

SPRING WEATHER WITH US NOW

Evidences of Break in Cold Weather Are Many and Snow is Fast Disappearing.—Roads Soon Open Now.

The few fine days of last week and this may not mean that winter is over, but they certainly do intimate that the hoary old gentleman's grip is slipping and that in only a few weeks more summer conditions will prevail.

The latter part of last week saw the first real spring weather so far, and with a bright, warm sun nearly every day, the snow disappeared rapidly. This year the spring thaw has been about the best we can remember, the water so far getting away with little damage, though there is yet enough snow in the Proton swamps to cause plenty of damage if it should happen to be released too quickly.

Saturday was cloudy, but warm, and about 10 o'clock in the evening the rain commenced to fall, lasting all night and until about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. In the twelve hours about an inch of water fell. Sunday, too, was warm, and this Monday the mild weather is still with us, though the indications are that it is going to turn cold again. Rain has been falling intermittently all day and it is a good thing that the frost each night keeps the spring floods within bounds.

Monday night the weather took a decided change when the thermometer dropped to 13 above zero. Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock the temperature was 14. Accompanied by a high wind and sleet in the earlier part of the night, the local hydro service was put out of commission for a few hours. Towards morning a fall of two inches of snow was recorded, and as the wind was still fairly strong there was a big contrast with the weather of the previous day.

DIED FRIDAY LAST IN TORONTO

Miss Mary McNamara Was Former Well-known Normanby Resident, but Had Lived in Toronto for Past Five Years.

The death of Miss Mary McNamara in Toronto on Friday of last week removes one of the older residents of Normanby Township, and one who was very highly respected. She was in her 84th year, and died from an attack of pneumonia after an illness of about one week.

Miss McNamara was but a child when she emigrated with her family from Ireland and took up residence in Normanby. She lived in the Orchard neighborhood with her parents for many years and after their death remained to care for a brother who was ill. After the death of her brother about five years ago she went to Toronto and made her home with her niece, Mrs. James Corkery, 400 Euclid avenue, at whose home she died.

In all the years that Miss McNamara spent in the care of her parents and brother she was never from their side with the exception of one month, when she visited her sister, Mrs. James Barrett, at Grant Creek, near North Bay. Until very recently the deceased had enjoyed good health.

The late Miss McNamara was a sister of the late Thomas McNamara of Orchard, and aunt of Mr. Dan McNamara, still residing on the old homestead.

The remains were brought from Toronto to Holstein on Monday and the funeral was held the same afternoon, interment being made in the Roman Catholic cemetery at Orchard.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Frank Twamley of Bentinck was admitted to hospital here last week and on Saturday underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Hardy Harrison, for some time past residing at Detroit, Mich., is a patient at Durham hospital and some days ago underwent an operation for abdominal trouble.

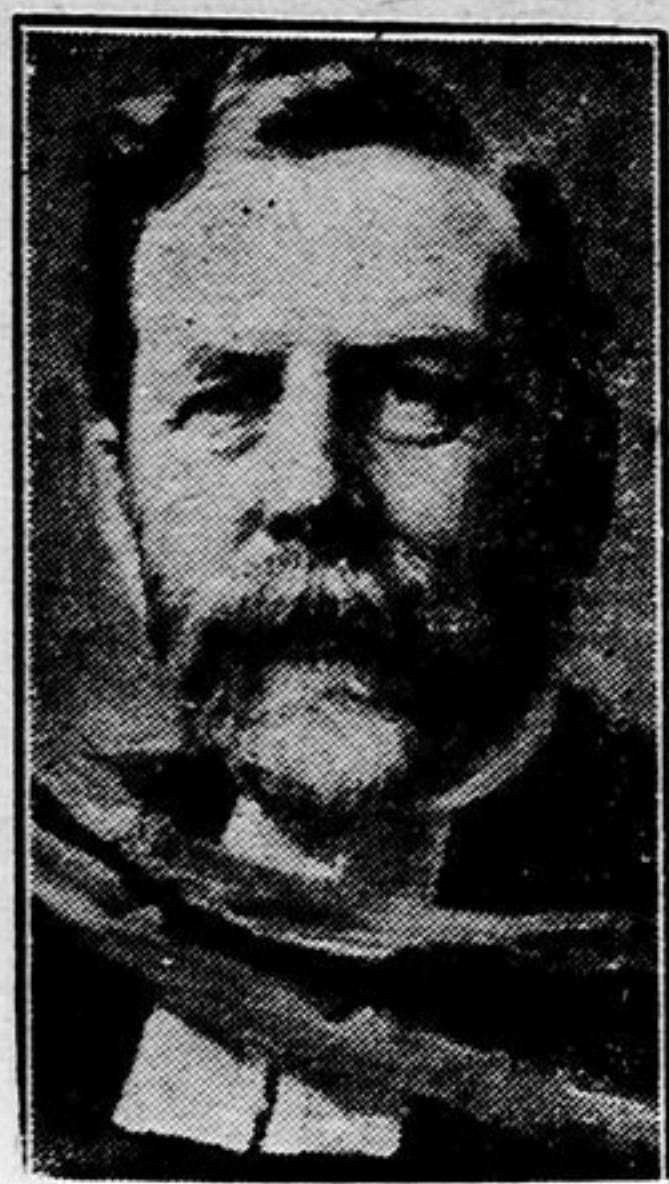
Mr. Archie Calder of Priceville is a patient in the hospital undergoing treatment for a trouble that has been bothering him for some time.

