

EARTHQUAKE SHOOK EASTERN CANADA LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

Quebec Rocked Five Times by Shocks Distinct and Severe, While Wide Area as Far West as Great Lakes Felt Tremor.—Durham Citizens Report Feeling Disturbance.

Eastern Canada experienced its first severe earthquake shock since the year 1863 last Saturday evening about 9:30 o'clock, when disturbances of varying magnitudes were felt from the Atlantic Coast and extending as far West as Port Arthur. The centre of the disturbance is believed to have been near the mouth of the Saguenay River below Quebec and followed along an old line of faults known as Logan's Line, which extends from the St. Lawrence Line as far south as the State of Alabama.

Throughout Ontario, the quake is reported to have been felt in many places, though the city of Quebec, nearer the centre of disturbance is reported to have been rocked five times between 9:30 Saturday evening and 4:18 Sunday morning. With the exception of three deaths from shock, no casualties have been reported, though a \$10,000 fire in a Montreal church is attributed to the earthquake breaking the pipe-line in an oil-heating system, the oil afterwards taking fire and spreading to the building.

Felt in Durham
Several Durham citizens report having noticed the disturbance, though they paid no particular attention to it at the time. The reported moving of a piano by some children in upper town was regarded as a joke by older members of the family, and a woman, reclining on a sofa, said she felt a shaking sensation and arose to look out the window to see what caused it. Probably the most concrete evidence that the quake visited Durham comes from Mr. A. H. Jackson, Registrar. The clock in the Registry office stopped at 9:27 and, thinking it had run down, he started to wind it up. Only two or three turns tightened the spring, and he had visions of a trip to the jeweller. He started the clock again, however, and it kept on running, and he thought nothing more of it until he read Monday's papers and came to the conclusion that the earth's motion was responsible.

The Owen Sound Sun-Times reports a wild time in the county capital, when people ran from houses and stores and dishes and furniture rattled. According to the Sun-Times, some of the citizens reported that they had difficulty for a few seconds in keeping their equilibrium, and that in the stores, the swaying buildings rattled the canned goods piled on the shelves, though not sufficiently to precipitate them to the floor. Evidently Owen Sound got a much harder shock than this part of the country, as very few people around here noticed anything particularly out of the ordinary.

Damage May Be Severe
Reports in Tuesday's papers would indicate that the damage was very much greater than in Monday's reports. Along the points in Quebec and from isolated points in Ontario, apparently the worst affected, a stone church at St. Hilairion is reported shaken to the ground, while homes in other sections were destroyed and burned.

The Canadian Government ice-breaker, Mikula, coming up the St. Lawrence Saturday night, was shocked from stem to stern, and a number of fissures are reported to have appeared in the ground at Yamachiche. The Roman Catholic church at St. Hilairion, sixty miles below Quebec, on the north side, collapsed, and reports from all over the district are commencing to come in detailing much damage.

Earthquakes Not Rare
Earthquakes are not so rare in Canada as most Canadians might believe. Most of those who shook in their shoes round eastern Canada, and the eastern half of the United States of America, last Saturday night, are perhaps not aware that there have been a dozen nearby earthquakes within the last sixteen years, most of them centred in the Quebec district, or the valley of the Ottawa River.

A table prepared for the Canadian Press by the Chief Seismologist for Canada, Ernest A. Hodgson, shows that slight shocks were recorded on the following dates:

- January 31, 1909, at Montreal.
- May 10, 1909, Ste. Agathe des Monts, Quebec.
- May 26, 1909, Central United States.
- December 10, 1909, Ottawa.
- April 28, 1913, Ottawa Valley.
- February 10, 1914, Ottawa Valley.
- February 6, 1920, Tadoussac, Que.
- July 3, 1922, New Brunswick.
- July 14, 1924, Ottawa Valley.
- September 13, 1924, Ottawa Valley to Maine.
- November 14, 1924, Quyon, Que.
- February 28, 1925, Northeastern United States and Canada.
- March 1, 1925, Quebec City.

The list includes the second shock recorded over the last week-end, but not the one reported to have been felt Monday morning in parts of Quebec.

Most of these shocks were of only a decimal fraction of a "true earth half-amplitude." The severity of Saturday's shock is emphasized by comparison with the next largest in the foregoing list. On Saturday

FALCONER APPOINTED TOWN CONSTABLE

Successfully Tenders for Position at Reduction of \$100 From Last Year.—Council Had Mild Session Monday.

