings	1	5	0
James Campbell	2	0	0
George Storey	2	0	0
Hugh McDonald	1	0	0
John McPherson	2	0	0
Alexander Grant	3	0	0
R. Young	2	10	0
A. Patterson	1	5	0
Alex. Ross, Sr.	0	5	0
Archibald McDonald	0	10	0
John McColl	0	10	0
James Laidlaw	1	0	0

This is to certify that the above is a true copy of the list in my hand.

JOHN McCOLL

Rev. Mr. McLachlan accepted the call, and was inducted on August 20, 1851. At the first yearly communion after his induction, twenty-one names were added to the communion roll. He gave nearly ten years of faithful service, and resigned on February 4th, 1861. He was succeeded a year later by the Rev. Lachlan Cameron. Rev. Mr. McLachlan was a minister at Beaverton for many years. He died there and was buried in the cemetery in that town.

Life's Social Side

Mrs. A. Somerville, of Toronto, was home for a few days.

Mr. Jordon Lawson, of Toronto, was here over the week-end.

Miss Mae Wilson spent the week-end with Toronto friends.

Mrs. James L. Warren, of Toronto, visited friends here yesterday.

Mr. Austin Reid, of Toronto, visited his home folks here over the week-end.

Mr. Norman Wrigglesworth, of Ashgrove, visited Acton friends on Monday.

Mrs. T. Barter, of Toronto, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. Landsborough this week.

Mr. Claude Precious, of Joliet, Ill., is here visiting his parents and friends for a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Mullancy and Mr. Reich spent Sunday with Mrs. Chas. Cunningham.

Mrs. James Moore and Miss Clara returned from their visit to Binghamton on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. A. Wright, of Toronto, spent a few days last week at the home of her cousin, Mrs. A. Soper.

Mr. and Mrs. John Damper, of Guelph, were visitors over the week-end at the home of Mr. Alfred Soper.

Rev. Mr. Marsh and Mr. John Marshall, of Eden Mills, were delegates to the Presbytery meeting at Milton on Tuesday.

Miss Genevieve Clarridge, one of the successful pupils of Guelph Collegiate, left on Monday to attend Normal School at Toronto.

Mrs. Fred N. Coffey, and Master Jack, of Los Angeles, California, are visiting their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnstone.

Mr. Reginald Barnes, Mr. George Brunt and Miss Eva, of Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Landsborough, Lake Avenue.

Mr. B. A. Roadknight and Miss M. T. Walker, or Toronto, were visitors at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Roadknight, this week.

Rev. R. E. Zimmerman, B.A., and Mr. N. F. Lindsay attended the meeting of Guelph Presbytery of the United Church at Milton on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown were at Toronto on Tuesday, attending the funeral of the late Rev. Dr. J. S. Williamson. Mr. Brown was one of the bearers.

Mr. and Mrs. Roadknight spent the week-end in Toronto attending the wedding of Mr. Roadknight's niece, Benetta Roadknight, to Wm. Jones, Long Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smith returned at the end of the week from an enjoyable visit to Bracebridge. Mr. Smith was a judge on horses at the Bracebridge and Gravenhurst fairs.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. REID

A Social Evening Participated in by Friends and Relatives

At the conclusion of the rehearsal of Knox Church choir last Thursday evening, the members adjourned to the home of Mrs. W. J. Reid, Main Street, who has been associated with the choir for a number of years, and who is about to remove to Toronto. During the evening Mr. Fred J. Salt, on behalf of the choir, presented Mrs. Reid with a beautiful comport and candlesticks to match. Lunch was served by the ladies.

Prior to the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Reid and family to Toronto, there was an enjoyable gathering of relatives and friends, who came to spend a social evening. For nearly twenty-years Mr. and Mrs. Reid have resided in Acton. They will be much missed by their friends in this community where they have so long resided.

The evening was spent in amusements and social conversation, after which the ladies provided lunch.

In parting all wished Mr. and Mrs. Reid and family prosperity and good health in their new home.

