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SUNDAY'S STORM WAS GENERAL OVER ONT.

Whole Country Suffered From Severe Electrical Storm Which, Accompanied by Wind, Uprooted Trees and Did Great Damage.—Second of Its Kind in Week.

For the second time in four days the Province of Ontario was visited by a severe electrical storm which, accompanied by a heavy rain and high wind, did a lot of damage to trees, buildings and crops.

Wednesday of last week the first storm arrived, and from Forest, Wyoming, Petrolia, Stratford, St. Thomas and other points in Western Ontario, the damage is reported as quite severe and the monetary loss heavy. The greatest damage occurred at Alliston, where the walls of a new church in the course of erection were blown down.

A second storm visited this section on Sunday which also did considerable damage, even more than the first. In the vicinity of Toronto, the lightning, hail and wind left a trail of damage. Buildings were struck, trees uprooted, and the wind was accompanied by the heaviest rainfall of the season.

This District Lucky

This part of Ontario escaped perhaps with less damage than any other in the Western portion. From Owen Sound comes the report that the storm was very severe in that city and immediate vicinity. Transmitters in the various parts of the city were put out of commission.

Locally, with the exception of burning out two transformers, one at the corner of Garrafrax and Saddler streets, and another farther south at South road, there was no damage reported. The wind, while quite strong, did not do very much damage, though we hear of an occasional tree having been blown down in the country, while others had some of the heavier branches torn loose.

The heavy rain that fell in this section will be of invaluable benefit to the crops, and while considerably soaking, it is not thought it will be damaged in the least. Compared with other sections of the province, we in this part were exceptionally lucky, for which we should be thankful.

DECORATION SERVICES MARRED BY RAIN

Odd Fellows, However, Went on With Ceremony, and Large Crowd Was in Attendance.

Despite the fact that last Sunday was one of the "bad" days of the summer, so far as thunder, lightning and rain were concerned, and the elements interfered no one knows how much with the annual decoration service of the local Odd Fellows society, the ceremony this year was one of the best yet held and, considering the weather, what must be termed a large crowd, was present, the number on the ground being around the 200 mark.

Each year this service brings out more spectators, and this year, up to Sunday morning, looked like a record breaker. But people, and especially women, cannot be expected to stand around in the rain at an affair of this kind, and many who had fully made up their minds to go, remained at home rather than take a chance and get caught in the downpour of rain that threatened.

Marred by Storm

Sunday morning broke rainy. There was no doubt about this, and for a time the elements let loose with tropical fury. Towards 10 o'clock it cleared up somewhat, and for a time the sun shone. Along about 1:30 when everybody should have been on his way to the cemetery, the downpour started again, though not so hard as in early morning, but sufficient to keep a goodly number at home.

Even amongst the Odd Fellows themselves, it was hard to decide whether or not the service should go on. Some were for postponing it, while others thought that the baskets of flowers could be taken to the cemetery between showers, placed on the graves, and the ceremony proper held next Sunday.