Miss Florence MacDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. MacDonald of Bentinck, who has been in the hospital for some weeks with mastoid trouble, underwent a second operation last week and is showing considerable improvement.

Mrs. W. G. Firth of Glenelg is also a patient, having been admitted this week for treatment for nerve trouble.

Sine Qua Non

That each must have a cause Is not a law to flout. He cannot have a ship come in Who never sent one out.



G. M. Milligan, veteran of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and pastor emeritus of Old St. Andrew's church Toronto, and widely known throughout the dominion, who died recently in his 88th year.

NEW YORK FARMERS TO TOUR THE WEST

Single Fare Rate Has Induced Many To Make the Trip.—May Result in Influx of Settlers.

Farmers in the State of New York are to be provided with an exceptional opportunity this spring of viewing the Canadian west at a merely nominal cost. According to C. B. S. Smith, Canadian Government Agent at Syracuse, N. Y., present plans indicate that a party of about 200 agriculturists will leave the state on May 12 for Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta.

High price of land and heavy taxation, conditions almost inevitable in congested territories, Mr. Smith asserts have rendered the lot of many farmers in the east an unhappy one. These burdens are especially felt because many of those on the land originally came from districts where population was more sparse and such detriments to agricultural development, therefore not so evident.

The trip under contemplation is purely one of inspection. The low price of land, the light taxation, the favorable freight rates existing in the thinly settled prairies of Western Canada have drawn farmers from all over the world.

The cost of the tour is single fare from any point in New York state to the Alberta cities. This low cost of the journey it is said, will place it within reach of many otherwise precluded.

Arrangements have been made to carry at the same rate the families of any who desire to settle in Canada, providing that they leave with the rest of the party over the Canadian National Railways. Also provision has been made for stops at intermediate stations en route, as well as for an extension of the tour from Calgary and Edmonton into the Peace River Country.

SOCKED AND SWEATERED BY BUSINESS FRIENDS

Walkerton Friends Honored Mr. M. A. Greig Before His Removal to Durham.

According to the last issue of The Walkerton Telescope Mr. M. A. Greig, a native of this town who has been in the drug business in Walkerton for the past couple of years, was given a send-off before leaving that town and removing to his former home here where he will carry on an insurance business. The Telescope says in its last issue:

"Tuesday night a dozen or more of the personal friends of Mr. Mel. A. Greig gathered for a farewell party in his honor. 'Mel.' is now living in Durham, having assumed charge of the business of his late father. As a tangible token of the high regard in which he is held by a large circle in Walkerton he was presented with a golfing sweater and pair of stockings. 'Mel.' thanked his friends and assured them that for Walkerton (which he expects to visit frequently) and its people he would always retain a very warm place in his heart.

