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Renewals are now in Order. We need the Money. Our Clubbing Rates the lowest

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Pure Maple Syrup at Grant's. Unless a man is chicken-hearted he's seldom hen-pecked.

He who lends money without security, borrows trouble.

A man is always willing to pay what he owes,—if it is a grudge.

The next horse fair will be held here on April 15th. This is likely to be the last of the season.

Sunday last was a bad day for the women to show off their Easter bonnets.

The Sunday school of Trinity church gave their Easter offering, amounting to about \$15, to missions.

Durham's horse fairs are so well known that a Brockville buyer wrote Postmaster Smith inquiring as to the date of the next one, and requesting him to "wire" if it was to be held this week. He will be on hand next week.

Auction sale.—Mr. John E. Whitaker offers for sale by public auction, on Thursday, April 18th, his horses, buggies, sleighs, wagons, rugs, robes, and all his livery outfit. See bills for particulars.—R. Brigham, Auctioneer.

The death occurred in Normanby near Ayton, on Monday of last week, of Mr. Patrick Morris, aged 68 years. He was a brother of Mr. James Morris, and Miss Anne Morris, of this place, who attended the funeral, which took place on Friday forenoon at 9 o'clock to St. Peter's Roman Catholic cemetery, Ayton.

Two weeks ago, we referred to Dr. D. B. Jamieson as the newly-appointed Captain of No. 4 Co., 31st Battalion, with Dr. N. T. MacLaurin as Lieutenant. We have been told the statement was not true, and asked to correct it. We enquired into the matter and learn that the appointments named have been made, and will be gazetted perhaps before this issue is in the hands of our readers. If we made a mistake, we would certainly be willing to rectify it, but otherwise we object.

On Thursday last, Mr. Robert Smith unloaded a 25 horse power gasoline tractor, and guided it down to the old foundry, where he spent some time in learning how to handle it. It works well, and with no mishaps, should give good satisfaction. He tried it on a grain crusher and got excellent results. It was made by the International Harvester Company, and is the kind used in the west for threshing and ploughing. We understand Mr. Smith will take it with him when he leaves for there in the course of a week or two.

About two o'clock Sunday morning, a small blaze started in the furnace room at the furniture factory, and the sound of the whistle roused some of the citizens, who were soon on the spot. The building is installed throughout with automatic sprinklers, and there was soon sufficient heat to set them to work, and for the first time they demonstrated their usefulness and put the fire out in short order. Under the thorough system of fire protection, barring accidents by freezing, which must always be guarded against, it is almost impossible for fire to make much headway, even in the most inflammable portion of the building.

On Monday morning, a quiet wedding took place at Trinity church, when Miss Mary F. McLellan became the wife of Mr. Geo. Finney. As the early rays of the morning sun began to gleam through the chaste memorial window in the chancel of the church, the beautiful and solemn marriage service of the Church of England was rendered by Rev. W. H. Hartley. Only a few friends were present to witness the ceremony, which, in that sacred place, and at that quiet hour, was very impressive. The bride and groom are both well and favorably known here, and will continue to be citizens of our town. May happiness and prosperity accompany them through life.

Wanted.—Two apprentices to learn dressmaking. Apply to Mrs. Graham, over the post-office.

The successful tenderer for the caretaking of the school, was Mr. Thos. Daniel, last year's caretaker, who gets a rise in salary.

The Ontario Educational Association is holding its annual convention this week in Toronto. Inspector Campbell, Principal Allan, Miss Gun and Mr. C. Ramage, are in attendance from here.

Owing to the impassable condition of the roads, there was no service held in St. Paul's church, Egremont, on Easter Day. The Easter service and communion will be held there next Sunday and the annual Vestry meeting on the Wednesday following.

The Borden-Bourassa alliance turns out to be a combination of seven Nationalists and seventeen Liberals, against the Borden Government on a Nationalist issue, incited by a campaign promoted by Messrs. Bourassa and Lavergne.—Kincardine Review.

Mr. George Mighton died on Friday last, at his home, lot 23, concession 7, in the township of Bentinck. He was fifty-five years of age, a brother of Mrs. Frank Caton of this town, and died from pneumonia, after three days' illness. He was married about 26 years ago, to Hannah Smith, who survives him, together with a family of four children, as follows: Emma, (Mrs. Irwin Brown) of Mulock and Robert, Mildred and George, on the homestead. Interment took place on Monday afternoon last to Durham cemetery.