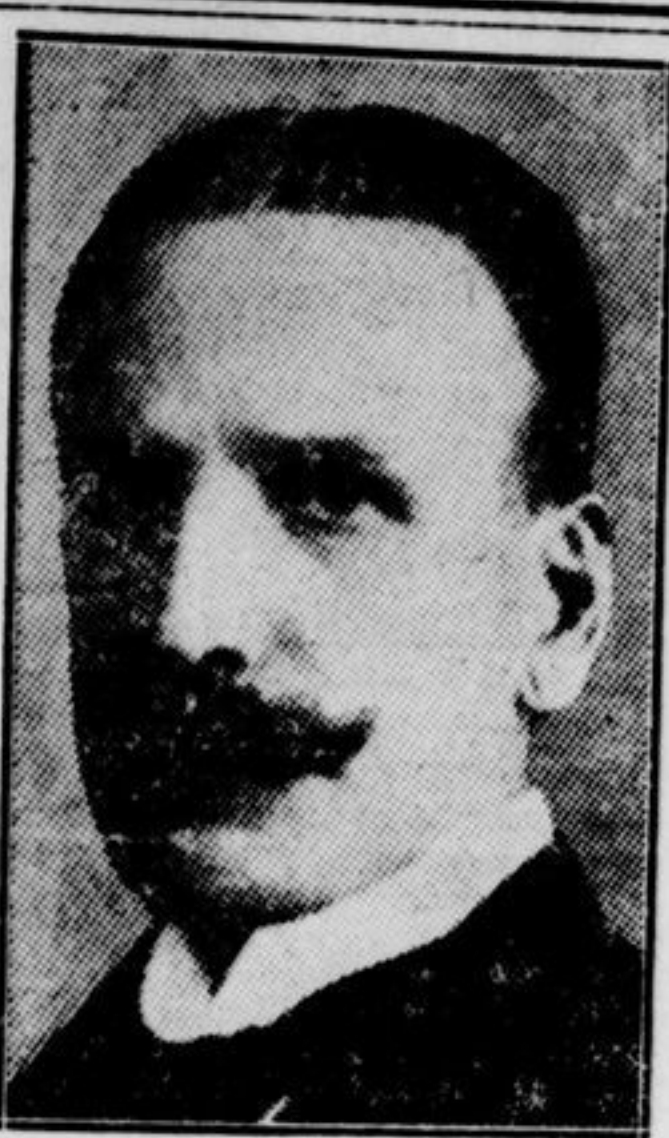
The arrival of the flowers from Mount Forest and a break in the clouds decided the question, and a start was made for the cemetery shortly after 2 o'clock. Fortunately, the weather cleared and, turning much colder, further rain was avoided. The ceremony went on, and it must have been gratifying to the members of the lodge when they arrived at the cemetery to see that there was a goodly crowd on hand, and all during the service, and even after, new arrivals appeared from the country, until there was a fairly large audience gathered.

The program this year was not as advertised, owing to the lateness of starting. The Rev. E. Hayes of

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MUST USE BATHING SUITS

Swimming within the town limits minus bathing suits will not be tolerated, and several young boys of the town who were before Police Magistrate Laidlaw last Saturday for taking a dip covered only by nature's garb were let out on suspended sentence on promising not to offend in future.



REPRESENTS CANADIAN PRESS

Hon. Frank Carrel, M.L.C., who has been named the official delegate for Canada to the League of Nations meeting on newspaper matters.

LOWER RITCHIE'S STAGE FINE GARDEN PARTY

Residents of Section Immediately East of Town Had Big Crowd, Excellent Programme, and Altogether Successful Gathering Last Friday Evening.

The success of their first garden party will no doubt be followed next summer by an even more elaborate affair by the people of "Lower Ritchie's" school section, better known as No. 9. This was held on the school grounds last Friday evening and for their first attempt was a wonderful success financially, and from the manner in which the various events were handled one would never dream that this was the first attempt by the residents of that section.

Preceding the programme, a beautiful supper had been provided at which there was plenty and to spare, and a large booth on the grounds did a thriving business from early evening until the close at the midnight hour.

Mr. John A. Graham was the chairman and, veteran that he is at this kind of thing, it is needless to say that everything went off with clock-like precision. The chairman was reminiscent in his remarks and the various numbers on the long programme were good. Besides excellent music by the George Ritchie orchestra, there were numerous readings, duets, monologues, instrumental numbers and addresses, while the pieces de resistance were a solo drill by ten boys, and a play, "Jane Wing, by a Hobby" by the young people of the neighborhood. Assisting on the program were some from Durham, and all received good attention and hearty applause.

A ball game between the Rocky and Dromore teams early in the evening was won by the former.

LOCAL ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS

Semi-Annual Installation Ceremony Was in Charge of W. Carswell and Installing Team From Palmerston.

Officers in Grey Lodge No. 169, L.O.O.F., were installed for their six months' term last Monday night, the work being officially performed by W. Carswell, D.D.G.M., of Palmerston, who, with his installing team made a most favorable impression by the manner in which the work was performed both individually and collectively. Following the installation ceremony light refreshment was served. Following are the officers for 1927:

I.P.M., Raney Snell; N.G., George Juckisch; Vice-Grant, Thos. Whitmore; R.S., Bert Stonehouse; F.S., D. Evans; Treas., Cameron Landier; Warden, W. J. McGuire; Conductors, John Ritchie; Chaplain, Allan Bell; R.S.N.G., Robert McLean; L.S.N.G., Joseph McCallin; R.S.S., W. C. Vollett; L.S.S., Norman McDonald; R.S.V.G., Royden McDonald; L.S.V.G., Russell Becker, O.G., Albert McGeon; I.G., Frank Irwin.

