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THE POST OFFICE SITE

An effort is now being made to change the site chosen for the new post-office, and the present town hall, with a part of the Hahn House property is being talked about. The location would be a convenient, perhaps as convenient, or even more so, than any site heretofore suggested, but there are other things to be considered as well as the selection of a convenient centre.

As the site comes within the limit of the only petition we ever signed regarding its location, we cannot consistently offer as serious objections as we might otherwise do. There are objections, however, to the town hall property, and some serious objections, according to our way of thinking. If the present Government follows the plan of its predecessors, the post-office will not be built on property adjoining a hotel. They never carry insurance on their public buildings, and as they are thus unprotected, they exercise all possible care in having them located as safely as possible. We are not in a position to say why the former Government objected to building alongside a hotel, but there are reasons, as anyone who takes the trouble to think can find out for himself.

The proposition, as we understand it, is to sell the town hall property to the Government, and to move the present hall over near the market, and still use it as a town hall. Without a lot of expense to the town, this cannot be consistently done. The present building is a frame one, and the market ground is within the fire limits. Such a building could not be moved without a violation of the fire by-law, by a private individual, and placed elsewhere within the fire limits.

But why worry over the by-laws of Durham? They seem to be more of a joke than anything else, and as a rule only the man who tries to abide by the law is the man who is forced to keep the law. The fire by-laws of Durham are practically a dead letter.

To move the town hall to the market lot would not increase the danger to town property, but there are instances where extra danger was incurred by the moving of frame buildings. To save readers the trouble of asking us to name them, we'll just mention the McKinnon building, and the Wm. Sharp building, both of which were taken from Upper Town, and placed in positions more dangerous to the town property.

We have also newly-erected buildings on main street that are not in accordance with the fire by-law requirements, yet the council, or councils, took no action a year or two ago. Mr. Zenus Clark wanted to erect a dwelling on Garafra street, south, far away from the business part of the town, but the council objected because he was in the fire limit, where a brick-clad building was called for, and accordingly Mr. Clark had to veneer his residence. If he had gone to work and built it without saying anything, the chances are the council would never have said anything about it. Many of our town by-laws are not worth the paper they are written on, and the councils have all been slack in allowing them to be violated.

But to return to the question of the post-office. The more the Government has to spend for land the less there will be left for the erection of the building, and we want to get as good and as showy a building as possible. It will be a long time before we get another favor from the Government, and we should make the best of our present opportunity. The proposed site alone will cost \$4000 or over. Should nothing more than the \$10,000 appropriation be allowed, the remaining \$6000 in a Government building will make a very shabby showing.

The Edge property, already selected, is not so convenient, it is true, but as a site for a public building, there is no comparison between the two. For that matter, there isn't another site in Durham, either on or off the main street, as good for a public building. The former Government had that site in view, and their choice was a wise one. It is conveniently located, a corner lot, good porous soil, easily drained, and a good building erected thereon will present a good appearance from every side. The

location is all right and should the building go there, there will be very few objections. Even yet it is the best site suggested, but as we already said, the town hall location is more convenient to the general public, and will not meet with serious opposition, especially from those who have no regard for the artistic appearance of such a building. Smothered in between other buildings, only the front appearance will need to be considered.

The title to the property may not satisfy the Government; the hemmed in location is not the most desirable; its proximity to the hotel may be an objection, but in these days of special legislation to right wrongs, whether they are rights or wrongs to start with, hopes are entertained that these objections may be easily overcome. It would be a nice change to see the old town hall building replaced by a better structure, but its removal to another conspicuous part of the town will not increase its beauty, nor will it enhance the value of any other property near which it may be placed. It has been a disgrace to the town long enough, but the town is hardly ready to replace it by a new one at a cost of \$20,000 or more.

Let there be no misunderstanding in regard to our attitude. We never pronounced on any particular site until after the Edge property was chosen, and we heard the unqualified approval of the Government Engineer. We commended the choice, and we still stand firm on our decision.

