

## GOVT. HOG GRADER WAS HERE SATURDAY

G. Barbour, of the Dominion Live Stock Branch, Brantford, Gave Demonstration in Grading at C.P.R. Yards.

Farmers of Durham and the surrounding territory were given a lesson in the grading of hogs here on Saturday morning when Mr. G. Barbour, Brantford, of the Dominion Live Stock Branch, and the official grader for the Brantford and Ingersoll packing houses, gave a practical demonstration and talk on the proper manner in which to grade and produce select hogs for sale in the British market.

Mr. Barbour, himself a practical farmer, appeared fully versed in his subject and in his work here, imparted much valuable information to local farmers, which, if acted upon, should put a good many dollars in their pockets and at the same time, raise the percentage of select hogs shipped from Durham station. Following the demonstration at Durham at 9 o'clock, Mr. Barbour gave a similar demonstration at Holstein at noon.

Under the system used here Saturday, all hogs were graded by an official grader, and considering that the hogs were to be sold f. o. b. Toronto, no further grading was necessary when they reached their destination.

There are nine grades of hogs, as follows: Selects, weighing from 180 to 230 pounds; Thick Smooths, from 170 to 220; Heavy, up to 260; Extra Heavy, over 260; Shop Hogs, 120 to 170; Feeders, thin hogs of any weight; Roughs, those of rough conformation of any weight; No. 1 Sows under 350 and well finished, and No. 2 Sows, taking in any other class of Sows.

One thing the grading had done was to eliminate pretty much except the first two grades, which were the two principal ones with which the average farmer would have to deal with from a market standpoint. The thick smooth is the market priced hog, and it is from this grade that the premiums or "docks" are paid.

The select hog was a hog of smooth and even size from end to end, with good finish and without excess of fat. This was the hog from which the famous Wiltshire side was made and which commanded the highest price on the British market. The trade in the Old Land calls for Wiltshire sides from 15 to 70 pounds, and it was this that led to the setting of the weight at from 180 to 230 pounds live weight at points of shipment. Sixty per cent of the live hog ready to kill represents the two Wiltshire sides. To illustrate, a 230 pound hog makes two 60 pound Wiltshire sides.

In speaking to the stockmen present, Mr. Barbour pointed out that the only proper method of disposing of hogs was on the graded basis, and that the larger the percentage of selects produced, the higher would be the price level of hogs.

Ontario farmers generally, said Mr. Barbour to the Chronicle, regarded hog grading favorably, and in the districts apparently opposed to the system, he found that it was through a misunderstanding of the benefits to be derived that caused the opposition. In the grading on Saturday, 27 per cent of the hogs shipped off on the average for the first three months and a half of this year, which was 33 1/2 per cent. This should easily be 50 per cent, and would be, according to Mr. Barbour if the farmers would but extend themselves in the selection of sires, which he considered the most important factor in the raising of hogs of first quality.

One advantage of the grading regulations since inauguration, was the raising of the price of Canadian hogs in Britain. In 1922, the Canadian price was 28 shillings below the Danish, while today it is 5 shillings. The British buying prices for select bacon, and this is evidenced in the increased sales of Canadian and Danish bacon in the British market. The United States, on the other hand, is falling off badly in their sales, because of the fact that their bacon is not at all up to the standard and sells today for 25 shillings below the price paid for Canadian products. The United States raises cheap hogs, but even at the cheap price, American bacon sales show a decided decrease in Great Britain while Canadian and Danish bacon, with the enormous difference in price, always finds a ready market and the sales of these two countries are increasing by leaps and bounds.

Mr. Barbour is an enthusiastic champion of the system whereby the farmer markets his own products and says that the best evidence of this benefit can be found in communities in which hog grading is practised and where any other system would be looked upon in disfavor. We were pleased to have a call from Mr. Barbour Saturday afternoon and enjoyed a half hour's conversation with him. We are indeed sorry that we are unable to go further into his work here, but farmers present at the hog grading demonstration will recognize the difficulty of working your way in among the crowd for the purpose of picking up information for publication.

## LOCAL QUOIT CLUB WON FROM ALLAN PARK

Beat Iron Heavers at That Place in Interesting Match Last Friday Night.