RECKLESS DRIVING CHARGE TO BE AIRD SATURDAY

The charge for reckless driving laid against R. W. Morrison of Normandy, which has been before Magistrate Laidlaw a couple of times already, was again adjourned to next Saturday, when it will be finally disposed of.

The charge is the result of an accident some three or four weeks ago in which Mr. Morrison is alleged to have turned into his premises south of the long swamp, on the Provincial Highway in front of Mr. Oscar Hahn, with the result that Mr. Hahn's big sedan was so badly damaged that it had to be sent to the factory for repairs.

In the accident Mr. Morrison was badly shaken up and it was his condition, coupled with the fact that his lawyer was unable to appear, that caused Magistrate Laidlaw to further adjourn the case. We understand that this is the last adjournment and that the matter is to be finally disposed of in Saturday's court.

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GARDEN PARTIES AND PICNICS ARE ORDER OF DAY

Very Few Municipalities Absent From List of Those Who Have Held "Successful Gatherings."

Summer-time is picnic and garden time and never can these be separated, at least up in this section of Ontario, and the task of reporting all of them has nearly got the editor of this great family journal "dizzy in the head," or at least a little dizzy, for a "good time was had" at all of them, judging from the newspaper reports. Certainly there was a good time! What are picnics and garden parties for?

This week we started out to report them in the usual manner, but ere the week was two days old they were coming so thickly that we had quickly to change our tactics.

On Wednesday of last week the Presbyterians at Dornoch held their annual garden party and, in addition to a big crowd, there was an excellent patronage of the booth. A good programme, put on by Harvey Lloyd, comedian, of Toronto, was also a feature.

On Monday of this week the postponed picnic of the Rocky U. F. O. Club was held in McLean's grove north of town, and in addition to a programme of speeches, ball and other games were played and a general good time had. In the evening a dance was put on and the young folks enjoyed themselves until an early hour. There was a large crowd despite the busy season.

Tuesday night the annual garden party of the Ladies' Aid of Varney church was held on J. J. Wilton's lawn. The attendance was somewhat smaller than usual owing to the fire at the Rob Roy Mills elevator here, but despite the absence of the Durham patrons, the gate receipts were quite satisfactory. An exceptional programme by local talent assisted by others from Toronto and Teeswater, was presented, and a game of ball played in the early evening in which the Varney team defeated Knox 12 to 9.

With something doing almost every night in two or three places, these affairs are rather hard to keep track of, and harder to report when little or no assistance is forthcoming from the committees in charge.

The North Glenelg Baptist church held a most successful garden party last Friday night on the grounds of Mr. George Terry on the 10th concession. The programme was supplied by Bob Wilson and Grace Bonnick and the receipts were the largest in the history of the church, over \$120 being taken in at the gate.

MRS. J. A. GLASS DIED SUDDENLY IN WINDSOR

Former Resident of This Town Succumbed to Paralytic Stroke Last Sunday.—Funeral Held Tuesday to Georgetown Cemetery.

Former friends of Mrs. J. A. Glass here were shocked Sunday when it was learned that she had passed away at her home at Windsor after only a few days' illness. The deceased was 72 years of age, and death was due to a stroke of paralysis.

The late Mrs. Glass had spent the winter in Tarpon Springs, Florida with her sisters, Mrs. King and Mrs. Barber, who now reside there, and had returned to Windsor only about three weeks when she was taken ill on the 9th of July, when seized with a slight stroke. On news of her condition, her son, Mr. W. A. Glass, here, left for Windsor and spent four days at his mother's bedside, returning home on the 14th inst. Last Sunday he received word that his mother had taken another bad spell, and shortly after the news of her death was announced.

The late Mrs. Glass, whose maiden name was Ida Search, was born at Avon, N.Y., a town a short distance south of Rochester, but when an infant her parents moved to Stewartstown, near Georgetown, where the deceased spent her earlier years. Fifty-three years ago she was married to Mr. J. A. Glass, who, with three sons and two daughters, survive. They are Messrs. W. A., in Durham, Fred and Edwin in Windsor, and Mrs. (Dr.) Watson of Georgetown. A brother, Mr. F. W. Search of Montreal, and a former resident of Durham, and two sisters, Mrs. King and Mrs. Barber of Tarpon Springs, Fla., also survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Glass moved to Durham upwards of 25 years ago, remaining here for eleven years, and in 1913 moving to Georgetown. For some time past they had resided at Windsor.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church at Georgetown, all the members of the family being present excepting the two sisters residing in Florida. The deceased was much thought of by those of her acquaintance, and with many other floral tributes laid on the casket were those of the Queen Street church here, that of the family being a "Gates Ajar."

