

# 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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## THE PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS

There is no possibility that the Ontario Provincial elections will be held this spring, and in some quarters it is predicted that nothing definite will be known for some months, the present government carrying on for another session. From a fairly authentic source, however, THE CHRONICLE hears that it would be no surprise to learn that Premier Ferguson and his government would go to the country this coming September. The Prime Minister is non-committal, however, and any prophesies as to the date of the next elections must be regarded in the light of conjecture.

Whether the elections are to be held next September or next year, the passing of time makes it necessary for the various ridings, South Grey included, to prepare for the voting. In many ridings the candidates have already been nominated, but so far nothing has been done in South Grey, though the next few weeks will in all probability see a convention called and a candidate chosen.

Though not in close touch with the political pulse in this riding, THE CHRONICLE knows there is no dearth of candidates. At the present we are not well enough informed to prophesy, and cannot state whether or not Hon. Dr. Jamieson, former member and at present the chairman of the Mothers' Allowance Commission, is in the field. We do know, however, that if he wants the nomination he can have it.

We have no authority for making any announcements, but our private opinion is that Dr. Jamieson is making too much of a success of the Mothers' Allowance work and is too much taken up and interested in it to again embark in the arduous work of a political campaign. His present position calls for his full time and we doubt if, should he decide to be the candidate at the next election, another man equally as competent could be found to carry on his work. The importance of the Mothers' Allowance Act may be judged when it is known that the payments at present exceed seven thousand dollars daily—quite a large business concern, if you wish to designate it as such—especially when each case has to be thoroughly investigated.

Supposing that Dr. Jamieson declines to run, the question for the Conservatives of this riding to solve is: "Who shall be the man? So far, while we have heard rumors of prospective candidates, there is nothing on which to base a prophesy. Two Markdale men, W. D. Henry and A. E. Colgan, are mentioned, while from Flesherton the name of D. McTavish, long a Reeve of that village and a former Warden of the County, is spoken of. Herb Brigham of Hanover has also been referred to as a candidate.

The latest name to be mentioned, and one that it is predicted will be acceptable to the convention is Nelson Perdue, of Holland, providing, of course, that he can be persuaded to accept. Mr. Perdue has been nominated on many former occasions but has refused to stand. A prominent farmer of his township, returning officer at the last Dominion election, and long highly regarded by the rank and file of the Conservative party, it is felt that were he to enter the field he would be a tower of strength to the cause. Mr. Perdue has been a success as a farmer, has served his township for the past thirty-odd years, is a man of outstanding ability and integrity, and would stand an admirable show of redeeming the riding. He is a member of the former Methodist church, has never been anything but a temperance advocate, is a member of the Orange Lodge, and a man who would conscientiously and honorably represent the riding.

The only fly in the ointment so far is that it is not known whether Mr. Perdue will accept the nomination. He is a man who has never entertained political ambitions and it is quite possible that he may not be available. Anyway, our source of information is sufficiently authentic to state that he will have the opportunity of declining or accepting aid in either event it will be a case of the office seeking the man.

The holding of a convention, however, is the only thing that will clear the air and divulge the identity of the Conservative standard-bearer.

## POWER DISPUTE NEARING SETTLEMENT?

According to a report from Toronto, the power dispute in Bruce County between the Foshay interests of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, is about to be settled amicably. It is said that the Foshay people have approached the government with an offer to sell their power interests and it may be only a matter of a few days or weeks until the negotiations are completed.

An amicable settlement of this question should be made if at all possible, and the majority of Ontario's residents will agree with us when we say that the matter never should have gone as far as it has. The recent floods, causing the destruction of the Foshay dam, no doubt had a great deal to do with the private company and the hydro getting together, as with Southampton lost to the power magnates, the vote in Walkerton being doubtful, and the great cost of constructing the lines, the serving of the rural section only, may not have looked like a very profitable investment.

The power fight in Bruce has evidently caused more ructions between the citizens than the warring power interests. We have been told that considerable feeling has been aroused since the battle started, and can easily believe what we have been told

in the light of a dispatch stating that Saugeen Township had threatened to boycott the town of Southampton if they went ahead and made a contract with the Hydro. Saugeen has linked themselves with the Foshay. If this threat is carried out there will be only one end to it. Both the people of Saugeen and Southampton will suffer, and after a time the business will go along through the same old channels.

