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Rev. Dr. A. Grasett Smith One-Time Rector at Stewarttown Dies at Dunnville Home

Death Comes Long and Useful Life of Service in Church of England in Canada—Worked 20 Years Among the Indians.

Following a lingering illness, death came Sunday morning, July 16th, 1944, to Rev. Dr. Arthur Grasett Smith, M.D., C.M., I.M., aged 86 years, thus removing from the Church of England in Canada, a true and faithful servant of more than six decades. In the passing of Dr. Smith, Dunnville—in fact Ontario as a whole—has lost a son it will be difficult to replace.

Arthur Grasett Smith was born in St. Catharines, a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. Francis Smith. While still a child, he moved with his parents to Toronto and Simcoe and thence to Windsor, where he received his earlier education. From here, Dr. Smith went to Huron College, Western University, London, graduating from there in Theology in 1882. Part of his medical education was also gained at Western University, and the remainder at Queen's University, Kingston, where he received his M. D. degree in 1888.

Ordained by Bishop Hellmuth in June, 1883, Dr. Smith was ordained a priest by Rt. Rev. Isaac Hellmuth, Bishop of Huron, the only foreign Bishop in the history of the Church of England in Canada. Bishop Hellmuth was born of well-to-do Polish Jews, and was disowned by his family when he accepted the Christian faith.

Covered Parish on Horseback
Dr. Smith's first parish was at Essex Centre, and covered churches at Essex Centre, North Ridge, Leamington, Comber, Merlin and Tilbury. The journey from end to end of this extensive parish was made by horse and buggy when the weather was fine, and by horseback when mud and water forbade the more comfortable means of travel.

Travelling as a boy in the Lake Superior district with his father, who was a geologist, mining engineer and prospector in the summer and dentist in the winter, young Grasett Smith early became keenly interested in the Indians and their ways, and it was this contact that led him to forsake his first charge to work among the Indians as a medical missionary. Early influences played a large part in his life, and it was the earnest desire of his mother while he was yet a child that led him to enter Holy Orders.

His Work Among the Indians
Leaving Essex Centre, Dr. Smith went to Muncey, where he labored for nearly 12 years among the Muncey, Oneida and Ojibway (Chippewa) Indians. Due to his enthusiasm, the young minister-doctor was sent to England in connection with the work of the Church among the Indians, and was in England for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. He went on to France on the same mission, staying there as a chaplain for six months.

From Muncey, he went to Christ Church, Tyndinaga, the Six Nations Reserve near Deseronto. He spent seven years in that parish, and while there practiced medicine in Deseronto, under the doctor who had in his care the Mohawk tribe. From there he took a post graduate course at Western University and Victoria Hospital, wrote and passed his three Medical Council exams in one, and received his license to practice medicine in Ontario in 1903.

Leaving the Indians for a time, Dr. Smith went to Teeswater, where the Church had been without a minister for 11 years and was in a bad shape financially. In two years he had put it back on its feet, and left it again with a resident minister.

Came to Diocese of Niagara
From Huron, Dr. Smith came to the Diocese of Niagara, accepting a charge at Palmerston for five years, leaving Palmerston for Grand Valley, where for three years he had three churches, with four services every Sunday. Six years were spent in the Parish of Norval, Stewarttown and Hornby, and then, in February, 1919, Dr. Smith returned to his work among the red skins, spending two years at Carcross, Y. T., as principal of the Indian Residential School. In March, 1921, he left the Yukon and accepted a brief charge at St. Matthews Church, Aldershot, coming in October, 1921, to Byng, Port Maitland and South Cayuga, where he remained until his retirement in 1939. In spite of his advancing age, the rugged veteran of the church militant covered more than 20 miles every Sunday, winter and summer preaching the gospel to the merest handful of faithful adherents.

Designed and Built Church
His last charge, ranked among his most successful, and among other things, the pretty stone church at Port Maitland will stand as a lasting monument.

THE WEATHER

It is always interesting at the end of each month to compare the total figures of temperature and rainfall and snowfall of all the years for which records have been kept. In this way we can get a line up on what to expect in the maturing of crops of all kinds and also whether such crops will be poor or bountiful.

Here are the normal figures for the month of July. The mean or average maximum or day temperature is 79.5, making it by several degrees the warmest month of the year. The minimum or night temperature is 56.2. Those are the few nights in the year we can kick the blankets off and need no fire to keep the living rooms comfortable. July is one of the three months of the year when we have no snowfall but the rainfall is the highest, the normal being 3.00 inches.

