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## 147th Veterans Held Get-Together

Largest Gathering Since Armistice Assembled at Owen Sound Thanksgiving Day and Had "Grand and Glorious" Time.

By "Signalers"

The second reunion of ex-members of the 147th Battalion was held on Monday of this week in Owen Sound, and all present from town report a good time. The event was marked by the attendance of many from far distant points, two ex-members coming all the way from Arizona. The Border Cities had a contingent of over twenty, and it indicates the friendly spirit which exists among the boys of this battalion when so many would travel such great distances in order to renew acquaintance with their fellows.

Unfortunately, the weather was anything but good during the Memorial service, and parade in the afternoon. It seemed that every time the boys took their hats off in honor of the flag, or during prayer, the rain would come down just a little bit harder, but it would have taken a great deal more than that to dampen the spirits of the troops that day, and as we have since heard of no casualties, apparently no damage was done. The forming up of the Battalion on the market square was reminiscent of the early days of 1916 and the familiar voices of Sgt.-Major Alf. Andrews and Col. G. F. McFarland brought back many memories, happy and otherwise, to those on parade. The manner in which some of the boys "formed fours" and performed some of the other simple military evolutions necessary to transfer the troops from the market square to the Monument was a treat to anyone but a soldier. However, all seemed to remember how to "Dismiss" when that command was given.

The Grey Regiment Armories on 10th street West was the scene of many reunions during the interim between the parade and the dinner. "Well, if it isn't So-and-So"; "Where have you been since 1917?"; "I'd forgotten that fellow ever existed"; "Let's have another," and other similar remarks were the order of the day, and when "Come to the cook-house door" sounded at 5.30 all were on hand to do justice to the "Army" meal (the like of which was never seen in the army) which was prepared and served by the boys themselves. Following the feed a short toast list was disposed of. The King, Fallen Comrades, ably proposed by Major G. D. Fleming, and responded to by two minutes silence. The "147th Battalion" was proposed by Col. G. F. McFarland. An interesting part of the programme which followed the toasts was the presentation of a silver cigarette case to Major G. D. Fleming, a token of the appreciation of the boys for the part he played in making the reunion possible.

Eulogistic references were made to the excellent work performed by the committee in charge of the arrangements for the get-together and a new set of officers was appointed to take care of the next event, which will be held in 1935.

Each succeeding reunion seems to cement more strongly the ties of friendship which were formed in those great days of 1915-1918. The memories that are revived, the events recalled which only those who shared them can really appreciate, provide an experience which will always be cherished by those attending, and we feel sure that Thanksgiving Day 1935 will see a reunion even more successful than the previous two. We are looking forward to it now.

## MOTHER EARTH'S AGE

The earth is 2,000,000,000 years old, according to the estimate of Prof. Dr. Otto Hahn, director of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute at Berlin. The noted physicist bases his calculations on the quantity of lead to be found on the surface of the earth.

"The progress made recently in the study of radio-active substances and the disintegration of the atom enables us to fix the age of the world with fair accuracy," the professor told an audience of German scientists. "Uranium and thorium, contained in certain minerals are converted in the course of millions of years, into radium, and finally returned into uranium lead and thorium lead. The lead findings help us to determine the age of the earth at 2,000,000,000 years."

## HELD ANNUAL DANCE

The I.O.E. held their annual Thanksgiving dance in the town hall Monday evening. Music was provided by an Owen Sound orchestra. A good crowd was in attendance.

## INTERESTING FACTS IN LIFE OF OYSTER

**Tiny Creature Invisible to Naked Eye When Spawned—Grown Oyster Rich in Valuable Health Elements—Flesheries of Both Canadian Coasts Producers.**

Oysters in the shell belle their looks. The shell is inert and, at a casual glance, not very interesting looking, but as a matter of fact there are many interesting points in the oysters' life story.

For instance, one reason why the oysters are valuable in the diet is because, in addition to containing vitamins, they are rich in iron in assimilable form and have copper too, so that they are useful in preventing anaemia.

That's on the dietary side, and it is a bit of information worth keeping in mind.

It's worth keeping in mind too, that oysters of excellent quality are produced both in British Columbia waters and on Canada's Atlantic coast.

But there are many interesting facts in the natural history side of the oysters' story.