LOCAL NEWS

The residence owned by Mrs. McCracken, on Bruce street, has been sold by her to Mr. Adams, of Egremont, brother of Mr. W. J. Adams, here. Mrs. McCracken in turn has purchased the residence of Mr. M. Ryan, near the furniture factory. We understand she gets immediate possession. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan moving to the Mrs. N. McKechnie residence on Albert St.

The August meeting of the Durham branch of the Women's Institute, will be held at the home of Mrs. Adam Weir, Glenelg, on Thursday, August 1st, at 2.30 p.m. The program will be given by the girls. A selected paper will be read by Miss Julia Weir. There will be a debate on: "Resolved, that there is more profit and less labor in dairying than in the poultry business." Roll call. All ladies are cordially invited to attend, whether members or not.

Samuel Black, a pioneer of the township of Euphrasia, died on the 10th of July, at the age of 95 years. We saw the old gentleman about a year ago, and found him a genial joker of Irish origin. He was unmarried, and everybody liked him. Though not a drinker, he preferred a "nip" of whiskey to a cigar. We remember last summer, on seeing him take a drink, say that it would be a long time before "it would catch up to the first one." He has been a resident of the township for about sixty-five years, was there even before the concession lines were opened up, and chopped down the first tree where the village of Rocklyn now stands.

Durham's junior C. L. A. lacrosse team was beaten in Hanover on Monday night, by 9 goals to 3. Last year, Durham was beaten there too, and rotten-egged out of town. This year they were beaten and stoned out. The Hanover Post man did considerable whining last week because the game here was rough. It was just as rough at Hanover, the only difference being that the Hanover team left Durham unmolested. In view of the Post's whines of last week, we await with interest the "calling down" he will hand out to the Hanover mob, who are veritable lions when they number fifty to one, but who are as meek as Moses when they go up against anything that is anywhere near their equals in either numbers or strength. But we'll wager a quarter he wouldn't say anything about it. We would bet a dollar, but twenty-five cents is just about Hanover's size.

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MME. COUTTS-BAIN
Scottish Dramatic Vocalist, and Elocutionist, at Firemen's Concert, Town Hall, Durham, Monday evening, August 5th.

In last issue, we congratulated Dr. J. F. Grant, and Miss Violet Blackburn, whose marriage was solemnized just as we were going to press. The ceremony was very quiet, only immediate relatives of the contracting parties being in attendance, and was performed at the home of the bride's mother, at high noon. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Thos. H. Farr, of Blyth, uncle of the groom, assisted by Rev. Dr. Farquharson. After congratulations, and a dainty wedding dinner, the happy young couple left for a honeymoon trip up the lakes, and to a number of the Canadian and American cities. They are expected home on Friday evening of this week, and will reside in Durham, where they will be cordially welcomed by all citizens. The bride was the recipient of many valuable presents. We again tender our warmest congratulations.

Worked an Old Trick.
One of the solons under the gill dome of the Massachusetts statehouse swears this happened to him. Have you heard it—back in the rattle days? "Six of us went down on the cape duck shooting soon after the season opened. I was not much of a shooter, so the gang thought they would put one over on me and assigned me to a blind where no ducks ever were known to go and went away and left me there. From an hour before sunrise until late afternoon I stuck to the job, but nary a quack. "That night at the table I absent-mindedly cut open a shell and was surprised at the number of small shot it contained. After more or less airing of opinions on projectiles from each 'expert' a pool was made up on the number. Fifty bucks—ten a head—is not a bad day's work, I think. Eh? How? What do you suppose I was doing for twelve hours in that blind?"

And yet they wonder at some of the bills that get by the sacred codfish—Boston Traveler.

