

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

VOL. 44—NO. 2347.

DURHAM, ONT., THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1912.

\$1.00 PER YEAR

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

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Spring may come.

It's cold for April 24th.

Have you had a chance to wear your Easter bonnet yet?

Remember the Epworth League meeting on Monday evening, April 23rd. The topic will be taken by the President. Everybody welcome.

Mr. David Smith, who has been ill for the past three years, and confined to his home all winter, is taking advantage of the fine weather, and comes down occasionally to the foundry to see the boys work. Though able to be out, he is far from well.

The milk business has again changed hands. Mr. Lauder having sold out last week to Mr. James Atkinson. Mr. Atkinson made the rounds about fifteen years ago, and it will not take long for him to get his hand in again. Mr. Lauder succeeded Mr. Finney, but found the business too much for him to attend to in connection with his farm.

Mrs. Wm. Black is still a patient in one of the Toronto hospitals, recovering, we are pleased to learn, from injuries received some months ago, by which her hip bone was fractured and displaced. A very difficult operation had to be performed, and hopes are entertained that she will recover strength in a much greater degree than was at first hoped for by the hospital specialists.

The horse fair on Thursday last was a great success. Forty-four horses were purchased and the prices ran from \$31 to \$250. Mayor Black tells us there may be another fair next month, as some of the buyers are anxious to return. We understand that horses of all sorts and conditions will find purchasers at the next fair. Needless to say, the better class will get the preference. There were some new buyers here last fair day, and these and others expect to be present next time.

If the spring comes on now, and remains good and warm and free from frost, we may yet be able to rejoice in a good harvest. Usually when we have very warm weather in March and the early part of April, we pay up for it in May and June, but with a cold March and early April we may reasonably look for a good growing season in May and June. It is just as well to look always on the bright side. The dark days will come soon enough.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Smith and family left Wednesday morning for Disley, Sask., where they intend to spend the summer, fall and early winter. Mr. Smith shipped a gasoline traction engine, and a five-furrowed gang plow, which he intends to use for breaking purposes until after harvest, when he will turn his attention to threshing during the season. They have not yet decided whether they will remain in the west or not.

We are indebted to our representative, Mr. R. J. Ball, M.P., for a large picture showing all members of the House of Commons in the session of 1912, including members of the Cabinet, the Governor-General, and the Duchess of Connaught. Unfortunately, the picture reached here in two parts, the mailing tube and picture being completely broken in two, in passing through the mails. It was a beautiful piece of work, and every member appeared his very best.

Mr. James McCrie, of Sarnia, whose name appears amongst the drowned on the ill-fated Titanic, is a nephew of Mr. David McCrie who lives a short distance south of town. The unfortunate man was engaged by an English company to test property they had in Egypt for oil. He had been out there eighteen months, and was on his return home to join his wife and family. He wrote from London, saying he would soon be home and that he was waiting a few days, so as to come on the Titanic. He leaves a widow and three children, besides his father, mother, brothers and sisters, to mourn his untimely end.

Butter is down to 25c., but that's a good price for a poor man with a big family to feed.

McPherson shoes, a large stock men's, women's and children's, just received, and will be sold at low prices. At Grant's.

An interesting and instructive paper on the life and works of Frances Ridley Havergal, was read by Mrs. Hugh McCrae, on Monday evening, at the Epworth League meeting. After the regular meeting, a special meeting was held for the election of officers.

Miss E. J. Robinson, who spent a few weeks in Durham a short time ago, introducing a Biblical work for children, "Happy Sundays with the Bible," "The White Slave Traffic," and "The Red Letter Bible," will be here to deliver the same to subscribers on or soon after May 5th.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Eleanor Wright, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Wright, is appreciated by Toronto audiences as a contralto soloist in the Metropolitan church. The last Toronto Sunday World contained a good photo engraving of the gifted young vocalist.

At Liberty, N. Y., on April 22nd, Mr. Newton S. Ford was united in marriage to Miss Esther Wilkinson, formerly of Varney. Mr. and Mrs. Ford have left on a short trip down the Atlantic coast to Old Point Comfort, and Richmond, Va., and expect to visit Washington, D. C., Baltimore and Philadelphia on their return. Mr. and Mrs. Ford will make their home in Liberty, New York.

Durham's veteran wheelsman, Mr. W. K. Reid, has been confined to the house for the past week owing to injuries sustained through a fall from his bicycle in the township of Holland. Mr. Reid seems to know very little about how the accident occurred, as he was evidently unconscious for a time after the accident. His face was badly bruised, and he feels the effects of the fall in parts of his body. He is again quite smart on his feet, and his wiry constitution will pull him through shortly, we hope.

