

# The Durham Chronicle

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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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## THAT COUNTY LINK

It is to be hoped that the Grey County Council may arrive at some arrangement with the town of Durham regarding the paving of the County Link running East from Garafraxa street to the eastern boundary of the town. No doubt the town, like the towns in Grey has finally had it impressed upon them that it is false economy to build dirt roads, especially on their connecting links. For years Durham has fought shy of the paving scheme, but our experience has shown the futility of trying to keep the main travelled highways in shape by grading and graveling. The result is that we intend paving this summer in the expectation that in the end it will be cheaper, more satisfactory, and in the interest of the town as a whole.

The refusal of the Ontario Department of Highways to sign the agreement whereby Durham, while contributing annually to the county road scheme, was being forced to pay for her own connecting link, with interest added as well, is one of great importance to the other towns in the district, and will no doubt clear the air for any future paving contracts that may be entered into between the County Council and the other urban centres.

The statement of an official of the Ontario Highways Department that Grey County was the only county in Ontario where the urban centres were being discriminated against in the matter of paving does not sound well, but the Ontario Department should know. We are loath to attribute this attitude to parsimoniousness or a desire to be unfair; rather, we think, it is a case where insufficient consideration had been given, or that the necessary information was not through before acquiring the necessary information. We think that now our County Councillors understand what is expected of them they will see the fairness of the proposition and join with the towns, villages and province in the improvement of our highways.

## THERE'S A LESSON HERE

The storm of last Sunday and Monday has very plainly pointed out the fact that from now on there are certain of the older portions of the Eugenia Hydro-Electric system which must expect more trouble from storms in the future, with the consequent increase in the cost of the overhead. The Niagara System, we are told, and from what daily press reports tell us we must believe, has a lot more trouble following a storm than the system by which Durham is served. This is the result of two causes. First, the magnitude of the Niagara System and the large amount of territory covered quite naturally means a greater number of storms to fight, and secondly, the Niagara System is considerably older and needs more attention.

Like the old car, hydro poles do not improve with age. To date, the Eugenia system has been practically new and little trouble has been expected or borne with. As the years pass, these poles must be getting weaker, and the windstorms that once made no impression may be expected to cause more and more trouble.

Last week we referred to the good service we have enjoyed from the Eugenia system, especially the inconvenience from interruptions. We shall have to put up with more of these interruptions as time goes on, for even the Hydro Commission cannot be held responsible for the ravages of age or the performance of the elements.

This is one of the expenses which the Commission in Toronto cannot hope to predict; all they can know is that it will, according to the law of averages, become heavier as time goes on. And these expenses will have to be borne by the system as a whole. This may be, and possibly is, one of the reasons why municipalities are required to build up a surplus, much larger generally than many of us think necessary. Too small a surplus would mean a fluctuating rate to the consumer, something not desired either by the Commission or the people who use the juice.

## SKATING RINK PROFITS

A recent issue of the Tara LEADER tells of a poor season for the rink in that village, and after referring to the mild weather at which important functions were to have taken place, the LEADER closes by saying: "The Rink Company has been well managed, but it seemingly is becoming more difficult each year to make progress towards paying off the mortgage."

Durham rink management can recognize in Tara's predicament a similar situation here. It is becoming more difficult each year to make the receipts show a balance on the right side, and, like Tara, Durham Rink is well managed. Most of them are. The Rink Committee is very often wrongly criticized, but the trouble with the criticism is that those who are prone to give advice seldom extend a helping hand, refuse to serve on the committee, and do nothing but find fault with those who do.

The average rink committee is composed of a few business men who have the interest of the younger population at heart, spend their winters in trying to keep the rink running to provide wholesome amusement, and seldom, if ever, get even a "thank you" from those who partake of the enjoyment. It's tough, but, nevertheless, the truth.

If we remember correctly, Tara is the possessor of a new rink. Durham's rink was erected as a private enterprise, subsequently got into financial difficulties, and was acquired by a joint stock company in 1919 at only a fraction of its cost. The Durham rink, like that at Tara and hundreds of other places, has a hard time making ends meet, and right here we are somewhat at a loss to understand how some of these other towns which have recently paid out twenty-thousand odd dollars for new, modern structures, expect to finance these institutions in the years that are to come.

