

YEAR'S RECORD BROKEN FOR ATTENDANCE

Presbyterian Garden Party Last Week Was Best in This District and Drew Largest Crowd.—Excellent Program Furnished by Brunswick Trio.—To Be Annual Affair.

Thursday evening's garden party on the lawn of Mr. R. A. Lawson, north of town, under the auspices of Durham Presbyterian church, was without any doubt or qualification, the best seen here in a good many years. The excellent program put on by the Brunswick Trio of London was no doubt responsible for the big crowd present, and with an excellent evening for the event, the business at the booths was steady and profitable.

For a time during the afternoon, and especially about five o'clock, the weather was not very promising, quite a drizzly rain falling, and it was almost an even bet, if betting could be permitted or thought of in referring to a church garden party, as to whether or not the program could go on. However, about six o'clock, it moderated, and though the evening remained dry, there is no doubt that the rainfall of the early evening curtailed somewhat the attendance.

The program was opened with a baseball game between Allan Park and Dornoch, the former winning 8 to 4 in a well contested match. Interest in this game ran high, and an enthusiastic bunch of rooters made the welkin ring with their admittions to their favorites to go out and win.

Shortly before dusk, the cars began to arrive for the main event, and as the early evening wore on, it was seen that the matter of parking the cars was going to be a big proposition. Nearly farm lanes, the side of the roadway and the Lawson yard were taxed to their capacity, but happily, even with the jam, no damage was done, and all got in and out of the lot in safety.

The program commenced shortly before 9 o'clock, an excellent platform having been constructed at the house, but while quite an area had been seated, the crowd was apparently greater than the committee anticipated, and many were compelled to stand.

As on previous occasions here, the Brunswick Trio won additional laurels with their excellent program of vaudeville, and any who had doubt as to their ability to entertain had their fears quickly quieted even before the first number had been completed. W. J. Spence, Basso, and P. R. Spence, baritone, once more added additional honors to their previous reputation in their offerings, while the inimitable "Jock" Ballantine, Scottish comedian, added to his host of friends here. The company, individually and in ensemble work, upheld well any previous advance notices and are, as has often been said in this paper, the best Ontario vaudeville troupe on the road today.

Before the program, during the intermission and after, the crowd was most generous in its patronage of the booths, where courteous attendants vied with each other in catering to their wants. In the candy booth alone, we are told over \$50 worth of candy was sold.

The committee in charge are naturally pleased over the success of their first garden party, the first put on under the changed conditions of the past summer, and have decided to make it an annual affair. With the excellent program provided this year, they have undoubtedly established a reputation that will mean even greater success at their next effort. Added to this is the determination that next year's program will be, if possible, better than ever, the success of future garden parties of this congregation is assured.

The proceeds last Thursday night amounted to approximately \$400.

DURHAM QUOIT CLUB ORGANIZED LAST WEEK

Enthusiasts Met in Public Library Last Week and Elected Officers.—Lights To Be Installed at Pitching Beds.

A meeting called for the purpose of the formation of a Quoit Club was held in the Public Library on Friday evening, August 14. A large number interested in the game were present, and it was decided to form a club and called the Durham Quoit Club.

The following officers were elected:

Hon. President—J. N. Murdock.
President—Thomas Moffat.
First Vice-President—D. C. Town.
Second Vice-President—James McLachlan.
Secretary—C. C. Elvidge.
Auditors—Charles Moffat and John McQueen.
Executive Committee—H. Heugill, John Moffat, John McQueen, John Backus, Charles Moffat, John Alfred, William Bourne, Samuel Chapman.

The membership fee was placed at 50 cents for 1925. Anyone interested in the game may become a member on payment of the fee to any of the above officers.

The Club, which starts off with a membership of 32, intends putting in new pitching beds and installing electric lights at the beds so the same can be carried on after dark.

OLD-TIME RESIDENT SPENT LAST WEEK HERE

Mr. A. H. Palmer, of Portage La Prairie, Man., visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown here, and left Monday morning on a visit with other friends in Eastern Ontario.