The oft-delayed and much-talked-of appointment of a town constable was amicably settled at the Monday night's session of the Town Council by the appointment of H. A. Falconer, last year's chief, who applied for the position at \$200, a reduction of \$100 from last year. Two other tenders were also on the table, those of Dan McLean at \$150 and George Mackay at \$140, but on motion of Bell-Macdonald, Falconer's name was inserted in the by-law. The salary motion of \$200 by Murdoch and McFadden was met with an amendment by Reeve Calder for \$150, but the latter got no second for his motion, and the \$200 was inserted. Messrs. Calder and Noble also moved an amendment on the appointment, asking that the name of George Mackay be inserted as constable, but this was defeated.

The meeting on Monday was attended by a full council. A couple of communications were laid on the table, one from the London City Council asking that Durham Council join in a memorial to the Attorney-General requesting a full investigation into the recent rise in the price of gasoline.

Four Durham teamsters, Messrs. G. McMeekin, R. Alexander, A. Hillis and J. Snell laid a communication that before the Council requesting that a license fee of \$10.00, a year be charged for teams and \$5.00 for single rigs, with a suitable license for trucks, be imposed on all vehicles engaging in the teaming business in town. The request was laid over for further investigation by the Council. In the meantime, the Clerk will prepare a by-law.

Accounts amounting to \$552.80 were ordered paid, and an insurance premium for \$41.40 on the Town Hall building was paid on motion. The town Auditors, Messrs. H. R. Koch and C. H. Darling, presented their report, and while it was not adopted at Monday's meeting, the auditors were ordered paid \$25.00 each for their services.

Besides the by-law appointing a Constable, three other by-laws were also passed, one naming a salary of \$2.00 each per meeting for the three Hydro Commissioners for not more than twelve meetings in any one year. This by-law caused considerable discussion, as it was felt that it was establishing a dangerous precedent in that if the Commissioners were entitled to pay for their services, the same was true of members of the Council, school trustees and other town officials. The original by-law was to have been retroactive till January 1st of this year, but the Council advanced it to March 2nd, and made it effective only to the end of the present year, when it will have to be dealt with by the new Council of 1926 to become effective next year.

Dr. A. M. Bell, who refused \$75 per year as M. O. H. and asked \$100, was appointed for the balance of the year at \$80.00 and will be paid additional for any services rendered previously this year.

The by-law to increase the license fees on hawkers and transient traders was left over till next month, when a new by-law will be drafted that will conform with anticipated amendments in the Act now before the legislature in session at Toronto.

Councillor Macdonald, chairman of the Property Committee, reported having met the ladies of the I. O. D. E. regarding the proposed improvements on the Town Hall. He said it was the intention to install a new heating system, re-decorate the interior of the building, and make better dressing-room facilities for the stage by partitioning off a portion of the lower hall and running a staircase up to the stage behind the wings. The total outlay was to be about \$600.00, and the I. O. D. E. were prepared to pay \$100.00. The matter was not further dealt with other than that tenders are being asked for, when the Council will again take the matter up at their next meeting.

Several other minor matters were gone into, the principal one being the matter of Messrs. Lawrence and Smith, sawmillers, allowing logs to be piled on the street in front of their mill on Saddle Street. After discussion, it was decided that the Council turn the matter over to Constable Falconer, as part of his duties were to keep the streets cleared and in a passable condition for traffic. The matter of a retaining wall on George Street near the High School, where the old wooden planking is rotting and giving away, was brought up but will likely be handled at next meeting as nothing could be done at this season of the year in any event.

ONTARIO ARCH MASONS HONOR S. D. CROFT AT ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Durham Man Elected Grand Superintendent of Wellington District at Annual Meeting Held Last Week at Windsor.

Five hundred delegates to the 67th annual convocation of Royal Arch Masons of Canada were given the freedom of Windsor Wednesday and Thursday of last week by Mayor Frank J. Mitchell when the session officially opened in the Masonic Temple. Durham delegates to the convention were Messrs. S. D. Croft, W. S. Hunter and E. D. McClocklin. In his annual address, M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis of Hamilton, Ont., urged increased activity in various chapters.

In the election of Grand Superintendents, the candidacy of Mr. S. D. Croft of this town was successful, and he will have the superintendency of Wellington District, comprised of Galt, Kitchener, Guelph, Georgetown, Preston, Orangeville, Shelburne, Palmerston and Durham. Mr. Croft's friends here join in felicitations on the high honor thrust on him by his Masonic brethren, and the local chapter may well be excused for their elation in the advancement of one of its charter members to such a position of responsibility and trust.

