

LENT

Christian, dost thou see them
On the holy ground,
How the hosts of darkness
Compass thee around?

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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Mr. William White and Miss Ina are
removing this week to Oshawa.

Mr. James Carnahan and family will
leave in a few days for their new home
at Brandon, Man.

The members of the Senior Red Cross
alone are knitting \$60 worth of yarn
every month.

Georgetown Woolen Mills were des-
troyed by fire on Monday morning. The
loss was heavy.

A committee of the neighbors of Mr.
Thomas Kelly, who lost his home by fire
recently, called upon him the other even-
ing and presented a check containing a
substantial sum, contributed by neigh-
bors and citizens of Acton.

John Robertson, of the Milton Checker
Club, defeated Allan Lehman, of
Acton, who was champion checker play-
er of Halton County, in a challenge
match.

Harold Kennedy, the Boy Scout who
rescued Mary Simkinko from drowning
last summer, was presented with a medal
for bravery from the Duke of Devon-
shire, Governor-General of Canada.

MARRIED

LIVINGSTONE-WESLEY-At the home
of the bride's parents, Esquimaux, on
Wednesday, February 27th, 1938, by
Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., Acton, Miss
Mina Livingstone, to Mr. Fred Wesley,
of Burke's Falls.

SLATS' DIARY

OLIVER N. WARREN

Monday After supper this evening Pa
and Ma got to discussing husbands which
can pay there debts on the 1st of the
month & those which cant & Pa finely
sed those which cant it becos they are
generally to good to there better. Ma
sedked enaulted & turned the rage To
get even I guest.

Tuesday Uncle Hen told a joke in
are family sated tonight. He sed a
Irishman died & 2 other Irishmens & 1
Jew who was his friends sed they would
give 5 \$ \$ a peace to get him threw per-
gatory & that the 2 Irishmens each put
a 5 \$ bill in the coffin & then the Jew
put in his check for 16 \$ \$ & took out
the change. All of us xpret me laft out
loud. I diddnt see nothing funny about
it.

Wednesday The teacher of the class
Blisters who were the 1st man &
Blisters replied & sed Geo Washington
& that he was 1st in war in peace &
lat in sum thing els. No sed the teach-
er the 1st man were Adam Well sed
Blisters I diddnt no you ment fortin-
ox. Then the teacher seemed to be re-
gusted.

Thursday Jake got into a fite with
Muggy Mulligan & took home a black
eye & a bloody nose & all most no close
& etc. Ma sed diddnt I tell you
not to play with that naughty Mulligan
boy & Jake sed Do I look like I was
playing with him. But it were a fine
fite the Jake sed & you otto see Muggy.

Friday This is the day that shows
the year still some milk in human kind-
ness as Napoleon sed. For tomorrow
& Sunday they lesent no school & the base
ball & fishen scene are arived. Hoorary
for liberte.

Saturday Not so hot. It rained big
& muddied up both the B B dimend &
the creek.

THE OLD MAN
OF THE
BIG CLOCK TOWER



KEEP ON SINGING

Don't let the song go out of your life;
Though it changes sometime to flow
In a minor strain; it will flow again
With the major tone you know.

What though shadows rise to obscure
Life's skies,
And hide for a time the sun,
The sooner they'll lift and reveal the rift,
If you let the melody run.

Don't let the song go out of your life;
Though your voice may have lost its
trill,
Though the tremulous note may die in
your throat,
Let it sing in your spirit still.

Don't let the song go out of your life;
Let it ring in the soul while here,
And when you go hence, 'till follow
you thence,
And live in another's sphere.

Well, my memory rambled back to
Bannockburn as I sat last week and
hugged the fire, during the time the
thermometer dipped away below zero. I
thought of the days when Donald Mann,
father of them all, came out from
Scotland and let me see well nigh a cen-
tury ago, and settled on the fine farm
where Archie and his splendid wife
Mary, live so happily together. I said
Donald, "The father of them all," by
which I meant the father of this branch
of the Mann family here. Alexander,
Peter, Hugh and Ronald. I well remem-
ber being told, you know, that John,
his brother the father of Peter and
Maggie and John and Alex and Lexie,
also came out from the Old Country be-
fore Donald and sed on the farm
across the fourth line from his older
brother. I'll likely have something to
say about that branch of the family some
time later.

When Donald settled down on the
well-known farm he wasn't satisfied
with one hundred acres for himself and
his quartette of husky Highland sons, but
secured the fine property running
through from the third to the fourth
line. Until about twenty years ago
these two hundred acres remained in the
family. Alexander, the eldest son, got
the third line hundred and lived there
until his death. His son, Donald, lived
there all his lifetime, and when he died,
a few years ago, and his estate was
wound up, it then passed into the hands
of strangers.

At the death of Donald, the father of
the family, Peter was given the home-
stead, and Hugh got a fifty-acre lot on
the fourth line side of the property.
Peter and his wife were blessed with a
real old-fashioned family of an even
dozen—eight sons and four daughters.

