

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, February 5, 1925.

THAT "WET" CAUCUS

Last week's dailies reported twenty-two Conservative members of the Legislature in revolt with the intention of forcing the hand of Premier Ferguson in the establishment of local option in the matter of the sale of intoxicating beverages in those places that voted "wet" in the recent prohibition vote, or which gave indecisive majorities in favor of the retention of the O. T. A.

Comparing the report with what actually took place, one is forced to the conclusion that the reporter was more anxious to give publicity to his personal desires than to stick to the truth.

Instead of twenty-two members "bolting" on the O. T. A. issue, there was just half that number, and here are their names and ridings:

- Wilson (Windsor).
Wilson (Niagara Falls).
Graves (St. Catharines).
Garden (Hamilton).
Dr. Carr (Hamilton).
Currie (Toronto).
McCausland (Toronto).
Oakley (Toronto).
Lewis (Toronto).
McBrien (Toronto).
Weichel (Waterloo).

The bomb that these eleven had hoped to throw into Premier Ferguson's government has failed to go off. It was a dud. It is just possible, however, that it did as much damage as was expected. Being the elected representatives of "wet" ridings, they are compelled to make considerable fuss as anti-prohibitionists and, having made the attempt, their constituents can in no wise blame them for the enforcement of prohibition measures.

"BIG BILL" HAYWOOD

According to recent press reports from Russia, "Big Bill" Haywood has had his fill of Bolshevism and is said to have confessed his desire to return to the United States, even if his return does mean a term in prison at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The writer can well remember "Big Bill," when twenty years ago, he was a little tin god in the eyes of the workers in the Western United States, and one of the men behind the Socialistic paper, "Appeal to Reason," published at Girard, Kansas. He and Upton Sinclair were pals in the same pet cause, though far apart as the poles in their methods.

"Big Bill" Haywood, Pettibone, Sinclair, Alexander Bergman, Emma Goldman and old Mother Jones have raised more trouble for law and order in the United States than any other sextette known, and Russia or any other country is perfectly welcome to them.

We are glad to know that "Big Bill" is in hard plight. We hope he gets lots of it. There's only one fly in the ointment. His old sidekick, Emma Goldman, now in England, should be with him to give him company in his misery.

THE NEWSPRINT EMBARGO

United States publishers have protested against the proposed embargo on Canadian pulpwood, saying the "continued propaganda set forth by the Canadian paper manufacturers, if carried to an extreme, will certainly result in seriously interrupting the friendly relations which have so many years existed between Canada and the United States."

It depends upon whose ox is gored where the wail comes from. We have not as yet heard any of the United States national press protest against the Fordney Tariff

as unjust to our people. But the minute Canadians wake up and determine to develop their own natural resources, there is talk of "strained relations" and other such tommyrot.

We can imagine where Canada would stand if the United States owned the timber. American diplomacy and American ideas of what is fair are too coarse in our opinion. Everything in the United States is judged on the merit of what the United States can get out of it, and the sooner she is handed some of her own medicine, the better for all concerned.

By what right does the United States expect Canada to hand her over the raw pulpwood for manufacture into paper in American mills? Canada has been asleep too long now, and it is time she was looking after her own interests. Pulpwood from Canada's forests should be made into paper in Canadian mills and sold to the United States as a finished product.

HARD TIMES HERE? NOTHING DOING

Durham's Business Houses Generally Have Envious Position in Financial Esteem of Province.

Who said hard times? The pessimistic manner in which some people shout "hard times" would almost lead one to believe that the country as a whole was on the verge of bankruptcy. This idea, so far as Durham is concerned, is not borne out by the financial men of the country and especially by Dun's and Bradstreet's rate book.

Both Bradstreet's and Dun's financial agencies deal with straight, hard facts, and their stamp of approval is of the greatest value to a business man's credit.

Times in Durham may be "slow," but they are not "hard," and any pessimistic outlook is uncalled for.