It is remarkable nowadays how bigoted we become, and how we try to use force when argument fails. No doubt the township of Saugeen would feel aggrieved if Southampton would refuse to do business with them for no other reason than that both municipalities had contracted with different companies for their electrical power; but really, this would be little different than the people of Saugeen are doing at present.

Those of us who are on the outside, but close enough to be in touch with the situation, can see that Saugeen Township residents were within their rights in electing to be served by the Foshay interests. They are not within their rights when they attempt to intimidate Southampton. We boast that this is a free country; then let each man choose for himself.

While THE CHRONICLE has always advocated Hydro, and with an experience of fifteen years thinks it has justified itself as no private business would, we cannot see that we have any right to berate another municipality for sticking to private power. That is their business. The same holds good in our case; we have tried Hydro and found it satisfactory, speak of it as we find it, and private ownership advocates have no right to berate either THE CHRONICLE or Durham for sticking to it and advocating it at every opportunity.

## WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

The Warton CANADIAN ECHO tells of vandalism by boys in that town, who recently invaded the Anglican church, ransacked the cupboards and closets, and ended up by spoiling the linen, the hymnbooks and other church equipment. Windows in the Roman Catholic church have also been broken, the shutters torn off and other damage done.

The CANADIAN-ECHO pointedly remarks that "the matter becomes so grave as no longer to permit excuse on the ground of child-like innocence," but expresses no opinion as to what should be done in a case of this kind. Who can?

There are a good many in every locality who will defend the youths with the old saying "boys will be boys," admitting, perhaps, that their conduct is not what it should be, but that their tender years should be considered and that they be let off with a warning of some kind. Others maintain that boys who wantonly destroy property have sacrificed any leniency by the courts and should be punished.

It is a subject that we would not care to make a positive ruling on. We must admit, though, that there is altogether too much of this kind of delinquency, and too much leniency will not tend to decrease the depredations. Getting back to the fountain head, it looks to us that it is the parents who are to blame more than any other persons. The start to these things is made in early life and if a boy or a girl of tender years is allowed to run the streets until all hours of the night the parents need register little surprise when they learn that they have finally run into trouble.

We do not believe the youth of today are any worse than those of any other day, if as bad; the difference is that in the good old days father's hand was heavy, and if a boy developed too much incorrigibility a few trips to the woodshed soon knocked that out of him. It is all very well to argue that a jail sentence might be the undoing of a purely mischievous youth and perhaps embitter him against society, but that is no reason why other people and other people's property should suffer on account of the inability of parents to govern their offspring.

Society is expected to be lenient with youthful delinquents, and usually is; why should not parents be expected to see to it that their children in turn are fair with society? One thing is certain, society is entitled to a reasonable protection from vandalism, and if the parents will take no action, there seems nothing left but that society should protect itself.

## THE THIRD DEGREE

From Maple Creek, Sask., comes a tale which if true is no credit to those responsible. A man, alleged to have killed a companion and subjected to the "third degree" by the police, has been granted a new trial. The evidence showed that a confession had been scared out of him by a threat that "You tell the truth or we will put a rope around your neck and stretch you longer than you are". Naturally, the accused denied the crime up to this point, but this denial did not suit his persecutors and he "confessed" to save himself from further torture.

The officials responsible for this outrage should be brought to task. We have no room in Canada for this "third degree" method and it is a tribute to our Canadian justice that the evidence was thrown out and a new trial ordered. It must require a lot of nerve for a plug-ugly police official to abuse a man confined in a cell, with no means of defending himself, and no chance of escape.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

"Who Speaks the Best English?" is the query of a well-known magazine. Certainly not our university students. Last summer we heard one of them, in talking to a friend say: "I think I done pretty good this year in my examinations."

An Orangeville man swallowed his false teeth and will recover. There may have been a reason. He may have swallowed some of his food without giving it the proper number of mastications and sent his store molars down to finish the job.

Mary Cuning of Collingwood is serving two months in gaol as the result of being proved guilty of selling liquor illegally. Not cunning enough, evidently.

## REEVES OF GLENELG TOWNSHIP FOR PAST EIGHTY YEARS

The following list of Reeves of the Township of Glenelg Township for the past 80 years has been furnished us by Mr. W. J. Ritchie, the Treasurer of the township. The list will no doubt prove of interest to a good many of our readers.

