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## Brief Historical Sketch of Norval Presbyterian Church

**Celebrated Centennial on Sunday Last — Original Church Building Served for more than Third of Century — Present Building Erected in 1878.**

Following is a historical sketch of Norval Presbyterian church which celebrated its Centennial on Sunday last.

The Presbyterian Church at Norval had its beginning as a mission in connection with Fraser's Church, now known as Union Presbyterian situated five miles north on the Town line of Esquimaux Township, about the year 1855. This connection is still maintained.

Services were held first in the homes of members. In 1839, however, a quarter acre of land on the brow of the hill to the south of the village was purchased from James Mitchell, at the price of five shillings. The trustees were James Mitchell, Alec McNabb, James McNabb, John Miller, and Duncan McGregor.

Church was built and a cemetery was laid out. In 1852 another quarter acre of land was added. In 1889 there was need for more land for cemetery purposes and Mrs. Noble presented the church with an additional one-third acre. Titles of improving the cemetery gradually took hold of the church. More land was purchased in 1897. A proper survey was made. A caretaker was appointed and every effort was put forth to make the whole place orderly and clean until it is one of the finest cemeteries in Halton County. Plots are sold on a basis of perpetual care and upkeep.

When the original Church building had served the congregation for more than a third of a century it was felt that it had become inadequate to their needs, and while it seemed preposterous to think of building a new church in view of their financial strength, the idea persisted and grew until it was eventually agreed upon. The question then arose as to where it should be located. The village was more apparent that the village was the proper place for the church.

Accordingly a vacant lot at the corner of Guelph and Draper streets was purchased from Thomas Maxted and an adjoining house and lot from Mrs. H. H. Wilson. Plans were made and were copied from those of the Congregational Church in Georgetown, now serving as the Public Library. Mr. Walter McKay of Georgetown was engaged as architect. Tenders were sent for and the contract was given to John Orr, Sr., mason work to Thomas Maxted, Carpenter work to the Laird Brothers.

Besides following the principal of accepting the lowest bid, consideration was given to the workmanship the building committee further carried out the principal of patronizing home trade. All that view the church today will agree that it was well and truly built.

The corner stone was laid in 1878 by the Hon. John McMurrich, then an elder in Knox Church, Toronto. The Church was finally completed and opened for public worship on February 23rd, 1879, by Rev. D. J. MacDonald of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. The total cost was \$7000.00.

In 1903 some changes and improvements were made. The floor was raised, new seats, carpet and pipe organ were added and the walls and ceiling decorated at a cost of \$4000.00. The installation of electric lights with elaborate fixtures a few years ago, had added greatly to the appearance of the Church.

While the Rev. Joseph Alexander was minister at Norval and Union he lived in his own house on the Georgetown road. After his resignation it became necessary to build a Manse. The Manse property belonging to Union Church situated near Norval station was not suitable and was later sold.

In 1888 the present Manse was built by the Congregation with the assistance of Union Church. The same contractors who built the Church did the work. The total cost of building was \$2,700.00. An additional piece of land was purchased from James McKenzie and the old house was moved on to it and fitted up for a house for the caretaker.

The Church in Norval, like churches the world over, has been the scene of many arguments over ways and means. For years there was no choir and no musical instrument. Robert Reid, Sr., Samuel Curry, Thomas Smith, and John Hunter at different times raised the tune and led the singing. When in the early Seventies a demand began to grow for better music and an organ, debate waxed hot. There was decided opposition. Finally, however, an organ was installed in 1875 and Miss Margaret McPherson was appointed organist, a position she held for over forty years. Following the installation of an organ came a choir with Mr. White as leader and teacher of singing.

Of the many who have served the Church in the service of praise, we mention particularly the late John Watkins whose ability and untiring energy was of great assistance.

When the Presbyterian Church in Canada adopted a Hymnal for use in the Church service there was decided opposition. The Psalms and Paraphrases had for so long been in use, that it was difficult to make a change. It was not until 1889 that the Session permitted the congregation to use one hymn at a service, on the condition that no Amen be sung. The singing of Amen after the hymns did not

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## Halton Presbytery W.M.S.

