

BAD ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVERTED

William Cornwall Found Broken Rail on C. N. R. Near Town Thursday Night Which Might Have Caused Bad Wreck.

Last Thursday night while returning to his home in town, Mr. William Cornwall of this place discovered a broken rail on the C.N.R. track at what is known as Moodie's Crossing that, had it not been noticed would, in all probability have caused a bad spill and possible loss of life.

The discovery was made about 10 o'clock, shortly after the night train had pulled into the station and it is thought that the 0.05 passenger, which crossed over safely, snapped the piece out of the rail and passed on unharmed. The piece missing was about 13 inches long and would assuredly have "ditched" any following train had it passed over it at any speed, which it most likely would at this crossing, which is fully half a mile from the station.

After making the discovery Mr. Cornwall lost no time in notifying Mr. John Pinkerton, one of the section men, who in turn called up Section Foreman Alex. Elliott, and together they repaired the damage. Luckily the damaged rail was discovered shortly after the night train pulled in, and it was also lucky that there was no freight extra following on this particular night.

The heavy hauls of crushed stone out of Durham has made for the necessity of heavier rails on the Durham-Palmerston line, but even with this and the vigilance of the section men accidents of this kind are bound to happen.

Whether or not Mr. Cornwall's promptness in notifying the section men of the broken rail will be recognized by the railway company, we do not know, but there is no doubt that he saved the company the horrors of a wreck and a considerable loss of money.

MRS. JAMES DURANT DIES IN 94TH YEAR

Former Egremont Resident Passes Away Saturday At Residence of Daughter in Toronto. Other News From Holstein by Our Own Correspondent.

The funeral of the late Mrs. James Durant, who passed away October 23 in Toronto took place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Orchard, on Tuesday, October 26. Deceased was born in Somersetshire, England, 94 years ago, coming to Canada in a sailing vessel when 17 years of age. She was united in marriage to Mr. James Durant in 1885 who predeceased her 9 years ago. For many years they lived near Elora, later moving to Egremont. The last five years were spent in Holstein. Three years ago she went to live in Toronto with her daughter. She retained her faculties and although very feeble was able to be around most of the time before her death. She was a lifelong Conservative and a Methodist. She leaves to mourn her loss four daughters: Mrs. Knight, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. St. Leger, Miami, Florida; Mrs. Orchard, Holstein; Mrs. Moses, Toronto; and two sons, Mr. James and Mr. John Durant, Mount Forest. Four children passed on some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sim and children spent a few days recently near Niagara.

Mr. Colin McMillan of Pricoville spent a few days recently with his cousin Alex. here and during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Colin McMillan who visited friends at various points during last week.

