

SAUGEEN ON RAMPAGE DOES MUCH DAMAGE

New Bridge on Durham Road at Cemetery Total Wreck, While Farmers Lost Bridges and Numerous Cattle. Several Durham Stores Have Cellars Flooded.

The annual spring rampage of the Saugeen in this vicinity was worse than usual this year, and though some say the water was higher in the spring of 1912 when the Lambton street bridge in town was swept away, there are others who maintain that the flow of water last Friday and Saturday was greater than at any other year on record.

The freshet commenced Friday, and the first excitement was when the E. P. R. bridge west of town was reported in danger from a log jam that had lodged upon it and prevented the water from getting through. Local sectionmen under the supervision of Road Superintendent McArthur, were at work the greater part of the afternoon in loosening the obstruction, which consisted of an accumulation of logs and other debris, together with a bridge belonging to Mr. Robert Hopkins of Bentinck, which was swept from its foundation and carried down stream. A bridge belonging to "Scotty" Thompson at Hutton Hill is also reported to have been carried away.

All Friday afternoon and night the water rose, and the local millers were kept constantly on the qui vive in protecting their property. The McGowan mill dam east of town was never in any great danger, but the water was dangerously near the top of the bank, even with all the gates open. The rush of water through the rocky gorge below the dam was a beautiful but awe-inspiring sight. At the mill of J. W. Ewen & Son in town, things for a time looked serious, but with constant watching and timely work, no damage was done. Quite a hole was washed out of the bank above the dam, but the water did not get through, but below the dam, over ten feet of the bank was washed out during one afternoon.

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PRICEVILLE LADIES' AID HAD GOOD MEETING

Good Attendance Present at Meeting in St. Columba Manse Tuesday of Last Week.

In spite of almost impassable roads, good attendance was on hand for the monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid of St. Columba United church, Priceville, held at the manse on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 21. The meeting opened with a hymn and Scripture reading by the president of the W. M. S., Mrs. (Rev.) McCormack. Prayer was offered by Mrs. R. W. Vause and sentence prayers by several members of the society. Miss V. R. McMillan gave an interesting paper on "The Prayers of Oriental Christians," based on the chapter from the Study Book, and Mrs. Robert Parslow had an article on "Everyday Thanksgiving." Two enjoyable musical numbers were given by Mrs. H. B. McLean and Miss Watson. Delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the Grey Presbyterian on Tuesday, April 27, in Owen Sound.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. L. McArthur, the Ladies' Aid convened with Mrs. John Williamson in the chair and various kinds of business disposed of. Refreshments and a social half hour brought the afternoon to a close.

FIVE BASS A DAY IS LIMIT

Hereafter it will be illegal for fishermen in Ontario to take more than five bass in one day. This is a reduction from the previous legal catch of eight per diem and was decided upon by the fish and game committee of the Ontario Legislature in an effort to conserve the fish of the province. The committee decided to make no change regarding the legal catch of muskellunge and pickerel.



PREMIER TASCHEREAU of Quebec, who defies the United States film distributors who threaten to boycott Quebec unless censors are more lenient to their productions.

LATE A. KNISLEY WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT



Passed Away From Stroke Last Wednesday Night Following Serious Illness Since Last Good Friday

About ten o'clock Wednesday night of last week, a well-known resident of Bentinck Township in the person of Mr. Abraham Knisley, passed away following a short illness from paralysis with which he was seized on Good Friday, the 2nd inst.

The late Mr. Knisley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Knisley of Normanby, and was born at Markham, in York County, on November 14, 1856, being therefore in his 70th year. When a young lad of ten years, he came with his parents to Nottawasaga, near Collingwood, leaving there in 1881 with his family to take up residence in Bentinck, on the Jackson farm north of Durham, where he spent the next seven years, subsequently removing with his parents to the farm in Bentinck now occupied by Mr. Frank Murdock.

In 1890 he was married to Miss Sarah McKenzie, and for a time resided on the farm near Hutton Hill now occupied by Mr. William Noble. After a residence there of about a year and a half, Mr. and Mrs. Knisley moved to the vicinity of Kenilworth, and about the year 1900 moved to the 12th concession of Egremont, near Fairbairn and remained there until 1910 when they moved to the John McKenzie farm south-west of Durham where they have since resided.

Mr. Knisley was ordinarily a healthy man, but for the past three years has been more or less ailing, especially since suffering a stroke while going on a visit with his sister in Egremont. As he was on his way to the home of his sister, he was attacked by a dog, and received such a fright from the encounter that it brought on a stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered and which incapacitated him for heavy labor of any kind.

