

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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TO INSURE SUCCESS AMUSEMENTS ARE NEEDED

To make the local 1914 fair a success the proper time to start is the day after this year's fair closes. The chances are, however, that most of the fairs this year will end up soon and nothing will be heard of them again till a few weeks before next year's exhibition. Part of the success of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, and the Western Fair at London may be attributed to the fact that the management never lets up on the job. They start in right at the close of this year's exhibition and the interests and energies will never lag till the last fare is paid at the next year's show. Farmers and farmers' sons and daughters like to see something in the way of amusement. Most of them are tired of looking at potatoes and turnips and cabbage, and would like a change in the way of some kind of recreation. Much has been said and written against theatrical and circus innovations in country shows, but after all it seems to us that something out of the ordinary must be introduced in order to draw a crowd.

Even horse racing has been condemned in some quarters, but we have always failed to see where cruelties came in in the case of horse races. Horses accustomed to the race course are just as anxious to reach the winning post ahead of all competitors as human beings are anxious to defeat their rivals in a foot race. Notice again the care and attention given to the race horse as soon as the race is over. He is rubbed down, blanketed and cared for in a way that suggests anything but cruelty. Not one farm horse in a hundred is as well cared for. The horse enjoys it, and seldom is the whip used to any great extent. We could never see why good honest horse-racing should be condemned, and the satisfaction and apparent pride of the horses themselves have led us to this conclusion more than anything else.

Few nowadays who go to a fair will leave the grounds so as not to see the racing part of the program.

HYMENEAL

WIGG-FLETCHER.

The marriage of Miss Robena Fletcher, youngest daughter of Mrs. Charles Fletcher, to Mr. Fred W. Wigg, of Cayuga, took place quietly at the home of the bride's mother, Bentinck, at high noon, on September 10.

The Rev. N. A. Stevenson, of Dornoch, performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was unattended, wore a gown of white silk brocade crepe de chene, trimmed with white satin, and wore the groom's gift, a pearl necklace. Her veil of finest net was draped under a wreath of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and maiden hair fern.

After the ceremony, the immediate relatives sat down to a dainty luncheon.

Later in the afternoon, the bride and groom left for a short honeymoon trip through Muskoka and other points, the bride travelling in a navy blue tailored suit, and white hat.

On their return, they will make their home in Cayuga, Ontario.

VARNEY.

Mrs. Chas. Gadd, of Rainy River, arrived here on Friday, intending to spend the winter with friends and relatives in this community. Her eight year sojourn in Rainy River evidently agreed with her, as she does not look a day older than when she left here.

Miss Eva Gray, of Fort William is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Dr. Ernest Leeson, of Wisconsin, is visiting his brother, Dr. Geo. M. Leeson.

It took R. Morrison one whole week to take in the sights at the Western Fair, London. But he eventually arrived home safe and sound on Friday last.

WHY?

If love is blind, As some assert, Why does she wear An open skirt?

CONSOLING.

"I've got one consolation." "What's that?" "The slit skirt will probably be out of style before my little girl grows up."

"UNCLE DAVY" McCLOCKLIN DIED ON TUESDAY

We regret to chronicle the death on Tuesday evening of Mr. David McClocklin, that genial old gentleman known as "Uncle Davy," a man who had the esteem and affection of everybody since he took up residence here 12 or 13 years ago.

He was born in the Island of Jersey on the 29th of March, 1831, and shortly after his marriage, he came to Canada in company with his wife and parents, in 1854. He settled for a time near Rockwood, and worked for some time as a mason with the Grand Trunk Railway Company in the construction of the road that was then being built.

He subsequently moved to the township of Osborne in the county of Huron, where he cleared up a farm and remained for many years and made considerable property. After leaving the farm he lived for some years at Kirkton, and then moved to Guelph, where he engaged in mason work, building a number of houses and selling them when completed.



