

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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Whosoever 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, February 25, 1926.

"SUMMERLESS SUMMER"

As we write this, we have before us a clipping from a western paper of ten years ago, 1916 to be correct, and in view of the fact that many weather prophets have forecasted that the summer of 1926 is to be the coldest we have seen, the article is interesting, and possibly it might be well to make comparisons as the season advances.

The summer of 1816 was known as the "Summerless Summer." Snow commenced falling in the middle of June, and by the middle of August, it was one foot in depth. From the first fall of snow in June until the following summer, the earth remained under the covering of the wintry blanket, absolutely nothing in the way of harvest was garnered, and everything in the way of crop rotted in the ground. The people were forced to live on meat and fish. There were no vegetables and no flour. It was a diet of venison and fish today with fish and flesh tomorrow. Hay had to be shipped from Ireland to save the starving cattle at Quebec, and it sold there at \$45 a ton. Flour sold at \$17 a barrel at Quebec, and potatoes were a penny a pound.

The summer of 1816 was called "the year of eighteen hundred and froze to death." It was also known as "Poverty Year." In New Hampshire, hay sold at \$180 a ton, corn was \$2 a bushel, wheat \$2.50, rye \$2.00, oats 90 cents, beans \$3.00 and butter, which usually sold in those days at eight to ten cents was 25 cents a pound.

The cause of the cold weather was supposed to be due to sunspots which for the first time in their history were so large that they could be seen without the aid of a telescope.

HONORED BEFORE LEAVING FARM

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sharp and Family Visited by Neighbors and Made Recipients of Address and Presentation Before Leaving for Durham.

Wednesday night of this week, the neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sharp and family of Bentinck assembled at their home as a surprise party and presented the esteemed couple with an address and silverware before leaving that neighborhood to take up their residence in Durham. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are holding an auction sale of their farm stock and implements tomorrow and expect to move to town early next week. After the address had been read and the presentation made, the evening was spent in games and dancing. Following is the address.

Poplar Hill, Normanby, Feb. 24, 1925.
To Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sharp.
Dear Friends:

On the eve of your departure from this neighborhood to reside in Durham, your friends and neighbors of this vicinity deem it an opportune time to meet with you in your home and in a small manner give tangible evidence of our regard for yourselves and family.

During your residence here for the past fifteen years, your neighborliness and helpfulness on all needed occasions, as well as your interest in all matters pertaining to the community as a whole, have marked you as amongst our first citizens, and we can assure you it is with genuine regret that we sever the ties so firmly made and bid you adieu to take up your residence in another neighborhood which, though not far distant, removes you from our immediate associations and our community life.

As a remembrance of our esteem and goodwill, we would ask you to accept this small gift and trust that in your new home, you may often remember us and think with pleasure of the happy days spent with your old neighbors in this community.

Signed on behalf of the community,
Andrew Prieke,
Thomas McAlister.

UNDERWENT OPERATION

John McMillan, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. McMillan of Priceville underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday in Durham Hospital. Dr. Groves of Fergus was the surgeon, being assisted by Drs. Sneath of Dromore and Blake of Priceville. At last reports, the patient was doing well.

Troublemakers seldom get good prices for their wares.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Chronicle.

Dear Sir:

In your issue of February 4, you publish report of the proceedings of the Town Council and also give a very lengthy report of the County Council proceedings as reported by the Reeve. In his report, you state that he had secured \$750.00 for Durham High school and would secure a further grant for the previous year if application were made in June.

Now, Mr. Editor, I wonder if there is a single ratepayer in the town that believes any such statement. It is true there was an amendment enacted by the Legislature in 1924 which is contained in the 1924 Statutes at page 395 and which reads as follows: "And to the resulting amount there shall be added the share of the cost of education of County pupils which the town, village or township which constitutes the High School District paid to the County during the preceding year as included in the rates levied by the County Council according to the relative equalized value, etc."

This legislation only became law on the 1st of September, 1924. I understand from one of the High school trustees that this new clause was brought to the notice of the trustees by the School Inspector, and they were advised to make out their application to the County Council for the January session to embody the amount of the new grant which amounted to \$750.00. This did, and when it came before the Education Committee of the County Council, it was passed and probably a cheque has been issued for it.