For instance, in the course of investigations made in Prince Edward Island waters for the Dominion Department of Fisheries in the past two or three years it has been found that when the oysters are two years old about three out of four of them are males but "as they grow older the proportion of old oyster, three-quarters or more may produce eggs." The eggs, by the way, are only about 1/500th of an inch in diameter when they are spawned.

In a few hours after its fertilized egg develops into a small larva, which swims about by using tiny vibrating hairs upon its surface. Before long a shell grows over the larva, which can still swim slowly. After about three weeks the free-swimming period is ended and the oyster, now about 1/75th of an inch long, is ready to "settle" or, in other words, to cement itself to the more curved half of its shell to some suitable surface, such as a rock or a shell or a piece of brush.

### Travelling Days Over

After that the oyster can do no more moving. It cannot go about after the minute plants or animals upon which it fed when at the larva stage of life. "For the rest of its life," to quote Dr. A. W. H. Needler, the Biological Board scientist who has carried on the Prince Edward Island investigations arranged by the department, "it obtains its food from the water which is made to flow through its shell by minute hairs beating rhythmically. It has an elaborate mechanism by which the solid particles are taken from the water; some are selected and taken into the mouth and the rest are rejected."

But the oysters do not feed all the year round, neither do the young nor the mature. Canada's Atlantic Coast oysters stop feeding when the temperature of the water is lower than about 41 degrees Fahrenheit. As the water is usually colder than this from November to April the oysters' growth is in the other six months of the year. They usually take from three to five growing seasons after their first winter to reach "marketable size," which is a size of three and a half inches for those of round shape and four inches in the case of the "long" fellows.

### Shaped by Environment

Nor is it by chance that one oyster is of rounded shape and another is not. The shape of an oyster, as Mr. Needler explains, is influenced by the conditions under which it grows. "If growing on soft bottom where it sinks slowly, or if growing in a place where silt is settling, the oyster, being unable to move, must grow long to keep the lips of its shell above the mud. On soft bottom an oyster tends to be long and narrow and its shape is rounded on hard, clean bottom."

"Under conditions which favor rapid growth it appears that the oyster grows flatter and has the edges of its shell less curved the most 'cupped' oysters being found where the growth is slow. Oysters of the most valuable shape—most nearly round, with strong, cupped shells—are produced where they grow singly on hard, clean bottoms where the water is relatively cool and salt."

### Year's Output

The oyster found on the Dominion Atlantic coast is the specie known as scientifically *Ostrea virginica*. In British Columbia there are three species—the Native, and two varieties introduced originally by means of seed oysters, the Japanese, and the Eastern. All told more than 24,300 barrels of these tasty shellfish were marketed from the Dominion fisheries last year. New Brunswick produced some 13,

## Bishop Seager Held Confirmation Service

Twenty-four Candidates For Confirmation Presented and Duly Received into the Church.

Confirmation at Trinity church, Durham, on October 10, was a very inspiring and impressive ceremony. Twenty-three candidates were presented by the Rev. J. Billingsley, incumbent of the parish, to His Lordship, the Bishop of Huron, to receive the rite. One candidate from Markdale was presented by the Rev. C. O. Pherrill, rector of that parish. The Bishop's Chaplain for the evening was the Rev. W. C. Allison, rector of the combined churches of Hanover and Durham.

The Bishop's sermon, delivered to a packed church, was a simple and direct explanation of confirmation, in which His Lordship gave historical reasons for the rite, and in a very beautiful and impressive manner, its spiritual significance and value.

During the taking of the alms, Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder sang very beautifully the sacred solo, "Open the Gates."

### Children's Service Next Sunday

Next Sunday in Trinity church will be observed as the annual Children's Day, this special service being called for 11 o'clock in the morning. This day has been set aside for the Anglican churches throughout Canada. Children are expected to assemble with their parents for the service, which will be especially for the younger members of the congregation.

### Thanksgiving at St. Paul's

Harvest thanksgiving services are set for St. Paul's, Egremont, for Sunday, October 23, at 3 and 7.30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. Billingsley. On Monday after the fowl supper, one of the features of the programme to be presented will be an illuminating and humorous address by Rev. W. A. Henderson of St. Marks, Hamilton, who will take for his subject, the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph. Mr. Henderson was a former employee at this institution and his address will be interesting.