We have in mind rinks in other towns where the skating receipts are no larger than here and where the average attendance at hockey matches will not be any greater. How they can hope to finance a twenty-thousand dollar institution when places like Durham have their troubles with less than one-quarter of that overhead remains to be seen. As additional information comes to our ears we

are convinced more than ever that a skating rink should be a municipal institution. Generally speaking skating rinks do not pay. They are one of the things that every municipality should have, if the young people are to be furnished with wholesome fun during the winter months, but we feel that in the interests of the community as a whole, and especially those of the smaller populations where the attendance must of necessity be small, the deficit should be faced by the whole municipality.

We understand that this is at present against the law, but laws can be changed. We hear on every hand of theories for the benefit of the youth of the land. We have a home for boys at Bowmanville, Government-supported, for no other reason than that it is recognized that it is cheaper to teach the young to be good than to reform them after they have gone wrong. The Mothers' Allowance Act is a success because it has been proven that the mother's care of her children is better than the best Children's Shelter—and cheaper. Towns where the young people have nothing to do other than think up devilment may possibly give youth the wrong start that costs so much to correct in later years. We believe that every town and village should have a skating rink of some sort, but with the climbing costs the day may not be far off when the dozen or so private citizens whose services are given gratis and at great cost to themselves, will lose their philanthropic spirit and quit.

## THE HOOVER EMBARGO

Canadian agriculturists are facing even worse times than they have had for the last few years if the pre-election promises of President Hoover of the United States meant anything and there is an attempt to enforce them. The Hoover policy announced from his election platform is not a matter of high tariff. He has promised the United States farmers so high a tariff that so far as the Canadian farmer is concerned, it might very well be an embargo. Premier John S. Martin very aptly described the situation when he said in a recent speech: "We have been meek so long they probably think they can get away with anything. We are not speaking the language they understand."

Why cannot Canada run her tariff question on a business basis? Supposing, for instance, there was one merchant in a town whose rates to THE CHRONICLE were higher than they were to anyone else. He is willing to sell his goods to us so long as we pay the exorbitant price asked, but refuses to buy anything from us, and frankly says so by his manner. How much should we buy from him? There is no use in telling the answer. It is too simple.

This is the condition in which Canada will be placed if Hoover keeps his promises to the United States farmers. The United States is willing to sell us anything we want, but does not want our Canadian farmers to sell anything to any resident of the United States. No real embargo has been declared against Canadian agricultural products, but the duty is to be placed so high that international trade in farm products will be impossible.

In the meantime, no retaliatory methods have been adopted by our Government at Ottawa. This, we think, is a mistake. When the other fellow wields a big stick, your only protection is to get another just as big. This isn't a matter of free trade, freer trade, or lower tariff, or whatever you may want to call it. It is simply a matter of looking after ourselves.

We cannot see the sense of allowing our farmers to be cut off from the United States market, and then opening our markets to United States farmers. If the Canadian farmer cannot do business with the United States agriculturist on an equitable basis, he is at least entitled to his own home market. At least we think so. And we think you will, too, if you but analyse the situation.

Canada has done altogether too much toadying to the United States in the past. One good rise in the tariff would have an immediate effect. Hoover and the Republican party can never place a prohibitive duty against Canadian farm products if the Ottawa Government would but retaliate. A shutting off of the incoming United States farm products and manufactured goods by the imposition of a "brick for brick" tariff would create a revolution among the manufacturers in the United States. The only way you can hurt them is through their pocketbook, which they love better than either Hoover or the Republican party.

Canada has her destiny in her own hands. Hoover's present attitude is only a bluff, providing Canadians take him at his word. The United States President is merely playing on the assumption that Canada, as in the past, will meekly do nothing along tariff lines, and an upward revision in the Canadian tariff would do more to settle this vexing question once and for all than anything we know.

## "DIED WITH THEIR BOOTS ON"

"He died with his boots on" is about the best tribute that can be paid a man, and the past week saw three of the North American continent's leaders pass out "in harness". We refer to Sir Hugh John Macdonald, son of Sir John A. Macdonald, first Premier of Canada, Sir Lomer Gouin, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, and Myron T. Herrick, the United States Ambassador to France. Their passing should point the rest of us along a path of useful duty. Sir Hugh John was in his eightieth year, Sir Lomer in his sixty-ninth, and Ambassador Herrick in his seventy-sixth. Their passing will be viewed with genuine regret, not only in Canada and the United States, but elsewhere. All three were prominent in world's affairs and of a calibre that is hard to replace.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Hanover Post tells of a local dairy that handles all its milk mechanically, stating it is "not touched by human hands from the time it leaves the cows". Modern machinery is dazzling. Even now we have dairy milk which is apparently not even "touched by cows".

The Skupshina has been dissolved by King Alexander of Yugoslavia. We suggest this to Miss Macphail as a new word she may use when speaking of the Canadian Senate.