The eastern sectional meeting of the Halton Presbytery Woman's Missionary Society of the United Church was held in Ashgrove church on Wednesday, June 22nd, morning and afternoon sessions, with sixty delegates present.

In the absence of Mrs. R. M. Clements, 2nd vice-president, the chair was taken by Mrs. H. Inglehart, presbytery past president.

After words of welcome by Mrs. Dick, president of Ashgrove Auxiliary, to which Mrs. Brown of Acton replied, Miss M. Sharp read the minutes of the last year's meeting. Bright reports were received from auxiliaries, circles, bands and C.G.I.T. groups throughout the section. Highlights of the Conference Branch meeting at Oakville were given in a fifteen minute report by Mrs. B. Mowat, Acton, Presbytery delegate.

The guest speaker, Mrs. J. A. Jewitt, past president Hamilton Conference Branch, spoke on "The Challenge to W.M.S. members, personally and as a group." She also conducted an Open Forum.

Mrs. H. Caldwell, Presbytery secretary of Temperance and Christian Citizenship, urged that W.M.S. members stand by every organization that helps the temperance cause and stressed prayer as the right arm of every department of our work.

The Acton Mission Band presented "A Family Party," under the direction of Mrs. Emery. Vocal numbers were supplied by Mrs. A. E. Pickard of Brantia and the Burns brothers of the Georgetown Mission Band. The worship services were conducted by members of Palermo and Oakville auxiliaries. The Quiet Half-Hour was taken by Mrs. A. O. Foreman, Ballinfad, assisted by Mrs. Kirkwood. Mrs. A. K. Leonard was in charge of the literary exhibit. The next treasurer, Mrs. J. McErmid, spoke a few words with reference to her department. The closing message was given by Mrs. Earl Wilson, presbytery president. During noon hour, luncheon was served by the ladies of Ashgrove Auxiliary.

## MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND WEED INSPECTORS ARE STILL RESPONSIBLE

Citizens Should Notify Council or Weed Inspector of any Neglected Areas—Weed Control Act of Ontario States All Noxious Weeds Must be Destroyed.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their city, town, village or township by notifying their municipal council or weed inspector as to the whereabouts of noxious weeds in the locality. The Weed Control Act passed in 1927 by the Ontario Government, and since amended, places the responsibility of weed control directly on the shoulders of the municipality and weed inspectors.

Every person in Ontario is entitled to protection under this Act and should notify the council or weed inspector of any neglected area infested with weeds. It is the duty of the municipal authorities to see that these weeds are destroyed as soon as they have been notified by interested citizens (yourself for example).

Clause four of the Weed Control Act reads—"Every occupant of land, or if the land is unoccupied, the owner shall destroy all weeds designated as noxious by the regulations, as often in every year as is sufficient to prevent the ripening of their seeds."

It is the duty of each municipal council to appoint at least one Weed Inspector and to set the remuneration he is to receive. These inspectors are responsible for seeing that the provisions of the Act are enforced in their municipality.

The Weed Control Act itself will not control a single weed. It depends entirely on definite human action and the scope of this definite human action will depend on the force and extent of community opinion on the municipal council. You and your neighbors can bring about quick action in the eradication of weeds by making "everybody's business" your business.

Copies of the Weed Control Act and information regarding control of weeds will be gladly forwarded free of charge on request, by the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

## BALLINAFAD

Rev. N. Waddell left Friday to spend two weeks at the summer home of his daughter, Mrs. H. McIntosh, near Cobocook.

Miss Minnie Bennett of Acton called on Miss J. Shortill Sunday afternoon.

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Foreman, who celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary on Thursday last, June 23rd. Rev. and Mrs. Marshall of Long Branch, who were also celebrating their thirtieth anniversary, spent the day with them.

Several members of the W.M.S. attended the sectional meeting held at Ashgrove last Wednesday.

## TOWN COUNCIL

Civic Recognition of Success of Lorne Scots Band—Dog By-law Amended—Pavement By-law Given First and Second Reading.

A special meeting of Council was held last evening in the Council Chamber. Mayor Joseph Gibbons was in the chair; Reeve George Davis and Councillors N. H. Brown, Jos. Hall, Thos. Lyons and A. E. Cripps present.