## VARNEY ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary service of Varney United church was held last Sunday, the services being taken by Rev. C. G. F. Cole of Kenilworth, a former popular pastor of Durham. Both services on Sunday were well attended to hear the inspiring messages of Mr. Cole, who still retains his popularity with the Varney people. On Monday evening a fowl supper was served, and this, too, was well attended, though the evening was anything but pleasant. An excellent programme was given, but this is all we have been able to learn of it. As no report was sent in and it is utterly impossible to attend everything, we regret we cannot give a better account of the affair, and doubly regret we were unable to be present and get a crack at some of the excellent fowl and "accompaniments" that went to make up the supper.

## HELD RECEPTION

Mrs. Victor A. Blyth received for the first time since her marriage last Thursday afternoon at her home on Lambton street. The home was very prettily decorated for the occasion. Mrs. Blyth wore her wedding gown of white satin and corsage bouquet. Receiving with her was her mother, Mrs. Hope of Toronto, and Miss Winnie Blyth. Mrs. Cameron Lauder and Mrs. J. A. Aldred poured tea and Mrs. W. Blyth and Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Pickering served the guests. The door was attended by little Jean Lauder.

## ANOTHER BROKEN ARM

George Glass, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glass, Bruce street, joined the list of those suffering from broken arms lately when a car he was cranking backfired late Tuesday afternoon, breaking his right arm. The fracture was given medical attention and the patient is doing as well as can be expected.

400 barrels of the total, Prince Edward Island over 5,300 barrels, British Columbia 3,555 barrels, and Nova Scotia slightly more than 2,000 barrels.

Up to the present the annual Canadian production has not been equal to the demand, but with increasing attention to the possibilities offered by the oyster industry, and the employment in suitable areas of "oyster farming" methods, such as those now being put into effect in some areas in Prince Edward Island, the output may be expected to increase. In the meantime, those people who buy Canadian oysters get a delicious, healthful sea food.

## Jack Miner, Naturalist, Lectures Next Week

Canada's Famous Bird Man and Protector of Wild Animal Life to Speak Here Tuesday Under Auspices of the Women's Institute.

The October meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Nichol on Thursday afternoon of last week. The president, Mrs. James Mather presided. The meeting was opened by singing the Institute Ode, followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. It was moved and seconded that the Institute have Jack Miner give his famous lecture in the town hall, the date later arranged for being Tuesday of next week, the 18th.

During the meeting Mrs. Giles, the efficient secretary, was presented with a gift in appreciation of her services, for which she thanked the ladies. In the programme, Mrs. McFadden sang a solo, "The little old church in the valley," Mrs. S. MacArthur gave a reading, "Mail Order Babies," which was very interesting and humorous. Mrs. J. C. Cook was guest speaker and gave an excellent address on "Helps to Happiness" which was very much enjoyed by all. Mrs. C. McGirr sang a solo in her winning manner, and Mrs. J. M. Burgess read a short Thanksgiving story. The roll call was answered by Health Hints.

Miss Annie Weir was appointed to the town Relief Committee as the Institute's representative.

The meeting was closed in the usual manner by singing the National Anthem. Mrs. Smith's group was responsible for the programme and refreshments.

## BUSINESS NOT "SLOW" DECLARES WRITER

But "Business Has Changed," According to His Reasoning, Just as it Did Nearly Forty Years Ago When Bicycles Were the Fad.