- 1850 — A. B. McNab
- 1851 — Peter Watson
- 1852-53 — A. B. McNab
- 1854-57 — James McGirr
- 1858 — John Black
- 1859-60 — James Edge
- 1861 — A. B. McNab
- 1862 — James Edge
- 1863 — S. B. Chaffey
- 1864-73 — James Edge
- 1874-75 — J. H. Hunter
- 1876-83 — Finlay McRae
- 1884 — Finlay McRae and Thomas Davis
- 1885 — Thomas Davis
- 1886-90 — Charles Moffat
- 1891-96 — George Binnie
- 1897-1900 — James Staples
- 1901-08 — Thomas McFadden
- 1909-11 — E. W. Hunt
- 1912 — William Weir
- 1913-16 — Thomas Nichol
- 1917-18 — Archibald MacCuaig
- 1919 — Thomas Nichol
- 1920-21 — William Weir
- 1922-23 — Archibald MacCuaig
- 1924-27 — William Weir
- 1928-29 — Thomas J. Brodie

Number of Years Served  
Following are the Reeves and the number of years they held office, the number being denoted by the figures in brackets.

- James Edge (13), F. McRae (9), T. McFadden (8), W. Weir (7), Geo. Binnie (6), C. Moffat (5), T. Nichol (5), A. B. McNab (4), J. McGirr (4), James Staples (4), A. MacCuaig (4), E. W. Hunt (3), J. H. Hunter (2), T. J. Brodie (2), P. Watson (1), J. Black (1), T. Davis (1), S. B. Chaffey (1), a total of 80 years.

It will be noted that 18 men of the township have served as Reeves during the past 80 years. Of these there are only five surviving, as follows:  
Thomas Davis, in Durham, George Binnie and William Weir, both still residents of the township and engaged wholly in farming, Thomas Nichol, engaged in farming and foreman of the road building gang on the County Good Roads system, and Thomas J. Brodie, the present Reeve.

## OPERATIONS AT HOSPITAL

On Tuesday of last week Mr. James Pride of Dundalk underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. James Hopkins of Bentinck underwent a similar operation on Wednesday. On Thursday Mrs. Eugene Weppeler of town was operated on for appendicitis and Mr. Otto Bauer of Bentinck for lumbar abscess. All patients are progressing favorably. Dr. D. B. Jamieson was the surgeon.

## BORN

Pratt—In Glenelg, May 18, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pratt, a daughter.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. (Dr.) A. M. Bell and children are spending a few days with her father and brothers at Stayner.

Mr. Thomas Acheson visited for a few days last week with his daughter, Mrs. J. Renwick, Toronto.

Miss Beulah Stonehouse, Toronto, was a visitor for a few days at the parental home here.

Mr. Lindsay Hunt of the Royal Bank staff, Toronto, visited with his mother, here, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lyons, Toronto, visited with Mr. James Brown and Mrs. W. Hargrave, over Sunday.

Misses Mary and Belle Morton visited with their sister at Guelph over the week-end.

Miss Mima Hargrave of Toronto visited with her mother, Mrs. W. Hargrave, Lambton street.

Mrs. T. E. Arkell of Palmerston spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. M. H. Bailey.

Miss Jean Derby, Toronto, and Mr.

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John Derby, Guelph, visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Derby, over the week-end.

Mrs. Groves, of the Queen Street parsonage, left Tuesday for Saskatoon, Sask., where she will visit for a time with her daughter.

Mr. Robert Little, Owen Sound, visited with his sisters, Mrs. S. P. McComb and Mrs. T. McComb, over Sunday.

Messrs. W. Glass, H. McCrae, M. Knechtel, R. E. Richardson and B. Saunders, were in Waterloo Saturday attending the funeral service of the late Mrs. H. G. Mistele.

Rev. B. D. Armstrong was in Hamilton Sunday and occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's Presbyterian church in that city, taking the place of Rev. Dr. Drummond, who preached anniversary services here.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gilchrist, Mrs. D. Henderson and daughter Betsy, of near Tara, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison on Sunday and attended the anniversary services in the Presbyterian church while here.

Messrs. J. P. Hunter, W. S. Hunter, with Mrs. W. C. Pickering, Miss Etlic Hunter, and Mrs. G. MacDonald of Chatsworth, were in Waterloo Friday, motoring there on receipt of a telephonic message announcing the death of Mrs. H. G. Mistele.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sheridan, Loree, Ontario, announce the engagement of their cousin, Violet A. Smith, R.N., a former member of the staff of Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital, to Norman Russell Brown, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Clarksburg, Ontario, the marriage to take place early in June.



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