

DURHAM, July 28th 1898.

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The citizens of Durham have, during the past few weeks been rousing themselves from a spirit of lethargy and "masterly inactivity" in the matter of local improvements that will enhance the beauty and increase the value of the place generally. Many years ago, about 1842, Mr. Archibald Hunter, father of the late Mr. J. H. Hunter, M. P. P., and grandfather of our popular townsman and enterprising merchant, Mr. J. A. Hunter, located on a farm in what is known as "Upper Town," near the intersection of the Garafraxa and Durham Roads, two of the first opened, and consequently the most travelled roads in this part of the country. Mr. Hunter, who is distinguished, not only as the pioneer of the town, but also of the township of Glenelg, began operations at once on his farm, built a log house and started to chop and clear the land. To accommodate the travelling public who were moving northward, he opened his house to the public, and many a tired and footsore traveller and prospector enjoyed the primitive hospitality of his home and found comfortable shelter in the then sparsely settled country.

It would be difficult, and wearying to our readers to follow out minutely the history of the place through all its various stages of development, but the names of a few are essentially necessary for the purpose in hand. Mr. Hunter was soon followed by Mr. John Davidson, whose son Archie, now engaged in Mr. D. Jackson's office, has the honor, we may say, almost the enviable distinction of being the first white child born in the town. Archie is still one of the popular boys of the town, able to tell a good story and enjoy a good laugh when he sees anything to laugh at. The McKenzies, McDonalds, and Mr. Thos. Smith settled in the vicinity shortly after. In 1848 Mr. Geo. Jackson, uncle of David Jackson, was given charge of the Crown Lands Office for the County, and through his characteristic energy a village soon developed and the surrounding country became rapidly settled.

About this time Mr. John Kelly, father of our present bank manager, started a grist and saw mill here, and for the next twenty years Durham was the most important place for many miles around, and did a very considerable trade. During this time, and for many years later in Durham, the only mode of travel in North Western Ontario was by the old stage system. But in the railway craze which followed Durham was unfortunate in being left out, and for many years very little material development was observable.

It is not our intention to discuss the causes which led to the isolation of Durham from railway benefits, more than to say that like all other progressive movements, it had its opponents, who did not see the folly of their apathy until it was too late apparently to apply the remedy, and not until about sixteen or seventeen years ago did they experience the benefits of railway service.

The terminus being in Lower Town and Lower Town being more easily accessible from the East, West and South the business began to move downward, until to-day the bulk of the business is done in the "flat," though all recognize the fact that the beautiful plateau above the hill, with its commanding view of the surrounding country would be a much more desirable location.

The Dominion Atlas, in speaking of the architecture of Durham says: "The architecture displayed in this town deserves no special comment of a complimentary kind, but on the contrary, it is rather below the average reached by most towns of similar size. There are churches of nearly every denomination known to Canada, but the edifices are scarcely up to the usual standard. Two newspapers, the Chronicle and Review, each publishing weekly editions, supply the locality with this class of literature, and creditably represent the great institution of which they form component parts."

Since the first publication of the above paragraph, the churches, except Trinity, have been rebuilt, and many fairly handsome and substantial residences have been added, yet many evidences of by-gone days remain, even in the business thoroughfare, to show the general style of

architecture to which the writer refers quite truthfully.

But the period of lethargy is over. Last summer Mr. McIntyre erected a block, part of which is occupied by the Standard Bank and law and other offices, and the remainder by Mr. J. A. Hunter. This block will compare favorably with stores in much larger towns. Mayor Calder a few years ago also erected a creditable block which is fully occupied, and with several other new business premises have made a marked improvement. Mr. McIntyre contemplates extending his block to the corner and other building improvements are spoken of.

