

LATE W. J. PORTER SPENT BOYHOOD IN DURHAM

Died Last Week in Brooklyn, N.Y., After Brief Illness From Pneumonia.—Interred in Family Plot Here On Tuesday Morning, July 1.

The funeral of the late Willard J. Porter, who died suddenly at Brooklyn, N.Y., following a brief illness from pneumonia, was held from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Smith at ten o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Porter, who was in his 69th year, was born in Oxen Sound, the family shortly afterwards moving to Durham, living first in Upper Town, and latterly in the residence on Queen street, now occupied by Mr. Joseph Snell, but still in the possession of the Porter family.

When quite young the deceased apprenticed himself to the printing, learning his trade in the various offices, and later working in various newspaper and job printing plants throughout the country.

We feel that we are justified in the statement that Mr. Porter was one of the best printers in the United States, and his manipulation of type and rule in The Chronicle office while on his annual summer visits here was almost uncanny.

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The Red Cross picnic on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Lachie McLean, of the Rocky, put on by the people of that neighborhood for the benefit of the local Red Cross Hospital, was also a success last Monday evening.

LEFT FOR TRIP THROUGH EASTERN CANADA

Mr. and Mrs. W. Calder on Pleasant Holiday Through Quebec and Other Eastern Towns.

Mr. and Mrs. William Calder left yesterday for Montreal, where they will visit her brother, Mr. Finley Graham and his family.

It is their intention then to start on an extended trip through Eastern Quebec. After visiting the old historic city of Quebec they will continue their trip eastward, perhaps to the Maritime Provinces and to the New England States on a prolonged trip taking in many cities and points of interest.

Some time ago they intended taking an overseas trip a little earlier in the season, but later decided to wait for cooler weather and escape the intense heat of southern Europe and Italy.

In an interview with Mr. Calder yesterday he told The Chronicle he had arranged for reservations by boat, but even yet might defer it for another year, so as yet there is nothing positive about summer outing.

MISS KATIE L. KERR, VARNEY, WON FIRST PRIZE AT FERGUS

Came First in Big Musical Festival. Cup Will be Presented This Fall.

A musical Festival was held at Fergus on June 19, in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the Wellington Junior Farmers' Improvement Association.

The judges for the different classes were from Guelph. Mr. Hyde Auld and Miss Little were the judges of the vocal solos, in which Miss Katie L. Kerr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerr of Varney, won first place with 82 1/2 points.

MANY PICNICS, PARTIES BEING HELD JUST NOW

Summer Season Well Utilized This Year by Holding Many Outside Events.

Though the summer thus far has been quite good, with the exception of a very few days, the season for garden parties and picnics is on in full swing and the cool weather does not seem very much of a deterrent.

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The electric car was traveling at a high rate of speed and the automobile was crushed like an egg shell, the occupants miraculously escaping instant death.

Mr. Mitchell was given first aid by Mr. Harvey Dicken of Guelph, former member of Owen Sound, who, with a party of Kivansians, was returning from a meeting at Toronto. Shortly afterwards the injured persons were conveyed to Guelph hospital, where their condition is reported as favorable.

Mr. Andrew Derby of Hanover, who has been in poor health for some time, went to Detroit over a month ago to consult Dr. Plegmyer, a specialist. Upon examination it was found it would be necessary to undergo a serious operation.

NEW CARETAKER APPOINTED FOR DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Position Thrown Open to Tender. With Thomas Ritchie's Tender Accepted.

At a meeting of the High school Board Monday night several tenders for caretaker were considered, and the contract awarded to Mr. Thomas Ritchie, who succeeds Mr. T. G. Goodchild.

We understand Mr. Ritchie had the lowest tender at \$800 a year. Other tenders were considerably higher, but the Board feels they owe it as a duty to the town to get the work done for the least money.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society will be thankful to receive donations of baking, butter, milk, cream, meat and vegetables for the meals to be served on the 12th of July.