VETERANS' STAR THEATRE TAKING NO CHANCES

Holding Show Wednesday and Thursday of Next Week Owing to Counter Attractions.

The Veterans' Star Theatre open nights next week will be Wednesday and Thursday, February 11 and 12, instead of Friday and Saturday, the regular nights.

This change has been announced owing to the hockey play-off with either Listowel or Paisley in the N. H. L. semi-finals. As the theatrical proprietors are interested in the national winter pastime and desirous of seeing the game, they have advanced the open nights to Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no show on Friday and Saturday.

HORSE MARKET GOOD BUT PRICES POOR

Influx of Western Horses Lowers Prices in Eastern Markets, According to Well-Known Buyer.

We had a brief interview yesterday morning with Mr. Williamson of Williamson and McPherson, horse buyers, who were in town for the purpose of picking up any number of blocky horses and strong drivers. During our conversation, we casually inquired about the horse market, the price paid and the general conditions prevailing.

Mr. Williamson says there is a good demand for horses just now, but the price is low. This is caused by the large number of horses coming in from the West and flooding the market. We showed him a letter recently received from Tisdale, Sask., stating that a good team of horses could be purchased for \$75. Mr. Williamson said he could get even better than this, and could get a good team in almost any part of the West for from \$40 to \$60. The banks, he said, had in many instances, taken horses for loans advanced Western farmers, and these were being shipped into the East by the car load.

PURCHASED NEW CAR

While in Listowel this week, Mr. George E. Harron exchanged his last year's Maxwell sedan for a this year's Country Club model of the same make. This car has eight more horsepower, is of the two-door kind, and an altogether better car than that turned out by the Maxwell Company last year.

NIGERIAN MISSIONARY LECTURED LAST NIGHT

The talk and illustrated lecture on Nigeria last night in the Presbyterian Church under the auspices of the Upper Canada Bible Society, drew a fair crowd of children and grown-ups, who were treated to a fine discourse by the speaker, Rev. G. S. Pennock.

The evening was devoted to the showing of slides, with explanations and descriptions, rather than a lecture. Mr. Pennock gave an excellent talk on the country in which he has spent the past thirty-five years, and to which he shortly returns.

BEAT MOUNT FOREST IN FIRST GAME

Durham Northern Leaguers Won Out on Local Rink Tuesday.

Contrary to expectations of a week ago, Durham Seniors are still playing district league hockey. When the schedule was drawn up at the first of the season, Mount Forest got a bye, but later, it was understood, had dropped out owing to trouble with the N.H.L. executive. Under these circumstances, Durham naturally thought that in trimming Chesley and Hanover in scheduled matches, they were on the top of the heap, but last week Mount Forest popped out again, and the Durhams were ordered to play them home-and-home games for district leadership.

The first game was played here last Tuesday evening, and while interesting and fast in spots, was not at all the brand of hockey that the fans here have been accustomed to this winter. Both teams worked hard, there was plenty of fast skating and good stick-handling, but somehow or other, the brakes seemed to be applied somewhere, and neither team could get going. We do not know the possibilities of Mount Forest team, but the locals were fully 50 per cent under form Tuesday night.

In the first period, only two goals were scored, both by Durham, the first by Vollett, in the early part, and the second by Saunders in the closing minutes of the session. Both teams were on top of the puck from start to finish, and persistent back-checking precluded any attempt at combination.

Schutz for Durham scored shortly after the period opened, followed by Vollett, who notched a neat one from the side. About the middle of the session, Mount Forest scored their first; but almost immediately after the face-off, Schutz and Vollett carried the puck down on the Mount Forest citadel, Schutz scoring on a pass from his partner. Mount Forest's second goal of the period was earned when the Mount Forest centre, in a lone rush, broke through the Durham defense and scored.

The first goal in the third period, scored by Buschlen, was disputed by the visitors, but we can assure them that the goal umpire was right, as we were standing close by. During this period, Dinny McNamara, who at one time played for Durham, was injected into the game and celebrated his arrival by becoming the pivot of a combination play that resulted in Mount Forest's third and last goal. Evidently Dinny was excited and made a genuine half-back kick at the puck with his foot, knocking the puck into the net. The Mount Forest goal umpire held up his hand, the goal was counted. Schutz scored the last goal of the game for Durham, the full-time tally being Durham 7, Mount Forest 3.