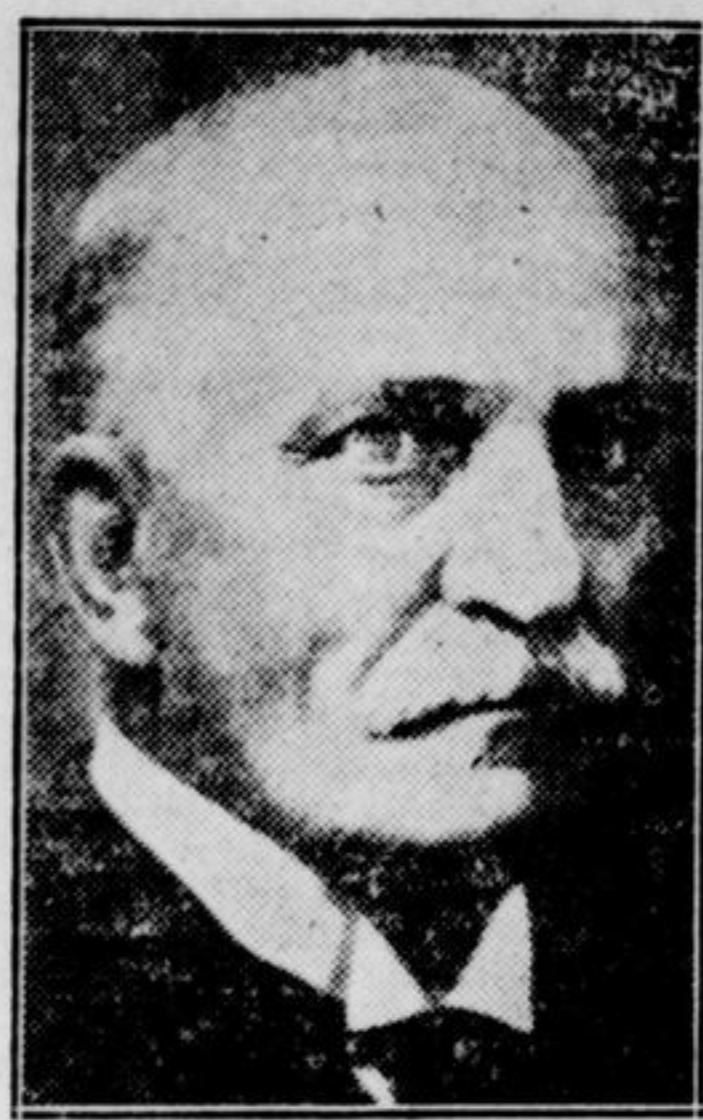
Mrs. James Eccles is spending a couple of weeks with her daughters Mrs. Gillie and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. George Metcalf has purchased the J. B. Hunt property and will occupy it in the near future.

The Women's Institute held a very successful meeting at the home (Continued on page 8)



HON. HUGH GUTHRIE
The member for South Wellington will be Conservative House Leader for the next session of Parliament and a national convention next year will choose a permanent party leader in succession to Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.



HON. T. A. BURROWS
Newly appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. He is a real pioneer of the West, having first landed in Winnipeg in 1875 as a boy of 18, and most of his life has been identified with the lumber business.

QUEEN ST. W. M. S. MET LAST WEEK

Ladies Gathered at Home of Mrs. H. McCrae Last Thursday Afternoon in Business Discussion.

On Thursday, October 21, the monthly meeting of the W.M.S. of Queen street United church was held at the home of Mrs. H. McCrae. The meeting was led by Mrs. (Rev.) Peters, who opened the exercises by singing the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord," which was followed by prayer by Mrs. (Dr.) Wolfe. Mrs. Twamley read the scripture lesson. Mrs. Peters read a devotional leaflet based on the text, "We walk by faith, not by sight, entitled "Faith and Works."

Mrs. Knechtel read an interesting leaflet entitled "Everyday Thanksgivings." Letters from the Heraldists were read by Mrs. McGowan on India, Korea by Mrs. Hay, Africa by Mrs. Moon and West China by Mrs. Wiggins.

The study book, "New Days in Old India," was commenced and the first chapter was read with the help of the map of India placed before the members. The readers, Mrs. McClocklin, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Glass, Mrs. Hay and Mrs. McGowan, gave realistic glimpses of the old days of Indian life and habits before the missionaries introduced a knowledge of foreign customs and faith in Jesus Christ.

A pleasing part of the program was the singing of a beautiful duet by Mesdames Knechtel and McCrae. A letter was read from Mr. Breeze on the requirements of the supply committee.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

FORMER RESIDENT DIED AT OWEN SOUND

Late D. C. McCawley Was Well Known Here, Where He Lived Up Till Two Years Ago. Interment Made At Embro, Near Woodstock.

Word was received in Durham last week of the death in Owen Sound of Mr. D. C. McCawley, a former resident of this town. Mr. McCawley was a shoemaker by trade and worked for a time with S. P. Saunders. He was the father of Charles McCawley, former brakeman on the Durham Guelph run out of Durham on the C. N. R. A couple of years ago the family moved to Tillsonburg where Mr. McCawley secured another run, but for some time past has been living in Owen Sound.