The April meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Ritchie, Glenelg, on Thursday of last week, when about thirty ladies were present. The meeting opened with the singing of one verse of the Maple Leaf, followed by the reading of the minutes of the past month. A good program was also rendered. Three papers, two on "Cleanliness about the House," by Mrs. S. Patterson, and Mrs. J. Blyth, and one on "Building Brains" by Miss Bella McGirr, were read, after which lunch was served, and another successful meeting brought to a close. The next meeting is to be held on May 16th, at the home of Mrs. Thos. McGirr. This is the business meeting of the year for the election of officers, and the joining of new members.

On Friday, March 29th, Mrs. Mary McCormick, widow of the late John McCormick, died at her home near Glenroaden, after an illness of a few months, being confined to her bed only about a month before her death. Deceased who was in her 80th year, was a daughter of the late Malcolm McQuarry, Bentinck. She was born in the Island of Islay, in October 1832, and in the following year came to Canada, with her parents, who settled in the township of King, in the county of York. In the early forties they moved to the township of Bentinck, and in 1852, she married the late John McCormick, who died about 39 years ago. From the time of her marriage up to the time of her death, she lived on the same farm in Glenelg, near the Glenroaden mills. Their marriage resulted in an issue of ten children, of whom five are still living, as follows: Mrs. Wm. Arbutnott, Longburn, Man.; Mrs. Albert Neil, Amaranth, Man.; John, in Saskatchewan, Malcolm and Angus, on the old homestead. In addition, Margaret B. McKillop, a granddaughter, remains on the homestead. Deceased was a life-long member of Burns' Presbyterian church, Rocky Saugeen. The funeral service was conducted at the home, church and grave, by Rev. John Little, of North Mornington, an old friend and former pastor of the deceased. He was assisted by the present pastor, Rev. Mr. Stevenson. The deceased was a hardy type of womanhood, and in the early days endured all the hardships and trials incident to early pioneer life.

LAMBTON ST. BRIDGE SWEEP AWAY ON SUNDAY

Sunday was an anxious day in Durham. The winter, it is known, has been very cold and steady, with considerable snowfall, and a lighter than usual mid-winter thaw. The result was that much snow lay on the ground, and the expectations were that a big flood would follow a rapid melting of the accumulated snow.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday last were fine spring days, and the snow yielded rapidly to the influence of Old Sol. Reports of big floods from other parts of Canada and the United States came in last week, and our turn was soon looked for. Our expectations were not disappointed, and Saturday night the river here began to rise in earnest. On Sunday morning the waters were very high and the dams and bridges in the corporation were in for a test of strength.

John McGowan's dam seemed in imminent danger, and immediate action to save it from destruction was at once resorted to. The flood gates were cut away, as far and as fast as possible, but the channel was still too narrow, and the water rose rapidly, piling itself up against the dam, and in many instances overflowing its banks. It seemed as if the side of the dam might break, and a mighty torrent of water rush down through the centre of the town, as it did some years ago, when many of the cellars were flooded, and the streets in the neighborhood of the Chronicle office were considerably submerged. Vigilance on the part of a number of willing workers prevented such a mishap but the rushing waters were playing havoc elsewhere.

At the McGowan Milling Company's dam, a number of workers were engaged to prevent a wash-out at the north end of the cement work. The big pond was filled to overflowing, and a sheet of water said to be four feet in thickness, passed over to the cement apron below. The C.P.R. bridge, a few yards lower down, was sure to be in danger, especially if the ice and floating logs should pass over the dam, and form an obstruction at the upper side.

The cement bridge erected across Garafraza street about four years ago, had an appearance to on-lookers as if it were being undermined, but so far no harm has apparently resulted. The new steel bridge built across Lambton street in 1904 was the weak point, evidently, and about half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, gave way suddenly, and gradually dropped into the waters.

Fortunately there was no one on it at the time. A few minutes later the children from the Methodist Sunday school would have been passing over it, and many lives might have been lost had the accident occurred at that particular moment. Below this a few rods, the McKechnie dam was fighting a hard battle, but it won out, and has stood the test of another freshet.

