

## SAUGEEN RIVER BROKE ALL RECORDS

This Spring's Flood Highest in River's Known History, With Smallest Damage Reported. Stream Almost Back to Normal Now.

For some days locally it was thought we were going to be without the annual spring flood on the Saugeen, so nicely had the ice and snow disappeared, but the warm weather of the preceding few days brought the river to the highest peak in its history about 4 o'clock last Sunday morning. The year 1912 was the highest ever recorded, when the waters rose to six inches higher than the concrete fire engine stand behind the Calder Block, but on Saturday evening the measured height was ten inches, or four inches higher than any previously recorded. As the peak was reached at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, according to those who were watching the dams in town, the water above the fire stand rose even higher, though no measurement was taken.

Fortunately, no serious damage was done, and with the exception of the taking away of the McNab bridge on the second concession of Glenelg, and some fences carried down stream, we have heard of no big losses. The absence of ice and the weather turning colder on Sunday no doubt helped to keep down the losses.

The annual "going out" of the McKechnie dam was frequently predicted, but as usual this structure withstood the floods, the only loss being one of the upper plates which had to be sawed off to let some logs through. Out at the Darkies' Corners the waters rose until they were running across the road, some of the hydro poles that were intended to look on a dangerous lean, but there was no damage experienced in this quarter.

**County Bridge in Danger**  
At Hanover the County bridge was reported in danger and would have been damaged had the dam above it given way, but fortunately, everything held. Locally the C. P. R. and C. N. R. section gangs had a busy time of it clearing the bridges of floating logs and timber but managed to keep everything clean. For the biggest flood in recorded history it was the most lucky one, but with the colder weather and a lowering stream of water all danger is now thought to be past.

Flooded cellars in the vicinity of the river are the worst casualties reported in town, but as this is an annual affair the residents in the vicinity of the stream are becoming used to it and their only worry during the spring freshet is "how high?"

**Close Call at Rocky Dam**  
The dam of the Durham Furniture Company on the Rocky Saugeen, three miles north of town, had a close call from getting washed out, and a couple of inches more water would have spelled disaster. As it was, the river rose over the banks and a thin stream of water commenced to trickle over the fill on the north end. It was easily taken care of but had the river continued rising would in all probability washed out this side of the dam and beside the cost of repairing the factory here would have been closed down for some time.

## FRILL AND FURBELOW DECREED FOR MILADY

Paris and New York Give Definite Place in New Mode to Lingerie Neckwear.

Fashion once more has put her seal on frills and furbeowns, but woe betide the reckless woman who lets her heart overrule her head—and too many ruffles run the rhythm of her silhouette. Paris and New York have given a definite place in the new mode to the lingerie neckwear, the collar-and-cuff sets, linen and pique vestes and waistcoats and eyelid embroidery sleeveless blouses.

Interesting arrivals in the realm of neckwear are the many smart vest sets which are made with and without collars and with extra cuffs. These are made of a printed organdie that is an imported material and guaranteed to retain its original crispness at all times. The designs are mostly of small flowers, although there are occasional ones done in the modernistic manner with exceedingly effective results. These vests, too, follow the trend toward elaboration in the use of fine frills, lace edgings, linen buttons and contrasting pipings. Some of the vests are made with backs and elastic at the sides to insure good fitting. Others have short cape sleeves, while there are several models made in front sections only and attached at the bottom. The colors in these are limited to white and the pastel shades.

Waistcoats exploit heavier materials, including broadcloths, linen, crash and pique in silk and cotton. These are shown exclusively in small printed effects, the plain white waistcoats receiving very little attention this year. There are a few models of the latter however, shown with sleeves and in blouse style, but made of the silk pique. On the whole, the trend seems to be toward printed waistcoats.



Camilien Houde, comparatively unknown Montreal man, who defeated Mederic Martin for the mayor's seat by an overwhelming majority of 20,000 at the Montreal civic elections.

## MASONIC BRETHREN ATTENDED FUNERAL

Late Arch. MacDonald Was Laid to Rest in Latona Cemetery Last Friday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Arch. MacDonald, whose death at Calgary, Alberta, was reported in these columns last week, was held Friday afternoon from the residence of his uncle and aunt, Mr. Duncan MacArthur and the Misses MacArthur, last Friday afternoon.