Mr. McCawley was well known here as a fine old gentleman and there are many who will learn with regret of his death. He was a man of about 70 years of age. The remains were taken to Embro on Saturday morning from Owen Sound, where interment was made.

UNION SERVICES ARMISTICE DAY

Durham Congregations to Unite in Memorial Service on November 8, With Special Offering for Soldiers' Comfort Fund

Monday, November 8, is Armistice Day, and at 10.30 a.m. a special Armistice Day service will be held in the Anglican Church. The address for the service will be delivered by the Rev. James Taylor, pastor of the Baptist church, and the other local clergy will also take part. During the service a special offering will be received, to go into the Soldier's Comfort Fund.

It is hoped that the citizens will not forget the solemnity of the occasion and that a large congregation will turn out in commemoration of the ending of the war eight years ago next November 11.

The time will soon be when it will be safe for a barber to ask the question "wet or dry?"—Brockville Recorder and Times.

BRUCE YOUTH SHOT BY VAGRANT INDIAN

Murderer and Party of Three Fled Following Slaying.

Grant McKay, a young farmer about 25 years of age, the son of Rev. George McKay, was shot and instantly killed by an Indian whose identity is not yet known, in the woods about four miles from Tiverton early Sunday evening, and the Provincial and local police are still searching for his murderer.

So far as the details could be learned, it appears that young McKay with three companions, had been out walking during the late afternoon, and about 7 o'clock while passing through the woods on the farm of Donald Matheson, on the fourth concession of Bruce, they came across a shack which had been built by some Indians from the Saugen Indian Reserves.

The young men walked towards the shack, more out of curiosity than for any other purpose, and while they were still some distance from it, an Indian emerged bearing a torch-light. They identified the man as an Indian doctor, known as Dr. Crowl. The Indian Doctor was followed almost immediately by another Indian bearing a gun, and this man deliberately shot at the four. The charges struck young McKay, with the result that he died almost instantly.

Indians Fled

When the three other young men saw their companion fall they asked Doctor Crowl to come over with his torch. When the Indian doctor discovered what had happened, he returned to the shack, and a little later he and three other Indians, who had apparently been occupying the shack, left the woods, got into a motor car and drove away.

The Tiverton police, upon being notified, went to the scene and had the body removed to the local undertaking parlors, and the Coroner (Continued on page 8)

COUNTY BRIDGE MAY BE OPEN SOON

Expected That Traffic Over Durham Road Will Commence About Middle of November.—Steel Work Nearly Erected.

The new county bridge over the Saugen River is rapidly assuming shape and if the good weather continues it is more than likely that traffic between Durham and Hanover and points west will be resumed about the middle of next month.

This will be good news to motorists and others as the detour through Bentinck south of town is in anything but good condition and will not improve any with the wet weather. This roadway has been very rough all summer and though the whole distance to be detoured is only about two miles and a half, it seems much longer when bumping along over the rough highway provided by the county.

Work on the erection of the steelwork of the bridge commenced on Monday of last week, and while there was about a day of bad weather during which the workmen were laid off, the greater part of the steelwork is now in position and riveting commenced on Tuesday.

