

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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ALL BECAUSE OF DROUGHT

Mr. J. C. Jopp, of Moosomin, in a letter, dated August 6th, refers to poor crop prospects in that locality on account of the drought. We infer from the closing paragraph that drought of a different kind has resulted in leaving the jail empty, and about to be closed. Without further comment, we give the information in his own words, as follows:

"I was pleased to see in The Chronicle of the 2nd inst. that Ontario will have the biggest oat crop in the history of the province, which is most fortunate, as in the west, through drought, this crop is almost a failure. Wheat, too, in many parts, from the same cause, will not return the seed. There has been no general rain this summer, simply local showers. Moosomin district may go 15 bushels wheat to the acre; oats and barley (if they can be cut) will be very scarce. Who will now say that closing the bars and sale of liquor does not improve the community when I tell you that the provincial jail, here, built at a cost of nearly \$200,000 eight or ten years ago, and where there were as many as 140 prisoners at one time confined, will be closed on the 15th, and left in the charge of a few men to run the farm and stock to be cared for. What use the jail proper will be put to time only can tell."

FRESH FROM THE FRONT

We had a call a few days ago from Mr. T. F. McGraw, of Toronto, and as he is fresh from the war, he was in a position to give many graphic word pictures of the great struggle. He volunteered early in the war and had been a long time in the trenches. At Courcellette, he was wounded by a bursting shell and spent four months in the hospital, where 35 pieces, large and small, were taken from different parts of his body. He has seen the war in all its horrors, and his descriptive powers serve a good purpose in telling the awful tales of horror. We were delighted to have him tell of the trench mortars and Jack Johnsons, the coal-boxes, the whizz-bangs, the aerial torpedoes, and other instruments of murder. He has a good gift of speech, and tells his story in an entertaining manner. He thinks the war is likely to end soon, and that after this there will be no more such wars. The world now realizes what war is on such a gigantic scale, and realizes also the fact that such wars are too much for physical endurance. We sincerely hope his opinion is correct, and that a glorious and lasting peace will soon be proclaimed. He says he has no doubt as to what the result will be.

AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY

Mr. W. H. Thurston, son Frank, and daughter, Dell, of The Flesherton Advance, accompanied by Mr. Mark Wilson, Jr., gave us a call on Tuesday. Mr. Thurston is a mystery among the local publishers. Early this spring, he bought a new Chevrolet, and began boasting about it. There was nothing mysterious about his boasting, but the publishers of other local papers, who had to stay at home or hoof it if they wished to go any place, were at a loss to know where Mr. Thurston got the money, and some of us, at least, have yet failed to learn the secret. But horror of horrors! there was a sequel. Last week he traded off the car, and is now sporting the new and improved Chevrolet 1918 model, and where he got the funds for another additional outlay is an added mystery. We never heard of him riding to quiet cemeteries with rich men, and coming back alone, nor did we ever regard him as a vicious or suspicious character in any way, but we are still worried to know how he got the money.

THE CROP OUTLOOK

It is estimated that Canada will have this year about 190 million bushels of wheat available for export over and above the amount required for home consumption. The Ontario oat crop is estimated at 125 million bushels, the greatest in the history of the province. From present prospects, Ontario will have enough potatoes to supply all her requirements, instead of importing thousands of bushels from east and west, as she did last spring. A Toronto dealer is reported to have said he expected potatoes to be offered for 75c. a bag inside of two weeks.

PREBYTERIAN GARDEN PARTY

The annual garden party in connection with the Presbyterian church was held on the manse grounds on Tuesday evening of last week, and like many of its predecessors, was a great social and financial success, the proceeds being over a hundred dollars.

The afternoon had a decidedly threatening appearance, but the clouds rolled away, and the evening turned out fine, but a little on the cool side. The attendance, however, was large, and an excellent literary and musical program was enjoyed by the audience.

Rev. Mr. Whaley happened to be home for the occasion, and in his capacity as chairman inspired the audience with an eloquent patriotic address.

