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BIG CROWD AT DUNDALK TO CELEBRATE 12TH

Durham and District Orangemen Joined Dundalk Brethren in Celebration of Battle of the Boyne.—Fifty Lodges in Parade.

Durham and district Loyal Orange Lodges were at Dundalk Monday to celebrate the battle of the Boyne and report a record crowd in attendance. The day was ideal, no rain and not too warm, and a large number of lodges with an extra big crowd, took in the celebration. A dispatch from Dundalk dated July 14 says:

"The biggest Orange celebration ever held in Dundalk took place here on Monday when lodges from all parts of Grey County and surrounding district turned out to celebrate the Battle of the Boyne. Favored with excellent weather, the crowds began to put in an appearance early in the day, and by noon, the available parking space was occupied by motor cars, and in addition to those who travelled that way, special trains brought additional crowds from Owen Sound and other points. It was a great day for the citizens of Dundalk, who vied with each other in making the visitors welcome, and special arrangements were made to feed the immense throngs. There were refreshment booths wherever a vacant place could be found, and all appeared to be doing a thriving business. The Dundalk brass band was out early and welcomed the visiting lodges as they arrived during the forenoon, and there was a large number of smaller parades. The Markdale brass band was also on hand, and then there were the large number of fife and drum bands brought along by the lodges, and they kept things lively throughout the day.

"The parade was scheduled to take place at 1.30 o'clock, but it was after 2 when it was lined up and ready to start. There were some 60 lodges in the line, and with their handsome banners and their small hands and bright uniforms, presented wonderful sights to the mass of people who lined the streets. It is estimated that there were over 3,000 Orangemen in the parade, and over 15,000 visitors in the town during the day.

"At the Park, a number of addresses were delivered, among the speakers being W. H. Tuck, Grand Master of the Royal Black Preceptory of Ontario West, Toronto; Rev. R. A. Spencer, of Dundalk, Dr. L. G. Campbell of Markdale; Mrs. H. Down, Flesherton, and several others. They were listened to by an enthusiastic audience.

"There was also a god program of sports. In the baseball game, Flesherton beat Dundalk by 14 to 8, and in the soccer game, Maxwell beat Holstein by 3 to 1. There were no accidents to mar the day."

NO. 7, NORMANBY WON DEBATING CUP

Defeated Artemesia Club in Final Held in the Rink Here Last Week.

The final debate for the Miss Macphail cup took place in the rink here last Wednesday night, and was won by the club from No. 7, Normanby, debating against the Onward Club team from Artemesia. Rev. W. H. Smith of this place and Prof. McLaren of the O.A.C. after going over the points obtained by the two teams, decided that the Normanby debaters on the negative side had won. The question of debate was, "Resolved, that Consolidated schools would do more for education in rural Ontario than the present system."

Good points were made by both teams, but the address of the evening was delivered by Mr. Farquhar Oliver of the Artemesia team, who created quite a favorable impression with the large audience present. Mr. Oliver possessed what the other three lacked to a great extent —volume and clear enunciation— and his voice at all times could be heard in any part of the rink. His co-debater was Mr. Elfred Waters. Messrs. William Ford and Wilfred Anderson handled the negative argument well, and after the decision of the judges, were handed the cup by the donor, Miss Macphail, who also distributed medals donated for other purposes. Following the presentation, Mr. Oliver, on behalf of the Onward Club, congratulated the winners and said that if he had to lose, he would sooner bow in defeat to them than to any other team he knew.

At the beginning of the meeting, Prof. McLaren, who was in charge of the field sports during the afternoon, gave a good address. At intervals during the meeting, the rocky Saugeen orchestra furnished excellent music.

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CELEBRATED 86TH BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

Mr. William Firth of Glenelg Still Enjoys Good Health For a Man of His Years and Is a Veritable Encyclopaedia of Events of the Early Days of the Township.