Mr. Palmer came to Durham about 1876 from St. Thomas and left here in 1881 for Winnipeg, where he remained for a few years before locating in Portage La Prairie. While here, he was engaged in the baking business and erected what is better known as the old Renton Bakery, now occupied as a residence by Mr. and Mrs. James Donnelly.

For a man of 79 years of age, he is remarkably well preserved, a good conversationalist and exceptionally smart on his feet, making the trip from his Manitoba home alone, and coming by boat to Sarnia. It is 17 years since he last paid Durham friends a flying visit, but says that the old-timers of his day are fast disappearing with the passage of time. He inquired for his old friend, Dr. Jamieson, and seemed greatly disappointed when told that the Doctor was at his home at Wilder's Lake and that owing to the limited time at his disposal, he would be unable to see him.

Mr. Palmer's wife died last year, since when he has been living with one of his sons, in business in the Manitoba town.

We were pleased to have a short call Saturday from Mr. Palmer, who returns to his home in the West at the end of this month.

EXPERT POULTRYMEN CULLED LOCAL FLOCKS

Representative From Guelph Gave Demonstration at Local Poultry Yards Last Week.

Last Friday afternoon and evening, Messrs. Smith, of the Ontario Agricultural College, and Nelson, assistant representative at Markdale, gave a demonstration of poultry culling in the flocks of Messrs. Hugh Firth in town and W. G. Firth in Glenelg. As both these gentlemen are experts in this line, especially the former, they gave out quite a number of the important points in the culling of poultry, and it was to be regretted that a larger crowd was not on hand to see the demonstration.

While engaged in their work, they also showed the "why" of things, showing that in the selection of birds, the shape of the head, the eyes, and the contour of body, wing and legs have much to do with whether or not the bird would be a profitable one to keep. The proper manner of handling the laying birds was also demonstrated, as improper and rough handling interferes greatly with a bird's productiveness, and next to the proper culling, no flock, no matter how well fed, can obtain its maximum in egg laying that is not kindly treated and properly handled.

MUCH INTEREST STILL IN OAT COMPETITION

Mr. Henry Dunn, of Bentinck, Latest to Send in Wonderful Sample of This Season's Crop.

Last week we referred to the excellence of the crops in this section of Ontario, remarking that they were the best in Canada's banner province. That we were not wrong in our contention is once more proven by the wonderful samples brought into this office Monday by Mr. Henry Dunn of Bentinck.

Mr. Dunn brought in two stalks, both 63½ inches in height. While these have been beaten for height, we think Mr. Dunn's sample is possibly a little the best we have seen so far. One stalk contains 180 individual grains, and the other 208.

There is not much use in trying to convince us that Canada is going to the dogs with such crops as this in evidence all over this district.

Yesterday, Mr. Donald Watson of Egremont sent in a good sample from his field of oats, measuring 68 inches in length, well headed out, and a good crop.

TRINITY CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL HELD ANNUAL PICNIC

Enjoyed Pleasant Afternoon Last Thursday at Brigham's Grove, Allan Park.

Quite a large crowd of the Sunday school scholars of Trinity church, together with the older members of the congregation, picnicked last Thursday afternoon at Brigham's grove, near Allan Park, when a most pleasant afternoon was spent.

It was a basket picnic, and during the afternoon, four teams of scholars engaged in softball and other games. A game of softball by the ladies of the school and church was an amusing feature, and while not many home runs were made, there was a lot of fun.

Swimming and other sports were also indulged in by those who cared for this form of amusement.

HALE AND HEARTY AT 92 YEARS

Mr. Arch. McCormick, of the Second Concession of Bentinck, Though in His Ninety-third Year, is Still Well Preserved and Can Describe Vividly Remembrances That Happened in the Long, Long Ago.

One evening last week while motoring along the second concession of Bentinck, we took the opportunity of paying a short visit to the home of Mr. Archibald McCormick, the oldest resident on the line. We found Mr. McCormick at home in his kitchen, and though at his 92 years, he does not pretend to do the hard work of 50 years ago, we were astonished at the interest this fine old gentleman took in the condition of the crops in his immediate neighborhood as well as in the province. For a man of his years, Mr. McCormick has an exceptionally retentive memory, and for nearly an hour told us of events as they occurred in this new country nearly 80 years ago.

