

McDonald, Grierson Win In Bentinck

Comparatively Small Vote Felled Last Monday Owing to Blocked Roads.—Bailey, McCaslin and Turnbull Were Elected to Council.

D. J. McDonald was returned as Deputy Reeve in Monday's election in Bentinck, defeating George Magwood and Alex. Hopkins, respectively. Magwood was Deputy Reeve last year, while Hopkins, two years on the Council contested the deputy reeveship for the first time. It was a grand battle, even with a small vote, McDonald winning out by 78 votes, while Grierson was returned the victor by only five votes over Mr. Hopkins. For the Council, out of a field of seven, with three to be elected, Messrs. Charles Bailey, Robert McCaslin and James Turnbull were the lucky men, being elected in the order named. Turnbull's nearest opponent, James McDougall, had 195 votes to Turnbull's 257, with the poll leader, Bailey, 299, and McCaslin 285. The vote by polls is given in another column. Rather than run in a three-cornered contest, last year's reeve, H. W. Hunt, retired, and with he and Magwood both in the south end of the township we believe he did the wise thing. In a three-cornered contest with a split vote it was a foregone conclusion that neither Hunt nor Magwood would have a chance of election. With Monday's results over, it is freely said in many circles that had Hunt and McDonald contested the election, the former would have been elected. However, elections are like horse races and the result can not be told until the race is over, but at that it is conceded that Hunt was a stronger man than Magwood.

The election for Grierson was a close contest and while congratulations are in order to Mr. Grierson on his victory, Mr. Hopkins must also be congratulated on the excellent run he made in his first attempt. Mr. Grierson is one of the township's old war horses and has a township-wide acquaintance. For Mr. Hopkins to step into the field and give the veteran the chase of his life in which his majority was a matter of only five votes, is remarkable and it is predicted Mr. Hopkins will be heard from next year.

In the Council it was conceded all along that Bailey would head the poll. There were no conjectures on the other members other than that being in the running alone in the east end of the township. It was hardly thought that McCaslin, of last year's Council that survive the battle, but the wily would survive with flying colors. Turnbull, was miles ahead of other applicants for the position who failed to make the grade.

Other Officials Elected
The results in some of the surrounding municipalities which held their election on Monday were:
Artemesia—For reeve, H. Corbett, 365; Alex. Cameron, 291; Corbett majority, 75. For deputy reeve, J. A. Davis, 235; J. B. Whitaker, 313; Davis' majority, 12. C. D. Meldrum, Garnet McGee and William Burnett were elected by acclamation.

Collingwood—W. I. Field as reeve, defeating J. J. Buchanan by a vote of 576 to 483, and Emerson Brown defeated Wilbert Collins for deputy reeve by a vote of 606 to 429. This was one of the hottest contests in the history of the township. The councillors elected were: Ross R. Bowser, 546; J. C. Gardner, 534, and J. N. Knuff 587.

Plesherton—Municipal voting resulted for reeve, Daniel McTavish, 116; A. J. McAuley, 100; McTavish majority, 16. For Council, C. Richardson, G. B. Welton, F. J. Matheson and James O. Dargavel were elected by acclamation.

PREACHES FAREWELL SUNDAY

Rev. H. Crickington of Mulock Baptist church is preaching his farewell sermon on Sunday, December 8, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Crickington is well known in this part of the country, as a preacher of excellent merit. His many friends will be sorry to see him leave for his new charge in Montreal next week.

"Have you left anything?" is a sign placed in many large hotels. But the guest would be: "Have you anything left?"



LANGUAGE QUESTION FORCES RESIGNATION
M. Henri Jasper resigned as Prime Minister of Belgium after his Cabinet had disagreed on the question of substituting Flemish for French as the official language of Ghent University.



FLIES OVER SOUTH POLE
Commander Richard Byrd, who this week made history by flying across the South Pole in an aeroplane.

Holland Twp. Boy Won Chicago Honors

Secured Second Place in Exhibit of Peas at International Hay and Grain Show Now in Progress.

