

**THE MUNICIPAL CLERK**

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If you can be a general factotum,  
And fill the office of a public drudge;  
And answer fully every half-wit's question,  
And statutes know as well as any judge;  
If you can fill out all the registrations  
And governmental forms that come each week,  
Correct mistakes of other public servants,  
And give your time for this without a cheep;  
If you can frame up all the resolutions  
For councillors, who don't know what they want,  
And don't know what to say, or how to say it,  
(And you must write because you feel they can't);  
And when the mayor or reeve comes in (important!)  
With extra work (some thirteen times a week)  
And you state all the facts and have the papers,  
As if you knew his mind before he speaks;  
And you give up your work that brings in money  
To do the work you're not required to do,  
But do it with a sense of much injustice  
To your own self and all your family too;  
If you know all the by-laws and their contents,  
And answer every question on the 'phone,  
Which you pay rent for monthly, though a nuisance  
That takes your time nor pays your bills at home;  
And when the councillors talk of cutting salaries,  
Your brain and nerves may now be but a wreck,  
If you carry on and do your duty,  
On half-pay, and retain your self-respect,  
If you can do all this without complaining,  
And bravely face the worry and the work,  
Lose holidays and all that your heart longs for,  
You'll make an ideal "municipal clerk."

**WEEKLY NEWSY NOTES FROM THE AGINCOURT DISTRICT**

"A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in little things is a very great thing."

Anon.  
It was good to see a fall of snow at the tail end of winter, just to remind us of the drifts we've missed.

The robins, gay and debonair, welcome harbingers of spring, are with us again. It's fun to see them strutting across the lawn with all the importance and pertness of a duke.

"Soft winds winging,  
Song-birds singing,  
Spring-time bringing."

Watch your step on All Fools' Day! The Three Act Drama, "Two Too Many," presented by the Forward Club of Knox United Church in Odd-fellows' Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings certainly made a hit.

The cast included Miss Isabel Armour, who played the leading role of Mrs. Sophia Winkworth, Gordon Haig, Bruce Yeamans, Neil Matheson, George Robinson, Helen Preston, Verna Robinson, Evelyn Mason, Marjorie Cassie and Blanche Mason. The players acted their parts admirably and are to be congratulated on the success of the drama. The story, of which we give a resume, made a strong appeal to the audience.

Mrs. Sophia Winkworth, an elderly widow of eccentric habits has to choose an heir to her late husband's fortune—the heir of necessity being one of her husband's three nephews. After various indecisive experiments, Mrs. Winkworth remembers that in fairy tales, choosing an heir "by test" always proved satisfactory. She informs her nephews that at the end of six months she will name her successor, the decision resting on how each acquires himself in the test—his ability to choose a wife. The interest of the play lies in the reactions of the three young nephews to the unusual test and in the amusing way which the nephews endeavour to fathom Mrs. Winkworth's mind.

John Moscow's violin selections—prelude and interludes were very fine. Helen Paterson was accompanist.

At the close of the drama, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Miller were tendered the thanks of the Forward Club for their assistance in the preparation of the play. Mrs. Miller was presented with roses.

The Ladies' Church Aid Association of Knox Presbyterian Church, held a tea at the home of Mrs. Bert Kennedy on Thursday afternoon, March 23rd. A large number of ladies attended. A splendid program of readings and music was given by Mrs. Andrew Grant, Toronto, Mrs. Ernest Large, Mrs. Jas. Muirhead, Mrs. W. A. Young and Miss Nellie Clark. The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. David Marshall, Mrs. W. A. Young and Mrs. Kennedy. Assisting at the tea hour were Misses Jean Leslie, Nellie Clark, Francis Blair, Bertha Bacon, Jessie Davidson, Allison Hood and Annie Milroy.

The "Athenian Oath," which was used in ancient Greece is: "We will never bring disgrace to this our city by any act of cowardice or dishonesty. We will revere and obey the city's laws and do our best to incite a like respect and reverence in others. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the city. We will transmit this city to those who come after us, greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us." How equally suitable for our municipalities in this twentieth century!

My life is a brief, brief thing,  
I am here for a little space;  
But while I stay I would like, if I may,  
To brighten and better the place.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.  
Rev. Dr. R. J. Douglas, Synodical Missionary in British Columbia for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, preached in Knox Presbyterian Church last Sunday afternoon.  
Mrs. David B. Harkness, who passed away at her home, 14 Cornish Rd.,

Toronto, on Friday, March 24th, was the eldest sister of Mr. M. M. Gibson, Agincourt. There survive her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Norman MacDonald, Maine, U.S.A.; Erna, a student at McMaster University; Ona, at home, a son, Dr. E. G. Harkness, Toronto, and her mother, Mrs. Peter S. Gibson of Willowdale.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kennedy and family of Stratford, visited Scarborough relatives over the week-end.

Mrs. Jas. Empringham of Malvern entertained a number of ladies at bridge recently.

Mr. Francis Weir is visiting his son Herbert in Oshawa this week.

Mrs. George Farr of Thistletown and Mrs. Harry Cowan of Toronto were recent guests with Mrs. Wallace Townson.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arch Doherty, Toronto, on the birth of a daughter, Mary Lucy, on Tuesday, March 21st.