VISIT OF EMINENT SCOTTISH DIVINE

Rev. James Harvey, D. D., of the United Free Church of Scotland to Address the Church Here

The United Church of Canada has a programme of Dominion and World Service which challenges the interest of her entire membership. This programme will be presented at a series of conferences from coast to coast this fall with the Ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland, Dr. James Harvey as overseas delegate. Ministers and other leaders of the United Church in Ontario and Quebec will hear Dr. Harvey's opening address at a special conference in Massey Hall, Toronto, on October 5, shortly after his arrival in Canada. The other conferences, which will be of less magnitude in numbers, will follow during the months of October and November.

The task of the churches in what is after all a comparatively new and underchurched country is so great as to attract the sympathetic interest of the whole public. The United Church has inherited a work at home and abroad that requires the services of men and women engaged in missionary, educational, evangelistic and social service activities. To maintain and extend such a vast and intensive undertaking must require far-visioned planning such as has arranged for the approaching conferences. The presence in this country of a great and kindly Scotsman of high reputation and undoubted standing in the church councils of his own land is in itself an event of unusual importance. Canada has always had a welcome for Scottish people and for Scottish leaders of thought and will welcome the Very Rev. James Harvey, D. D., whole heartedly.

Acton and District

Preparatory and Sacramental Services

The quarterly sacramental services of the United Church will be observed on Sunday, October 3rd. On Thursday evening, 30th inst., a pre-communion service will be held, at which Rev. N. A. Hurlburt, of Milton, will preach.

A Mother and Daughter Banquet

A mother and daughter banquet will be held by the young ladies of the United Church on Friday evening, October 8th, in the school room. Miss Jessie McPherson, of Toronto, will be the speaker of the evening. Miss McPherson is a daughter of the late Rev. H. A. McPherson, and Acton is her birthplace.

Ontario Students to Judge at Detroit

The Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph is sending a students' dairy cattle judging team to compete with teams from twenty-three agricultural colleges at the National Dairy Exposition at Detroit in October, according to Professor H. H. Dean, of the dairy department. Guelph took part in this contest last year.

Prize Winners at C. N. E.

At the Toronto Exhibition Wallace Bros., of Acton, won first prize in the Standard bred Stallion Class for four years and over with their horse, Ganot. Mr. John Campbell, of Esquesing, also won first prize in the Single Roadster class, second for the best Road Team, and second for three-year-old Roadster.

The Town Band Were Feted

The New Toronto Citizens' Band were guests of the Town Council at a banquet there Friday evening. Mayor Warner presented each member of the band with a medal in recognition of the honor he had brought to New Toronto, while the band made presentations to Captain Hayward, the Bandmaster. The members were made to feel that the people appreciated their efforts.

$10,000 Farm Fire in Trafalgar

At an early hour on Friday morning, Gordon Robinson's fine bank barn near Omagh, in Trafalgar Township, took fire and was completely destroyed, with its contents, including the season's crop, implements, several cows, calves, and six pigs. The horses and colts were saved. The loss is placed at $10,000, with insurance of $4,000. The cause of the fire is said to have been spontaneous combustion. Much damp grain has been put in this fall, and fires of this nature have occurred in several places.

In the Florida Storm Area

Among the friends here who are exceedingly anxious respecting friends in the path of the great Florida hurricane, are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright and Miss Walker, Main Street. Their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshall, reside at 66 Alcina Avenue, Allapottah, Miami, and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Walker, 2615 N. W. 23rd St., are cousins. Mr. Walker is Deputy-Sheriff. Mrs. Walker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. Mr. Walker was formerly with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and served overseas with the Grenadier Guards.

A Bad Motor Smash-Up

On Saturday evening William Huffman, a young man residing with his mother on Main Street, and Mr. A. Appleyard, of Silver Creek, had a head-on collision on the Acton Crossroad, near Bannockburn School. The night was misty, and Huffman said he could not see the other car coming. The Appleyard car lost one wheel, the mudguard was crumpled up, the steering gear bent, and the front of the chassis badly twisted. Young Huffman's car was capsized, lost three wheels and was completely wrecked. The car was brought to the garage on a truck. Fortunately no person was seriously injured. Huffman had purchased his car, a second-hand one, during the day. He has sold it since the wreck for $15.00.