Considering the condition of the roads there was a large attendance of old friends from the Latona vicinity, who gathered to pay a last tribute to one who was most popular in the neighborhood. The funeral service at the home and grave was taken by the Rev. Mr. McWilliam, Presbyterian minister of Chatsworth.

The deceased was a member of Strathmore Lodge No. 53, A. F. & A. M., and the funeral here was held under Masonic auspices, about thirty of the brethren of Durham Lodge attending in a body and conducting the Masonic service at the graveside. The pall bearers were Messrs. C. L. Grant, E. D. McClocklin, H. Riddell, J. N. Murdoch, D. B. McFarlane, B. H. Willis, C. H. Moffat and J. A. Graham.

## OUTSIDE ROADS ARE IN POOR SHAPE

Snow Has Disappeared, But Condition of Roads Still Bad and Motoring Generally Not Pleasant.

The disappearance of the snow and the opening up of the highway from Guelph to Owen Sound has made the roads navigable, but they are still far from pleasant for travel.

There is still considerable frost in the ground as anyone will tell you who has used the highways, and as for the back roads they are yet in very bad condition for motoring.

This is caused by the frost coming up of the ground and in several places close to Durham there are soft spots which, once into, it requires a team of horses to get back on to firm ground. Little can be done for this condition, which will remedy itself quickly, but for the present those who have no reason to use the roads are well advised to leave their cars in the barn for a few days.

It is possible, however, by careful driving to get almost anywhere on the Provincial highways, but driving should be slow and careful until all the frost is out and the roadmen get a few days on the roadways with the drags. "It won't be long now."

## PRESENT C.N.R. SERVICE NOT SATISFACTORY

Durham Not Only Town That Objects to Getting Its Mail in the Afternoon.

Patrons on the C. N. R. lines north of Harrison are attempting to have the former time-table reinstated so that letters received may be answered the same day. At Harrison the morning trains are scheduled to arrive one hour later than previously which makes the transaction of business rather complicated, while further up the line such as Port Elgin and other places it is impossible to secure the mail and get a reply back the same day. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the travelling public owing to the long wait at Palmerston, where the London train arrives around 9 o'clock and the passengers going north have to wait a couple of hours before being able to proceed on their journey. To have the former time table again placed in operation would be welcomed by all towns on the C. N. R. Southampton and Owen Sound branches and would assist shopping facilities greatly. The arrival of the morning papers in these towns in the afternoon is also unsatisfactory.

## THURSDAY CHOSEN FOR HALF HOLIDAY

Representative Gathering of Merchants Monday Morning Decide to Hold Usual Day During Summer Months.—Commence in May.

Durham business places will be closed every Thursday afternoon during May to September, inclusive, and the stores will be open every Wednesday evening. This was the decision arrived at last Monday morning at a meeting of the business men held in Morlock's store, and the holiday selected and the conditions governing it were the same as have been in force here for the past number of years. In fact, this had quite a lot to do with it. The surrounding community has become accustomed to the Thursday afternoon closing, and judging from the crowds in town each Wednesday night they appreciate the fact that the business men of the town are doing everything in their power to make their shopping problems in harvest time as easy as possible. The proposal from Toronto that Ontario adopt a universal day for the holiday and suggesting Friday afternoon, was not entertained, the merchants being of the opinion expressed in The Chronicle some weeks ago that these weekly half holidays are selected for the convenience of the business men and their patrons and not the commercial travellers.

## Merchants Back School Fair

At the election of officers Mr. Herb. Cross was again placed in the president's chair and R. L. Saunders re-elected secretary-treasurer. There have been the principal officials of the Merchants' Association in town, and while there was also a committee, the bulk of the work always fell on the president and secretary.

This year a special committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. D. C. Town, P. Ramage, T. M. McCadden, T. Henderson, J. J. Smith and Mr. Irwin, who, with the officials of the association were to form a committee to work with any other of the town's committees to get behind and boost the County School Fair to be held here next October.

