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**DURHAM CHRONICLE**

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.

Durham, Oct. 13, 1904.

The parliamentary aspirants are now busy all over the Dominion, and Mr. Borden is doing effective work on his policy of government ownership of Railways. The more one looks at the Grand Trunk Pacific deal the more inglorious appears the action of the government. Whether or not we should have a "Railway owned government or a government owned railway" there seems little room for doubt in the injustice the government does the country in assuming the whole cost of a large section of the road, and then turning it over to a private corporation. This is what the Laurier Government is doing in the case of the new transcontinental road projected from Moncton to the Pacific.

Have the pre-election promises of the Laurier Government been well enough carried out to entitle him to a new lease of power? Surely a government of broken promises should not be trusted in the administration of affairs.

The Review last week showed much lack of judgment in regard to Mr. Miller's religious and temperance principles, and the reading public have reason to feel surprised at a newspaper in enlightened Ontario dragging religion into politics. The way being opened we could hardly refuse contributors the privilege we have given them this week in a more personal discussion of the matter than we personally approve of. The mean insinuation, by which Mr. McKinnon's habits might be questioned is not at all in keeping with the profession of our local cotem, and while Mr. Ramage, we are sure does not imagine Methodism or temperance will be regarded as a crime by the electors he should be at least fair enough to clear the implied charge made against the conservative candidate. It's a case of small politics, and the time and space might be better employed in the discussion of larger issues.

Mr. Blair raised a kick in the government because he couldn't swallow the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme, and the Pettypiece Liberal member of Lambton regards the thing as insane.

It may be well enough to join the Sons of Scotland on the strength of your step-grandmother being Scotch, but it doesn't look well to do it just before an election, especially when you're the candidate.

The Dominion Government is trying to bribe British Columbia by building a hen house at Vancouver.

**HE UNMASKS HIMSELF.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE.

SIR,—In last issue of the Review a sketch appears, malignant in its wording, and as base as it is hypocritically false. He says the Conservative candidate for South Grey is soliciting support by denouncing opponent Miller as a "temperance man."—Untrue, without a shadow of truth to justify the assertion.

The anonymous writer goes on to inform the public, what every school boy knows, that the Dominion Govt. has no power to enact Prohibition Laws or grant hotel licenses.

His next essay at "tergiversation" is that "an active Conservative worker in Normanby is canvassing against Mr. Miller because he is a Methodist and a temperance man." This is a contemptible "Method" of Mr. Miller to proclaim his virtues, and, in the same breath, by innuendo, forge a slander against his political opponent, and, indeed, there is no better proof wanting of his moral incapacity as a legislator than the manner in which he has commenced his canvass for South Grey.

My acquaintance with Mr. Ramage dates back to his first connection with the Review, and am convinced he would not stoop to pen a deliberate falsehood, hence my use of the word "anonymous" in a foregoing paragraph.

Mr. McKinnon, I have known since his early boyhood. I will vouch for his integrity of moral character by casting a Baldwin-Reform vote in his favor at the coming contest.

Laurier is the character to be dealt with in this contest, and I would ask Mr. Miller to explain why Laurier broke off negotiation with Peterson, Tait & Co., of Glasgow, for a line of cold storage steamers to carry to the home market the slaughtered beef, sheep and lambs, and dressed poultry, fruit and other farm products, thereby enhancing the value of those products to every farmer in the country. I say let him answer this problem through the columns of the Review, but if he don't, I will, with your permission, ventilate the rascally motive which caused Laurier to sacrifice the interests of every farmer from Halifax to Vancouver in order to safe-guard the interests of the cattle-steamer owners of Montreal.

Yours truly,

A FARMER.

Waudby, Oct. 10, 1904.

**Women's Institute.**

One of the best and most enjoyable meetings of the season was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hunter, North Egremont, on Oct. 6th, where upwards of twenty-five ladies were present.

That sour topic, "Pickling," was very skillfully treated by the President, Mrs. McGirr, who introduced the subject by giving a racy little reading on "Pickling time."

The discussions were excellent, and were heartily taken part in by all present, thus making the meeting interesting as well as beneficial.

It was decided that this meeting be the last for this year. The next meeting will be held in the Durham Town Hall in January, 1905.

