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BENTINCK PIONEER DIED TUESDAY

Mr. John Vessie, Resident of Rocky Saugeen Section Since 1854, Lived Practically His Whole Life in Vicinity of Durham.

After an illness of about two months, Mr. John Vessie, a pioneer of the Township of Bentinck, and one of the best-known residents of this community, passed away at his home on the Provincial Highway, three miles north of town early Tuesday morning. Mr. Vessie, who was in his 82nd year, was in fairly good health up to the middle of last September, when he fell in his home and so injured himself that he was forced to take to his bed. He never recovered and with other ailments and his great age, he was unable to withstand the shock of his fall and passed away early Tuesday morning.

The late Mr. Vessie was one of the oldest residents in his district, not only in the matter of years but also in continuous residence. He was a native of Penicuit, Scotland, where he was born in 1844. In 1854 he came with his parents to Canada, the family coming that same year to Bentinck and settling in what was then known as the Queen's Bush on the farm now owned by Mr. William Vessie.

Mr. Vessie was married on the 26th of October, 1875, to Miss Mary E. Kerr, of Durham, a native of Nassagaweya Township, who survives. Only a year ago the venerable couple celebrated their golden wedding when they were fittingly remembered by their family and friends.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Vessie moved to the farm north of Mr. Thomas Turnbull's on the Provincial Highway, in Glenelg, where they remained for 25 years before removing to the farm which they now occupy, about 1900. A family of ten children blessed the union all of whom, with the exception of Andrew, who died 29 years ago survive, together with Mrs. Vessie, to grieve a kind and indulgent father. They are: John W., at St. Marys; Mrs. James Buchan, Clifton Springs, N.Y.; Mrs. John Watson, Treherne, Man.; Mrs. John McKechnie, in Glenelg; Mrs. Dugald Clark, at the Rocky Saugeen; Mrs. Walter Clark, in Glenelg; Mrs. L. Sheldroth, Chesley; and Miss Reba and Earl, at home, all of whom were home for the funeral held today from the family home.

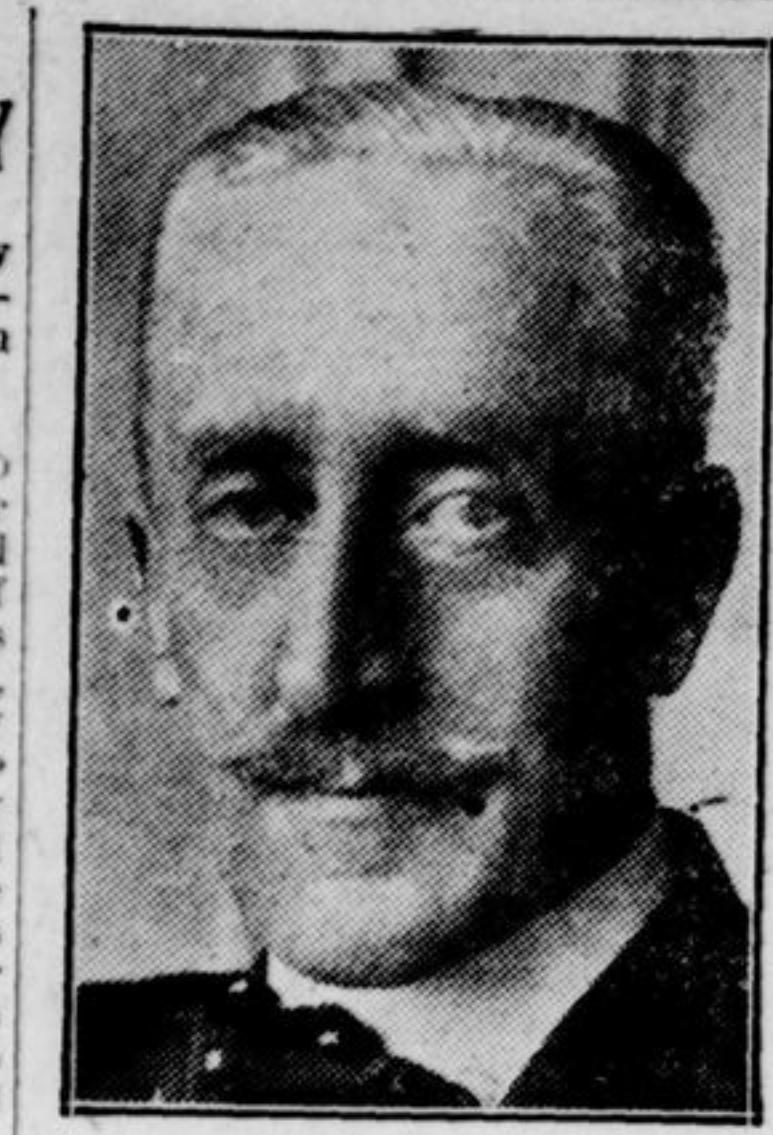
Mr. Vessie was a man of strong character, was a good neighbor and ever ready to assist those in trouble, and while he had attained the great age of 82 years, his death is deplored by the whole community. In his passing another link with the early days of this country is severed, and The Chronicle, in common with all the other residents who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, tenders sympathy to the bereaved family in the loss of husband and father.

