

# THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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## STREET PATCHWORK

The Thornbury Herald has something to say to the Thornbury council about their patchwork methods in keeping up their streets, and by way of advice recommends a system of permanent road-building. The evil complained of in Thornbury is an evil all too common in every town, village and township, and Durham is no exception to the common evil.

Twenty years ago this spring, as the snow disappeared from the old plank sidewalks and revealed their condition and necessity for repairs, this paper, then only a few months under its present management, discontinued the idea of sidewalk patching, beyond what was found to be absolutely necessary. We disapproved of the construction of new wooden walks and, as strongly as we could, advised the use of concrete because of its permanency, as well as its comparative cheapness of maintenance. Since then, we have no recollection of long stretches of long wooden walks shrilling of wooden walks being made, and the following year the first cement walk was laid in Durham. It was partly as an experiment, but the experiment "caught on" and the first stretch from the Hahn House to the bridge was not completed when further demands were made, and by the end of the season we had quite a respectable showing of concrete walk. During the next and subsequent years the work was continued, and to-day we have only a few connecting patches of wooden sidewalk left.

Frequently, too, during the 20 years, we have voiced our disapproval of street-patching, and the starting of a permanent system of street-making. To put gravel and mud on the street one year, and to remove gravel and mud the next year, to be replaced again by more gravel and mud, is a matter of false economy. Our opinion has been, and still is, that the only proper way for economic street-making is to do a piece at a time, and do it in such a way that little or no repairs will be needed for the present generation. Such a system is possible, and in the long run would be more economical than the patching practice of to-day.

If all the town money spent for street repairs during the past 20 years had been used for permanent improvements, taking a block, or a section at a time, we would have something to show for it now. We cannot wholly discontinue making repairs, but they might be materially minimized. The streets to-day may be better than they were 20 years ago, but have we yet a single block in town that can be looked upon as a good piece of street? For a few weeks in spring and fall we have some very bad streets, but they were always bad in the wet seasons, and always will be under the common system.

The leading business streets, where the traffic is heavy, require to be stronger and better than the side streets that are very little used. We do not pretend to say that the money spent in patching and repairs for the past 20 years would have put all our streets in a permanent condition, but we do contend that some of them would be in good shape now, and the new additions, year after year, would add to the pride of all citizens, and would soon become infectious. Permanent streets in any event should be made to cover the main arteries of the town, say, Garafraza St., from the old foundry to the bridge, Lambton St. to the G. T. R., and George St. to the C. P. R. This may seem like a vision, but it will yet materialize.

The town of Leamington started on a small scale only a few years ago, and last summer they put in miles of paved streets, and will soon have one of the prettiest little towns in Western Ontario.

## USE THE SOIL

It is just as important under present conditions to have reserves of food as reserves of cartridges. When so much is dependent upon a good crop, the entire community should concern itself about the situation from the beginning of the season. There are certain common vegetables comprising a large part of the food supply, such as potatoes, beans, onions, etc., which do well in all parts of the country. They can be grown in a small way without machinery, and their production this year in ample quantities should be assured beyond chance or doubt.

**THREATENED WITH LIBEL**  
The Weekly Sun, of Toronto, is threatened with a libel action because it had the courage to disapprove of a certain kind of fertilizer that it regarded as useless. If the foundation on which the Sun based its opinion was well considered, we admire its refusal to retract, having published the article in question in the public interest and to warn the farmers against the purchase of a commodity of little or no value. A fertilizer at best is valuable only when it furnishes elements in which the soil is lacking. The lack, it seems to us, can only be ascertained by an analysis of the soil on which it has to be used. If only one of the elements in the fertilizer is lacking in soil, then the use of all the other constituent elements must be superfluous, and therefore a waste.

## A TALK ABOUT CHINA

An interesting address was given in the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening by Mrs. Jonathan Goforth, who has been a co-worker with her husband in missionary work in Honan, China, and is now home on furlough.