The program was brief, but varied and interesting, and was opened with the National Anthem. Solos were contributed by Miss Blyth and Mr. Peter Ramage, duets by Miss Hunter and Mr. Harding, by Messrs. Telford and Buschlen, and by Mrs. Stonehouse and her sister, Mrs. Davidson, now of Winnipeg, better known here by her maiden name, Jean Brown. A pleasing instrumental was rendered by Messrs. McAuliffe and Isaac, on violins, Mr. Fred Runciman, on the piccolo, and Miss McAuliffe on the piano. Every contribution was well received, and many encores were demanded. It was a great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson (nee Jean Brown), of Winnipeg, visited the latter's parents here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cliff and daughters left last week for Gravenhurst, where they intend to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. King, of Montreal are visiting his sister, Mrs. F. A. Graham.

A SUCCESSFUL GARDEN PARTY

A successful garden party was held last Thursday evening on the beautiful grounds of Mr. Jas. McDonald, south line, Bentinck. Dr. Jamieson was present as chairman and filled the bill to a nicety. The evening was uncomfortably cool, and we fancy the sale of the ice-cold viands would suffer in consequence. Dr. Mearns, the Liberal candidate, was in attendance, and made a brief, but appropriate address. Jim Park put considerable zest into his solo, entitled, "The Man that Stayed Behind." The choir of the Presbyterian church contributed a couple of well-rendered selections. Miss Hunter and Mr. Harding gave a spirited duet, and Master Brigham, a little chap of only a few summers, appeared in a pleasing solo for a child so young. Mr. Wm. Sharp and son gave a violin duet, with organ accompaniment by his daughter.

Mr. Allan Bell of Durham, and Mr. Cooper of Normanby, were also valuable contributors of a suitable solo each. A box of candy was auctioned off and brought in \$18.75.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS

We had a pleasant call on Saturday last from Mr. Alex. Ellison, of Elbow, Sask. He went west from Glenelg about 11 years ago and has evidently made good, though very reticent in telling of his success. He was here to attend the funeral of his father, who died last week at Waudby, in his 85th year.

Mrs. Wm. Wall, of Kitchener, advises us that there was no insurance on their barn and stable, destroyed by fire two weeks ago. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Miss Whitmore lost a purse a few days ago, and advertises it in this issue. It contained nearly \$20 in cash, and is too much to lose, and we hope it will fall into honest hands and be returned to the proper owner. We are sorry to think there are people so constituted that they would never think of returning found money. It is our firm belief that such people will never prosper, and it is a poor type of character who enjoys present prosperity at the expense of a guilty conscience for the rest of his life. If you found the purse and are tempted to keep it, don't yield. Give it back.

Miss Blyth, of Varney, received a letter recently from her brother, Pte. Cecil Blyth, who is still in England, being too young for transfer to the trenches. He tells of his experiences, and expresses a desire to be in action and win the Victoria Cross. He has had experience in nearly every line except the flying corps, and he could get into that if he wished to, but he has no hankering. The letter was from Shoreham-by-the-Sea, and dated July 20 and reached here on August 10. He received a couple of parcels, to which he refers, and with particular pleasure to a parcel received from the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid. He is well, and enjoying himself.

TRAVERTON

Every cellar is loaded with wild raspberry "jam".

Mr. O. Heffernan of Marden took a car load of heavy feeders from Glenelg on Friday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Boyce, of Crawford, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Timmins the first of the week.

Miss Muriel Beaton arrived home some days ago from Toronto, where she had been employed in a munition factory.

Thos. McNally, Jr., passed away on Monday morning at his home in Holland township, after a sickness of a few months' duration. He was the second eldest son of Mr. Thos. McNally, of the 8th concession. He was twice married, and is survived by his widow and a family of small children. Tom was born near Zion about 50 years ago, and grew to be one of the tallest men in the township. He was of a quiet, retiring disposition, honest and upright in his dealings and a most obliging neighbor. The funeral takes place on Wednesday to Berkeley cemetery. Mr. George McNally of Meaford was with his brother before his death, and all the members of the family are showing much thoughtfulness and kindness.

The memorial service in Zion on Sunday afternoon for W. R. Falkingham, was a fine tribute to the dead hero. The church was filled to overflowing, many being present from Orchard, Varney, Durham, Markdale and all points of the township and adjacent ones. Rev. E. S. Moyer's remarks were especially appropriate and appreciative. Willie grew from childhood to lusty youth in the neighborhood, and was ever the kind, courteous, manly, thoughtful lad, with a winning personality that won him the esteem of old and young. Deep is the sympathy felt for the parents, brothers and sisters, in the sore bereavement.