The junior form of the Public school has become so over-crowded that it had to be divided and another teacher engaged to take charge of part of them. Miss Edith Allan is now taking care of the little tots in the Rifle Association room of the Armory. Another expenditure for increased school accommodation is staring the people in the face, and it must soon be attended to. If we are to keep abreast of the times, we must look after the educational interests of the rising generation.

The furniture factory is now operated throughout by electricity and the engine has been shut down for the past two weeks. Nearly all the machinery for the recent extension is now in place, and work has been commenced on the manufacture of chairs and tables. Steam will have to be kept up, of course, to take care of the dry kilns heating of the building, and the sprinkler system. We understand it is the intention of the company to run the saw mill by electricity. It is no boast to say the Durham Furniture Co. is an up-to-date concern.

A meeting of the South Grey Rifle Association was held in the armory Monday evening, when the following officers were elected: R. J. Ball, Hon. Pres.; W. Ramage, Hon. Vice Pres.; S. Hughes, Pres.; D. B. Jamieson, Capt.; A. Everett, Lieut.; J. P. Telford, Secy.; John Kelly, Treasurer; J. White, N. McCannel, E. Goodwin, G. Thompson, R. Taylor, Committee of Management. The range committee consists of the president, the Captain, the lieutenant, Dr. Hutton and Geo. Lothian. It was resolved and carried unanimously that a rifle match be held on the 24th of May, at which ten prizes will be competed for, the match to be open to all bona fide members of the Association, and of D Company 31st Regiment. Intending competitors are requested to advise the secretary of their intentions at as early a date as possible.

FIXING THE BLAME

For the past ten days, the fouding of the Titanic seems to have absorbed the thought of everyone. The monetary loss is estimated at twelve or thirteen million dollars, but the loss of 1635 human lives can never be estimated. And now the wise ones are ready to blame someone for blundering. The vessel was going too fast, they say, and no doubt they tell the truth. If she had only escaped that iceberg and landed in New York without accident, and in a time that would break all previous records, she would now be receiving all kinds of praise. There is no doubt of the fact that Captain Smith and his officers and crew set out with the idea that they had the latest and the best in ship-building. They had the assurance that she was unsinkable, even if she met with mishaps that caused other ships to founder. The great catastrophe which sent the Titanic to the bottom in a few brief hours has demonstrated more forcibly than ever before the smallness of man, and his great achievements, when brought in fighting contact with the greater forces of Nature. If the vessel had gone slowly enough to escape the disaster, and spent a day or two longer on the high seas, her name would now be mentioned in derision by the fast age who are often in a hurry to reach their destination, and perhaps squander hours when they get there, against minutes that were gained at the risk of human lives.

Captain Smith was enjoying a banquet with the President of the Line. But his critics say he should have been on the bridge. Is it necessary for the captain to be on the bridge all the time? Is it possible that he could do so? Not at all. Captain Smith had been a seaman for nearly fifty years, and he never before saw a shipwreck. He was taking his last trip on the largest, and supposed the best ship ever built by the White Star Line. Is it likely he was careless for the sake of courting disaster and meeting with a sudden and heroic death? It isn't at all probable. He was acting only as a human being would be expected to act. He acted the man to the very last, and he died a hero when the boat went down.

President Ismay escaped with those who were fortunate enough to save their lives. It isn't shown that he pushed aside any woman or child in order to save his own life. Is it a crime for a man to escape with his life? It would seem so, unless everybody else escaped too. President Ismay, like the captain and officers, had confidence in the strength of the boat, or he wouldn't have risked his life on it. He was in the wreck, he escaped with seven hundred others, and now he's blamed because he didn't drown.

The fact is the captain, the officers, the crew and perhaps the passengers felt safe and easy on their new ocean palace. No one ever dreamed of disaster. She was running farther south than usual at this season of the year. She struck an iceberg, she went to pieces, she went down. It was an accident. If she had been a few hundred yards out of the course she took, no one would ever have known how near danger they had been; she would have made a record maiden trip, and the captain, the officers, the sailors and the passengers would now be sounding her praises. Nobody is guilty of a wilful wrong. Nobody thought of disaster, destruction and death. It seems that it was to be.