The funeral is being held this afternoon from the family residence at the Rocky Saugeen, the services at the home and grave being in charge of Rev. B. D. Armstrong, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which congregation the deceased was a member.

FINE FARM DWELLING IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

A fine dwelling house, owned by John McCartney, in Bentinck township, was completely destroyed by fire together with its contents, shortly before noon, Tuesday. Mr. McCartney was working at the barn when he noticed the roof of the house in flames. The fire, which is believed to have started in the chimney, had gained such headway before being discovered, that nothing could be saved. The loss is estimated at \$6,000, with a small amount of insurance.

To some people it does not look so much like a ball as a bottle battle.—Brandon Expositor.



VISCONT WILLINGDON Latest picture of the Governor-General who will deliver the Speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament, Dec. 9.

MRS. WM. STYLES DIED SUDDENLY

Taken Ill While Returning Home Friday, She Never Recovered and Passed Away That Same Evening.

The town was shocked last Friday evening when, about 8.30, the news was passed around that Mrs. William Styles had passed away, death occurring from heart failure.

Mrs. Styles had not been feeling in the best of health for the past month or so, but being of an industrious disposition, she refused to relinquish her work about town, thinking, no doubt, that her ailment was but a passing illness that would like others, disappear in time.

On Friday she had done quite a large washing, and had finished up her work as caretaker of the Standard Bank, with the idea of spending the evening in her home quietly. With this in mind, she had worked home when seized with a weak spell of herself on a box and had been there for some minutes when Mr. Noble was spoken to and he conveyed her to her home by car, and afterwards going for her son Ted, who was spending an hour at the hospital with his brother Peter, ill there.

Upon his arrival home, Ted called the doctor, but it was of no avail. Mrs. Styles passing away about half-past eight without having apparently shown any signs of improvement.

The late Mrs. Styles was born at Bethnal Green, Middlesex County, England, in February, 1871, and was therefore in her 56th year. She spent the earlier years of her life in England, and about 30 years ago was married to the late William Styles, who passed away only last July. The family came to Canada in 1907 and for a time resided at the Glen, in Glenelg, where Mr. Styles was engaged as a farm laborer. In 1911 the family moved to Durham and have remained in this town continuously ever since.

A family of five sons and two daughters survive: William, in Buffalo, N.Y.; Harry, at Meaford, Beattie, now living in Toronto; and Ted, Peter, Esther and John at home.

A sister, Mrs. George Miller, of Bentinck, and a brother, Mr. William Nicholls of Durham also survive, besides another brother and two sisters in England.

The funeral was held from the family home, on Monday afternoon, interment being made in Trinity church cemetery beside her husband, who passed away the latter part of July. Service at the home and grave were conducted by Rev. J. H. Whealen, rector of Trinity church.