What National League baseball is to Pittsburg and New York, quoining is to Allan Park and Durham, and the tossing contest staged at the former place last Friday evening proved both interesting and exciting to the local iron heavers, who came out successful after a strenuous game with the Allan Park stalwarts.

The local teams, composed of Messrs. Thomas Moffat, John Backus, John McQueen and J. A. Aldred, are quite chesty after their glorious victory, and, like little Peterkin of school-book fame who wanted to know "what they fought each other for," the Allan Park kiddies are still wondering what all the noise was about. The Allan Park team, composed of Messrs. Archie and James Park, Nelson McMahon and Bob Patterson, though defeated, gave the local professionals a hard argument, and after the game, just to show that there were no hard feelings, served refreshments, and the balance of the evening was spent socially.

It is expected that the Allan Park boys will play a return match here in the course of a few days when they expect to turn the tables on their opponents of last week and hand them out an even worse beating than they received.

There is no use denying the fact that the old game of quoits is coming back into its own around Durham, though both Tom Moffat and John Backus declare that while a good sport for the younger residents like themselves, they would not recommend it to the older inhabitants, who might find it rather stiff amusement.

In vogue here since early spring, quite a crowd is beginning to collect nightly on the grounds at the rear of the town hall, and as the time goes on more and more are stepping up and taking an active interest in the game.

## GLENELG PIONEER DIED FRIDAY LAST

Late Peter Watson Had Been Resident of This Vicinity Upwards of Seventy-five Years.—Funeral Held Sunday to Trinity Church Cemetery.

The death last Friday at his home in Glenelg of Mr. Peter Watson, removes another of the old pioneer residents who braved the hardships of pioneer days and contributed largely to the present prosperity of this part of Ontario. Death followed an illness of two weeks from heart trouble.

Mr. Watson was born at Caledonia, in Haldimand County, in 1843, and was, therefore, in his 82nd year. When a lad of four years of age, he came with his parents to Durham and up to 1865, lived on the old Watson farm on the Durham Road now occupied by Mr. Herbert Greenwood.

Following his marriage that same year to Miss Agnes Pringle, he moved to Lot 19, Concession 8, Glenelg, where they resided up to two years ago, when they retired and moved to their son's farm at Lot 3, Concession 2, N. D. R.

Besides his widow, Mr. Watson leaves a family of seven sons and one daughter; David, at whose home he died; Mrs. Walker, in Durham; Harry, employed with the Durham Stone and Sand Company, Durham; Peter, at Fort William; Adam, at Victor, B. C.; Robert, at Carlsbad, Alberta; James, in Glenelg, and Harold, on the old homestead. A brother, Mr. Adam Watson, Lambton Street, also survives.

The funeral was held Sunday from his late residence to Trinity Church cemetery and was very largely attended. Rev. W. H. Smith of Durham Presbyterian Church had charge of the service.

Mr. Watson was one of the township's most substantial citizens, and his death, even at his great age, was regretted by many. To his widow and the sorrowing members of the family, The Chronicle tenders the sympathy of the community.

## EGREMONT PICNIC SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Former Residents to Hold Annual Picnic in High Park, Toronto.—General Invitation for All to Attend.

The fourth annual picnic for former residents of Egremont Township and vicinity, Grey County, who are now living in Toronto, will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, June 20 next, in High Park, Toronto.

Last year the attendance was 126, and all had an enjoyable outing in games, sports and renewal of old acquaintanceships. This year an attendance of 200 is expected. Take street car to Bloor entrance of Park. The grounds are Area No. 3, right at Bloor entrance. Look for the banner!

This is an invitation to all interested to attend. Bring a basket and spend a pleasant afternoon.

At any rate, the radio enables those who hate jazz to enjoy it privately.

The best tool for the garden is enthusiasm, but it dulls easily.

## SUNDAY'S STORM DID LOT OF DAMAGE

Welcome Rain Fell Over Week-end on Parched Land, Accompanied by Lightning and Thunder.—Much Damage Reported From Ontario Points, Though This Locality Does Not Report Much Monetary Loss as a Whole.

After a very dry spring, the much-looked-for rain, arrived last Sunday and was a welcome guest also on Monday and Tuesday. Sunday's shower was much heavier north and south of Durham than it was here, but a good precipitation has raised the hopes of agriculturists, and, with the continued warm weather, crops are progressing rapidly.