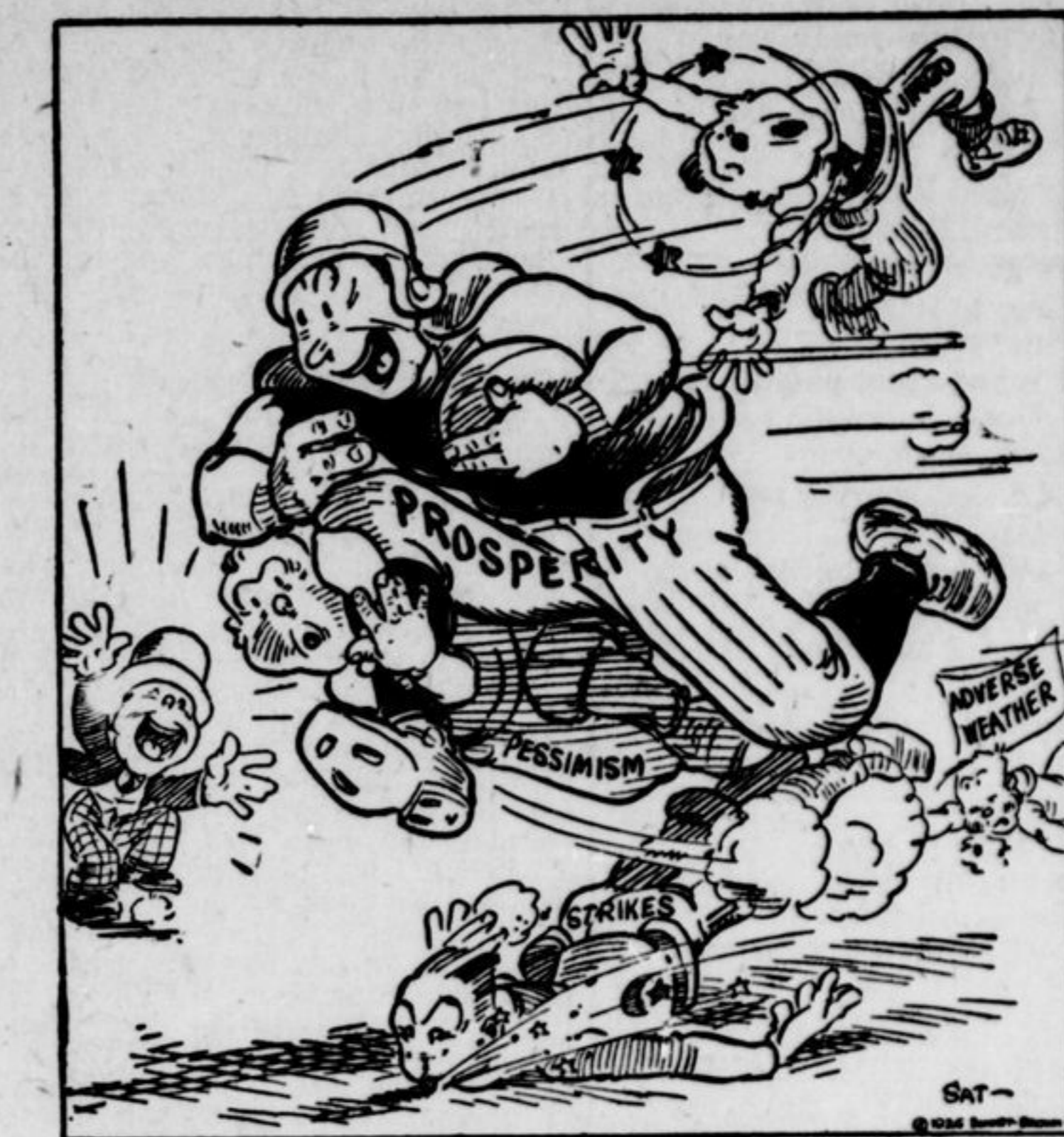
Contractor Keyes of Kincardine, who had the work of putting in the abutments, has been on the job with a gang of men for the past few days filling in the approaches and will be finished with this part of the work in a few days. The Sarna Bridge Company, which has the steelwork, is going ahead with the bottom structure and will shortly have this ready for Mr. Keyes to lay the cement floor. This is their first thought at present and while the work of laying the floor is being done the balance of the steelwork will be riveted together. By this cooperation it is expected that traffic will be resumed ten days or two weeks earlier than otherwise. The laying of the floor will not take long, but as it has to have considerable time to set, and as the weather at this time of the year cannot be depended upon, it is rather hard to state definitely just when the bridge will be opened. Given good weather Contractor Keyes informed The Chronicle yesterday that the roadway should be opened by November 20 at the latest, but added, "You cannot lay cement floors in wet weather."

