

TRYING TO COLLECT NOTES SECOND TIME

Farmers and Others in Durham Vicinity Who Bought Fire Extinguishers Two Years Ago Have Received Notice to "Pay Up Again."

A year ago last July a man named Turkington canvassed this part of Grey County and sold fire extinguishers to the farmers and others in the vicinity, accepting as payment notes payable in March, 1925. Though many farmers were willing to pay the price \$25.00 in cash, we are informed he would not accept the money, but insisted on a note being given, and due as above stated. As no inquiries were made, no doubt many of the purchasers thought they were being given bargains when they purchased these extinguishers at \$25 each, though at that time these same extinguishers could have been purchased in the regular way for about \$16.

This, however, is beside the question, and while the price demanded was apparently exorbitant, the purchasers had the privilege of refusing to buy, or otherwise, as they saw fit. From what The Chronicle learned at the time, and since, the fire extinguisher business in this section was a good one, a good many taking at least one and several two of these chemical machines. So far as can be learned, the deal was a perfectly legitimate one, the fire extinguishers of good quality, and the only fly in the ointment, as subsequently discovered being the price.

In due time the first of March arrived, and the notes were received by a local bank for collection—and paid.

Along about the first of March of this year, the purchasers in this section received a letter from a man in Brockville demanding payment of the notes in question, and as the notes after maturity bore interest at 10 per cent, the interest from March 1925 to March 1926, \$2.50 was added, making the total bill \$27.50.

The letter from the Brockville man said that the notes had been assigned to him as part security for money advanced to the Reliance Manufacturing Company, through

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EGREMONT COUPLE 25 YEARS MARRIED

Neighbors and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Daly Gathered at Their Home Last Week When Jovial Evening Was Spent.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Daly, North Egremont, to the number of about seventy-five, gathered at their home on Wednesday evening of last week, the 24th of February, to join in celebrating the 25th anniversary of their wedding day.

The house was nicely decorated with evergreens, tinsel and white bells. The bride looked charming in a silk tricolette dress trimmed with silver beads, and was the recipient of many costly silver wedding presents.

The evening was spent in music, dancing and social intercourse, followed by a dainty lunch at the midnight hour, a feature of which was a three-storey wedding cake served the company by the bride.

The Chronicle joins the neighborhood and other friends of the esteemed couple in wishing them many more happy years of wedded life.

TOOK PARALYTIC STROKE

We regret to learn that Mrs. James Allan of Egremont took a paralytic stroke at her home Tuesday night and is now in a critical condition. Her daughters, Mrs. S. Ritchie and Mrs. W. J. McFadden of town are both at her bedside, the former having been with her mother since the first of the week.

This Wednesday night there is no change in her condition, but it is to be hoped that more encouraging reports will be forthcoming soon.



J. BRUCE WALKER

Who is in charge of Canadian emigration from Europe and who has informed a Birmingham magistrate that a man sentenced by him to jail for drunkenness and attempting to shoot a woman with the alternative of emigrating to Canada, will be debarred from the Dominion, Canada, he said, has no room for emigrants of that type.

REV. DUNCAN SILLARS DIED AT DORNOCH

Was Over 80 Years of Age and Had Been Minister There for Nearly Eight Years.

Following an illness extending over a period of eight months, the death occurred on Thursday morning of last week at the manse, Dornoch, of Rev. Duncan Sillars, the pastor of the Presbyterian church at that place for the past seven years. His death was not unexpected, as he was advanced in years, being over 80 years of age. During his residence at Dornoch, Rev. Mr. Sillars had succeeded in making a host of friends, as he was a cultured gentleman and an able and scholarly preacher.

The late Mr. Sillars was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and received his theological training at Edinburgh, Leeds and Cambridge Universities. He was called to Leeds, England, where he was the means of clearing off a debt of £5,500 and building a large church, and later went to Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was the minister to the John Ker Memorial congregation for a term of 19 years. He came to Canada in 1911 to visit his daughter, and remained in Western Canada for 8 years, in Alberta and Saskatchewan, coming from Caron, Sask., to Dornoch in November, 1918. Had he lived until December of the present year, he would have completed his 50th year in the ministry.

He is survived by his wife and six daughters: Mrs. Kellet of Springfield; Mrs. Gilmore, Scotland; Mrs. Harten of Cleveland; Ella, of Toronto; Daisy, of Winnipeg; Edna of Regina; and one sister, Miss Jean Sillars. The funeral service was held at Dornoch church on Saturday at 12 o'clock, after which the remains were conveyed to Chatsworth, and thence to Toronto on the C. P. R. train where interment took place on Monday, March 1.

