

LOST SIGHT OF EYE IN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

Mr. John McLean, Employee of the Durham Stone and Sand Company, Victim in Peculiar and Distressing Accident on Tuesday.

A distressing accident, by which he will lose the sight of one eye, occurred in the yards of the Durham Stone and Sand Company on Tuesday morning, Mr. John McLean being the unfortunate victim.

Mr. McLean is the brakeman on the company's locomotive, but as this is at present away in Stratford shops for repairs, he was working around the yard, principally on the track, where a gang was being repaired, the roadbed for the past few days. It was while driving a spike that the accident happened.

In some manner, during the sledging, a "chip" about the size of a thumb-nail and about one-sixteenth of an inch thick, broke off the sledge, flew through the air and lodged in Mr. McLean's eye. At the time of the accident, Mr. McLean was ten or twelve feet from the scene of activity.

Mr. McLean was taken to Dr. D.B. Jamieson's office and thence to the hospital, where Dr. Jamieson removed the chip, which was firmly imbedded in the optic.

While Mr. McLean will lose the sight of his eye, it is hoped that the whole eye will not have to be removed, as was thought at first. Mr. McLean and family have the sympathy of the community in their trouble.

Just before going to press we learn that the patient, while suffering considerable pain, is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Highway Overseers Have Been Appointed

New Road Beats Mapped Out and New Overseers Appointed.—Resident Engineer Arrived This Week.

Mr. McPherson, the new resident engineer on the Provincial Highway system in this part of Ontario, arrived this week and is already on the job. Mr. McPherson has been here on several occasions previously but has now taken up his residence here. His section of the highway, we understand, comprises from Orangeville to Chatsworth, from Guelph to Owen Sound and from Arthur through to Kincardine. The Department this year, so we are informed, will not do any large amount of road building, but will devote the most of the expenditure to maintenance. We welcome Mr. McPherson to Durham and trust that he may find the town and the citizens congenial and easy to live amongst.

Northward on the highway, by Mr. Charles Mortley has been awarded the overseership from here to Dorchester; southward, Mr. Albert Marshall will have it from Durham to Orchard, and Mr. John Kirby on from Orchard to Mount Forest.

Late Joseph Howey Was Fine Type of Citizen

Funeral Last Thursday of This Popular Bentinck Man Was Largely Attended.—Buried At Chesley.

The funeral of the late Joseph Howey of Bentinck took place on Thursday, April 10, and interment was made at Chesley cemetery. The funeral was largely attended, by friends from far and near, as Mr. Howey was a friend of all and very widely respected.

Mr. Howey took a keen interest in all public affairs, especially in those vital to municipal and educational welfare, which mean so much to any community. He was a staunch conservative in politics and always displayed a broad view on all current events and honest as the moral law. He was a faithful father, a good provider and always enjoyed a social chat with his friends, was a strong believer in live and let live, always ready to help in time of trouble, true to his family and his home. He displayed an almost superhuman vitality to stand through such a strain as he has endured this last six months from cancer and the community will miss a true friend, a good neighbor and a faithful citizen.

Thief Stole Tires and Other Accessories

W. J. Vollett's Car Stripped Some Time Last Winter.

When Mr. W. J. Vollett the grocer went to the barn in which he keeps his car last Sunday morning, he found that some one had been there before him and that his Henrietta Elizabeth was as bare of shoes as a washwoman on a hot summer's morning.

During the winter when motoring was farthest from his mind and his big difficulty seemed to be to keep from getting snowed in, a thief or thieves broke into the stable he used as a garage and helped himself to two tires and rims, a pump, jack, set of chains, a lens and a bulb.

The little joke will cost Mr. Vollett about \$40.00.

We would like those April showers, but not congealed.—Border Cities Star.

A lot of people seem to have enjoyed Home Bank soup, but their table manners were terrible.—Toronto Telegram.

Lacrosse Meeting Held But Little Was Done

Not At All Sure Whether Durham Will Be Represented This Year.

