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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

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Editorials

COMPULSORY INSURANCE

The Financial Post of Toronto, one of the Maclean publications, hit the nail on the head in a recent article when it said:

"Deceitful automobiles now are sold for the price of tires, which usually are no better than they look. And these deceitful automobiles are bought by persons who have no more than the price of the tires. With a law compelling drivers to safeguard pedestrians and other drivers and other property by means of insurance, costing, perhaps, more than many a meandering carry all, fewer of these vehicles will be seen on the road. This will benefit the driver, the pedestrian, the police, the insurance companies and last but not least, the automobile industry, which long ago ought to have taken steps to prevent the rehabilitation of cars which should have been consigned to the scrap heap."

The Post might well have added that the compulsory insurance of cars would do a good many other things among which one of the most important would be the elimination from the highways of the reckless driver with his trail of accidents and casualties.

Automobile insurance companies will only allow a man so many accidents before they start an investigation. If they prove to their own satisfaction that the assured is costing them too much money through his negligence, they cut him off, refuse him further insurance, and are over. This is for the reason that in making application for further insurance the applicant is required to answer the question: "Has any company cancelled, declined to renew or issue automobile insurance to the insured?" Particulars of any previous accidents, too, have to be given.

With one company declining to insure a motorist, another company is certainly bound to make a thorough investigation and if an applicant be found to be a reckless or negligent driver his chances of obtaining insurance are small. In this way, with compulsory insurance in force, a man who can not procure insurance cannot procure a driving license, or even a license for a car. Instead of the government being compelled to make extensive investigations, the insurance companies would do it.

It may be argued that everyone should carry his own insurance, but we believe it would be in the interests of economy and sane driving were every motorist compelled to carry insurance against any possible damage he may do to others.

The idea is opposed by motor clubs and numerous drivers, but it is a big question, and deserving of the fullest consideration when the matter of how the increasing number of highway accidents may be curtailed.

LIGHTS ON VEHICLES

Saturday of this week the law requiring all horse-drawn or other vehicles using the highway after night to carry lights goes into effect. So far not many have given the matter very much consideration but after Saturday the carrying of lights on all vehicles will be compulsory. The light must show red behind and white in front, and must be carried on the left side of the vehicle.

There is little doubt that this new law will not find favor in some circles. No new law ever does. But that does not say that it is not a good law. Personally, we think that, law or no law, any person who navigates our main thoroughfares after nightfall without a light of some kind for protection is taking altogether too many chances, as with the increasing handicaps placed on those driving motor cars there is oftentimes a very good excuse to offer when a horse-drawn vehicle is run into and smashed up.

No motorist may drive with glaring headlights, the light beam must not rise higher than forty-two inches seventy-five feet in front of the car, and no bulb stronger than twenty-one candlepower may be used. So far nearly all the laws passed by the various legislatures have been for the observance of the motorist only, but with the increasing number of cars on the highway and the corresponding decrease of horse-drawn vehicles it is no doubt felt that the motorist must be given at least an even chance in case of accident.

With the present restrictions on

motorists it is almost impossible to pick up a buggy or wagon far enough ahead of a car to avert an accident, and the new law will do much to eliminate accidents of this kind. A motorist will at least know, when he sees the red light ahead, that there is something ahead of him. Likewise, when meeting another motor car, it is almost impossible to see through its lights and distinguish another unlighted vehicle behind, but a white light will give a motorist more of a chance to keep himself and the other fellow out of trouble.

The Highways Department has signified its intention of enforcing this new law after the first of October without further warning, and any who are checked up on the matter will have no other option than pay the fine. The Legislature passed this new law early in the spring, and ever since there have been continued notices in the papers saying it was coming into force on the first of the month. Under these circumstances the Department feels that further warnings are unnecessary and that any found disregarding the new law are not entitled to further warnings. We would regret to see any of our readers brought before the bench for any infractions and trust that they will immediately take steps to equip their vehicles with the proper appliances.