The pall-bearers were her three sons, her brother, and other relatives. With the citizens of Durham, The Chronicle joins in expressing sympathy to those who mourn.

It Will Pay You to Advertise in The Chronicle.

ROB ROY MILLS ELEVATOR BURNED

Disastrous Fire Early on Tuesday Evening Wipes Out Grain Elevator and Causes Loss Estimated at Over \$35,000.

For the second time in three years the Rob Roy Mills of this place was visited by a disastrous fire, that of Tuesday night wiping out the elevator and machinery, saved at the fire of November, 1924. The loss is estimated to be \$20,000 on buildings, \$15,000 on machinery and about \$2,000 on wheat and grain in storage at the time of fire. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Since the big fire of 1924, which spelled the end of the manufacture of the famous Rob Roy oatmeal products, the elevator had been used as a grain storage and a certain amount of chipping had been done, mostly feed products for export. The mill had been running all day Monday and Tuesday, and when the plant was closed shortly after 6 o'clock Tuesday night, nothing apparently was wrong. Up to shortly after 8 o'clock the mill was much as usual and following the game of softball at the High school grounds approximately two hundred fans had passed the plant on the road down town and noticed nothing unusual.

They had scarcely reached the corner, however, before smoke was seen coming from the basement, and though the whistle blew immediately and the brigade made a quick run to the scene with both chemical truck and fire engine, nothing could be done but pour on water and protect the surrounding buildings.

Cause Not Known

The cause of the fire is not known, though as is the case in most of these cereal mill fires it, is thought to have been a hot box, or a stuck elevator. The blaze was a most spectacular one and hard one to fight, as several dust explosions at the commencement prevented entry into the building. In fact, two or three who attempted to force an entrance and get a stream from the chemical and fire engine on the fire, were almost literally blown from the doorway when the dust ignited, and it was not thought advisable to take further risks.

While the fire was in progress several pieces of wood floated in a south-westerly direction for half a mile or more and citizens living in the path spent a watchful hour or two seeing to it that their own buildings did not take fire. For a time the Anglican Rectory was thought in danger, but the hose was turned on it and the roof well soaked, preventing a second fire.

The fire was visible for several miles in every direction and many from outside points motored over to see what the trouble was. The night C. P. R. passenger train was flagged and an extra freight and passed the burning elevator at slow speed in order that none of the fire-fighters might be injured. The building was completely consumed, though it took the greater part of the night before the heavy floor timbers were burned through and members of the fire department were on duty until all danger from flying sparks was past. We have no authentic information at present, but understand there is little chance that the building will be replaced, as the cost of construction is too high in comparison with the monetary returns.

The loss of the elevator will be a blow to the town and country, as we have been told some negotiations were under way to use it as a storehouse in this district in connection with the proposed Ontario Wheat Pool.

WESTERN STORM DID MUCH DAMAGE

Half Million Acres Estimated Damaged by Regina Leader of July 11.—Storm Extended Over Wide Area.

In the July 11 issue of the Regina Leader, sent us by our old friend, Ted Vickers, it is estimated that the big storm of Saturday, July 9, damaged half a million acres of the Western crop, the areas devastated extending from Eyebrow, Sask., to the Manitoba boundary.

No reports of losses had been made to hail insurance companies, according to The Leader, but estimates showed that more than half a million acres of grain and garden stuff were affected. Hailstones ranging in size from a bean to a crow's egg are said to have fallen and in many instances the loss to crops is 100 per cent.

In a following letter dated July 12, Ted says that the storm of the 9th was underestimated, the Leader of the 12th having received more information than was possible the previous issue. Telling of the hailstones, Mr. Vickers said that the storm was almost unbelievable. He had recently purchased a new Hudson closed car, was out in the storm, and had had 11 holes punched through the top.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Vickers is doing very well in his new home at Regina, but were sorry to learn of the illness of his son, Ted, Jr., who was in the hospital with a ruptured appendix. There were four doctors in attendance, with night and day nurses. He was slowly gaining strength and was thought out of danger, according to the last reports, though at one time it was thought he would not recover.