The officers of Grey Lodge No. 169, I.O.O.F. will be installed on Monday evening next. The D.D.G.M., from Palmerston will be in attendance with his installing team and it is hoped the meeting will be well attended.

JULY 12 WILL BE BIG DAY IN DURHAM

Big Crowd Expected, With Many Outside Lodges Taking Part.—All of South Grey and Part of Wellington To Be Here.—Big Concert in Evening for Red Cross Society.

Saturday of next week will be a big day for Durham, and, in fact, a big day for everybody who comes to Durham to join with the Durham District L.O.L. in celebrating the 234th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

The local Orange committee have the past year been working on a program for the occasion, and, with the customary speeches, and a big sports program on the agricultural grounds in the afternoon, will have a day in which there is something in it for everybody. And there will be a big crowd. Leave it to the Orange-men to look after that!

The speaking this year is being held on Queen street, just back of the Town Hall, where a suitable platform will be erected. It is here the lodges will form up at 1 o'clock, and here they will return after a parade through the town.

To provide meals for the crowd, the Red Cross Society have rented the Town Hall and will serve two meals, dinner and supper. The Durham Red Cross ladies have an enviable reputation along this line, and there is no doubt will receive good patronage. The Hahn House, too, will also serve meals, so that there will be ample provision for all who come to town, and we think, also a crowd large enough to tax the efforts of all to provide for them.

In the evening a big concert is being put on in the rink, at which the Brunswick Trio will appear. This is one of the best concert companies in the province, and have a reputation of note. Their program is of a different class from usual, featuring besides the vocal side, a number of high-class musical numbers. A farce comedy, "Squaring It With the Boss," is being put on by local talent, and will alone last well on to an hour.

KINCARDINE RESIDENTS HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

William Mitchell, President of the Circle-Bar Company, and Young Daughter Had Narrow Escape in Wreck at Puslinch.

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HANOVER MAN UNDERWENT OPERATION AT DETROIT

Now Reported Recovering From a Serious Illness.

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DEATH OF AN OLD FRIEND

We have just learned of the death of Charles Mackie who passed away at Colgate, Saskatchewan, on Good Friday. He was born near Thornbury on the town line between Colingwood and St. Vincent on July 30, 1858, and was an apt pupil in the first school in which the writer was in 1873-4. He was a good boy at school and from the obituary notice in the Colgate Review we are pleased to learn he grew up to be a good, useful man taking deep interest in municipal and church affairs.

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OWEN SOUND DOCTOR MEETS WITH MOTOR ACCIDENT

Steering Gear Went Wrong and Car Ran Into Bushes.

Dr. McComb of Owen Sound, according to a dispatch from Meaford to The Owen Sound Sun-Times, met with an accident near that place last Thursday afternoon when motoring with a friend from the scenic city to the lakeside town.

About nine o'clock last Friday morning, one of the "dinkey" engines used by the Durham Stone and Sand Company for hauling gravel from the steam-shovel to the crusher met with a peculiar accident when waiting for a load. The engine and dump-car were standing on the siding near the shovel when an empty car got away and, gathering speed down the grade, bumped into the engine with sufficient impetus to give the standing engine and car sufficient momentum to run to the end of the track and make the plunge over the bank.

DOMINION DAY WAS QUIET HERE

Many Spent Holiday At Outside Points and Report Good Time.

Citizens of Durham who stayed at home over the 1st of July got most of their excitement at night from 12 to 3 o'clock listening to the merry-makers returning. Some went to Port Elgin where the Hanover-Durham combined lacrosse team defeated the Port Elgin team 18-9 in a league game.

At Owen Sound, there was also a celebration, at which the Durham Boy Scouts won a trophy, as reported under our Boy Scout column.

GUARANTEE RIGHT OF CHURCH TO DETERMINE OWN DESTINY

View of Rev. R. J. Wilson, Secretary of Union Commission, on Union Vote in the Commons.