While motoring last Sunday we passed a buggy equipped with an effective, but low-priced arrangement which seemed to be an ordinary lantern globe with reflector and red bull's-eye behind and the ordinary light from the lantern ahead. This marker can be purchased in almost any hardware store and would, we think, comply with the law and could be used, with the inconvenience on any vehicle which the owner happened to be using at the time. The lights on vehicles act is not a new one by any means. It has been in effect for years in European countries, and many years ago, long before the day of the automobile, we remember seeing all vehicles in Manila and other southern cities displaying lights after dusk. Canada and the United States are about the only countries we know of where this law is not in force, but with the increase in population, and especially a population that owns so many touring cars and travels so widely, it is no surprise to us that some such law is being put in force in order that our highways may be safer to drive on. The new law is undoubtedly an inconvenience to those who will have to observe it, but all laws are a hardship, and are intended to be a benefit to the greatest number.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

These new Confederation two-cent stamps are certainly "the berries" from a patriotic standpoint. But a fellow with a dozen letters to post would have to have a tongue as wet as that of a cow with a new calf to supply sufficient stickum to get them mailed. Two dollars worth would make a nice-sized comforter for a small bed.

A report comes to our notice that a cross-eyed child, when kicked by a shetland pony, came out of the accident cured. This is no indication, though, that shetland ponies generally will be found a cure for cross-eye trouble.

Berlin, Germany, just now is worrying about who started the Great War. We are not so much concerned with that at this late date, but we know darn well who ended it.

A burglar in Kitchener searches the "pants" of his victims while they sleep, in search, of course, of money. If that fellow ever comes to Durham we give him fair warning to keep away from OUR pants. If he thinks there is anything left in them we'll be only too pleased to get up, help him search, and split fifty-fifty.

Durham's noon mail train now gets into town at 12:55. This means that the mail will not arrive at the post office until 1:15; then allowing one hour for sorting it is 2:15. The afternoon C. N. R. leaves at 2:35 and mail has to be made ready for this. The result is that the best that can be hoped for is a 3 o'clock in the afternoon mail service, with no chance of answering any incoming mail the day it is received. And this is in Old Ontario, 100 miles from TORONTO, that centre from whence all good emanates! Who said that the Peace River District is in the backwoods and behind the times?

BORN

McKeown—In Glenelg, September 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McKeown, a son.

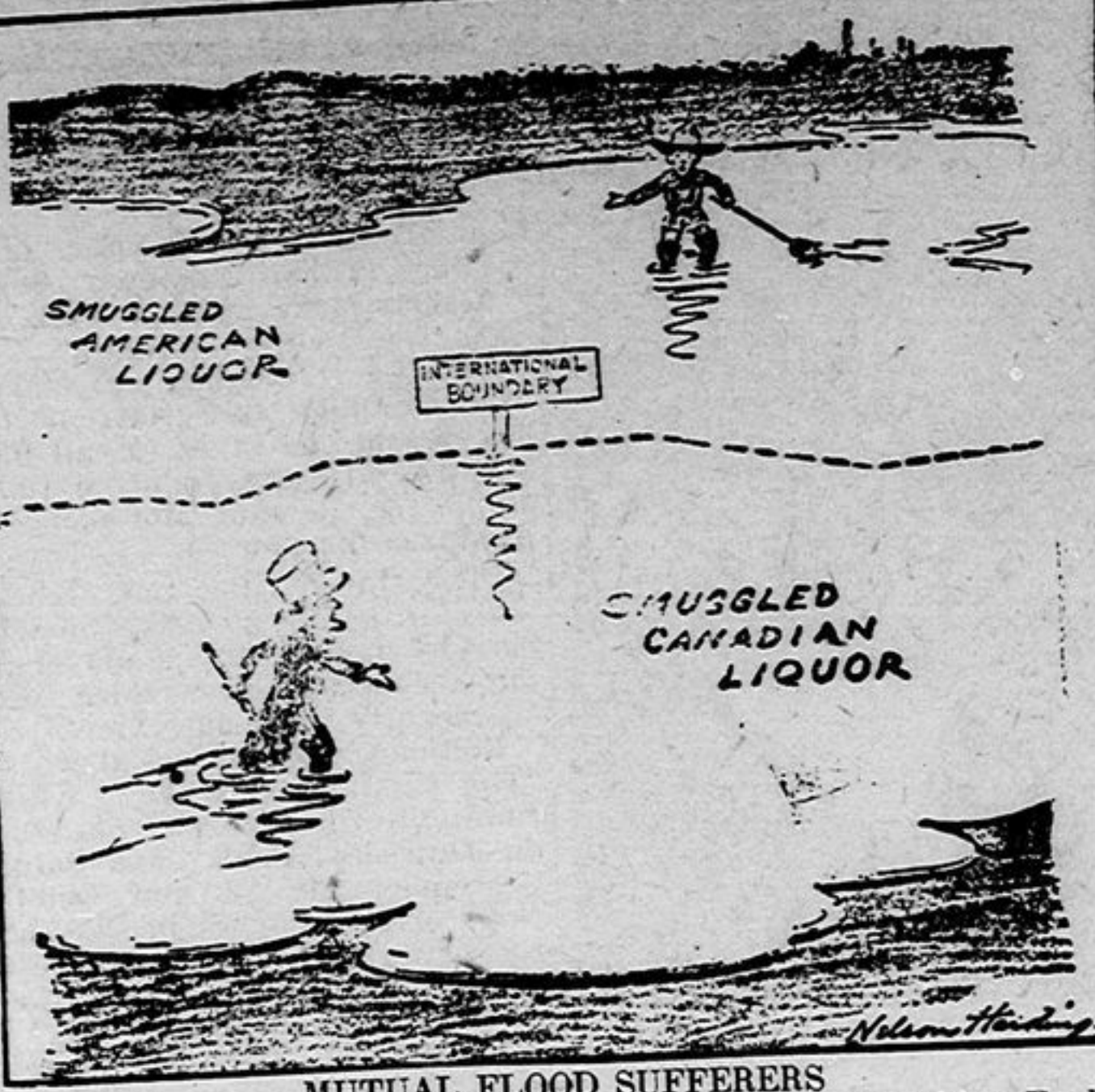
Reay—In Bentinck, September 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reay, a daughter.