This committee was appointed, not with the idea of usurping anybody's authority or take away their thunder. It was felt that the School Fair was too big a thing to be left to two or three to pull off; it will take the co-operation of the Agricultural Society, the merchants, the manufacturers, the Red Cross, Daughters of the Empire, the churches, and the citizens, if it is to be a success. In the absence of a Kiwanis or similar club in town the individual committees of the town will have to function, and function harmoniously, if the School Fair is to be a success.

## Ten Thousand Here

It is estimated that last year fully ten thousand pupils and their friends invaded Owen Sound for the School Fair, and there is no reason why a similar number or more will not come to Durham this fall. This means a lot of work on the part of the local residents to cater to their needs, a work that cannot be put off until the last minute, and the merchants on Monday felt that the time to organize was the present, work out the details and when the big day comes be in a position to entertain our visitors in a proper manner. Durham has never yet fallen down and if she does so this time it will be because of lack of organization and co-operation, seems to be the general opinion at Monday's meeting.

## Everybody Must Work

With the magnitude of the task before us, and the honor of the old town at stake the merchants are the first organization to make a move for County School Fair Day next October. They evinced no desire to run the show, but rather expressed themselves as willing to help out and work with any of the other committees for the success of the undertaking.

Another thing brought out at the meeting was the benefit to the town in the organization of a club of some kind composed of all citizens of the town who were interested in the welfare of the community. It was suggested that it might be called the Board of Trade, the Welfare Club, or some other such name and should include all classes in the community. It might be necessary to have a club room and to hold regular meetings, and one suggestion was made that the committee get in touch with the old officers of the now defunct Board of Trade and reorganize.

Monday's meeting of the merchants was the best attended and most enthusiastic held here in some years and if this enthusiasm keeps up we see even better times ahead than we have enjoyed in the past.

## OPERATIONS AT HOSPITAL

There were three operations for removal of tonsils at the Durham hospital Tuesday morning. These were Mrs. Thomas J. Moore of Meville, Playford Schenk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schenk of Egremont, and a young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Snell of town.

## AIR TOURISTS TO VISIT CANADA

Leave New York June 25 and Visit Points in Whole United States Before Return.

A modern version of the motorcade in which, 20 years ago, hundreds of proud automobilists toured the country, was announced from New York on Sunday when plans were made public for an aerial arroyo in which 200 passengers will fly 7,820 miles, visiting 32 cities in 42 days. Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto are included in the itinerary.

Starting from New York and Washington, the party will fly westward to Seattle, down the Pacific coast and across the southern United States to New Orleans, thence northward to the starting point.

Giant tri-motored planes will carry the passengers, who will be invited to take golf, tennis and swimming equipment with which to vary the luncheons, dinners, fetes offered by all the cities of which they will be guests.

Present plans call for a start from New York June 25, with a few planes leaving Washington earlier to join the main party there. The first night will be spent in Boston. The itinerary then includes Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Des Moines, Omaha, North Platte, Cheyenne, Rock Springs, Wyo., Salt Lake City, Boise, Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Oakland, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, El Paso, Dallas, New Orleans, Atlanta, Winston-Salem, Richmond, Washington and New York. Because of climatic conditions Mexico was omitted from the tour.

The tri-motored tour planes are to be supplied by the United States manufacturers. Government agencies have co-operated in determining the route offering the most from the standpoints of sightseeing, education and aeronautical enterprise. An aerial tour-master, conductor and mechanical staff will accompany the party in smaller single-motored planes.

## WARD KOCH, B. A. GETS SCHOLARSHIP

Durham Boy's Outstanding Record in Research Work is Rewarded.

Mr. Ward Koch, B. A., has been awarded a National Research Council Bursary. These are awarded to the best qualified graduates of any Canadian university in order to encourage research along lines of economic importance. His particular line of research is in Plant Pathology which is a comparatively new science rapidly growing in the Dominion, especially in fruit and grain-growing districts. We tender our congratulations to Mr. Koch, who is making a name for himself in his chosen profession.