Now let us see how the July just past compares with normal. The mean day temperature was 80.3 being 3 degrees above normal which amounts to 24.8 for the 31 days in the month. Which makes for the earlier ripening of tomatoes, melons, grapes and crops requiring heat to mature. The mean night temperature was 56.5 degrees, it too being .03 degrees above normal. The rainfall was what we got most in excess this year, the total being 4.10 inches, or an inch and one-tenth above normal. That has made for luxuriant vegetation. There has been abundant pasture and no let up in lawn mowing, and fruits and grain will be big and plump.

Following are the local records for the past week.

Date	H. and L. Temp.	Rain-fall
Tue. July 25	78 52	
Wed. July 26	72 56	.46"
Thurs. July 27	78 63	
Fri. July 28	81 61	.32"
Sat. July 29	75 55	.06"
Sun. July 30	75 56	
Mon. July 31	82 57	

Georgetown Boys' Band

Edward Woodson—music editor of The Evening Telegram—was guest at last week's rehearsal of Georgetown Boys' Band. In the course of his chat with the boys at the close of the evening Mr. Woodson said in part—

It has been a privilege to be here tonight. I am grateful to you boys and to your kindly self-forgetting conductor, Mr. Joe Carter. You are doing well. There is a heap of fine musical material amongst you.

Mr. Carter flatters me when he says nice things about my musicianship. I couldn't blow a note on any brass or reed instrument for a fortune. I might hit the drum at the right time but there'd be no music in the note. But I've learnt this on my twenty-five year old job of music criticism. The best bands and orchestras are those that listen best. If you don't listen to yourselves you'll never get an audience worth anything. Master the trick of listening—the hardest of all musical tricks believe me! Listen to your own tone first. Then to the tone your pal is making at the next stand. Then take in the whole body of tone being made, even at a rehearsal.

CEILING PRICE SET FOR PEACHES, PEARS AND PLUMS

The retail price of peaches will be lower this year than last as the result of an order issued today by the War-

Georgetown Fair Only Six Weeks Away

EXHIBITORS SHOULD START NOW TO PUT ENTRIES INTO SHAPE

Georgetown Fall Fair, which is sponsored by the Equesing Agricultural Society is now only six weeks away. The date is September 15th and 16th, and already Fair advertising is making its appearance. The Directors have been meeting regularly this summer, laying concrete plans for a Fair that this year promises to be a record breaker if the weatherman is favourable to the show.

An exceptionally fine prize list is now in the hands of the printer, and will be off the press in the course of the next couple of weeks. A long list of special prizes will be enticing to exhibitors, and the quality of the donations in goods is excellent. If you have never shown at the Fair you have certainly missed something. Not only do you gain a certain amount of enjoyment from showing your articles along with your neighbour, but the financial returns should receive same attention. Prizes are valuable and have been increased in a number of classes this year.

Every indication is that the hall will be filled to capacity this year. An outstanding exhibit is proposed by the Arts & Crafts Co-operative, the Women's Institutes of the District, the War-time Prices and Trade Board, the Girls' Garden Brigade and many others. With the increase in the ladies work and Domestic Science, prize money, these sections anticipate an outstanding display.

Outside entertainment will be the best, races, horse show, baseball games, potato race, musical chairs and baby show. But all this will be found in later editions of this paper and on the posters—what we want at this time is to impress on exhibitors that the Georgetown Fair Board is counting on them to do their part in making the show one of the best in the history of the Society; so that the Board may look forward to celebrating its 100th Anniversary in two years' time with the satisfaction of knowing the citizens are backing the fair one hundred per cent.

Robert Davis is Trampled by Horses

Mr. Robert Davis, well known farmer of the Norval district, sustained critical injuries when he was trampled and dragged for some distance by his team of horses. All the ribs were torn from one side and his lung was punctured.

Dr. McAllister was called, but Mr. Davis' condition was so critical it was impossible to move him. The accident occurred two weeks ago, and we are pleased to say that he is now recovering satisfactorily.

When the accident happened, Mr. Davis was driving his team and hayrack upon which he had a calf in a crate. He halted the team at the entrance of his own property to get down, and unfasten the gate. As he was unloading it, the calf made a peculiar noise which startled the horses. They bolted and as he tried to stop them, they dragged Mr. Davis along with them and trampled on him.

Time Prices and Trade Board, Ceiling prices for peaches and plums, covered in the same order will be the same as last year.

This order is effective in this area on August 7 for peaches and plums and on August 14 for pears.

