

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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SAVE ONTARIO'S FORESTS

It is appalling to learn of our annual fire losses and it makes the grievance none the less to know that much of it is the result of carelessness. Never a season passes but we learn of destruction of our timber areas, in which millions of dollars' worth of property are destroyed. The careless camper who leaves a few smouldering embers needs only the assistance of a breeze to set the forest aflame. A few minutes at the proper time would avert the calamity and save millions for the benefit of the people, and of posterity.

A lighted match, a cigar stub, or a cigarette stub may cause an equal loss and in each case the loss is the result of carelessness.

The loss of private property through carelessness or any other cause falls heaviest upon the owner or the insurance companies that may perchance have assumed the risk. The national loss, however, is none the less, and the country as a whole will be the poorer. Every block of public land denuded of its timber by fire makes the sum total of our timber that much the less, and being scarcer, it will necessarily become dearer to those who have to buy. The destruction of our national timber wealth is a loss to all individually and it therefore behooves us all to use every means in our power to avert a public waste by fire or by any other cause.

A year ago the writer passed through a long stretch of New Ontario and for hour after hour saw nothing on either side but burned timber areas. The loss was incalculable, and this through carelessness, will be augmented from year to year.

The Government, through advertising, is warning the public to be careful and to avert further destruction to life and property. Individual carelessness is often the result of individual losses, and care and forethought in each is equally necessary.

By reading the advertisements now appearing in The Chronicle, timely hints will be found that will save the timber areas that we look upon as such a valuable asset. They are ours, and should be protected against loss through carelessness or neglect. Read in last week's advertisement the timely "Donts" and observe them. Read also the "typical cases picked at random from last year's Fire Rangers' Reports." If all exercise the care they should, millions of dollars will be saved annually from destruction of our forests by fires carelessly started.

BEAUTIFYING WALKERTON

We were in Walkerton Sunday to attend the Decoration ceremony by the Odd Fellows, and a word about the appearance of the Bruce County Capital will not be amiss. Up to recently, the main street was not in keeping with the residential parts but the paving last year has given it a decidedly improved appearance. From this side of the railway crossing the business street is paved to the show ground, a distance of about a mile, and no town or city we know of can boast of a better street. This year the paving program will be extended and the contract is let to add about another mile in connecting the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific stations. What has already been done, together with this year's addition, will place Walkerton on the map and make people sit up and talk about it.

Another pleasing feature, one that struck us very forcibly, is the hundreds of beautiful shade trees, with which the streets are lined in all the residential parts. They are mostly maple, large and thrifty, and provide a delightful shade for pedestrians on the sidewalks as well as vehicles on the centre of the streets.

We commend the citizens for their taste and think other towns might learn a lesson from Walkerton. Though the streets generally are beautiful because of their many shade trees, we saw nothing to equal the beauty of our own Bruce street, and only wish, as we have often preached, that Durham would become more interested in the planting of shade trees. Nature has done much for us in giving us the hills, the valleys and the water, but much remains for us to do in completing the work and increasing the beauty of the place by planting more trees.

THE ALL-HOME PRINT WEEKLY
Over twenty years ago The Chronicle first appeared as an all-home print newspaper. At the time, and for many years later, we had the only all-home print in the County

outside of Owen Sound. We knew it would cost us more, but we felt that full control of our own sheet put us in a position to give better service to our readers, as well as to our advertisers. At times, and especially during the war when help was hard to get, we felt it would be a matter of economy to go back to the patent inside, but "going back" looked like a retrograde step, and we couldn't bear the thought of retrogression. Moreover, while we referred to the paper frequently as an all-home production, we never heard an exchange putting forth a plea of superiority on the ground of carrying a "patent" inside. We stayed with the job, and of late we find others in the trail we blazed over twenty years ago. Though occasional changes to all-home print papers have been made of late, yet only one other in the county, outside of Owen Sound, has taken the advanced step.

20 YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of July 10, 1902.

While excavating for the new stores, a mountain ash tree on the boundary between Mr. Mockler's and Mrs. Hunter's was undermined and fell into the excavation. Mr. Mockler claimed \$50 for the tree, but as Mr. Hunter thought this too high, the matter was left to arbitration and fixed at \$30, each paying half costs. The total cost to Mr. Hunter was \$41.

The Methodist Church is being cleaned and beautified by Mr. C. Elvidge.

The Mount Forest Confederate has again changed hands, Mr. Wright, formerly of Turnbull & Wright, of Guelph, having purchased it from the Kennedy Bros.

