

DEATH TAKES R. J. BALL EX-M.P. OF HANOVER

He Passes Away at Wellesley Hospital, Toronto.—Had Lived One Year Over The Allotted Three Score and Ten.

On Sunday last, at Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, death came to R. J. Ball of Hanover, former Member of Parliament for Southeast Grey, and a man well and favorably known in this locality.

Mr. Ball was born at Allan Park, Bentinck Township, on January 15, 1857. He was the son of the late James Ball and Jane Kain and received his early education at Normanby public school. Later he attended the Collegiate at Collingwood and Normal at Ottawa.

After quitting the Normal school, Mr. Ball taught for upwards of ten years, after which he engaged with the Knechtel Furniture Co. of Hanover as accountant. Later he engaged in private banking and insurance and then, thirty-one years ago, established the Ball Manufacturing Co. in Hanover. He acted as President and Manager of this concern up to the time of his death.

His public career commenced in 1901, when he was elected to the Hanover Council. He served in this capacity for four years and then acted as county commissioner for the Townships of Bentinck and Glenelg and the towns of Durham and Hanover. In the years 1907 and 1908 he was Reeve of Hanover, and in the latter year was chosen Warden of the County of Grey.

In 1911 he became M. P. for Southeast Grey and was re-elected in 1917. He served in this capacity until 1921 when he was defeated by the present member, Miss Agnes Macphail.

In 1923 Mr. Ball re-entered public life by his election to the Mayoralty of Hanover. He was returned each year by acclamation until his retirement, owing to ill health last year.

Mr. Ball was a life-long Conservative in politics and a staunch Methodist in religion. In fraternal life he was prominent, being a member of the A. F. & A. M. and I. O. O. F. He had resided in Hanover for the past forty years.

In 1882 the marriage of Mr. Ball and Miss Mary Jane Leonard took place. His wife was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Leonard of Normanby Township. The widow and three sons and three daughters survive. The sons are Milton L., and Austen E. of Hanover and Stanley S. of Stouffville. The daughters are Mrs. W. E. Taylor of Toronto and Elma and Mabel at home. Three sisters and six brothers also survive.

The remains were forwarded to Hanover on Monday last and burial took place there yesterday.

BENTINCK PIONEER DIES IN 95TH YEAR

Late Gottlob Messerschmidt Came to Canada in 1872 and Settled in Bentinck.

Death claimed a pioneer resident of Bentinck in the person of Gottlob Messerschmidt who passed peacefully away Thursday morning, February 23rd about 8 o'clock at the home of his son, Fred, in Hanover.

The deceased was born in Prussia nearly 95 years ago, and came to this country in the year 1872 and settled on a farm in Bentinck Township where he remained until about seven years ago when he went to reside with his son Fred in Hanover. His wife predeceased him many years ago. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran church.

There were seven children in the family, four of whom survive, Mrs. Wm. Pokrandt and Herman, of Bentinck; Mrs. Wm. Schmidt and Fred, of Hanover.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, February 25th, at 1.30 with a short service at the home of his son, Fred Messerschmidt, thence to Bentinck Lutheran church where a public service was held. Rev. Kreslin conducted the service. Burial took place in the Bentinck Lutheran cemetery.

PASS THEORY EXAMS.

The following are the local centre results of the Toronto Conservatory of Music mid-winter examinations in Theory. Pupils prepared by Violet E. Fursman, A. T. C. M. (special diploma). The maximum number of marks is 100, pass 60, honors 70, first class honors 80.

- Intermediate History: Ethel Derby84
- Junior Harmony: Ethel Derby78
- Primary Theory: Mary Hughes, Hanover 83
- Elementary Theory: Elsie Kearney98
- Frances Hay97
- Jim Henderson94

OUR MID-DAY TRAIN SERVICE

No Change Likely For The Present in the Canadian National Railway's Noon Schedule

Dissatisfaction with the mid-day train service furnished by the C. N. R. to Durham has been growing steadily, especially among the travelers who cover this section. The town's protest met with a cool reception, and we still have to be satisfied with getting our morning city papers in the middle of the afternoon. Many subscribers have been heard to say that they might as well drop the morning and take the evening editions. The train is due here at 12.55 p.m., and it is claimed by those who have kept record, that, since its inception about a year ago, it has never been in on time.

There is of course another side to be looked at. The Railway is not apt to antagonize the communities through which it runs provided it is not doing itself an injury to accede to the demands made.