Roy Smith, county engineer, presented the plans and specifications for the pavement on John, McNabb, Emery and King Sts.

The by-law to authorize the construction of pavement on John, McNabb, Emery and King Sts. under a local improvement by-law was given its first and second reading.

The by-law to amend the Town Dog By-law was read and necessary number of times and finally passed.

Moved by Brown, seconded by Cripps that this Council arrange a civic recognition of the success of the Lorne Scots Band and that Mayor Gibbons, Council Hall and Town Clerk P. B. Harrison be a committee to arrange for same.—Carried.

## HONOR FORMER "Y" SECRETARY AT CAMP NORVAL

Honoring William T. Tait, first secretary of boys' work of the West End Y.M.C.A., who served in that position from 1902 to 1912, at which time he was an employee of The Evening Telegram, a playing field was donated to Camp Norval, summer quarters of the West End "Y" Monday night by C. T. Sharpe.

The field, equipped with baseball diamond, volleyball court and horseshoe pitching pitches, filled a long-felt need of the camp, which had practically all other facilities, built since the land was first given the West End club by Morden Nelson.

Chairman of the night's service of dedication was H. R. Frost, K.C., president of the West End organization, and visitors to the camp were introduced by J. L. Melkie, executive secretary of the club. William Tait was guest of honor, having made the trip from his present home in Edmonton, Alta., to be present at the opening of the field.

Brief addresses in dedication were made by the donor, C. T. Sharpe, Mr. Tait, and W. H. Scott, chairman of the Metropolitan Camp Branch Board. The opening prayer was delivered by Capt. T. F. Best.

The opening of the playing field was designed to officially deliver the new equipment to the camp before the arrival of the first group of boys for the summer course of training, beginning of July 4.

A pleasant feature of the proceedings was the presentation to the guest of honor, William Tait, of a colored picture of the camp, taken from the air by E. F. Hope, one of the camp directors.

## UNITED CHURCH W.A. STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Miss H. A. Staunton opened her home and grounds on Friday afternoon, June 24th, for a tea held under the auspices of the United Church Women's Association, Group 3. The president, Miss Ellen McKay, with the hostess, received the guests numbering over seventy.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Jas. Gillespie, elocutionist of Erin, gave several excellent readings. Under the direction of Mrs. N. Burns, Misses Marjorie Kentner, Jean Cole, Mary Dobson, Phoebe Hunter, June Clark and Lois Neilsen gave three lovely vocal numbers.

Considerable amusement was created by a Questionaire Contest and also by musical numbers rendered by the Circle's "Kitchen Orchestra."

After the program the guests were served a dainty lunch on the lawn.

## GEORGETOWN BRANCH CANADIAN LEGION

ENTERTAIN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AT REGULAR MEETING LAST THURSDAY

Over one hundred were present at the regular meeting of Georgetown Branch Canadian Legion held in their spacious club rooms last Thursday night.

Mayor Gibbons and Members of Town Council, Capt. "Bud" McDonald, past zone president of Acton, Jack Hearst, president of Guelph Branch, and Guelph Legion Degree Team, were among the guests of the evening.

Wm. Roney, president of Georgetown Branch, welcomed the visitors and members and bespoke a good time for everybody.

The Guelph Degree Team, led by Jack Hearst, initiated six new members to the local branch.

Col. Cousens and Col. Brown were presented with Past President's Badges by Capt. "Bud" McDonald.

A good program of vocal and instrumental music, community singing, etc., led by the Guelph Degree Team, and short speeches by Mayor Gibbons, Reeve Davis and other members of Council, and Dr. Jackson on behalf of the candidates, made a very enjoyable program.

Refreshments were served during the evening.

## GLEN WILLIAMS

Mr. Joseph McMaster of Detroit is visiting with relatives here.

Miss Annie Hood, who was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. William Hadley returned to Toronto last week.

Mrs. Eya Marsden and daughter Aubrey of Woodstock are spending a holiday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill.