A very pretty wedding took place on July 2 at 4:30 p.m., at Bonnie View, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Byers, Hampden, when their youngest daughter, Amelia H., was united in marriage with Mr. James G. Collinson, of Hamilton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Farquharson in the presence of about fifty guests.

A very sad happening occurred here on Sunday afternoon in the drowning of two brothers, John and George Gregson, young Englishmen in the neighborhood, of twenty-two to twenty-five years of age. The accident occurred in what is known as "Moffat's Hole," a treacherous portion of the river just in the rear of the agricultural grounds, receiving its name from the fact that a man named Moffat was drowned in the same place about 45 years ago. Thirty-eight years ago last 24th of May, according to our information, Lachlan McKinnon, brother of Mr. Allan McKinnon of Upper Town, and a young man named Knowles, were upset from a boat and drowned in the same place. The drowning of the Gregson brothers may be briefly told as follows: A number of young men and boys were in bathing or swimming Sunday afternoon, the unfortunate men being mere onlookers. It is said that neither of the two could swim, though some say one of them could swim a little. The truth will remain a mystery, as there was no one present and nothing was known till Sunday evening, when the two suits were found on the river bank. Search was made all Sunday night, all day Monday, and not till 11 o'clock Tuesday forenoon had the search party met with any success. About half-past eleven the body of Jack, the younger brother, was brought to the surface and taken ashore. The fire engine was brought over and a heavy stream forced into the river, but without success till about 6 o'clock, when the second body was secured. Undertakers Kress and Lenahan took charge of the bodies and preparations were made to give them a decent burial. Interment in Durham cemetery took place Thursday, when Revs. Ryan, Farquharson, Smith and McGregor took part in the service. Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing relatives in England, whose location is known only from a letter from a sister in one of the young men's pockets. Willie Lavelle was the first to discover a body in the bottom of the river.

To Parents

OPEN a Savings Account in this Bank for each child the year it is born. Make small deposits regularly, and when college days come, the requisite funds are ready, and the education will not be a drain on the family purse.



THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

TOTAL ASSETS OVER EIGHTY-THREE MILLIONS
Durham Branch, John Kelly, Manager.
Branches also at Priceville and Williamsford.

EGREMONT COUNCIL

Council met June 27, members all present; minutes adopted. The reports given in detail by the Commissioners re the amount of money expended in their respective divisions for road improvement showed that Comr. Groat expended \$257.55, fees \$5.00; Comr. Allan \$495.48, fees and work \$18.00; Comr. Wilson, \$666.27, fees \$12.00; Comr. McDougald, \$576.05 fees and work \$21.00.

Allan—McDougald—That four road drags be purchased from the Canada Ingot Iron Company, Guelph, at a cost of \$19.50 each.—Carried.

McDougald—Wilson—That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of John McMurdo, Street Commissioner, Dromore, amounting to \$46.00, being commutation money for 1922.—Carried.

Dr. G. M. Leeson, M.P.P., waited upon the Council in reference to the extra indemnity granted him as a member of Parliament, stating that he was willing to give the Council a cheque for the amount this municipality was entitled to.

Groat—Allan—That owing to the high cost of living and the many calls made on our representatives in Parliament, we consider it not advisable to accept any portion of the extra indemnity granted to our member, Dr. Leeson.—Carried.

Wilson—McDougald—That the County Treasurer be instructed to erase from his books the taxes appearing against Pt. Lot 25, Con. 18, also Pt. Lot 25, Con. 17.—Carried.

McDougald—Wilson—That in reference to the communication to the Chatham City Council re the Adolescent School Attendance Act, that this Council take no action in the matter.—Carried.

The following names were added to the Assessment Roll:

Eiiza Evans and Charles Evans, tenants Pt. Lot 22, Con. 3; Cecil Alchison, farmer's son, Lot 16, Con. 17; J. C. Harrison, tenant, Lot 10, Con. 22; Thomas Harrison, Jr., farmer's son, Pt. 14, Con. 22; May Moore, owner, Lot N11, Con. 20; Agnes Marshall, owner, Lot 3, Con. 2.

McDougald—Wilson—That the Court of Revision now close and that the Assessment Roll as now revised be finally passed.—Carried.

Wilson—McDougald—That Deputy Reeve Allan and the Clerk wait upon the Council of Normanby Township at their next meeting for the purpose of adjusting accounts between the two townships, the Clerk to notify the Clerk of Normanby Township to this effect.—Carried.

Allan—McDougald—That a grant of \$100 be given for the purpose of improving Gillies' hill, which is considered to be in a dangerous condition for public travel, Comr. Groat agreeing to supplement the grant out of his appropriation.—Carried.