Charity is said to begin at home. Now that the motoring season is here the big job is to find anybody who is at home.

Clarence Darrow, he of Tennessean evolution fame, says that when a man dies nothing remains but complete disintegration. Some of these days Clarence will be "all dressed up and no place to go" except the cemetery.

Orval Shaw, the fugitive of "Skunk's Misery" fame is at least giving the Ontario police force a run for their money and furnishing headlines for the daily press.

## WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

As Canadians we are proud of Canada, of its romantic past, and of its wonderful future. We speak of it with pride, of its vastness, and of its beauty; but to those of us who have not visited its many parts, the knowledge we have is sometimes dangerous. Knowledge of any kind advances by steps; not by leaps, and now an opportunity is knocking at your door to give you a chance to increase your knowledge regarding Canada as she really is. Professor Laird of Macdonald College, Que., bearing this fact in mind, has arranged with the Canadian Pacific Railway to conduct a tour across Canada and back, leaving Toronto by special train on July 22, the round trip occupying in all twenty-one days. And during that time Canada's beauty will be unfolded to you. Just think of it: all the beauty spots in the Rocky Mountains—Banff, Lake Louise, Emerald Lake, Yoho Valley, the Kootenay Country—the delightful motor drive from Banff to Windermere of 104 miles, and the equally charming drive from Field to Lake Louise of 40 miles, and many other trips, the whole making up a tour which fascinates. The details of the tour are now ready and can be obtained by application to McPadden's Drug Store, Durham or to Prof. Sinclair Laird, Box 228, Macdonald College, P. O., Que.

## WRITER SAYS TEACHERS TALK TOO MUCH TO THE PUPILS

"Teachers talk too much," says William Allen Miller, principal of the Matheny School, Springfield, Ill., writing in the March Journal of National Education Association. "The very nature of the school-room situation," continues Mr. Miller, "develops talkativeness unless we guard against it. There is enough ego in us to make us proud of our opinions and our experiences. Then, too, we are supposed to know so much more than those we teach."

"It might also be worth mentioning that talking often takes the place of thinking and is very effectively used as a time killer. At any rate, we have the children in a place where they cannot or will not answer back and we take advantage of the situation. "The meaning of the word 'educate' is to lead forth, to bring out. By no stretch of the imagination can it be made to mean to pour in. Yet judging from actual classroom procedure many teachers seem to be laboring under the impression that the educative process is largely one of pouring in. "This does not mean that teachers should never develop a topic or expand textbook material, but it does mean that the time taken by the teacher should be a relatively small amount of the class period. Remember that learning is doing and that it is the children who are supposed to be doing the learning."

Edison says he knows no person who is perfectly happy. So Thomas E. never met the man who has found a mistake in a newspaper.—Brandon Sun.

## Too Late to Classify

THE TRINITY CHURCH GUILD will hold a sale of home-made baking in the A. Y. P. A. rooms (over J. & J. Hunter's store) on Saturday, April 6. Raisin pies a specialty. Afternoon tea. Drop in and have a piece of pie.

## BORN

Lambertus.—In Durham Hospital, on March 28, to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lambertus, Dundalk, a son (stillborn).

## IN MEMORIAM

McCaslin.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Mrs. Henry McCaslin, who passed away April 8, 1925.

Mother, dear, we think of you And think of how you died, To think you could not say good-bye Before you closed your eyes.

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- Plates to match ..... 15c
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## Glenroadin

(Our Own Correspondent)

Mrs. Wm. Kenny, who has been spending the past two months with her daughter, Mrs. M. Casey and Mrs. John Vasey, has returned to her own home.

Miss Mary Melosh of Toronto spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Melosh.

Miss Blanche McKechnie, who is attending D. H. S. is spending her Easter vacation with her parents.

Mr. John Boyd has been busy sawing wood for Mr. Nell McCallum and Mr. Archie McLean, both of Bentinck.

The Burns church Missionary Society will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd at the home of Mrs. Gillen Boyd.

Mrs. D. McKechnie has been nursing her aunt, Miss McKechnie of Durham.

Misses Blanche and Irene McKechnie visited recently with the Schaefer girls.

Miss Georgina Miller of the Rocky is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. John Boyd.

Miss Lena Bell of town spent a day recently with her mother, Mrs. Ed. Bell.

Miss Marion Boyd of Toronto is holidaying at her home here.

## PRICEVILLE PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. Corry, Minister

The Sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed next Sabbath at 11 o'clock. Evening service at 7.30. Preparatory service Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

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