

DURHAM CHRONICLE

Published every Thursday morning at the office, Garrafrax Street, Durham, Ontario, by Frank Irwin, Editor and Manager. The Chronicle is mailed to any address in Canada at the rate of \$2.00 per year, \$1.00 for six months, 50 cents for three months. To any address in the United States of America, \$2.50 per year, \$1.25 for six months, 65 cents for three months. Foreign subscription rates on application. Member Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

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

Thursday, January 28, 1925.

CARDINAL MERCIER

The whole world mourns the death of Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, who died Saturday last following an operation undergone December 29. Though the late Cardinal's fame throughout the world came with the Great War when he took his stand on the side of the Allies against Germany and during the whole conflict was a whole-hearted supporter of the principles of justice and humanity, his fame in Europe had long been recognized. This was what placed him amongst the most famous of Europe's famous men, though for years previous he had been a staunch champion of the principles of international faith and human justice.

Early last December, he contracted influenza, and soon afterwards it was announced he would have to undergo an operation which for a time appeared successful, but his advanced age of seventy-four years was against him, and for the past few days, it was known the end was only a matter of a short time.

Cardinal Mercier was a man popular alike with aristocrat and peasant, and as time passes, it will but add to his greatness.

THANK YOU!

We tender our sincere thanks and appreciation to those of our subscribers who have called at the office during the past few weeks, or who have sent by mail or otherwise, their renewals for subscription to THE CHRONICLE for 1925. If it were not for the paid-in-advance subscribers who never fail us in the latter part of the old and the beginning of the new year, we fear that we would often be hard put to meet our obligations as they fall due.

There are others, however, who evidently think that a business can be carried on without money, or, perhaps, do not think of it at all. Like all other business men, we detest to have to "dun" people repeatedly, and we do not think our readers can truthfully accuse us of this practice. But, like many, others, when we do render accounts, we mean it and expect a reply in a reasonable time.

As we stated last week, the only people from whom we can expect money are those who owe it to us, and as we have our own obligations to meet, we have no choice in the matter than to collect the monies owing to us for services rendered.

We would be pleased to hear from a number to whom we have sent bills during the past four or five months in order that we be spared the necessity of placing these accounts in other hands for collection.

THAT AMUSEMENT TAX

Another inspector for the Amusement Tax Branch of the Ontario Government was in town Monday morning around for delinquents who have failed to make the proper returns to this department.

This is the fourth of his kind to visit Durham this summer, and we venture to say that all the amusement tax collected in town for the full twelve-month season would not begin to pay the salary and travelling expenses of this new class of government parasite, another offshoot from the war caused by the government's craze for money made necessary by the big staffs with unnecessarily large salaries carried in the various departments.

The people of Ontario are not averse to paying taxes which reach the government purse and are used for the legitimate purposes of government, but do object, and strongly, too, to such departments as the Amusements Tax Branch whose servants are far too numerous who draw down about seventy-five per cent of the receipts in payment of salaries and travelling expenses.

With a six- or seven-year trial now of the Amusements Tax graft, the government should see by this time that the game is not worth the candle and that in the interests of the province as a whole, this department should be abandoned, especially in the rural districts. Some one has said that it was the sport-loving Briton who really won the War. This being the case, sports, the amateur kind, are a real benefit to the country, and should be helped, not discouraged.

Towns like Durham find it hard enough to finance the few amusements permissible in the smaller centres without being called upon

to fork out money to pay the salaries of a few of the governments' party heelers who travel first-class, live at the best hotels and cost the government about seventy-five per cent of the gouge they extract by means of the amusement tax.

In Durham under private ownership, the rink especially did not pay and was finally acquired by a few of the business men solely for the benefit of the town and with no hope of monetary gain. The whole rink proposition, skating, hockey and everything else, is not a paying one and to be forced in addition to pay an amusement tax for the sole purpose of handing somebody a fat living with little labor is asking too much.

In the cities, where crowds are big and the intake large, the case may be different, but we are more of the opinion than ever that sports in the smaller centres have a hard enough road financially to travel without the government stepping in and making it more so.