While a good heavy rain fell here Sunday, in the Owen Sound district and along the whole shore line of the Georgian Bay, the rain came down in sheets and was accompanied by considerable lightning. In and around Durham some damage was done, though this was light in comparison with other parts of Ontario.

At Allan Park, the shed of Fred Green, bee man, was struck and burned, together with considerable equipment, entailing a loss of approximately \$1,500. The residence caught fire, too, but was extinguished before much damage was done. In Brant township, a house belonging to a Mr. Francis was struck and partially damaged. In the Aytion vicinity, two barns are reported burned, one belonging to Peter Yost, with an estimated loss of \$4,500, with insurance of \$2,400. Members of the family managed to get the stock out of the building, but some implements were consumed.

In this locality, Glenelg Township seems to have had the worst part of the storm, during which three calves belonging to Michael Burke near the Township Hall, were killed. On the 6th, quite a lot of hail fell which is reported to have done considerable damage.

A young son of Mr. John McGrath, near St. John's Church, also had a narrow escape. It is reported that he was stunned by a bolt of lightning which killed a horse he was leading, though a late report says he was not seriously injured and is getting along nicely.

Other parts of the province had it even worse than here, \$50,000 damage being reported from Brampton alone, where Dale's Limited, the florists, with 25 acres of greenhouses under glass, had seven acres broken in with hail. Other greenhouses in the vicinity also suffered heavily in this storm, which appeared to be local to Brampton.

From Dresden and Windsor also come reports of heavy damage being done by wind and lightning, houses being unroofed, and considerable damage done by lightning.

On Monday night, about 5 o'clock, another heavy storm broke over this section, turning out a couple of insulators and putting the local hydro service out of commission for an hour or so. Tuesday evening about dusk, another heavy storm passed to the north and south of us, and while a good rain fell here, we have heard of no damage, though a big fire has been reported quite a distance to the east of us. North and south, however, the lightning was quite sharp, and we would not be surprised to hear of considerable damage.

Today, Wednesday, at the time this is written, the sun is out again, and, like Monday and Tuesday, it is close and hot, the thermometer registering up near the 80 mark.

## FREIGHT CARS WRECKED NORTH OF NEUSTADT

Twelve Cars Left Track, Tying Up Traffic for Thirty Hours.—No One Was Injured.

A railway wreck of minor proportions occurred at 12:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon just a short distance north of Neustadt when the north bound C. N. R. freight train came to grief. It is unknown for a certainty just what occurred to cause the accident, but it was either a spreading of the rails or a break on one of the wheels of a box car, but at any rate, about a dozen cars left the rails, and some of them tumbled over into the ditch, among them being two cars of coal, the coal being pretty well spilled. There was no person injured, as the train was not going fast, and the members of the train crew were not on any of the cars.

The accident was responsible for a complete tie-up of the road, and it was not until Sunday night that the road was cleared of the debris, the auxiliary from Palmerston with a big gang of men, working all day Sunday on the job. The train out of Owen Sound at 1:30 on Saturday was delayed to some extent, as there had to be a transfer made, and this occupied some little time, and the late train due in Owen Sound at 11:05 on Saturday night was about an hour late because of the accident. A temporary track was built around the wreck to allow traffic to pass. It was quite a bad looking mess, but the officials of the C. N. R. state that the damage will not be excessive.

No wonder corsets became unpopular. They can't be slipped on over the head.

## LITTLE PEN-O-GRAMS



## RED CROSS OFFICERS ALL RE-ELECTED

Enthusiastic Annual Meeting Held Tuesday Afternoon of This Week

The annual meeting of the Durham Red Cross Society was held in the armories Tuesday afternoon, and proved a most interesting and enthusiastic meeting.

As is well-known by this time, or should be, the local Red Cross are responsible for Durham's fine hospital. With the hospital in running shape, and the worries of other days disposed of, the ladies of the society are now bending their efforts toward the improvement of the local establishment and quite an extensive program for this year is already mapped out. Besides maintenance, the hospital must keep up with the modern trend for improvement, and like any other business, constant effort on the part of its promoters if it is to be the success intended.