The return game is to be played in Mount Forest tomorrow night. The line-ups: Mount Forest (3)—Goal, Young; defense, McNamara and Cummings; centre, Pennock; wings, Campbell and Ellis; spares, McNamara and Morrison. Durham (7)—Goal, McDonald; defense, Schutz and Saunders; centre, McGirr; wings, Buschlen and Vollett; spares, Kress and Moorhead. Referee—R. L. Saunders, Durham.

Won From Hanover 6-3.

Durham Seniors won their N.H.L. game at Hanover last Friday night 6-3, and the score is a fair indication of the strength of the two teams. In the first period, the locals could not hit their stride, and when it closed, Hanover was leading 2-1. The second and third periods saw the Durhams come to life, and at the end of the second stanza, the locals were leading 5-2. The final score was 6-3. As nothing was at stake, the Durham team having won their district when they defeated Chesley here earlier in the week, the locals had no chances and did not extend themselves. The local line-up: Durham—Goal, McDonald; defense, Schutz and Vollett; centre, McGirr; wings, Buschlen and Elvidge; subs., Morlock and Kress.

Listowel Here Next Week?

Providing that Durham wins its round with Mount Forest tomorrow night, the locals have been stacked up with the winners of the Listowel-Paisley tilt, which will be decided tomorrow night at Listowel. The first game in this series took place at Paisley Tuesday night, when Paisley won 8-5. They go to Listowel tomorrow with a three-goal lead.

Harrison High School Tomorrow

Harrison and Durham High School hockey teams play an exhibition game in the rink here tomorrow (Friday) evening.

SNOWMOBILE HERE MONDAY ATTRACTED ATTENTION

Called Here on Return Trip to London.—Left For Harrison. The visit of the Snowmobile to town on Monday attracted considerable attention, and from an advertising standpoint, it sustained its reputation as a defier of snowbanks and such like winter nuisances to winter motor travel.

The snowmobile is another of the various attachments for a Ford car, and this particular one was on the return trip to London, after a trip through Clinton, Goderich, Owen Sound and other places.

While no doubt able to navigate the snowbanks of this part of the province, to us it looked like a mighty odd affair, and no substitute for a good kitchen fire at this season of the year.

BURNED MAN'S STORE FOR FIFTY DOLLARS

Thomas Slee, Former Allan Park Resident Implicated in Cold-Blooded Outrage on Evidence Given by Well-Known Safe-Cracker.

Some weeks ago, The Chronicle referred to the arrest of Thomas Slee, former manager of the Brigham Telephone Company at Allan Park, on a charge of being implicated in a series of burglaries at and around Zephyr, near Toronto. When arrested, Slee was sick in bed, and he was allowed out on bail and his trial fixed for December 27 last. The following report of the investigation so far is taken from the Toronto Globe of Wednesday last week:

William Hillis, the notorious safe-blower recently sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary, was yesterday taken from Toronto Jail to Uxbridge, where he gave evidence against Thomas Slee, merchant, of Zephyr, charged with arson in connection with the burning of the general store and postoffice kept by T. O. Bartlett of Zephyr.

Met Slee in Toronto

Hillis, in the witness-box, said that just after he had been released from Kingston Penitentiary last May, he met Slee at a King Street East hotel in Toronto, and they talked about seeing some work for Hillis. Slee, according to Hillis, said he would give him a job of "burning his opposition out." Hillis said he went to Zephyr in June and "looked over the ground," but did not like the idea, as there was a dwelling house close to the Bartlett store. Nothing was done until September 30th, when according to Hillis, he, with Alex. Lang, now in Kingston Penitentiary, and a third man, stole an auto and drove to Zephyr. Hillis swore they broke into Slee's gasoline tank and, carrying a supply to the Bartlett store, spread a quantity over materials in the building and set a match to the premises. They then drove back to Toronto, and on the return journey, watched the fire from a hill.