Rev. W. H. Smith of Durham had charge of the service, representing the chairman of Grey Presbytery, Rev. C. E. Kenny of Owen Sound who was unable to be present. The Rev. J. E. Peters of Durham Queen street church led in prayer. In his remarks, Rev. Mr. Smith referred to the work of the deceased as a minister, and the Rev. Mr. Bryden of Chatsworth spoke of his life as a whole.

Rev. Mr. Sillars was a man of note, especially in the old land where he occupied important pulpits. At one time he preached the sermon at the induction of Rev. Dr. John Hutton, editor of the British Weekly, Britain's foremost religious weekly. Much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Sillars and family in their sorrow.

DURHAM MAN DEAN OF BANKING SERVICE

Mr. J. Kelly, Manager of Standard Bank Here, Has Completed Fifty Years' Service With That Institution.—Was Honored Guest at Annual Meeting Last Week.

The annual meeting of the Standard Bank of Canada was held in Toronto last week, and on Wednesday evening, the shareholders and managers repaired to the York Club, where a magnificent banquet was partaken of, about one hundred and fifty of the managers of the various branches being present.

As the dean of the service, Mr. John Kelly of this place may be said to have been the honored guest of the gathering. Mr. Kelly commenced his service with the old St. Lawrence Bank in 1875 and was with it when absorbed by the Standard Bank that year. During the banquet, it was quite natural that Mr. Kelly would be called upon to address the meeting, which he did, and was greeted with a remarkable demonstration when he rose to his feet.

Fifty years in any business is a long time, and in the course of his remarks, Mr. Kelly referred to his first entry into the service at Newcastle, and of his subsequent service up to 1925. In 1888 he was appointed manager of the Durham branch, where he has since remained, where he has since remained. The speaker noted the many changes that had taken place in the service, and referred to the fact that during that time, the entire personnel from management down, had undergone many changes until now he was the only remaining member of the "Old Guard."

In addition to being a valued member of the managerial staff of the Standard Bank, Mr. Kelly has been for many years a respected resident of Durham, a man at all times vitally interested in the business life of the town, and his host of friends and business associates here trust that he has many more years of usefulness ahead of him.

UNDERWENT OPERATION
Mrs. Wilfred M. Watson of Priceville was brought to the Durham Red Cross Hospital about 3 o'clock Sunday morning by her physician, Dr. Blake, where she was operated on for appendicitis by Dr. D. B. Jamieson of this place. Though quite seriously ill, the operation was a success, and she is now recovering nicely.

Mrs. Watson, who was formerly Miss Marie McArthur, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McArthur of the Glen, and was married on the 15th of last month to Mr. Watson.



SUED FOR USING BAG PIPES

The Duke of Atholl who is defendant in a suit brought by Glasgow householders whose sleep has been disturbed by the national music at the Highlanders' Institute in that city.

COUNCIL WILL MOVE FOR NEW POST OFFICE

Committee Appointed to Interview Sitting Dominion Member for Election of New Federal Building Here

There was nothing unusual to happen at the March sitting of the Town Council held Thursday evening, not very much other than routine business before the town fathers. The Finance Committee passed the monthly batch of accounts, this time amounting to about \$310, all of which were ordered paid.

One of the most important things brought before the board, that is if the proper authorities can be aroused, was the question of Durham's new post office. This was introduced by Reeve Bell. He referred to the fact that the estimate for this building had been passed some time previous to the war by the Dominion Government, but that the outbreak of hostilities had halted all public building and that up to the present, nothing had been done. The result of the discussion that followed was the appointment of a committee consisting of Mayor Murdoch, Reeve Bell and Councillor McClocklin, who will wait upon Miss Macphail, the sitting member, in an endeavor to have something done.

A request was received by the Council from Miss Jessie Reid, asking them to give her permission to conduct a teaching class in stenography and typewriting. This request was tabled, as the Council felt that they had no jurisdiction in the matter of private teaching.

Mayor Murdoch was delegated to wait on the Glenelg Township Council at its next meeting to try and come to some agreement with that body over the upkeep of the roadway in front of the Thomas Young property in Upper Town on the Durham Road. This property it will be remembered, was withdrawn from the town two years ago, and no agreement satisfactory to both parties has as yet been agreed to regarding the upkeep of the roadway in front of it. The Durham Council feel that Glenelg Township should bear their share of the cost, but this they have so far not done, and the appointment of Mayor Murdoch was made in the hope that some satisfactory settlement could be arrived at.

The tax collector has been on his rounds for the past couple of weeks but has had little success with the unpaid taxes. This is not as it should be, and it is likely that drastic steps will be taken by the Council for the collection of the back taxes due.