This summer the work done and yet to be done on the streets speaks volumes for the push of the citizens when they once begin to stir themselves for business. The construction of granolithic sidewalk was commenced on the 13th of July and since that time petitions have poured in to the Council to have the work extended, so that nearly two miles in all will be completed yet before the season ends. The work is being pushed ahead rapidly. The Royal Artificial Stone Paving Co. of Guelph, have the first contract and from the appearance of the work done so far they are going to give thorough satisfaction.

And now that the esthetic appearance is being improved, it is necessary to foster some industry that will keep the people here and furnish them with employment. Being the centre of what is generally a good agricultural district, comparatively rich in timber, and other materials, their development is necessary to continue the prosperity of the place. Let the Council continue in its efforts to have something done to secure manufactories or develop the cement beds of the vicinity.

FLESHERTON.

The house of Mr. and Mrs. John Bellamy was the scene of a pleasant family reunion on the 24th inst., the birthday of their eldest son, William. The members of the family, ten in number, were all present those from a distance being William, of Parry Sound, George of Kinnmount, Edith of Toronto; and Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Irwin of Proton. There were also present two sons-in-law, four grandchildren and two grandmothers,—thus four generations were represented.

At a recent meeting of the Board the Trustees of Flesherton Public School decided to engage a third teacher, whose duties will begin at the close of the present holidays. The unoccupied room will be fitted up in due time.

The Mennonites are holding a couple of weeks camp meeting in Summers' bush, 1½ miles east of the old Durham corners. A number from here attended the service on Sunday evening.

Mr. Wm. Faisted, of Hamiota, Man., and Mrs. Duke of Orangeville, visited last week with their brother, Mr. Faisted, in this place.

Miss Allie Ottowell, who has been in one of the hospitals, Toronto, for several months, returned home last week accompanied by her niece, Miss Gertie Vanzant. Miss Ottowell is slowly improving in health.

Mr. M. Richardson was the delegate from Prince Arthur Lodge here to the Masonic Grand Lodge which met in Toronto last week.

Mr. W. Trimble, Mr. H. Van Tassel and Miss Gertie Keefer paid Rev. and Mrs. R. Keefer a visit at Mildmay last week.

Mr. Fred Sproule is home for holidays from Parkale High School.

Miss Lyda Smith is home from Toronto visiting her father, Mr. Richard Smith.

Miss Ethel Trimble is visiting her grandma, Mrs. (Rev.) Baskerville, at Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Karstedt were called to Elmwood on Saturday to see their brother-in-law, Mr. Thalor, who is very ill.

Mrs. J. Runstedlar was also summoned on Saturday to visit her father, Mr. Egan, who is dangerously ill at his home in Proton.

Miss Lena Large and Miss Morris, of Listowell, are the guests of Miss Lou Armstrong. Miss Large favored the Methodist congregation with a solo on Sunday evening and her numerous friends were pleased to hear her sweet voice again.

Mr. H. Moorehouse, town treasurer of Perth, visited part of last week with his daughter, Mrs. Rev. Ward, and returned home on Monday. His daughter, Miss Moorehouse, accompanied her and will remain with her sister and family.

Mr. W. J. Bellamy spent from Saturday till Monday with relatives at Notawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Boyd of Bell's Corners Sundayed at Mr. Jno Boyd's here.

Mr. W. Irwin, Chronicle editor, Durham, and his friend Mr. W. J. Porter, wheeled over and spent Sun-

day with friends in town.

Mr. W. Proctor visited the parental home at Thornbury.

Mrs. Geo. Wright, of Owen Sound, returned Monday from visiting her mother, Mrs. Thompson, on the 3rd line.

Editor A. R. Fawcett and wife, of Toronto Junction, visited the former's parents and other old friends here last week.

Mrs. Barnhouse, Mrs. Bunt, Mrs. Pedlar and Mrs. Tucker took in the excursion to Niagara last week.

Dr. Christie occupied Rev. Ward's pulpit at Meaford Road on Sunday, and Mr. M. Richardson supplied for Rev. Fallis at Dundalk.

Mr. Joy, of Toronto Junction, is visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard.

HOLSTEIN.