In the course of her address she referred to the great changes that had taken place in China since the Boxer movement. China, which she designated as a great sleeping giant, had now awakened. Though education alone will not save China, the student element must be taken into consideration, and by winning that element to Christianity the work will advance. Much has been gained by the educational influence exerted by Japan and the United States.

Amongst the chief Christianizing influences the speaker referred to the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., and to John B. Mott, who have had a wonderful influence among the student element. Many government officials have already accepted Christianity through the student movement, and the influence of the higher elements in the community, through the Chinese themselves, will lead China to the light of the gospel.

Reference was made also to the wonderful work of Miss Ruth Paxton, in assisting the missionaries, and also to Miss Greig, and others, Mr. Goforth has been set aside for revival work.

Western ideas, though beneficial to China in many ways, are not an unmixed evil. The use of opium has recently been prohibited, but the use of tobacco and cigarettes is becoming a serious menace to progress, and the government is taking steps to prohibit the evil.

The speaker entertains a strong belief in the power of prayer, which is just as effectual, in her opinion, to-day, as in the days of the recorded miracles. As a proof of her belief in the wonderful influence of prayer, she has collected 250 pages of records of answers to prayer and these are to be published shortly.

## FROM HOSPITAL AND TRENCHES

The following letters from Jack Colville, Roy Calder and Will Petty, who have donned the khaki and are trying to do their bit, were received by Mr. A. H. Jackson, and will be of interest to many of our readers. They were personal letters, and explain themselves sufficiently. They are written in a racy style, and show the boys to be in good spirits, and hopeful of victory:

Granville Canadian Special Hosp. Ramsgate, Kent, England  
April 7th, 1917

Dear Friend,—Your letter of Mar. 14 received Thursday, and the parcel yesterday. Everything in it was o.k. Thank you very much. I have made another move, as you see. This seems to be the winding up hospital. After the rest of the hospitals have had a try at fixing a fellow up, they are sent here. It is a very nice place. It was formerly the Granville Hotel. They give different kinds of special treatment—electric massage and baths of different kinds. There are also a lot of old wounds, such as my own.

There is one Durham boy here—Walter Park. It is Capt. Park now. He married one of the Meredith girls. He used to teach school somewhere around Durham. He knew me as soon as he saw me. Well, he thought it was Bob. That beautiful Colville hair seems to make our family look alike.

I am sorry I did not know that Harold McKechnie was at Moore barracks. I would have looked him up. I got out very little when I was there, and so did not see any of the Durham boys. Oh, yes, I saw one of the Warrington boys. He is with an Alberta battalion. He was leaving for France the same day.

I passed through Orpington on my way from Epsom to Shorncliffe. I would like to run down to Orpington and see those people, but

it is almost impossible for a patient to get a pass.

I think I ought to be fixed up by the end of April. I am very tired of hospital life. It will soon be six months since I was wounded. It is a long time for a fellow to lie around, especially a person who is strong and healthy every other way. When I leave here it will be to my base. That is the 18th Reserve Battalion. It is stationed at Seaford, Sussex. I will write and let you know when I leave here. I should write to Brockville, Ont. also as I belong to the Masons there, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, is my lodge. I think you are a Mason, are you not?

So the States have come in at last. No doubt their entry will have quite an influence on the morale of the German troops. Everything seems to be progressing very favorably to us just now. I hope it continues, and that not many moons will pass before I have a look down Garafraza street in good old Durham.

Give the boys of Grey Lodge No. 169, I.O.O.F., my best respects and heartfelt thanks for remembering me, also remember me to any of my friends whom you might see. No, thank you, I will not need any of the sick benefits, not at present, at any rate. There has been quite a nice sum accumulated here for me since I came in hospital. They pay us very little when we are in hospital. I signed over half my money to my mother, so you can just leave the money for the present, at least.