"During the nearly three years spent in Walkerton he maintained the excellent reputation this stand has enjoyed for courteous and efficient attention to the requirements of its customers. Mr. Greig succeeded the late Mr. H. Zilliox."

HELD GOOD DANCE

The Midget Lacrosse Club held a most successful dance in the Town Hall last Thursday evening. There was a large crowd present and with the excellent music provided by the McDonald orchestra a most enjoyable time was had.

LATE HENRY MOFFAT DIED SUDDENLY

Well-known Glenelg Township Farmer Passed Away Last Thursday Night From Pericarditis.—Interment Took Place Sunday Afternoon at Zion Cemetery.

A death that was a great shock to the whole community was that of Mr. Henry Moffat, who passed away Thursday night about 10 o'clock following a short illness from pericarditis. Though Mr. Moffat had been in indifferent health for the past year, his condition was not regarded as at all serious, and members of the family received a rude shock when he suddenly took a turn for the worse and passed away.

The late Mr. Moffat was a man of strong physique and up to a year ago enjoyed excellent health. About this time he was taken ill with neuritis, and though at times he suffered considerable pain, no serious results were anticipated. On Tuesday night of last week he was taken worse and his physician summoned. Even then his condition was not seriously regarded by the family, but while hopes were entertained that the crisis had been passed, he never fully rallied and the news Friday morning that he had passed on was a great shock to his many friends in Durham and vicinity, many of whom had no intimation that he was ill.

Mr. Moffat was a most popular resident of this vicinity. He made friends easily, and once a friendship was established it was always continued. A man of strict integrity, his spoken word was a bond with him that was never broken, and his passing is deeply regretted by the whole community, who join with us in extending sympathy to his family in their loss.

Mr. Moffat was born in Durham in 1866, and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moffat. He had spent the greater part of his life in this neighborhood. He moved with his parents to the farm on the second concession now occupied by Mr. David Robinson, and here his young manhood was spent. In 1893 he was married to Mrs. John Glencross (nee Annie Edwards), and for a year the young couple lived on the parental homestead near Edge Hill. He subsequently went farming on his own account, and later moved to Lot 1 on the 8th Concession of Glenelg.

In 1901 he moved with his family to Murillo, in Northern Ontario, where he resided for fifteen years, and, with a year spent at Calgary, Alberta, lived only a period of sixteen years away from this community. The family returned to Ontario in 1917, taking up residence on the Ranald Martin farm in Glenelg, where they remained until 1922, when the deceased purchased the Arthur Greenwood farm on the second concession, about four miles from town, where they have since remained.

Mr. Moffat was a good farmer, an excellent neighbor, and exemplary citizen, and while his loss will be naturally felt most keenly in the home, his neighbors and friends, too, mourn the passing of one whose place will be hard to fill.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the family home near Edge Hill to Zion church, Glenelg, where an appropriate service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fiddes, after which interment was made in Zion cemetery. With the predominating soft weather, the roads were in very bad condition but notwithstanding this a very large number of friends and neighbors were in attendance to pay a last tribute of respect.

The pallbearers were Messrs. S. J. McNally, T. Glencross, G. Ritchie, W. Edge, R. Ector, A. McNally, J. D. McFadyen and C. H. Moffat.

Surviving Mr. Moffat are his widow and one son, Cecil. Three brothers and one sister also survive: Messrs. Robert and John Moffat of Durham, Mr. Thomas Moffat of Wainwright, Alberta, and Mrs. John H. McFadyen of Durham, to all of whom we extend sympathy.

CASE WAS WITHDRAWN

The case Allen vs Wilson, scheduled to be tried this morning, has been withdrawn. This was a charge laid against Archie Wilson by Constable Allen charging the defendant with annoying him. Considerable interest was being manifested in the trial, but the general opinion is that Constable Allen did the wise thing when he caused the case to be withdrawn and had the matter dropped.

CHANGE IN SERVICE

Commencing with Monday next Rural Routes 1 and 2 out of Durham will leave after the arrival of the mail train alleged to be due here at 12:50 instead of at 9 o'clock in the morning. This ushers in the regular summer schedule and will continue until the short days come again next fall.

