

GREY COUNTY NATIVE BIG BUSINESS MAN

Late John Hanbury Was Born Near Markdale, But Spent Most of Life in Canadian West—Was One of Leading Figures in Business Life of New Country.

Writing in last week's Saturday Night, Beatrice E. Green gives the life story of John Hanbury, who died recently at Vancouver, B.C., and who was a native of Grey County, having been born near Markdale 73 years ago. Before going West in the early eighties, Mr. Hanbury lived at Dundalk for a time, and was a brother of the late Thomas Hanbury of that village. Miss Green says:

"The passing of the late John Hanbury in Vancouver has not only been a loss to the West, but to the entire Dominion. He was one of those pioneers who depended entirely upon himself in the carving out of his fortune. He made money—lots of it, and lost it too, time and time again facing losses which would have staggered the ordinary individual. But the word 'failure' was not in his vocabulary, and after each business set back, he made just a little more headway. John Hanbury was only eight years of age when he lost his father and had to get out into the world and 'dig for himself', and his entire education was acquired through the college of hard knocks. He was born in the bush country back in Markdale, Ont., in 1855, where he acquired an early business experience in contracting and building which he began at the age of 18. He went to Brandon, Man., in the early eighties and practically every big building in that city up to the time he left was a Hanbury building. He used great quantities of lumber in his business and this is what practically forced him into the lumber business. The Assiniboine Lumber Co. of Brandon failed and the mill fell into the hands of creditors, and although Mr. Hanbury had no spare cash, he was successful in raising funds to acquire it.

"Foresight was one of Mr. Hanbury's great characteristics, and he saw the approaching end of the forests in northern Manitoba and turned his attention to the Pacific coast.

After losing more than a quarter million dollars lumbering in the Kootenays, Mr. Hanbury extended his business to Vancouver, and with very little capital left, purchased a mill on False Creek in 1895. Three years later the mill was burned and the owner commenced reconstruction immediately of what has become the largest and best equipped mill on the Pacific coast, employing about 350 men.

Two years previous to his entry into business at the Coast he purchased a B. C. Timber limit of 2,800 acres, comprising 75,000,000 feet of lumber. Brandon interests of the Hanbury firm were disposed of in 1910 when the family moved to the coast. His lumbering activities were also carried on in Cranbrook and in the Crows' Nest Pass. The reputation for upright-ness was wide and his life's philosophy was one of progress and perseverance—and he believed that it was only through honest effort and hard work, that big things were accomplished and character moulded.

"Three years ago at the age of 69 the elements, again interfered against him and his beautiful saw-mill was burned to the ground. At this time Mr. Hanbury was quite in a position to retire from business and spend the rest of his days in affluence, but in preference he made his decision known before the ashes were cold by his announcement that he intended to rebuild at once. So that today his mill still stands as a monument to his courage and determination."

MOTHER'S DAY WAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Local Churches Had Special Sermons and Music in Celebration of This National Day.

Mother's Day was fittingly observed in the different churches of the town last Sunday, special sermons being preached and suitable music given in the Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian and the two United churches.

In some of the churches the day was observed in special sermons only while in others a mother's choir with suitable music fittingly observed the day.

Oatmeal Cookies

1 cup butter or lard, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 1/2 cups flour, 4 cups Livingston's Oats put through grinder, 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in 1/4 cup hot water, 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mix all together, roll out, cut with cookie cutter and bake in moderate oven.

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Glenelg & Priceville (Our Own Correspondent)

This Tuesday morning, the 15th of May, 1928, is fine and warm and was threatening rain, but by all appearances it is not going to come. The ground is getting quite dry and some are complaining that it is getting hard to plough. Lots of seeding to do yet and with many will take to the first of June. The meadows are beginning to have a greenish looking appearance, and a warm shower of rain would soon give them a good start. Fall wheat looks pretty good and stood the severity of the spring and winter well. Pastures are pretty bare looking yet and cattle are beginning to get tired of being fed on straw and hay.

While in Durham the other day we met the Editor and promised to send him a budget this week of some kind. As his paper is always full of good reading matter we thought ours would not cause anything to make its columns less of reading matter.

The Sunday School at Edge Hill has resumed again last Sunday in the No. 3 school house with a good attendance of the youngsters of the section. Mr. W. J. Ritchie is the superintendent for his 21st year and deserves a diploma for his faithful attendance during the passing of years. Mr. Ernest Greenwood is organist and with her fine vocal talents and organ music it makes the praise part of the service pleasant to the hearers. It's a noble act for young men and young women to be engaged in teaching the youth to "remember their Creator in the days of their youth" for youth is the season to prepare for old age for the aged have enough to take care of themselves.

The citizens of Durham and vicinity are well favored with special meetings this Tuesday. A large gathering is expected to be in Knox church to listen to some of the most talented speakers for the occasion.

We are told that a car load of visitors met with an accident last Sunday a couple of miles west of Priceville. We do not know the extent of injury done but some were badly hurt.

We see that our mail carrier at Edge Hill has sold his route to Mr. Reay. Mr. Livingstone was faithful in performing his duties for the last couple of years and we hope his successor will be likewise.

We are pleased to hear of Mr. John McEachern, who met with a bad accident in the factory by getting his eye badly hurt. Latest reports are that he is going to have sight again in the injured eye. Mr. Albert Pearson met with an accident also some time ago by getting a couple of ribs broken but is able to be at work again.

Pleased to hear that Mrs. Staples is able to be around again after a long spell of ailment. She is with her daughter at Markdale. Mrs. Firth is also improving and will soon be home again from Durham Hospital.

