

# 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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## OUR WISEST MOVE

Durham has at last sprung into the modern town class when, at a special meeting of the Town Council on Monday evening the contract was let for the paving of Garafraxa street from the Durham Road to South street, connecting at both ends with the Provincial Highways. This paving proposition is going to cost us, in the rough, sixty-some thousand dollars before we are through with it, but at that we think it is about the best move this place has made in a good many years. There are those, undoubtedly, who will see the expenditure and find fault on the ground that we cannot afford it, but the most of us will find consolation in the knowledge that while it is a costly proposition we shall have something for our money and enjoy some of the comforts that other towns, no better off financially than we are, have been in possession of for years.

Paving, to our notion is in the same class as an education. A man may not feel that he can afford to educate himself beyond a certain limit, but that is no reason why he should not do so. He pays for it anyway in decreased earning power. And so with the pavement. The cost of a pavement will most certainly raise our taxes a certain amount, but we shall have the enjoyment and the financial advantages that go with clean streets and decreased repair bills.

The letting of the contract for Garafraxa street has been the cause of another petition being circulated on Lambton and Bruce streets. The residents of these streets apparently want paving, too, and if a sufficient number of them put their names on the petition they will get it. No resident along Lambton street who must know the conditions that now obtain on this much used thoroughfare can be satisfied with the rutty roadway and the mud. None but would willingly pay a little more taxes to better these conditions. With the trucking from the freight sheds, the motor traffic, and the wet season last summer and fall, this roadway has been a most expensive one. That is the trouble with these dirt roads where traffic is heavy. They cost a lot of money to keep up, are never in good shape, and the only solution seems to pave.

We have been informed that there is a hitch somewhere with the Lambton street paving petition. It seems that the proposition as it stands at present is for a twenty-foot strip of pavement down the centre of the roadway. Several residents who advocate paving are opposed to this and say they will not sign the petition unless the street is built up wider and with a curb. Personally, we think they are right. We cannot see that a property owner will derive very much benefit from a strip of pavement through the centre of the highway, with the mud and dirt on both sides where it has been swept by the passing cars. We would suggest that the citizens interested call a meeting among themselves and talk it over.

Whether we like it or not, whether we can afford it or not, whether we agree with the idea or not, as conditions stand at present it is the rankest folly to attempt to keep up main-travelled roads in towns by gravelling. Quite satisfactory fifteen years ago, these dirt roads are obsolete today. There is more traffic, and all of it travels faster, the result being that our roadways become cut up in the wet weather, and in the dry weather they are ground up and the dust wafted away by the fast-moving traffic. THE CHRONICLE is strongly of the opinion that towns like Durham must pave if they hope to keep up with the other municipalities.

Paving is expensive, but it is not nearly so costly as the attempt to have good roads under the old system.

## DIRECT MAIL ADVERTISING

We have noticed considerable discussion lately in some of our exchanges in reference to the direct-by-mail advertising, its possible results, and the efficacy of such a method for attracting the public's attention. The Ottawa Journal thinks that the burdening of the post offices and the mail carriers with this class of postal matter involves too much risk of loss of important private letters, is a nuisance to the recipients and degrading to the postman.

Of this we do not know. THE CITIZEN no doubt is giving the city end of the argument and while we can personally agree that there is altogether too much of this unstamped, non-addressed advertising literature going through the post office, we cannot express an authentic opinion as to how the argument would be received by the rural dwellers.

We have watched "circular" day in Durham post office, however, and can say that not one in ten on an average took their circular from the office. It was simply taken from the box, glanced at to see that it was not important, and then quietly dropped

in the waste basket. Whether these circulars are treated in the same manner by the recipients on the rural routes we do not know.