After a man has been married about six months he begins to notice how much his wife resembles her mother.



CANADIAN GOLF CHAMPION

Don Carrick, well-known Canadian athlete, and 1925 amateur golf champion, who has again won that coveted title.

DURHAM MERCHANTS MUST GRADE EGGS

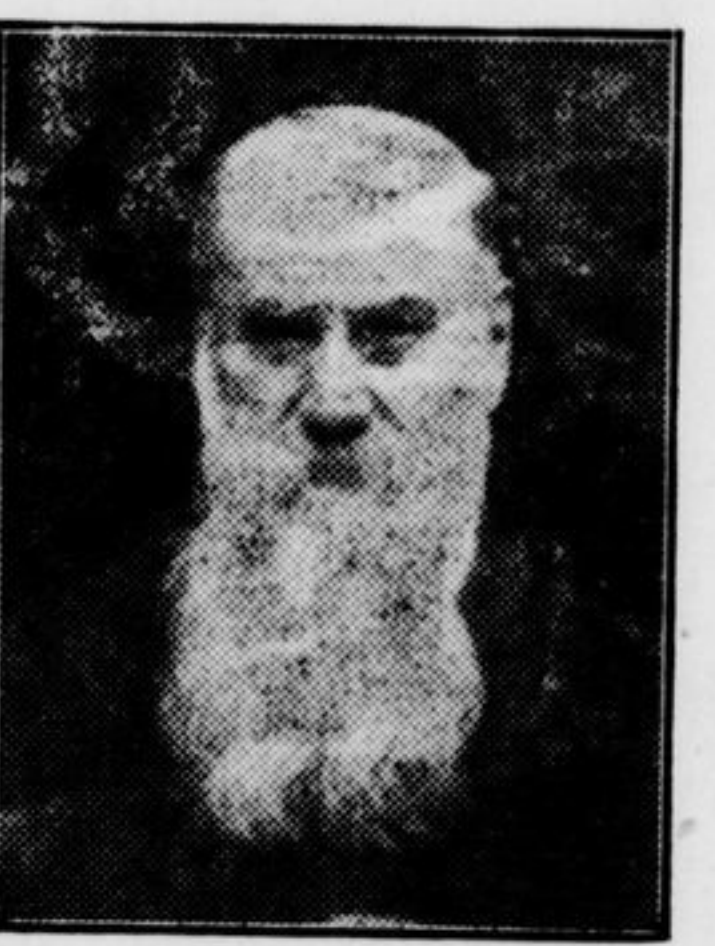
Ultimatum Delivered by Ottawa Authorities Says That Buying Ungraded Eggs is Illegal and Offenders Will Be Prosecuted.

Whether the Durham merchants like it or not, or whether the general public is in favor of it or not, there is going to be some-thing some of these days if more attention is not paid to the grading of eggs purchased from farmers and townpeople who have them to dispose of.

W. J. Morrison of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa was in town Tuesday and laid down the law to the local business men and left that same afternoon on a visit to the merchants in the surrounding towns and country.

Mr. Morrison said that his department was through warning business men of the necessity of living up to this law. They could either live up to it, quit buying eggs, or pay a fine. On being told that some of the merchants in other towns were buying the eggs ungraded, he said that the Department knew as much or more about this as the local merchants, that these merchants would be looked after, and, if necessary, heavily fined.

That's about all there is to it. Everyone who has eggs to sell must have them graded, and every merchant who buys eggs from the producers must see that they are properly graded.



ARCHBISHOP MATHESON

The Primate of the Church of England in Canada who is expected to retire from office at the end of this year.

ANNUAL CENSUS TAKEN LAST WEEK

Highways Department Had Men at McClintock's Corners Checking Up on Vehicular Traffic For the Past Seven Days.

The annual traffic census of the Ontario Department of Highways was taken last week, the same men as last year, Messrs. R. Ajoie and Victor Blyth being engaged. As in past years, the station for this portion of the highway between Hamilton and Owen Sound, was at McClintock's Corners south of town, and the census taking started on Wednesday of last week, and was completed on Tuesday night of this.