Mrs. Dolby and Mr. Arthur Dolby of Guelph, Mrs. Wilds, Mrs. Lappin, Mrs. Marshall and little Helen Johnson all of Acton, were visitors on Monday at the home of Mrs. Fred Norton.

Misses Edna Davidson, Eve Garvin and Agnes McDonald left on Monday for Orillia and other points for a two weeks' holiday.

## ACTON

Secretary Wright has received confirmation this week of the arrangements to have Hon. P. W. Dewar, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, to officially open the Acton Fair of 1938.

Mr. A. M. Church, of Sundridge, has been elected President of the Ontario Postmasters' Association at the annual meeting. Acton friends offer congratulations.

Ted Hansen, son of Commissioner and Mrs. C. Hansen Acton, has been successful in passing with good standing, in all subjects of his course for the year at the University of Toronto. Acton friends tender hearty congratulations.

Rev. Dr. T. A. Moore of Toronto was a visitor at Moorecroft on Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Speight and Mrs. Ernest Speight of Toronto, visited at Moorecroft last week.

Miss Audrey MacArthur is spending a week at the home of Rev. G. I. Stephenson, at Erasmus.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McPherson, of Sandusky, Mich., visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McPherson and other Acton friends.

The Rev. H. L. Bennie conducted the ninety-ninth anniversary of the Clieff congregation of Puslinch Township last Sunday.

Miss Margaret J. Forbes, R.N., of the Royal Sanatorium, Ottawa, spent the week end at Mr. R. N. Brown's and attended the Churchill celebration. Miss Forbes' father was pastor at Churchill for several years.—Free Press.

## Lorne Scots Band, Georgetown

**Awarded First Prize in Class "A"**

**Highest Military Band Honors at Waterloo Musical Festival on Saturday — Wilcox, Herbert and Carter Win in Individual Competitions—Welcomed Home by Large Assembly of Citizens on Main St. — Mayor Gibbons made Congratulatory Speech.**

Georgetown Lorne Scots Band have again brought distinction and honor to their home town.

At the Waterloo Musical Festival last Saturday in competition with the best bands of the province they were awarded first prize, defeating the Chatham Killies, who have won this coveted prize for the past five years in succession.

Captain Charles O'Neill was the adjudicator and his classing of the two leading bands was as follows: Lorne Scots Regimental Band, Georgetown, 93 1/2; Chatham Killies, 93.

Much credit is due Bandmaster Perrott and the members of the band, who have spent many hours in strenuous practice in order to attain their present high standing and bring honor to themselves and their home town.

Members of the Band who won in individual competitions were Joseph Wilcox, 1st for cornet solo under 25 years; 1st for cornet solo under 20 years; and 2nd for cornet solo under 16 years.

In the saxophone solo competition Norman Herbert won 1st in the class under 25 years and 3rd in the open. In the clarinet solo competition, Frank Carter won 2nd in the class under 20 years.

Miss Jessie Leavitt was accompanist for Joseph Wilcox and Norman Herbert, while Mr. Joseph Young accompanied Frank Carter.

More than 20,000 persons left Waterloo Park following the presentation of this seventh annual festival and tattoo.

Under the direction of Professor C. F. Thiele, conductor of the Waterloo Band and president of the Waterloo Musical Society, bands from all over Ontario took part in the massed bands demonstration, and a stirring parade of contests and drills, beginning at nine o'clock in the morning and concluding shortly before midnight, was brought to a close with a display of fireworks.

Most impressive moment of the evening performance, which was presented on the four-acre park ground, was the moment when the red cross flag was taken on the field, and a hush swept over the assembled thousands as the massed bands played "Nearer My God to Thee."

On their arrival home, shortly after 11:30 p.m., the members of the band were given a rousing reception and prolonged cheering greeted them as they paraded down Main Street headed by the fire truck with Mayor Gibbons and Fire Chief Henry Shepherd and firemen aboard.