Eighty-six years of age on Saturday! That is a long time for mere man to be a tenant of this earthly sphere, but to meet Mr. William Firth of Glenelg, the grand old man of Zion's Corners, one would not think that he was within hailing distance of the four score and ten mark. Passing through that part of the townsnip last Sunday evening, we dropped in to pay him a short visit and were much impressed with his retentive memory and brightness of spirits. Though not just quite himself during the past few weeks, Mr. Firth says there is nothing serious the matter with him and he hopes to be back to his normal state of health in the course of a few days.

The subject of this sketch was born at Lockport, New York State, on the 11th of July, 1839. Lockport, now a city of approximately 22,000 population, then but a small village, is approximately 20 miles due east of Lewiston and lies about 30 miles north-east of Buffalo. When about two years of age, Mr. Firth came with his parents to Canada, and the family took up their residence in Trafalgar Township about 11 miles from Oakville. On the 12th of September, 1848, the family came to Glenelg, where the subject of this sketch has since resided, each year's residence but adding to the regard and esteem in which he is held. The old homestead on the 2nd concession is now occupied by a nephew, Mr. W. G. Firth.

Fifty-seven years ago, Mr. Firth was married to Miss Kate McFayden, and the young couple commenced homemaking at Lot 5, Concession 7, where, with the exception of a year spent on what is now known as the Matthew Davis farm, the family has since resided. Mrs. Firth died in 1879, leaving a family of three sons and three daughters, all of whom, with the exception of Katherine, who died 25 years ago, are still living. They are: Hugh and William J., Durham, Joseph in Guelph, Mrs. Dodds (Martha) in Berkeley, Mrs. Traynor (Minnie) in Durham.

About 42 years ago, Mr. Firth was married to Miss Margaret Timmins, and to this union were born twin girls, Mrs. Mayes at Guelph and Mrs. Harry Holmes of Durham.

We were much interested in some of Mr. Firth's tales of the early days in Glenelg, "when there was nary a tree cut between his farm seven miles out and Durham." He was also a great admirer of the late James Edge and recounted many of the happenings in the late 40s and early 50s that tell of the hardships that these early settlers had to go through, a comparison that makes one gasp when considered from the standpoint of the modern youth, whose ambitions, in a good many instances, consist of an ability to "step on the gas" and "make Owen Sound in forty flat."

Mr. Firth still has in his possession a grindstone, the original weight of which was 90 pounds, and which was carried from Owen Sound to Glenelg on horseback. This happened 75 years ago. Mr. Firth says the stone is still in good condition and much better than the majority of those of the present day. Though not actively engaged in farming at present, Mr. Firth retired from active labors only a year ago last September when he suffered a slight stroke, and while he admits he does not feel as young as he did fifty years ago, he is quite confident that his chances for living far beyond the ninety-mile limit are good. He is active for his age, can eat a good meal, has a wonderfully retentive memory and is an exceptionally good conversationist.

One thing he can't do, apparently, and that is talk about himself. Talking over the matter of our conversation with him to one of his Durham admirers who has known him for a long time, we secured some additional information about our subject that would probably never have come to light if we had depended upon Mr. Firth to tell it.

Mr. Firth threshed among the farmers in Glenelg for 25 years or more, and as a consequence, knew nearly everybody in the township. He was regarded as the best feeder on a hand thresher in the district, and with the exception of the late James Edge, was the best ox driver in the olden days. Mr. Firth was also an axeman of note, and he and his brother, Harry, now dead, had the reputation of being the two best axemen in the country. One was a right-handed chopper and the other left-handed. It is said that they would stand up to a tree and fell it, both men using the one notch.

We trust that Mr. Firth, who is a brother of Mr. Joseph Firth of town, may live long to enjoy many more returns of his natal day.

FERGUS PLAYS HERE TONIGHT AT 6

Fast Juvenile Team Clashes With Locals This Evening in Exhibition Fixture.—Should Be a Good Game.

This Thursday evening at 6 o'clock sharp, the Fergus and Durham juveniles come together on Durham grounds in an exhibition game of lacrosse which, from advance notices, will be the game of the season thus far. Owing to some mix-up in the certificates, the O.A.L.A. executive cancelled the league game with Walkerton last week, and to keep the locals in shape and give them a try-out against one of the best juvenile teams in the province this exhibition game has been arranged. Fergus is grouped with Orangeville and Hespeler, and we understand, have broken even with both of these fast travelling teams. The game this evening should be a good one, with the locals being forced to give the best that is in them to win.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS AT NORMAL EXAMS.