The Mighty Pen—The Railway Board has knocked the Rocky Mountains flat with a stroke of the pen.—London Advertiser.

Markets

Corrected September 29.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Butter, Eggs.



MUTUAL FLOOD SUFFERERS—Harding, in the Brooklyn Eagle.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McBride, Owen Sound, Ont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Stella Mae, to Mr. Robert Robb, formerly of Durham, only son of Mrs. Wm. Fatheringham and the late Robert Robb, of Aberdeen, Scotland, the marriage to take place early in October.

Mrs. F. Nash of Toronto and Mrs. Walker Vollette and three sons, Robert, Douglas and Leslie of Harrisburg, have returned home after visiting for a few days at the home of Mrs. Andrew Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Crussler of North Bay visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey last week.

Mrs. John Keyes of Walkerton visited her niece, Mrs. J. S. Davey, recently.

Miss Myrtle Dean, nurse-in-training in Bruce County Hospital, Walkerton, has been successful in passing her probation examinations.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Smith visited in Toronto for a few days. She accompanied her daughter, Miss Bessie, who this week enters on her studies at Annesley Hall.

Miss Marjorie Pickering left the beginning of the week for Toronto to attend Queen's Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pearce of Stratford are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Limin.

Rev. W. A. Matthews of Elora visited for a day or two this week with his sister, Miss Minnie Matthews. We are sorry to learn that Miss Matthews is still in very poor health.

Mr. Arthur Corbett of Detroit visited with his mother in Bentinck, and with other relatives and friends last week. Mrs. Corbett left this week for Saskatoon, where she will visit with members of her family.

Mr. C. D. McLean, who has been visiting his home in town, left Wednesday for Stratford and Grimsby, where he will visit his sisters for a few days, reporting again at Camp Borden on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Middlebrook of Weston, spent over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burgess and enjoyed a motor trip to Wasaga Beach while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Fisher and daughter of Toronto were guests over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell.

Mr. W. E. Buchan of Dunnville is visiting with friends in town and in Glenelg.

KNOX CHURCH Y. W. A. MET TUESDAY NIGHT

The monthly study meeting of the Y. W. A. of Knox United Church was held in the school room of the church on Tuesday evening, September 27th, with the President in the chair. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer after which the business was taken up. As the meeting was of a jubilee nature, the president opened the subject and Mrs. Henderson read the story of our first settlers, the Indians.

Miss Mary McKechnie read the scripture lesson bearing on the topic and Miss Margaret Edge the prayer of the Immigrant. The responsive reading led by the president was answered by the following members: Ukrainian, Mary Brown; Italian, Myrtle Koch; Finlander, Jean McKay; Greek, Margaret McFadden; Dane, Violet McClyment; Icelander, Mary McKechnie; Norwegian, Mrs. Catto; Swede, Barbara Ritchie; Pole, Caroline Mitchell; Bulgarian, Mrs. Morton; Czechoslovak, Mary Armentian, Myrtle Koch, Chinese and Japanese, Olive Middleton.

The questions and replies to these different nationalities entering Canada show the matchless opportunity offered us to do service for the ages to come.