During the meeting, Mrs. D. Jamieson gave a lengthy reading on the life of Abraham Lincoln which was much enjoyed by the ladies present. Part of the other business disposed of had to do with the coming graduation exercises on the 19th of this month, more of which will be heard later.

The following officers were re-elected:

- President, Mrs. D. Jamieson; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. G. Jucksch; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. T. Petty; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. J. A. Graham; Treasurer, Miss L. McKenzie; Secretary, Mrs. P. Gagnon.

The Executive Committee consists of the following: Mrs. E. Jamieson (Convener), Mrs. D. B. Jamieson, Mrs. Morlock, Mrs. J. H. Harding, Mrs. D. M. Saunders, Mrs. J. M. Burgess.

## TO HOLD CONVENTION IN MARKDALE JUNE 19

South-East Grey Liberal-Conservative Association Meets This Year at Markdale.—Prominent Speakers To Be Present.

The annual meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association for South-East Grey will be held in the Armories at Markdale, Friday, June 19, commencing at 1:30 in the afternoon, for the transaction of general business and the election of officers for the year.

Following the annual meeting, a convention will be held to choose a candidate to contest the riding in the interest of the party at the next federal election. It is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be on hand and that every polling subdivision in the riding will be represented.

Addresses will be delivered by W. A. Boyes, M.P., chief whip of the Conservative Opposition at Ottawa, John R. MacNicol, president of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Canada, and others.

It is expected that a large delegation will be present from Durham and surrounding country.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. Elizabeth Tolchard, London, Ontario, announces the engagement of her only daughter, Edna May Ritchie, to Mr. Charles H. Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Walker, Fort William, the marriage to take place in June.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Graham, Durham, Ontario, announce the engagement of their daughter, Annie Georgina, to Mr. Stanley Louis Pust, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Pust of Durham, the marriage to take place about the middle of June.

Women are people who think the telephone must be answered immediately.

## CAR TURNED TURTLE; NOBODY HURT

Spectacular Accident at Corktown Hill Tuesday Afternoon When Ford Touring Car Turned Over.

What might have been a double fatality occurred at Corktown hill south of town about 3:30 Tuesday afternoon when a Ford touring car belonging to Mr. John McKechnie, who lives in Glenelg about six miles north on the Provincial Highway, backed down the hill following the breaking of an axle and turned turtle in the centre of the road, pinning both Mr. McKechnie and Cecil Chapman underneath.

The car was being tested out following some work done in the garage, and when nearing the top of the hill, the axle gave way, and the machine started backing down the hill. Mr. Chapman was driving, and he succeeded in keeping the car on the road until at the bottom of the hill, the wheel dropped off, and with the speed of the car, when the housing dropped on the ground, the machine turned completely over, pinning both men underneath.

Mr. Chapman managed to get out, and lifting one side of the car, Mr. McKechnie was also released, neither man being injured in any way. Following the accident, Mrs. E. J. Schenk, who had been a witness of the upset from her house nearby, telephoned to town, and it was not long before quite a crowd had collected, but their assistance was unnecessary.

The car, a Ford touring, was badly smashed, the top being demolished and other damage being done to the chassis, windshield and body. It was hauled in to McCabe and McLaughlin's garage for repairs. While no doubt lamenting the damage done to his machine, Mr. McKechnie considers it was a very lucky accident for him and can scarcely understand how they came off with no injuries to speak of, as the car was lying in the roadway upside down, with but little room between the seat and the ground.

## LEFT FRIDAY FOR SUMMER ON LAKES

Mr. Albert Kress Will Spend Next Few Months in Employ of C. P. R. Lake Service.

Mr. Albert Kress, who has been a student at the Western University, London, during the past summer, left Friday morning for Port McNicoll, where he enters the service of the C. P. R. on the lake steamer, Assiniboia. Word received here by his parents this week contains the information that he got through safely and was about to enter on his initial trip as a sailor man. Albert has entered the culinary department and will before fall have developed into a high-class waiter, which he has linked up. We trust that he has a successful season and that the stormy weather may not be his undoing by making him deposit the soup down the back of a passenger's neck instead of on the table in front of him.

## HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR AT TORONTO UNIVERSITY

Miss Florabel Nichol Passed All Examinations, Winning Her B. A. Degree.