Other Grand Superintendents elected were: St. Clair, J. L. Rutherford; Blenheim, London, E. E. McNeil; Strathroy, Wilton, S. W. Seage; Brantford; Hamilton, Sidney Forbes; Hamilton; Huron, E. T. Armstrong; Lucknow; Niagara, J. W. Holstock; Welland; Toronto West, Dr. A. Evans; Toronto; Toronto East, Prof. C. H. C. Wright; Toronto; Georgian, John T. Andrews; Brantford; Ontario, C. L. Davidson; Lindsay; Prince Edward, F. H. Cheshire; Belleville; St. Lawrence, Harry J. Milne; Kingston, Ottawa, J. Gray; Ottawa; Algoma, Oliver Coles; Fort William; New Ontario, E. K. Elliott; Iroquois Falls; Yukon, F. H. Obhorn; Klondike.

Among the prominent visitors to the annual convocation were: Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., of Belleville, past grand first principal and past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario; Deputy Grand Master John A. Dow, of Toronto; Hon. W. D. McPherson and others.

The three Durham delegates report a most successful convocation, with a great deal of business done and an excellent social time spent, and contributed in no small degree by the residents of Windsor who went to a great deal of trouble and spared no pains to make the visit of the Arch Masons a most pleasurable event.

GLENELG COUPLE 50 YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Black Celebrated Golden Wedding on Tuesday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Black of Glenelg Township who on Tuesday of this week celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. Mr. Black was married at Owen Sound on March 3, 1875, to Miss Catherine Macdonald by Rev. Father Grandt, and the venerable couple have spent their whole married life in Glenelg, near Pomona.

Mr. Black was born 89 years ago at Benbecula, South Uist, Invernesshire, Scotland. Coming to Canada in 1851 at seventeen years of age, he lived for a short time at Fergus, before coming to Glenelg where he has been a continuous resident ever since. He has been, during his lifetime, a valued municipal servant of his township, being assessor and collector of taxes for fifteen years, and from 1844 until his retirement in 1922, was the clerk of the township.

A family of fourteen children blessed the union, of whom eleven, six sons and five daughters are living: Angus of Dakota, John and Frank of Michigan, Alex. of Fort William, George at home and Joseph of Toronto; Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. McDonald, living near home; Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Bowie and Mrs. Graham, all of Toronto. Thirty-nine grand children are also living.

It is the intention to hold a reunion next summer to mark the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Black have a host of friends in Durham and vicinity who will join The Chronicle in extending best wishes for many more years of wedded happiness. In politics, Mr. Black is a staunch Conservative, and in religion, a devoted member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Glenelg.

GRAND AND PETIT JURORS SERVING AT OWEN SOUND

Following is a list of grand and petit jurors from Durham and vicinity serving at Owen Sound this week:

- Grand Jury.—William G. Watson, Priceville; George M. Leeson, Varney; T. G. Lauder, Durham.
- Petit Jury.—Wilbur Anderson, Bentinck; Jacob Christie, Bentinck; Robert Corlett, Bentinck; Lorne Clark, Bentinck; Frank Duncan, Flesheron; William Jack, Glenelg; James Lawrence, Glenelg; N. P. McIntyre, Durham; James M. Marshall, Northmanby; Robert J. McGillivray, Glenelg.

Little Pen-o-grams



GREY COUNTY ANANIAS AGAIN SLAMS DURHAM

Owen Sound Sun-Times Takes Another Fling at South Grey Metropolis and, as Usual, It's News is Unreliable.

Listen to the latest wail from The Owen Sound Sun-Times, the premier Baron Munchausen of Grey County newspapers:

"The presence in Durham on Tuesday night of Provincial Constables Jones and Bone had the effect of preventing what might have been some serious trouble. It was on that night that the Listowel hockey team played their return game in Durham, and excitement was at fever heat, as the Listowel team had a small lead from their first game, and the Durham lads were out to take the round. The game was the fastest seen in Durham in many a day, and while the best of feeling prevailed among the players of the two teams, this was not the case among the spectators, and toward the close of the game, which resulted in a tie, 3 goals each, things began to get pretty warm.

"After the game, there were threats of a hostile demonstration against the Listowel team, and they were afraid to leave the rink for fear of trouble. Word was sent to the hotel where the two Provincial officers were sojourning for the night and they very soon put an end to any attempt to injure the Listowel players, and they were able to leave the rink without being molested in any way. Just who was responsible for the alleged threats is not known, but things looked bad for a little while.

"The above news item would be all right if it were not for one important fact—there's not one word of truth in it. It is needless to say that the article has caused considerable indignation in town generally, and The Chronicle has been asked to refute the charges in their entirety.

Knowing the Owen Sound Sun-Times and the class of news it apparently is desirous of handing out to its readers, especially when a sister town is affected, we paid little attention to its latest pipe-dream, but Durham citizens generally, not being so well acquainted, do not see it in that way.