So interesting was his narrative that it was with great reluctance that we were forced to return to town owing to the late hour.

Mr. McCormick was born in the Isle of Mull, Argyllshire, Scotland, in 1833, where he lived until he came to Canada in 1846 with his mother, two brothers and two sisters, two other brothers having come out three years previously. Their trip to Quebec across the Atlantic was long and trying but uneventful. At Quebec, they took another boat to Montreal, and made the journey around the Lachine rapids by wagon, later taking the steamer to Toronto. From Toronto, they took another boat to Hamilton, and after a short stay in that place, chartered two teams and wagons to bring them through to Fergus. Of the whole journey from Hamilton to the Rocky Saugeen, the trip through the bush of Peel County was the worst, and after travelling seven miles north from Fergus, the party stuck in the bad roads, which at this time were mere stashes through the bush. As no attempt had been made to better the condition of the roads through the swamps, they had many thrilling experiences in their journey up into this country.

After the wagons got stuck north of Fergus, Mr. McCormick, his mother, and his two sisters walked five miles to Arthur village. They were over a week on the road traversing the blazed trails of the pioneer days.

The party reached what is now known as the "40-mile swamp," about two miles north of Mount Forest. Here was a hotel run by a man named Smith who made considerable money by informing travellers, especially if they reached his place around nightfall, of the dangers of the swamp and in this way putting them up for the night. After many adventures, especially with the wagons, the party reached Durham, then nothing more than a stopping place. In those days, there were no stores, and if purchases were required, it was necessary to go to Owen Sound in the morning, returning at night with the packs. There was no Grey County, this part of the country being included in Wellington County. While Garafraxa Road was surveyed, and also the second of Bentinck and the second of Glenelg, in this part of the country, none had been named. In Durham, at that time, the late Arch. Davidson's father, and the late Arch. Hunter, who conducted the British hotel, were the two principal, in fact, about the only residents.

Leaving Durham the party went on to the Rocky Saugeen, settling on the farm in Glenelg now owned by Mr. Lachie McLean. This farm was owned by Mr. McCormick's eldest brother who came to the Rocky in 1843 and lived there until his death in 1864. About this time, other members of the family were

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BAD ACCIDENT AT FURNITURE FACTORY

Cyril Becker Lost Three Fingers of Right Hand Saturday Morning While Operating Sticker Machine

An unfortunate and serious accident happened at the furniture factory last Saturday morning when Cyril Becker, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Becker, who was engaged in feeding a sticker, in some way let his hand come in contact with the knives and had the last three fingers of his right hand together with the greater portion of the hand, severed. Following the accident, he was rushed to the Red Cross Hospital, where the injury was dressed, and he is now doing as well as can be expected.

Cyril, who has been in the employ of the company for some time, was a bright lad, had been feeding the machine only a short time, and the accident is one that is regretted very much by all who knew him.

KNOX UNITED W. M. S. MEETING

The August meeting of the Knox United W. M. S. was held Thursday, the 13th inst., in the church. The roll call was answered by a verse of promise. The paper, prepared by Miss Belle McGirr, showed the progress of the missions in Formosa and Korea.

DAYS WE'LL NEVER FORGET



THOS. W. SCARF DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Well-known Resident Passed Away Following Lengthy Illness.—Had Lived in This Vicinity Practically All His Life.

After an illness dating back five years, Mr. Thomas Wilkinson Scarf, a highly-respected resident of this town, passed away in Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital Friday last. He was 57 years of age and had celebrated his natal day only the day previous to his death.

Mr. Scarf, who was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scarf, of Glenelg, was born in Northumberland, England, in 1868, and came with his parents to Canada in 1881, settling in Durham on the Edge mill property, near where Mr. John McGowan now lives. After a year in Durham, the family moved to the formerly well-known farm at the Rocky now occupied by Mr. James Lawrence, where, under the name of Thomas Scarf & Sons, they became extensive breeders of pure-bred cattle, sheep and hogs.

