

**DURHAM CHRONICLE**

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**BEAUTIFY THE TOWN**

Last week we suggested the wisdom of tree planting as a means of beautifying a town as well as adding to its value. We suggested fifty trees or more for a start. Surely this is not too much to expect of a town of fifteen hundred. If fifty of the boys of the "teen" age undertake to plant and care for one tree each they will shortly enjoy the fruits of their labor. All that is needed is to make a start. The whole of the planting can be done in a single day and the care afterwards will be a small task. It would be well to have trees planted along the streets and where practicable in front of the planters' homes. It isn't likely the trees will all grow but with proper care a large percentage will live and prosper. We would ask the co-operation of the teachers in our High and Public Schools to get the boys interested. The start is half the battle and once boys are interested it is marvellous to see how they do things. But there's more than tree planting. The care of lawns, back yards and boulevards, are additional needs in the beautification of a home, whether in town or country. The most elaborate structure will look shabby in neglected surroundings, while the humblest home will be cheerful when surrounded by trees and flowers. There is no use denying that too many of us are careless and indifferent about the appearance of our homes and the writer acknowledges his guilt to being one of the number.

Paint is costly; so is lumber. The use of paint saves lumber and the expense of a carpenter to make repairs caused by the want of paint. To paint is a matter of economy and in addition to its economic value it makes for attractiveness and beauty. Paint saves the surface, whether put on by yourself, your wife, your daughter, or by a professional brush hander; use more paint. It is cheaper than lumber.

So far, we have been dealing chiefly with the outsides of our homes and their surroundings, duties of the individual citizens. These in particular strike the eye of the traveller and give him his first impressions. Of course we must presuppose the existence of good streets, or the tourist in his car will lose sight of everything else if obliged to devote his whole time to watch the humps and hollows of an ill-kept road. The up-keep of the roads is a charge on the Council in which the whole town should have an interest. We leave this for the present.

**CRISP COMMENT**

Speaking of a sense of humor, how about that of the man who called them the building trades?—Life.

Real monotony is what comes to the wife who finally succeeds in reforming her husband.—Great Bend Tribune.

If you expect a tired business man to do any digging you will have to give him a golf club.—New York Tribune.

Canada has coal enough for 35,000 years, but seldom enough for one year.—Toronto Globe.

The Allies are constrained to regard the German denial of ability to pay up as all boche.—New York Tribune.

A court has ruled that a jewsharp is not a musical instrument. Justice may be blind but she's not deaf.—Arkansas Gazette.

We are not in favor of getting the coal miners and operators together. Our coal bills are high enough now.—Columbia Record.

Why didn't Mr. Harding transfer Secretary Davis to the Post Office Department and make Mr. Work the Secretary of Labor?—New York Tribune.

"Whiskey spotters are not popular," says the Port Hope Guide. They seldom are with the men "spotted" anyway.—Orillia Packet.

Michigan woman candidate says she would rather wash dishes than play politics. Even if she wouldn't it makes a good campaign slogan.—Springfield News.

Again we confess that we shall never seem to kill each other as joyously as they used to kill the British constabulary.—Columbia Record.

**Let Him Sue For It**

In 1887 a man named George Jones borrowed \$100 from one Henry R. Stewart at 10 per cent, interest compounded monthly. Stewart is now suing him for the principal and interest amounting to \$304,840,322,665.16. If we were in Mr. Jones' place we wouldn't pay it, says Hugh Clark in The Kincardine Review

**20 YEARS AGO**

From The Chronicle File of April 17, 1922.

Men's plow boots, laced, at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 at Grant's.

The old Chronicle office beside the skating rink is being converted into a dwelling by the owner, Mr. W. D. Connor.

Rev. T. De Witt Talmadge died in Washington on Saturday last at the age of 70 years.

Work has commenced on Mr. Jas. Redford's house on Bruce Street.