Spr. Frank Lorusso Visits Parents' Birthplace

The family of Spr. Frank Lorusso, who is serving in Italy, were especially interested to receive the following letter from him, which tells of meeting and talking with his relatives there, whom his parents have not seen since leaving their homeland:

Italy, July 13, 1944

Hello Jostie:
I just received your letter of June 15th. I have had a day in Rome and saw the Pope. I just got back from my leave of 7 days in which I was able to spend 3 days in the old folks' hometown. You can tell mom that her sister and mother are in good health. In fact her mother and sister look in better health than she does. I can't spell the names of the people I met but there was one old woman that knew mom when she was a young girl and I also met the old fellow who took mom and uncle out to Canada. In case you don't know it you have 9 cousins, 6 boys and 3 girls and one other girl who died the very same as our own family so maybe they had a race as I sometimes think Annie and Lucy have.

Emmanuel and Joe are prisoners of war, but Tony the oldest boy, one year younger than I is at home. He showed me around the town and I saw the house dad was born in. As far as the girl friends are concerned it's just the same. I've met a few girls over here but just as friends but if I don't hear more often from home I'll have to look harder as I'm beginning to think the war will soon be over and I'll have to settle down after. I didn't mind my aunt and grandmother kissing me on the cheek but when uncle and mom's uncle, the one who took her to Canada kissed me it was kind of embarrassing, especially when you have to return it. And that isn't all, the young fellows walk arm in arm and dance together because the girls are out in the country working on farms. I didn't walk arm in arm with the fellows but I did dance with a few of Tony's friends one afternoon. I've just met Bert Tuck when I was going on leave and he tells me his brother might be going home soon, lucky guy. I thought you knew that I received Mom's Xmas and Easter parcels together and I received the cigarettes from Father Morgan and Kelly. The old people felt sorry for me because I didn't have any pictures of home so collect some up for me and send them with a pipe lighter and a couple of spoons of thread as it is very hard to get them over here. Grandmother and Auntie could use new shoes but that would be too much trouble for me to carry around for months.

Yours sincerely,
Brother Frank

SOLDIERS COMFORTS COMMITTEE RECEIVE INTERESTING LETTER

The Soldiers' Comforts Committee were very pleased to receive the following letter from Lieut. W. S. Irene Mulholland last week:

Dear Friends:
Once again I would like to thank you for the cigarettes that arrived some time ago. I'm afraid I am late in acknowledging the cigarettes but we have had a rather busy time of late. Our unit is now somewhere in France and are finding it very interesting. Our life over here is quite an ordinary one, much better than any of us had anticipated and as yet we haven't had to work too hard. The general spirit of all the troops is simply marvellous. Hope all is well at home and my thanks for the cigarettes. They are really appreciated.

Sincerely,
IRENE MULHOLLAND, N. S.

Work Already Going Ahead On Proposed Lions Park

Tpr. Thomas Dickenson Awarded Military Medal

HAD BROTHER KILLED IN DIEPPE

Tpr. Thomas Edwin Dickenson, who will be 21 next month, has been awarded the Military Medal. Born in Acton, Tpr. Dickenson came to Stewarttown, on the outskirts of Georgetown, at an early age. He is the son of Mrs. Ethel Dickenson and the late Mr. Dickenson, of Stewarttown. Formerly a member of the Lorne Scots regiment, Tpr. Dickenson enlisted for active service in 1940 with the Governor General's Horse Guards. After training at Toronto, Camp Borden and Hamilton, he went overseas in September, 1941, and since that time has become a driver mechanic. He spent Christmas 1943 in Italy. His only brother, Pte. Harry Dickenson, of the Royal Regiment of Canada, was killed at Dieppe.

Tpr. Dickenson's mother says details concerning his action in Italy are scanty, but says that on one occasion he spotted a band of Germans while on reconnaissance. At the time his own gun had been rendered useless. Climbing into a nearby tank he returned the machine-gun fire of the Germans. His mother thinks that it may have been for this action that his medal was awarded.

PRETTY WEDDING IN HOLY CROSS CHURCH

The wedding of Muriel Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hamilton, of Hornby, to Joseph Shea of Oakville, was solemnized by Rev. Fr. V. J. Morgan in Holy Cross Church, on Thursday, July 20th.

The bride was lovely in a heavenly blue street-length gown with white accessories. She carried Tallisman Roses. The bridesmaid wore a rose ensemble and carried Briarcliff roses. Mr. Jack Sanford of Hornby, was groomsmen. Miss Mary Theresa Langan of Toronto was bridesmaid.

Following the wedding trip, the couple will reside in Georgetown.