He had no family, and suffered the loss of his wife some 16 or 17 years ago. A few years later he came to Durham and has since been living with his niece, Mrs. Caldwell, to whom he was very much attached. Mrs. Caldwell, in turn, had a very strong attachment for her aged uncle, whose absence, through the hand of death, causes a sad vacancy in her home.

The old gentleman was about town Monday evening, and his last illness was only of one day's duration, though he had been complaining for a few days of some slight indisposition. He died apparently without a struggle on Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock.

He was a grand old man, honest, honorable and upright in every way. He was totally deaf for the past few years, but otherwise he retained all his faculties to the last. He was a Liberal in politics, but no bigot. He was a Methodist in religion, and we have every confidence in his sincerity. He was in good circumstances.

Everybody liked "Uncle Davy," and we regret there are so few of his stamp.

The remains were taken to Guelph this Thursday morning and will be interred beside those of his deceased wife.

PERSONAL

Miss Lizzie Lauder, of Toronto, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Mortley, of Dornoch, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Vessie.

Mr. Geo. Hind, of Lucknow, is visiting in town.

Miss Eva Gray, of Fort William, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Morlock.

Miss Minnie Burnett, of Cobalt, is visiting her mother, Mrs. David Burnett.

Mr. John Stedman, of Weston, is spending a week with friends in town.

Mrs. (Captain) McNab, of Owen Sound, visited over Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. McCormick, in upper town.

Miss Sarah Vollet attended the A. Y. P. A. convention in Toronto last week, and is visiting in Hamilton this week.

Mrs. R. J. Vollet, of the Porcupine district, is visiting her mother Mrs. David Burnett. She arrived here on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Coiville, of Invermay, Sask., arrived in town last week to visit relatives and friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Hartley were in Toronto last week attending a convention of the A. Y. P. A. While in the city they were guests of Dr. Hopkins, in West Toronto.

Mrs. J. H. Dean, of Toronto, visited over the week end with Mrs. Thos. C. Morton, sr., of town, and other friends in the country. She returned to her home Saturday.

FAITH IN THE NORTH

Peace River Man Looks for a Gold Rush Some Day

Big and bronzed, Sheridan Lawrence of Peace River, unfolded some interesting tales of the northland while on a visit to Winnipeg. For instance, he discovered to the world another Dr. Grenfell, another Dr. Luke of Labrador, in the person of a fine old man named Baldwin, who ministers to the wants to the settlers and the Indians and takes what they can give in return, perhaps a load of wood or the carcass of an elk, but more often his services are free.

That there will some day be a gold stamped to the Peace River is the prophecy of the northerner. In the sand bars of all the rivers there is gold, he said, but so far it could not be panned in paying quantities.

It is 600 miles by water from Edmonton to Fort Vermilion and measured by the map the distance between the two points as the crow flies is almost as great as between Moose Jaw and Edmonton, but here is the word of this man, who has lived at the northern point for over a quarter of a century, that grain planted later matures at the same time as the cereals of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The summer days are longer in the north, with more sunlight, hence the result.

"The conditions in the country are practically the same as when I entered it 26 years ago," said Mr. Lawrence. "Fur trading is the chief occupation. Good prices are paid and there is no want among the Indians. Independent traders have corrupted the morals of the tribes to a certain extent and they are not accorded the same credit as in the early days when they dealt exclusively with the Hudson's Bay, but the Indians are being taught some bitter lessons and they are improving. So far as I can see the Indians are decreasing somewhat in numbers."

In answer to a question as to how he came to go away up into that country where the mail comes in ten times a year, passing all the fertile lands of the west, Mr. Lawrence said that in the early days his uncle, E. J. Lawrence, was located at Fort Vermilion as a church missionary. This uncle induced his father to leave Frontenac county, Ontario, and go up there as farm instructor. They went via Calgary 26 years ago, traveling all the way in carts across an unbroken prairie to the Athabasca River.

A SKELETON FACTORY

Big One in Paris Has Almost Monopoly of Strange Trade

Making skeletons for a living does not seem to be a business that would pay very much, and yet there are a number of places where skeletons are made. In making skeletons it does not mean that they are made artificially by some composition resembling bone, but that they are "made" by removing flesh and ligaments, drying the bones, whitening them and assembling them, fastening them together with slender wires in place of the ligaments, which, of course, will not remain solid like bone, but disintegrate.