J. T. MILLER ELECTED GREY COUNTY WARDEN

Euphrasia's Reeve Choice of County Council on Fifth Ballot.—Defeated Holm of Normandy by Seven Votes

A member of Grey County Council for 14 years consecutively, Reeve John T. Miller of Euphrasia, was Tuesday afternoon elected to the wardenship of Grey County. The oldest member in the County Council, in both point of years and in years of consecutive service, Reeve Miller richly deserved the honor which was accorded him after five ballots had been taken. Reeve George A. Bothwell of Sydenham dropped from the running early in the voting in Reeve Charles Holm of Normandy was defeated in the final analysis by seven votes, the count being 15 to 22.

PLATE GLASS WINDOW MYSTERIOUSLY BROKEN

Harry Houdini or Howard Thurston, the magicians, have nothing on the big plate glass window in Mr. J. S. McIlraith's shoe store when it comes to things mysterious as when it was discovered to have been broken. The big glass was apparently all right when the place was opened for business in the morning, but the break was discovered some time about noon, and nobody knows anything about it.

Mr. McIlraith was at his usual occupation in the back shop, and B. H. Willis was employed in the front painting and decorating. Neither of these gentlemen heard anything, and the manner in which the break occurred will probably remain a mystery. But broken it is, and it will take the best part of a hundred dollars to purchase a new one and put it in place.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED FOR THOMAS SLEE

Former Allan Park Man Convicted of Arson Wins Appeal at Divisional Court.

Thomas Slee, sentenced to 12 years in penitentiary for arson at Zephyr, Ont., is to have a new trial. The first divisional court made this decision at Toronto on Monday on his appeal, holding that the trial judge should have counseled the jury to consider possible motives of an accomplice of Slee, who gave evidence that Slee had given him money to set fire to a building at Zephyr.

The trial judge asked the jury, the decision Monday comments, why Slee's accomplice should tell anything other than the truth, but the first divisional court in its decision says that this was a practical commendation of the witness' story, leaving out considerations which often prompt accomplices "the favor of the crown or the shielding of his companions."

THE CHATEAU FRONTENAC, QUEBEC, AND WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM

With seasonable weather prevailing and a nice blanket of snow on the ground, winter sport season in Quebec City is now well under way. The snow-wreathed beauty and exhilaration of a winter vacation are a growing need. Winter sports are quick and effective restoratives, bringing to you the joys of the snow-cloving youth. Up in the spruce country, where amidst the color, mirth and hospitality of old Quebec, the true winter carnival spirit is to be found.

The recent fire at the Canadian Pacific's famous hotel—the "Chateau Frontenac"—has caused no interruption in the social activities—there being ample accommodations and public rooms for guests—nor arranged by the Sports Director of Chateau Frontenac and the Frontenac Winter Sports Club. Organized activities and interesting events daily, includes skating, snow-shoeing, hockey, skiing, Mardi Gras Carnival, etc. Vari-colored costumes present a brilliant spectacle. The season terminates with the open championship bob sled races February 27.

Hotel reservations arranged—full particulars of railroad and sleeping car fares gladly furnished on application to any Canadian Pacific Agent.

EXCHANGED PULPITS

Rev. J. Taylor of the Baptist church and Rev. W. H. Smith of Knox United church exchanged pulpits last Sunday evening, when both congregations listened to good discourses by both pastors.

WON IN N. H. L., LOST IN O. H. A.

Durham's Intermediate Team Blanked Chesley's Northern League Here Monday Night, but Lost to Listowel Friday.—Both Games Drew Good Houses.

Durham Intermediates won their game against Chesley handily on Monday night. They tallied six and prevented the Bruce County team from scoring. It was not the exhibition of hockey that the boys put up against their old rivals from Listowel on Friday, still everyone was happy—except Chesley—because they won. So far Durham has lost none of their games in the Northern League, and should they win their game in Chesley on Wednesday, will gain undisputed champions of their group. On their showing last night, they should have no difficulty in doing that unless Chesley comes on the ice with clubs and axes.

