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## DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.

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### GEORGINA MAUD IRWIN.

This week THE CHRONICLE goes to its many readers without the friendly supervision of its editor-in-chief. Any defect in its make-up or matter will be kindly dealt with when it is known that untrained hands have taken up the quill that sorrow has compelled him to lay down. This week he passes through one of the severest trials through which mortal man is called upon to pass. After two brief weeks of struggle with typhoid fever, his daughter Maud, on Monday morning, peacefully resigned her spirit to the Great Father above, leaving her little sister Rita and her father behind to bear the load of grief and the silent pain which such a bereavement inevitably brings to sensitive souls. Brother Frank too in a distant and foreign land will mourn his departed sister, for he loved Maud with a brother's strong love. In all his wanderings he did not fail to write to her of his doings, and doubtless he will rejoice, now that she is gone, in having performed this duty of love.

The writer knew Maud from infancy, watched her growth through the various stages of childhood even to the threshold of womanhood, noted the gradual development of mental powers of more than usual vigor and the rise of a personality which gave promise of a life of usefulness and of consecration to a noble ideal. Many a time has the penetrating nature of her questionings, even when but a little girl, caused him to stop the current of his thought and marvel at the depth of her wonderings. This quality of mind, maturing with her years, and tinged almost to sadness by the early death of her mother some nine or ten years ago, predisposed her to view life more seriously than her age would warrant.

It might almost be said that she was never a child. Passing thus at an early age into greater maturity, she became more companionable to her widowed father than would otherwise have been possible. This companionship deepened and grew larger as the days and years passed until the ambition grew within her to be to him, in some measure at least, what her mother was, the inspiration of his life, the partner of his joys and sorrows, the daily help-met to cheer, to comfort and to bless. In such a case her early death comes with double force and makes the breach wider and the sorrow harder to bear.

Maud was a clever girl. With no special training she passed her junior leaving examination when barely fifteen. As a reader and impersonator she had few equals among those of her own age, or indeed of any age untrained. She was a leader in

whatever she undertook to do, as many of her young friends who worked with her in Christian service can testify. The kindly interest taken in her by her pastor and his good wife led her, after serious thought and a rich religious experience, to give herself to Christ and join his people in holy communion. During the last year of her life she lived as became a true follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. The name of Mrs. Smith was frequently upon her lips, and the hallowed sunshine of that association will long be a comfort to those left behind.

During her last illness she had all the care that gentle hands and loving hearts could give. "Papa" became all in all to her, and tenderly and devotedly did he soothe the fevered brow and cheer the fainting spirit in the anguish of those few last bitter days.

The sincere regard in which she was held was shown in the number, richness and variety of the floral tributes to her memory, a list of which with the names of the donors, is given elsewhere in this issue.

The funeral services at the house were conducted by her Pastor, Rev. Wray R. Smith, assisted by Rev. S. Farquharson and Ryan, after which the solemn procession took its way to the family plot in Flesherston cemetery, where the interment took place after a short service in the Methodist church there, conducted by Rev. Mr. Smith, assisted by Rev. J. S. I. Wilson. An opportunity was also given to the friends there, including her aged grandfather and other relatives from Heathcote and vicinity to view the remains before being laid in their last resting place. Several floral wreaths from her old schoolmates and other friends in Flesherston were also added to those already presented in Durham.

The expressions of sympathy from the many friends in both Durham and Flesherston were sincere and spontaneous. Thus one touch of nature makes the whole world kin. We are sure we voice the feelings of the readers of THE CHRONICLE in general, when we say that it is our hope that the indomitable spirit of the Editor, that has refused to be crushed by four former bereavements in his family may still survive and help him to overcome this last sore trial as he survived the others. The dear little lonely sister, too, will have the sincerest sympathy of all.

### LACROSSE AT HANOVER.

The Durham Lacrosse Club took another step towards the possession of the Junior Lacrosse Championship by defeating Southampton in Hanover on Friday last and adding another game to their long list of victories.

The game started at 3.40 sharp. At the first sound of Referee Allen's whistle the boys in blue and white rushed down upon the Southampton citadel and rained shot after shot on the plucky goal keeper, Cook, from the north, who passed them out as cleverly as they were shot. Once or twice during the quarter the Southampton home made things interesting for the Durham defence but to no avail. The quarter ended without either team scoring.

The second quarter opened with Southampton on the defence, Durham's home playing magnificent combination, and at the end of the quarter Durham had found the net for three goals. Durham 3, Southampton 0.

The third quarter was more interesting although the Durham home were getting inside the Southampton defence, but Cook was always on the spot and only let one through. Southampton managed to work up on the Durham defence and shot, the ball lodging in the net. A rainbow appearing in the skies dazzled Charlie Lavelle's eyes. The quarter ended Durham 4, Southampton 1.

The last quarter was all Durham's, and a fusillade of shots were pouring in on Cook who was unable to withstand the pace. Durham notched six in this quarter. Game ended Durham 10, Southampton 1.

### NOTES.

Southampton, you're alright. Pearson with his slippery hat made things interesting for the Southampton defence. Hard to catch him. Moore's sore thumb prevented him writing a telegram, but did not prevent him from scoring goals.

Irwin, Glass and Dixon were there every time.

Dug Munro and Jimmy Lavelle beat the rain out from centre to the flags.

Geo. L. Allen, the best referee in the business. Both teams speak in the highest terms of him.

We have heard of omens in Rainbows, but never heard of Rainbows goal keepers.

The nicest bunch of boys we have played this summer. Southampton should be proud of their team, as they are all perfect gentlemen, and we hope to meet them again next summer.