An Exchange says:—Many wonder that "Business is so slow." Retail merchants agree that business is not slow. The volume of business being done right now is fully to the usual. But business is changed. Business now means automobile. It means very little else. People in a country like ours can only buy a certain amount. If that certain amount goes into a car it cannot go into improvements to the house or into furniture or into clothing. If you wonder, you business men, why you are selling so little, look around and see how much is being sold in other lines. Other lines means cars. The great bulk of the peoples' savings are going into cars and their upkeep. This is the second commercial mania of my experience. I was in the watch and jewellery business in the days of the bicycle craze. Most of you do not even remember it. To compare bicycles and automobiles seems absurd doesn't it? Well, the mania was the same and the effect on certain lines of business was the same. The bicycle mania did not have such a wide effect. To a great extent bicycle buying was confined to young people. It did not prevent "Dad" from buying paint or lumber or furniture; it did not prevent "Ma" from getting a new carpet or mattress. It did prevent young men from buying suits of clothes and watches. It came in the days when all young men wore clothes made by the local tailors. All at once merchant-tailors felt their business stop. The money that usually went for a spring suit or overcoat went as an instalment on a "wheel." The money that usually went for a fall suit went for another payment on the wheel, for in those days bicycles cost as high as \$175 and in those days that was a heap of money. History is repeating itself. Motor cars are no longer the toys of the rich. Everybody is buying motor cars and nothing can stop them. It is knocking my business but I am not trying to stop it. What's the use? If you wonder why you are not selling more bananas and socks and shirts and carpets and coats and ties on Saturday night, take a walk and see the business that is being done in gasoline. Some people can, of course, go on buying other things just the same but most people can't. Watch a car go up over a hill puffing and blowing from its exhaust. I'll tell you. Socks and chairs and ties and dresses and—and everything. In this connection, about the best case happened in Orillia. A man went into a store in Orillia and bought three dozen eggs and had them charged. He took them to another store and sold them for cash and bought gasoline with the proceeds. Such is life but that is the life of today. The wise ones are those who foresaw the change and turned their shops into garages.

## OBITUARY

**WILLIAM LAIDLAW**

Durham lost an outstanding citizen Tuesday morning in the death of Mr. William Laidlaw, for the past fifteen years police magistrate of this part of Grey county, and during his whole life of more than 77 years a resident of this locality. Mr. Laidlaw was born on the fifth concession of Glenelg on the 23rd of September, 1855, and was, we believe, the first white child born in that part of the township. He was the oldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Laidlaw, who came to Canada from Scotland in 1852. A stonemason by calling, the son followed his father in the trade, at which he worked for a number of years, giving up this strenuous life in 1879. During his time at the trade Mr. Laidlaw worked on many of the buildings in this vicinity and was engaged as far south as Guelph. With the late Robert Moffat, he built No. 9 school in Glenelg.

After giving up his work as a mason, the late Mr. Laidlaw went into the grocery business in town, and in 1883 he built the building north of the post office, until recently occupied by the Royal Bank. He had as high as 14 clerks in his employ at one time and continued in business until 1900, when he sold out to Mr. James Ireland, now in Toronto. In his later years he was inspector on the Public school when it was built, and held a similar position when the High school was built at a later period.

The late Mr. Laidlaw also took an interest in municipal matters. He was elected to the Council in 1886, which that year was composed of Messrs. David Jackson, Gilbert McKechnie, H. W. Moeckler, James Burnett, R. W. Horne, Henry Parker, James Brown and W. Tucker. Of the council of that year Mr. Laidlaw was the last surviving member. He sat in the council until 1890, when he was elected Mayor for two years, and is said to have been the youngest mayor in the town's history. He retired from municipal affairs until 1910, when he was again placed in the mayor's chair for two years. He was mayor again in 1917. On his appointment as Police Magistrate he resigned his office and has not held municipal office since, although he served on the local Hydro Commission for several terms. During his years on the bench his ability was recognized by the department, and on occasions in the absence of the senior magistrate, he had presided over the Owen Sound police court. During these years he was well travelling representative for the Alfred Rogers Cement Co., and some years ago conducted a general store at Allan Park.

In 1877 the deceased was married to Miss Sarah Wiley of Bentinck, who survives, and who, with her husband, has been a continuous resident of Durham since their marriage. Besides his widow, the late Mr. Laidlaw is survived by four sons and four daughters: Arthur, in San Antonio, Texas; William, in St. Marys; Robert, in Toronto; Fred, in Windsor; Mrs. (Dr.) McMillan (Merle), Toronto; Mrs. W. F. Dunn (Ella), Moose Jaw, Sask.; Mrs. S. McIntyre (Jessie), Durham, and Mrs. W. Lauchlan (Essel), Ottawa, all of whom, with the exception of Arthur, were at the parental bedside when the end came. A brother, Robert, in Detroit, is the only surviving member of his family.

His son, Arthur, arrived in Durham yesterday morning from Toronto. Himself recovering from a recent operation, he came by aeroplane from San Antonio to Cleveland, then tried to fly to Buffalo, but was forced back by a storm. Taking the train at Cleveland he arrived in Toronto Wednesday morning, where he was met by his brother Robert.

The late Mr. Laidlaw had been ill for the past two years with arterio sclerosis, but while confined to his home at times, was able to be about until last July when his condition became critical. He suffered no pain and was conscious until two days before his death, when he sank into a coma.