Harvesting Handicapped by Wet Weather and Lack of Help

Backward weather, heavy crops and shortage of labor has resulted in a general pile-up of work on the majority of Halton farms, stated Agria. Rev. J. E. Whitelock in a recent interview. Showery weather the first three weeks of June coupled with a heavy crop of hay, and little help, resulting in haying, wheat harvest and the cutting of early sown spring grain all being on at the same time on a goodly percentage of Halton farms. On many farms this has meant the operator and his wife have been on the go from 5.00 a.m. until 9 and 10 o'clock at night. As a result of their efforts, Halton barns in general, are pretty well filled with well cured hay. True, the protein content of the hay is not as high as it would have been if conditions would have permitted early cutting. When asked about local Commando help Mr. Whitelock replied, "local volunteers have been conspicuous by their absence." Toronto Commandos are showing us up badly." Up until Monday of this week we have received the equivalent of 642 days' work from Toronto Commandos. Some 81 Halton farmers have taken advantage of this source of help, which comes from offices, factories, civic employees and even bell-hops from some of Toronto's largest hotels. With few exceptions farmers receiving this class of labour have been well satisfied and have asked for help repeatedly. Some 25 or 30 men come out daily by one of the Robert Simpson trucks and are dropped enroute at such points as Sheridan, Oakville, Trafalgar, Drum-quin, Omagh, Boyne, Hornby, etc., arriving in Milton around 9.30 a.m. The truck leaves Milton in the evening at 7.00 p.m., which enables the Commandos to render 7 to 8 hours service, for which they receive 40c per hour and two meals. We also understand that quite a large number of Toronto people have been spending 1 or 2 weeks holiday helping out various Halton farmers. Many of these have been placed farther afield in Nelson, Nassawagawa, and Esquesing Townships. When we inquired why Commandos from our local urban centres have not responded proportionately with those from Toronto, because we understand York and Peel Counties are receiving as many or more than Halton Mr. Whitelock replied, "Perhaps that is your fault and mine, in not making our people realize the need. Certainly the re-

WILL HOLD STREET CARNIVAL TO RAISE FUNDS TO CONTINUE WORK

The corner lot at the rear of the Post Office building on Water Street was acquired some time ago by the Lions Club, with one purpose in mind, to furnish Georgetown with a centrally located park which in future years might be of inestimable service to the community. With this in mind much thought has been given to the idea the past year and work in this direction has already been started.

Early this spring a number of trees, ornamental (flowering plums), donated by the Board of Trade, were planted on the lot, and stumps then a bulldozer has taken down most of the old railway bank and levelled off the grounds considerably. Further attention has been given the project, just this week, when the county road grader has spent some time grading and levelling and ditching on the road alongside the lot.

Future plans, and we hope they are not too distant, are to plant more trees, sow grass seed, install some benches, erect a bandstand and a Scout Club house and no doubt other activities will present themselves as time progresses. But all this takes money, and a lot of money. The Georgetown Lions Club have to date been responsible for the purchase of the lot, and the work already done to date. However their funds are about exhausted, and in order that the work may continue are about to stage a mammoth street carnival.

At the last meeting of the Club, a committee was set up to arrange for a Street Carnival and this has been done. The date of Friday, August 18th has been decided upon, and there will be entertainment galore. Some high-class outside entertainers are being secured for the evening, and there will be bingo, games of all kinds, jitney dancing, lucky number draws. It will be another great night with the Lions as hosts.

Every cent of the proceeds is earmarked to put the proposed park into use, and every citizen in Georgetown will no doubt welcome the idea and give the Lions their whole-hearted support.

Students of your town and mine are just as patriotic as those in Toronto so apparently we have fallen down in getting the story across. In the district around each of the five towns of this County, he added, there are lots of farmers who need help badly and who would be delighted to have a gang come after supper and stook up the old field. So let's go, fellow townsmen, and follow up the example which some of our residents have set for us quietly and without ostentation. Now is a good time to phone the local Commando Headquarters, Phone Georgetown 195-Brennings 45W. Give your name and advise what day, half day or nights you will be available. And our former friends should also make known their needs to the same number.