Not Their Fault.
An American woman who resided for some years in Mexico had an odd experience with an earthquake. She was the mother of two lively small sons. One day they had been especially obstreperous and did not grow quieter as the time for her siesta and theirs approached. After rousing her from her nap two or three times by their antics she gave them fair warning that if there was any further commotion severe punishment would result. Again she dropped off into sleep. Suddenly she found herself awake and on her feet with sounds of banging still in her ears and the room quivering as if from the fall of a heavy piece of furniture. The boys, scared and guilty looking, were in the doorway. She seized the nearest, reversed him and had him half spanked before the excited protests of his brother penetrated to her brain through his anguished howls. Then she became aware that she was spanking him for an earthquake.—New York Herald.

Swat the Fly!
It is the Most Dangerous Animal on Earth!

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HOUSEFLIES AS CARRIERS OF DISEASE.
Flies spread tuberculosis, diphtheria, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, summer complaint and fever of babies by carrying disease from one to another.
Keep everything clean and there will be no flies.
Don't let flies have a place to lay their eggs.
Keep covered all places where young flies may be hatched.
Put screens at windows and doors.
Where is dirt there are flies.

DOCTORS COULD NOT HELP MY KIDNEYS

"Fruit-a-tives" Cured Me



MR. GEO. W. BARKLEY

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PERSONAL.

Miss Inno Davidson, of Toronto, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Guy Kearney, of Edmonton, is visiting at his home here.

Miss Bessie Saunders left last week for Toronto.

Mr. Roy McCracken, of Toronto, is visiting his mother here.

Mr. Chas. R. Lavelle was in town Monday, and took his family with him to St. Mary's.

Miss Edna Brawley, of Grand Valley, is visiting Miss Sadie Kress.

Misses Margaret and Elva Lawrence are visiting their aunt, Miss Mathews.

Mrs. Ard, of Hepworth, attended the funeral of her mother, the late Mrs. Ball.

Mr. Joseph Moore, of Toronto, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore.

Mrs. L. C. Karstedt, of Owen Sound, is visiting her brother, Mr. Noah Sternall.

Mrs. Will-E. Mountain, and family, of Hamilton; are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, and two boys, of New Hampshire, O., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Robertson.

Miss Florence Mountain, of Hamilton, is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mountain.

Mrs. J. K. Green, and her son, Collier, of Edmonton, are the guests of R. J. and Miss Mathews, Upper Town.

Mrs. Cameron and daughter, of Saskatoon, are visiting her father, Mr. James Carson. They will likely remain a couple of months.

Miss Tunstead, professional nurse, of Lexington, Ky., and Mr. Chas. D. Harris, nee Jessie Tunstead, of Toronto, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Blackburn.

Mrs. Lyman M. Smith, and grandson, Robert Grant Styles, of Buffalo, are visiting her brother and sister, Thos. C. Cauldwell, and Miss Cauldwell, of Bentinck.

We congratulate Miss Marion Gun on her success in passing the intermediate examination in vocal music at the Toronto Conservatory.

Mr. Dan. McDougall, of Ottawa, engaged in the Civil Service, son of Dan. McDougall, of Winnifred, Alberta, but formerly of Bentinck, is visiting friends in town and vicinity.

Had It All Over Again.
"The other night I went to an amateur theatrical performance, and then I went home and had a terrible dream."
"What did you dream?"
"I dreamed that I went to it again."

Domestic Note.
Gibbs—So your wife's will is law. Dibbs—Yes, but I can sometimes bribe her not to enforce it.—Boston Transcript.

All human things of dearest value hang on slender strings.—Wallace.

Parker's Bug Killer
(For the Potato Bug)
THIS is the only preparation that has proved good where others have failed. Easy to apply—No water to carry, and better for the plants than Paris Green. Now is the time to apply it when the plants are showing up. Good for Cabbage Plants, Berry Bushes, Turnips, as well as the Potatoes. The only preparation that acts as a Fertilizer as well as an insecticide.
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Who would be without a Charcoal Iron when they are selling at so low a figure.
We have some choice Hammocks and no person should be without one on account of the low figure.
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