Results Made Public Monday by Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Minister of Education.

The results of the courses of training for Public and Separate school teachers were announced Monday last by the minister of education. The certificates of the successful candidates and the marks of those who failed will be forwarded in due course. The following is the result as it interests Durham and district so far as we have been able to find out, and while there may be omissions, the list is as complete as we can ascertain.

Interim Second-Class Certificates

Mary S. Bell, Reta L. Barbour, Sarah Fulton, Violet Mervyn, Clara M. McCrae, Jessie M. Twamley, Cecil R. Wiggins.

Interim Third-Class Certificate

Amelia F. Blair.

The names of two other candidates also appear which will be of much interest to residents of Durham. They are Miss Elizabeth J. Bean, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Bean of Fordwich, and Miss Kathleen Hughes, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hughes of town.

We congratulate all the candidates on their successful year's work.

LOCAL MUSIC STUDENTS PASS EXAMINATIONS

Toronto Conservatory of Music Results Were Announced Saturday With Gratifying Results to Durham Pupils.

The results of the recent musical examinations in Durham centre were made known Saturday, and the general results of this year's work must be highly satisfactory to both pupils and teachers. The examinations were held on July 8, and the pupils were prepared by the Misses Violet and Ruth Fursman of Hanover. The maximum marks obtainable is 100 with the following grading: Pass 60 marks, Honors 70 marks, First-class Honors 80 marks. The results are for piano.

Intermediate School Grade—Marjorie Pickering 60, Junior—Jean Harding 64, Primary — Dorothy Pickering 71, Elementary — Gordon McRae 82, James Henderson 78, Isobel Jamieson 72, Introductory—Caroline Mitchell 81, Theory, Primary Grade (Harmony)—Stella McCrae 89.

BAPTIST CONGREGATION PAID TRIBUTE TO PASTOR

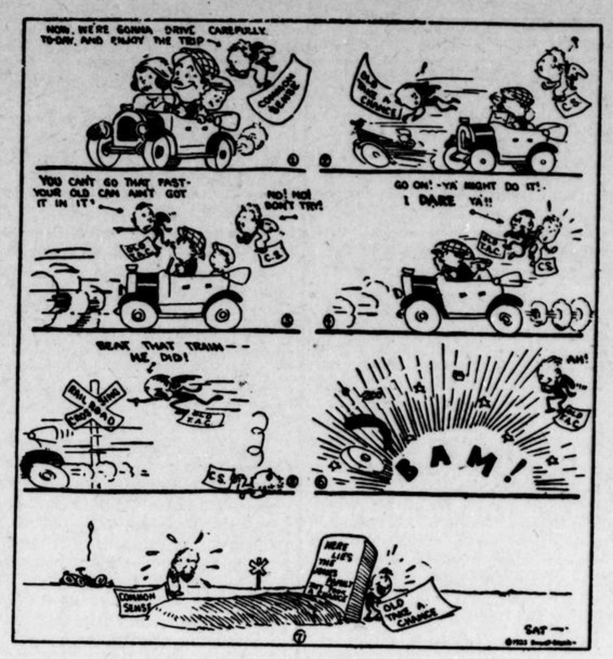
Rev. J. Taylor Made Recipient of Address and Presentation at Pleasant Gathering Last Friday Night.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Giles on Saddler street was the scene of a pleasant gathering last Friday evening when, at a meeting of the members of the congregation of the Baptist church, the pastor, Rev. James Taylor, was presented with white gold cuff links and watch chain. The pleasure of the affair was enhanced in that Mr. Taylor was taken wholly by surprise, having no inkling whatever that anything of this nature was to take place.

A very pleasant evening was spent with lunch on the lawn followed by a short program of singing and speeches by Messrs. Thomas McNiece, Thomas McComb and Allan Bell. Miss Eva Redford was the accompanist for the musical program.

