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## Dayfoot Name Gone From Georgetown

With the death of Charles Brown Dayfoot in his ninety-first year in Oak Bay, Victoria, B.C. on July 5th, there passed from the scene one of the last members of a pioneer Georgetown family, whose name was known not only locally but in frontier points of northern Ontario and Quebec and in the west.

"C. B." as he was familiarly known to the business fraternity, was the second son of John B. Dayfoot, founder of the Dayfoot shoe business. Their product was for over one hundred years a synonym for strong, durable, comfortable footwear, used by prospectors, loggers, surveyors, farmers, miners, river drivers, cowboys, and later by skiers. The firm took great satisfaction in the thought that it had played a worthy part in opening up Canadian frontiers by providing quality boots for those engaged in that work.

The business had been started first as a tannery at Grimsby by John B. Dayfoot and his brother Philo W. Dayfoot who had emigrated from their native Vermont in 1838. Later it was moved to Georgetown and located on the Dayfoot homestead on the corner of McNabb and John Street (then known as Tannery Street). After a few years the tannery was destroyed by fire, but the manufacture of work boots was continued.

After J. B. Dayfoot's death, the business was carried on by his son Charles who had been educated at the Georgetown Public School (now Chapel Street School), at the old Academy in College View, and at Woodstock College. Years later, he formed a partnership with his younger brother and sister, Harry C. and Gertrude H. Dayfoot, and registered as C. B. Dayfoot and Co.

For fifty-two years, he was manager of the Dayfoot shoe firm. Through two world wars, boom and depression, the business continued until in 1944 it was sold, and at the age of eighty he retired. He and Mrs. Dayfoot then moved to Victoria where he spent the last ten years of his life in quiet retirement. Their son, Rev. Arthur C. Dayfoot after five years as a missionary in China, was appointed to Trinidad in the service of the United Church of Canada.

In addition to his part in the business life of his native town, Mr. Dayfoot will be remembered for his activities in church and community. For several years he was a valued member of the public library board, and later of the high school board. During the first war he took an active part in organizing local war-time activities. He was a member first of the Baptist Church and after church union of the United Church. In the latter he served, as always in his own quiet way, as an elder and for a short time as Sunday School superintendent. Mention should also be made of his leadership in the temperance movement. Like his father before him, he never wavered in his effort to sound a warning against the human and economic damage due to beverage alcohol.

There is little likelihood that anyone with the name of Dayfoot will ever again be living in Georgetown. It would be fitting, we suggest, that a family whose roots go back so far, should have some permanent recognition in town, and perhaps, with Georgetown growing so fast, it would be possible to name one of our new streets after the family. Council, or one of the housing subdividers could provide a link with past history by so doing.

## House Numbers, Please!

Hydro superintendent Gerry McCallum thinks he is fighting a losing battle, but he's still gamely trying to persuade people to put numbers plainly on their houses.

We all must realize that Georgetown has grown past the point where everybody knows everybody. There was a time a few years back when anyone in public business knew practically every resident by sight and if they didn't know just where they lived it could always be described as "next door to so-and-so."

Now the situation has changed and it's reached the point where a street address becomes important. Take the hydro staff, for instance. A trouble call comes for the home of Mr. Smith on Byron St. There are dozens of new houses in this subdivision, and most of the

people are new and not yet known to everyone. If there is no street address, the hydro men must call at a house blindly, and it could be possible that the new residents in this house don't yet know all their neighbours and they must make a second call. Or suppose the call is to 1552 Byron Street and the hydro men find only one or two houses on the street with numbers and the rest blank. Here again, valuable time is lost enquiring when a number on the house would locate it in a minute.

It's a simple operation and not costly to cooperate. Aluminum numbers can be purchased in several local stores, and there is a variety of other house numbers available. If you haven't yet done so, why not make it a point this week.

## Pot Pourri

The Lorne Scots summer camp wouldn't be quite the same this year. Sgt. Arthur Herbert, whose record of service goes back half a century, missed attending camp for the first time in fifty years. Mr. Herbert, who is still a valued member of the band, had made vacation plans which couldn't be changed this year. . . . Bill Leslie of the Roxy Theatre, asks us to pass on the news that parking in front of the theatre isn't banned just to be nasty. A provincial law makes it necessary for clearance to be allowed in front of theatres in case of fire and this is why the theatre is stressing the no parking angle. . . . Daily newspaper stories of a shortage of Provincial Police personnel hardly jibe with a situation which arose in Georgetown a year ago. At that time, OPP headquarters insisted that a fourth officer be added to the Georgetown detachment because of population growth, in spite of a re-

quest from the town council that the force be left at three men because council thought the town was adequately served by three. . . . One of the last properties within the old town limits suitable for housing is in process of being filled up. Harold Fobert, who has also been building houses on Sarah St. is constructing three new houses on Market St. on property formerly owned by K. M. Langdon near the Maple Ave. corner. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bill Garbutt have moved into their newly built house on Elgin Street. Mr. Garbutt sold his Sarah Street house to Lorne Gilchrist, whose house on No. 7 was purchased by Delrex Developments. . . . Also new Sarah St. residents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Emmerson and family. The house they occupied on King Street is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. "Lefty" McMann who formerly lived on John Street. . . .

## LIMESHOUSE

### NEW FAMILY COMES FROM KIRKLAND LAKE

The Karns spent a few days last week with Mr. Wm. Karn at Ormsby.

Master Malcolm Sinclair of Geraldton, recently visiting here, spent last week at Welland and is now at Weston.

Mrs. Walter Edwards is visiting for a couple of weeks with her mother Mrs. Wright in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kirkpatrick and Dorothy and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turner and Paul spent last week at Port Elgin.

Peter Glynn has been at Ancaster for holidays.

Joy Patterson spent last week at Bobraygon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards and two little sons are on holidays at Port Erie.

Mr. W. Mitchell is suffering from a sore foot, bruised by a stone in the quarry.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Henno Spitzer on the arrival of their little daughter a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnston and three little boys are testing in the woods of Blue Valley Ranch.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Quibell and little sons, formerly of Kirkland Lake, to our community. They are living in Miss Ivens apartment.

Congratulations to our newly-weds, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Melanson (nee Lillian Askin) who were married on Saturday.

After three and one half years in England, Mr. Ouke Mulder arrived in Limeshouse on Monday.

Visitors include: Miss Olive Marshall of Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster of Baden with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Noble.

Mr. John Wood of Toronto with the Earl Scotts.

Mrs. F. Shelbourne of Toronto with the Wm. Shelbournes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cohoon and little son Brian home after four years in Western Canada with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sinclair, Donna and Carol of Welland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKown and Bobbie of Burlington, Mrs. Ellen Wiley, Toronto, Mr. Herbert Sinclair of Hamilton, all with the Pattersons on Sunday Mrs. Robert Patterson was there for last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Campbell of Hamilton with the Nortons.



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