John McGillivray, a pioneer son of Glenelg, was laid to rest in Zion's Acre on Monday afternoon, having passed away late on Saturday evening at the home of his sister, Mrs. Andrew Ford, in town. He was born on lot 18, concession 3, N. D.R., 59 years ago, and spent most of his life on the old homestead. In 1900, he wedded Miss Gracie McNally, and to them were born two children, a girl, and a bright boy, Johnnie, now rapidly growing into youth. The former died when two years of age, and after five years of happy wedded life, the mother was laid away by her side. So John was left alone, and grieved sorely for his mate. He was an honest, upright man, deeply religious, and most obliging. During his illness of two months, he was tenderly nursed and cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Ford. The funeral service was conducted in the home by the Rev. Mr. Wylie, and the Rev. E. S. Moyer, the latter officiating at the grave as well.

Among those from a distance present were: Miss Minnie McLean, a niece, of Priceville; Mrs. (Capt.) J. McGillivray, of Toronto, sister-in-law, whose husband is overseas as chaplain with a battalion; and quite a number of friends from Durham.

CORNER CONCERNS

Pte. Earl Meade was home from the training camp over Sunday.

Miss Mabel Meade, accompanied by her friend, Miss Brennan, came up from Toronto a week ago to spend a short holiday.

Mrs. J. Poole, son John, and little Miss Margaret, of Buffalo, who have been spending the past week in our home, will be joined by daddy this Thursday night.

Messrs. Jas. Ritchie and W. Williams are putting a new roof on our house at present.

Messrs. Thos. Tucker and Joe Lennox had their barns fitted out with lightning rods last week.

Harvesting is now in full swing, and crops are exceptionally good, and the newly-seeded meadows are most satisfactory. In fact, it is a rare thing to see every kind of crop so good and promising.

Roy Lawrence, with his steam thrasher, is again at work, and wheat and barley are both turning out well.

Mr. Tom Wilson's berry patch has been a lively hive for the past fortnight. Hundreds of dollars' worth of berries have been taken from it. In fact, it might be said "Tom is feeding a multitude, although he does not profess to be a worker of miracles."

It is often said the young men of to-day could not cut the crops by hand the same as their fathers did when the land was new, but it was clearly proved last week that such is not the case, when three of our stalwarts entered into some new land hay. But pshaw! what is the use of us saying they cut three fields that day in time for an early supper, as no person knows now how much they should have cut.

Our garden party on the 14th was

a decided success, from every point of view. The program consisted of instrumental music by Mr. Troy, of Orchard, on bag-pipes and violin; singing by the choir, also duets by Mesdames Mack and McFadden, and by the Misses M. Mead and Florence Kerr, and Miss Gertrude Lawrence. For her solos, got rapt applause. Recitations were given by Mrs. Jos. Lennox and Miss Rita Barbour. The Chronicle editor, in his bright, pointed remarks, was much appreciated, and Pte. McGraw, who went to Europe with the second contingent, and spent many months in the trenches and carried away 35 pieces of shrapnel, was very interesting, both in his address, and in private conversation. Rev. Mr. Dymond proved himself a tactful chairman. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. Proceeds at the gate, \$27.10. The booth did a rushing business.

EDGE HILL

Rev. Mr. Moyer held a prayer-meeting in the Grange Hall on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Firth and family, of London, are visiting this week with his mother, Mrs. D. Firth.

Mr. Wm. Morrison is having his fall wheat threshed to-day, Tuesday. Mr. R. J. McGillivray is doing the work.

Mr. W. G. Firth has purchased a new Massey-Harris fertilizer drill.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Firth and family are returning Friday of this week to their home in Lindsay, after a pleasant holiday with relatives here.

Miss Ethel Anderson is enjoying a visit with friends at Bunnissan.

Mr. J. H. Smith of Bentinck has completed the building of a 12x30 concrete silo for W. J. Ritchie.

Mr. W. G. Firth was over to Markdale with a load of hogs, for which he received over \$380.

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie, when their oldest daughter, Miss Emma, became the bride of Mr. Nelson McGuire of Egremont.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Whaley in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The happy young couple will commence home-making at once on the groom's fine farm in Egremont. We extend our best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life.