STONE PLANT OPENS EARLY NEXT MONTH

Everything in Readiness For Season's Crushing Soon as Frost Leaves.—Business Prospects Good

Given proper weather conditions it is expected that the Durham Stone & Sand Company's plant will re-open for the season's business about the first of April. And this is no April fool, either. So far as the company is concerned, they are prepared to start the wheels turning right now, but as the plant can be run only in the mild weather, there is little chance of getting the machinery in motion before the first of the month. If weather conditions are then unfavorable, the plant will resume operations just as soon as the weather breaks up and it is possible to get the water lines in operation.

During the past winter a gang of the men at the local plant had been at Waterford getting the company's other big plant in shape, but are returning this week, we understand, to await the opening of the season here.

Prospects this year, we are told, are very bright for the Durham plant. Turning out the best grade of crushed stone in the province, their product is very often specified, and once the season opens there will be little lag in the shipping operations. The past winter has been very good, too, we are told, and quite a large hole has been made in the storage kept on hand for spring use. This will mean that the plant will open at full blast this year and be kept busy in the manufacturing end to keep up with the shipments.



Marie Bessie Hall, former circus performer, has grown so tired of keeping a rooming house in Pittsburg that she has resolved to vary the monotony by going over Niagara Falls in a barrel on July the Fourth. Also shown is an artists sketch of how the barrel might appear in the thrilling stunt if it is actually attempted.

TORONTO HIGHWAY NOT YET OPEN

Snow-plough May Come Through This Week, But So Far No Definite Information Is Available.

For the past week or ten days there has been a rumor that the Government snowplough was coming through from Guelph and would open up the road from here to Toronto and place it in condition for motoring. This rumor was correct to a certain extent, but at the present it is only problematical whether or not a plough will be used in this section of the province at all.

It is hoped, however, according to local provincial highway officers, to get a plough through from Harrison, but this will not be before the end of the week, and even this is not sure. There was a plough working on the road between here and Toronto last week and it was expected it might come through this way, but it has been taken to some other road. The only salvation for this part of the country seems to lie in the fact that a plough left London this week and was working its way up through Stratford to Harrison. Mr. W. R. Alder, resident engineer in Durham, has hopes that he may be able to have the machine come through Durham and on to Owen Sound, but at present cannot make any definite predictions.

The road from here to Owen Sound is not in too bad a shape except in a few places, but whether or not, in view of the recent cold snap, a plough could open it up for traffic, is not known.



Albert E. Roberts an Englishman, who asks, after nine months in the dominion, whether the Englishman is in fact a desirable immigrant for Canada or convinced that Canada is indeed the land of golden opportunity of which Englishmen in the old land are told. His observation is that some of his fellow countrymen, who are making Canada their home, refuse to adapt themselves to a new environment, still create a prejudice in the minds of Canada business men against English men.

FLOOD CONDITIONS NOT SERIOUS HERE

Saugeen River Reported High at Walkerton First of Week, But No Damage Done in Durham So Far.

While Durham has been congratulating herself on the orderly manner in which the Saugeen River so far as carried off the spring floods, conditions along its course farther down stream are not so good. From Walkerton comes the report that on Sunday and Monday of this week the river has risen over three feet and that considerable damage had been done.

A dispatch from Walkerton says that for five hours it had risen, over a foot, and since Sunday morning has raised its level over three feet. A number of residences east of the river are completely surrounded so that boats are necessary to relieve the occupants. The Bend Park and C. P. R. property appear almost like an island to the many spectators, who hourly visit the river sights. Merchants on the north side of Main street have from 2 to 3 feet of water in their cellars and are hard pushed to save some of their stocks. At the street running alongside the Walkerton Egg and Dairy, the water is within a stone's throw of the main thoroughfare and has caused this plant to experience some difficulty in operating. The R. Truax Son & Co. have been forced to close down due to the high water. No other trouble due to the flood has been reported. The water at the present time is still three to five feet lower than in the big flood of 1912.

The cold weather on Tuesday and Wednesday will be a relief to those in this section to whom the river's rise has caused trouble and it is hardly likely that much more inconvenience will be experienced, although there is considerable snow left yet in the swamps that might possibly cause havoc were a continued mild spell with rain prevail for any length of time.