The meeting closed with the repeating of the class text and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

But They Fill Me

They fill me with wonder, fill me with dreams, They fill me with pleasure rare; It's not their faces, nor actions, it seems— But the filmy things they wear.

Mr. J. Latimer of Toronto was in town for a few days this week and reports times as picking up in his business, in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hepburn and Mr. Wallace Hepburn visited Sunday at Fordwich with Mrs. W. H. Bean and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gawley of Toronto visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. D. McLean in town.

Mrs. J. Hingley of Toronto visited friends and relatives in Durham and Glenelg last week.

Miss Jean Harding was home from the Owen Sound Collegiate over the week-end.

Mrs. Tilleson of Clintonville, Wisconsin, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. A. Munro.

Plump girls are in style again, says Paris. Once more justifying the maxim that everything comes to those who weight.

FURNITURE For Sale Privately

LIVING-ROOM SUITE consisting of Chesterfield and Chair.

DINING-ROOM SUITE with table, buffet and 6 chairs (Will be sold separately if desired.)

MORRIS CHAIR IN LEATHER CHINA CABINET

All first-class goods and will be sold at big reductions, with terms to suit purchaser.

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To Drivers of Motor Vehicles

LAST WARNING!

If you have not yet secured your Motor Vehicle Operator's License apply for it without delay

It is against the law and punishable by fine to operate a motor vehicle registered in Ontario without first securing a Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

Highway Traffic officers have been instructed and municipal police have been requested to demand the production of Motor Vehicle Operator's Licenses, and any driver unable to produce his or her license at any time is subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00. In case of accident or infraction of The Highway Traffic Act, the Operator's License is sure to be called for. Drivers who have not their Operator's License cannot be considered experienced and competent.

Application forms for a Motor Vehicle Operator's License can be secured at any garage. Licenses will be granted forthwith to anyone who has driven over 500 miles and for six months continuously, and who is not physically disabled. Examinations will be afforded to all others by Highways Department examiners.

If you have omitted to get your Operator's License, this is your last warning to secure it. Don't drive a car without it, either on city streets or country highways.

Lights on Horse Drawn Vehicles

After October 1, 1927, every horse drawn vehicle on the public highways in Ontario must carry after dusk and before dawn a light plainly visible on the left hand side showing white to the front and red to the rear. The attention of horse owners is particularly directed. Drivers of automobiles should be more certain than ever that their tail lights are always in working order.

Ontario Department of Highways The Hon. GEO. S. HENRY, Minister

Considerate Maud reached for the telephone and demanded a number. "Is that you, Edward?" she asked. "Speaking," he replied. "You remember I told you last night that on no account would you be permitted to enter our house again?" "Shall I ever forget it?" replied Edward. "Well, we have decided to move and I thought you might like to know our new address."—Tid-Bits.

Read the Classified Ads. on Page 7

Special Sale of STATIONERY

FREE—Two packages of Kid Finish Envelopes with 100-sheet Kid Finish Tablet, all for36c.

FREE—A package of Linen Envelopes with each 25c. Linen fold-over Tablet, all for 25c.

FREE—A package of Linen Envelopes with note size Tablet, all for15c.

The Variety Store R. L. SAUNDERS, Prop.

OWEN SOUND FALL FAIR

Thurs., Fri. and Sat., October 6th, 7th and 8th

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MANY OTHER ATTRACTIONS Phone or write for Prize List.

Boyd Porteous, President. S. H. Buchanan, Secretary. 314-8th St. E.,

Here's a Hot List

- Men's Chambray and Khaki Work Shirts @ 85c. Men's good weight Military Work Shirts, @ 85c. Men's P'ice Brace, @ per pair 35c. Men's wide Webb Garter, @ per pair 25c. Men's Jersey Glove, @ per pair 19c. Men's Pure Wool Sox, @ per pair 25c. Men's Horse Hide Gauntlets, @ per pair 95c. Boys' Tweed Caps, each @ 55c. Men's heavy pure wool work Sox, @ per pair 35c. Men's Mule one-finger Gloves, @ per pair 25c.

D. M. Saunders MEN'S AND BOYS' READY-TO-WEAR "MORE FOR LESS" One Door South of D. C. Town, Jeweller, Durham

Colonial Club Shaving Cream

THE COCOANUT OIL LATHER Softens the beard. Does not irritate the skin.

Colonial Club Shaving Lotion

A delightfully refreshing lotion. It imparts a feeling of coolness and comfort when applied after shaving. MacBETH'S DRUG STORE Telephone 3 Durham, Ont.