Like other institutions in the country, the post office department has changed its methods in the past few years. Up to a comparatively short time ago there were certain rates obtainable by everybody, great or small, rich or poor. You could take it or leave it. Today the post office, like everything else, is after business. A few years ago the department would look at you in scorn had you requested that you be allowed the privilege of mailing the patrons of a rural route your batch of advertising literature by simply paying the postage in cash, depositing the correct number with the postmaster, and not even attaching the names. A few years ago the same department would never think of allowing that same literature to be distributed to the box holders and at the general delivery for half a cent apiece, and minus the address. Today the postal authorities solicit that kind of business.

It is but one more departure from old conditions and the time may come when a city letter carrier instead of the letter bag now supplied may need some kind of motor transportation and a helper to deliver his mail in the city.

Things like these are what contribute to keep the cost of living at its present high peak. We want all kinds of service. The grocer, butcher, or other tradesman who is not prepared to deliver the smallest order to his customer is bound to lose out. In the old days people went shopping; today they pick up the telephone. And, strange to say, there are only a few who pause to consider that all this service costs money. Somebody must pay for it, and that somebody is generally the consumer. He should have little complaint. He it is who demands all this so-called "free" service, and he is receiving the benefits of the extra cost in the service which delivers his smallest purchases to his door almost as soon as he could do it himself.

## NEUSTADT'S PREDICAMENT

It has been suggested that the Grey County Council lend assistance to the village of Neustadt in the re-establishment of some of the citizens of that village who suffered serious loss in the flood of early April. It is not likely that the Council can do anything legally, but it is within the rights of the citizens to start a subscription list if it is found that Neustadt residents need monetary assistance to repair the damage. Canadians have been quick to subscribe to funds for the alleviation of suffering in distant lands. It is but right that they should have the same consideration for their own citizens who meet with reverses not of their own making. We have been told that the greatest damage in Neustadt was done to private property and that the highway and bridge destroyed are only a small portion of the loss. The case is at least worth investigating. Anyway, the residents of the stricken village might not feel inclined to accept assistance.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

An Edmonton, Alberta, reader, who did not disclose his identity, sent us a copy of THE JOURNAL of the 22nd ult., containing an editorial on the American Association for the Reconsideration of War Debts, of which Frederick W. Peabody is managing director. The Association does not favor the attitude of many in the United States, and advocates the cancellation of a certain portion of the debt. It is requested that we reproduce the article in THE CHRONICLE, but as we dealt with it fully in our issue of April 11, we feel that its repetition would serve no good purpose. We regret our subscriber did not furnish his name that we might forward a copy of the issue referred to.

Dr. Charles G. Turnbull, editor of the Sunday School TIMES, in an interview with the editor of Toronto GLOBE, said that "the youths of today need Christianity". Why the youths? Several old coots of our acquaintance might also be benefited.

The continued wet weather is playing havoc with the farmers. Early as Spring came, there have been but few warm days and then it rains. The farmers will soon have to get on the land if those big crops predicted for Grey County this year are to materialize.

The new cars with their four-wheel brakes can certainly be stopped a lot more quickly than the old variety. But drivers are taking more chances. Which makes it about even.

Wait until Durham gets her new pavements! What a change it will be from present conditions!

Mayor McBride of Toronto is suing THE TELEGRAM of that city for libel. Gosh, but we editors have a hard life!

Major H. O. D. Segrave is now Sir Henry Segrave, the intrepid automobile racer having been knighted by King George. We predict that Sir Henry has driven his last race. Somehow or other auto racing does not seem to fit in with knighthood, and to know that the winning car was driven by Sir Henry Segrave hasn't half the kick in it that the information that "Major" Segrave was at the steering wheel has.

## SERVICES HELD FOR LATE REV. W. J. BURNETT

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day, and not to me only but to all them that have loved his appearing." Paul's assurance of reward is striking. It was not always so. In earlier years he expressed the fear "lest I myself should be a castaway." But at the last he had no misgivings. In his extremity he has assurance from on high. The reward is "the crown of righteousness," elsewhere spoken as "a crown of life," a "crown of glory." He who bestows it is no other than the Lord himself.

The rewards in the world to come will be awarded according to a man's merit. He who is deserving shall obtain a prize.