There is no set topic for this meeting but several of the members have consented to prepare papers or give a talk on important subjects. We are looking forward to having a large attendance and will do all in our power to make the meeting interesting and instructive.

Those wishing to join the Institute will have the privilege of becoming members at the January meeting.

K. L. D.

**Agricultural Decay.**

EDITOR CHRONICLE.—It is with regret that I observed that the Agricultural Exhibitions at Flesherton, Dundalk, Priceville and Holstein, were superior to our Durham exhibit, both in quantity and quality, in the agricultural products. There were four samples of potatoes, and a Son of Scotland addressed a son of Erin with the remark that the Irish would soon starve, pointing to the diminutive display of potatoes.

Is this falling off attributable to lack of energy on the part of the Directorate? or is it penuriousness with a desire to hoard public funds for private use?

Yours, &c.,

FARMER.

Bentnick, Oct. 7, 1904.

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October 11th, 1904.—Imc.

**Corner Concerns.**

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall who recently moved from here to Normanby have been blessed with a young son. The same messenger brought the news that Mr. John Marshall would undergo an operation for appendicitis on Friday. He has many acquaintances over here who regret very much to hear the sad news but hope for his speedy recovery.

Joe Lennox is getting to be quite a cattle dealer, having bought a bunch of sixteen head last week.

A goodly number from this part attended the Varney Thanksgiving services and enjoyed them very much.

Thrashing is the order now Dan Campbell's steam outfit is in this neighborhood while Moore, with his machine is a few farms farther down. The latter moves by traction power, but the former gang has with them a fine team of gray horses recently bought by Sandy Alexander which are equal to a railroad engine in hauling a thresher.

The old saying "Gone, but not forgotten" was brought to our mind at the World's Fair, Holstein, when one of the Judges remarked to us how much he missed the Caldwell Brothers from the shows. The same remark was made about John Cornish at Durham.

Giving to excellent meals provided in the Churches at Holstein on Fair Day there was a great crush and it is said two of our neighbors after coming out, changed the figures on the slate to make it read "Meals 15c" instead of "25c." to add to the rush. This caused the rest of their families to have to wait till the last table when there was less variety, but it was only giving it to a good cause.

The Review last week accuses us Conservatives down in this part of the riding of stating that candidate Miller is a Methodist to try to prejudice some against him. We have never heard it used for that purpose, but if he had been truly consistent in his religious profession for the length of time he has been in the work, speaking at public meetings and taking other active parts, by this time he would have established, if he has the influence of a man of ability, such a reverence from the people for miles around that to speak lightly of his profession would be pure sacrilege, and any man daring to do so would be held in utter contempt. Yet it is possible some who know him best may have said he is a Methodist in about the same way as they would say he is Scotch. It is well known that of late he professes to be a Scotchman, and the Review of March 31st declares him of Scotch ancestry, looking them being the Munroes. Looking up authoritative records it is found that a daughter of the late Colonel Munro was his step-grandmother, and the only Scotch ancestor he has got. His mother was born of English parents at Brockville and his father is a natural bred and born Yankee of Cahoes, New York state. It may be that some think he has about as much genuine Methodism in him as he has good Scotch blood descended from his step-grandmother. Some say he is the farmer's friend, but they may have in mind the new Markdale mansion to which dealing with him is likely to bring them. The Review in the same article complains of us alluding to his Temperance professions. Though Temperance is not an issue this time it is quite possible that some of Mr. Miller's supporters would like to tack it on to him as one of his cardinal virtues. Many still remember the amount of publicity he got through the press in 1891 for trying to influence electors with something that wasn't plain soda, and now that his hands are tied against that sort of thing by the election laws, it looks like making the most of opportunities in trying to catch the temperance vote.

**Waudby.**

As we have had a few holidays now since we have had the pleasure of reading any Waudby news in your welcome paper I thought I would jot down a few items.

Mr. Orr Minnis is erecting the poles for his light along this line. He will have one of the best water powers in this country when he gets his dam completed at what is known as Hayward's Falls.

Owing to the dampness of the day on the fifth of this month the Fair at Markdale was a failure, hence it was postponed till 1905.

Mr. Joseph McNally, with his threshing outfit has moved to the vicinity of Priceville, while James Bartley is around Edge Hill.

Miss Lizzie McKechnie is somewhat under the weather, but, with medical skill is recovering slowly.