The Anderson boys are busy putting in a crop on the Atkinson farm at Edge Hill. The Robinson boys are busy putting in a crop at home and on the Allen place down the 4th of Glenelg.

Dr. Milne of Priceville is always in attendance wheresoever called to attend his patients. The doctor is the eleventh M.D. in Priceville. Since 70 years, the village has had one lady, Dr. (Miss) Brander, now Mrs. (Rev.) Campbell. Mrs. Campbell did a good practice especially with her own sex.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moffat on their recent union and wish them long life and prosperity on their long journey through life.

Don't let the Martins get away from you!

"I'm sorry the Martins are moving away," said Mrs. Drummond to her husband. "It will mean that we are going to lose track of some very nice people!"

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HOLLAND TOWNSHIP ELECTION TOMORROW

Big Issue of Election is the Abolition of Statute Labor on Roads.

Holland Township is in the throes of a municipal election, which is to take place on Friday of the present week. The election was brought about by the resignation of Reeve David Gardiner, who was appointed at the meeting of the township council held on May 5th to the position of Road Superintendent of the township.

Nominations were held in Holland Centre on Friday last to fill the vacancy, with the result that Deputy-Reeve Alex. C. Stewart, resigned his position and is out after the Reeve and he is being opposed by Mr. Alex. Atcheson, and the big issue of the election is the abolition of statute labor. Mr. Stewart has come out flat-footed in favor of doing away with this old-fashioned style of doing the work on the township roads, while Mr. Atcheson has not made any definite pronouncement.

Mr. Ronald Comber, who was a member of the council, was elected by acclamation to the position of Deputy-Reeve, and this elevation created a vacancy in the council, for which there are two candidates, James Howey and Joseph Atkinson. Mr. David Gardiner has been Reeve of Holland township for the past five years and was serving his sixth. He was a useful member of the Grey County Council and at the time of his retirement was chairman of the Finance Committee, and in 1927, was chairman of the Education committee and the previous year was chairman of the House of Refuge committee. He will be much missed in County Council circles.

Mr. Atcheson, who is opposing Mr. Stewart for Reeve, is also a man of experience having served as Deputy-Reeve for two terms. Mr. Stewart is at the present time chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the County Council.

A Serious Charge

Justice of the Peace H. W. Penney had a Negro girl witness appearing in his court the other day. The maid sat down. She crossed her limbs.

"Pull down your dress," said the Judge.

"I can't Judge. I dresses jes' like white gals."

"You are fined five dollars for contempt of court," said the Judge.

"Pay it to the clerk."

The maid went to the clerk and offered him five dollars.

"What's this for?" asked the clerk.

"For tempting the Judge," said the maid.

FARMING IN THE PEACE RIVER COUNTRY

When the full history of Canadian agriculture is written, one of the most fascinating chapters will be that devoted to the development of the Peace River country. From Beaverlodge, Alberta, comes the report of the Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Substation and it would be difficult to find a record of government activity that is more optimistic. This station serves a very large area including the Upper Peace region extending far into Northern British Columbia, the Athabasca watershed, and part of the North Saskatchewan valley. From as far west as Hudson Hope settlers are co-operating with the government farm in the growing of alfalfa and sweet clover.

Land that was barren and looked upon as waste is now producing wheat and growers in Grande Prairie and the Valhalla Valley report yields of 61, 68 and 70 bushels to the acre. The championship wheat and oats at the Chicago International Show was grown in the Peace River country.

The report of the work conducted at the Beaverlodge Substation may be obtained from the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. It contains much interesting information on the growing of cereal and forage crops, horticulture, bees and poultry.

"That the weather is good in the Peace River country is evidenced by the fact that excellent threshing weather prevails until well into November, and that roads are good until New Years, the elevators at steelhead being continually choked with arrivals of grain up to that time.

Their Reasons

"I'm here, gentlemen," explained the pickpocket to his fellow prisoners "on account of a simple desire to make a name for myself."

"And I," said the incendiary, "because of an unfortunate habit of making light of things." "And I," added the burglar, "for taking advantage of an opening which was offered in a large mercantile establishment."

"And I," chimed in the forger, "on account of a simple desire to make a name for myself."

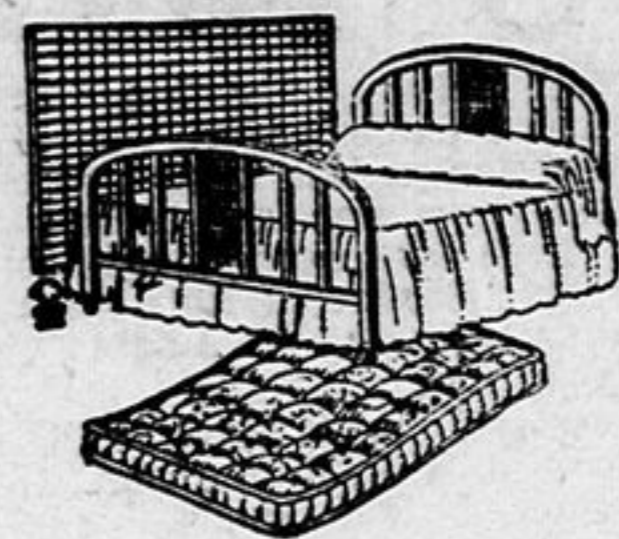
IN MEMORIAM

Boyce—In memory of a loving wife and mother. Mrs. Edward Boyce, who passed away May 14, 1927.

The unseen string of memory's harp Is softly touched this day. The love for our mother, dear, Shall never fade away.

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