The lacrosse meeting called last Friday night for Ed. Kress's store did not bring out any great enthusiasm, and not more than a dozen of the lacrosse enthusiasts gathered to talk over the situation for the coming summer.

While The Chronicle does not pretend to voice the sentiments of anyone in particular, we believe that the good old national game is as dead in Durham as it very well can be. It is too bad. Lacrosse is a good old game, and is a sport that it takes a real he-man to follow. In the past Durham has had some good teams in the field, but the cornering of the best of the players in Ontario by the Orangeville, Brampton, Weston, and Toronto aggregations, not to say anything of St. Catharines and some other places, has made it hard for the smaller towns to get along. Like Casey in his coffin, towns like Durham, from a lacrosse standpoint, are "all dressed up and no place to go."

Supposing, for instance, that Durham had a real team. Where would the district come from? And the size of the gates usually picked up in the regular district league games is not large enough to have a district that is scattered all over the larger part of this portion of the province. A real good team that has a lot of travelling to do to get a district needs a small-sized mint behind it. Again, supposing they draw a bye, where will a good team get its practice?

Personally, we're sorry to see the old game passing, but with the increase in the price of everything from railroad mileage down to shoestrings, we can see very little hope.

While we understand that it is possible that Durham may be represented this summer, there is not much enthusiasm behind the movement, especially among the businessmen and others outside of the team itself.

Despite what some of the enthusiasts try to make us believe, lacrosse is dying out in Old Ontario, one of the reasons being that it is anything but an amateur sport and the larger towns can afford to pay more than the smaller centres.

Good Program Given at I. O. D. E. Meeting

Local Chapter Held Monthly Meeting Tuesday Night and Enjoyed Good Musical Program After Business.

The monthly meeting of the local Chapter of the I.O.D.E. was held in the High school Tuesday night, and is reported as one of the most successful yet held.

The meeting was a commemoration of the Battle of Ypres, and although the proper date for this would be from April 22-25, the local society had to celebrate it either a little early or wait until the date had passed.

After the business was over, a musical program was given consisting of a solo by Mrs. T. M. McFadden, an instrumental duet by the Misses Hunter and Ramage, a solo by Mrs. (Rev.) Smith and a reading by Miss Browning.

Miss Hunter was the accompanist of the evening. Another pleasing part of the program was a minuet given by seven High school girls. They were Misses Bea Kearney, Florence McCallum, Jean Harding, Miriam Cameron, Dorothy Young, Ila McKechnie and Marjory Pickering, with Miss Katherine Lavelle at the piano. The girls were under the tuition of Miss Weir and the dance was most favorably commented upon.

A paper on "The Battle of Ypres," was also an interesting and instructive feature. It was well written by Miss Mortley of the Public school staff and read by Miss A. C. MacKenzie.

The appointing of delegates to the annual meeting at Hamilton resulted in Mrs. J. M. Burgess and Mrs. J. F. Irwin being selected. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Horse Made Good Time Down Durham's Main St.

Broke Out of Presbyterian Shed and Came Through Main Business Section At Lively Clip With No Damage Done.

Durham's weekly runaway was furnished last Saturday night by a horse belonging to Mr. George Smallman of Normanby, which either became untied or broke out of the Presbyterian shed and started for home at a lively pace.

Going through town, the equine was going as fast as a Ford car and making almost as much noise, and it is a miracle that nobody was run into and hurt. As it was, a Ford coupe driven by Jim Smith of the Smith Bros. Garage had a narrow escape from getting mowed up, but the horse navigated the whole length of the business thoroughfare without a mishap.

Down near McCabe & McLaughlin's garage, the blanket became entangled in the horse's feet and it was easily captured. We understand that there was but very little damage done to horse, harness or rig.

ROADS DRYING UP; MOTORING SOON ON

Few Days More Will See Motoring General in This Part of Ontario.