Mrs. W. Weir of Minden spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. Ellison.

Miss Marion Young returned from the Queen City and intends to spend a few weeks at the old home.

Miss McDonald of Toronto is visiting at Mrs. D. McKechnie's.

There are a number of people wearing a glowing smile since listening to Jimmy Fax at the concert while there is another man of whom it is said that he gets twenty-four hours in one day. Go it while you're young.

There will be anniversary services in the Baptist Church on the 23rd, and a tea meeting on the following evening.

Mr. Wm. Watterson has completed the stonework of Mr. Joseph McNally's house.

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**HYMENEAL.**

St. Paul's R. C. Church was prettily decorated on Wednesday morning, Oct. 5th, as an event of unusual occurrence was to take place there, viz.: A double wedding, the parties involved being Mr. P. J. Sullivan, of Markdale, and Miss Julia Lister, and Mr. James Sullivan and Miss Hannah Lister, all of Dornoch. The two winsome brides were prettily gowned in blue etemine with trimmings of white silk and applique, and were attended by Misses Eliza Lister and Eliza Vasey, their sister and cousin, who were becomingly dressed in suits of brown and green. The two stalwart grooms, attired in the conventional black, looked well and happy. Messrs. Frank and Ed. Sullivan looked to the interests of each of their brothers in their usual affable manner. Father Buckley, of Owen Sound, was the officiating clergyman. After the ceremony, the relatives, numbering about 50, repaired to the home of Mr. Wm. Lister, father of the brides, and after the usual congratulations all partook of the elaborate dinner that awaited them. At the conclusion, Father Buckley rose and expressed his regret at Rev. Father Walters' inability to be present, the distance and inclement weather being in a measure responsible. Then in his choicest vocabulary he paid a very flattering compliment to the two married couples, the brides in particular, to which Frank Sullivan, of Markdale, in behalf of the two grooms, made a suitable and extempore reply and concluded with the wish that the Rev. Father might long be spared to perform and to preside over many a similar service. The day was not very propitious, but the gloom without was soon dispelled by the good cheer within. Towards evening fully 150 guests had arrived and dancing and other social amusements were indulged in until a late hour. The presents were numerous, varied and costly. P. J. Sullivan's gift to his bride was a gold cross and to the bridesmaid a pearl brooch, and Jas. Sullivan's gifts were opal rings. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Sullivan will reside on their farm in Artemesia, while Mr. James Sullivan takes his bride to his cosy home in Bentnick. We voice the sentiments of their many friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.—Com.

**Traverston.**

Quite a number are beginning to think that the sun hasn't as much heat in him as when he was young.

Mrs. Ed. Embury of Toronto, arrived at the old home on Monday afternoon. She is bright as ever.

Grandma Peart got home from a lengthy visit in Hanover suburbs on Friday last.

Despite the bad weather, the Timmins Bros. have made a good job of the stonework under the new saw mill at the burg.

Miss Florence Hunt and Miss Laura Reed of Markdale, were down for the festival days at Zion.

Mr. and Miss Buchanan of Vandeleur were guests of the Hunt families the first of the week.

The Harvest Home Festival in Zion was a decided success. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Colling assisted by over a score of ready workers fixed the products of garden, orchard, field and forest in most artistic shape on Friday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Farquharson's sermon on Sunday afternoon was one of the best ever given within its sacred walls. Everyone present has a good word to say about it. The church was well filled. The choir in full force and added to the success of the service. Rev. Mr. Colling gave an interesting and instructive talk at night to young people. Headless of bad roads, and the dark night, a big crowd gathered on Monday evening. Mrs. Geo. Blair knows how to steep the tea. The good things were plentiful and up to the high standard of Zion's cookery. The order was excellent, the Durham boys being models for the ruralists to learn therefrom. Rev. Mr. Masson, of Varney, is a gifted soloist and was warmly encored. His readings were well received. The home talent did very well; but were not quite as well trained as heretofore. Miss Annabel Blair deserves praise for her helpful spirit, Stella Jack, Myrtle Hunt and Olive Cook are hard to excel in dialogue. Rev. Mr. Colling had a soft snap as chairman and filled the position in good form. The proceeds of Monday night lacked a few cents of twenty-five dollars.

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