W. T. R. Preston. An unexpected development in the celebrated \$50,000 libel action instituted against F. W. Wilson, publisher of the Port Hope Evening Guide and W. T. R. Preston of Port Hope shown above, by General Sir Arthur Currie, former commander of the Canadian forces, developed when Mr. Preston was served with a notice requesting his appearance for examination for discovery.

## HELD SUCCESSFUL DANCE

The annual Easter dance of the I. O. O. F. was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, and the usual big crowd was present. With music supplied by the McDonald orchestra a most enjoyable time was had by all.

## 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	56	62	50
Friday	59	71	56
Saturday	57	58	55
Sunday	22	32	30
Monday	22	27	19
Tuesday	26	43	22
Wednesday	32	50	27

## Rain and Snowfall for Week

Thurs., warm, rain	26
Fri., warm, with sunshine	00
Sat., cloudy, with rain	23
Sun., colder, with snow	37
Mon., cold, snow	00
Tues., becoming warmer	00
Wed., quite warm	00



Chauncey Depew, famous American after-dinner speaker, humorist, politician, railroad magnate, who died in New York in his 94th year, after a brief attack of pneumonia.

## FORMER BENTINCK GIRL HAD EXTENSIVE TOUR

Coast to Coast and Great Lakes to Gulf of Mexico Motor Trip of Mrs. E. Greer Was Most Enjoyable Trip.—Weekly Visits of The Chronicle Kept Her in Touch With Durham and Vicinity.

We received a most welcome letter from Mrs. Kenneth Greer of Toronto, a former Bentinck girl, in which she acquaints us with a wonderful motor trip taken this winter and incidentally speaks of the pleasure she had from the weekly visits of The Chronicle which followed her throughout the entire journey. Mrs. Greer will be better known to our readers in Bentinck as Marie Mighton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mighton of that township.

The letter was written at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on the last leg of the journey home, and is most interesting. It says in part:

"We have toured the United States from coast to coast and from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, making a total of 14,000 miles. Leaving Toronto November 3, via Niagara Falls we visited Cave City, then to the Grand Canyons of Arizona, via El Paso, Texas and Phoenix, Arizona. Each week we received The Chronicle at our forwarding address. We drove through the Santa Fe Trail across the Mojave Desert into the state of California, taking in the giant forests of Northern California, making a total of four of the seven wonders of the world we have seen on our trip. Then down to San Diego; again we received The Chronicle and we all enjoy it like a big letter from home. Here we experienced an aeroplane flight in a sister ship to Lindbergh's 'Spirit of St. Louis'. It was quite thrilling.

"Owing to unfavorable beach weather all along the Pacific coast, we knew Florida was the only and last winter resort, so via the old Spanish Trail, which is the most southern route through the United States, and on which we visited many towns in Old Mexico, we finally reach Miami, Florida. On this trip The Chronicle was appreciated even more than ever through the vast desert of Arizona, prairies and mountains of other states; even the rest of the party who are not acquainted with Durham, enjoyed the paper so much and it certainly has given us much pleasure and kept us in news.

"We are pleased with Florida weather and found the Atlantic Ocean, which is warmed by the gulf stream ideal for swimming.

"We are now on our way home.

## ARTEMESIA RESIDENT DIED SATURDAY

Mr. John Parslow Had Been Resident of Old Durham Road for Past Thirty-five Years.

Mr. John Parslow, a resident of the Old Durham Road, three miles east of Priceville, died Saturday morning after an illness of about two years from cancer, from which he was a great sufferer. Mr. Parslow was 56 years of age and came to the farm on which he died some 35 years ago from his parental home in Proton Township, a mile and a quarter south of Swinton Park, where he was born.

The deceased was married about 30 years ago to Miss Margaret Wilcox, who survives, together with two daughters, at present teaching school, and three sons, two at home and one living in the United States. Three brothers, his sister and his mother are residents in Western Canada, and a brother, Robert, lives on the adjoining farm in Artemesia.

Mr. Parslow was a man highly regarded in his community and the funeral on Monday afternoon was largely attended. The service was in charge of Rev. Mr. McCormack of Priceville and interment was made in the McNeil cemetery at Priceville.

Mr. Parslow was a cousin of Mrs. James Hopkins in town and Mrs. Wesley Arnett in Glenelg, who, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whitmore, Mr. Arnett and Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins were present at the funeral.