It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of one of the oldest and most respected residents of this vicinity in the person of Mrs. Thomas Brown, wife of Mr. Thomas Brown, Treasurer of the Township of Egremont. Mrs. Brown has been in declining health for a number of years, but especially so during the last twelve months. The nature of her disease was such that medical aid was of but little avail. She gradually sank till about 3 p.m. Thursday of last week when she quietly passed away. She settled here about forty years ago and endured the hardships of pioneer life and assisted in every way to make for herself and family a comfortable home. She was for many years a true member and faithful supporter of the Methodist church, and was in every respect worthy of the name Methodist. On Saturday afternoon her remains were interred in the Mount Forest cemetery. She leaves behind to mourn her loss, her husband, four sons, George, James, and Thos of the N. W. T., and Alexander H. at home, also two daughters, Minnie and Annie at home. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Magwood, pastor of the Methodist church of the village. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters, of Arthur, were the guests of Rev. W. J. Magwood during the early part of the week.

Extensive improvements are being carried on at the Methodist church here. A stone wall is being built in front of the church property, also a new verandah is to be built in front of the parsonage.

Mr. J. L. Brown, of O. S. Collegiate Institute, returned home last week after his exam.

Dr. A. J. Brown has been away for a few days at his old home at Beachville. Dr. F. Forster, of Palmerston, attended to the office work during his absence.

Miss Maggie McMeekin of Durham, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. W. G. Pettigrew.

Miss Jonnie Loupe was the guest of Miss Lizzie Laughton, of Dromore, last week.

Mrs. W. J. Sharp has been very ill during the past week, but is now slowly improving.

It is with deep regret that we report the illness of Mrs. (Rev.) W. J. Magwood. We hope to be able to report her speedy recovery.

Mr. Oliver Brown, an old Holstein boy is at present visiting his uncle, W. T. Brown.

Our sidewalks are undergoing their annual repairs. The walk in the "fashionable north end" seems to be too elevated to suit all.

Have you ever been to the Klondike? If not come to Holstein on Friday evening of August 8th. The members of the Epworth League have the social in hand. Come strike your claims.

Our creamery still goes on. A very prosperous The second pay of the season is being made soon. The sale from June 15th to July 13th realized over \$3500. This is the largest sale made by the factory during its history.

Haying is now a thing of the past also most of the fall wheat is safely housed.

A Lucky Strike.

Hundreds of people who have gone the rounds of physicians and patent medicines have found a cure in Sloan's Indian Tonic. This new medicine cures disease by toning all the principal organs of the body, thus enabling nature to throw off the disease. It is the greatest blood purifier known. Price, \$1.00 per bottle, at all drug stores.

CORNER CONCERNS.

Our farmers are through haying and fall wheat cutting and will have a good share of spring grain cut in July.

The young people of this neighborhood will picnic at Hamilton Lake on Saturday. This will be the third picnic this week in this popular place.

The Orangemen of this part speak highly of the treatment they received

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A BIG STOCK OF DRY AND MIXED PAINTS.

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Any Desired Color, Mixed on the Premises

Strictly Pure English Paris Green

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JNO. LIVINGSTON,

Agent for the Farmers' Grey & Bruce Fire Insurance Company.

in your town on the 12th July.

Miss Maggie Derby called on the Johnson family in time for breakfast last Thursday morning. She had come from Hopeville on her flying trapeze.

Miss Mary Baird is home from Toronto to spend a few weeks holidays. She commenced them in Paisley a fortnight ago.

Our S. S. Organist, Miss M. Allan, while carving for the dinner table, sliced the end of one of her fingers, so the assistant organist is having her first innings at present.

Mr. Charles Gray was unfortunate while engaged in a worthy undertaking last week. He was importing a thoroughbred hog, but on account of the very great heat it died on the road.

The McKechnie Bros. have sold their 200 acre farm formerly owned by A. Black, to a Mr. Morrison, now residing in the vicinity of Holstein village.