The province of Ontario has more than held her own this year at the International Hay and Grain Show at Chicago. Each day's dispatches tell of some new honors won in cattle, sheep or grain, but of them all the one of the most interesting locally is the winning of the second prize by George Lee of Holland Township for his exhibit of one peck of peas. This honor to Mr. Lee and to Grey County is a direct result of the school fairs held in the county each year and sponsored by the agricultural department of the Ontario Government.

The peas were first exhibited at the Holland Township school fair where they took first prize. They were next shown at the County Fair at Mesford and came first in a competition of 24 entries. At the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto they received third place in a field of 15. On the insistence of the Grey County branch of the department of agriculture, which persuaded their being shown at Toronto, they were entered at the big show at Chicago, where they took second prize against the world.

Young Lee's exhibit is a wonderful tribute to the good, and also the possibilities of the County School Fairs and should prove an incentive to schools and communities not now represented to participate.

AGED EX-WARDEN SAYS YOUNG MEN LIVE TOO FAST

The annual wardens' banquet of the Elgin County Council was held in the banquet hall of the Y. M. C. A. with over 100 county officials, ex-wardens and guests in attendance. In response to the toast to the ex-wardens, S. S. Clutton, of Vienna, replied. Although he is over 90 years of age, Mr. Clutton spoke with the energy and enunciation of men half his age.

He went back to his early youth and said that the reason he has lived so long was that he was reared in a log house and had lived in the woods. "The young men of today go too fast; we plowed with oxen and they went plenty fast enough," he stated. "But let these fellows go, you can't stop 'em." In conclusion, Mr. Clutton gave from memory Robbie Burns' "Afton Water". J. C. Dance also responded briefly.

HELD GOOD DANCE

The dance in the new show rooms of the Durham Furniture Co. last Friday night under the auspices of the Red Cross Hospital was a most pleasant affair, though we have not learned just how successful it was financially. The attendance was not large, but considering the evening it was a whole lot better patronized than was expected by the committee. Last Friday evening as most everyone will remember was the climax of the big storm that visited us over the week-end. Most of the motor cars were five or six that did garage and the five or six that did venture out had their troubles in navigating the deep snow. There were in the neighborhood of 100 present so the profits would not be large. Those who did venture out were well repaid for with excellent music and a jovial crowd, the patrons spent a very enjoyable evening. It is hoped that better weather will prevail for the next dance around the Christmas season, the date of which has not yet been announced. The music for the affair was supplied by the Wingham orchestra.

Four-Day Storm Blocked All Roads

Commencing Wednesday Night of Last Week, Over Thirty Inches of Snow Fell, and More is Coming.—All Roads Are Blocked and Local Garges Had a Busy Time.

Wednesday night of last week ushered in the first real storm of the winter, and it was a good one. It was a four-day storm and at times reached the blizzard stage, the snow falling so fast that it was difficult to see to the middle of the road. As a result of the snowfall and the wind the local garages had a busy time hauling in stalled cars and in several instances farm teams were requisitioned to get the machines to town. It was a veritable harvest for the garages, though they earned their money. The storm reached its highest peak on Thursday and Friday and while it subsided somewhat on Tuesday there still more to come and it will take another good blow if it is thought for the weather to get its bad behavior out of its system. As this is being written this Wednesday morning a total of 31.25 inches of snow has fallen and a light fall is still coming down.

Roads Are Blocked
The net result of the storm is that nearly all roads are blocked, motor traffic being tied up entirely. It is possible now to get through the country with horse and cutter or sleigh but the going is difficult as those in charge of getting out the vote in Bentinck Township on Monday can testify. Further east the snow is deeper and in Glengel Township, which also votes in December, it was found also votes in Friday and Saturday to get through with the ballot boxes. As a result the election has been postponed to next Monday.

Last week-end's storm seemed general all over this section of North America, and while this section of Ontario was the only one to get a heavy snowfall, bad storms are reported from nearly all sections. In Toronto and further south it was raining at the time this northern section was getting the snow, but this week heavy falls of snow have been reported from all over the province. On the Great Lakes, too, considerable damage is done through happily the loss is light, comparatively, most of the ships having sought shelter or remained in port.