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NO MOTORING FOR FEW DAYS YET

Country Roads Not Yet Opened Up, Though Snow is Fast Disappearing.

It will be a few days yet before owners of motor cars will be privileged to come and go as they please over the rural roads, and while the roads around town are in fair condition considering those in the country are in anything but good shape. The roads, we are led to believe, are navigable for quite a distance to the south on the Provincial Highway, and as far West as Hanover on the County Road. North on the highway, the big snow-drift at the Jackson hill is still too much for cars, and to the east, the snow is much too deep for motoring even as far as Priceville.

In the vicinity of Owen Sound, according to a dispatch from that place, the roads are just beginning to open for motor traffic, although motoring for any great distance in any direction is impossible as yet. The road between Meaford and Owen Sound was negotiated on wheels for the first time on Friday, and it will be several days before the roads to Chatsworth and Allenford will be ready for motor travel.

Locally, a car from Bay City, Michigan was in town Monday, having arrived in Varney Sunday evening following an all-day trip up the Blue Water Highway to Kincardine and across via Walkerton and Hanover. Had the weather continued warm as last week-end, the snow would have been pretty much all gone, but colder weather has set in, and the snow is not disappearing so fast. Country roads in the vicinity, even where there is comparatively little snow, are axle-deep in mud, so it is safe to predict that it will be well on in the first week in May before it will be possible to travel far. Since the above was written, we learn that a couple of motor cars have got through from Owen Sound and that the road south on the Provincial Highway, while not in good condition, is open to Toronto. Taken altogether, there will be no pleasure motoring for some days yet.