HYMENEAL

ARTHUR-YOUNG

A pretty wedding was solemnized at twelve o'clock noon, Wednesday last week, September 21, at home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Youn Durham, when their daughter, Edna B., was united in matrimonial bonds to Mr. E. Stanley Arthur, eldest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Arthur, Otterville. The ceremony took place in front of a bank of flowers. The bride was attired in a beautiful white crepe de chene dress, trimmed with lace, wearing a bridal wreath of orange blossoms and pearls around her shoulders, with white shoes and hose to match, carrying a bouquet of yellow butterfly Miss Hazel Young, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and wore a dress of shell pink crepe-de-chene trimmed with lace and ribbons, and blue satin slippers, carrying a bouquet of pink sweethearts. The groom was Clayton Arthur, brother of the groom.

The bride entered the room the arm of her father to the str of the Bridal Chorus played by Fred McKie, sister of the bride's pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, the nuptial knot. After the ceremony, the guests partook of a sumptuous dinner. The tables were adorned with a four storey brick cake, and trimmed with pink sea-peas.

The groom's gift to the bride a cabinet of Adams stainless community plate silverware; to bridesmaid a white gold breast set with a ruby, to the groomsmen ring set with a topaz.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, Otterville, the groom's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKie (sister of Norwich, and Mr. Clayton, James and Kenneth Arthur, brothers of the groom; Rev. W. H. Kressin and Miss Evelyn Leam, Hanover; Mrs. John D. Mrs. Alex. Hay and Mrs. J. Smith, Durham.

The bride was the recipient many beautiful gifts, including cheque of one hundred dollars her father and mother, a Pri Pat kitchen range from the parents, a cheque of fifteen dollars from Mr. and Mrs. McKie, a pair of wool blankets and a beautiful hand-worked luncheon cloth serviettes from her sister Hazel, many from other friends.

The bride's going-away party was a rose bige crepe-de-dress with hat, shoes and hand-matched and grackel-head blue trimmed with grey fox fur.

The young couple left about p.m. for a trip to northern by motor. On their return, will reside on the groom's near Otterville.

GILCHRIST-CLARK St. Giles United Church, Vancouver, B.C., was the scene of a pretty wedding Thursday evening 8:30 o'clock, when Elsie A. younger daughter of Mr. and John Clark, became the bride of Mr. Neil Campbell Gilchrist of city. Rose hydrangeas, white loli and dahlias formed a beautiful background for the ceremony which was performed by Rev. McIntosh, assisted by Rev. Key, while Mr. L. R. Brid played the nuptial music.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attired in white satin crepe made on slines with tight-fitting sleeves drape. Her veil of Indian lace arranged in the fashion, which train was lined with pink wool. She carried a shower bouquet Ophelia roses and white her attendants were her sister K. J. Fraser, as matron of Miss Dorothy Murray as bride and little Miss Betty Clark as girl. For her costume Mrs. chose cream French lace over gette, with large black hat carried a sheaf of American gladioli. Miss Murray wore georgette and black picture hat carried gladioli and summer The flower girl preceded bride, wearing a pink georgette frock with frills of cream lace carrying a basket of roses.

Mr. Russel Davidson supervised the groom while Mr. Jack Gil and Mr. William Clark acted as ushers. Miss Janet Bruce sang at the signing of the register.

At the reception, which was at the home of the bride's parents, the guests were received by the bride's mother, Mrs. J. Clark, gown of black cut velvet and hat with touches of silver lace the groom's mother, Mrs. I. christ, who wore black satin hat to match. The bride's talk centred with a four-tiered cake embedded in yellow tulle guests were served by Miss McLarty, Miss Eula Ledington, Helen Ledingham, Miss Murray, Miss Beth Gow, Miss Ferrer and Miss Grace Robb.

For travelling the bride wore rose fall dress, with hat to and a pigeon-grey coat with squirrel cuffs and collar. On return from their honeymoon and Mrs. Gilchrist will reside Charlotte Court, Twelfth west, Vancouver.

The bride is a daughter John Clark, a former resident Durham, and a niece of Mr. Ledingham of this town.

WATSON-STAPLES The marriage of Frederic daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Staples to Clark, youngest Mr. and Mrs. William R. W. Glenelg took place at the Otterville parsonage, Durham, Tuesday morning, Rev. H. E. officiating.

The young couple were in the bride was becomingly in taupe tricotine and the groom's gift of a stone