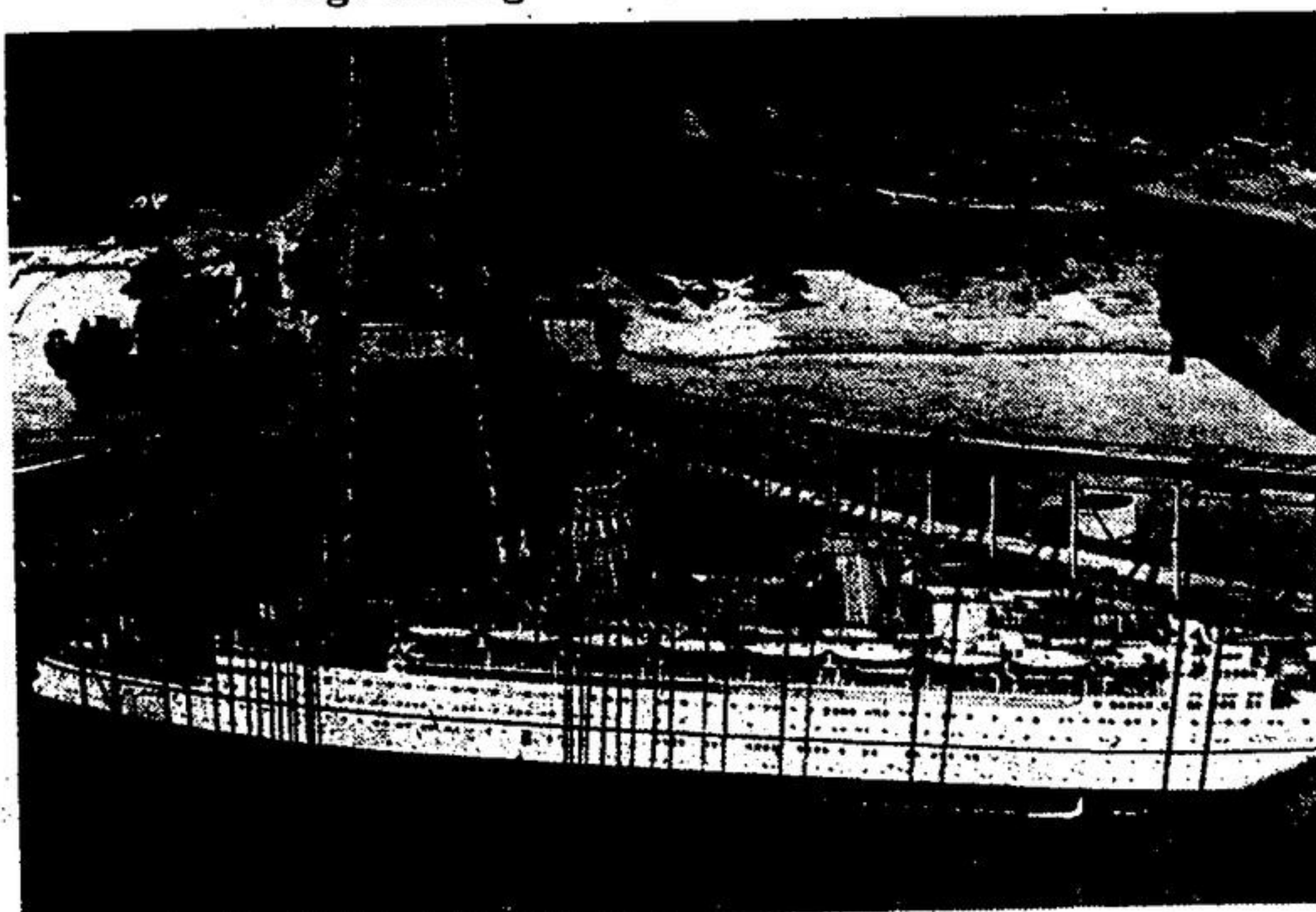
After a selection by the Band Mayor Gibbons spoke as follows:—

"Bandmaster Perrott, members of the Band, ladies and fellow citizens. We are assembled here tonight for the purpose of welcoming home the Lorne Scots Band of Georgetown, after being placed first in Class A in one of the most keenly contested competitions held under the auspices of the Ontario Amateur Bandmen's Association in the Town of Waterloo today.

"By their efforts and success during a period of recent years, by reaching the pinnacle of success not only on this occasion but on occasions such as this in the past, they have advertised the Town of Georgetown throughout the North American continent, as a Town of musicians and music."