Prior to the change in our mid-day service, the passengers averaged five in and five out and this only during the months when automobiles could not be used. This was the season of storms also, and keeping the tracks clear was considerably expensive. To keep a straight passenger service on this train, would necessitate an extra freight, with a crew here and also one at Guelph. This is costly to the road. The time lost with present service is fifty minutes between here and Palmerston and the C. N. R. frankly admits that any passengers for Toronto will naturally take the C. P. R. afternoon train.

But when it comes to morning and night service the C. N. R. expects and gets nearly all the traffic as their through service cannot be surpassed. Officials say there may be a rearrangement of freight service to permit of resumption of straight passenger accommodation but it is not in sight at present.

To sell service below cost is not the way to make a road prosperous any more than it would tend to enrich one of our merchants. So it seems we will have to be content for the present.

WESTERN COUPLE HAD ANNIVERSARY

Former Residents of Durham Vicinity Celebrated Half Century of Married Life.

On Sunday, the 29th day of January, the sons and daughter, also some of the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKechnie of Bethune, Saskatchewan, gathered at their home to honor them on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. McKechnie were both born and spent the greater part of their life near Durham, Ontario, going West from here in the year 1906 and settling at Bethune, Sask., where they have since resided. The family presented the couple with an easy chair each, also flowers.

All the members of the family were home, these being, Mr. and Mrs. John McKechnie, of Regina; Mr. and Mrs. Dan McKechnie, Mr. and Mrs. William McKechnie, Mr. and Mrs. George Jahnke, and Earl McKechnie of Bethune, Mrs. Thomas Ledingham and Mrs. Mark Ledingham of Colgate, Saskatchewan. The grandchildren were Myrtle, Jean Robert and Clarence McKechnie and Elden Jahnke of Bethune.

Mr. McKechnie is in his 78th year and his wife in her 71st, they are both enjoying the best of health.

FORESTERS' AT HOME LAST THURSDAY

A Pleasant Evening Was Spent by Members of Lodge and Their Friends.

On Thursday night last the Canadian Order of Foresters held an entertainment for members and friends in Odd Fellows' Hall. The hall was well filled and a very enjoyable evening was spent. After a fine program of vocal and instrumental music, a debate was held, the subject being "Resolved that men are of more service to the world than women".

The affirmative was taken by Jos. Garrity and Wm. Erwin, and the negative by A. D. McIntyre and Cameron Corlett. The judges were M. Mervyn and Herb. Murdock. The decision was won by the affirmative.

A euchre contest which has been running throughout the winter was concluded during the evening, the winners being Jack Tobin and Roy Trafford. Hot dinner was served by W. R. Watson.

JOSEPH SEALEY DIES SUDDENLY

Stricken While Helping Neighbor Take in Straw.—Long a Resident of This Locality.

Mr. Joseph Sealey was stricken with heart failure on Friday afternoon last and passed away with scarcely a moment's warning.

Mr. Sealey lived just outside the town on Lambton street, and was seventy-two years of age and a Canadian by birth. He was a man of high blood pressure and had suffered less serious attacks before.

On Friday, however, he was apparently in good shape and during the morning had been hauling wood. In the afternoon he went to assist his neighbor, Mr. Wm. Keller, take in some straw. While taking off a load he stumbled forward and was jostled with by Mr. Keller for not being able to keep his feet. In another moment he fell on his face and life was gone.

Mr. Sealey had lived on Lambton Street for the past six or seven years and previous to that had spent about half a century on the second concession of Glenelg, S. D. R.

He was a bachelor and had lived with his brother, Arthur, who died about five years ago. The latter's widow kept house for Joseph.

He leaves two brothers, Henry, who lives just north of the town a few miles and James, who lives in the lower part of the province. A sister died some years ago.

The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, burial being in the Ebenezer cemetery.

WELL-KNOWN RAILROAD MAN DIES IN TORONTO

John B. Tinning Passes Away on Sunday at His Home in Toronto

We regret very much to note the passing of Mr. John B. Tinning, traveling passenger agent of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway. His death occurred at his residence in Toronto on Sunday morning last, after he had suffered from pneumonia for some weeks. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Mr. Tinning was a son of the late John Tinning, one of the famous family of oarsmen, famous some sixty years ago.

The Editor of The Chronicle knew the deceased very well and considered him a personal friend. On his business visits to this district he never failed to call on us and were we inclined to make a trip a pass was always forthcoming.

DURHAM NEEDS ADDITIONAL HOMES

Demand Such That Building Should Be Profitable.