HAMPDEN

(Intended for last week.)

Miss Dora Wilfred and Mr. Crowthers motored from Welland to visit with relatives here.

Miss Sarah Fulton is spending a few days at Galt.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Mearns is under the weather at present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Laidlaw are spending a pleasant holiday with friends in this part.

Misses Barbara and Bella Byers, of Boston, are visiting their brother Mr. James Byers.

Mrs. Henderson, and Mrs. Corbett, of the south line, Bentinck, have gone west, to visit their numerous relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings have returned to their home in Toronto, after spending a number of weeks with the Sharp family.

Mrs. Clemens and Miss Hattie Byers are visiting relatives in Welland.

Misses Isabel Marshall and Isabel Fulton, and Dora Crowthers, and Messrs. Andy and Bert Marshall, motored to see their friend, Miss Binnie, on Sunday last.

A very successful garden party was held on the lawn of Mr. Thos. Young, a large crowd being in attendance. A baseball match was played between Knox and Hampden, resulting 3-5 in favor of Knox. A fine program was also given, consisting of solos by Misses Winnie Blyth of Varney, and Katie Kerr, and Messrs. Jas. Park and Alex. Cooper; recitations by Misses Sarah Fulton, Evelin McLean, Neila Marshall of Knox church, and Mr. D. Gilmour. A pretty flag drill was given by nine school girls. The speakers were Dr. Mearns, of Hanover, and Mr. Jacklin, and Mr. McLean was chairman. The booth was well patronized. The proceeds of the evening amounted to \$56, and will go to the Red Cross.

Master Newton Clark of Durham, is spending the holidays with his uncle, Mr. John Henry.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. A. Marshall, of Durham, in the loss of her fine barn on the old homestead. To rebuild nowadays, with prices soaring away up, is an expensive affair.

If Well Located.

An advertisement is like an electric fan; just keep it going and people are sure to get wind of it.

DARKIES' CORNERS

Miss Alice Parslow, nurse, of St. Paul, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, and son, Noble, of Boothville, Mr. and Mrs. John Parslow, of Swinton Park and Mrs. Jas. Parslow and two children, of Vancouver, were visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins.

Mr. Cecil Cushnie, of Toronto, spent a few days last week with Mrs. C. Ritchie.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lindsay visited Bentinck friends on Sunday.

Mrs. Rabt. Whitmore, of town, spent Sunday at her home in the burg.

A number from No. 9 attended the garden party at Varney.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hopkins, Miss Millie, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Lyons, Milverton, and Mrs. C. Allen, Toronto, motored to Camp Borden on Sunday and enjoyed the outing.

A number in this neighborhood are threshing wheat and barley, which is of a first-class sample.

The Red Cross workers met at the home of Mrs. Wes Arnett on Friday. Besides the knitting done, 13 khaki shirts were cut, and a collection of \$2.45 taken up. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sam Patterson, August 31st.

ABERDEEN

The Aberdeen Red Cross workers sent 35 pairs of socks to the monthly packing at Mulock for last month.

Miss Catharine O'Neil is improving slowly.

Miss Annie Smith left on Tuesday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Byers, in the west.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Milligan visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ashley, Sunday.

Messrs. Roy and Stirling Lamb visited Mr. Fred Torry on Sunday.

Mr. George Miller has treated himself to a new Deering binder this summer.

HAMPDEN

Although it is quite a while since the garden party, we might say that it passed off quite successfully. There was a large crowd, and the gate receipts amounted to about \$46. In a baseball game between Knox and Hampden, the score was 5-3 in favor of Knox.

Rev. Mr. McLean is again taking charge of his congregation, after two weeks' holidays.

Mrs. Robinson is at present visiting at her son, David's.

The hay, wheat and barley crop is harvested, and a few are cutting oats.

There were a number took advantage of the record price for hogs.

Not Warned.

Jimmy had not come up to his father's expectations at school.

"Why is it that you are at the bottom of the class?"

"I can't see that it makes any difference whether I am at the top or the bottom; they teach just the same at both ends."