Burlington Gazette Celebrated Another Birthday

Last week Editor Harris, of the Burlington Gazette, celebrated the completion of twenty-eight years as publisher of the Gazette in that attractive town. The Gazette has stood for the best material interests of the town which the editor chose for his home over a quarter of a century ago. As well as making his paper a worthy representative of his community, Editor Harris has taken a keen interest in the progress of the municipality. He offered his services as a member of the Town Council, and the people not only elected him as Councillor, but in due time promoted him to the Mayor's chair. This he filled with credit, and then became Reeve, which office carried with it a seat in the County Council. While there he was promoted to the Wardership of Halton. Verily, the editor and his paper have been important factors in the life and history of this county. The Free Press wishes continued success to its worthy confrere.

New High School at York Township

Mr. John M. Warren, a former esteemed resident of Acton, figured quite prominently at the laying of the corner stone by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt, of the new York Township High School on Vaughan Road on Saturday. Mr. Warren is a member of the trustee board. Mr. Warren was assigned the duty of depositing the box of records in the stone. The Telegram reports respecting its contents: "Side by side, but placed so they won't conflict, are copies of the 'Orange Sentinel' and 'The Catholic Register,'" said Trustee J. M. Warren, in his enumeration of the papers contained in the box. "A copy of the 'Westminister Confession of Faith,'" in deference to Trustee Allan Ferguson, a staunch Presbyterian. The other documents were: Copies of the Toronto and township newspapers, church papers, 'The War Cry,' 'The Farmers', 'Sun,' 'Canadian Baptist,' 'Financial Post,' 'Maclean's,' a copy of the resolution appointing the board, a copy of the minutes of the first meeting, signatures of the trustees and teachers, and a copy of the school regulations."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. F. G. Gollop wishes to announce that he has purchased the practice of Dr. O. A. Currie, prominent Sparks Street dentist, of Ottawa, where he will practise dentistry, giving special attention to Peridontia, the study and treatment of (so called Pyorrhea).

Dr. Gollop will commence practice in Ottawa about the second week in October, and on this occasion wishes to thank the people of Acton and vicinity for the liberal patronage he has received during his five years of residence in this community.

Motoring in the Lake Erie District

An Enjoyable Week Through Prosperous Sections of Ontario

Somehow, the editor is sturdily insistent on the fact that Free Press folk like to read accounts of his motor trips. He says they have told him so before, and will do so again. And because he wanted it, and since the scribe was one of the party which toured a good deal of western Ontario and some of the adjacent state of Michigan last week, and also because a number of things cropped up which it does seem would in any event be likely to interest Acton people, here it is:

The party started off on Tuesday—after voting, of course—with visions of continuously-smooth roads, miles and miles of vista of blue water—of which more anon—and of being hurried along in the rush of motor traffic in United States metropolis. With "Somewhere near Windsor" in mind as the outlook for the day, something over 200 miles, the editor's big six was pushed along vigorously through Guelph, Hespeler, Preston, Galt, and then over the route of the provincial highway to London, reached just at noon.

London, in the middle of its big fair week, was full of visitors and seemed rather busier than usual. Two or three hours were spent here and at three the car was tooled out along the Wharncliffe road westward.

One or two of the party were anxious to see St. Thomas, the so-called "Flower City," which it was presumed would be bedecked in floral glory. A side run of three or four miles off the highway brought us into the city with its plethora of railway tracks and crossings and a splendid business street, but the flowers were not overwhelmingly in evidence and the presumption was forced that they must have been utilized to make up the glorious exhibit of "glads" at the recent Toronto Exhibition. A pleasant visit with Fred Brown for half an hour was worth while.

The most direct route from London to the Border Cities is via Chatham and Tilbury on provincial highway No. 2, which, it is announced, is all paved with the exception of a few miles. This road had been followed in the reverse direction on a previous trip and found rather monotonous, so the decision was made to travel the southern route, highway No. 3, which on the map was shown to skirt Lake Erie for about half its length. This route leads rather interestingly right through the old Talbot settlement, indeed, the turn west is made at Talbotville itself.