Chesley has a different team from that they used last year. They have a number of young chaps playing who are nice skaters and good stick-handlers. But, as in the past, they failed to combine well. There was nobody present to take a pass when a pass was needed. Green on right defence played a sterling game. He was a nice stick-handler and a good skater. Hetherington, who subbed, was also a hard worker, and Hoeflin and McNaughton, left and right forwards, respectively, worked hard. The weakest point on their team was their goal-keeper. He let in a couple that should never have bulged the twine. The star of the Durham team was "Punk" McDonald in goal. He was batting, booting and throwing out right and left. He had more to stop than his usual share, and that to his credit. McGirr, Elvidge and Buschlen had very little to choose between them. Elvidge was right on and played a very nice game. His shooting was a treat. Every time he shot, with one exception, his shots were dead on the goal. He checked harder and more effectively than he has been doing this season. McGirr is developing a mighty nice poke check and in addition is a nice, smooth stick-handler and hard worker. Busby was just as reliable as ever, working hard and doing some nice smooth work on left wing. Archie Clements demonstrated yesterday morning that he is not a spectacular hockey player, but he is a good one. He is not the more closely you watch him play, the more you see that he makes each move count. He is about the most effective player on the team. Schutz, as usual, was there with speed to burn. We have an idea that he got peevish once or twice when somebody ran into his sore tooth—a souvenir of Friday's game—but he is a defence player his opponents hold in awe and give a wide berth to.

There is one particular in which the Durham team is weak, and that is its work around its own nets. The boys have not as yet evolved a system of clearing the puck from behind their forty-foot line. Time after time, a goal was only prevented because of the high-class work of McDonald. There was too much of the net with the puck. Playing against a more experienced team, this would have been fatal, unless the puck-carrier was well covered, which he wasn't. Once or twice, the puck was passed in from left wing to centre ice when the play was no more than ten feet in front of the home net. This should not be the game Friday night's was, the boys look better than they did in their first games, are a team to be proud of. Frank Morlock is coming back to his old form and got in some nice checking Monday night and incidentally scored the last goal.

Durham combined nicely in their play around their opponent's nets. Their first came on a nice pass in from left and a hard drive from the right, after about five minutes of play. The locals pushed the play pretty well this period but were unable to score again until Schutz went through for a goal on a mighty nice lone effort, just before the bell. Both teams went hard the being period, with the substitutes being freely used. Finally in a scramble around the Chesley nets, McGirr took a swipe at the puck and Morlock bounced it in. There was some talk of Morlock being offside, but

the ump, held that he skated with the play.

Durham took the puck from the face-off in the third and went right in on Chesley. Elvidge shot, and Buschlen carried in the rebound for Durham's fourth goal. It was about this time that Chesley began to dig their toes in and kept the play pretty well down in local territory all the end of the game. The last two were scored on long shots, the first by McGirr and the last by Morlock. The last one caught the Chesley net-guardian in the wrong corner of the goal, and he almost hurt himself trying to hustle back for Morlock's hot one from right wing. There were quite a few penalties, but most of them were for unintentional trips and bumps into the boards. Bobby Saunders handled the bell, and when we say handled, we mean handled. They weren't getting away with anything on Bob. In fact things got so slow at times that the crowd got rather restive, but he secured for the "dinger," otherwise, its incessant rattle may get on the players' nerves and hamper their hockey.

Line-up:

Chesley (0)—Goal, Ross; defence, Blohm and Green; centre, Murphy; wings, Hoeflin and McNaughton; Subs, Hetherington and Pickard. Durham (6)—Goal, McDonald; defence, Clements and Schutz; centre, McGirr; wings, Elvidge and Buschlen; Subs, Moorhead and Morlock. Referee—R. Saunders, Durham.

Listowel Wins in Overtime

It took the Listowel O. H. A. team twenty minutes overtime last Friday night to get the old goal that broke the full-time 2-2 tie and proclaimed them winners over the Durhams after the hardest-fought game played on Durham ice this season. Listowel started off the scoring by notching the first counter in the initial frame and were followed shortly after by McGirr, who nosed one past the Listowel goalie in a hard drive from the 40-foot line. The second period was scoreless, and while in the third session, fully 60 per cent of the play was around the Listowel nets. Schutz was the only member of the Durhams to tally, he getting the nicest goal of the evening when he poked in a rebound past Johnston that tied up the score.

This put the teams into overtime. The first ten minutes being played without a score. In the second overtime session, Rocher and Kemp out-guessed the Durham defence and put the game on ice when they beat McDonald in the second five minutes. The winning score, however, was tallied with really only five men on the ice. Schutz being dazed from a collision a few minutes earlier with Buschlen in which he had his lip cut and a tooth loosened. Though he was game, he was not "there" and, even after the game ended, did not know how the final tally was made. Even at that, it was an off-side by about three feet, but as the referee, Allan Ashley of Warton, did not see it, it counted.