FALL FAIR DATES

The following is a list of the dates of Fall Fairs in this vicinity. If you are going to attend any of them, cut this list out and keep it for reference:

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| Barrie | Sept. 17-19 |
| Chatsworth | Sept. 13, 14 |
| Chesley | Sept. 18, 19 |
| Clarksburg | Sept. 18, 19 |
| Collingwood | Sept. 19-21 |
| Durham | Sept. 20, 21 |
| Desboro | Sept. 20, 21 |
| Dundalk | Oct. 11, 12 |
| Faversham | Oct. 2, 3 |
| Flesherton | Thanksgiving Day |
| Hanover | Sept. 20, 21 |
| Holstein | Sept. 26 |
| Kilsyth | Oct. 4, 5 |
| Kemble | Sept. 27, 28 |
| London (Western Fair) | Sept. 7-15 |
| Lion's Head | Oct. 4, 5 |
| Markdale | Oct. 9, 19 |
| Meaford | Sept. 27, 28 |
| Orangeville | Sept. 18, 19 |
| Owen Sound | Sept. 11-13 |
| Paisley | Sept. 25, 26 |
| Port Elgin | Sept. 19, 20 |
| Priceville | Oct. 4, 5 |
| Rocklyne | Oct. 4, 5 |
| Shelburne | Sept. 25, 26 |
| Tara | Oct. 2, 3 |
| Toronto (C.N.E.) | Aug 25-Sept. 10 |
| Walter's Falls | Sept. 25, 26 |
| Warton | Sept. 25, 26 |

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OIL PROSPECTS IMPROVING

(Flesherton Advance.)

The oil men have been trying to pump out the Karstedt oil well this week. Owing to the wet season, this well has contained about 20 feet of water all summer. Three pumps and a gasoline engine were employed Monday and it took a day to get the well down within 13 inches of the bottom. Then a slight accident to the pumps stopped operations for a time, and within half an hour there was six feet of water again in the well. The water gave unmistakable evidence that oil would still flow if the water in the well could be kept down.

The drill on the Lever farm was down over a thousand feet Saturday, and oil signs were increasing. They are now in the Hudson shale. At present, operations are stopped for a few days, waiting for longer connections.

The Midland outfit stopped their driller a fortnight ago, and are putting in a heavier and faster outfit.

Homeseekers' Excursions

Every Monday till October 29th.
LOW FARES FROM TORONTO TO

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| Albreds | 354.00 |
| Athabasca | 48.50 |
| Edmonton | 47.00 |
| Stettler | 47.00 |
| Canora | 38.75 |
| North Battleford | 43.75 |
| Regina | 40.50 |
| Forward | 40.25 |
| Saskatoon | 42.25 |
| Dauphin | 37.75 |
| Lucerne | 53.00 |
| Calgary | 47.00 |
| Camrose | 46.75 |
| Hanna | 46.00 |
| Rosetown | 43.50 |
| Yorkton | 39.25 |
| Moose Jaw | 41.00 |
| Prince Albert | 43.50 |
| Brandon | 37.00 |
| Winnipeg | 35.00 |

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DURHAM MARKET

Corrected August 23rd

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| Wheat | 2 25 |
| Oats | 65 |
| Peas | 2 00 to 2 00 |
| Barley | 1 00 |
| Hay | 8 00 to 10 00 |
| Butter | 30 |
| Eggs | 37 |
| Live hogs | 18 25 |
| Hides | 18 |
| Sheepskins | 1 00 to 2 50 |
| Tallow | 7 |
| Lard | 20 |

FIELD CROP COM

The field crop crop took place on Tuesday day of this week, as stood as follows:
W. L. Dixon, 90 1/2; 90; Alex. Grierson, 8 Park, Jr., 88; Wilber Dan. Edge, 85 1/2; Mat S. B. Strothers, of the judge.

EXAMINATION

The following is a candidates who pass Departmental examination the Durham high school allowed the examination engaging in farm work, said that these candidates examination of son, and in lieu of a full pass standing, is the list:

Form III Entrance examination—C Ursie Matheson, Rust Special Examination work—Glenna Campbell, Lorne R. Campbell, Ross Malmid, Ma Irene McLean, Howard vna Mortley, Linda Junior Matriculated, Lorne R. Campbell, Lorne R. Campbell, Matriculated, McGirr, Howard McArthur.

Report of Bunnissan