John Findlay, a resident of Osprey, a man about 50 years of age, died in the Seldon House, Owen Sound, by asphyxiation from gas and previous lung trouble, according to verdict given at the inquest. As there are alleged financial difficulties as well as family troubles, suicide was hinted.

We learn that Mr. Robert Scott had a serious time since going to the Normal School at Ottawa, having been obliged to spend time in the hospital on account of illness.

The People's Mill is now in first-class order. A short time ago a lot of new and up-to-date machinery was added and a new chopper installed.

Mr. Donald McDonald, whose death we mentioned last week, was born in Mull, Scotland, 67 years ago.

He came to this country in 1845 and in 1864 was married by Rev. Mr. Stewart to Miss Flora Campbell, daughter of the late John Campbell of Owen Sound. The union resulted in a large family, of whom six sons and two daughters survive. The sons are: John and Neil, of Owen Sound; Alex., of Ayr; Allan, of Scotland; Dan.; Archie, in Normanby, and Ont., in Durham. The daughters are: Maggie, now living in Detroit, and Mrs. W. M. Lawson, just out of town. Rev. Mr. Newton conducted the funeral on Wednesday of last week.

The National Portland Cement Co. is advertising for 50 laborers, to whom good wages is promised. There are about 180 on the job now. The two big 750 horsepower engines are being unloaded. The slating on the power-house is now in progress.

Married.—At the Lutheran Church, Hanover, on Wednesday, April 9, by Rev. Mr. Twitmeyer, Mr. Charles Teager to Miss Dora Ries, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ries, of the Knapp House, Durham.

Married.—At the Methodist parsonage, on Tuesday evening, April 15, by Rev. Wray R. Smith, Mr. S. H. Firth to Miss Minnie Fox.

Mr. W. L. Falkingham has a ewe that gave birth to four lambs all of which are alive. They totalled a weight of 40 pounds at birth.—Traverston cor.

The roads are so bad that our local caricaturist, Mr. Pat. Ryan, says he would have to dip his crayons into the ink pots of the infernal regions to be able to portray the intense expressions on the countenances of those who have lately travelled over them.—Traverston cor.

**THAT LITTLE DAM**

One is not profane who "doesn't give a dam." A dam was a small Hindu coin at a time when the English came to India. The phrase sprang into use to signify that a matter was of no consequence. The term "tinker's dam," also, is not to be spelled "damn." It is a piece of coarse cloth used by a tinsmith to hold hot solder from running. The phrase "not worth a rap" is likewise numismatic in origin. For a rap was an Irish copper coin issued early in the eighteenth century to supply a long-felt want for small money. Nominally it was worth a half penny but its metal was so thin and base that it never passed for more than a farthing.

**A Postponed Repentance.**

He went to a revival meeting and was pressed to repent. He wavered for a time and finally arose and said, "Friends, I want to repent and tell how bad I have been, but I don't do it when the grand jury is in session."

"The Lord will forgive," the revivalist shouted.

"Probably he will," answered the sinner, "but he ain't on that grand jury."

**IS IT THE HYDRO OR THE U.F.O.**  
(Flesherton Advance.)

There is really not much that is new about the development of Pheasant Island at Eugenia. The promoters are still silent as to their identity. We do not yet know whether to class it as a Hydro or U.F.O. movement. The manager—the pheasant expert—is, we believe, a native of London, England, by the name of Johnston. This gentleman has, we are informed, been down south for a couple of weeks—presumably in Georgia—also presumably looking for new museum attractions or monstrosities.

As we have remarked, it is not yet known whether to credit the development of Pheasant Island to the Hydro or the U.F.O. No matter which, it is paid for out of the public money and the public should know who is milking it. If the game and fisheries department, the thing is financed by the whole province; if the Hydro, it is paid for by the users of Eugenia power.

Where is Pheasant Island? Well, it is an area of about 50 acres brought into being as an island by the Hydro development of Eugenia, and lies on the east side of the big pond at Eugenia, just a mile and a quarter east of the village, and across the water.

