

PROTON FARMER BURNED TO DEATH

Neil McQuarrie Victim of Mysterious Fire on Friday Before Noon. Apparently Was Starting Fire With Oil or Gasoline, Which Exploded.

One of the most tragic events which have taken place in Proton Township in some time occurred on Friday morning about 11 o'clock, on the farm occupied by two brothers, Neil and Angus McQuarrie, as the result of which the former was burned to death in the house. The two brothers, both of whom were bachelors, resided together on the farm some eight miles from Dundalk and carried on a successful farming business, being looked upon as two of the most up-to-date farmers in Proton township.

Cause of Disaster Mysterious

From what can be learned it appears that Angus went out to the barn to look after the stock, while Neil, as was his custom, went into the house to prepare the noonday meal. What happened after he got into the house will never be known as in a few minutes when Angus came out of the barn, he saw that the house was a mass of flames. He hurried to the scene as fast as he possibly could, and was just about to enter the burning building, when close to the door he saw the badly charred remains of his brother Neil. He had been very badly burned and it was apparent that he had been dead but a minute or two. He dragged the dead body out of the house and in a short period of time the residence, with all its contents, was completely destroyed.

Used Oil to Start Fire

The cause of the fire is a mystery although it is surmised that in order to start the fire quickly to get the dinner started Neil had used either coal oil or gasoline, and the flames had set fire to his clothing, and burned so rapidly that he had no chance to escape before being overcome.

As soon as possible after the fire started a number of neighbors gathered to assist, but they were not needed, as the damage had been done, and the destruction complete. The affair was a terrible shock to the whole neighborhood, as the McQuarrie family were among the earliest pioneers of Proton, and held in the highest esteem by all who knew them.

Inquest Was Unnecessary

Dr. Martin of Dundalk, coroner, was notified of the affair and drove out to the scene, and after making full investigation and questioning Mr. Angus McQuarrie he came to the conclusion that the whole thing was accidental, and that an inquest was unnecessary. Neil McQuarrie, the dead man, was about 45 years of age, and had always resided in Proton, where he was much esteemed. He is survived by four brothers: John, of Dundalk; Benjamin, of Toronto; Edward, of Proton, and Angus, at home, and one sister, Mrs. John Stewart, of Proton. He attended the Presbyterian church at Proton.

DURHAM BOY WINS C. N. R. PROMOTION

R. E. Laidlaw Gets Position of Assistant Regional Counsel with Canadian National Railways, with headquarters at Toronto.

An appointment, the news of which will be of much satisfaction and interest to residents of Durham, was made by the Canadian National Railways on Tuesday of last week when Mr. R. E. Laidlaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Laidlaw of this place, received the appointment of Assistant Regional Counsel, with his headquarters at Toronto. Previous to this elevation, Mr. Laidlaw was identified with the Canadian National as Solicitor for the Central Region.

The fact that "Bob", as he is generally known here, is a Durham boy, makes the matter of more than ordinary interest to the citizens of the town and vicinity. Born here 34 years ago, he received his early education and later secured his matriculation at the local schools.

He left Durham for Toronto in 1915 and was very successful in taking a course in civil engineering. He followed this profession for two years and then entered the law office of McArthur & McArthur, Toronto, subsequently entering Osgoode Hall. He emerged from Osgoode Hall in 1920 a full-fledged barrister and remained with McArthur and McArthur for one year, when he accepted a position as solicitor for the Canadian National Railway. He has been with the C. N. R. ever since and his recent promotion has been the result of careful and hard work, a close application to his duties and phenomenal success in handling the work entrusted to him.

We congratulate our former townsman on his elevation.

The Explanation

Football Enthusiast: "Wot's all the meagahorus for?" Chorus of Men (lined up for match): "Why, ain't you eard? The refs' ard 'o' earring!"



LORD BURGHLEY

Famous English amateur hurdler, who is bringing a team of Cambridge university athletes to the United States to compete at the Pennsylvania sports carnival this month.

