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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Girl wanted.—At once. Apply to Mrs. Eva, Bruce street. 3pd

We shall continue our mid-summer sale during the next week.—Miss L. McAuliffe.

Don't forget the Firemen's Concert August 5th, town hall, Durham, by the Stauffer-Coutts-Bain Scottish Concert Co.

Miss Florence MacKay, Toronto's great solo pianist, and accompanist. At the town hall, Durham, August 5th, with Stauffer-Coutts-Bain Concert Co.

The horse fair on Thursday last was a great success for the month of July. Thirty-three horses were purchased, and Mayor Black is tickled over the result. Another fair may be held in August, but nothing definite is yet known.

Sale of ladies' hats.—We have a variety of ladies' misses' and children's hats, in almost all colors. A few white, also some black. This is a clearance sale. We must sell every hat. Come early on Saturday.—Miss L. McAuliffe.

Mr R W. Meredith, wife, and two children, of Regina, Sask., are spending a few weeks with his mother Mrs. T. Meredith, and other friends in town and vicinity. Mr. Meredith has been west about thirteen years, and his time has been well occupied as the ad. writer for a big firm in Regina. He is now taking a well-earned rest.

We congratulate Mr. Geo. Yiirs machinist in the Durham furniture factory, who was married on Sunday evening last, to Miss Florence Wilson. The nuptial knot was well and truly tied by Rev. Mr. Prudham, in the Methodist parsonage, Mr. and Mrs. Yiirs are taking a short holiday, but will soon settle in Durham. May they enjoy all life's comforts.

At the Firemen's Civic Holiday Celebration, to be held here on Monday, August 5th, the Calithumpian parade, the baseball matches between Holstein and Durham, and Hanover and Durham, the lacrosse match between Hanover and Durham, the tug-of-war and high-wire performances will be special attractions. Besides, a number of prizes will be given for bicycle races, foot races, vaulting and other games. For fuller particulars, see large bills.

The Presbyterian garden party on Thursday night, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, was quite a social and financial success. The showers of the afternoon, no doubt, kept many from attending, and the cool and damp night interfered to some extent with the patronage at the booths and refreshment tables. The program was good and the proceeds amounted to over \$80.

It seems high time that the rebuilding of the Lambton street bridge was under way. The old bridge collapsed with the Easter Sunday flood, and up to the present time no change, beyond the temporary passenger bridge, has been made. This little convenience has been and is much appreciated by the citizens, but the re-opening of the larger, and permanent structure will be a greater source of delight.

Work is progressing on a new office for the Durham Central of the Bell Telephone Co. It will be no great addition to the town, but will be convenient and, for a time sufficient for the requirements. The space between Whitmore's barber shop and the McIntyre block, is being built in, and from this hole-in-the-wall, all our telephone communication will go forward to the outside world. It is small, and will furnish very little accommodation for loungers. This in itself is a good feature, as everything should be strictly private. People nowadays don't want everybody to know their business, and loafers and loungers should not be allowed to congregate there. Mr. Saunders, the new local manager, is now in charge, and we hope he will give good satisfaction.

Howard Russell, Earl Grey Gold Medal Paritone, Town hall, Durham, August 5th, with Stauffer-Coutts-Bain Concert Co.

Mme. Coutts-Bain, Scottish reader and singer, in a new program on August 5th, with Stauffer-Coutts-Bain Concert Co.

Millard Grant Stauffer, celebrated Scottish entertainer, with his company of artists, at the Firemen's Concert, town hall, Durham, August 5th.

Mayor Black shipped a pair of working horses, and a choice carriage horse to St. Catharines on Monday. The deal was transacted over the phone, and the purchaser paid for the horses without seeing them. This style of doing business is quite common with Mr. Black, as his judgment in the horse line is well known to outsiders.

This has been a year so far of great disaster. The loss of the Titanic, was the greatest on record; the cyclone in Regina, was the worst ever known in Canada, and caused a great loss of life and property, and only last week disastrous cloud bursts, with the destruction of two cities, and the loss of many lives, are reported from Mexico City, Mexico, and Denver, Colorado.