In the table given below both the trucks and motor busses have been included under the one heading, and as a daily tabulated statement is given, further comment is unnecessary, more than to say that traffic this year is considerably heavier than last. The daily list follows:

Pass. Truck Horse Total				
Wednesday	367	37	21	425
Thursday	250	54	25	329
Friday	343	28	37	408
Saturday	394	37	24	455
Sunday	639	6	18	663
Monday	393	28	26	447
Tuesday	355	25	27	407
	2741	215	178	3134

Following are the temperatures of the past week, with the highest and lowest registered every day during the preceding 24 hours.

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.
Thursday	60	79	59
Friday	63	76	64
Saturday	68	87	60
Sunday	59	74	64
Monday	58	74	48
Tuesday	57	69	52
Wednesday	57	75	46

FORMER RESIDENT APPRECIATES WORK OF CEMETERY BOARD

F. W. Search of Montreal, Highly Pleased With Management of Affairs of Durham Cemetery, and Says Durham's Acre Compares Favorably With Montreal's Best.

Since the work of beautifying Durham cemetery was commenced some years ago, The Chronicle has been a consistent booster of the Cemetery Board responsible for the remarkable change that has taken place. Nor has The Chronicle been alone in expressing its appreciation of what has and is now being done to make the last resting place of our fathers and ancestors a place of beauty. The citizens of the town generally appreciate the work of the Board, but as they are handicapped by the very limited publicity they have been able to give the movement, they have possibly not been heard as loudly or over as great an area as this newspaper.

Continued repetition of praise on our part, however, seemed too much like "tooting our own horn," and the receipt last week of a letter from Mr. F. W. Search of Montreal, a former resident of this town, was one of the most welcome communications that has ever dropped into our sanctum. Mr. Search's letter, too, was more than welcome because it was altogether unsolicited and came upon us like "a bolt from the blue" following his visit here this summer, during which time he visited our public burying ground and, as expressed in his letter, was more than gratified at the work being done, of interest to him because of the fact that a member of his family is interred here, and Mr. Search, being a resident of Montreal, quite naturally cannot take any active part in the beautifying of the to him hallowed spot.

We are glad that Mr. Search wrote us as he did. While we, every cemetery in this vicinity, are of the opinion that of all the many beautiful burying places in this part of Ontario, ours is the most beautiful, there may be many of the old former residents of the town now living in distant cities and countries, who will feel like discounting some of our statements, but with Mr. Search's unsolicited testimonial before them, these old timers can better rest assured that they have paid in recent years are being used to the very best advantage, and that for every dollar received by Board of the Durham Cemetery Company has given a full one hundred per cent service.

To those who have been apathetic in the matter, we might say that they are making a big mistake if they miss this opportunity to join in the work of keeping the last resting place of their father, mother, brothers, sisters, or whoever it may be, in a creditable condition. To those who are away we might say that there is only one way in which this can be done—by contributing their assessment fees regularly, or, if they feel so inclined, by donating what they can afford toward the work. Even the citizens resident in Durham can contribute only in this manner, as the upkeep of Durham Cemetery is done according to a well formed plan, and no changes are made or improvements commenced without full consideration of the change from every angle. It is only in this way that success can be attained and we hope that Mr. Search's letter may move some of the delinquents to forward their assessment dues regularly, for we can assure them that they will receive even more than full value for every dollar contributed.

We give Mr. Search's communication below and trust that it will be perused by all our readers, especially those who are interested in our burying ground on the bank of the Sauguen, which even now is

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HOLSTEIN WON FROM MILD MAY

Mildmay and Holstein seniors, old rivals in the soccer league series, played an interesting exhibition game at Holstein last Saturday evening, resulting in a score of 2 to 1 in favor of Holstein. Both teams are group champions of the W. F. A. Mildmay winning the senior title in group No. 5 and Holstein the intermediate title in group No. 4. The exhibition title was one of the best games ever staged this season, attracting a large crowd of fans.

Mildmay—Goal, Wendt; full-backs, Kunkel and Schmutz; half-backs, Lobsinger, Schetter and Hlig; forwards, Filsinger, Harper, Edgar, Kaufmann and Harper.

Holstein—Goal, B. McKenzie; full-backs, Gibson and Blyth; half-backs, J. McKenzie, Long and Hoover; forwards, R. Pinder, S. McKechnie, Clements, Eccles and Calder.

Referee—Bell, of Hanover.

TEMPERATURES OF PAST WEEK

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