The funeral is being held this afternoon from his late residence on Bruce street to Durham cemetery. The service is under auspices of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which society he had been an active member for the past 55 years. He was active in the organizing of the local Rebekah lodge, which will join the brethren in paying a last tribute to a departed member.

## TEMPERATURES FOR PAST WEEK

	8 a.m.	Max.	Min.	Rain
Thursday	38	58	38	—
Friday	44	60	38	—
Saturday	49	68	45	—
Sunday	46	70	50	—
Monday	50	66	55	.23
Tuesday	39	44	36	.79
Wednesday	38	45	36	.22

## 55th Annual Meeting Held at Flesherton

South Grey Teachers Met Thursday and Friday in Largest and Most Successful Convention in History of Society. To Meet at Ayton Next Year.

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the South Grey Teacher's Institute, was held in the Public School, Flesherton on Thursday and Friday, the 6th and 7th of October, 1932. This was the largest convention ever held in South Grey. There were present 90 Elementary Rural School teachers, 32 Elementary Urban teachers, 3 visiting Elementary teachers, 12 High School teachers, making a grand total of 137. It might also be said that this was the most successful convention ever held in South Grey, for due to absence of a speaker from a Normal School, the programme consisted entirely of addresses given by the teachers of South Grey. These were greatly appreciated for much useful and practical information and general knowledge of their own experience was handed on to fellow teachers.

The first session was opened at 9.45 a.m., Thursday, with the Hon. President, Mr. Wright, I. P. S., in the chair. Mr. Merriam, our President had accepted a position on the staff of the Thornbury Continuation School, and was unable to be with us, but it was moved by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. J. A. Graham, that Mr. Merriam's worthy successor, Mr. Chapple, be the presiding chairman and acting-president. This motion was carried. Mr. Chapple then occupied the chair through all the sessions and handled the programme so well that this meeting of teachers was one of the very best of the many good ones we have had in South Grey.

Rev. Mr. Miller conducted devotional exercises, and in his few but well chosen words, told the teachers that the skillful teacher fits the matter to the capacity of the mind she has in charge. He said a careful study of the life of Christ is a great aid to the teacher. Rev. Mr. Scott extended a most cordial welcome to the teachers of South Grey. He complimented us on our splendid motto—"Each for all, and all for each." He thinks the teachers' work a very noble calling, that of drawing out of character and building up of life.

Mr. Inkster, chairman of the Public School Board, extended a hearty welcome to the teachers. After 18 years as a trustee and 21 years as secretary treasurer, he felt he knew much about teachers. He stressed the responsibilities of the teacher, and the influence the teachers have over the little ones, whose minds are plastic.

Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the High School Board, further stressed the welcome and gave the teachers sound advice. He said, "If you don't want to do your duty get out of the profession before you blight some child's life. If you have a dull pupil, give him all you can."

Mr. H. Corbett, president of the Trustees Department of the O.E.A., was present and was called upon. He told the teachers it was their duty to set a high standard which the pupils are to follow.

The minutes of the last Institute meeting held in the Dundalk High School, were read by the secretary, Miss C. M. Weinert. Moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Collins, "That the minutes as read be adopted." Carried.

The Treasurer's Report was made by Miss C. M. Weinert. Balance in Bank on October 6, 1932, was \$382.03.

Inspector Wright then named the Register Keepers, and also the Standing Committee as follows: Messrs. Graham, Mager, Messenger, Ruttle, Kerstine, and Collins; Misses Edith Hunt, Bergin, Montgomery, Hume, Ritchie, M. Beaton, Fettes.

Letters were read from Mr. David White, President of Toronto Normal School re a memorial for Dr. Radcliffe. Any one wishing to contribute to this fund may do so by remitting to Miss Jean Merchant, Toronto Normal School. (2) from Chief Inspector V. K. Greer, re grants. Grants will be reduced if schools were opened on September 6, instead of September 1. The 3rd letter gave detailed instructions for computing the average attendance.

Mr. Chapple, the acting-president, thanked the Inspector and teachers for the honor conferred upon him, and congratulated the meeting on the splendid programme. He was pleased to see that teachers from urban and rural schools were to speak, and he felt sure that every teacher would be able to take home new ideas, and would be inspired to do better work. In closing—

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