FORMER RESIDENT DIED IN WEST

Mrs. William Whelpton Passed Away February 17 at Wilkie, Sask. After Several Months' Illness.—Burial Made in Burks Falls, Ont., Cemetery.

The February 24 issue of The Wilkie (Sask.) Press contains an account of the death there on the 17th ult. of Mrs. William Whelpton, who passed away following an illness of several months, in her 68th year. Mrs. Whelpton was born at Mount Forest and was married 33 years ago at Huntsville to Mr. Whelpton, removing to Wilkie in 1911 from Rosthern, Sask.

The deceased, who was a cousin of the late Constable James Carson, resided in Durham for a considerable period some years ago when the late Mr. Carson occupied the residence just south of The Chronicle office, now the Henderson bakery.

Besides her husband, she leaves one daughter, Laura, and one son, Stanley, the latter living at Windsor, Ont. Three sisters also survive: Mrs. G. Wright, Rosetown, Sask.; Mrs. J. Roney, Georgetown, and Mrs. W. Wale, Hopeville, Ont. Three brothers, James Wright of Huntsville, Thomas of Ridpath, Sask., and John of Moose Jaw also survive.

The funeral was held from the United church at Wilkie and the remains taken East to Burks Falls, Ont., for interment.

LITTLE PEN - O - GRAMS



HYDRO WENT OFF IN LAST WEEK'S STORM

First Real Tie-up of Winter Thursday Last, When Sleet and Snow Caused Lot of Damage Over Entire Eugenia System.

The Eugenia system of Ontario Hydro has had little to complain of so far this winter, but last Thursday's snow- and sleet-storm came within an ace of putting this part of the country to a lot of inconvenience and loss. Thursday morning it was raining and, becoming considerably colder, the rain turned to sleet and later to snow. As a start, a couple of wires near the Library in town parted, and we were without power or light for an hour or so. This was soon repaired by the local crew, but later in the day the whole system went off, the juice being shut off at the Eugenia power house. This was caused by the ice on the wires, and from Collingwood to Kincairdine, so much trouble developed that it was impossible to keep the switches in place.

Locally, the biggest trouble occurred between here and Mount Forest at the long swamp, and it was nearly night before everything was set right. In other localities, the trouble had been pretty well cleaned up and everything running smoothly by Friday night.

Patrons of hydro on the Eugenia system scarcely know what light or power trouble is, according to some whom we have talked with on the Niagara system, but even at that we know nothing more exasperating than to have the power off about the time it starts to get dark. It takes a little of this stuff once in a while, however, to keep us humble and, after an hour's looking around for lamps you can't find and another half-hour cruising about for the coal oil can which you ultimately discover to be empty, there are very few of us who, when the hydro comes on in the middle of it do not feel like throwing up both hands and singing the doxology.

NEW CHURCH TO BE BUILT THIS SUMMER

Presbyterians Decided Not to Utilize Recently Acquired Property for Church Building and Will Erect New Structure Instead.

At a well-attended congregational meeting in the Town Hall last Monday night, the members of the Presbyterian church here definitely decided to build a church this coming summer, and a committee was appointed to get out plans and specifications, the idea being to get the work started as soon as spring opens up.

Some weeks ago, the congregation concluded a deal with Mr. Oscar Hahn whereby they acquired the large stables in connection with the Hahn House, the intention being to convert these into a church building and manse. This plan has now been definitely abandoned, and as will be seen in an advertisement in this issue, tenders for the purchase of this property will be received by the property committee up to noon on Monday.

The site selected for the erection of the new church lies just east of the Hahn House and immediately west of the South Grey Registry office. The new building is to be modern in every way, will be a decided acquisition to the town, and the congregation is to be congratulated on their optimism and determination not to be long without a proper house of worship.

So far, The Chronicle has not been acquainted with the details and can say very little other than the erection of a new church this summer is definitely decided upon and that work is to be commenced as soon as the weather is fit.

Baldness comes on slowly giving ample time to spend \$138.75 for tonic.

Ebenezer Club Won Dramatic Contest

Young People From Bentinck Wrest Easy Honors From Edge Hill and No. 7 Normanby Committees.—Rocky Saugeen Club Did Not Compete.

Instead of four clubs being entered in the Dramatic contest held in the Town Hall here last Friday night, the unavoidable withdrawal of the Rocky Saugeen club left only three in the running—Ebenezer in Bentinck, No. 7 Normanby and Edge Hill. The Rocky club was forced to withdraw at the last moment owing to one of the members of the company leaving to accept a position, and in the short time at their disposal, the club could not replace her in the cast.