In the presentation to Mr. Taylor, the address was read by Mr. H. S. Griff, and the presentation made by Mrs. William Moffet. Mr. Taylor made suitable reply.

OUR SERMONETTE



MT. FOREST I. O. O. F. HELD DECORATION

Four or Five Car Loads Representing Grey Lodge No. 169 Were in Attendance and Report Big Crowd.

Though the first service of its kind held in Mount Forest for a good many years, the Odd Fellows decoration service on Sunday afternoon last will go down as one of the most successful services of this nature ever held in this part of Ontario. Approximately 200 Odd Fellows gathered, and a procession of cars nearly a mile long made its way to the cemetery where the services were to be held.

Prior to proceeding to the cemetery, the members of the order, preceded by the Durham Citizen's Band, marched through the main portion of the town to where their cars had been parked in the north end. The march was an impressive one, and the music by the band lent the right atmosphere. Arriving at the cemetery, the decoration services were soon under way, and as the afternoon was all too short and much work to be done, no time was to be lost.

There are 33 members of Garnet Lodge, Mount Forest, reposing in the silent city, and buried in different parts of the cemetery, it was no small work to deposit on the grave of each member the beautiful floral tribute of red and white geraniums.

The service at the cemetery opened with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" by the Odd Fellows and public, followed by prayer by the Rev. Mr. Facey. This was followed by the decoration of the graves of the deceased members of the society. Then followed the hymn, "Shall We Gather at the River," which in turn was followed by the reading of the Scripture, Luke 10 : 25-37 by Bro. Galbraith of the Mount Forest Lodge, who was in charge of the whole service.

The address of the day was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Facey who, for about twenty minutes, delivered a fine oration on Odd Fellowship, its aims and ambitions, and the duties of members if they seek to uphold the traditions of the order.

The hymn, "God Be With You," was followed by the Odd Fellows' address, delivered by Mr. E. D. McClocklin of the Durham Lodge. Modesty forbids that we comment too favorably on this part of the program more than to say that Mr. McClocklin's address was given with its customary forcefulness and was very favorably commented upon by the members present. The benediction by Rev. Mr. Facey closed the service.

The decoration service will undoubtedly live long in the memory of the brothers assembled and of the citizens of the town who were present. Odd Fellows were present from Harriston, Palmerston, Durham and other Lodges.

The selections by the Durham Band during the decoration of the graves and at other periods during the service added much to the solemnity of the occasion, the sacred selections being in keeping both with the day and the occasion.

Following the return to the lodge room, refreshments were served and an hour of friendship indulged in that was much enjoyed by the visiting brethren as well as by the members of the Mount Forest lodge.

The Huntsville School Board gave a picnic to the well-behaved pupils. Unfortunately there isn't a picnic ground large enough to start the innovation here.—Chatham News.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE DESTROYED BARN

Property of Mr. Herbert Greenwood on Durham Road Burned Late Saturday Afternoon.

Mr. Herbert Greenwood met with a serious loss about 5.30 Saturday afternoon when his barn on the Durham Road caught fire in some mysterious manner and was totally destroyed. Mr. Greenwood, who is night watchman at the furniture factory, has just gone to work a few minutes before the fire was discovered, and as he does not smoke and there was no one about the property at the time who did, he is at a loss to account for what was the cause of the blaze.

Two or three days previously, we understand, Mr. Greenwood had hauled in a few loads of hay which was stored in the barn, and though it is not thought that the hay was in the barn long enough to heat, there is no other solution to the fire than spontaneous combustion of some kind.

The barn, which was a good substantial frame structure with stone walls and cement stable, was a total loss, and while there was some insurance, it will not begin to cover the loss sustained.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Greenwood in his loss, as in a conflagration of this kind, a person loses much more than he can think of at the time of the fire.

PRICEVILLE PICNIC OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Presbtyerian Sunday School Spent Pleasant Afternoon on School Grounds Friday.—Bunessan Won Softball Game.