Well, I will close for this time. Thank you for your many kindnesses to me. Your sincere friend,

Jack Colville.  
[Address—Pte. J.G. Colville, Granville Canadian Special Hospital, Ramsgate, Kent, England. (622239)]

Somewhere in France,  
March 31, 1917.

Dear Mr. Jackson,—I received your very welcome letter last night and I certainly was pleased to get it. I was very glad to know what unit the three fellows went to, and I am keeping a sharp look-out for them. I have not seen any of the fellows since I came out to this God-forsaken country, and I sure would like to see some of the boys from the good old town.

I never enjoyed reading an account of a hockey match as I did of the one that was played for the Red Cross. You sure made a good account of yourself, and some grand rushes. I had a letter from Jim McLachlan. He was telling all the funny parts of it. He said he never enjoyed watching a game before. Big Bill McGowan was apparently the star of the night by the accounts that I have heard. I don't doubt you the least there were cripples going around the next day.

Well, Mr. Jackson, this is the last day of March, and April will be with us, and then you will likely read some startling headlines by the time you get this letter, or shortly afterwards. By the way, the old Battery has been smashed up and my address will be as before, except for 35th Battery, 8th Brigade. I must say good-by for to-night, and hang around and get my issue of rum. So good-by for now. As ever yours,  
One of the Boys,  
Roy Calder.

Dear Mr. Jackson,—Just a few lines to acknowledge your two parcels, which I received o.k., the first of tobacco and the second cigarettes, which I received a few days ago. They are very much appreciated, and I thank you for including me in your list, which must be long now, as there are so many Durham boys over here.

I have seen some of the boys and want to hunt up some of the rest some of these days. I saw Ernest McGirr and Alex. Bell yesterday and am right with Nathan Grierson all the time, so it makes it much bet-

ter when you can run across some of the fellows from home. I found out where the other boys were, and expect to see them any day.

The weather here is fine now, but of course there is plenty of mud, and every little shower of rain makes it worse, of course. I will close by thanking you again for the parcels, which were appreciated very much.

Yours sincerely,  
Will Petty.

## 248TH BATTALION NEWS

The 248th Greys have a new supply of very attractive recruiting posters, most of them sent out from England, and have already taken steps to post the county with them. Citizens generally are asked to assist the Battalion in giving these posters good locations, and to help keep the posters in place. This is just one of the little ways in which citizens can give patriotic support to Colonel Rorke and his officers in bringing the battalion up to strength.

Lieut. Yule has made himself a great favorite in Durham by the enthusiastic manner in which he co-operated with everything musical here. He has been in great demand and assists regularly at the church services on Sundays, both as organist and vocal soloist, besides singing at various events during week days. In consequence of these and other activities, he is meeting with good success here.

A circular letter has been sent to members of the 248th League by Capt. Parsons, asking their co-operation in the obtaining of recruits. As a thank-offering platoon for the victories lately achieved with "a strong, strong pull," results may be confidently looked for.

New, clean posters everywhere. It looks like spring cleaning at Headquarters. These posters mean something to you. Read them carefully.

As soon as the roads are in shape for comfortable travelling for the public, the 248th intends paying visits to all the smaller centres.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Donaghy of Mt. Forest is the guest of Mrs. E. W. Limin this week.

Miss Roy of Port Elgin, and Miss Collins of Walkerton, visited Tuesday with Mrs. J. J. Smith and Miss Isabel MacKenzie.

Mr. Thos. Harris was in town last week.

Mr. Geo. Harbottle, of Sault Ste. Marie, spent a day or two in town last week.

Mr. Archie Davidson of Port McNicoll, spent a few days with his parents.

Mr. Ian Campbell is spending a month or so with his uncle at Port Elgin.

## HITS AND MISSES

To describe German meanness in new terms, a more elaborate vocabulary is a much-felt need.

We owe much to Kaiser Bill, but it is all in the form of grudge for the high prices.

The nearer it gets to gardening-time the more hideous does the hoe appear.

The next thing in order is house-cleaning, and there won't be a place to lay away a collar button.