We were warned that the first fourteen miles were splendid concrete, the rest gravel, but good. It was about four p. m. when the car hit the gravel, with the prospect of something about a hundred miles to cover before dinner. And the gravel was good. With a smooth, wide, gravel road, very little traffic in sight, the sun beckoning westward, and a motor purring perfectly, there appeared no good reason, since the editor-magistrate was out of his bailiwick, why the "wagon" should not be let out a little. Of course it wouldn't do to tell just what was done on that road, but it may be whispered that mile after mile, down into the valleys and up again, the car drifted along at "something under forty," so that Leamington, around ninety miles from London, was reached shortly after six.

That southern highway, as well as being very driveable, turned out to be exceedingly interesting as well, from a scenic standpoint. Where the other road, almost immediately after leaving London, runs flat; sparsely-settled country, with an obvious representation of none to desirable French element, the southern route is rolling until Essex county is reached. And in a good many features also, it gives evidence of prosperity as compared with the opposite condition in the county alongside the more northerly highway. True, there are no towns of any consequence until Blenheim is reached, and one travels in cases fifteen miles without passing even a hamlet, but even with that the farms are healthy looking and the buildings generally compare very favorably with those in the to us better-known counties of Waterloo and Oxford to the east.

Again, when after rolling along for an hour with nothing to disturb the equilibrum of farm land and buildings, with a herd of cattle in the offing, the car rushes up a long hill and reveals Lake Erie a quarter-mile on the left; its water black under afternoon storm clouds, but with the white horses riding in regularly, it gives one a new feeling.

From Cedar Springs on, a section made famous by Arthur Springer, who by the way was born here, in one of his novels, the interest intensifies. An invading odor of carbon-dioxide brings the exclamation, "Gas wells!" And shortly a pipe line by the roadside, with a connection and a peculiar valve-like apparatus in front of every farm house, indicates that Nature has solved the problem of heating and lighting for the folk in that section very simply. From there to the border indeed, a matter of fifty miles or more, these gas appliances were everywhere in evidence.

A little beyond Cedar Springs the lake shore recedes again in a long point, forming an interesting-looking bay, and a roadside sign with a dance hall in the neighborhood indicates the side drive to Erieau, a popular summer resort. Another sign directs to Rondeau Park, and one gets visions of enticing walks through the tall pines in this most southerly of the Ontario government's forest reserves.

At this point one of the party queried: "What are all the little red houses for?" The point was well taken. For a moment or two everyone was puzzled. Coming at regular intervals of two or three hundred yards, within fifty yards of the lake shore and invariably painted red, they suggested chickens. Finally one or two revealed small gasoline engines inside, and merging this information with the presence of a big counterweight on a lever outside, the idea finally dawned that they were oil wells. One had seen in the Petrolia field hundreds of small derricks, with a pumping arm connected to a power lever half a mile long and operated by a central power station, but this type of individual pumping was new. The reason for the inevitable red paint was not disclosed. It certainly added picturesqueness.

The chickens were in evidence in quantity, apparently being another important crop of the farms of the neighborhood. Of course Kent is known as the great bean county of the province and there were fields enough of this, apparently, to keep the whole population of Canada calling the familiar "pork and . . ." for a decade. Corn also came in for its share of acreage.

But the crop of all crops in those two counties, like it or not, as you will, is something utterly unknown to us in Halton and adjacent counties. Imagine field after field (one thought of nothing else on the farms but a few flowers) and even the dooryards in the villages, full of a peculiar green-swathed plant from two to three feet high. Imagine, too, barns with about every fourth bit of sidingboard off or on hinges, so it could be readily opened; and this crop hanging in closely-packed rows upside down inside.

You've guessed it before this, of course. Tobacco, during the last ten years, has come to be the big money-making crop of this section. A decade ago all the tobacco came from the southern states. Then some agricultural genius discovered that Burleigh, with a peculiarly acceptable flavor, could be grown readily in south-western Ontario. Now everybody, with a few exceptions, of course, goes in for it. The crop, it appears, is harvested and cured in ninety days after planting and finds a ready market. Most of it from that section, so we were told, is shipped to England for the manufacture of cigarettes. The most obvious conclusion one can draw is that there is an enormous consumption of cigarettes in England.