In these places skeletons of almost everything, from a common tadpole to a human being, are made. There are places where artificial skeletons are made for various purposes, such as theatrical productions and the like, but this is done along with other work where all sorts of things, from imitation ivory paper cutters to massive pillars, are made.

The real skeleton factory deals in nothing except the genuine skeletons, and they not only sell these and fill orders for them to all sorts of medical men and institutions and schools, but they are also willing to "rent them" for any period.

The biggest share of the skeleton trade is carried on in France, the biggest "factory" being located in Paris, where there is a complete equipment and stock for furnishing skeletons of everything, even extinct animals, skeletons of fishes and men or elephants and rabbits and everything today that has enough of a skeleton to put together. So great is the business in this place that it has branches in London and Berlin, and it gets out great catalogues, and sends them broadcast, showing lists and cuts of their choice lots of skeletons.

Most of the human bones employed in the French manufacture belonged, in life, to criminals or to unknown persons whose bodies were unclaimed after death in hospitals or almshouses. After being utilized in the dissecting room the remains were removed to this factory.

The proprietor of this factory practically monopolizes this industry. The preparation of the skeleton takes many months from first to last, and is a very expensive process. There must be a thorough chemical treatment of the bones in the first place, to insure their hanging together and remaining in an unaltered state.

The preparation of skeletons is really far more important than one would think, as it provides thousands of medical students and others with the means of making a proper study of the construction of the human frame, and helps in the constant work of medical and surgical advance.

A Strange Belief

Among the superstitions that formerly prevailed was a belief in the efficiency of various parts of a human corpse when applied to the seat of disease. Thus Aubrey, an old writer, says: "Tis certain the touch of a dead hand wrought wonderful effects. A painter, of Stowel, in Somersetshire, had a wen in the inside of his cheek as big as a pullet's egg, which, by the advice of me, was cured by once or twice touching or rubbing with a dead woman's hand (and contra, to cure a woman, a dead man's hand). He was directed to say the Lord's prayer, and to beg a blessing." He was perfectly cured in a few weeks. Aubrey also says, recalls the "Family Doctor," that a hunch-backed child was cured in the same fashion.

PA'S DESIRE.

One lung used to do the work. When Pa broke into the game, we could hear his chug-chug car. Half an hour before he came. Then two cylinders he thought would provide him all the tricks. After that he bought a four. Now he's longing for a six.

Pa was always satisfied. With two cylinders before he beheld his neighbors ride. Past him in a car with four. Now his four he thinks he'll sell. In his throat the dust still sticks. Some one made him take last week. Pa is crazy for a six.

Ma's quit thinkin' that we might take an ocean trip this year. Two weeks at some inland lake is the best we'll get, we fear. Ma's quit thinkin' anything. That's expensive. Here's our fix: There's no coin in sight for us. While Pa's thinkin' of a six.

Ladies' & Gentlemen's

Cleaning Pressing and Repairing

Orders may be left at the Middaugh House

D. B. Macfarlane

Middaugh House Block

MARKET REPORT

DURHAM, AUG. 13 1913

Table with market prices for various commodities like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Milling Oats, Feed Oats, Peas, Barley, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Dried Apples, Flour, Oatmeal, Chop, Live Hogs, Hides, Sheepskins, Wool, Tallow, Lard, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Fowl.

DURHAM AGAIN VISITED

Continued from page 1. follow but the wind was favorable, and the flames were held in check.

A frame storehouse at the rear of Macfarlane's drug store was right in line with the fire and was rapidly destroyed. It was a frame building formerly occupied by Mr. Siegner as a tinshop, and belongs now to Mr. James McNally, and contained his carpenter tools, all of which were destroyed. He had no insurance on the property, and estimates his loss at \$650.