We old folks remember them all. John,
the elder; James, who didn't like farm-
ing and runs to town to learn the store-
keeping with Charlie Symon. When he
had served his apprenticeship and was a
full-fledged counter-hopper he went into
business for himself. It is rather a
strange comment on the vicissitudes of
time, that when he built a store for
himself, he built it right in the garden
where Mrs. Symon had her beautiful
flower beds when he was a clerk, just
where Talbot's hardware store is now
located. When James Mann sold out, I
think J. B. Pearson bought the property
and improved it. And then Wm. John-
stone moved from a property lower down
the street, and kept shop there. And
then, whom he moved to his fine new
premises farther up Mill Street, Jack
Sells, the first Jewish merchant in town,
moved in, and Mrs. Morris Bay, and
following him, Noble's Flour and Feed
Store was located there. Boardman &
Co., acquired the property and conducted
a co-operative store, and then Jas.
Symon's hardware store was there, and
now Billy Talbot's.

Well, after James there came Maggie,
who was Mrs. James Quattie, then
Margery and Donald, and Alexander,
who was one of the brightest of the
family, but died before he had hardly
reached his prime, and then there was
Willie, and Peter and Dunstan, and
Annie, Mrs. John Moffat, and Lizzie,
and Archie T. Only two of this popu-
lar family of pioneer days now remain,
Annie, now of Richmond Hill, and
Archie.

Peter Mann was a stalwart citizen of
a high type. He was an Elder of the
Presbyterian Church here for many
years, and a highly engaged citizen. He
loved his church and he revered his
minister. This was amply proven when
he opened his home to the Rev. Donald
Cameron, who spent his last days there
as a retired minister and author of
theological works. In his last illness he
was nursed with tender care in this
home. Everything possible was done for
his comfort. Here he closed his eyes in
death, and from this homestead his body
was conveyed to Fairview Cemetery about
fifty years ago, and tenderly laid to rest
in that populous city of departed loved
ones.

It was a proud day to Peter when his

son Archie followed the son of his
neighbor, John Gordon, as precursor in
Knox Church. William Gordon—or Bill,
as we called him—was a worthy succe-
sor to such reliable old Scottish precent-
ors as Jimmie Shaw, Robert Bay and
others who had learned to strike the
tune among the bonnie banks and braes
of old Scotland. Archie led the singing
of the congregation. He knew his
notes and could strike the tunes, with
the aid of the old tuning fork, every
time. But Archie was not satisfied for
long with starting the singing all by his
lonesome. He organized a choir and the
help they gave to the congregational
singing of the Psalm selections and
hymns was striking and very satisfac-
tory. About this time Rev. James W.
Rae became minister, and he was found
that he had not lost their prejudice against
a "kist of whistles" in kirk. But Mr.
Rae convinced the Sunday School teach-
ers and officers how greatly improved
the singing would be in the Sunday
School service with an organ.

The organ was bought. Mr. Rae had
a way with him, and he generally got
his way with us. The organ was used in
the Sunday School service and then
shoved out of sight during the church
services. It wasn't many months, how-
ever, before the organ found a place in
the church service, notwithstanding the
stern objections of Aunt Janet Ander-
son and a few other like her. Archie
was in his glory then and he made old
Knox Church ring with the music of the
organ and the singing of the choir.
And, ma & von, the hymns and Psalms
sounded just as reverent and worshipful
as in the days when we struggled along
every-which way, with only a precentor
and a tuning fork to lead us.

Well, Archie conducted the choir for
years and years until he got tired and
tired he'd done his whole duty, and quit.
But he has given years of his life and
talent in musical and other circles in
Acton and the dear old father had
reason to be proud of Archie and his
labors of love.

But the old man is gone. He passed
out—full of years, let me see about thirty-
eight or nine years ago, if my memory
is still right, and Mrs. Mann, his beloved
helpmate, about ten years later.

Well, now, here I am at the end of my

lather, and I haven't mid a word about
the logging boss, and the maple sugar
camp, and the getting of Bannockburn
School away from John Gordon's front
yard on to the corner of the Peter Mann
farm, or of Jim's Hills sister Annie and
ever so many other things. Well, I can't
help it. So long.

The Old Man

INDIANS SUCCESSFULLY
OPERATE COAL MINE

Efforts of the Department of Mines and
Resources to advance the Indians of
Canada to a position of independence
and self-support have been rewarded by
the successful establishment of a coal
mine on the Blackfoot Reserve, about 22
miles from Gleichen, in Southern Al-
berta.