FORMER RESIDENT DIED AT HAMILTON

Late Mrs. Percy Kelly, Sister of Mr. E. W. Limin of This Town, Passed Away Following Paralytic Stroke.

On Sunday of last week, the 3rd inst., there passed away at her home at Hamilton, Mrs. Percy Kelly, a former resident of Durham, and a sister of Mr. E. W. Limin of this place. Mrs. Kelly was first taken ill on Saturday morning from a stroke of paralysis and died the following day.

Mrs. Kelly, who was 69 years of age was formerly Miss Minnie Limin, and was born at Hamilton, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Limin. When she was ten years of age the family moved to Durham, where she resided until 1876, when she removed to Hamilton where she has since resided.

She was married there to Mr. Edward Wildman, who died 40 years ago. There were two children to this union, both still living, Mrs. Chester Goring and Mr. Frederick Wildman, of Hamilton.

Twelve years ago the deceased was married to Mr. Percy Kelly, who with the children of the first family still survives.

Though Mrs. Kelly had been ailing for a time, on the day previous to being taken ill she was feeling especially well, and remarked of it to her daughter. This was on Friday evening. About five o'clock Saturday morning she was taken ill and from the first it was not thought she could recover. The stroke left her completely paralysed on the left side, with her power of speech and vision gone, and though it is thought that she was conscious most of the time previous to her passing, she gave no particular evidence that this was so. She lingered on in this condition until Sunday morning when she passed away.

Though Mrs. Kelly was not known here to the younger generation, not having lived here since 1876, previous to the death of her father she was a frequent visitor at the home of her brother here.

Besides her family she leaves five brothers, E. W., in Durham; William in Vancouver; Fred in Linnagan, Sask.; Herbert in New York City, and Arthur in Hamilton, and one sister, Selma (Mrs. Peters), in New York City.

Interment was made Tuesday in Hamilton cemetery, the obsequies being attended by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Limin and Mrs. Arthur McGowan, from Durham.

TO PROCEED WITH COMMUNITY HALL

Funds in Sight To Replace the Chesley Exhibition Building.

An important meeting was held on Friday evening in the Chesley Council chamber in the interests of the new community hall, soon to be erected in Victoria Park. This is to take the place of the present dilapidated exhibition building and also serve as a spacious community hall for municipal and agricultural purposes.

Reports of the canvass for funds were presented by Reeve Wright, the chairman of the meeting for a town showing \$1,200 in sight, with a likelihood of it growing to \$1,500, and by John Oswald and Walter Brown, who gave a similarly encouraging report for the country, stating that, with over \$900 promised and the work not completed, the total seems likely to also reach \$1,200 or more. With a grant from the town and other help, most of the needed funds are now assured.

After discussion of details of construction and materials, motions were passed to erect a one-story building, 45 feet wide, 100 feet long with walls about 12 feet high. The roof is to be steel trussed, with steel covering. Side walls are to be of cement. A committee of R. Wright, W. Buckley, John Oswald, C. J. Halliday and G. W. Warming, is to draw up plans and submit details of cost at a future meeting.

One of the Difficulties

The trouble is a man falls in love with a pair of eyes or a dimple or a smile but marries the whole girl.

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KNOX W. M. S. HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Annual Reports of Secretary and Treasurer Most Gratifying to Society.—Good Papers and Discussions.

The regular monthly study meeting of the Y.W.A. of Knox United Church was held in the schoolroom of the church on Monday evening, April 11th. The president, Mrs. R. Catton, was in the chair, and after the usual opening exercises various items of business were discussed.

The following were appointed delegates to the Grey Presbyterian to be held in Owen Sound May 3rd: Mrs. Catton, Miss Margaret Edge, Miss Jean Hepburn and Miss Myrtle Koch.

The annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted. The Y. W. A. has had a most successful year and the reports were very gratifying. During the past year \$192.88 has been raised and \$155.00 sent to the Provincial Treasurer. There were also made two quilts valued at \$15.00, a box of quilts made candy was sent to the Redemptive Home in Toronto at Christmas time valued at \$10.00. The Auxiliary has exceeded its allocation and has had the most successful year since its organization. Miss Donald McEachern gave an interesting talk on the Mission Work in Portuguese East Africa, giving a general idea of the work being done in this district with particular reference to the hospitals and schools. Miss Margaret Edge gave a sketch of the mission work in the needy areas of Korea, and Miss Myrtle Koch gave a short talk on the mission work at a station in West China. The meeting closed with singing and prayer.

COLD NORTH WINDS DAMAGE CROPS

Early Spring, While Welcomed by Most of Citizens, May Prove Bad Thing for Fall-sown Crops.

The past winter, and the spring season, so far, have been even more than could reasonably be hoped for from the standpoint of mildness, but the early disappearance of the snow is more likely to prove a serious blow to the farmers who have any quantity of wheat sown.

Many days have been quite mild, with the thermometer ranging between 50 and 60, but for all this there has been a decidedly uncomfortable northerly wind which has worked havoc with the fall wheat. The wheat apparently wintered well and never in the history of many did it come through the snow and frost season better. With no snow on the ground, however, the wheat has no protection from the north winds, and according to many farmers, the crop is about ruined.

Otherwise, farming conditions are ideal. Last fall was so wet that little ploughing could be done, but with the early opening of spring, considerable has been completed and by the end of this week a lot more will have been finished. Another week of the present weather, though one farmer says that if a good rain and some warm weather could be had at the present time there is a chance that the wheat might pull through with little damage.

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The car is a complete wreck and was a sorry looking mess after being brought into town on a truck and deposited at the rear of the Noble garage. Luckily, insurance was carried, and while Mr. Ewen will lose considerable, his loss will not be nearly so large as though he carried the whole risk himself.

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Had Ankle Fractured

Florence, the five- or six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ewen of Bentinck, near Aberdeen, while playing at school last Friday had the misfortune to fall and fracture her ankle. The fracture was reduced by Dr. D. B. Jamieson, and the young patient is recovering nicely.

Customer: "My wife has very sore feet. What would you suggest?" Assistant (politely): "Well, rubber heels."

"What with?"

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MONARCHIST LEADER IN PEKING

Chang Shun, who some years ago left the Monarchist forces in an attempt to overthrow the Republican Government of China, is now causing some embarrassment to Marshal Chang Tso Lin, Northern Warlord and Commander of the Republican troops defending Peking. Chang Shun, who is sometimes called the "King-maker," is believed to be co-operating with Chiang Kai-shek, the leader of the Cantonese or Nationalist troops.

"IRISHERS" HELD FORTH AT W. I. MEETING

Society Votes Annual Amount for Support of Armenian Boy at Georgetown.—Ireland's Early History and Troubles Discussed.

Great interest was taken in the Irish meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mather on Thursday last. Forty-four were present. Thirty-five dollars were voted to help support an Armenian boy in Georgetown and a sick member was also remembered. Margaret McGill read a very fine paper on Ireland which was written by Rev. Mr. Whealen. He first dealt with the early peoples of Ireland. It is known that they raided England before the close of the Roman rule. Their Christian religious history goes back to the time of St. Patrick, who Christianized the whole island and brought the people up to a high standard of morals and education and missionaries were sent out to different parts of Europe. The story of Ireland coming under the rule of England and all the troubles which have followed was most enlightening and gave all a more sympathetic understanding of the Irish question. Mrs. Glass gave a short talk on St. Patrick and some of the great song writers of Ireland, especially Moore. Mrs. Picken gave all a good laugh with some good Irish jokes as did Mrs. John Hamilton's reading on "Barney Day." Mrs. Webber also read a very amusing story. The choir was in fine form and sang "Mother MacInroe" and "Tipperary." Miss Eliza Patterson sweetly sang an Irish melody. At the close a most abundant lunch was served, which was Irish all through.