While Ashley, in our opinion, is anything but a good referee, and allowed a lot of stuff to go that should never have escaped his notice, the Listowel team are a better finished set of fellows than the locals, have the experience to take advantage of every opportunity that offers and play a headier game all though. They are also a much heavier team than the locals and were adepts at taking advantage of this feature.

In our opinion, the locals had at least 60 per cent of the puck in front of the play but fell down in front of the finish at the crucial point against the more experienced Listowel defence and could not get the goals—the thing that counts in hockey. And at that, it would not have taken

DURHAM MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods like Live Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Eggs, Butter, Potatoes, Sheepskins, Cattle, Chickens, Ducks.

very much extra hockey knowledge Friday night for the locals to have turned in a victory.

It was a great game, though, the best one seen here this winter, and as some one must win when two teams play, the 3-2 score with twenty minutes overtime shows that the locals gave the district winners a real battle all the way.

The teams: Listowel (3)—Goal, Johnston; defence, Rocher, Kelly; centre, Creighton; wings, Kemp and Robbie, Subs, Peppler and Bell.

Durham (2)—Goal, McDonald; defence, Schutz, Clements; centre, McGirr; wings, Elvidge and Buschlen, Subs, Saunders and Morlock.

Listowel Wins Group

By defeating Palmerston in Listowel last Monday night, Listowel wins Section A of this grouping and play off the group championship with the winners of Section B, probably Chesley.

SECURE OPTION FOR CHURCH BUILDING

Durham Presbyterians Have Thirty Days' Option on Hahn House Stable.—No Decision Yet Made.

Despite the fact that a persistent rumor was current in town the first of the week that the Durham Presbyterian congregation had purchased the Hahn House stables and would convert them into a church building, there was nothing in it more than was known last week. The real information is that they have secured a thirty-day option, but just what their ultimate decision will be will not be known until after the congregational meeting next week.

The building in question will make a fine edifice when the necessary changes have been made, as it is of substantial brick construction, in good repair and could be made over into a church comparatively cheap. With the land that goes with it, substantial sheds could be erected that would fill all the requirements for winter accommodation demanded.

New Dress Goods

Now is the time to get your spring sewing done

We have the New Rayon Figured Silk, per yard... \$1.40 "Kingscot" Rayon Silk Cloth, per yard... 60c Santoyts, per yard... \$1.40 Gingham, per yard... 25c

C. L. GRANT

10 KINDS FRESH BREAD EVERY DAY

A. G. McCOMB Everything Cash DURHAM, ONT.

McComb's SPECIALS THIS WEEK

25 pairs Large Size Flannelette Blankets, assorted colors, per pair... \$2.48 4 only Slightly Damaged Chintz Comforters, regular \$7.00 values, for... \$3.99 Children's Crib Blankets, \$1.39 Ladies' Patent Leather House Slippers... \$1.49

10 KINDS FRESH BREAD EVERY DAY

A. G. McCOMB Everything Cash DURHAM, ONT.

Flour and Feed Prices

Start the New Year right by using Maple Leaf Flour. Coupon in every bag. Canada's Standard Flour.

We pay highest market prices for all kinds of grain at the Rob Roy Elevator.

Wheat, bu. \$1.30 to \$1.35 Oats, bu. .38 to .40 Barley, bu. .55 to .60 Mixed Grain, cwt. 1.45 to 1.25 Peas, bu. .140 to 1.15 Buckwheat, bu. .50 to .55

We have for sale Bran, Shorts, Corn, Beefscrap, Salt, Bone Phosphate, Oil Cake Meal, Ground Flax Meal, Oyster Shell, also Hon. John S. Martin's full line of Poultry Feeds, Laying Mash and Calf Meal.

CHOPPING AND OAT CRIMPING EVERY DAY at the McKechnie Mill

J. W. EWEN & SON Phone 114 Box 82, Durham

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Bella McKillop, who has spent the past few months at Blind River, has returned to Markdale. Miss McKillop is well-known to many here, especially in the Glenora district in Glenora where she spent her girlhood days.

Mr. James Rutherford of Detroit is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Rutherford. Misses Blanche and Ellen Boyes of Durham spent the week-end at the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fiddis and Miss Marie.—Chesley Enterprise.

Mrs. E. W. Limin was in Markdale last week-end visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Staples. Mrs. Staples has been ill for the past year from heart trouble, and has been confined to her bed most of the time, but we are pleased to learn that she is now entertained that she may shortly be able to be up and around again.