Mr. Jacob Fritz, who, as sub-contractor on the High School addition, became known to the people of Durham, is here at present from his home in Clifford for the avowed purpose of erecting a couple of dwelling houses. He is on the lookout for a building site and should he find one suitable will commence building operations as soon as the weather will permit.

More small homes is a crying necessity in Durham, notwithstanding the croakers who are positive the town is passing to oblivion. There is a steady inquiry for houses from farmers who desire to retire from the agricultural field to pass their declining years at ease in town. These usually consist of only man and wife and need only a small residence.

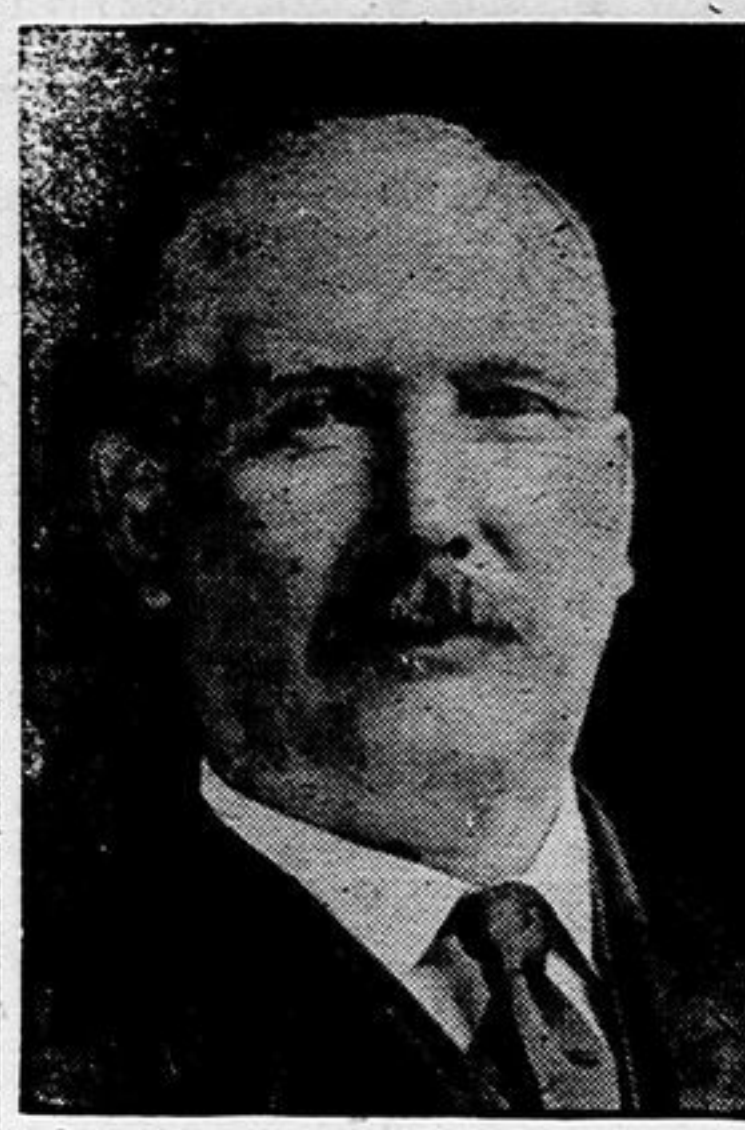
Besides this, there is the demand from those who are compelled to move through change of ownership of the premises they now occupy. Among these is Mr. R. M. Sparling, C. N. R. agent, who is finding it hard to secure a new home. He has been negotiating for the Wm. McGowan place on Mill St., and has offered to purchase it at a price that experts consider very fair, but which the owner has so far refused.

Mr. Sparling informs us that there are five of the road's employees who would occupy homes here could they be secured. It would seem from this that it would be good sound business, and not philanthropy, for some of our monied men to invest some of their spare funds in building operations here.

NEWLY EQUIPPED HOSPITAL

With money donated by philanthropic citizens, the general hospital at Walkerton has been newly equipped and is now in modern, up-to-date condition.

Seasick persons seldom need advice as to what they should do; they just naturally do it.



THE LATE R. J. BALL
Ex-M. P. for South-East Grey who passed away in Wellesley Hospital in Toronto on Sunday, February 26.

ODD-FELLOWS' AT HOME VERY PLEASANT AFFAIR

Members and Friends To The Number of One Hundred and Fifty Enjoy a Pleasant Evening.

A very enjoyable evening was spent in Oddfellows' Hall last Monday night when the officers of Grey Lodge No. 169, I.O.O.F. were at home to their members and friends. About 150 ladies and gentlemen were present, and we feel free to say, thoroughly enjoyed every minute.