But I would ask you to read over closely the wording of the new amendment, and as it is alleged by some that the act only applied to District High schools such as Markdale, Flesherton or Dundalk, it may be that our High school is not included. However, be that as it may, where should the Reeve come in or why should he be credited with securing \$750 from the County Council when the School Board made out their report and asked for the amount? They certainly deserve the credit for it, and it is their duty to make out their application in accordance with the school law.

Now then, the other item that the Reeve found; viz., an increased grant for county roads. In the Owen Sound Sun-Times in the issue of Saturday, January 30, giving the report of the Council Council (and I presume the report is correct) it is reported in the report of the County Roads Committee by Mr. C. Holm and recommended that Hanover and Meaford be paid back under certain conditions 100 per cent of the amount paid in by these towns and all other urban municipalities 75 per cent of the amount paid. Durham is on the same basis as Hanover and Meaford and deserved the same grant. If Durham got less than it should have or more than it was entitled to, the credit belongs to Mr. Holm's report and not to any act of the Durham Reeve. Apparently he did not even speak on the subject, or at least, it is not reported in the Sun-Times.

Now, Mr. Editor, your or your readers would not have been troubled with this article had it not been that in your last clause, the insinuation is thrown out that I neglected my duty at the County Council. Now to sum up the matter, I think any ratepayer would have to stretch his imagination to a great extent to find where the Reeve recovered one cent instead of \$1,000, and it must appeal to your readers that his report had for its object some cheap advertising for himself rather than any benefit to the town. It must occur to many of you that the old nursery rhyme with a little change would very well apply here as follows:

Little Allan Bell sitting in a corner
Eating his Christmas pie
Pulls out a plum and says,

"Oh, what a smart boy am I!"
Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space occupied and trusting you will give this the same prominence you gave his report, I am.

Yours respectfully,

W. CALDER.

Proof that animals can't reason is the fact that they never try to return.

Have You Planned Your New Window Trimmings For Spring?

A shipment of new Curtain Material has arrived which includes:

Rose Madras, per yard \$1.50
Gold Madras, per yard \$1.50
White Madras, per yard 35c and 50c
Silk and Linen Filets, per yard \$1.60
Voiles, Nets and Marquises, per yard 25c to 75c
New Designs in Window Panels \$1.50 to \$5.00

A full stock of Brass Curtain Rods and Window Fixtures always on hand:

Get in on the
Special February Sale of

Marshall Sanitary Mattresses

With every Mattress sold is given a regular \$6.00 Heavy Cotton Mattress Slip Cover during February only. Mattresses are sold in both 4', 6' and 4', 6' widths.

February Sale Price \$25.00

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Furniture Dealer Phone 10 Durham

SECTION HONORED NEWLY-WED COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamilton Recipients of Token of Esteem From Residents of No. 9, Glenelg.

A pleasant community presentation took place on Wednesday of last week when Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamilton of Glenelg, just east of town, and whose marriage was recently solemnized, were made the recipients of a beautiful silver tea service and teaspoons by their neighbors and friends of No. 9, Glenelg. The presentation was very quietly made. Following is the address:

To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hamilton,

We, your friends and neighbors, desire to extend to you our heartiest congratulations and our sincere wishes that your married life may be spent in happiness in our midst.

To Mrs. Hamilton, we extend a warm welcome. We have learned from experience what a splendid asset it is to a neighborhood to have a talented, willing worker come in and take a share in the social activities, and we are sufficiently well acquainted with your life in public to know that our community life will be enriched by your presence. To John, we would say that you are an ideal neighbor and that words fail to convey just how much we think of you in your willingness to help individually and socially in all that pertains to the betterment of community life.

Kindly accept this silver tea service and these spoons with our congratulations on your wisdom in deciding to double your joys, and to greet Mrs. Hamilton who has consented to be one with you, John, only in name but in interest and sympathy through the vicissitudes of life.