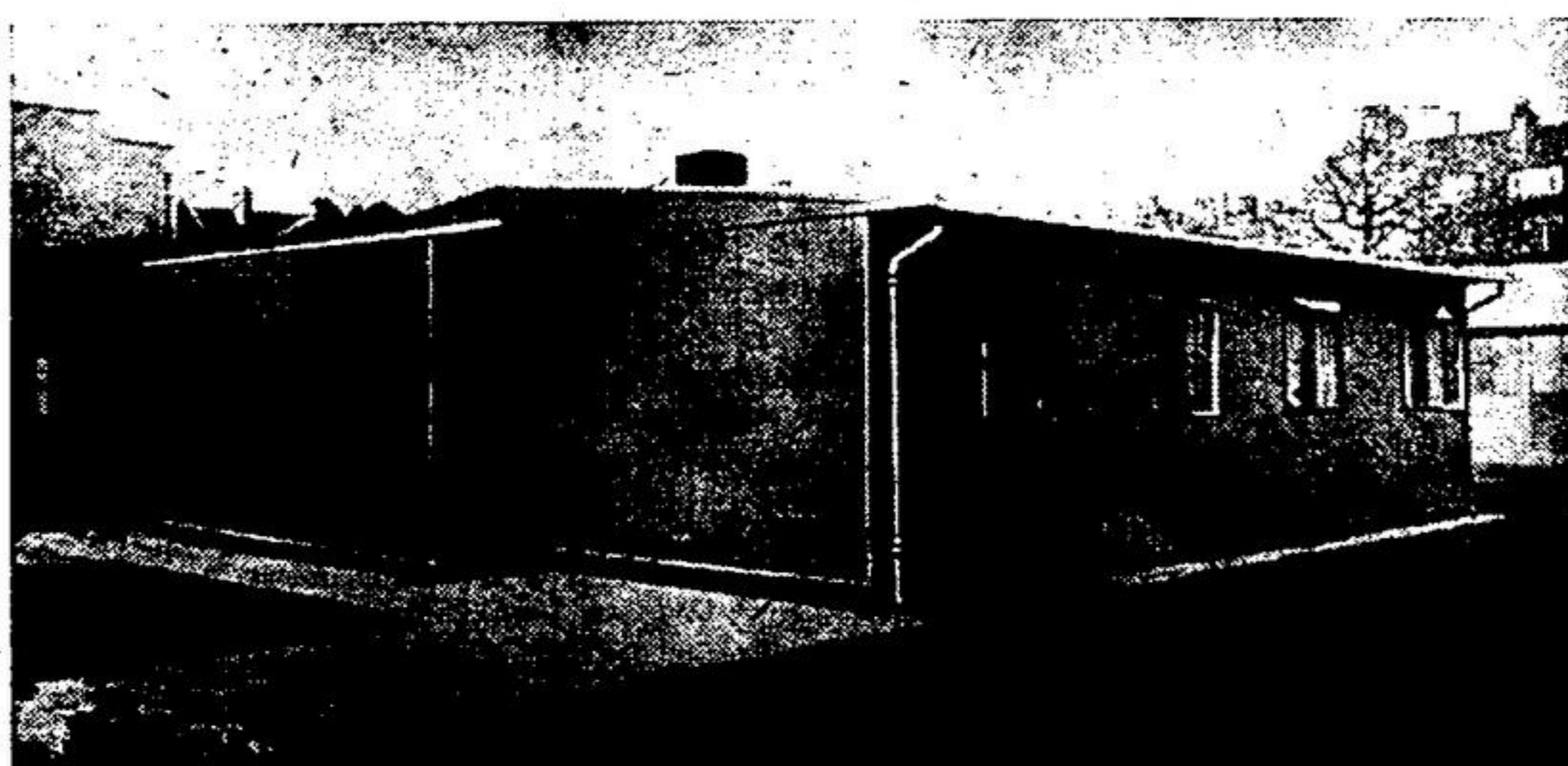
FORMER GEORGETOWNER INJURED BY LIGHTNING A WEEK AGO

Mrs. Alex. Near, Nassawagawa and Mrs. Wm. Near, Kitchener, (formerly Mary Vannatter) and her daughters, Margaret and Audrey had a narrow escape from fatal injury during the severe storm on Monday afternoon of last week. The small hut in which they had taken refuge from the storm was struck and all four of the group were stunned by the lightning. Mrs. Wm. Near and Audrey were the most seriously affected but friends will be glad to learn their progress is satisfactory. The four in the group were picking berries on Monday afternoon on the McAllister farm in Nassawagawa when the storm came up. They took refuge in a small hut on the farm when the building was struck by a bolt of lightning. The roof and floor and frame of the building were shattered by the lightning and it was indeed fortunate that the occupants escaped.

Every one of the four suffered from burns and cuts. Mrs. Near's daughter Audrey had one of her shoes torn from her foot by the lightning. The bolt struck just a few minutes after they entered the building. It is stated that a view of the damage done to the building makes it seem miraculous that any of the group escaped fatal injuries.

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Factory-Made Houses to Meet Post-War Shortages in Britain



Emergency house designed by the Ministry of Works to meet the post-war shortage period in Britain. The parts of the house will be pre-fabricated in factories and only assembled on the site. Picture shows: External view showing entrance.

—Dept. of Publicity, Ottawa, Ont.

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