While talking to Mr. Keyes, we asked him what, in his opinion, was the cause of the collapse of the bridge last spring, saying that we had heard it was attributable to faulty workmanship. Mr. Keyes said that this had nothing to do with it. The county and the engineers were responsible, as in taking the old bridge out of the river he had never encountered any better workmanship in the concrete line. The big reason for the collapse of the old structure was because it was not wide enough. "The water could not get away," he said, "and naturally had to go somewhere. Had the bridge been of sufficient capacity to take care of the flood instead of holding it back, it would be here today," he concluded.

The meanest man we know of is the warden who put a tack in the electric chair.—Arizona Kitikak.

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HIS GLORY!



HUSBAND KILLED AND WIFE BADLY INJURED WHEN HIT BY TRAIN

Week-end Visit Brought to Tragic End Monday Afternoon When Canadian Pacific Freight Train Struck Auto at McWilliams Station, Five Miles East of Here.—John Highley Died in Durham Hospital and Wife Now Lies in Serious Condition With But Little Hope Held Out For Recovery.

John Highley of 24 Lynd avenue, Toronto, is dead, and his wife lies in Durham Hospital at the point of death as the result of the automobile in which they were riding being hit by the west-bound Canadian Pacific freight train near McWilliams station at 2.30 last Monday afternoon. The accident is easily the most tragic that has ever occurred in this section of the province and is the first auto fatality of its kind, we believe, to occur on the Walkerton-Saugen branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Highley came up from Toronto on Saturday on a visit with relatives in this vicinity and at the time of the accident were the guests of Mrs. Highley's brother, Mr. Thomas J. Moore, who lives only a few yards east of McWilliams station.

Mr. Moore, who owns the farm on which the McWilliams station stands and through whose place the railway runs, had the threshers in on Monday and the threshing taking longer than was expected. Mr. and Mrs. Highley volunteered to go to town and secure more groceries and food-stuffs for the evening meal. Their car was a Ford touring and, a cold, west wind blowing at the time, they had stopped at Mr. Moore's gate to adjust the sides on the car. From the gate it is necessary to cross the railway track to get out on to the main road, and it was while they were putting on the sides that the freight came along, about an hour and a half ahead of the usual time. (Continued on page 8)

HIGHWAY CENSUS TAKEN THIS WEEK

Messrs. R. Aljoe and V. Elyth Again Official Census Takers At McGilton's Corners.

The fall census of the Ontario Highways Department was taken during the past week, commencing with Thursday morning and completing the work last night at 10 o'clock. Following is the number of vehicles passing this point during the week, the census men being on duty from 6 in the morning until 10 at night:

| | Motor | Horse |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Thursday | 171 | 37 |
| Friday | 193 | 22 |
| Saturday | 219 | 35 |
| Sunday | 294 | 23 |
| Monday | 166 | 20 |
| Tuesday | 164 | 25 |
| Wednesday | 195 | 25 |
| | 1402 | 188 |



SIR JOHN SIMON
The choice of a leader for the Liberal party of Great Britain is believed to lie between Sir John and Mr. Lloyd George.

KITCHENER WOMAN KILLED WHEN FREIGHT STRUCK CAR

A sad fatality occurred at the C.N. crossing one mile from Guelph on Tuesday when Mrs. Schwartz of Kitchener was instantly killed when the sedan in which she was riding was struck by the Durham-Guelph freight train. In the car with Mrs. Schwartz were Miss Irene Nikolis of Kitchener, and Clive Playford of Buffalo, N.Y., the latter of whom were to be married today.