Commenting on the adoption by the Commons of Ottawa of the principle of the church union bill, Rev. R. J. Wilson, secretary of the joint committee on church union, said last week in Toronto:

"The right of the church to determine its own destiny is now guaranteed by the House of Commons vote. It has been for this that unionists have consistently stood, and the victory is of far greater significance to all the churches of this country than is at first apparent."

"The independence of both parliament and the churches has been vindicated. The representatives of the people have set at rest the anxiety of the uniting churches in a manner different from the treatment of the other churches. The action of parliament puts the formal consummation of union in the near future beyond the realm of doubt."

"LONE STAR RANGER" COMING WITH TOM MIX IN STAR ROLE

Tom Mix, beloved king of the saddle, and "Tony," his wonder horse, are coming to the Veterans' Star Theatre this Friday and Saturday in the William Fox screen version of "The Lone Star Ranger," the popular narrative from the pen of Zane Grey.

It is the story of the life of the daring Texas Ranger who went out "to get their man" despite hazard and obstacle. It is such a stirring, hard-riding part, replete with romance, that has made Tom the favorite film actor he is.

Lambert Hillier, who directed the photoplay, took his company to the plains of Texas that he might instill into the picture every element of beauty and interest that has become traditional to the Lone Star State. Such a combination as Tom Mix and Zane Grey in the Fox production promises to present an excellent picture.

Mistakes will often happen, but a wise man does his best to prevent them. Man's troubles are many, but few are as disheartening as the supper dishes.

HYDRO RATES REDUCED BY POWER COMMISSION

ENGINE WENT OVER BANK WHEN HIT BY EMPTY CAR

Peculiar Accident At Durham Stone and Sand Company's Plant Last Friday Morning.

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The engineer, Mr. Harry Watson, was doing some work about the engine and did not see the runaway car coming until too late to do anything but jump, and it is lucky for him that his feet were nimble in making a quick getaway. The impact, besides damaging the engine cab slightly, knocked the back plug out of the boiler with the result that had the engine remained aboard he might have received serious injuries from the escaping steam.

WASAGA NO PLACE FOR CHURCH PICNICS

Noted Georgian Bay Resort Does Not Seem to Relish Things Ecclesiastical.—Draws Line at Church Picnics Last Year and This.

"An' may th' devil fly away wid Wasaga Beach!" This was the fervent prayer of the Presbyterian choir last year when they went out there to spend the day throwing stones at the seagulls and getting their shoes full of sand. And that is the prayer that the Anglican A.Y.P.A. is breathing this year after their experiences of last Tuesday.

And Wasaga seems to get worse as time goes on! Last year, with the Presbyterian choir, only one car played out and had to go to the hospital, but on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, with the A.Y.P.A. outfit, no less than four out of the nine buzz wagons refused to buzz for very long at a time and it was a very un-Christian like gang that wandered into town at about five o'clock in the morning.

The trouble started right at Wasaga Beach at 6:30 in the evening when the party left for home. As one woman put it, "It is no nice, you know, to start for home so early; we can enjoy the scenery so much better in daylight."

The first fifteen miles took over five hours to get. Leaving the Beach, one car started the program when it contracted the epizootic, and then the party landed at Singhampton and had the time of their young lives at midnight when they roused one of the residents and had her make tea for the hungry. Maxwell the crowd were again forced to stop and give one of the Henry Elizabeth's another pill or some-thing, and from here to Durham it was one continual round of pleasure. One car load got as far as Jim Brown's hill near the Rob Roy, four miles east of town, when the crown gear or pinion went blooey, and the gang sat out there from twelve o'clock until five waiting for some one to come out and tow them in.

There was trouble galore, and the jimx was working overtime, but with so many cars on the hummer at once the crowd finally saw the joke of the thing and took it good naturedly.

However, it is just as well, for a few days at least, not to ask any of the Anglican Young People how they enjoyed their picnic at Wasaga Beach, and the "delightful run home in daylight when one can take so much more enjoyment out of the scenery."