Operations at the Reserve Mine began
in 1931 and by October of that year the
demand for coal, which is sold at the
mine head, was so great that it was
necessary to establish an office and com-
mence the erection of houses and other
buildings for the workers. The only
white man employed is a qualified mine
inspector who supervises the mine opera-
tions. Under his direction some fifty Indian
miners are employed and they are paid \$1.50
per ton for all coal mined and delivered
to the mine head. A very capable In-
dian is in the office in charge of the
books, weighing and selling coal, and
other routine business. Sanitary men,
the dairyman, drivers, engineers, tiple
men and stack haulers are all Indians,
and they are paid at the rate of 30 cents
per hour. The mine is self-supporting
and provides an average payroll of about
\$500 per week. Production in the last
fiscal year amounted to 10,000 tons of
coal, and after five years' operation the
debit classed as bad on the books would
not total \$50.

The Reserve Mine provides steady em-
ployment and is run on a co-operative
basis. A representative body of Indian
miners and members of the Blackfoot
Band Council meet with the Indian
Agent, stationed at Gleichen, when
agreements are made as to prices, wages
and general development. The mine
owns between 30 and 40 houses; a wash
house, provided with showers and wash
tubs, with hot water service; a dairy
which provides milk from treated cattle
at low cost, a barn for the mine ponies
and cows; a blacksmith shop, and a dress-
ing station and drug dispensary. An
Indian woman runs a restaurant, which
caters not only to the single Indian min-
ers but also to a discriminating white
clientele. A large tent with a floor for
dancing provides the entertainment
centre, while the spiritual needs of this
happy Indian Village are cared for by
two churches.

MORE THAN 4, MILLION
TOURIST AUTOMOBILES

Automobile tourist traffic to Canada
via the international boundary during
1937 registered a gain of 427,317 cars,
when the number of foreign automobiles
entered for touring purposes totalled 4,
211,840 compared with 4,074,523 in 1936.
Automobiles entered for periods not ex-
ceeding 48 hours totalled 3,127,352, auto-
mobiles entered for 60 days totalled
1,283,130 and cars entered for not more
than six months numbered 1,348. If
these automobiles were mustered out in
one motorcade, with a hundred feet
of highway allowed each vehicle, they
would form a procession 85,451 miles in
length, more than three times the dis-
tance around the world.

Automobile tourist traffic from Canada
also increased the number of Canadian
cars entering the United States for tour-
ing purposes in 1937 totalling 756,470,
compared with 689,074 in 1936, a gain
of 67,396.

The international boundary between
Canada and the United States often re-
ferred to as the most travelled over in
the world, has a length of 5,500-miles,
of which 3,100 miles are land boundary
and 2,400 are water boundary. There is
no other boundary of such length on
which no gun or armament is to be
found, and the increasing movement of
tourists over it emphasizes the freedom
of international travel between these two
countries.

THE REMEDY AT HAND

"Well, how do you like my new suit?"
a man asked his friend as they seated
themselves at their usual table for lunch.
"Not bad," replied the other. "Only
there's a wrinkle in the waistcoat. You
ought to get rid of that."

"By jove, so there! What's the matter
with the menu?"

Chamberlain Smiles in Face of Crisis



Smiling and radiating a confident air Neville Chamberlain and his
wife are shown about arriving at No. 10 Downing Street for the actual
Cabinet meeting which ended with the resignation of British
Secretary Anthony Eden and adoption of Premier Chamberlain's foreign
policy.

BASE METALS OUTPUT
SETS NEW HIGH

Production of base metals in Canada
reached a record value of \$187,866,000 in
1937, which exceeded the value of gold
production for the first time in several
years. Copper output amounted to 830,-
810,451 pounds valued at \$69,934,000;
nickel, 210,878,212 pounds, valued at \$58,-
500,000; lead, 416,128,584 pounds at \$21,-
450,000; and zinc, 364,625,644 pounds
valued at \$17,987,000. These four metals
contributed more than 37 per cent. of
the total value of mineral output for the
year. Canada possesses active and potential
resources of the ores of copper, nickel,
lead and zinc, sufficient to meet her own
needs and a large share of the world
requirements for many years to come.
She is now supplying close to 80 per
cent. of the world's nickel, 11 per cent.
of the copper and lead, and 16 per cent.
of the zinc requirements. The four chief
producers of base metals in Canada are
Consolidated Mining and Smelting Com-
pany, British Columbia; Hudson Bay
Mining and Smelting Company, at Plin-
ton, in Manitoba; International Nickel
Company, in Ontario; and Noranda
Mining Limited, in Quebec. These com-
panies produced more than 80 per cent.
of Canada's total output of base metals
in 1937.

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builder, milk, the muscle repairer, milk,
the energy producer, milk, the health
protector; in short, milk, the most near-
ly perfect food, should be given first con-
sideration in planning the daily meals.
The ways in which a satisfactory amount
of this indispensable food may be in-
cluded in the diet will naturally vary
according to the tastes and food habits
of different families. In cases where
adults do not drink milk, the meals
should provide the recommended pint of
milk in cooked foods. In this way half
of the child's milk requirement will be
furnished, and the remainder can then
be served as a beverage. A milk dish
a meal is a good rule to follow in every
house.

MUGGS AND SKEETER



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