We shall all be judged according to our works. Shall we not all strive to win the crown of righteousness? There could be no better memorial to any minister than the fact that those to whom he ministered had turned in sinners to the world to Jesus Christ and his righteousness. Oh that men's hearts should be opened to Christ that they might have the gospel call!

Popular in Saskatoon  
 A copy of the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix to hand refers to Mr. Burnett as a most popular pastor, and at the services held in Parkview church, Saskatoon, the building was packed to overflowing by the congregation he had served so well.

The service was in the hands of the provincial presbytery, the ministers from the various districts taking part. Canon Armitage of St. John's Cathedral as head of the Saskatoon ministerial association read the lesson. The sermon was preached by Rev. Samuel Farley, moderator of synod, Regina, who stressed the outstanding characteristics of Mr. Burnett mentioned the great work he had done in Saskatoon and for the Presbyterian church at large and declared that in all things Mr. Burnett had been a lamplighter.

The service was attended by people of every faith and denomination. Representatives were present from the university, from the different organizations within Mr. Burnett's parish and from the Cosmopolitan Club of which he was one of the outstanding members.

The speaker sketched his life briefly from his birth at Belfast, Ireland, 43 years ago, of his service with the forces during the war. He was a graduate in Arts of the University of Saskatchewan, and in theology of Knox College, Toronto.

A large number of the ministers of all denominations attended the funeral services, six of them acted as pall bearers. These were Rev. D. Smith of Vancouver, representing the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Rev. A. Leggett of Kindersley; Rev. G. H. Holmes, Rev. A. Ward, Rev. H. A. McLeod and Rev. J. P. McLeod, representative of the Ministerial Association.

Interment at Niagara Falls  
 A copy of last week's St. Marys Journal-Argus, before us, tells of the funeral service at Niagara Falls on Sunday, April 21. The service was conducted by Rev. W. J. Walker of Drummond Hill, formerly of St. Marys, an intimate friend of the deceased. Mr. Walker was assisted by Revs. R. A. Cranston of Welland and H. C. Feast of Thorold. Referring to his deceased friend, Mr. Walker said: "Mr. Burnett has been closely associated with me in the Christian work ever since we left school. We were on adjoining fields of labor, neighbors until 18 months ago. Our close association made us brothers. I got to know him intimately and loved him. I found in him a rare friend, adviser and helper. I looked upon him as one of the most promising young men of the church and forestry for him a brilliant future. The church has lost one of its finest young men. He was a man of rare promise, a conscientious student. He would not let anything shoddy pass by and used his time and energy in producing the best."

"The remains were interred in Fairview cemetery and were followed to their last resting place by a procession of over 100 cars," continues the Journal-Argus. "The many and beautiful floral tributes testified in no small manner to the love and esteem held for the deceased by a host of friends, among them being wreaths from the Durham Presbyterian church, Dromore and Knox, Holstein, and from the Masonic lodges and many organizations and friends. The pall bearers were from members of the Session of the Drummond Hill Presbyterian church, Mr. Gordon Geddes, a member of the Session of Durham Presbyterian church, Mr. Hugh L. Stewart of St. Marys, who was a close personal friend of Mr. Burnett."

## ABERDEEN W. I.

The Aberdeen branch of the Women's Institute held their April meeting at the home of Miss Sara McCormick. There were twenty-two ladies present. Mrs. D. McQuarrie read the Scripture lesson, followed by the Lord's prayer. The minutes of the March meeting were read and adopted. After the treasurer and committee reports were given the most interesting item on the afternoon's program took place when the president asked Miss Mary McEachern of Pricville if she would come forth and draw the lucky ticket for the Institute comforter, which fell to Mrs. Lawrence Chapman of Glenelg, who held the lucky ticket, 93. The ladies are planning and preparing for a garden party in May. The date will be announced later. A paper was given by Mrs. Lamb entitled "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," one by Mrs. William Noble on "Our Friends, the Birds," and Miss Margaret Fletcher gave one on "Housecleaning." Mrs. H. Hopkins gave a recitation entitled "A Free Seat" and a reading by Miss Ada Chapman, "The Song of the Farm" was given. The ladies had some community singing and the National anthem closed the meeting. Miss McCormick and helpers served lunch. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Cuff on May 17. All ladies are invited to attend.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss L. Truax is in Toronto this week attending the mid-summer millinery openings.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Greer and Miss Betty Greer of Toronto, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Mighton and family.