Hillis claimed he had been promised \$100 for the job, but had been paid only \$50, which he divided with the other two. The payment was made in the King Street hotel two or three days after the fire, he said. Did \$7,000 Damage. T. O. Bartlett said his loss was about \$7,000. Inspector W. H. Stringer of the Criminal Investigation Department, Ontario Provincial Police, who took Hillis to Uxbridge, also gave evidence regarding a conversation he had with Slee at the time of his arrest on December 19th. Slee admitted knowing Hillis, but denied any knowledge of the origin of the fire. Slee was committed for trial, and was taken to Whitby jail. The hearing took place before Police Magistrate Hamilton.

The large room where the evidence was heard was crowded. Bail was fixed at personal bonds of \$6,000 and two sureties of \$3,000 each. Crown Attorney Grierson of Oshawa appeared for the Crown, and W. H. McGuire of Toronto for the Postmaster-General. Slee will be defended at his trial by T. H. Lennox, K.C., of this city.

METHODIST LADIES' AID GAVE SOCIAL EVENING

Good Program and Fine Supper in Church Basement Last Thursday Evening. The At Home and social evening given the Methodist Church congregation last Thursday night was one of the most pleasing affairs attempted by this organization for some time. A good program was given, the pastor, Rev. J. E. Peters occupying the chair. Amongst other numbers, the program consisted of a duet by Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Patton; a violin solo by Mr. George Yiirs, a ladies' trio by the three Smith sisters, who sang another with guitar and mandolin accompaniment, and selections by the orchestra. There were also readings by Mrs. G. R. Padfield, a musical number by the male quartette and a reading by Rev. Mr. Peters. Following the program, a bounteous supper of baked beans, pie, tea etc. was served. A genuinely pleasant evening was spent. One good thing about the total eclipse is that you don't bump into any chap who can blow about how good a view he got of the previous one.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected February 5, 1925.

- Live Hogs \$10.75
Wheat 1.75 @ 1.80
Oats60 @ .65
Barley85 @ .90
Buckwheat80 @ .85
Peas 1.15 @ 1.25
Hay 10.00 @ 12.00
Eggs, Firsts .50; Seconds .40
Butter25
Potatoes, per bag50
Hides05
Sheepskins 1.50

Dressed Fowl

- Ducks16 @ .18
Geese16 @ .20
Chickens15 @ .15
Hens40 @ .20
Turkeys20 @ .28

Live Fowl

- Chickens10 @ .20
Hens12 @ .20
Geese14 @ .14
Ducks20 @ .20

ONTARIO HEALTH DEPT. SAYS WATERWORKS SHOULD BE INSTALLED

Town Clerk Vollet Received Letter Recommending That Town Proceed With Waterworks and Sewerage System.

Fruits of the 1923 analysis of Durham wells by the Provincial Health Department were in evidence at Monday night's Council Meeting when a communication from F. A. Dally, director of the sanitary engineering division, was read by Mayor Murdoch, and which is given in full below.

So far, the Provincial Health Department is satisfied with "recommendation" that the town proceed with the installation, but reading between the lines and taking advantage of the experience of the town of Forest, it may not be long, if action is not soon taken locally, before they issue positive "orders" to that effect. The recommendations of the Health Department, given in full below, are for everybody to read and learn, and comment is unnecessary.

"Acting on instructions from the Chief Officer of Health, a sanitary survey was made of Durham on October 11, 1923. Mr. Delaporte was in west spring. There are no local by-laws governing the type, construction or location of privies or the removal of night soil.

"There is one dairy retailing milk in Durham. The milk is not pasteurized. There are no local by-laws regulating the sale or distribution of milk in Durham.

"It is therefore recommended: (1) That Durham proceed with the installation of a municipally owned water system with all possible speed. The choice of supply should only be made after a very careful investigation into the possibilities of the various sources available.