We don't know where The Sun-Times got its information, but it was wrong. We understand, however, that some members of the Listowel team, following the cowardly assault on Schutz by Kemp of the Listowel team at the latter place, expected trouble and sent for their provincial police, but this was their own doing, and something that Durham spectators had no hand in and knew nothing about.

News-papers generally, and especially those of "the holier than thou" variety, should exercise reasonable care in the publication of this class of news that is decidedly detrimental to a sister town, if true—and almost as bad if false.

YOUR LABEL

The Chronicle mailing lists were corrected up to 6 p.m. Monday of this week, and all monies on subscription reaching us before that date should be shown on the label. If any omissions are noticed, we will consider it a favor to be notified when correction will be made.

Our mailing lists are corrected on or about the last day of each month, and the next correction should show on the labels appearing on our issue of April 2nd. Monies sent us since March 2nd will not be credited on the label until that date, though entry will, of course, be made in our books at time of receipt.

MEN'S CLASS BANQUET WAS WELL ATTENDED

Audience of Seventy Listened to Most Interesting Address by Rev. D. M. Solandt of Toronto.

Between sixty-five and seventy of the representative citizens of the town were present at the Men's Class banquet in the Hahn House last Thursday evening and listened, we think, to the best discourse yet delivered at the annual banquet of this popular men's association.

Following an excellent dinner provided by Mine Host Hahn, a harp instrumental by Mr. Robinson of the Provincial Highways Department here, opened the program proper. Mr. Robinson's opening selection was very well received, and he was called upon so persistently that he simply had to respond with an encore. Mr. Robinson, in his debut before a Durham audience, has proven himself an accomplished musician and, we are told, performs equally well on the piano.

A solo by Mr. William Benson and reading by Mr. G. R. Padfield, both well known to Durham audiences, needs no comment, these two popular entertainers presenting their offerings in their usual high-class manner.

The toast to the King was responded to by the singing of the National Anthem and to the Country, by the singing of "O Canada."

Rev. Dr. Solandt, the speaker of the evening, took as his topic, "The Problem of Living Together," centering his remarks around his experience as secretary of the Industrial Disputes Board Act of Manitoba. From 1905 to 1916, Mr. Solandt was pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, and it was while in that city that he was called to sit on the Disputes Board and with Rev. Charles G. Gordon (Ralph Connor) administered the affairs of this board for some considerable time.

The speaker said that the Industrial Disputes Board Act, as its name implies, was formed for the purpose of settling the many disputes between employer and employee that occurred during the successive days of the war. The success of the board was evident in the fact that of 80 cases that came before them, they settled 87 successfully and with the minimum of friction between the two factions.

Mr. Solandt said that the real reason for the many disputes between labor and capital is because of misunderstanding and "not knowing what the other fellow is up against." The working man saw his employer in a false light and, thinking of his own troubles, took it for granted that the other fellow's pathway, unlike his own, was free of rocks and thorns.

The problem of living together, said Mr. Solandt, was a big one, and the topic was one that today occupied the leading place in clubs and newspaper editorials. He thought the solving of this momentous question would be a big boost for Canada and one of the very best things that could happen. If we knew some of the other fellow's troubles, and he knew some of ours, the problem of living together would be more than half solved.

Mr. Solandt's address all through was one that dealt with facts, not theories, and as such was one that had to be heard to be appreciated. No newspaper report could do justice to his interpretation of the big problem now confronting Canada and the world at large.

At the close of the address, a vote of thanks was moved by Dr. A. M. Bell, seconded by H. R. Koch and heartily responded to by the audience present.

Which?
"A man is never older than he feels," declared the ancient bear, bravely. "Now, I feel as fresh as a two-year-old."

"Horse or egg?" asked the sweet young thing brightly.

Cross-word puzzles are educational. Think how many people know Ha is a sun god.

Smilin' Charlie Says



Paris newspaper asks for whom does a woman dress? - we didn't know they did very much dressing these days.

MEN'S CLASS

Next Sunday we will discuss "Insanity." This is one of the most distressing problems for any family or society to face and solve. The causes are varied, physical injury, mental derangement or moral lapse. Perhaps also demon possession. The ill effects are now noticeable along two lines, immorality and crime. How shall responsibility be estimated? What ought to be done in the way of restraint or punishment? Is punishment ever justifiable?

To Mend China

Make a glue that is both transparent and without color in the following way: Boil down a small quantity of isinglass in a scrupulously clean saucpan. Remove from the pan, and when merely warm, add one-half of the quantity of spirits of wine and mix thoroughly together and leave to cool. For colored china the glue may be colored to match by adding to the isinglass when it is boiling the necessary amount of dye.