December to be Cold
According to J. B. Boves, the weather prophet from Chatsworth, this month is to be cold. As Mr. Boves was one hundred per cent correct in predicting last week's storm, his word will now be taken as official and his prediction, he cold December treated will produce the most severe weather possible, the cold, snow and frost and anything else that could be disagreeable. January, however, is to be mild, the warmest in a 30-year period. Spring, according to Mr. Boves, is to be ushered in early, possibly about the middle of March.

Old-timers state that never before was the fall of snow so heavy in this district so early in the season.

Grey County Ladies Won In Parade

Prizes Secured in Competition of Over One Hundred by Mrs. Giles, Durham, and Mrs. Thompson, Markdale.

During the session of the Women's Institute at the King Edward hotel, Toronto, last week, a parade of members clad in shawls owned by their great-grandmothers was held which proved most interesting and attracted considerable attention. There were shawls in the parade more than 200 years old and they consisted of silken paisleys from Inverness, rare embroidered Indian shawls, taffetas and Scotch-irish plaids. Thursday's Globe contained a photo of the winners, which are: Miss Valpie Easton of Palermo, Mrs. H. A. Thompson of Markdale, Mrs. T. H. Keys of Maple, Mrs. J. F. Giles of Durham, Miss Hazel Dixon of Weston, Miss Flora Jenkins of Little Britain and William Harris of Rockwood.

Amongst those receiving special mention were Mrs. H. Maxwell of Heathcote, Grey County, in a paisley shawl 110 years old; Mrs. Robert Boyes of Leffroy, whose shawl came from Edinburgh 100 years ago; and Mrs. C. Watt of Bondhead.

We congratulate our townswoman, Mrs. Giles, in coming fourth in an entry of over 100, and it is unnecessary to say that Mrs. Giles was both surprised and delighted when her name was mentioned as one of the prize winners.

NOT IN EARTH'S SOIL

They are but blind who would deny High lineage to the human soul, Dispute its immortality. And doubt the glory of the goal For every hour the soul refutes Allegiance to the common clay. Not in Earth's soil its being roots And not of Earth its tranquil sway. A lesser force would turn aside From tasks which every soul must meet, From barriers it must override, From challengers it must defeat. Yet the imperial will survives Unnumbered shocks and scars of time; It speaks through high and humble lives, The soul, whose message is sublime.



JAPAN'S CANADIAN MINISTER
Hon. Iyema Tokugawa, Japan's first Minister to Canada, photographed after his recent arrival in Ottawa in his official uniform.

DRUNK DRIVERS LIKELY TO LOSE BOTH PERMITS

Department of Highways and Liquor Control Board Will Act Together Against This Menace.

An alliance formed between the Provincial Department of Highways and the Liquor Control Board, for the purpose of curbing drunken auto drivers and habitual liquor buyers, is likely to bring about large cancellation of liquor and driving permits.

Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Minister of Highways, in announcing the program, is carrying out the one of Premier Ferguson's election pledges to curb drunken driving, and excessive liquor purchasing.

Both departments will have an interchange of cancelled permits but how many this will affect is not stated. In the past year 1700 motorists have had their driving licenses suspended, while it is said the number of liquor permits cancelled is equally great. Investigation will precede cancellation, but Hon. Mr. Henry did not say that cancellation of one permit will mean cancellation of the other forthwith. His statement reads: "The Government feels that where liquor permits have been cancelled it might also be advisable in the interests of highway safety and as a deterrent to the individuals concerned, that the operators' licenses should also be suspended."

DEATH PENALTY ONLY EFFICIENT PENALTY FOR MURDER

The Vancouver Sun makes the following observations: The murder rate in United States averages 93 per hundred thousand of population. In some American cities it runs as high as 35 and over. Vancouver's murder rate is 1.6, Montreal's 1.7, and Toronto 1.9. The death penalty, strictly and quickly applied does not prevent murder. It is a grisly and a hideous thing to deliberately take a man out in the grey dawn and hang him by the neck until he is dead. It is a barbarous and cruel. And it is a horrible thing to take a man's life in order that other people will be taught not to kill. It is not true justice to make one man suffer for the potential crimes of another. But society is not as much concerned with true justice as with the protection of its members. The man who commits murder outlaws himself. He must be dealt with, not so much in fairness to himself, as fairness to society. Society has the first claim to justice. Justice to the criminal is secondary. Justice is the goddess of the community, not the goddess of the erring individual. The death penalty does not secure justice for the murderer, but it does secure justice for the community. No substitute for its grim and ghastly efficiency has yet appeared.