The women folks are hustling after berries every day of the week except Sunday. They are not like a Normanby family we know of who works the seventh day the same as the rest, showing that it is all "work" and no "pray" with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burrows, of Paisley are spending a part of their holidays with their many friends in this part.

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It is a marvellous cure for all such disgusting and disfiguring diseases as Eczema, Salt Rheum, Tetter, Barbers' Itch, Scald Head, Ulcers, Blisters. It cures all eruptions of the skin and makes it soft and white.—Z.

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June 27th, 1898.

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OUR NURSERIES comprise over 700 acres, and growing stock in large quantities enables us to sell at the closest possible figures.

Men Succeed with Us who have Failed with Others. It will cost you nothing to learn what we can do for you.

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GROCERIES IN GREAT VARIETY.

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INTERESTING NEWS NO BONNIE SCOTTISH B

stray scraps of News Pertinacious Weather-Happenings of a in a Few Words.

Paisley corporation's new £10,036.

Ayr Carnegie Free Library cost £12,126.

A Gladstone memorial is erected in Glasgow.

Railways within Troon bussested for £3,581.

Mr. Brockie has been elected vest of Lockerbie!

The fishing in Shetland ed light and variable.

Paisley favors the overha of trolley traction.

Donald R. Henry, editor of shire Journal, is dead.

A medal has been offered able ascent of Ben Nevis.

Paisley is to have six repr at Bilsley this year.

Saltcoat's commissioners rquiring the gas works ther Lenimer Day was celebrat ark in old-time manner.

A bawbee has been take four-pound loaf in Glasgow.

As a barley market in Se gin ranks next to Edinbu During the recent epide Glasgow had 508 cases of me Five big locomotives for t Government are being buil gow.

In the Pothead colliery only been one fatal accident years.

The severity of the weathe a bad effect on the crops a Patrick.

Last year Glasgow Schesent £256,593. The income 264.

John N. Weyness, a catt well known in the north of is dead.

Shootings in the Highlan demand this year and com rentals.

Lord Elgin, Viceroy of In pected to arrive at Broomh member.

Helensburgh commission ed to give £29,000 for the works.

Dalkeith is to erect a drinking fountain in memo post Burns.

William Black, wool sorte known character in Jedburg aged 90 years.

D. Bryden, of Ross Mains, shire, was dangerously bitee by a horse.

Greenock and Port-Glasgo ways Company are contempl introduction of electricity

There are 639 patients in t rose Asylum. The grounds enlarged and the buildings

At Rothes, in Morayshire, t placed in a bottle under a f stone became the plunder of J. Smith, Brae Farm, Pitfo

ceeded in suiciding in the s tempt by throwing himself in a train.

Piper Findlater does not better to be a gatekeeper at than a dweller on the stag Empire.

Leith is satisfied with the American war. It has gr eases its import trade w United States.

An Aberdeen steamer has si annual sea serpent. It was in length, 30 feet being head remainder tail.

An association has been fo protect fishing in the Galat in Aylth district.

In Perthshire the weathe last consented to "talk a t mend," almost tropical hea been experienced lately.

An unknown gentleman h eered to build the second consumption hospitals at B Weir, at a cost of £8,000.

The postman for Eastba rict is now provided with which enables him to delive to farms hitherto exempt.

The directors of Mushe Works, Dalkeith, finding t business cannot be profitabl on have resolved to wind up

"Lack of little common s the reason given for the falli of the negotiations for a uni Free and U. P. kirks at Dumf

Donald McPherson, a Nai keeper, recently deceased, the proud distinction of hav initiated into the mysterie To Gladstone's mother bel

honour of having originate schools in the Highlands, the bath school in Dingwall hav conducted by her.

Langholm has been presen dozen seats to be placed surrounding roads, but the D would prefer to make all placed on his ground.

While four trumpeters in th the Forecords, two of them- able and Taylor—swam out one of thirty yards in a night on, and Noble was dr