## JUVENILE LACROSSE IN DURHAM THIS YEAR

No Intermediate Team to Represent Town in O. A. L. A. Series Was Decision of Meeting Held Tuesday Night.—Twelve-man Game Not Favored Here.

There will be only one team this year to represent Durham in the Ontario Amateur Lacrosse Association, and they will play in the juvenile series, according to a decision reached at an enthusiastic meeting held in Mayor Murdoch's office on Tuesday evening.

While there is plenty of material around town to form an intermediate team, it was not deemed advisable to enter one, as the expense of operating two teams was felt to be beyond the financial capabilities of those interested in the national game. It will be hard enough to finance a juvenile organization, what with the expected scattered district, the few games to be played and the long distances to be travelled.

The officers elected for the coming season were: President, J. N. Murdoch; Vice-President, H. A. Hunter; Secretary, Bowman Jamieson; Treasurer, Fred Murdoch; Committee—Dr. D. B. Jamieson, R. L. Saunders, and P. Gannon.

The meeting was very enthusiastic, was well attended for an organization meeting, and, with some money in the treasury the juveniles will start the season full of hope and confidence. Just what the grouping will be will not be known until the districts are arranged by the Ontario executive, but with the dearth of teams up in this part of the country there may be considerable travelling if any fair-sized grouping of teams is made.

Despite the apparent enthusiastic reception accorded the twelve-man rule by the delegates in Toronto, it is felt locally that going back to the old system in vogue when lacrosse was at its zenith, is not going to help the game very much in the smaller centres. The ten-man rule was adopted some years ago for the reason that the smaller towns found it difficult to secure twelve men, and going back to the old system will not boost the game up in this country.

With twelve playing members, this means that each team will have to carry at least sixteen men, and as lacrosse has been a dead issue throughout rural sections of the province for some years and lacrosse players have not been developed in any large numbers, a good many of the towns would find it hard enough to get ten players, let alone twelve. However, that is not the main reason for dropping the intermediate game in Durham. Lacrosse has gotten into a bad rut in the past few years, towns playing the game are few and far between, and with the increasing cost of travelling the smaller centres naturally passed out of the picture and quit.

## TUESDAY'S CONCERT PLEASSED LARGE CROWD

Entertainment of Presbyterian Choir Was Enjoyed, With Singing of Mr. Bullen of Dundas Street Church, London, a Feature.

The choir of Durham Presbyterian church presented an excellent entertainment to a good-sized house Tuesday night that was very much pleased with the various offerings and left the building feeling that they had had the privilege of listening to one of the best programmes of its kind ever given in the local Presbyterian church. With the exception of Mr. Bullen of London, a frequent entertainer over the radio, the programme given was by local talent and showed once more that Durham has many artists in its midst capable of presenting a most meritorious offering.

The chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. B. D. Armstrong, but his duties were light and he lost no time in presenting the different artists to the audience. Amongst the local talent taking part were Miss Jean Harding, who gave a piano solo; Mrs. McFadden and Miss Weir, a duet; solos by Miss Elizabeth Harding, Mrs. Lauder, Mrs. McFadden; readings by Mrs. E. S. MacArthur and Miss K. Firth, both of whom were accompanied in solo by Mrs. McFadden; and violin selections by Mrs. C. Howell and Mr. Jack Lawson. The choir, too, gave several selections which were much appreciated. Mrs. J. H. Harding was the accompanist for the evening.

Mr. Bullen of London is not unknown to a Durham audience, as he appeared here some weeks ago, and without any reflection on the local talent taking part, we might say it was his excellent performance on his previous visit that was responsible for the large turnout on this occasion. Mr. Bullen is a baritone and, possessing a rich, full voice, under full control, his interpretation of his different offerings left nothing to be desired in his rendering of "The Bells of Donegal," "Tommy Lad," "Little Irish Girl," and "The Watchman."

**Try a Beanshooter.**  
Clerk—"Did you get rid of any moths with those moth-balls you bought?"

Mrs. Dum—"No, I tried for five hours, but I couldn't hit a one."