THOSE BEWITCHING GLENELG ROADS

The wild and picturesque roads in Glengel Township, Grey County, have been made impassable by snow, and the municipal election has been postponed. But the people of this Scottish settlement are all philosophers, and an election a week or so hence will be considered just as satisfactory as one held on the official date. There must be scenes along the country roads up there just now that would delight the eye of an artist.—Toronto Globe of December 4.

OBITUARY

MRS. JOHN REDFORD

Mrs. John Redford of Bentinck Township, passed away in Durham hospital Wednesday morning of last week, and interment was made Friday afternoon in Hanover cemetery, the services being taken by Rev. Dr. Morrow, pastor of Hanover United church.

The late Mrs. Redford was born in Bentinck 54 years ago and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Mervyn. She grew up in her native township and 30 years ago married Mr. Redford. She had been a resident of the township practically her whole life. For the past several months she has been a sufferer from diabetes and was admitted to Durham Hospital a week before her death for treatment. Though she improved for a time she did not respond to medical attention and passed away on Wednesday of last week.

Surviving are her husband, Mr. John Redford and four children: Mrs. Randall (Mary), Durham; William, Alex. and Mervyn, all at home, her aged mother, 86 years of age, and five brothers and one sister, Robert of Seattle, Wash.; James, of Mayor, Yukon; Joseph of Kaslo, B.C.; George of Bentinck; Mark of Elmwood, and Mrs. John McNeill of Listowel.

The late Mrs. Redford was a member of the United church at Lamash and was very highly respected by a wide circle of friends who will regret her departure.

W. B. VOLLET

Last week we referred briefly to the passing of Mr. W. B. Vollet, whose death occurred on Wednesday night of last week. Mr. Vollet, who was in his 88th year, died just four weeks to the day after he was forced to relinquish his duties as town clerk. He suffered very little and his passing was but the wearing out of his hitherto strong frame, due to his great age. While confined to his home he was by no means bedfast all the time, and on the afternoon preceding his death was able to sit up in bed from 3 to 8 o'clock, passing away about two hours afterwards.

The funeral was held from his late residence on Lambton street on Friday afternoon and was under the auspices of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he had been a member for more than 50 years. The brethren marched in a body from the lodge room to the home and members of the Order officiated as pall bearers. They were, A. C. Kinnee, J. Ritchie, G. Jucksch, T. Whitmore, J. N. Murdock and W. J. McFadden. The services were in charge of T. V. Bell, N. C. of the Order, and were most impressive. Rev. E. Hayes, the family pastor and a brother Odd Fellow, conducted the service at the home and grave, and as the chaplain of the Odd Fellows also took part with the brethren in their last rites. Interment was made in Trinity church cemetery. As a tribute to an old floral tokens were on the beautiful casket, the I. O. O. F. and Trinity church, of which he was a lifelong member, being represented.

The late Mr. Vollet was born in Toronto in 1842, where he spent the first seven years of his life, the family then moving to Yonkers, N.Y., for two or three years. They returned to Toronto and came to Durham in 1854, where the deceased has been a resident ever since. Mr. Vollet took part in many of the pioneer activities of the day and as a young man for a time followed the occupation of teamster between Durham and Guelph. He later learned the carpenter trade and followed this with considerable success until 1902, when he received the appointment of town clerk. He has filled most capably ever since.

Nearly 62 years ago he was married to Miss Mary Sutherland, who died four years ago last March, and to them were born a family of two sons and one daughter, Robert at Hamilton, John at Vancouver, and Miss Sarah at home, who ministered to her aged parent during his last illness.

CHRISTMAS SEALS NOT TO BE PLACED ON FACE OF ENVELOPES

The post office department in London has issued the following announcement on the use of Christmas or charity stamps. "The attention of the public is drawn to the fact that the affixing of the face or address side of letters or other mail of charitable institutions, etc., is not permitted, but there is no objection to such stamps being placed on the backs of letters or other mail matter as stickers, provided they do not resemble postage stamps in form and design and do not bear numerals or indications of value. "Letter or other mail matter bearing stamps of charitable institutions, etc., on the face will be returned to the senders as violating the postal regulations." Fresh Market: "Are those eggs strictly fresh?" Grocer: "Boy, see if those eggs are cool enough to sell yet."