With a few days more of spring sun, a little warmer than what we have been getting the past week, motoring will be general in this part of Ontario. Motoring for business is possible now, and cars have been in town from Toronto and Guelph, and at least one commercial man is doing this section of the province by motor and called on Durham customers last Monday.

Up to the present, however, it has been anything but a pleasure, with the exception of a very few days, though this condition cannot last very much longer at this season of the year. So far as we have learned, one can go almost any place on the main roads by auto, but it is still pleasant driving with your winter clothes on.

Thousands of Birds at The Jack Miner Farm

Many Visitors From Western Ontario and Detroit See Wonderful Sight.

According to a dispatch last Friday from Kingsville, thousands of wild geese, ducks and swans were to be seen daily on Lake Erie Linden Beach, close to Kingsville. An interesting phase is that the geese are just outside what is known as the bar, while the ducks are closer to shore and the swans are closer, being only a few hundred feet out in the water.

An estimate of the number of swans has shown that at least 1,500 of the birds are at Kingsville each day. The geese are estimated at about 4,000, with about a similar number of ducks.

Four mounted police are on duty along the shore to prevent any hunters from taking a shot at the birds, as that section is a specified sanctuary. Around the Miner farm, not far from town, thousands of the geese and ducks are seen daily, but as yet the swans have not gathered in any number on the water in his ponds, though he has six of the birds which he secured last fall when they went over Niagara Falls and were captured after being badly hurt. They have recovered nicely.

On Sunday hundreds of auto came from all sections of Western Ontario and from Detroit, and it is estimated that several thousand persons saw the wonderful sight of the thousands of wild fowl on the surface of the lake. The fowl were at Kingsville for three or four days at the time of the dispatch last Friday and it is expected that they would be starting on their flight further north within a few days.

The fact that so many swans were seen contradicts the statistical report that only 400 wild swans exist on the American continent.

Mr. Hunt, head of the New York Zoo, was reported on his way to see the swans.

Capital Punishment Sustained by Ottawa

Strong Speeches Made in Support of the Abolition of the Death Penalty.—Miss Macphail of South-East Grey Favored Abolition.

By a vote of 92 to 29 the House of Commons last Saturday defeated a bill providing for the abolition of capital punishment, sponsored by William Irvine, labor member for Calgary East, who spoke in Durham at the last annual meeting of the South-East Grey U. F. O. Political Association.

The bill was in the form of an amendment to the criminal code. Being a private measure, the members of all parties felt at liberty to express themselves freely and the views of the cabinet ministers as well as of the private members were found to be widely at variance. Premier Mackenzie King opposed the bill, while Robert Forke, Progressive leader, and Agnes Macphail, the only woman member of the House, argued against capital punishment. The two representatives of the department of justice, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice, spoke strongly in favor of the retention of the death penalty. Later in the evening, Hon. E. J. Murray, solicitor-general, opposed capital punishment. Hon. G. P. Graham and Hon. T. A. Crerar both made strong speeches in support of the bill. The vote cut across party lines.

Former Durhamite Now Located at Toronto

Will Cover Durham Territory, Representing Ganong Company.

Mr. W. L. Saunders, son of Mr. S. P. Saunders of this place, was in town over the week-end and has been renewing acquaintances of his boyhood days. He was born here and lived under the paternal roof till about nine years ago, when he left and has made his home in Ottawa for the past seven or eight years.

Mr. Saunders is a traveller for Ganong Bros. Limited, of St. Stephen, N.B., manufacturers of fine confectionery. He was recently transferred to Toronto, will work from there in the future, and will be a frequent visitor in a business way to his old home town. Though the past nine or ten years has made changes in his personal appearance, he is looking well. He is a married man and has just taken up residence in the Queen City.

SAMUEL ACHESON DIED IN NORTH DAKOTA

Was Former Resident of Egremont, Where Many Relatives Reside.