McDougald—Groat—In reference to the road known as the Cement Road, that a grant of \$100 be given to Dr. Jamieson on the condition that an agreement be drawn up and duly signed to the effect that the road be kept open for public travel, also that the township assumes no responsibility whatever in connection with the maintenance of said road or of any accidents that might happen thereon.—Carried.

Groat—Wilson—That the fees owing to the witnesses attending in the suit Filshie vs Township of Egremont be paid.—Carried.

Wilson—McDougald—That the following accounts be paid:

Municipal World, for dog tags, \$15.45; J. Noble, repairs to grader, 90c.; A. McInnes, burying dead animal, 50c.; Reeve, delivering Rolls, \$8.00, postage, telephoning, and commission work, \$5.30; Treasurer, half year's salary, \$75.00, postage, exchange and orders, \$4.98; Clerk, half year's salary, \$200.00, postage and telephoning, \$14.09, delivering Rolls, \$4.00; B. Gibson, use of room, \$2.00; members of Council, attendance and mileage, \$18.90.—Carried.

Council adjourned to meet Monday July 17, for general business.
—David Allan, Clerk.

An airman when buying a parachute to jump from an airplane, several thousand feet up in the air, asked: "Will you guarantee this parachute to open instantly?"
Salesman—"Absolutely. If it does not, come back and we will refund your money."

Priceville.

(Our own correspondent.)
From Friday evening to Saturday afternoon we had 17 hours of rain, coming down quietly, but steadily, and giving the earth a good soaking. A considerable quantity of sweet clover has been cut and harvested for fodder, in good condition in this neighborhood.

Quite a lot of shovellers had to withdraw last week from the County road work in order to get the hay crop saved.

The directors of the new public cemetery hope to see as many as possible of the plottolders and others interested in the cemetery attend the meeting called for Friday evening, July 7, in the Presbyterian Church basement.

George Rutherford, Esq., and Mr. and Mrs. D. Hetherington of Shelburne, motored up on Saturday evening of last week, made a short call on friends and returned home.

Dr. R. Watson and wife of Yonge and St. Clair streets, also Harold Watson of the Bank of Commerce, and his wife, all of Toronto, motored up Saturday and remained with friends over the week-end.

Rev. R. J. McCarten moved out of the Parsonage on Thursday of last week. On the evening previous a large delegation from the Women's Institute, and other friends, gathered at the Parsonage. Mr. William Mather was placed in the chair. Mrs. D. McLachlan spoke for a few moments, expressing the loss they felt at the removal of such an active and beloved member as Mrs. McCarten had been, and also, the pastor had been active in every good move and had endeared himself to a host of people in both the church congregations here. The chairman read a nicely worded address and the women presented the worthy pair with a nice couch hammock. The reply was full of love and good feeling for the people of Priceville and vicinity.

The "Quality" Tea

"SALADA"

Annual Sale Exceeds 30 Million Packets

—BLACK, MIXED or GREEN—
Steadfastly Refuse All Substitutes.

The address will likely be published in some of the local papers.

Some people don't know what to name the new baby and some people have a relative who is rich.

A physician says we should eat little during the summer. Well, if gasoline keeps going up, we probably will.

The porch vines should now be dense enough to conceal the hammock from the street light to the corner.

Something New and Very Choice in Suitings Just Been Received

You should see them before placing an order for a suit of clothes. See the cloth, feel it; you can tell just what you are getting and the fit of your suit will always be perfect.

Our stock of Gent's Furnishings is really choice, and our sales are increasing every week. We are showing some Ties that are just the kind the well-dressed man likes.

Just drop in and take a look over some of the choice articles we are offering.

Don't forget that you get the best Hat on the market here.

"OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT"

D. M. SAUNDERS

Gent's Furnisher

Durham, Ont.



Jobs Depend on the Safety of the Forests

RIVER DRIVERS, shanty men, pulp loggers, and all men who work in the lumber woods, on the river or at the mill—get this: Your job depends on keeping forest fires from burning up the bush.

Every time you leave a camp fire or a smudge burning you are taking chances on a forest fire that will do you out of a job. Every time you throw away a burning match or a cigarette, or drop the "heel" of your pipe on the ground, you are taking a chance. In summer time, moss, dead wood, dry leaves or the regular wood-fibre soil of the forest are all ready to burn. Millions of feet of timber and pulp are being burnt up that way every year.

Ontario's forests are not growing fast enough to keep up. Forest fires will do you out of a job if they keep on a few years more. Watch yourself.

Save Ontario's Forests They're Yours

Ontario Forestry Branch, Parliament Buildings, Toronto