Mr. John Adlam, who had the misfortune recently to have his barn destroyed by fire, expresses much pleasure over the treatment of the Germania Fire Insurance Co., of Ayton, in adjusting the insurance claim so promptly, the full amount of \$1190 being paid inside of two weeks. Mr. Adlam is rebuilding this summer, but the barn will not be completed in time for this season's crop.

A monster garden party, under the auspices of Glenelg Centre baseball club, in aid of St. John's church, will be held on the grounds of Mrs. Peter O'Neill, on Thursday, evening, August 1st. Games of football and baseball will be played by fast teams. A good program, and a good dancing platform will be provided for the intellectual and physical development of all who attend. The admission is 25c and 10c. Ladies bringing baskets, free.

After an experiment of two weeks in daylight saving, the town of Orillia went back to the use of the Standard time. Where the benefit comes in, especially in the summer season, of starting at six o'clock in the morning and quitting at five o'clock in the evening. Standard time, is something we have always been unable to figure out. From about four in the morning till nearly nine o'clock in the evening, is a long period of daylight, and from seven in the morning to six in the evening, the time is divided up pretty well.

Mr. Kochaly, a Persian student attending McMaster University, Toronto, was in town Sunday and Monday. On Sunday morning, he preached in the Baptist church, and on Monday evening delivered an address on his native land. Mr. Kochaly has been in this country five years, and speaks very good English. He is preparing himself as a missionary, and intends to return to Persia as soon as he completes his course. In order to raise a little money, he delivers addresses during his vacation. His talks are quite interesting and instructive, describing the country, the soil, the climate, the products, and the habits, customs, and manners of the people. The climate is very warm, running often from 90 to 110 degrees. It is much the same as in Canada, but not reaching such extremes of cold, frost often occurring in the northern part of the country. Persia extends from 25 to 40 degrees, north latitude. The Caspian Sea at the north, and the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea at the south and west, have a modifying influence. The soil is productive, yielding wheat superior, he says, to our Manitoba wheat, and the fruits and vegetables generally grown in this country, grow there with much luxuriance.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS SMITH.

The oldest business man in Durham has passed to his reward. We refer to Mr. Thomas Smith, who died at his home here on Sunday last. Though yielding to the touch of time for several months, he was confined to his bed for only three or four weeks, and suffered no pain during his final illness. The machinery of nature seemed to wear itself out, faculty after faculty becoming dormant, till the whole mechanism ceased to act, and the spirit took its everlasting flight.

The deceased was born near Perth, in the county of Lanark, Ontario, on the 25th of March, 1828, and was just a few months over 84 years of age. At the age of twelve, he was apprenticed for seven years as a harness, saddle and trunk maker. After completing his apprenticeship, he went to Maitland, a village of considerable importance in those early days, and again entered an apprenticeship as a tanner, and remained a number of years. He next went west to Trenton, where he remained a short time, when he moved to Fergus, where he remained a year or so to learn the trade of collar-making.

With a superior knowledge of leather in all its departments, he came to Durham in 1855 and commenced business as tanner and harness maker, which he carried on successfully till a few years ago, when he was forced to abandon the actual work. He was also interested in a milling industry at Orchard for some time.

Mr. Smith was a devoted church member, having been a manager at one time, and for many years an elder in the Presbyterian churches of the town. He was also an active Sunday school worker, until forced to give it up through defective hearing.

In municipal matters he took an active interest a number of years ago, and was a member of the council for some time. He was a member of the school Board when the first portion of the present school building was erected in 1876, and continued in office for several terms afterwards. In politics he was always a Liberal, and never failed to record his vote in support of the Liberal party.

In 1856, he was married to Isabella Armstrong, of Brockville, who predeceased him nine years ago. Of the family of six children, only three survive, John, who is still conducting the business as harness maker, J. J., the Postmaster, in town, and Dr. R. A. Smith, of Ghent, Ohio, all of whom were present at the funeral, which took place on Tuesday afternoon to the Durham cemetery.

MRS. WILLIAM BALL.