Bro. Wm. Laidlaw, P. G., the oldest living member of the Lodge, acted as Chairman, and performed his duties in a most efficient and pleasing manner. He welcomed all, on behalf of the Lodge, and related a few of his experiences as an Odd-fellow, illustrating the benefits derived from his membership and association with Odd-fellows. Bro. Laidlaw also described the growth of the Order from its inception in Baltimore in 1805 with five members, to its present membership of over two millions throughout the globe, and eulogized the work that was being accomplished by Odd-fellow Homes, where indigent brothers and orphans of Oddfellows were looked after. This relief work, he emphasized, was not charity, but merely the fulfilling of the duty Oddfellows owe to their members.

Bro. E. D. McClocklin was the first speaker called upon and took as the subject of his address the traits of character developed by membership in a Lodge of this Order. Among these he mentioned tolerance and self-confidence, and enlarged upon his subject with many humorous illustrations in his own inimitable manner.

The next speaker, Bro. Rev. Spencer, described many of his experiences in Oddfellowship, both in Canada and in the United States, and spoke of the ministry of Odd-fellowship, which he declared was of far more importance than the mere following of a principal. Bro. Spencer has had an intimate connection with the Order for many years and his well chosen words were listened to with interest and pleasure by all present.

Bro. Rev. Smith was the last speaker on the program and was in his usual jocular humor. He became serious, however, when he warned his audience against the too common error of emphasizing each other's faults rather than our virtues, and stressed the need of more of the spirit of Brotherhood throughout the world. His talk, while commendably brief, was interesting and instructive and made considerable impression upon his hearers.

The various speeches were interspersed with musical and other numbers, composed of a sweet solo by Mrs. Mark Wilson, a trio by Bros. Charlie Lang, Bert Saunders, and Cameron Lauder, a reading by Bro. Jos. Davidson and a solo by Bro. Bert Saunders, all of which were deservedly applauded. In addition to this, several snappy numbers were rendered by an orchestra composed of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McDonald, Archie Clements and Royden McDonald, and a string quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Teeters, Wm. Randle and Bryson Morlock.

Following the program a light lunch was served in the lodge room after which the younger folks (and some of the older folks, too) indulged in dancing until an early hour in the morning. The music for this was acceptably supplied by the orchestras mentioned above. Everyone reports a good time and the committee in charge are to be congratulated upon the excellence of the entertainment.

The octopus squirts a cloud of black ink at its enemies. Quite similar to some of our human ink-slingers.

CAMPER'S COLUMN

Frank and Cam Enjoy (?) a Vacation

McLachlan (Cam)
Fell off a dam
And suffered rupture sore.
And Irwin (Frank)
Did the same prank,
One day in Singapore.

They suffered much,
Till pain was such,
They thought an operation
Would once more give
Desire to live;
This filled them with elation.

"Tis naught," said Frank
(He'd fought a tank)
"It's just a simple cutting."
"For that," said Cam,
"Don't give a d—n,
Unless they get to gutting."

So, up the hill,
Like Jack and Jill,
The two braves marched so bold,
Right to the hall of hospital—
But there the lads turned cold.

"Let me get out,"
Cam loud did shout,
"There's nothing wrong with me";
Said Frank, "What is it
But just a visit?
We're no patients, you can see."

But 'twas no use,
Cooked was their goose,
So they were led up stairs;
The sight of Brad
And nurses clad
In white, gave them gray hairs.

Cam was the first
On whom was burst
The news that all was ready;
A kiss for mother,
To Sis another,
The preacher held him steady.

Cam's tall and slim,
So, not on him
Did doctor's much time waste;
In just a trice,
They made a splice,
Then wheeled him back in haste.

When Frank saw Cam,
Just like a lamb,
That'd come back from the
shambles,
With hanging head,
And heavy tread,
To dreaded room he ambles.

The other cone
Is soon put on.
And Frank unconscious made;
The surgeons laugh,
And talk and chaff
"Bout pleasures of their trade.

For Frank is stout,
And round about
He is layered well with fat;
He slices nice,
So they take twice
As long with him on mat.

When knives grow dull,
There comes a lull;
"Says one Doc to the other—
"We've cured his rup,
Let's sew him up;
Hope soon we'll get another—"

Now Cam and Frank,
One fat, one lank,
On bunks lie close together;
Nurses they abuse,
And words they use
"Would scorch a field of heather.

When they come back,
Our ears they'll wrack,
With tales of bravery bold;
Just let them shout,
And rant about—
It's truth that here I've told.