Following the death of his parents, Mr. Scarf remained on the homestead until six years ago, when his health failing, he sold to Mr. Lawrence and with his sisters, Misses Ruby and Mary, he retired and came to live in Durham, subsequently purchasing the fine residence in Upper Town in which he has recently resided. Though ailing for some years, his condition did not become serious until a year ago, when he developed Hodgson's disease, a very rare ailment affecting the lymphatic glands. So serious was his condition that about two weeks ago, specialist Gen. Dr. Fotheringham of Toronto, was summoned, who advised his removal to the local hospital.

Mr. Scarf was a man of rare character, and his worth was attested Monday when a very large crowd of townspeople, together with practically all his old neighbors while on the farm, gathered at his funeral to pay their last respect to one for whom they had the highest regard. The funeral service, preached by Rev. J. E. Peters of Queen Street United Church, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Smith of Knox United, was a comforting one to the family, following which interment was made in the family plot in Durham cemetery.

Though prevented by his physical condition from engaging in any active work, Mr. Scarf was seldom idle. With considerable time on his hands, he simply had to do something and in his spare hours, while away the time with his jack-knife, becoming an expert whittler of wood. In his collection are some really beautiful and artistic productions such as a ship, wooden chains, swivels, a fail, an old-time ox yoke and many other articles, many of them made from a solid piece of wood. Nor is this all of his handiwork. About the house are many other articles of furniture, book cases, tables, etc., put together with rare skill and showing the inherent genius of the man.

Mr. Scarf, who was unmarried, leaves, besides his two sisters in town, one brother, Mr. William Scarf, Toronto, who, with Mrs. Scarf, motored up and was present at the funeral.

The Chronicle tenders the sympathy of the community to the sorrowing ones.

SUFFERED FOOT INJURY

Mr. James Lawrence, of the Provincial Highway, near the Rocky, met with a peculiar accident while working his binder on Thursday last week. He had thrown the binder out of gear, and when one of the horses jumped forward, the gear lever flew back, breaking a couple of his toes and necessitating the taking of an enforced holiday. Though laid off work, he is able to be around.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT KNOX GARDEN PARTY

Normanby Congregation's Annual Garden Party at Watson's School Was Held Last Friday Evening.

The annual garden party of Knox Presbyterian church, held on Watson's school grounds Friday evening of last week, was a pleasant affair, and a financial success as well. The evening was ideal for such a gathering, and the crowd was large.

Rev. Mr. Hill, of Pittsfield, Illinois, who is visiting with his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barber, for the program portion of the amusements, was a good one, rapidly whipped the big crowd into good humor and ran off an excellent entertainment. This included two choruses by the Presbyterian choir at Dromore, a quartette by members of this good organization, two choruses by Durham Presbyterian choir, solos by Mrs. T. M. McFadden, Miss Esther McCormick and Mr. A. G. McCormick, readings by Miss Annie Smith, Miss Kathleen Firth, Mr. Peter Ramo, Mr. Joe Davidson and Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Stewart McArthur supplied the humorous part of the program with a couple of his inimitable Harry Lauder songs which were rapturously enjoyed.

Following the program, lunch was served. The usual booth on the grounds did a good business, and the amount taken in at the gate was upwards of \$55.00.

LOCAL BLACKSMITHS TOOK IN BIG PICNIC

Grey and Bruce Blacksmiths Spent Day at Inverhuron, on Lake Huron

Messrs. P. McLean, W. J. Burnett, W. J. Lawrence and their families were at Inverhuron last Thursday afternoon in attendance at the big blacksmiths' picnic held at that place by the blacksmiths of Grey and Bruce counties. There was a big crowd present.

During the afternoon, tugs-of-war races and other sports were indulged in, the Durham hammer wielders being on both the winning teams. They had a good time and are loud in their praise of the treatment given them. Besides the local blacksmiths, Messrs. J. McMurdo of Dromore and J. McEachern of Cedarville were in attendance.