If we had our back yard cleaned we could tell others they should attend to theirs.

Clean up your back yards and have some style about you.

Some people will never realize the need of greater production till they feel hungry and have only an empty cupboard to fall back on. Speed the spade now.

## MARKET QUOTATIONS

APRIL 23rd

Toronto Cattle Market	
Choice heavy steers	\$11.25 to \$11.75
do. medium	10.50 11.00
Butchers' choice handy	10.75 11.50
do. good	10.25 10.50
do. medium	9.75 10.25
do. common	8.50 9.25
Butchers' choice cows	9.25 10.00
do. good	8.00 8.60
do. medium	6.50 7.00
Butchers' bulls, choice	9.25 10.25
do. good	8.25 9.00
do. medium	7.25 8.00
Feeders, 900 to 1,000 lbs.	9.25 10.25
do. med., 700 to 800 lbs.	8.25 9.00
Stockers, 700 to 900 lbs.	7.85 8.50
do. medium	6.50 7.00
Grass cows, 800 to 1,000 lbs.	6.75 7.50
Cutters	5.25 6.25
Canners	5.00 5.75
Milkers, good to choice	80.00 95.00
do. com. and med.	50.00 70.00
Springers	55.00 95.00
Calves, veal, choice	12.00 14.50
do. medium	9.50 11.00
do. common	6.00 8.00
do. grass	6.00 7.00
do. heavy fat	7.50 10.00
Lambs, yearlings, choice	14.50 15.66
do. medium	12.50 14.00
do. culls	9.50 11.00
do. spring lambs, each	5.00 13.00
Sheep, ewes, light	10.50 12.00
do. heavy and bucks	8.50 10.00
do. culls	4.00 7.00
Hogs, fed and watered, choice	16.50 00.00
do. good	16.40 00.00
do. common	16.35 00.00
do. off cars	16.75 00.00
do. f.o.b. country pts.	15.50 15.65

## Toronto Grain Markets

Mantoba Wheat—Nominal, track, bay ports, No. 1 northern, \$2.60 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$2.56; No. 3 northern, \$2.51; No. 4 wheat, \$2.40.
Mantoba Oats—All-rail, delivered, No. 2 C.W., 79 3/4c; No. 3 C.W., 79c; extra No. 1 feed, 78c; No. 1 feed, 77 1/2c; American Corn—No. 3 yellow, \$1.52, nominal, subject to embargo.
Ontario Wheat—No. 2 winter, \$2.40 to \$2.42, according to freights outside; No. 3 winter, \$2.38 to \$2.40.
Ontario Oats (according to freights outside)—No. 2 white, 73c to 75c, nominal; No. 3 white, 72c to 74c, nominal.
Peas—Nominal.
Barley—Malting, \$1.35 to \$1.37.
Rye—No. 2 new, \$1.27 to \$1.89.
Mantoba Flour—First patents, in jute bags, \$12.60; seconds, in jute, \$12.10; strong bakers', in jute, \$11.70, Toronto.
Ontario Flour—Winter, new, track, Toronto, prompt shipment, according to sample, \$10.40 to \$10.50, in jute bags.
Milled—Carlots, delivered, Montreal freights; Shorts, \$43 to \$44; bran, \$41; middlings, \$46 to \$48; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.80 to \$2.90.
Hay—Track, Toronto, extra No. 2, \$11.50 to \$12.50; mixed, \$8.50 to \$11. Straw, car lots, \$7 to \$8.
Cereals—Rolled oats, carlots, per bag of 90 lbs., \$4.15; small lots, \$4.30.
Oatmeal, carlots, per bag of 98 lbs., \$4.60; small lots, \$4.75. Gold dust cornmeal, 90-lb. bags, \$4.10 in carlots, \$4.25 in small lots; fancy yellow cornmeal, \$3.65 in carlots, \$3.80 in small lots. White corn flour, 95-lb. bags, \$4.45 in carlots to \$4.65 in small lots.
Hominy grits, \$4.45 to \$4.80; pearl hominy, \$4.25 to \$4.40. Yellow hominy, \$3.35 to \$3.40.