Mrs. (Rev.) B. D. Armstrong was in Hamilton last week attending the Provincial meeting of the Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society.

Mr. Ward Koch is spending a few days at his home here before taking up his duties at the Dominion Laboratory of Plant Pathology at St. Catharines.

Mrs. H. S. Dalgarno attended the mid-summer millinery display in Toronto on Monday, April 29. Accompanied by Miss MacArthur they motored down Sunday, returning Monday night by train.

The engagement is announced of Etie, daughter of Mrs. Levine and the late Mr. J. Levine, to Edward, son of Mr. W. Gold, and the late Mrs. Gold, of Toronto.—Mount Forest Confederation.

Mr. W. T. Smith and sister, Mrs. Baker, left this morning for Owen Sound, where they will take up residence. Many friends here wish them every success, but regret to lose such good citizens.

We had a pleasant call from Mr. George Arrowsmith of Saginaw, Mich., while in town last week visiting his mother, Mrs. S. Arrowsmith. As the representative for a large printing firm in the United States, the smell of printers' ink is familiar to Mr. Arrowsmith and he never falls when in town in giving us a call.

## HYMENEAL

McKINNON—WILSON  
 A very interesting wedding was quietly solemnized at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon at St. Luke's Anglican church, Ottawa, of Phyllis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aldham Wilson, of Brandon, Man., to Hector Brown McKinnon, son of the late Neil McKinnon and Mrs. McKinnon of Toronto, formerly of Pricville, Ont. Rev. J. E. Lindsay officiated.

The bride, who was unattended, wore a charming ensemble costume of navy blue with touches of white and a hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Lerle Johnson, accompanied the young couple and acted as witnesses.

Later a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon leaving later for Montreal en route to the south. They will take up residence in Ottawa on their return.

The bridegroom was formerly city editor of the Toronto Globe and was a member of the parliamentary press gallery at Ottawa for a number of years. Latterly he has been with the tariff board. He is well known in Durham, being a nephew of Mrs. A. Weir and a cousin of Mrs. J. M. Burgess.

The Chronicle extends best wishes to this old Pricville boy and bride.

## WILL YOU BE MISSED?

Some of these days you are going to die and pass to your reward, whatever it may be.  
 Will you be missed?  
 The Creator has ordained that man must carve his own career in this world and when he journeys to the great Unknown, he leaves behind him a record founded upon his own acts.  
 Will you be missed?  
 You may leave behind you a wife or children or other dependents. As you deal by them in life, so will their grief be gauged, and tempered by your death.  
 Will you be missed?  
 In this town you have friends and business associates and perhaps many acquaintances. They know you as you are, as you have been for these many years and they will judge you when you are dead.  
 Will you be missed?

In the home of darkened windows when sweet-toned music soothes the tired brain and the minister tells of the ways of a better life, are many people who knew you for your acts and your deeds, for that which you have performed or have left undone.  
 Will you be missed?

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## This Week's BARGAIN LIST

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- Babies' Rubber Pants, good quality 15c.
- Ladies' mercerized cotton Hose, double sole, in all shades, per pair 25c.
- Children's heavy ribbed cotton Hose, colors sand and Black, per pair 25c.
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Varney  
 (Our Own Correspondent)  
 The ladies' sewing bee was held at the home of Mrs. John Kerr on Wednesday of this week. Mrs. Thomas Stewart had moved back to their own home again. Mr. Alf McCabe made a trip to Toronto one day last week with driver and returned with four new cars.

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