ACCIDENT CASE SETTLED AMICABLY

Morrison vs Hahn Case Being Tried at Walkerton Brought to End When Principals Made Settlement.

The case Morrison vs Hahn on trial at the assizes at Walkerton this week has been settled out of court. The case was before the jury at Walkerton on Tuesday and had only just nicely started when the legal representatives of the insurance company with whom Mr. Hahn was insured and those of Mr. Morrison decided that in the interests of both parties there was little use in continuing the case, and consequently a settlement was made.

The case arose out of an accident last fall a few miles south of here when Mr. Hahn, in a trip to Guelph, ran into Mr. Morrison, who was turning into his own gateway, and badly damaged both cars as well as injuring Mr. Morrison. Mr. Morrison was subsequently tried on a reckless driving charge preferred by the Highways Department, of which he was acquitted, and later entered suit, claiming \$1,500 damages.

LOCAL HYDRO SYSTEM DAMAGED BY STORM

Forty Poles Blown Down Near Hutton Hill and Power Shut Off From Many Towns.—Repairs Expected tonight.

The storm of Monday night last, while it apparently passed over Durham, was not so generous to points west of the town. Out at Hutton Hill, a mile and a half west of here, forty-one poles were blown down and as a result every town and municipality has been deprived of hydro power. These include Hanover, Chesley, Teeswater, Paisley, Kincardine, Wingham and other places.

Durham has been lucky once more in that the break in the service occurred west of town, and while other places have been forced to curtail operations the power transmitted to Durham has caused no inconvenience other than the temporary shutting off of the electric lighting system for a few hours during Monday night when very few would have been using it, anyway.

The blow of Monday night, however has been a matter of considerable concern to the towns west of Durham. Nearly all the manufacturing interests will be more or less affected, and for Monday and Tuesday nights even the benefits of the electric light service were denied.

The hydro with its usual promptness was not long in getting into operation once the trouble was found. This for a time was difficult, as the break occurred close to midnight Monday. Early Tuesday morning the call had been sent out and before night a gang of 25 men had been assembled to rectify the trouble. These included men from Teeswater, Hanover, Durham, Markdale, Mount Forest and, under instructions from Assistant Superintendent Gemmill of Eugenia the work is going along satisfactorily, so satisfactorily, in fact, that it is thought a single service will be available between 6 and 7 o'clock tonight (Wednesday).

To accomplish this a gang of 25 men were employed all day Tuesday, until midnight, and again all day Wednesday. As the weather had turned extremely cold during the night, the task of keeping Ontario's hydro service in working order will be the better appreciated by those who were not forced to turn out in the cold to dig post-holes and string wire that the patrons of the hydro system might be served.

L. O. F. MEMBERS HELD SOCIAL EVENING THURS.

Enjoyable Evening Spent in Lodge Rooms, When Programme and Luncheon Were Enjoyed by Fairly Large Crowd.

The annual social evening of the Independent Order of Foresters was held in their lodge room last Thursday evening and was attended by a fairly large crowd of the members and their lady friends. The evening's entertainment commenced with a short programme consisting of selections by the Dunsmoor and Ritchie orchestras, a reading by Mrs. J. S. McIlraith and a song and reading by Mr. Herb. Murdock. The chairman for the evening was Mr. Thomas Allan, who delivered a short address at the opening of the programme.

The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. J. L. Smith, who gave a good talk on Forestry, its progress, and the numerous benefits it had to offer its members. Dr. Smith went into the financial conditions of the society, showed that it was built on sound lines, and told of the increase in membership throughout the world. It was a good address and made a good impression on those who heard it.

The remainder of the evening was spent in cards and games, the gathering breaking up about midnight.

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	40	43	38
Friday	29	45	23
Saturday	47	58	38
Sunday	42	43	42
Monday	44	49	31
Tuesday	14	25	13
Wednesday	24	29	20

Rain and Snowfall for Week

Thurs., bright and mild	.0
Fri., bright and mild	.0
Sat., cloudy and warm	.0
Sun., thunder, lightning, rain	.47
Mon., turning colder, some rain	.31
Tues., warmer with rain	.20
Wed., colder, with snow	.17