We extend congratulations to Miss Florabel Nichol on her success at Toronto University this year in obtaining her B. A. degree, as announced in Tuesday's dailies.

Miss Nichol and her mother, Mrs. J. C. Nichol, left this morning for Toronto to be present at the graduation exercises to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in Convocation Hall. Miss Nichol, who is training herself for a High school teacher, purposes attending the Faculty of Education this fall for further training.

## COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE DUST PROBLEM

Calcium Chloride Decided on for This Year. To Be Applied Immediately.—A Quiet Session.

Owing to sickness and other reasons, the monthly meeting of the Town Council Monday night was held with a bare quorum, the absentees being Alderman Bell, ill at his home, Alderman Noble, in the local hospital suffering from an attack of pneumonia, and G. S. Hunter prevented through business reasons from attending.

The passing of accounts amounting to \$359.72 by the Finance Committee and the reports of some of the standing committees were regular orders of routine business gone through.

Councillor Croft reported that he had called for tenders for the decorating of the auditorium and stairway of the hall, but that only one tender had been received, from McDougall and Willis, asking for \$271 for the contract. This was discussed by the Council at some length, some regarding the figures as rather high. It was decided to have the Property Committee deal with the matter.

W. J. McFadden, chairman of the Board of Works, brought to the attention of the Council the condition of the tops of some of the water tanks around town, notably the ones at Smith's corner, at Storey's and at the furniture factory. Though not under the control of his committee, the matter had been brought to his attention, and he thought that they should be looked after, as they were dangerous for any young children who might be playing around. He was authorized to have them attended to at once, as well as any others in town that were in need of repair.

Dr. Bell, M. O. H., gave a lengthy report of the recent Provincial meeting in Toronto, touching with other things the advisability of the town supervising its milk supply with the view of protecting the health of the citizens from that source. The convention also urged the readjustment of the method whereby the health of the municipalities was looked after. In the small communities, it was not possible for them to pay sufficient salary to employ a full time M. O. H., but in the opinion of the convention, this handicap could be got over by dividing the province into areas, employing whole time health officers and sanitary inspectors, and thus give these areas good service at a small cost per township. There will in all probability, be six of these areas tried out in Ontario this year. Dr. Bell also informed the Council that the convention were favorable to inviting the members of the Councils or their representatives to attend at the next convention to the provincial body.

Clerk Vollett had, according to previous instructions, prepared a by-law for the collection of poll tax. This was put through its various readings and passed. The poll tax this year was fixed at \$3.00, and Thomas Daniel was appointed collector.

The matter of the dust on Garafraxa Street was introduced by Mayor Murdoch, who stated that the cost of calcium chloride in the small quantities required here would be approximately \$44.50 per ton. In Dr. load lots, it amounted to about \$38.00 per ton.

Considerable discussion was indulged in, but as the Council had decided against the use of oil, and the supply of water was inadequate, they decided to give the calcium chloride a trial for this year at least, putting it on the roadway between the C. P. R. tracks and the Ford garage. It is expected that the chloride would arrive early next week and would be put on immediately.

The application of the Shell Gas People for the construction of proper culverts on their property near the Ford garage was well received, and the work will go ahead forthwith. The plan of the culvert was to erect a gas and oil service station on this property, maintaining a first-class premises and adding to the business life of the town.

The receipt of the silent policeman, to be used on the main square, was brought up by Mayor Murdoch, who stated that it was here on approval. It was erected Tuesday morning, and is still on duty.

The matter of the Band Stand was also up for discussion, but as there was some agitation against having it in the Federal Square on account of the flowers and shrubs, there were some that thought it might be moved up to the ground on which the soldiers' monument was erected. Reeve Calder thought this was not a good location and said that there was no doubt the flowers around the monument grounds would be damaged as much as those in the square. The discussion ended by the Council appointing Messrs. Calder, Murdoch and McFadden to interview the business men and get their opinion, as well as the opinion of members of the band. This was done Tuesday morning, and the stand is to be erected in the Federal Square.

Mr. Thomas Blair waited on the Council regarding certain arrears of taxes which he thought he was not entitled to pay, but nothing was done.

There should be a law making all-day suckers last more than thirty minutes.