Word has just been received at this office of the death on March 17 at Westhope, North Dakota, of Mr. Samuel Acheson, a former resident of Egremont, where he dwelt for a number of years before going West. Mr. Acheson has quite a large connection in this part. He was a brother of Mrs. William Hill, who lives north of Durham on the Provincial Highway, and a half-brother of the late William H. Lee of Egremont. He was also a cousin of the Patterson families in Egremont, and possibly others of whom we have not been informed.

Mr. Acheson's first wife was a Miss Sirrs, who, we believe, was a sister of the late William Sirrs of Egremont, and an aunt of the Sirrs family, now residing at Unity, Sask.

The following obituary is taken from the Westhope, N.D., Standard: "Samuel Acheson was born at Mono Mills, Ontario. He grew to manhood in that province. In 1873 he married Miss Mary Ann Sirrs. Four children, all boys, blessed the union. In 1875 he removed with his family to Morris, Minnesota. He came to Bottineau County, North Dakota, in 1899 and located on a homestead four and a half miles southwest of the present town of Westhope. Mrs. Acheson died in 1904. He was remarried in 1906 to Mrs. Emma Harris, who survives him. He leaves three sons: William, of St. Louis, Mo.; Robert, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and S. J. of Hibbing, Minn. The latter was the only one who was able to be present at the funeral. His son, Alexander, preceded him to the great beyond in 1901.

"For a long time Mr. Acheson had been a sufferer from cancer of the bladder. His suffering was both intense and prolonged, he being reduced to a mere skeleton. But he bore his troubles with great fortitude and with true Christian resignation. By his departure the family circle is bereft of a dear relative and our county suffers the loss of a good citizen."

"Mr. Acheson was a brother of Mr. James Acheson of Westhope and an uncle of the Clerk of our Court, T. D. Acheson.

The funeral took place at the Presbyterian church at Westhope on Thursday, March 20, Rev. Evans conducting services. The remains were interred in the Bottineau cemetery.

SAUGEN PRESBYTERY OBJECTS TO VOTE ON THE O. T. A.

Unanimous Resolution Passed at the Last Meeting of Presbytery.

At the regular meeting of the Presbytery of Saugen at Palmerston on April 8, 1924 the following resolution was adopted:

1. That the Presbytery of Saugen appreciates the difficulties under which the Government labours in its efforts to enforce the provisions of the Ontario Temperance Act.

2. That the Presbytery expresses its firm belief that the beneficial results that have attended the operation of the Ontario Temperance Act in the short time it has been in force is the strongest argument that it should be given more reasonable time, under favourable conditions, to prove its full value as an instrument in curtailing and controlling the liquor traffic.

3. That the Presbytery respectfully requests that a rigid enforcement of the Act be carried out by officers fully in sympathy with its provisions, and that no referendum or plebiscite be taken this year.

4. And further that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier and Attorney General, local members of the Legislature, and the Secretary of the General Assembly's Board of Social Service.

Durham-Palmerston Train Off the Track Tuesday

Arrived Here Three Hours Late, But Departed on Regular Schedule.

The Durham-Palmerston train on the C.N.R. system was held up for three hours Tuesday noon when one of the tender trucks left the track in the Palmerston yard. Instead of arriving here at 11:40 the noon train got in at 2:45, with just enough time left to turn and go out again at 3:45.

There was no one hurt, and very little damage done to even the rolling stock. The principal inconvenience was to morning newspaper subscribers who like to get their papers at noon and pore over them at the dinner-table while wife is reading the riot act because they didn't get home before the potatoes got cold.

Mrs. James Webber Died This Morning

Funeral Will Be Held Saturday Afternoon to Maplewood Cemetery.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. James Webber, of South street, who passed away this morning after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Webber has been an esteemed resident for many years and very highly respected.

We have no particulars, other than the funeral will take place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to Maplewood cemetery.

Methodist Mission Bands Held Interesting Meetings

Senior and Junior Bands Elect Officers for Coming Year and Hold Very Successful Meetings.