Mrs. Styles was a kindly woman, a good mother, and of a most industrious disposition. She held the respect and esteem of all townspeople of her acquaintance and the family have the sympathy of all in their loss.

PIONEER OF BENTINCK PASSED AWAY TUESDAY

Mr. John Lawrence Died Following Short Illness, Though He Had Been In Failing Health for Past Couple of Years. Was in His 94th Year.

Egremont lost possibly its oldest resident on Tuesday morning of this week when death claimed Mr. John Lawrence. He was 93 years and six months of age, and died following a general break-down, noticeable during the past two years, but which took a decided turn for the worse about a week before his death, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Harrison on the 21st concession.

Up to two years ago, Mr. Lawrence enjoyed remarkably good health, but following an accident in which he sustained a broken leg his health began to fail and combined with stomach trouble, his recovery has not been expected for some time.

Mr. Lawrence was one of the pioneers of this township, was a man well-known by a wide circle of friends in his native township and Durham, and his death removes one of the earliest settlers in the section bordering Wilder's Lake, where he resided for many years.

The late Mr. Lawrence was born at Sleithrow, County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1831, about twenty miles from Dublin, and came to Canada in 1849 with his parents, the family settling at first at Elora and Fergus. The next year, in 1850, the parents came to Glenelg, but Mr. Lawrence remained at Elora, where he secured employment in a mill there, and it is thought that it was about the year 1860 that he came to the vicinity of Durham, where he has resided ever since.

In March, 1863, he was married to Miss Sarah Eva, who died in 1920, the young couple taking up home-making on their farm at lot 7, con. 21, Egremont, where they remained until 1918 when they came to Durham. Following the death of his wife, Mr. Lawrence lived with various members of the family, and last spring went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Harrison, where he was taken ill and since confined to his bed the greater part of the time. He was up and about only last September was able to cast his vote, though shortly after he was again taken ill and had been bedfast most of the time since. It was only a week before his death, however that his condition became alarming and it was then seen that his passing was only a matter of a few days.

Mr. Lawrence can truly be said to have been one of the grand old men of the remaining pioneers who contributed his full share of hard work and industry in wresting Egremont from the wilderness of its early days. He was thrifty as well, and by an exercise of this today, almost forgotten trait, accumulated a considerable amount of this world's goods which stood him in good stead in his unproductive years.

Surviving him, of a family of fourteen children, are a family of six sons and six daughters: Philip and William J. in Durham; George in Mount Forest; Arthur in Egremont; Albert in Carman, Manitoba; Thomas in Toronto; Sarah (Mrs. W. Guthrie, San Coulee, Montana; Rose (Mrs. J. Atkinson), Bender, Sask.; Elizabeth (Mrs. J. Clark) Toronto; Minnie (Mrs. Jones Harrison), Egremont, who assisted in attending him in his last illness; Martha (Mrs. Thomas Harrison), also of Egremont, at whose home he died; and Alice in Toronto. A son, Herbert, was killed about 18 years ago by a falling tree, and another child died in infancy.

The funeral is being held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Harrison, tomorrow afternoon, and will be in charge of the Rev. J. H. Whealen, rector of Trinity and St. Paul's Anglican churches, of which deceased was a member.

The Chronicle extends the sympathy of the community to the family.

T. K. L. BUS SERVICE QUIT LAST WEEK

Bad Roads and Curtailment of Travel Believed Responsible for Removal of Busses Between Owen Sound and Guelph

The Toronto Kitchener and London Motor Transit Company has given up the ghost, so far as this section of Ontario is concerned and it is not likely that the service will be resumed until spring, if then.

The decision on the part of the company is no surprise to residents of this part of the country, but came as quite a surprise to The Chronicle following, as it did a conversation we had with the general manager, who made a tour of the lines last summer. When he informed us that the bus lines would be kept running all winter, and when we expressed our doubt that the big machines would be able to navigate in this part of the country through the February snowdrifts, we were informed that it was the intention to put on a battery of snowplows to keep the roads open.