It was thought by many when the Lambton street bridge was built, that a proper foundation for the west abutment had not been found. It was evidently the weak point in the structure, and the town will again be called on to make a big outlay that a little care might have averted. The bridge cost the town, over \$6000, and the reconstruction, or repairs, whichever we may call it, will run up nearly into the cost of an entirely new bridge. Nothing in the form of a definite announcement has been made regarding what the council intends doing in the matter, but a new bridge of some kind will have to be erected at once.

Other towns down the river suffered as much, or more, than we did. Walkerton was three feet under water, and the C.P.R. bridge was carried away; Paisley residents were also under water, and some had to be rescued in boats. In Southampton over \$75,000 damage was done, and two concrete bridges were swept away. In fact, it is just one trail of wreckage from here to the mouth of the Saugeen,

and similar reports are coming in from almost every river in Western Ontario.

DURHAM SHOULD HAVE A FIRE WHISTLE

Though fortunately there was no serious damage done at the furniture factory blaze on Sunday morning, it is well, under all occasions of fire to have every fire-fighting appliance in readiness, every avenue open, and everything necessary as easily accessible as possible.

That many of the citizens, and some of the local volunteer fire brigade did not hear the sound of either whistle or bell on the night in question, shows necessity for action on the part of the town, and something should be done at once by the council before the time comes when we may look back with regret for trifling carelessness or a trifling oversight. On previous occasions, this paper has advocated the use of a siren whistle with voice and volume altogether different from the train and factory whistles, to which the public have become so accustomed, and are liable to pay but little or no attention. Such whistle should be loud enough to wake the dead, metaphorically speaking, and should be used only in cases of emergency. It could easily be attached to the factory boiler of the furniture company, or any other concern where steam is kept up constantly.

The sooner the fire-fighters are in readiness the better. Two minutes in the early stages of a blaze may be worth hours later on, and the town should make the work as easy as possible for the firemen to do their best work as soon after the accident as possible. The great success of the city fire brigades is because of their ability to get to work almost immediately, and the more we can help our little concerns to be like the larger and better equipped ones, the better it will be, and much property will be saved.

This is a vital problem; it is not one to "think" about; it is one to "act" on, and to act on now. Next month or next year, may be too late, and fill us all with a lingering regret.

Again, the keeping up of the water supply is an important thing. It is highly probable we have plenty of water at this moment but what about a month ago? Were the water tanks then full, and were they in a position to get at them easily and without delay? Will they be all full next July and August? In short, are they kept full and easily accessible the whole year round?

How often we hear of fires in larger towns and cities causing great destruction because of frozen pipes, or other misfortunes. We hope that Durham may be a long time without a fire, but we hope too, the town will always be ready for the emergency when it comes.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dagg of Kincardine, celebrated the 64th anniversary of their wedding day. They are 93 and 90 years old, respectively, and were married in the village of Lucan.

The annual Easter vestry meeting of Trinity church was held on Monday evening last. The treasurer's report showed a balance of over \$70 on hand, in the new pew fund account. There was, however, a considerable shortage in the general fund, which will be wiped out when all pledges have been fulfilled. It was decided to hold an adjourned vestry meeting on April 29th, and in the meantime it is hoped all arrears will be paid in. A committee was appointed to enquire into the various details relative to putting a basement under the church, and will report at the adjourned meeting. The following officers were either elected or re-elected: Wardens, John Kelly and Joseph Atkinson; Sidesmen, James Lloyd, Ed. Kress, Wm. Scarf, A. Alexander, A. Crutchley, Thos. Scarf; Ushers, Anson Lloyd, and Eric Kelly; Vestry Clerk, James Lloyd; Representative to Synod, Jos. Atkinson.

Charming Millinery Models

We cordially invite you to visit our Millinery Show Rooms. Our Openings have proved splendidly successful, the model hats have attracted the most favorable comment and the orders have given entire satisfaction. Our workroom was never so well equipped to give the best service. You can choose a hat off the stands or have your special order filled with equal satisfaction.

S. F. MORLOCK

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Now is the time and this is the place to buy your New Rugs, Carpets, Oilcloths and Linoleums. Also some exquisite styles and patterns in Lace Curtains. See our grand display in window before buying.

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