Last Friday afternoon was a big day with the members of the Sunday school of the Priceville Presbyterian church, when upwards of 300 members of the congregation gathered at the school grounds to hold their annual picnic.

The big event of the afternoon was a softball game between Bunessan and Swinton Park, won by the former 18 to 16. A local ladies' football match too caused much merriment and was keenly contested throughout. Besides these events, the usual races for the children and other sports kept everything moving, and the big crowd when supper time arrived, was quite content to sit down and enjoy the delectable meal served by the ladies of the congregation.

Since the vote on Union, which was a tie,, 60-60, or, rather, since the 10th of June, the Presbyterians of the village have been holding church and Sunday school in Watson's Hall, the average attendance at the Sunday school of which Mr. Thomas Nichol is superintendent, being 68.

ENJOYED PICNIC SATURDAY

A pleasant and much enjoyed picnic was held in Dr. D. B. Jamieson's grove at Wilder's Lake Saturday afternoon, given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton of Saskatoon, visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity for the past month. Quite a crowd gathered, and a good time was enjoyed. The picnic, arranged by Mr. Andrew Hunter, included the Brown, Henry and Hunter families, the Gilmour family of near Hampden, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lennox, Mr. and Mrs. James Mack, Mr. and Mrs. David Hamilton and many others whose names we have been unable to obtain.

GLENELG COUPLE FIFTY YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Black Among Most Respected Residents of Township.—Were Married February 12, 1875.

A happy family reunion took place yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Black, 6th Concession of Glenelg, the occasion being the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding day of the esteemed couple. The actual date of their marriage was February 12, 1875, as told in our issue of that date, of this year, when it was decided that rather than hold a celebration at that time, it would be postponed until midsummer when it was expected that all the members of the family would be able to be present. The date was set for yesterday, and it must have been a source of great joy to the esteemed couple to have their children, now living in widely separated localities with them once more. Mr. and Mrs. Black's family consists of six sons and five daughters: Alex, at Fort William; Frank and John, at St. Charles, Michigan; Joseph, in Toronto; Angus P., in North Dakota, and George at home. The daughters are: Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Bowie and Mrs. McDonald, all of Toronto; Mrs. Alex. McDonald and Mrs. John McCormick in Glenelg. Besides, there are the families, numbering in all 40 grandchildren, all of whom are now visiting the old home in Glenelg, and attended the anniversary celebration yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Black were married at Owen Sound, the Rev. Father Chierer performing the ceremony, and immediately following the ceremony, the young couple commenced homemaking in Glenelg, where they have been respected residents ever since.

Mr. Black was born in Inverness-shire, Scotland, 88 years ago last February and, for a man of his years, is remarkably well preserved. He says he feels well, thinks well and is well with the exception that he sometimes feels that he cannot walk as well as he would like. Mrs. Black at 73 is quite smart and able to be up and around at her household duties. She was born in Woodstock, in Oxford County.

Mr. Black came to Canada in 1857 with his parents. The family first moved to Wellington County, near Guelph, subsequently moving to Glenelg.

During his lifetime, Mr. Black has been a busy man municipally and still takes great interest in the affairs of the township. He was collector for six years, assessor for seven years and for thirty-nine years was the efficient Clerk of the municipality. He was also county auditor for one year, serving with the late John McDonald of Clifatsworth.

We were pleased to have a short call Tuesday of this week from this venerable and highly respected resident whom we have known for so many years, and take the opportunity of extending our very best wishes for the continued health and prosperity of himself and his beloved life partner.

MISSIONARY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. McFadyen on Wednesday, July 8, with a good attendance. The devotional exercises were conducted by the president, Mrs. A. Derby, and the Bible reading was taken by Mrs. G. Geddes.

Mrs. William Firth gave a splendid and most encouraging report of the Presbyterial which was held in Palmerston. The topic for the meeting was taken by Mrs. A. Derby. The meeting closed by singing and prayer.

Mr. Bryan announces he is going to quit the platform. Which platform? He ran for three.—Kansas City Star.

Smilin' Charlie Says

"There are more lambs in th' wolf's clothing than wolves in th' lamb's raiment"