However, that has nothing to do with what has happened. The bus service was cancelled last week, even before a plough was needed, and the only reason we can give is that the line did not pay up this season of the year. So far, there has not been enough snow to interfere.

LITTLE PEN-O-GRAMS



OLIVER ELECTED; MAJORITY OVER 1,200

South Grey Electors Decide Against Hon. Dr. Jamieson in Yesterday's Voting in Favor of Youthful Farmer From Artemesia. Temperance Act Policy of Government Blamed for Landslide in This Riding. Conservatives Returned to Power in Province With Record Majority.

Though the Conservative party under Premier G. Howard Ferguson swept Ontario, in yesterday's election, winning 80 seats out of a possible 112, the electors of South Grey voted strongly against the proposed amendment to the Ontario Temperance Act by which Government Control of liquor is to come into force. As the candidate of the Government, Dr. Jamieson was defeated, his opponent, Farquhar R. Oliver, lining up on the side of the retention of the O.T.A. as it now is. As the return of the Conservative party to power with an almost unanimous majority means the adoption of Government Control, the electors of South Grey, though pronounced in their verdict, seem to be out of step with the majority of the province.

At time of writing it is impossible to give the correct majority of the winning candidate, but it is generally conceded that it will be around the 1,200 mark, the largest majority, we believe, that was ever given a candidate in a provincial contest in this riding. As in previous contests in recent years, the towns mostly gave a majority for Jamieson, the exception being Dundalk, which dropped from 201 for Jamieson in the last election to 10 for Oliver. Flesherton also dropped from a Jamieson majority of 125 to 12 for Oliver, and all the other towns as was expected, returned reduced majorities, with the exception of Neustadt, which jumped from a Jamieson majority of 125 in 1923 to 174 in yesterday's polling.

As usual, Hanover was the unknown quantity. Here it was expected the Conservative candidate would have at least 450 of a majority. It was only 370, despite the fact that some of those in touch with political affairs there claimed that Dr. Jamieson would have anywhere from 500 to 1,000. This was never considered seriously locally, and while Hanover was credited with 450 in pre-election estimates, it was always recognized that not too much dependence could be placed on what the voters in that town would do.

Until the official count at Dundalk next Thursday evening, no definite information can be passed out, and it is not our intention this week to attempt a detailed statement of the voting by polling sub-divisions. With the recount on Thursday evening, this will not appear in The Chronicle until our issue of the 16th. Following is the result by municipalities, only the majorities being given in each case. These will not likely be correct in every instance but are close enough to give our readers a general idea of the voting.

Summary of Result

	Majorities	Jamieson	Oliver
Artemesia	236	507	
Bentinck	57	236	
Chatsworth	10	57	
Dundalk	448	10	
Durham	515	448	
Egremont	252	515	
Euphrasia	12	252	
Flesherton	124	12	
Glenelg	161	124	
Holland	370	161	
Hanover	61	370	
Markdale	174	61	
Neustadt	301	174	
Normanby	183	301	
Osprey	509	183	
Proton	1354	509	
	1354	2566	1354

Majority for Oliver 1242

Euphrasia, the new township, is nominally Conservative, though it has had this majority cut down considerably since the United Farmer movement. In the last Provincial election with Ego, Conservative and Carmichael, U.F.O., the candidates, the former had a majority of 56. In the last Dominion election in North Grey, where this constituency is placed in the federal

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MRS. McCracken DIED AT DORNOCH

Well-known Resident of Sullivan Township Passed Away in 75th Year.

The death of Mrs. Alex. McCracken of Sullivan Township, occurred Monday night at her home a mile and a quarter north of Dornoch, following an illness of six months from paralysis.

Mrs. McCracken was a woman of about 75 years of age and had lived practically her whole life in Dornoch vicinity. Her husband died several years ago. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John McIntosh and Mrs. James Robertson, both living in the vicinity, and one son Henry, on the homestead.

The funeral is being held this Thursday afternoon to Williamsford Cemetery, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. McWilliam of Dornoch Presbyterian Church.