DISPATCH TO DAILIES QUITE MISLEADING

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EASTER MESSAGES FROM DURHAM PASTORS

REV. B. D. ARMSTRONG

It is peculiarly fitting that Easter-tide should come in spring time. In spring we see nature awakening. We see the buds starting upon the trees and the blades of grass beginning to sprout, the birds returning and everywhere signs of awakening life. These things in themselves bring to us the Easter message of hope and cheer.

Our minds are naturally turned to think of Christ's triumph over sin and death, and His victory over these is not for Himself alone but for all who trust in Him.

Let us thank God for the joyous faith that is ours and pray that we may be worthy of such a Saviour.

REV. J. TAYLOR

The outstanding fact of Easter is immortality. The resurrection of Christ is more than a historical fact. It is a prophesy and hope and assurance of future life. "Because I live ye shall live also" said Jesus. Men have ever clung to the thought of life beyond the grave, and that which was the longing of man from earliest times became a reality when Christ rose from the dead.

REV. J. H. WHEALEN

Easter is with us again and the glad season of spring with all its stirring of new life in the world of nature round about us. But to us as Christians it should carry another message as well. The early Christians greeted one another on Easter Sunday morning with the cry, "The Lord is risen, indeed." Should this not be the chief thought in our minds at this time also? For on His resurrection we base all our trust in a future life, both for ourselves and those we love. Even though to some of us there has come the visitation of sorrow and death in the past year, still, we rest strong in the belief that we shall see them in another world.

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CHINESE SITUATION A GAME OF "BLUFF"

Civic Troubles in China Described as Game of "Pawn and Politics", Which will Finally Right Itself

We are in receipt of a communication this week from Mr. Harry A. Hunter, who returned to his home in Toronto recently from his winter home at Kissimmee, Florida, and who will, as usual, spend the summer months in Durham.

Mr. Hunter was formerly an officer in the Canadian militia, and being a close student of affairs military, his opinions on the Chinese situation will be worthy of perusal. The letter was written last month, but in view of the local prominence given the Chinese situation, its publication, even at this belated date, will be of much interest. Mr. Hunter says:

"The Cantonese Nationalist leaders have recently pulled off one of the most gigantic bluffs in the recent history of poker or politics. The rapid northern extension of Cantonese power into territory by no means unanimous in acceptance of their doctrines, left their forces and their future in an exceedingly precarious condition. To survive their new responsibilities, they must have new recruits, and, success were to be fully taken advantage of, public sentiment in their favor had to be produced.

"Now, about the only paying business for some time has been the 'general' business. So, China, with her nineteen provinces, has about three times that number of budding militarist overlords busy exploiting her people. Each general uses such means as necessity dictates to fill the ranks of his rapacious brigades—force or promises of loot, being the chief methods. These various armed groups and re-group themselves with amazing facility for change; the only combination which has so far seemingly managed to suggest any patriotic slogan as a reason for its existence, being the Cantonese group originally founded by the late Sun Yat Sen.

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TORONTO PASTOR HERE FOR OPENING

Rev. Dr. Kannawin of Toronto Will Preach in Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 1.

While arrangements have not all been made for the services for the first three Sundays in May, during which the new Presbyterian church will be dedicated, it is now definitely known that the Rev. Dr. Kannawin of Toronto, will have charge of the services on Sunday, May 1. On this date there will be three services held, one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Besides the special minister, arrangements have also been made for outside soloists to take part, both in solo work, and in assisting the church choir. Rev. Dr. Kannawin will also be here for the social gathering on Monday evening, the 2nd of May.

TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

Following are the temperatures of the past week, with the highest and lowest registered every day during the preceding 24 hours. The readings were taken at 5 o'clock each evening.

Vertical advertisements on the left margin including 'Paints', 'Brushes', 'Varnish', 'Aluminum Paint', 'Durham Ware Merchants', 'Heavy Parcels?', 'Shortening', and 'Reduced Prices'.