On Sunday night last, after an illness of six or seven months, there passed away at her home in Bentinck, Mrs. William Ball, a pioneer of the township and a resident for the past fifty-two years.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Sarah Bartman, was born in Ireland seventy years ago. When seven years of age, she came to this country with her parents, and lived about ten years in the city of Ottawa. At the age of seventeen, she came to Ayton with her parents, and a year later was married to the late William Ball, who died four years ago.

A family of eleven children resulted from the marriage union, four sons and seven daughters, all of whom are still living, except one daughter, Rebecca, who died a number of years ago. The surviving members of the family are Mrs. Ard, of Allanford; Mrs. Cain, of Britton; Mrs. Pollock, of Holstein; Rev. John Ball, of Markham; Mrs. Leeson and Mrs. Alexander, of Landis, Sask.; Victoria, William and Wesley, on the home-stand. The surviving members, with the exception of Mrs. Leeson and Mrs. Alexander, were all present at the funeral to Maplewood cemetery this Wednesday afternoon.

The deceased, from her early girlhood days, was a devoted member of the Methodist church. She was always a strong, healthy woman, and during the fifty years

in the adjacent townships, engaged in farming pursuits, she has borne her full share of all the hardships and privations of pioneer life.

The Chronicle joins the community in sympathy with the sorrowing relatives, feeling in this case, as in all others, the pioneers who sacrificed so much to make the way pleasant for future generations, are deserving of much respect.

ROAD-MAKING

A great deal is said from time to time about road-making, and every summer sees a lot of tinkering, not only on our country highways, but on town and village streets as well. In our humble opinion, there is too much road-making of the kind. Good roads are not only one of the present day essentials, but that money invested in their proper construction is a matter of economy, can hardly be questioned. For nearly sixteen years we have been watching street repairs in Durham. Money has been expended yearly on nearly all the streets, and the same kind of expenditure will have to be made for all time to come, not one year, but every year. If a small piece of permanent road had been made every year, our streets by this time would be in good condition, and very little repairing would now be needed. But with all the outlay of years gone by, our streets are nothing to brag about, even yet. In fact, they are anything but what they should be in many places. Why not go at street-making systematically? Do a piece at a time; but let that piece be permanent, or as near so as possible. The town will be ahead by doing a little at a time, and doing that little well.

Owen Sound carried two by-laws for factories by large majorities. One is to authorize a loan of \$20,000 to J. H. Cole, for the purpose of erecting a wire and wire nail factory. The other is to loan the same sum to the Superior Match Co. Only sixteen votes were cast against the first, and twenty-three against the second by-law. Wide-awake towns know the value of industries, and avail themselves of every opportunity to secure them.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY

A Mr. Smith, from the post-office Department, Toronto, was in town recently, looking over the field for the starting of a rural mail delivery. Between Chatsworth and Durham was the route considered. It would be impracticable to cover the whole distance along the gravel road, and do it during proper hours with satisfaction to the people. Without going into full particulars, we may say briefly that his idea would be to divide the distance into two sections, and have the service given from both ends. The object is to get the service so arranged as to bring the metropolitan papers, that is, the Toronto papers in our case, into the hands of the rural readers as soon after publication as possible. With this end in view, he proposes to start a rural mail carrier from Chatsworth after the arrival of the train from Toronto. His route would be south along the Garafraxa Road to Dornoch, thence east to the second concession of Holland, and north along that concession to Chatsworth.

After the arrival of the morning train at Durham, another rural mail carrier would proceed north along the second concession of Glenelg, to the Holland town line, then west to Dornoch, and south to Durham, taking from Dornoch the mail left there by the carrier from Chatsworth.

In case this service is established, the post-offices at Edge Hill and Rocky Saugeen will be discontinued, and a new mail carrying contract will have to be let to carry the mails to Aberdeen and Bentinck. There are many obstacles in the way of establishing satisfactory mail routes, and the cost to meet all the demands will be very great. The present Government, however, is pushing the service, and it will not be long before all rural communities along mail routes will be served with a free service.

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