The next house, a little to the east, and occupied by Mrs. David Burnett, caught fire also, but beyond a slight scorching, was saved from destruction.

We are not in a position to say what the total loss will amount to, but between thirty and forty thousand dollars would we think, be a conservative estimate. Mr. Black claims to have lost about fourteen or fifteen thousand dollars, and he carried only \$4,000 insurance.

Mr. Macfarlane is also a very heavy loser, but is unable to give an idea of the loss until the salvage is valued. Most of the goods upstairs were destroyed by fire, a great deal of what he had down stairs has been wholly destroyed by water and smoke. The damaged buildings were his property, and the cost of putting them in repair will run up into the thousands. We fancy that Mr. Macfarlane's total loss will run up to twelve or fifteen thousand dollars. It is partly covered by insurance, but he is unable to tell us to what extent.

During the progress of the fire, and while engaged in removing goods from Black's hardware, an explosion of rifle shells occurred, in which Vernon Elvidge received a nasty cut over the eyes from a flying shell. The wound, however, was not serious.

We are pleased to learn from Mr. Macfarlane that he intends to rebuild right away, and before the fire was out, Mr. Black told us he had rented the vacant store in the McIntyre block and will continue right on in the business. He said he lost a lot of money, but is not dead yet, and will go on just as usual.

From the time the fire alarm was sounded until the fire brigade got to work seemed a long time. We have no record of it, but do not think it was as long as it seemed. We must say, however, that the boys did splendid work,

GRATITUDE PROMPTED THIS LETTER

Prominent People Proud To Testify For "Fruit-a-tives"



MR. TIMOTHY MCGRATH

130 ATLANTIC AVE., MONTREAL, MARCH 1st, 1912. "For years, I suffered from Rheumatism, being unable to work for weeks at a time and spent hundreds of dollars on doctor's medicines, besides receiving treatment at Notre Dame Hospital where I was informed that it was incurable. I was discouraged when a friend advised me to try "Fruit-a-tives". After using three packages, I felt relieved and continued until I had used five packages when a complete cure was the result after years of doctoring failed. I consider "Fruit-a-tives" a wonderful remedy. You are at liberty to use this testimonial to prove to others the good that "Fruit-a-tives" has done me."

TIMOTHY MCGRATH.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50—trial size, 25c. At dealers or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

and their services deserve much more than mere newspaper recognition. None of us, we'll venture to say, ever expected to see the fire confined to such narrow limits, and we have to thank the firemen for things turning out as well as they did.

It seems almost miraculous that the lively stable right across the street escaped destruction, and Mrs. Caldwell's house, too, in which lay the remains of the late David McClocklin, was in imminent danger for a great portion of the time. The heavy rain during the night did much to avert a more serious calamity

Large Sales Small Profits McKECHNIE'S WEEKLY NEWS

House Furnishings on Second Floor

Just Arrived a select stock of Linoleums, in the newest designs. In patterns suitable for Kitchens, Dining Rooms and Halls. 13 pieces to choose from. 4 yds. wide, \$2.00 per yd.

Rugs in Tapestry, Axminster and Velvet in the Newest Oriental designs, a large stock to select from.

Wall Paper in the newest patterns, in large profusion. We cordially invite your inspection.



THE E. T. CORSET

The E. T. Corset, we consider the neatest and best on the market. It is made by skilled work people and gives the best of satisfaction. See our Dollar Corset, usually sold at \$1.25.

REMINDERS

- Try McKechnie's Pure Soap, 8 cakes for .25c
8 lbs. Figs .25c
New stock of Star of India Tea .25c
New stock of Light of Asia Tea .35c
Select Green Tea .25c and 35c
See our Brooms at .23c

REMINDERS

- A large stock of heavy Underwear.
A pretty stock of Sweaters.
Our stock of Shoes is full in all lines suitable for the approaching cold weather.
A new stock of the Walker Overalls.

The highest prices for Butter, Eggs and Live Poultry. Live Poultry bought on all days except Saturday.

G. & J. McKechnie Departmental Store Durham