## Chicago Live Stock

Cattle—Receipts, 500. Market slow. Steers, \$9 to \$13.25; stockers and feeders, \$7.10 to \$9.90; cows and heifers, \$5.60 to \$11; calves, \$5.50 to \$12.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,000. Market strong. Light, \$14.65 to \$15.75; mixed, \$15.20 to \$15.95; heavy, \$15.20 to \$15.95; rough, \$15.20 to \$15.40; pigs, \$10 to \$13.85; bulk of sales, \$15.45 to \$15.85.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000. Market steady. Lambs—Native, \$12 to \$16.

## East Buffalo Cattle

Cattle, 15 cars, slow. Hogs, 30 cars, slow; heavy, \$16.25 to \$16.40; Yorkers, \$16 to \$16.15; pigs, \$13.50 to \$14. Sheep—Thirty cars, dull and lower. Wool lambs, \$16 to \$16.25; clipped, \$13 to \$13.25; yearlings, \$11 to \$12.25; wethers, \$11.75 to \$12; ewes, \$11 to \$11.50; calves, \$12, lower. Top, \$13; fat to good, \$12 to \$12.50; fed calves, \$5 to \$7.

## Wholesale Produce

Toronto wholesale prices to the trade:	
Eggs—	
New-laid, cartons	\$.38 to \$.39
do. ex-cartons	.35 .00
Butter—	
Creamery prints, fresh	.44 .45
Creamery prints, storage	.42 .43
Creamery solids	.41 .42
Choice dairy prints	.38 .39
Ordinary dairy prints	.34 .36
Bakers'	.30 .31
Cheese—New, large, 27 1/2 to 28c; twins, 28c to 28 1/2c; June, large, 29c; twins, 29 1/2c.	
Live Poultry—Buying price delivered Toronto. Wholesale price to the trade is two cents higher.	
Chickens, fat	.20 .22
Fowl fat	.21 .23
Chickens, ordinary	.22 .00
Fowl, ordinary	.20 .22
Beans—Japanese, hand picked, \$6.25; prime, \$5.75; Canadian, hand picked, bushel, \$7.25; prime, \$6.75.	
Honey—Tins, 2 1/2-lb. tins, 15c a lb.; 5-lb. tins, 14 1/2c a lb.; 10-lb. tins, 14c a lb.; 60-lb. tins clover 13c to 13 1/2c a lb. Comb honey—Selects, \$2.40 to \$2.75; No. 2, \$2 to \$2.15. Buckwheat honey, 60-lb. tins, 10 1/2c to 11c a lb. Maple Syrup—Pure, \$1.65 to \$1.75 per imperial gallon.	

## Dressed Meats—Wholesale

Toronto wholesale houses are quoting to the trade as follows:	
Beef, hindquarters	\$15.00 to \$17.00
do. forequarters	18.00 20.00
Carcasses, choice	18.00 19.50
do. common	12.50 14.50
Veals, common	9.50 11.50
do. medium	12.50 14.50
do. prime	17.50 18.50
Heavy hogs	14.20 16.00
Shoat hogs	20.00 21.00
Abattoir hogs	21.00 21.50
do. light	14.00 16.00
Lambs, yearlings	21.00 23.00

# RHEUMATISM WAS MOST SEVERE

Dreadful Pains All The Time Until He Took "FRUIT-A-TIVES".



MR. LAMPSON  
Verona, Ont., Nov. 11th., 1915.  
"I suffered for a number of years with Rheumatism and severe Pains in Side and Back, from strains and heavy lifting.  
When I had given up hope of ever being well again, a friend recommended "Fruit-a-tives" to me and after using the first box I felt so much better that I continued to take them, and now I am enjoying the best of health, thanks to your remedy".