Mrs. Frank Livingston and babe of Toronto are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Trotter and babe of Port Arthur, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McGowan for the past month, leave for their home at the head of the lakes tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whitmore have moved to their new residence the McGowan residence on George street, recently purchased, while Mr. and Mrs. Nassau Whitmore now occupy the house vacated by them near the show grounds which they purchased from his brother. Mr. McGrae of Moose Jaw is visiting his brother, Mr. Hugh McGrae and family.

Read Campbell's Dry Goods Sale Ad on Page 6.

New Stamped Goods

In Buffet Sets, Scarfs, Luncheon Sets, Towels Pillow Cases, Comfy Cushions, Bridge Cloths, Etc.

Come and See the New Stock

Specials This Week

Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, per pair... 49c 35c balls of Sweater Yarn, 2 for... 49c 20c balls of Sweater Yarn, 2 for... 29c 25-piece China Tea Set for... \$7.49

The Variety Store

R. L. Saunders, Prop.

In Oth Taken Fro

A sliver about three was imbedded in the Barney Weaver's right last week when a rickling through the Knechtel furniture ed back and slapped paw. The aftermath office getting the ti will hardly be reman his life. An enforce a week or two show tion in Canada is b through the misl Times.

Hand Badly Torn

On Saturday last in O'Flynn's dental Station, Alwood Harr John Harrison, had to get entangled in ing machinery. As now nursing a baby, hand and little finger were required to him. He will be off work weeks.—Star and

Serious Acc

Clarence, the five Mr. and Mrs. Norma the 7th commission, E with an unfortunate Sunday last which in ated fatally. As a tained very severe, head caused by the Twenty stitches w close the lacerating ports state that the progressing favora ley Star and Victo

End of Fin

While assisting in unloading some line at the C. N. day afternoon of his Liam Bailey had the lose the top off of his right hand by a protruding iron tom of the keg. A tor's and a painfu surgeon were after hap.—Walkerton N

Western Coal

Hon. Charles Mc Mines, stated last had received word officials that the 75 of 25,000 ton ord for Ontario, w January 15.

He anticipates reach his destination week in February.

Attractive Finan

The town of Au made their financ interesting and att of the municipa lished with enarv lie buildings of the memorial and a m vate dwellings, an ing reports of the the Fire Brigade a the by-laws, accre tions passed by 60 year. The name- ficers of the town altogether it is a p ing interesting an citizens of the p preparation has by the Mayor and be very much app he of real value to Free Press.

Two Funerals

Two funerals w Walkerton C. N. B the arrival of the day last week. Matthew Hudson, resident of Walk Listowel, was bur church with in cemetery. Harvesting conduct The funeral of hon of Drayton, who died in St. Toronto, was held Catholic church, Walkerton Roma tery. This is the history of the for erals to be plac from either of the way stations.

Farmers to Tour

Southwestern O advertised next c cars from the r Lambton and K tucky, Ohio, a terys of this at This announce of the meeting of cultural represent tions named, held urday. The tour mobile nature, as coming from Es balance made up August 23 and 28 trip will include and various not Messrs. Miller, aid, representati and Lambton, re ing the prelimin the event, and advertising dete are anxious for the counties re

Perceptive Q

Reeve Johnst dale dog last w with a preoccup home Wednesd ly very sick. On examinati be literally stu quilts about the

JANUARY SPECIALS

Men's Sweaters, reg. \$3.00 and \$3.50, for... \$2.50 Men's Heavy Sweater Coats, reg. \$2.00, for... \$1.50 Boys' Heavy Sweater Coats @... 89c Men's Woollen Mitts, reg. 75c, for... 50c Men's Woollen Mitts, reg. 50c, for... 39c Men's Leather Cow Hide Mitts, lined, @... 50c Men's Horse Hide Front Mitts @... 69c Men's All Horse Hide Mitts @... 90c Men's Mule Skin Pullover Mitts @... 75c Men's Horse Hide Pullover Mitts @... \$1.19 Men's Heavy Ribbed Penman's Underwear Shirts and Drawers, all sizes @ per garment... \$1.25 Men's Penman's Fleece Lined Underwear, Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, @ per garment... 89c

D. M. Saunders Gent's Furnisher Durham, Ont.