The annual meeting of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle of the Methodist church was held at the parsonage on Thursday evening, April 10. The devotional exercises were taken by Miss Ada Metcalfe. Heralds for the Mission fields reported as follows: Italian, Violet Snell; Ottawa, Margaret Yiirs; China, Etta Twamley; Montreal, Phebe Wolfe; India, Effie Hutton.

Miss Clara McCrae read a short article on "Giving," and Mrs. Farrell another one on "Temperance."

A review of the study book pertaining to the needs of the school and teacher, the hospital and doctor, and the gospel and the messenger were given by Mrs. Peters, Miss Mary Saunders and Miss Stella McCrae.

The Easter offering amounted to \$147.50. The mite boxes were opened and with the money already remitted to the treasurer, it was found that the Mission Circle had raised \$74.00 for the Woman's Missionary Society for the year 1923-1924. The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows:

President, Miss Twamley; Vice-President, Miss Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Farrell; Treasurer, Stella McCrae; Depts. Christian Stewardship, Violet Snell; Supt. Mite Boxes, Miss Hutton; Pianist, Miss S. McCrae; Heralds for the Mission Fields, Misses E. Kinnee, Clara McCrae, A. Metcalfe, Mrs. Sharp, Mary Saunders, Ethel Hewitt.

The meeting closed with the mizpah benediction after which a pleasant half hour was spent, when Mrs. Peters served lunch.

The Mission Band held their annual meeting on Monday, April 7, in the church parlor. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Norma Gagon; Vice-President, Gertrude Glass; Recording Secretary, Eunice Moon; Treasurer, Josie Falconer.

The total amount raised by the Band was \$40.12.

Mrs. Farrell is the Superintendent.

FISHING SEASON SAME AS LAST YEAR

Likely No Change Will Be Made in Opening Day This Session.

The trout-fishing season for 1924 will open on the 1st of May, so far as The Chronicle can find out. We base this statement on the fact that Game Warden Ely, who was in town last week, had had no official notification of a change in the opening date.

Some few weeks ago The Chronicle gave the information that the trout-fishing season was to open this year on May 15 instead of May 1, and close on the 1st of September, thereby cutting fifteen days off each end. This information was given in good faith, and was correct in so far that it was the recommendation of the Fish and Game Committee. The Legislature, however, which progresses this week, has not passed on this piece of legislation and it is more than likely that the fishing season will remain as in former years—May 1 to September 14, both days inclusive. It is altogether likely, however, that this will be the last year for these dates and that the future seasons will be shortened considerably in order that the fish may have a chance.

As intimated in a former article, there will be a meeting of the sportsmen of the county called next month at a place and date to be set later, in which this whole matter will be threshed out and a series of suggestions drafted for presentation to the Government.

Bailiff Was Injured When Auto Upset

Mr. Dan McLean received a couple of broken ribs on Saturday when an auto in which he was being driven to Elmwood took to the ditch, lay over on its side and precipitated the occupants out on to the ground.

Mr. McLean was on his way to Elmwood to perform his duties as bailiff when the accident occurred. He got his injuries attended to at Hanover, however, and returned to his home here, where he is recuperating.

The driver, Mr. Harold McKechnie, is reported to us as getting off with a shaking up but no serious injuries.

Murrell and Topping Paid Full Penalty

Sidney Ernest Murrell and Clarence Topping, London murderers, were hanged together at 5:31 last Thursday in the Middlesex County jailyard at London. Murrell shot and killed Roy Campbell, a Melbourne garage man three years ago, and Topping shot his sweetheart, Geraldine Durston, in a fit of jealous anger last November.

Both men went to their death unflatteringly. The bodies were claimed by relatives the morning of the execution. Hangman Ellis officiated. Since the execution it has been rumored that "Pat" Norton and William Murrell, the latter a brother of Sidney, had been seen at Columbus, Ohio. These two men were implicated in the Melbourne bank robbery and are sought by the police.

FORMER RESIDENT DIED AT PORT HURON

William A. Vollett, Was in His 79th Year and Resided Here Thirty-odd Years Ago.