Major Peuchen, of Toronto, has a good deal to say, but it seems his memory is coming back, and some of his early visions were nothing more than day dreams, and newspaper misrepresentations. We have no patience with people who are always ready to jump at conclusions and throw the blame on the other fellow.

President Ismay denies in toto having ever dined with Captain Smith, or ever having attended a banquet with him. He further states he never gave any instructions, and had never been on the

bridge till after the accident. He thinks it would be impertinent to advise, or even offer a suggestion to a man of Captain Smith's experience. So it would, but the landlubbers who never saw a boat can tell just how it should have been handled.

PERSONAL.

Miss Annie Aljoe left for Toronto on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. P. F. McArthur, of Priceville is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. T. A. Cook attended the funeral of her niece, Mildred Barker, in Toronto.

Mr. Wm. Mountain, of Hamilton, spent a couple of days with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Wm. Adlam was in town for a few days last week, visiting her sister, Mrs. Ben. Sharp.

Mr. Arch. Davidson, of Owen Sd, spent a few days with his parents here.

Mrs. Radburn, of Fergus, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Watt.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoy, of Flesherton were in town Monday visiting Mr. Carwardine.

Miss Margaret Macfarlane, nurse, of Detroit, is visiting with her brother, Mr. D. B. Macfarlane, and other friends in town.

Mrs. Ed. Hay accompanied her mother to her home at Harrison, on Tuesday, and will spend a few weeks there.

Master Reggie Sharp returned from Mulock last week, after spending the winter with his uncle, Mr. Wm. Adlam.

RIVERDALE.

From our own correspondent.
Miss Nina Noble, of Hutton Hill, spent over the week end with her sister, Mrs. John McGirr.

Miss Moody, of Durham, visited over the week end with her cousin, Miss Nina McFadden.

Mr. Arthur Lee, accompanied by his sister, Miss Bella, of Wilder's Lake, visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFadden on Sunday.

The township Fathers have had a busy time since the flood, repairing bridges, culverts and washouts. This corner of the township came off pretty safely, only two or three washouts of any importance.

A meeting was held in the school on Tuesday evening of last week for the purpose of re-organizing the Sabbath school for the summer. The first Sunday in May will be the opening Sunday. The following officers and teachers were elected: Superintendent and Bible class teacher, W. J. Young; Secy-Treas., Alex. Aljoe; Librarian, Alf. Heather; teachers, J. M. Bell, Mrs. Thos. McGirr, Miss S. McDonald, Miss E. Weir, Miss A. Aljoe, Mrs. Wm. Atkinson, Miss T. Newel and Wm. Lawrence.

We are always sorry to lose good citizens, but there seems to be an exodus as regularly as the spring comes round. On Tuesday last, Mr. and Mrs. John Moffet, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douglas, their son, Robert, their daughter, Mrs. White, and their little daughter, Gladys, left for Duck Lake, Sask., where they intend to locate. By the same train, Mr. and Mrs. John Whittaker, and little daughter, Irene, left for Unity, Sask. All have been good citizens and highly respected in the community. We wish them one and all an abundance of prosperity in their new homes. Over a quarter of a century ago, Mr. Whittaker was a pupil of Ye Editor, but we had forgotten all about it, until reminded of it a few weeks ago. Surely the good influence of his early school days will be a benefit now to Mr. Whittaker. He was regarded as a good, straight, honest man, while here, and his industry will make good out west. We can give just as good a testimonial to Mr. Moffet and Mr. Douglas, even if they didn't have the advantages of such a superior early training. The women, too are active and industrious, and we have every hope for their success. Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Whittaker are daughters of Mr. Geo. Ryan. Mr. Thomas Ryan left by the same train for Saskatchewan.

EXQUISITE MILLINERY SHOWING

Sales and Orders in the Millinery Department beyond all expectations.

New Shapes and Chick Styles together with the most moderate prices have brought us splendid results. We would be pleased to have you call early in the week and avoid the Friday and Saturday rush.

MEN'S SPRING SUITS

SPRING

PROGRESS BRAND

1
9
1
2

WILL YOU LOOK?

A man's spirits lighten with the shedding of his Winter Overcoat, and a most effective aid to the lightening process will come from the knowledge that the new Spring Suit reflects credit upon its wearer



You can buy here a garment different from the ordinary one. You can select a model suited to your personality and yet keep within the limits of the expenditure you have in mind. Drop in and see our new Progress Brand Models.

S. F. MORLOCK

HURRAH ! !

'Tis Spring and House Cleaning time.

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.

J. & J. HUNTER