UNDERWENT OPERATIONS

Miss Edna Browning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Browning, underwent an operation for removal of appendix in Durham Hospital yesterday. Miss Bessie Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, also had a similar operation performed, while Miss Margaret Storey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Storey, had a minor operation performed.

The operations were performed by Dr. D. B. Jamieson, and all patients are doing well.

Twenty-five Per Cent Reduction Announced For Local Consumers.—Power Now Costs Town \$38.00 Per Horsepower.—Minimum Rate 75c.

A reduction of twenty-five per cent on the cost of hydro will be good news to Durham users. This, following an all-round reduction of twenty per cent less than a year ago, shows the healthy and prosperous condition of this utility in Durham.

These reductions follow the accumulation of a surplus which the Hydro regards as the people's money, and must be returned to them in the way of lower rates. The accumulation of surplus here, in the neighborhood of \$13,000.00, growing out of higher charges than have been found necessary to cover the costs of current and maintenance. Should the new rates be found insufficient to cover costs, and result in a deficit at any time, a higher rate will be imposed, but the policy of the Commission is to gauge prices so as not to permit of large accumulations of surplus.

The prices now authorized are practically only sixty per cent of what they were a year ago and will represent a corresponding reduction in the cost of current to users. From the schedule of rates authorized by the Hydro Commission, and received here by the local Commission last week, a few minor changes will be noticed. From now on a uniform charge of 30 cents will be made for "ready-to-serve" charge to take the place of the old floor space charge, and the minimum consumption to all domestic users on the first or high rate will be 60 k.w.h. instead of 3 k.w.h. for every hundred feet of floor space as formerly. A change has also been made in fixing the minimum charge to 75 cents instead of \$1.00. The discount for prompt payment remains unchanged at 10 per cent.

The following letter to the local Hydro Commission explains the situation fully and needs no further comment:

Durham, Ont.
Dear Sirs,—I am instructed by the Commission to advise you that after investigating the operating conditions of your system during the year 1923, it has been decided that from June 1 the Commission will bill your municipality for power supplied at the rate of \$38.00 per h.p. per year. I am also instructed to advise you that the Commission authorized the adoption of the following schedule of rates:

Domestic Lighting.
The present floor area charge shall be discontinued. Service charge 30 cents net to all domestic consumers; 3 cents per k.w.h. for the first 60 k.w. hours used per month. 15 cents per k.w.h. for all additional consumption per month. Prompt payment discount, 10 p.c. Minimum net monthly bill, 75c.

Commercial Lighting.
Six cents per k.w.h. for the first 50 hours' use per month of connected load or maximum demand; 3 cents per k.w.h. for the second 50 hours' use per month of connected load or maximum demand; 2.1 cents per k.w.h. for second 50 hours' use per month of connected load or maximum demand; 0.5 cents per k.w.h. for all additional monthly consumption. Prompt payment discount, 10 p.c. Minimum net monthly bill, 75c.

Power.
\$1.00 per horsepower per month of connected load or maximum demand. 3.1 cents per k.w.h. for the first 50 hours' use per month of connected load or maximum demand; 2.1 cents per k.w.h. for second 50 hours' use per month of connected load or maximum demand; 0.5 cents per k.w.h. for all additional monthly consumption. Prompt payment discount, 10 p.c. Minimum net monthly bill, 75c.

Street Lighting.
The following shall be the rate for street lighting, this rate to take effect as from January 1: \$16.00 per year per 100-watt series lamp.

Yours truly,
W. W. POPE,
Secretary.

AMERICAN SUBSCRIBER APPRECIATES THE CHRONICLE

Says It Compares Favorably With Any Paper in Its Class.

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt of remittance from Mr. John Porter of Waukesha, Wisconsin, and more than pleased to have him say "The Chronicle maintains its standard of excellence, considered from every point of view."

TEMPERATURES FOR LAST WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Date, Max., Min. Rows for June 27-29 and July 1-3.