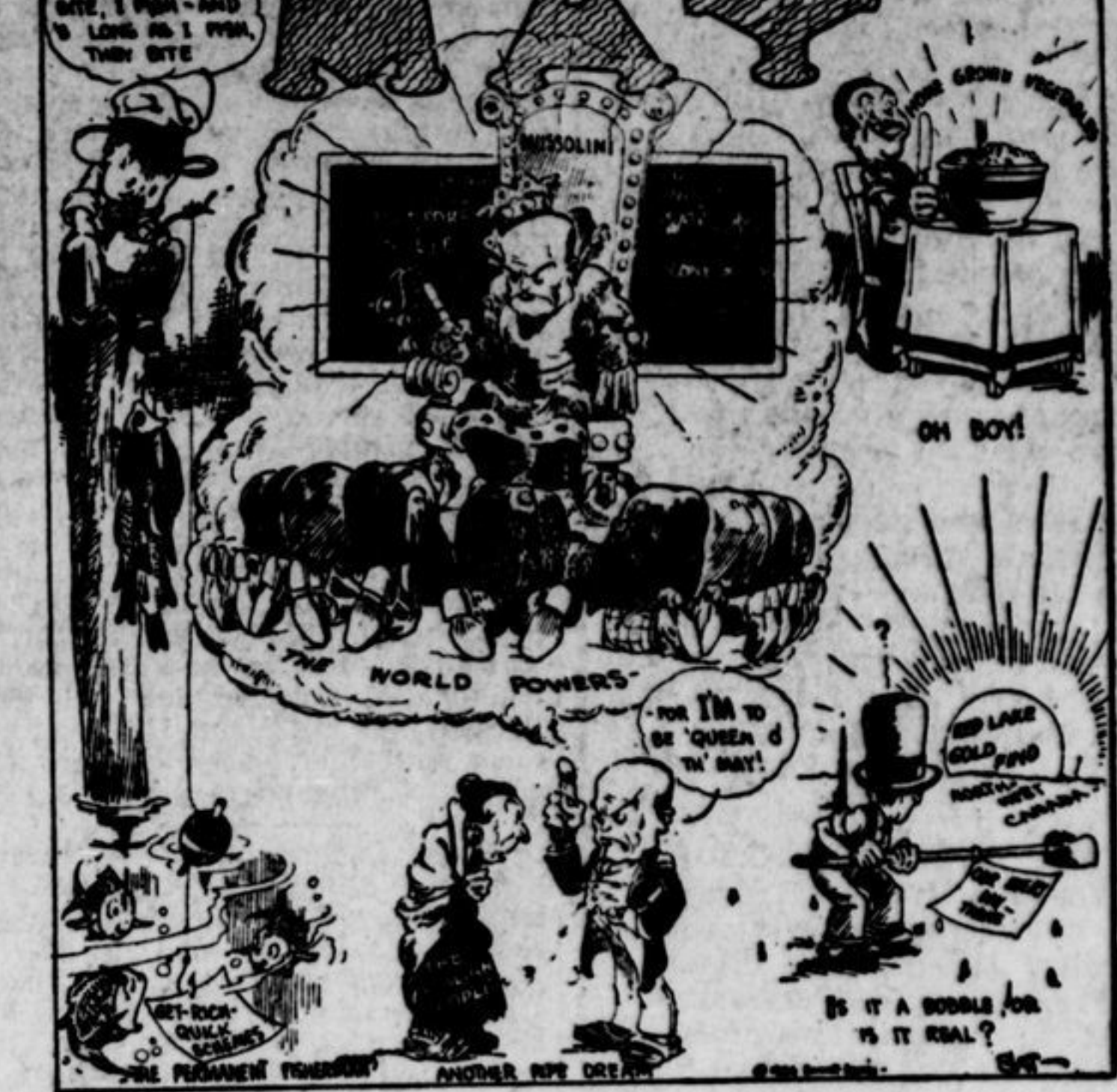
TOWN EXPECTS ACTION ON COUNTY BRIDGE

Collapse of Structure on Durham Road Serious Handicap to Business Men of Town and Residents of Country.

While it may seem rather early to voice an opinion on the matter, and the County Council may already be formulating plans for the erection of a temporary bridge over the Saugeen River at Durham cemetery to take the place of the one swept away Sunday morning, it might be just as well to state that both town and county residents expect the Council to take immediate action to remedy the inconvenience the collapse of this structure will create. As Durham draws a large volume of trade from Bentinck and Normanby by way of the Durham Road, the collapse of the bridge is bound to be a serious handicap to both this town and the surrounding country if some way is not found whereby the local and through traffic may proceed as formerly. Being the main roadway between Collingwood and Kincardine, the inconvenience to tourists and business men of other sections of the country will be great, and it is only reasonable to expect that the County Council will be asked to look into the matter at once.

It is scarcely possible that work on a temporary bridge at this point could commence before the first or second week in May, but it is thought that the matter could be considered and tentative plans worked out with the idea of speeding up the work when the river goes down. It is more than likely that Reeve Bell will get busy on this important work without delay. And some heads would cease aching if they had them filled.

LITTLE PEN - O - GRAMS



SUMMER HALF-HOLIDAY STARTS NEXT WEEK

Durham Business Places to Close at Noon Thursday Afternoons Until September 30.

This Thursday afternoon will be the last in which Durham stores will remain open, the annual summer half-holiday commencing Thursday of next week. Though this fact has been generally known throughout the country for some time, The Chronicle again calls the attention of its readers to this fact so that the minimum of inconvenience will be caused patrons of local business men. In common with other business places, The Chronicle office will also close at noon Thursdays during the holiday season. Once more we would ask our readers to bear in mind: Commencing with next Thursday afternoon, May 6, and continuing until September 30, all Durham business places will close at 12 o'clock noon.

FORMER DURHAMITE HEADED DELEGATION

Alderman W. D. Mills, Formerly of This Town, in Famous March on Ottawa Last Week.

The matter of the raid on Ottawa of the 650 motor-car workers, whose object was the interviewing of Premier King regarding the removal of a large percentage of the duty on motor cars, is now a matter of history. The workers were from the Durant, Dodge and Willys-Overland factories in Toronto, and the General Motors plant in Oshawa, and left Toronto last Thursday night in special trains over both C. N. R. and C. P. R.

Other places, too, were represented, among them St. Catharines and Merriton, representing the McKinnon industries, and the Hayes Wheel Company. This party was headed by Alderman W. D. Mills, a former resident of Durham, J. D. Wright and City Clerk J. A. Pay of St. Catharines and Mayor Hastings of Merriton. The men had with them a banner stating that they represented 1,600 employees with 3,329 dependents.

LIVED IN DURHAM FOR 71 YEARS

Late Nicholas Fagan Was One of Town's Best-known and Most Esteemed Residents—Passed Away Thursday of Last Week Following Long Illness.

The death early last Thursday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. James Saunders here, of Mr. Nicholas Fagan, removes one of the oldest residents of the town, and a man who during his long residence here held the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Heart failure was the immediate cause of death.

Mr. Fagan's illness dates back to fourteen months ago when he was taken down with a severe cold, and for two months was near death's door with pneumonia, which subsequently seized him. Though he recovered from this, the attack was so hard on his system that his heart was affected, and he never recovered his usual health. Mr. Fagan was up and about during the spring and summer was able to come up town each evening for his paper, but last September, his heart gave him considerable trouble, and from that time, he was pretty much confined to the vicinity of his home. While never bedfast, during the past few weeks he went down quickly, and passed away about 5 o'clock last Thursday morning.