The Hydro made a park in the village a few years ago, built a nice pavilion and strung the park with lights. Although this was all paid for by the system there was no kick coming, because Eugenia was entitled to this consideration and more. They also should have had the pheasantry established in this park. Instead, it is perched on an island a mile and a quarter away and utterly inaccessible to sight-seers.

Incidentally we might say that for two or three years the cost of lighting the Eugenia Park was charged up to the village of Flesherton alone, instead of to the whole system, until finally our village council made the Hydro come across with a refund. Flesherton feels that it has been hardly used by Hydro, just as have many other places, and also feels that it has been leaning on a broken reed when it expected Hydro to act fairly. There are also some other instances we could name where this concern has acted in a manner that makes the word "unfairly" a weak term.

However, if Hydro is not guilty of adding this pheasantry and animal show to our expense account, the U. F. O. Government must be held responsible, and here is a way of getting after them. We have repeatedly heard the member for South Grey state almost fearfully that he was extremely desirous of "keeping in touch" with his constituents. Recently, The Advance has been giving him a few touches, but so far without result. We put it more bluntly: Will Mr. Leeson kindly let us know who is responsible for the investment, and what amount it is proposed to spend; also what the upkeep, including salaries, is likely to be.

**MAY COME BACK AGAIN**  
(Orillia Packet.)

The withdrawal of the British from Egypt closes a fine chapter in British history. In the forty years since they took over the administration of the country, they have done much to improve the finances, to better the lot of the common people and to introduce order and justice. Great public works have been carried out, such as the Assouan Dam, for adding to the fertility of what is naturally one of the most fertile districts in the world. Cotton growing has been introduced and has reached large proportions. Whether the native government can maintain the improvement, and lead the country to a still higher plane, or whether Egypt will revert to the position of political chaos, bankruptcy and tyranny which characterized it when the British took over the administration remains to be seen. If they succeed, it will be evidence that the Eastern peoples are regaining their power to govern, and their sense of public spirit which for centuries has been sunk beneath corruption and selfishness. It will not be a great surprise to see the British back at Alexandria once more.

**COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES MAY 1**

The County Good Roads Committee met in Durham on Wednesday and talked over the matter of roads. It is found that at the present time roads that have not been rebuilt during the past few years are in a very bad condition, due, one member said, to heavy trucks and autos being driven over the roads before the roads were dry and hard. One member of the committee suggested that trucks and heavy busses should not be allowed to use the roads except during stated months of the year, except on certain designated roads that would be in a condition to stand the traffic.

It will probably be May 1 before any real construction work will commence on any of the County Roads. On the Meaford Road a considerable amount of rock will be crushed before this month is out to take care of the construction east of Woodford.

Most of the construction through St. Vincent will be of gravel, an excellent gravel pit having been secured on the 9th line. It is expected that rapid progress will be made on the unfinished part of the road between Meaford and the town line of St. Vincent and Sydenham. This road is at present in a very bad condition, according to Mr. Emerson Brown, one of the members of the committee.

There are no changes in the road foremen in the northern part of the county but in the south there have been a number of changes.

**NEW REGULATIONS SUGGESTED**  
(Mildmay Gazette.)

Mr. Joseph Lobsinger, mail courier on R.R. 4, Mildmay, is making a suggestion, which, if acted upon by all subscribers, will be very much in the interests of safety and convenience. Mr. Lobsinger suggests that all mail boxes be placed on the right side of the road, in order to avoid collisions with automobiles in the summer time and to make it easier to turn out in the winter. The mail courier's job is not a very pleasant one, and the subscribers will no doubt assist Mr. Lobsinger in this matter.

**SWAMP WHISKEY IN NORTH**  
(Warton Canadian-Echo.)

How long are the intelligent, decent citizens of this district going to allow swamp whiskey to be sold in our midst? It is sold here—for that matter it is sold all over Ontario. It is poison just as deadly as strychnine. Ask any doctor if he would advise the use of it for a patient under any condition. In spite of this it is sold. This must be stopped. The

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