The contest, which was held under the auspices of the South Grey Farm Youth Association, is sponsored by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and several contests from the same play "The Cuckoo's Nest," were held last month throughout Ontario. In South Grey alone, there were four contests, at Durham, Flesherton, McIntyre and Bromore, comprised of four clubs each, and a final contest will be held March 5 in which the winners of these groups will participate. This final contest is being arranged for by the association executive.

The play, "The Cuckoo's Nest," by Walter H. Baker, is termed a comedy, and in our opinion, if we may be allowed to express one in a reportorial write-up, is a decidedly poor one in which to bring out very strong points in a company. It has no plot, no climax and no ending, and it is remarkable that the contestants here were able to interpret the author's meaning as well as they did. A strong feature of the evening's contest was the versatility of the competing clubs, and instead of being dull, as one would expect from hearing the same play three times in succession, so many new and unexpected features were introduced that the whole evening was one of increasing interest.

The Edge Hill club appeared first on the program, Ebenezer second and No. 7 Normanby last. Previous to their appearance before the audience, none of the competing clubs

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MR. WM. J. GRASBY DIED ON TUESDAY

Well-known Resident of Bentinck Passed Away After Three Months' Illness From Heart and Kidney Trouble.—Funeral Takes Place This Afternoon to Maplewood Cemetery.

We regret this week to report the death of Mr. William J. Grasby at his home two miles north of here on the Provincial Highway, following a fourteen-weeks' illness from heart and kidney trouble. Mr. Grasby was first taken down with pneumonia, but though he had apparently recovered, his heart was affected, and with a siege of kidney trouble, his physical condition was not strong enough to pull him through, and death came as a kind release after over three months of intense suffering.

The late Mr. Grasby was born on the 7th of January, 1859, in Halton County, and was therefore in his 68th year. Coming to Egremont Township with his parents as a young lad, he may be said to have spent practically his whole life in this part of Ontario, he residing up to 20 years ago in the vicinity of Holstein.

Thirty-nine years ago, he was married to Miss Catherine Curd, and twenty years ago, the family moved to the Jackson farm just north of town now occupied by Mr. George Lawrence. They later lived on the Burgess farm in Glenelg, opposite Mr. Dan. McArthur's, and only a short distance from the Jackson property, subsequently moving to the present farm, formerly owned by the late Robert Milburn at Morden's Corners, two miles north of here.

Besides Mrs. Grasby, there survive a family of four daughters, Mrs. Malcolm McKeen (Elizabeth), Mrs. George McKeen (Melinda), and Irene and Beatrice at home, and three sons, John and

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4-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER DIED SUDDENLY

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Innes Bereaved When Young Daughter Passed Away From Convulsions.

On Thursday evening, February 25, death came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Innes and claimed for its victim their baby girl, Iona Jean, aged 4 years. The child had been playing around all day apparently as well as usual, when about 8:30 she took a convulsion, and in half an hour's time had passed away.

The burial took place on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Taylor conducted the services. Among the floral tributes was a beautiful wreath from the Baptist Sunday school children. Those left to mourn besides the parents are four brothers and one sister. Walter, the eldest brother from Buffalo, was over to attend the funeral.



A "PATHOLOGICAL LIAR"

As he has been called by a Swiss mental expert. He is an American named Edgar Laplante from Rhode Island who has been imposing on Europe as an Indian Prince. Under the name of Chief White Elk, he promised to marry the daughter of a Misses couple and swindled her out of more than \$200,000. He is now on trial for the swindle.

HOPEVILLE MILL BURNED TO GROUND

Early Sunday Morning Fire Destroyed Important Industry of Proton Township.—Cause Unknown and Insurance Small.

At 2 a.m. Sunday morning, the cry of fire came over the telephone lines. Riddell's lumber, chopping and shingle mill was doomed. The mill was owned and operated by William E. Riddell. The fire was so far advanced when noticed that nothing could be done.

The heavy fall of snow saved cords of shingle timber and several hundred cords of wood. There is nothing to show now but the bare machinery and the smoke stack bravely standing sentinel over the smouldering ruins. Quite a number of bags of chop and grain were burned and several tons of coal.

Mr. Riddell's loss is very heavy with only a small insurance. The loss to the community is great, as the mill was all up-to-date and the machinery new. A new chopper was installed less than a year ago.

Twenty-six years ago the mill was burned, but inside of a few months, was in operation again, and it is the sincere wish of the surrounding country that Mr. Riddell will rebuild. Much sympathy is extended to them for their loss.

The male believes that women's place is on that side of the seat where the steering wheel isn't.

Smilin' Charlie Says



"Maybe th' reason girls leave home today is that there's never any family there for company ---"