The late Mr. Fagan was in his 78th year, having been born in Peterborough on the 23rd of December, 1848. He came to Durham with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fagan, in 1855 and, with the exception of seven years spent in and around Amaranth and Garafraxa, has been a continuous resident of this town since that time. While in Garafraxa, Mr. Fagan was married to Margaret Ann Nichol, eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Nichol, in May, 1879. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Fagan came to reside in Durham. (Continued on page 5)

PRESBYTERIAN W. M. S. MET AT HOME OF MRS. PARK

The Women's Missionary Society held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. William Park. Miss Annie Weir took the Bible reading, "Christ Is Risen." The Supply Secretary, Mrs. Burgess, reported that the society is asked for an outfit of clothing, etc., for a boy of 12 years. Mrs. James Hepburn took the topic, "How the Stream of Prayer Flows On" and Mrs. Burgess read the missionary story which was taken from incidents told by Mrs. J. Goforth on the work. The Roll Call was answered by a verse on "Work," all the ladies present responding. The meeting closed by singing and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

OLD BENTINCK COUPLE 71 YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Rumley Still Enjoying Good Health at Their Home at Silver Water, Manitoulin Island.

To celebrate a golden wedding is an event, and the celebration of the diamond jubilee a considerably more important one. But what would be the proper word to say about the celebration of the 71st anniversary of a wedding day? This to our mind, would be an event of events, and we are loath to even guess at the percentage of our citizens who are privileged to live together in matrimony for a period little short of three quarters of a century!

This happy privilege, however, has been the lot of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Rumley, formerly residents of Bentinck at Hutton Hill, a mile and a half west of Durham, but who have for many years been residents of Silver Water, Manitoulin Island.

Mr. Rumley was born in the County of Halton, Township of Trafalgar, in 1833, and his wife, Janet Barbour, was born in Scotland in 1835. They were married in 1855 in Bentinck by the late Rev. Alex. Stewart, pastor of Durham Baptist church, and for several years made their home in the vicinity of Hutton Hill on the farm now occupied by Mr. Charles Lawrence. Of a family of thirteen children, nine are still living, as follows: Mrs. R. D. Hopkins, Porquiss Junction; Mrs. (Captain) R. Jewell, Manitoulin; Mrs. J. H. Williams, Elizabeth Bay; Mrs. H. W. Hopkins, Providence Bay; Mrs. Charles Kemp, Silver Water; Alex. M., Postmaster at Fernie; Thomas, blacksmith, Acton; Joseph, Silver Water, and William J., dealer in lumber, Burnt Island, all living in the Province of Ontario. There are 61 grandchildren and 75 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Rumley, who is familiarly known as "Dad" to the residents of Silver Water, is enjoying the best of health, stands six feet one inch, and walks as straight as a man of forty, does not even use a cane, and still splits wood and shovels snow. Mrs. Rumley is not quite so robust as her husband, but still looks as if she will be able to finish out her century on this earth side by side with her husband, whom she wedded 71 years ago.

There are no doubt still many living in Durham and vicinity who will remember this estimable couple and their family, and who will join The Chronicle in wishing them many more years of life together. Seventy-one years married! It reads like a fairy tale, but our information is too authentic, and the couple too well known here to doubt it. Here's hoping the venerable couple will live to celebrate the seventy-fifth and afterwards the eightieth anniversary of the day when both took the vow to live together "till death do them part!"

FELL ON ICE AND FRACTURED ARM

Mrs. Watt Met With Unfortunate Accident Sunday Morning Which Will Confine Her to Home for Few Days.

Mrs. George Watt, an old lady over 80 years of age, residing on Countess street south, was the victim of an unfortunate accident last Sunday morning about church time when, in going outside her residence, she slipped on the ice and fractured her left forearm above the wrist, and in the fall also sprained her ankle. For a time it was thought that her advanced years might cause serious results, but later reports state that the esteemed old lady is doing as well as could be expected, and though she will be confined to her bed for a few days on account of the accident to her ankle, it is expected that she will be able to move around again in the course of a week or so.

INTERRED WEDNESDAY IN DURHAM CEMETERY

The remains of Mrs. Charles Rudolph of Hanover, which were placed in the vault at Hanover this winter, were removed to Durham cemetery yesterday afternoon and interred beside those of her first husband, Mr. James Redford, who died upwards of twenty years ago.

Smilin' Charlie Says



"Old Bill Higgins says that for the last 52 years, every time he started saving for a rainy day the weather changed."