"(2) That Durham instruct their engineers to make plans for a complete sewerage system. This need not be installed immediately, but parts could be built as the need was felt, and when ultimately completed, would give Durham a satisfactory and co-ordinated system. "All of which is respectfully submitted. "F. A. DALLY, "Director, Sanitary Engineering Division."

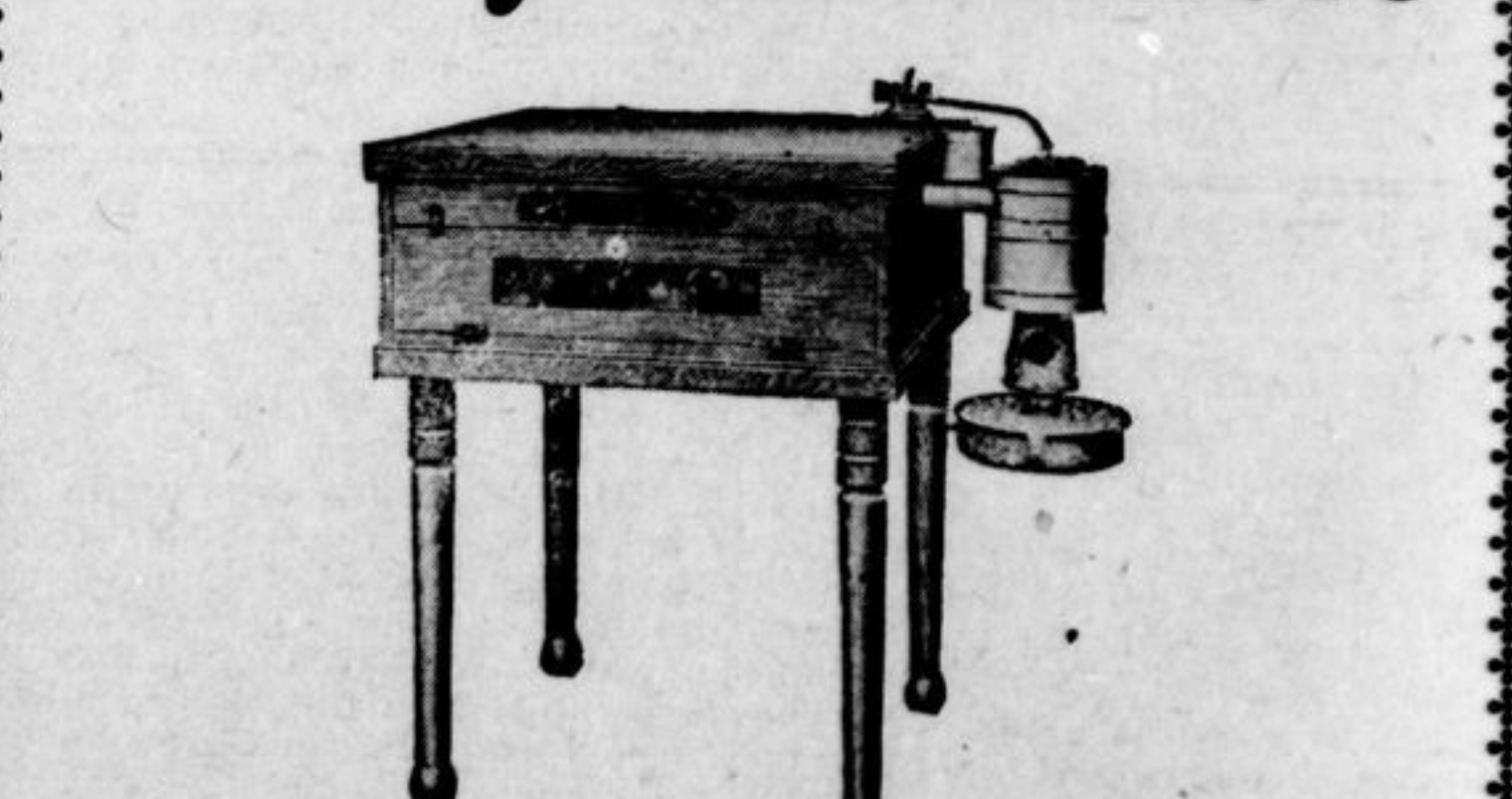
PLEASANT EVENING SPENT WITH BRIDE AND GROOM

Young People of Neighborhood Tender "Shower" to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKechnie. A large crowd of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKechnie, Rocky Saugeen, on Wednesday evening of this week to spend a few hours with the newly married couple.