Miss Laura Wheatley of Toronto spent Sunday with Miss Ruth Large.

Rev. S. A. Kennedy of Francis, Sask., preached in Knox United Church on Sunday morning.

Rev. Dr. R. J. Douglas of Westminster, B. C., was a week-end guest with Dr. and Mrs. Burch, at St. Andrews Manse.

Mrs. Newton Robinson of Whitevale was in Agincourt on Saturday evening to see "Two Too Many" in Oddfellows Hall.

"The bread that bringeth strength I want to give,  
The water pure that bids the thirsty live;  
I want to help the fainting day by day—  
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

I want to give to others hope and faith,  
I want to do all that the Master saith;  
I want to live aright from day to day;  
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way."

—Author Unknown.

**KING CITY**

The Y.P.S. of the United Church had a record crowd on Tuesday evening. The meeting was in charge of the Whirlwinds and Mr. John Dew occupied the chair. The lesson and discussion was by Mr. J. Tankard. Laskay Dramatic Society presented the one-act play "The Bishops Candlesticks" which was presented in a very excellent manner.

The Mission Band held their regular meeting on Saturday afternoon. Nearly all the members were present to respond to the Roll Call. Misses Betty Walker and Beth McDonald gave piano solos. Other readings and Watch Tower were given by the children. Miss Dorothy Dew gave a chapter of the Study Book. Indian games and popcorn roast were much enjoyed by all after the meeting.

The Y.P.S. of the United Church are sponsoring the coming of Mr. Denton Massey of Toronto, leader of the York Bible Class, on Monday evening, April 10th, at 8 p.m. Everybody in the surrounding vicinity are invited to hear this excellent speaker. There will also be a short musical program. Don't forget the date, Monday, April 10th, at 8 p.m., in King United Church.

Mrs. V. Hall visited at her brothers at Islington for a few days the past week.

Miss Grace Widdifield of Newmarket has been visiting her cousin Arleane Carson the past week.

Mrs. E. Edgar of Toronto who has been with her daughter, Mrs. A. Gordon, the past month, returned to her home on Sunday.

At the home of her mother, Mrs. G. Howard, on March 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Diceman of Purpleville, a daughter (Edith Maude).

Mrs. G. Stone Sr. and Mr. G. Stone Jr. attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Scanlon of Toronto, on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. W. Carson has been with her mother in Newmarket the past week.

Misses Viola Edwards, Mattie Hamby and George Davis took part in the Temperance Contest at Newmarket in the United Church on Monday evening. Although the cup did not come to King, Mattie Hamby received honorable mention and all three received an excellent book.

**MILLIKEN**

The Easter Thank offering Service of the W.M.S. will be held jointly with the Y.P.S. on Sunday evening, April 9th, at 7:30 p.m. Miss Isabel Griffiths, who is Secretary for Y.P.S. work and has just returned from a tour of the West, and Peace River Districts, will be the speaker and an interesting program of music will be provided.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. Henry Harding, who celebrated his 81st birthday on March 22nd. Mr. Harding is hale and hearty and takes an active interest in church and community work.

We welcome to our locality Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who has just moved here.

Word has been received by Mr. Robt. Adams, from the California earthquake centre, where he has a sister and brother living, that they were all safe and had escaped the disaster.

Mrs. L. H. Reesor of Scarborough Junction is spending a few days with Mr. Chris. Lamoreaux and son Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Tib Adams and Miss Clancy of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Adams on Sunday.

At the regular meeting of the Young People's Society on Sunday evening, Mr. F. W. Gough took the topic. It was Review Sunday for the Sunday School in the afternoon. Mrs. Mm. Macklin Sr., Mrs. James Macklin and Mrs. Charlie Miles each took part and each speaker gave an interesting and helpful talk which all heard with much appreciation.

Miss Ethel Miles is enjoying a trip to Montreal and has spent several days there.

Sorry to report that little Roy Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steele, has been ill, we hope for his speedy recovery.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Ebenezer United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Robt. Adams on Wednesday afternoon last. There was a large attendance. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. A. Woods. Mrs. Robt. Bell took the Bible lesson and Mrs. MacKeracher lead in prayer. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a social time was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shadlock spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miles.

Mrs. Beare and son, Mr. Howard Beare of Whitevale, visited Mrs. Wm. Macklin Jr. on Sunday.

Word has been received of the death at his home near Ancaster of James Gibson, a son of the late James Gibson, an early pioneer of that community. He leaves to mourn his loss two daughters, Mrs. Smith of Flamboro and Isabel at home, and one sister, Mrs. David Butters of Ancaster.

We are glad to report that Mrs. J. S. Honey is improving, and that Mr. Clark Prentice and Mr. Harold Slathers have returned home from the hospital.

Miss Elsie Spring visited Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Coulson on Friday night.

The Men's Club of St. Paul's Church met at the home of Mr. Frank Rivers on Thursday evening last. There was a large attendance. Mr. Ward is their leader.

On the same evening, Mrs. Robt. Bell entertained the ladies at her home, a most enjoyable time was spent, luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Sing and daughter Joyce visited Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Coulson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Bell's on Saturday given by Mr. George Reid of Toronto. The evening was spent in games, music and singing.

If spring must linger in the lap of winter we hope it's the last lap.

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