"May I call to your attention that

## Engineering Marvels at Vancouver



The Empress of Japan, Queen of the Pacific, passing under the splendid new bridge now under construction across the First Narrows, the entrance to Vancouver's landlocked harbor. The mainmast of the vessel is 195 feet above her keel line, the bridge below 209 feet above high spring tides. The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan, in addition to holding all the speed records on her Canada, Hawaii, Orient run in the largest ship entering Vancouver Harbor. The illustration clearly shows the magnitude and the beauty of both ship and bridge.

regardless of how successful they have been as a musical organization, they never forget their civic pride and loyalty to the community in which they live. No inconvenience is ever too great for them to assist in any worthy cause in this Municipality.

"I know all the citizens of Georgetown join with me in wishing the members of the Band continued success in their musical endeavor.

"Therefore, on behalf of my colleagues in Council, on behalf of the citizens generally of this Municipality, I am grateful for this privilege; it is a pleasure for me indeed to express our appreciation and gratitude to Bandmaster Perrott and the members of the band for the honor which they have brought to the Town of Georgetown."

Bandmaster Perrott replied thanking the Mayor for his kind expression of appreciation on behalf of himself and citizens of Georgetown. While he had endeavored to assist the members in the development of their musical talents, much credit was due the boys themselves for their keen interest, honest endeavor and loyal support, which made it possible to attain success in the competition at Waterloo.

A couple of selections by the Band followed, after which all left for their homes, tired, but very happy.

## ERIN

A severe electric storm hit the district north of the Village on Thursday evening of last week. Lightning put the Erin telephone exchange switchboard out of commission for two hours.

Peter Binnie, a farm hand knocking down and situated when lightning entered the house by electric wiring. Entering the same way, it burned the curtains on a window at the home of Angus McLachlan, and at the home of Fred White the telephone was completely demolished.

Mr. Mac Abbott, of Toronto, has returned to work after spending two weeks with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Abbott.

The body of William Lang, 43, of Erin Township was found last Friday afternoon on a lot at 1883 Clair Ave., west, Toronto. Deceased was identified early Saturday by his brother, Gordon Lang, Corner Dr. J. P. F. Williams decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Miss Margaret Bingham, Mrs. Grace and Mr. D. Houston of Georgetown were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bingham.

Rev. George H. Thomas, M.A., D.D., of Kitchener, has accepted a call to Erin United Church charge. The induction services will be held on Thursday evening, June 30th. Rev. Thomas will commence his duties on Sunday, July 3rd.—Advocate.

## TERRA COTTA

Mr. Phillips of Toronto has moved into Mr. Davage's house here. We welcome him to our midst.

The quarries here all seem to be doing a good trade at present.

Our merchants report trade quite brisk.

Mr. W. H. Barth of the 10th Line lost a valuable cow last week.

Mr. R. J. Stringer, who has been spending a few months with Mr. and Mrs. C. McKee of Acton, has arrived home, and he informs us that he purposes taking up his residence here again in the near future. We welcome him back.

George Townsend of Cheltenham has turned his farm here into a fruit farm and has about 10 acres planted in fruit trees now. We wish him every success in his new enterprise.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Jas. McKane, Jr. met with a painful accident while repairing a roof. He fell off it fracturing his arm. We hope he will soon be able to be around again as usual.

## BOSTON CHURCH MARKS 118th ANNIVERSARY

One of the oldest churches in Canada, Boston Presbyterian Church, in the Scotch Block, Esquesing township, celebrated its 118th anniversary on Sunday, June 19th with special services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. Professor J. R. Watts of Queen's University, Kingston, whose first charge as a minister was Boston Church, was the special preacher, assisted by the minister, Rev. B. F. Andrew. The church choir rendered special music.

Both morning and evening services were largely attended, the church being filled to capacity. The oldest living member of the church is Mrs. Isabel Wooding, who celebrated her 89th birthday on Thursday last. The annual church garden party, which was held at the home of John Irving, was a grand success in every way, the fine program furnished by Russ Creighton and his Canadian Mountaineers, being greatly enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to be present and hear them.