We have no particulars, but have been told that Mrs. McCracken was a most exemplary, Christian woman whose death is deeply mourned by the whole community.

DIED SUDDENLY IN OWEN SOUND

John Davis, Son of Mr. W. J. Davis of This Place, Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon. Funeral Likely Tomorrow to Trinity Church Cemetery.

Mr. W. J. Davis received word yesterday afternoon on the death at Owen Sound that day of his only son, Mr. John Davis, who passed away following a short illness from some internal trouble. Mr. Davis was taken ill Monday of this week and the news of his death was a shock to numerous friends in town. Only last Sunday he had attended church in his usual health.

Mr. Davis, who was about 33 years of age, was born in Egremont Township and has spent the whole of his life in this county. When the war broke out, he enlisted in the 15th Battalion with his brother, Cecil, who was killed overseas. Returning after the armistice he served for a year or more as a patient in different military hospitals, but was subsequently discharged and pensioned.

Following his discharge from the military hospitals, he took up residence in town and two years ago last November he was married to Miss Florence Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lawrence of Durham, moving to Owen Sound, where he has since resided. Besides his widow, a daughter three months old survives.

On receipt of the news of his death, both Mr. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence left by motor for Owen Sound, where arrangements for the funeral were completed. The remains are to arrive here on tonight's C.P.R. train, and it is likely that the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon to Trinity church cemetery, to be laid beside those of his mother, who died about 25 years ago.

The town and community around us deeply sympathize with Mr. Davis and the young widow in their sorrow.

THOMAS CAULDWELL DIED AT MARKDALE

Former Resident of Bentinck Passed Away at Grey County House of Refuge Monday Evening.

Mr. Thomas Cauldwell, for many years a resident of Bentinck Township, about two miles from Durham, died in the Grey County House of Refuge at Markdale on Monday evening, and the funeral will be held from the Kress Undertaking parlors, Durham tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Trinity church cemetery.

Mr. Cauldwell, with his two sisters for years owned and occupied the farm on the second concession south of the Durham Road. About two years ago a sister died and was buried in Trinity church cemetery. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Cauldwell and his remaining sister, Miss Emma who had met with financial misfortune, were forced to dispose of their holdings and were taken to the House of Refuge at Markdale to end their days. Though a little eccentric in some ways, both were good citizens, and were well thought of by their neighbors and friends in this vicinity who, while regretting the turn their affairs had taken, recognized that the steps taken for their old age were in the best interests of the elderly couple, who were unable to care for themselves.

The late Mr. Cauldwell would be about 70 years of age, and while little is known of the family history. The funeral tomorrow afternoon will be in charge of the Rev. Mr. Whealen of Trinity Church.



LADY WILLINGDON Rideau Hall's new hostess will embark upon a season of exacting social duties early in December, with the opening of Parliament. This cut is from the most recent photograph of Lady Willingdon.

PRICEVILLE MILLS BURNED FRIDAY

Important Industry of Sister Village Total Loss as Result of Disastrous Fire Last Week. Not Known Whether Owners Will Rebuild.

One of the most disastrous fires that ever visited Pricerville occurred about midnight Friday of last week, when the chopping, saw, shingle and planing mill of Watson Bros. was totally destroyed. When first noticed the fire had made such headway that nothing could be done, and the heat was so intense that nothing was saved from the flames.

The industry is a most important one for Pricerville and vicinity, and though The Chronicle was unable to get in touch with the proprietors, there is a feeling that the mill will not be rebuilt, at least as it was before the fire. The mill was a first-class one in every way, looked after the chopping requirements of the vicinity, as well as doing an excellent lumber, shingle, planing and custom business. The absence of timber in the locality it is thought will not warrant the reconstruction of this end of the business, though there is every probability that the chopping mill will be placed in running condition in the near future.

The loss, we understand, will be between five and six thousand dollars, and we have been informed that there was no insurance.

'Smilin' Charlie Says--



"Some folks go so far around gettin' th' romantic side o' life that they miss any part o' it that's really worth while..."