Glengel Electors Vote Next Monday

Blocked Condition of Roads Prevented Delivery of Ballot Boxes Last Week, and Postponement Had to be Made.—Will Vote on December 9.

It snowed so hard in Glengel last Thursday, Friday and Saturday that vehicular traffic was completely blocked. This in itself is not regarded as a hardship in this country which each winter sees blocked roads, but coming just before election it was quite an inconvenience to the electors of Glengel in that the ballot boxes, which were to have been delivered on Friday or Saturday, could not be turned over to the various deputy returning officers and as a result the election slated for last Monday could not be held. Providing that the storm does not continue and that the roads will be opened up by next Monday, this will be a good thing, as had the election been held on the date set only a very small portion of the electors could have got to the polls.

Something better is hoped for on Monday, the 9th inst., the date set for the postponed polling, and all interested are requested to keep the new date in mind and register their votes accordingly.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL ON REDUCED CHARGE

Mr. J. E. Clark, Former Townsman to be Tried in Stratford on December 10 on Charge of Criminal Negligence.

Mr. J. E. Clark, Listowel, appeared before Police Magistrate T. L. Hamilton in MacDonald's hall last Tuesday morning for a hearing on the charge of manslaughter preferred by the Crown resulting from an automobile accident on September 23 last in which Mr. Stanley Antiknap lost his life.

Mr. Clarke was defended by Mr. H. B. Morphy, K.C., Listowel, and Mr. K. W. Murphy of Toronto, with Crown Attorney McPherson prosecuting. On being called to the witness box Mr. Clarke was informed the charge of manslaughter had been reduced to criminal negligence and following is the charge laid by Robert J. Beatty, of the Provincial Police, Stratford, and read by Magistrate Hamilton: James Edgar Clarke did have charge of a motor vehicle, which in the absence of precaution or care might endanger human life. Did not take precaution against and use reasonable care to avoid such danger and by reason of such omission, without lawful excuse, did cause grievous bodily injury to one Stanley Antiknap. Magistrate Hamilton then informed defendant he could elect to be tried by him or be tried by jury. Mr. Clarke, on the advice of his attorneys, elected to be tried by jury and was committed for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction, to be held in Stratford on the tenth day of December. Mr. Clarke also has the privilege of changing his decision and can elect to be tried by the County Judge. He was released on bail.

BENTINCK LADY HAS BROKEN THIGH

Miss S. J. Potter Admitted to Durham Hospital Tuesday Following Fall at Her Farm Home.

Miss S. J. Potter, 75 years of age, and a resident of Bentinck Township nearly all her life, is a patient at Durham hospital suffering from what is believed to be a broken thigh. The accident occurred on Sunday morning when Miss Potter was shovelling some snow on her premises on the second concession. In some manner she lost her balance and fell, fracturing her leg. Neighbors soon found her and had her taken to the house, where they looked after her until Tuesday when it was decided that the proper place for one in her condition was the hospital. To date there has been no X-ray made of the fracture and nothing definite is known but it is believed that her hip is fractured. Inquiry at the hospital yesterday elicited the information that Miss Potter was doing well and was quite cheerful in her new location, though it took considerable persuasion to make her leave her farm on which she has lived so long.

As the accident means that the injured lady will be confined to hospital for some time, arrangements have been made to sell off the stock and produce on her farm next Thursday, an advertisement of which appears in another column. We trust Miss Potter may continue to improve and that no serious results will follow her unfortunate accident.

Knows His Chuck

A lady was entertaining the small son of her married friend. "Are you quite sure you can cut your meat, Willy?" she asked after watching him a moment. "Oh, yessum," he replied, without looking up. "We often have it as tough as this at home."—The Lyre.

TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Snow
Thursday	13	20	13	8.90
Friday	06	20	02	6.75
Saturday	18	20	08	7.50
Sunday	12	26	19	3.90
Monday	24	26	19	3.50
Tuesday	22	29	20	2.50
Wednesday	21	28	18	7.00