Whatever one may think about the advisability of growing the weed, there is no doubt but that this new crop has spelled financial prosperity for the district. Almost inevitably, the farm homes show signs of recent improvement, many of them, indeed, having been built during the last few years, and are apparently fitted with the best of modern equipment. Nearly every farm house, too, has its own flower garden, full of asters and glads. This sort of thing, with the lake shore just a hundred yards or so in the background for miles, makes the outlook most attractive.

The highway jogs north away from the lake to Blenheim, a tidy town with excellent paved streets and fine-looking business places, where the editor had a ten-minute visit with his friend, Denholm, of the News-Tribune, who, by the way, was with the press party overseas two years ago. Mr. Denholm delighted the scribe by coming out to the car in his shirt sleeves, the way a really working newspaperman ought to work, and enthused about his town and neighboring district. He talked about the delightful drive of thirty miles to Leamington through the peach district.

The drive was pleasant all right. But with reminiscences of the Niagara peninsula peach country in one's mind, the expectations friend Denholm aroused were hardly justified. We did run past a few acres of peaches, it is true, probably there were more further north or south. But it did appear that the agriculturists of the section had foresaken peaches for tobacco. Another crop made its appearance in quantity, however, in the thirty miles, becoming more abundant as Leamington, with its canning factories, was approached—tomatoes. Ten to twenty-acre plots, apparently of pretty mucky clay, which showed the effects of the heavy rains of the past week, but which also showed splendidly-laden vines, were passed, in between the stretches of tobacco.—E. J. M.

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Another Fall Fair Success Scored

Fine Hall Exhibit; Splendid Animal and Poultry Display and Passable Weather

Another gratifying success has attended Acton Fall Fair. This is the usual experience. Strange as it may seem, the fact that the dates have for years fallen upon the autumn equinox, when weather disturbances are expected, almost invariably the weather has been favorable. This was the experience this year, as usual. To some extent, however, the good weather militated against a bumper attendance, for the reason that so many of the farmers, whose grain had long been cut and had suffered from the wet weather of past weeks, was on Tuesday and Wednesday in good condition for storing, and scores of those accustomed to attending the fair felt that they could not consistently neglect their work to attend the fair. This applied to both exhibitors and visitors. Nevertheless, the attendance was large, both on Tuesday evening and on Wednesday.

The display in the show building had numerous attractive features. The exhibits of flowers and culinary preparations, and the ladies' work departments, were unusually good.

Owing to the meagre crop of fruit in this district this season, the showing of apples, pears, plums, and grapes was smaller than for years. The various classes of roots, vegetables and grain, were also unusually sparcely filled. This was largely due to the fact that the farmers had not the time, now that fine weather had been experienced for several days, to give attention to preparing exhibits.

There was a magnificent showing of horses yesterday, and the entries for cattle, sheep and pigs were large. The exhibit of poultry commanded the attention of poultry raisers and fanciers during all the day.

The improved entrances to the park and exhibition grounds and buildings were very favorably commented upon. The facility of ingress and egress, without the usual dangers incident to crowding was at once manifest.

The official list of premiums awarded will be given in the issue of the Free Press next week.

POLICE COURT NEWS

W. A. Allan, of The Lodge, a road house on the Toronto-Hamilton Highway, near Lorne Park, was charged before H. P. Moore, P. M., at the Court House, Brampton, with having liquor on his premises on September 11th. Inspector Reevely, Provincial Officer Owens, and Constables Allan and Radford, raided the place and found several bottles of beer and a bottle of cherry wine. W. S. Morphy, Crown Attorney, prosecuted, and W. Hardy, Toronto, acted for the defence. Allan was convicted and fined $200.00 and costs.

Acton Produce and Grocery Company

Under the above firm name, C. K. Browne, late manager of the Acton Co-Operative store, has opened a new business in the store in the Leishman Block. Mr. Browne has the reputation of being a close and experienced buyer, and with an absolutely new stock should be able to attract a large share of custom. It is a gratifying fact that purchasers are coming to Acton now for goods from longer distances than for many years.