The train was in charge of Conductor James Lavelle of Durham, and the accident is believed to have been caused from moisture on the windshield preventing the driver of the car from seeing the train, which was not running fast and which was working hard up a heavy grade at this point. It is thought that while the train was making a lot of noise coming up the grade the occupants of the car, being in a closed sedan, could not hear it.

MOUNT FOREST CHILD INJURED

This week's Mount Forest Confederate tells of the injury last Friday afternoon of Gordon, the little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Barnard of that town, who fell out of an upstairs window to the ground, a distance of 15 feet at their home on Birmingham street. Mrs. Barnard was working in the room at the time and a screen was in the window. In some way the little fellow had pushed out the screen and fallen out. The child received a severe shock but no bones were broken.

QUEEN ST. CHURCH ANNIVERSARY WAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Special Services Sunday Drew Good Congregations, and Supper and Program on Monday Evening Were Also Well Attended.

The anniversary services of Queen street United Church last Sunday were well attended, large congregations turning out both morning and evening to listen to excellent discourses by the Rev. Thomas R. Boje, B. A., of Walkerton whose home pulpit was taken for the day by the Rev. J. E. Peters, M. A., of Durham.

A feature of the service was the singing of the choir, who had special anthems suitable for the occasion, which were very much enjoyed. The solos of Miss Cullis of Stratford were excellent and contributed much to the success and enjoyment of the day.

On Monday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock, the ladies of the congregation served a hot supper in the basement of the church, the church members and friends of the congregation turning out in large numbers to enjoy the many excellent tables provided. The ladies this year excelled themselves as caterers and the treasury was considerably enhanced as a result of their efforts.

Following the supper an excellent program by local talent, assisted by Miss Cullis, was put on in the auditorium. On the program were piano duets by the Misses Fursman, solos by Miss Cullis, and a mixed quartette composed of Mrs. E. A. Hay, Mrs. M. Wilson and Messrs. W. Benson and G. R. Padfield. Duets by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. W. G. Lawrence were also much enjoyed, as were solos by Mrs. Lawrence and W. Benson and others. A cornet solo by Mr. Padfield was a good number and an excellent reading was given by Master George Hay.

History of Congregation
The chairman for the evening was Rev. J. E. Peters, who gave an excellent address. (Continued on page 5)

NARROW ESCAPE IN BAD MOTOR SMASH

Car Completely Wrecked on Durham Road Near Allan Park, But Occupants Had Lucky Escape.

On Monday morning about 12.30, Messrs. Bert Hunt and Wilfred Alexander of Bentinck, had a narrow escape from serious injury or death when the Ford sedan in which they were returning from Hanover failed to make the turn at the railroad crossing at Allan Park, and taking to the ditch was completely wrecked, so much so that the owner, Mr. H.W. Hunt, has no intention of getting it repaired.

Earlier in the evening, Bert Hunt had taken his father's car to go to town and was returning home when the accident happened. Just what occurred is not altogether known, but the car apparently ran into the bank near that point in making the turn, got out of control and went into the ditch. Nearly all the glass in the machine was broken, and one piece a foot long and eight inches wide, which tapered to a sharp point was broken from the windshield and hurled back with such force that it penetrated the cushion on the back seat and required considerable force to dislodge it. Had there been any one in this seat at the time they would most assuredly have been killed. The occupants of the car were catapulted through the top and thrown clear of her car and, remarkable to relate, escaped injury.

An examination of the machine showed that it had evidently been turned over a couple of times, as both sides were badly smashed and the whole car so damaged that it has been decided not to attempt any repairs.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

Congratulations to Mr. W. B. Vollet of this town, who, on Sunday last celebrated his 84th birthday. Mr. Vollet is still " hale and hearty" and can be seen any day between the hours of 8 and 6 o'clock, at his office at the town weigh scales, where he most efficiently attends his duties as Town clerk and weighmaster.

Smilin' Charlie Says—



"Th' trouble with most of these reformers is that they worry so much about what's comin' that they forget about to-day bein' here!"