W. M. LAMPSON.  
If you—who are reading this—have any Kidney or Bladder Trouble, or suffer with Rheumatism or Pain In The Back or Stomach Trouble—give "Fruit-a-tives" a fair trial. This wonderful fruit medicine will do you a world of good, as it cures when everything else fails.  
50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

## HAD SON KILLED IN ACTION

We noticed a few days ago that Lieut. J. H. Fawcett, of Burks Falls, was reported killed in action. He was a son of Editor A. R. Fawcett, of the Burks Falls Arrow, and founder of the Flesherston Advance. We have known the father of the unfortunate young man from boyhood, and tender our sincere sorrow in his sore affliction. The death will cause another vacancy in a loyal Canadian home, of which thousands have been made desolate in defence of the world's freedom. No death, it seems to us, could be more honorable, but the honorable ending of a bright and promising life will leave a sorrowful heart in the parent made desolate.

## CAPT. MCKINNON GIVES BOYS OF PRICEVILLE FAREWELL SUPPER

We, the Priceville boys, have our hats off to Capt. McKinnon for the very generous manner in which he entertained us at the Anchor Hotel, Shoreham. Capt. McKinnon though higher in rank, does not feel that he is belittling himself by mingling with the boys from his own home town, Priceville, although they may be lower in rank. Words fail to express our appreciation towards us ere our departure for the trenches, "somewhere in France and our thoughts will often turn back to him for the bounteous supper he provided for us, and only wish he could be with us in France. Thanking him again for his kindness, and wishing him every success wherever he goes, and on his return to Canada we hope to see Capt. McKinnon a member of Parliament, and I assure you the boys from Priceville will give him their first vote. Yours truly,

Pte. Alex. McLean  
(838553) 4th C.M.R.

The Sunday World, \$2.50; The Daily World \$2.75. At this Office.

## TENDERS WANTED

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to six o'clock Saturday evening, May 5th, for the erection of an outside metal stairway or fire escape for the Town Hall. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For particulars as to character of the work apply to  
J. F. Grant,  
Chairman Property Com.

## DURHAM MARKET

Corrected April 25.	
Wheat	2 25
Oats	70
Peas	2 00 to 2 00
Barley	1 10
Hay	8 00 to 10 00
Butter	32 to 32
Eggs	30 to 30
Live hogs	15 65
Hides, per lb.	18
Sheepskins	75 to 2 25
Tallow	7
Lard	20

# MILLINERY

WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW SPRING MODELS ARE NOW READY FOR YOUR INSPECTION.

YOU ARE WELCOME ANY DAY TO COME AND SEE OUR DISPLAY

EASTER ORDERS ATTENDED TO PROMPTLY  
CHILDREN'S HATS A SPECIALTY

MISSES TRUAX = Durham

## CORNER CONCE

Rev. Mr. Hawken's Sunday that next Sun. preach his farewell sermon also announced the app. Rev. Mr. Dymond of this parish.

St. Paul's Ladies' their officers last week as follows: Mrs. Phillips president; Mrs. Thos. V. president; Mrs. J. MacL. treasurer; Mrs. Davi. and Mrs. Wm. McFadd. ing agents.

We extend for the p. entire community heal. ulations and good wish. and Mrs. Arthur Lew. heart and hand last. start life on their new survey.

Mr. John Leith was the line with his wood fit, but not the least. cords for Joe Lennox. School re-opened af. days with a good num recruits, although a sh. the average ran very. Fall wheat has wint. promises good. The meadows have not. from heaving.

The plough has be. the past week, and in considerable seed has.

Rev. Mr. Hawkins address last Sunday a. ly spoken of by all. Envelopes were left. to aid the starving. Armenians, and con. be given on Sunday. who wish to contrib.

Mr. John Dazell has vating the interior of home. He was the. gave it its first coat. although, like the happenings of 20 y. seems like a few sh.

Mrs. James Allan r. last week from Wit she had been in atten. son, John