During the evening, Mr. Harold McKechnie, as chairman, called on Mr. Allister Lawrence, who read an address to the young couple, and they were presented with over fifty pieces of silverware. Messrs. Noble and Lawson gave some very pleasing instrumental, and Mr. Stewart McArthur sang a couple of Scotch songs. Mr. Thomas Turnbull made a few complimentary remarks to the young couple, who have lived all their lives in the neighborhood.

The remainder of the evening was spent in games and dancing, the Rocky orchestra supplying good music.

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They are the result of over thirty-five years of study and experiment, and they include today every possible device for the promotion of the highest efficiency in incubation. There are no other incubators like them. They will hatch more chicks and better chicks than any other incubator in the world. Buckeye Incubators are made with California Redwood. Heat insulation is practically perfect. The hot water circulating tank is of pure copper—it will never rust or corrode. The automatic regulator is the most perfect device of its kind ever invented. It assures the uniform temperature essential to proper incubation at all times and without any attention whatever. The lamp is supplied with either an oil or gas burner—each one efficient, economical in operation, dependable and fire-proof.

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MONTHLY HORSE FAIR STARTS NEXT MONDAY

Mayor Murdoch Announces Plans for Greater Monthly Market.

For some time past, Mayor Murdoch has been working on a scheme whereby the monthly horse fair, popular a few years ago, was revived and a market created the benefit of horse-raisers around Durham.

While plans have not yet completed, the monthly fair, held when in Toronto last Mayor Murdoch interviewed a number of the more prominent buyers received their assurance that matter were taken in hand, they would guarantee up to a dozen buyers would visit the on the day selected.

Horse fairs or any other that will provide a market for breeders of this section is a good thing, and Mayor Murdoch should have the hearty co-operation of town and country in making fair a success.

WATER SCARCITY AFFECTING MOUNT FOREST

Thawless Winter Playing With Many Wells—Managers and Stockmen Complain of Shortage.

With no January thaw this year and continued frost from December, coupled with an extremely dry fall, the water situation in many parts of the country is getting quite serious. In Essex and throughout many parts of Ontario, this shortage of water is becoming acute, and is a soft weather, with the most welcome thing that happens.

Locally, we have not heard particular suffering, but an unusually dry fall, coupled with an extremely dry winter, the fact is getting very serious. In many parts of the country, the water situation is getting very serious. In many parts of the country, the water situation is getting very serious. In many parts of the country, the water situation is getting very serious.

BEAR SAW SHADOWS WENT BACK TO SOUTHWEST

Six Weeks More Winter, If Persistence May Be Relieved. Monday was Candlemas Day, the day old folk say is supposed to come out of his long winter cage around, and if the sun is strong enough for him, his shadow on the snow goes for another six weeks, a man knows that winter still its grip upon the country.

This year, old Mother Nature is in for a busy time if she is to make this Candlemas truly true, especially throughout Durham, for instance, in the morning from daybreak to dawn an exceptionally fine and clear day. In London, it was clear in Toronto, brass saw his on the snow and retired on to his den. The question, "What shall we get—an ear of another six weeks of winter shall it be a sort of local affair?"

No matter how it goes, there may do lots of things, show Candlemas Day for liable as any of the group human weather forecasts fall predicted, every kind of winter. We with prophesy of what the winter will be and announce it shortly after Easter.

Let Not Man Put Asunder

A super-picture Basil King's favorite Novel.

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