Signed on behalf of the neighborhood—John A. McGinn, William G. Lawrence, Lawrence McFadden.

GOLDEN WEDDING MARKED BY WALKERTON COUPLE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage at Walkerton on Sunday, February 21. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were married in Ontario County, near Whitby, and two months later came to Bruce County, settling in Brant, near Walkerton, where they resided for 35 years. They removed to Walkerton 15 years ago.

The members of the Walkerton Baptist church presented Mr. Richardson with a beautiful bouquet of golden tulips.

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HYMENEAL

McCRACKEN—McGOWAN

At half-past eleven this Wednesday morning, February 24, 1926, the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McGowan, Durham, was the scene of a quiet, but pretty wedding when Miss Alice Gray (Al), their young daughter, was married to Mr. Wilford Roy McCracken of Munson, Alberta, formerly of Durham. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dress of white satin trimmed with pearls and silk marquisette over silver lace. She wore silver shoes and hat to match, and carried a bouquet of orange roses. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. B. D. Armstrong of Durham Presbyterian church. Miss Mary McKechnie played the wedding march.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party, made up of only the immediate relatives of bride and groom, sat down to a sumptuous wedding dinner, and after an hour's social intercourse, bride and groom left on the afternoon C. N. R. train for their new home at Munson, Alberta, the bride travelling in a red silk dress trimmed with black lace with French hat and wearing the gift of her father, a beautiful seal coat trimmed with sable.

The popularity of the bride was fittingly attested by the large number of beautiful wedding presents received, among which were numerous cheques.

The Chronicle joins the many friends of the bride and groom in extending best wishes.

WORLD PRODUCTION

According to the Washington Post, Canada's share in world production is as follows: Nickel, 89 per cent; gold, 7 per cent; wheat, 12 per cent; silver, 10 per cent; oats, 18 per cent; cured fish, 20 per cent; lumber, 25 per cent; cobalt, 85 per cent; pulpwood, 35 per cent; asbestos, 88 per cent. The United States' share in world production is: Pig iron, 55 per cent; steel, 66 per cent; copper, 51 per cent; petroleum, 52 per cent; coal, 43 per cent; timber, 52 per cent; sulphur, 80 per cent; mica, 63 per cent; lead, 62 per cent; automobiles, 90 per cent; cotton, 55 per cent; iron ore, 51 per cent; zinc, 64 per cent; phosphate, 42 per cent; corn, 75 per cent; railways, 33 per cent.

Mary had a little lamb
Her brother knocked it dead;
Now Mary takes her lamb to school
Between two hunks of bread.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected February 25, 1926.

Live Hogs	\$13.00
Wheat	1.30 @ 1.35
Oats38 @ .40
Barley55 @ .60
Buckwheat50 @ .55
Peas	4.10 @ 4.15
Mixed Grain, per ewt.	1.45 @ 1.25
Hay	16.00
Eggs25 @ .31
Butter25 @ .32
Potatoes, per bag25
Sheepskins75 @ 1.00

Men's Black and Brown Bals and Blucher, leather soles and heels, sizes 6 to 10, to clear at \$3.00
Misses' Black Blucher and Button, leather soles, at \$1.20
Women's Black, Brown and Grey Juliet Slippers, to clear at \$1.00
Men's Mule Mitts to clear 50c
Men's Wool Mitts, factory knit to clear at 35c

J. S. McIlraith The Cash Shoe Store Durham, Ont.

65 Egg size	\$18.00
110 Egg size	\$29.75
210 Egg size	\$40.00
250 Egg size	\$62.50

350 Egg size	\$73.75
600 Egg size	\$116.00
1144 Egg size	\$250.00

COLONY BROODERS

Oil and Coal Burners

60 Chick Oil Burners \$12.50
100 Chick Oil Burners \$16.50
150 Chick Oil Burners \$20.75
500 Chick Coal Burners \$18.75
1000 Chick Coal Burners \$21.50
1200 Chick Coal Burners \$24.25

BLUE FLAME OIL BURNERS

200 Chicks	\$18.75
350 Chicks	\$21.50
500 Chicks	\$24.25

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