When Winter Comes

When hills are covered o'er with
snow,
And biting winds from north do
blow,
Tis then we think of places tropi-
cal,
And deem their drawbacks micros-
copical.

We think of sunny days and warm,
When nature shows unceasing
charm;
And envy those who leave the north
And yearly southward journey
forth.

But all that glistens is not gold,
And while the tropics miss the cold,
They have their drawbacks that we
miss
In northern climes, midst winter's
bliss.

They've gnats and flies and fog and
damp,
Cloud-bursts of rain and fever's
cramp,
And when a "norther" comes their
way,
To be at home again, they pray.

While we the charms of winter
sport,
Midst snow and ice and sleet dis-
port,
Inhaling air that's purified
By frost that cannot be denied.

Give me, in winter, snow and ice;
In summer, days quite warm and
nice;
Each season tempered as befits it;
The spice of life—the home bird
gits it.

DURHAM FURNITURE CO. OUR LEADING INDUSTRY

The Furniture Factory Is a Hive of Activity and Well Worth a Visit.

It is the duty of the citizens of the town to take an interest in the activities carried on, so they can at least boost the place and point with pride to the old home town.

How many of the people of Durham could give an outsider the facts regarding what takes place daily in the furniture factory? How many of the merchants and other business men have ever paid a visit to the factory and become posted on its activities? It should interest them, and would prove a more profitable subject of conversation than the slowness of mercantile business. This latter is seasonal and can be attributed to the weather more than to anything else. A boost is better than a knock at any time and especially so when you have something really worth boosting.

In our factory here we have an institution to be proud of inasmuch as its products are in such constant demand that work is provided for the employees the year round. Not only that, but very often overtime is necessary in order to keep up with the orders. Some complaint has been heard at times about the rate of wages paid, but as year-round employment is assured, those employed are probably better off than those in places where periodical shut-downs take place. A history of the Durham Furniture Company shows a steady growth after the rebuilding made necessary by the fire which destroyed the original plant.

The Company was organized in the year 1899 and a building erected in the fall of that year. Operations commenced in the following year. The directors at that time were: Dr. D. Jamieson, Con. Knapp, Norman McIntyre Sr., James Crawford and Wm. Laidlaw, with John Kelly acting as secretary-treasurer. On the pay roll at that time there were between thirty and forty employees.

In March of 1905 a fire destroyed the plant, but immediate steps were taken to rebuild, and in the fall of the same year a new factory was in operation. It may be interesting to many home folk as well as to outsiders, to know that this was the first plant in Ontario to be operated by electricity generated by its own power equipment. It is entirely electrically driven, consuming upwards of 400 h.p. of which 225 is secured from the Rocky power house, about 90 from the Hydro and 75 locally at the factory.

The company has at present timber holdings in Grey and Hastings Counties of about 14,000 acres, and employs in lumber operations over seventy-five hands. The number employed in the factory at present is one hundred and eighty. The factory covers a floor space of 100,000 square feet and consumes over three million feet of lumber a year. This is made into bedroom, kitchen and dining-room suites. These are shipped to all points between New Brunswick and Saskatoon.

The company contemplates adding another story to the eastern building, as more storage room is necessary for goods awaiting transportation. At present, the output amounts to a carload every eleven hours and more could be disposed of if it could be turned out.

One would think that such a consumption of lumber would soon deforest this section of the country, but, on the contrary, there has had to be a halt called on the logs being delivered this winter. Rock Mills, a company plant a few miles east of Flesherton, has been sending in two carloads of lumber daily all winter and still is being troubled to find space to store its surplus.

The Company is a close corporation, very little stock being held outside of the directorate. Dividends paid are not made public, but there is no doubt that the stock is a very profitable investment.

The present directors are Doctors D. and Brad Jamieson, Robert McFarlane, C. M. Bowman, John Hunter, Edwin Limin, Arthur Jackson and Peter Gagnon, Manager. J. B. Duffield is Secretary-Treasurer.

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

	8 am.	Max.	Min.
Thursday	36	37	26
Friday	12	16	12
Saturday	-8	14	-14
Sunday	12	24	-3
Monday	20	27	16
Tuesday	17	34	16
Wednesday	29	34	27

Rain and Snowfall for Week

Thurs., mild and slight rain	..00
Fri., cold, becoming stormy	..00
Sat., cold becoming stormy	..00
Sun., strong winds	..27
Mon., mild and stormy	..1*
Tues., cold, becoming mild, stormy	..1*
Wed., clear and cold	..00