Word was received early Monday morning announcing that William A. Vollett, a former resident of this town, had passed away Saturday at his home at Port Huron, Michigan. The message was received by the Masonic fraternity, the deceased being a member of the Lodge here. No particulars were given.

Mr. Vollett was a first cousin of Mr. W. B. Vollett, town clerk, and also of Mr. W. C. Vollett, barber, and from the former we have been able to learn a few particulars. He was in his 79th year, being born at Yonkers, N. Y., where he grew up to early manhood, when he came to Durham in company with his mother, and learning his trade as an iron finisher at the Cochran foundry, remained for many years in the employ of the company. Later, he formed a partnership with one Galtfield and for some years was engaged in business in the brick foundry now used by Messrs. McCabe & McLaughlin as a garage and auto repair shop.

Later on, some thirty years ago, he went to Stratford, where he was engaged for upwards of fifteen years in the Grand Trunk shops. About fifteen years ago he moved to Port Huron and remained in that city to the time of his death. He was married twice, but we have been unable to learn whether his second wife is still living, nor can we learn definitely as to the whereabouts of his two daughters and one son. He was an Anglican in religion and, as already intimated, a member of the Masonic order.

More Western Subscribers Appreciate The Chronicle

Weekly Visits Like a Letter From Home, and Would Hate to Be Without It, General Verdict.

Mrs. Mark Ledingham will accept thanks for renewal to The Chronicle which she finds as good as a letter from home.

Mr. W. H. Brown of Loverna, Sask., in his letter containing renewal says they did not have a crop there since 1917 till last year, and times in that locality have been bad, especially during the last three years. They have no snow, and spring operations are starting. The winter was beautiful, with very little cold weather. With the exception of one week the cars have been running all week. He says: "We like The Chronicle, and the town it comes from, and are always glad to get it."

In renewing his subscription, Mr. Finley McRae of Winnipeg, says: "I always look for The Chronicle as a letter from home, and I certainly notice a good many changes during the short time I have been away."

Mr. James Bogle, in sending his subscription from Major, Sask., writes at length, and part of what he says may be of interest to some of our readers. He says: "I notice by The Chronicle that the Durham Band is still going in and better shape than ever. I have not played in a band since I left the old town just a little over seven years ago. The weather here is cold and backward and at time of writing (April 8) with snow burries, but if it warms we'll be working the land in a few days. We had a very mild winter with little snow. I notice by The Chronicle that Mr. Aldred does not expect a good summer as we had so little snow. Since coming here I have noticed more rain in summers following winters with little snow. Major district has a goodly number of Grey boys as farmers and as a rule they are making a success of it. Just a word about ourselves. We have three quarter sections, and crop from 250 to 300 acres a season. We threshed 4600 bushels of wheat, 2000 of oats and 500 of barley for the 1923 crop. We also have a trench silo we filled with sunflowers last fall and find it good feed for stock. We wish you and the old home town the best of success."

Mrs. H. G. Steel of Vernon, B.C., in sending remittance, says: "We have had beautiful summer weather for the last month. Had a very short winter, just two weeks very cold."

Mr. N. Dunsmore of Stranraer, Sask., will also accept thanks for renewal.

TEMPERATURES FOR LAST WEEK

Thermometer readings made each morning at 8 a.m., and are for the preceding 24 hours. The following are the maximum-minimum temperatures for the week:

Date	Max	Min
Apr. 11	38	38
12	42	30
13	43	33
14	57	32
15	42	32
16	41	41
17	49	39

The weather for last week: April 10 and 11, fine, clear and cold; April 12, cloudy, threatening rain; April 13, warm and pleasant, with passing showers, though cold at times, especially in wind, turning colder at night; April 14, clear and bright, with thermometer at freezing at 8 a.m.; April 15, dull, with cold, raw wind; April 16, partly clearing, with quite cold in wind. This morning, April 17, at 10 o'clock, the thermometer is at 40 and a light rain is falling.