EXCAVATING FOR ADDITION TO FACTORY

Local Concern Finds Present Floor Space Inadequate, So Will Enlarge.

Workmen have been busy the past few days excavating for an addition to be added to the Durham Furniture Company's premises on Lambton street. The new addition will be three storeys high, and approximately 50 x 75 feet.

For some time past, the company has been handicapped for lack of space in the finishing department, and with their storage room also inadequate, continuing under present conditions would have been a severe handicap, so it has been decided to provide the additional space demanded.

CHURCH CLOSED NEXT SUNDAY

Owing to the absence of the rector, Rev. J. H. Whealen, there will be no service in Trinity church next Sunday. St. Paul's, Egremont, will also be closed.

Progressing
"How are you getting along at school, Jimmie?"
"Fine. We're learning words of four cylinders now."

SIR ADAM BECK ONT. HYDRO CHIEF DIED SATURDAY

Failed to Respond to Blood Infusion at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.—Was Ill Several Months.—Interment Took Place Tuesday at Hamilton.

Sir Adam Beck, Ontario Hydro Electric Chairman and internationally known apostle of municipal ownership, died on Saturday night at 10 o'clock, at his residence, "Headley," in London. For two weeks, it had been known that Sir Adam's brief strength, derived from blood transfusions in Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, was ebbing from him and that pernicious anaemia, with which he was stricken late in the autumn, had run its inevitable course. He personally requested of newspapers that no mention of his condition should be made until the end.

Nearly a week ago, Sir Adam lapsed into a state of coma, from which he occasionally revived, only to relapse again. Thursday night, he was able to recognize those around him, but from that time until his death, it became a question of how long his heart would be able to maintain the spark of life. His only child, Mrs. Strathearn Hays of Toronto, formerly Miss Marion, and her husband, had been with him continuously the past three weeks.

After private service of the family at "Headley," on Tuesday morning, the body of Sir Adam was taken to St. Paul's Cathedral, there to lie in state until 12.45, when Very Rev. Dean Tucker, rector, conducted funeral services, with Rt. Rev. Dr. Williams, Bishop of the Diocese of Huron, as the funeral orator. The honorary pall-bearers were members of the Ontario Cabinet. Pall-bearers chosen were Philip Pocock, London; J. H. Moore, London; Frank White, M.P., London; Ex-Mayor Alfred Maguire, Toronto; F. A. Gahy, of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission, and Dr. John Todd, of Montreal.

Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, popularly known in this province as the Minister of Power, was a native son of Ontario. He was born on June 20, 1857, Baden, Ont., which was founded by his father. After having passed through the public school at Baden, he attended the famous Dr. Tassie's school at Galt, then the Rockwood Academy, and afterwards the Western University, London, Ont., from which he graduated and which later conferred upon him the degree of LL.D.

Sir Adam, who was then simply Mr. Beck, in 1878 engaged in the iron foundry and milling business with his father, the late Jacob B. Beck, at Baden. In 1880 he removed to Galt, Ont., where he commenced the manufacture of boxes and the business of veneering thin lumber. He continued in this line for four years, then went to London, Ont. Here he built an extensive plant, and established branches at Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton.

The beginning of Sir Adam's great interest in the supply of cheap electric power to the people of Ontario began in 1903, when he was appointed a Commissioner to investigate the development and distribution of electric power from Niagara Falls. In 1906, as Minister without portfolio in the Whitney provincial government, Sir Adam Beck introduced a power bill in the Legislature, creating the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. He was appointed Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in June of that year. This position he continued to hold up to the time of his death. He was first elected to the Legislature for London in 1902, and was re-elected for each succeeding term until the provincial general election of 1919, when he was defeated by H. A. Stevenson, Labor representative. Sir Adam was again elected to the Ontario Legislature as member for London in the general election of 1923, and was appointed Minister without Portfolio in the government of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson.

"Remember, Beck, \$6,000,000 is the limit," Sir James Whitney is said to have cautioned Beck when

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Smilin' Charlie Says



"It may be that old fashioned wedding ring was made heavier in order t' stand th' wear expected of it" ---