## South Grey Fair

### Beautiful Weather and a Large Crowd.

#### NOTES ON THE FAIR.

This is 'fair' weather.

We have to thank the genial Secretary, Mr. Archie Davidson, for every assistance in his power in getting the prize list completed in time for this week's issue. His courteous and kindly manner is in striking contrast to the grumpiness of some of the Secretaries and officials we know of.

The exhibit of J. Livingston, consisting of sewing machines, organs, bicycles, robes and Oxford Cream Separators, was viewed with interest by large crowds. The Oxford, especially, was the subject of many enquiries. Mr. Livingston and his able Lieutenant, Mr. Will McFadden, were kept busy showing its good points. This firm is always up-to-date, and the exhibit will doubtless result in largely increased sales.

Mr. Hugh McDonald must be the happy inmate of a veritable Garden of Eden so far at least as flowers can make it such. By reference to the prize list, it will be seen how large a share he or his good lady had in decorating the inside of the crystal palace with its floral display. Mrs. Neil McKechnie, Mrs. A. McKenzie, Mr. Swallow and a few others of the old-time larger exhibitors of plants and flowers were not, for various reasons, in evidence this year, hence the display was scarcely up to its one time richness and variety. What was presented was, however, of first class quality. In this department the absence of the late Mr. Gorsline and Mr. Arrowsmith and of their usually excellent exhibits were noted by not a few of the lovers of fruit and floriculture.

The Judges did right in refusing to award prizes in cases where the same article was exhibited and received prizes perhaps for half a dozen years in succession. The show should encourage the production of the very best articles and of the very latest designs. If it fails to do that it fails in one of its chief functions. Surely the people at large are not becoming so materialistic as to be swayed by no higher motive than the Almighty dollar—the cash value of the prize. The action of the judges should have a tendency to raise the standard of honest effort and friendly rivalry among all competitors.

Mr. Graham, of —, the poultry Judge, knows his business well. He knows the difference between Bantam cock and a Game pullet. Several of the exhibits were not classed properly and others were such poor specimens that he refused to give them first prizes and in certain cases any prizes at all. This is encouraging to those who breed the right stock and take pride in having only the best. When prizes are awarded only to the right kind of stock there is a strong incentive to show only a first class specimen and the improvement of the stock is sure to result.

The once familiar face of Thomas Brown, who used to take such interest in the fair and contribute so largely to its success, was much missed. Next to his own absence the want of his generous contribution to the poultry exhibit was most strongly felt, and the show was the poorer for it.

The boys who stole the purse from Mr. D. Edge's rig would do well to return the same as some of the Directors had their weather eye open and talk of instituting proceedings for theft.

The gate receipts were \$420.25 only \$5 less than last year which was a record-breaker. This was remarkable since the beautiful weather was the only advertised special attraction, and it was not advertised.

The "white man as black as a nigger" was of course in evidence. He was the attraction for a vendor of patent Stuff of some kind. It does seem strange that good money is so freely spent for articles of this sort at such time when the tried remedies are left standing on the Druggists' Shelves. It only proves the hypnotizing effect of a slick tongue and of the oceans of gall from which such vendors draw their apparently inexhaustible supply. We hope the greenies who were magically "cured" got value for their money.

The desire to make money easily is no where better seen than in the many traps by way of games of various kinds, some requiring slight skill, others all fake set on fair grounds to catch the unwary by able-bodied fellows who are too lazy to work. The sad part of it all is that the unwary are lying around loose ready to be caught by any kind of bait which these four balls-for-nickle mongers are pleased to offer.

That the root crops around here this year are "waster than has been" was fully proved by the exhibit in the Pavilion. The mangels by weight downed those of Toronto fair. They were veritable whales, and those turnips and squash and carrots and beets! why they must be seen to be appreciated. The largest turnip, grown by Wm. Scarf on his Bentuck farm was a monster in size and tipped the scales at 29½ lbs. By the way Bentuck is coming to the front for root crops.

The Expert Judges of stock and poultry appointed by the Ontario Government gave general satisfac-

tion to all concerned. They could not be accused of partiality and they were able in every case to give a reason for their decisions—reasons which convinced even the losers of their honesty and competency. They were as follows.—Poultry, Mr. Graham. Sheep, Mr. Harding. Cattle, Messrs. Harding and Whitelaw. Horses, Mr. Reed, and Swine Mr. Whitelaw.

The musical part of the Fair was conducted by the Markdale Band and Piper McDonald, of Priceville. Without music the Fair would be dull indeed and both Band and Pipes were in frequent requisition. The band enlivened the crowd and the wined strains of the pipes cheered the heart of every son and daughter of the heather. Both scored a few points in the good will of the crowd.

The three spans of heavy working horses attached to wagons were beauties. The winners are to be congratulated on winning fairly a much-coveted prize. If stock of that sort were more common in this section of the country the community would be enriched by increased trade for the demand for first class stock is surely on the increase.

H. Brigham, the Brigham Brothers and A. Muir won the bulk of the prizes in pure-bred sheep. The Brigham Bros. especially deserve credit, for with an experience of only one year they have carried off the red tickets at many of the neighboring fairs as well as here. W. Herd was also in the front row.

Mr. Wm. Scarf is the proud possessor of the wife who took the two first prizes for homemade bread. What a treasure he has! He should make her the present of the best silk dress that money can buy as a reward for her skill and industry and for supplying his own table daily with this greatest of all luxuries—good homemade bread.

J. L. Browne's display of photography ornamented and illuminated the north end of the Pavilion—Besides the usual range of general studio work. Mr. Browne presented an unusual number of very excellent enlargements on Bromide paper—his own work and far superior to crayon in finish, artistic accuracy and permanency.

Mr. W. D. Mills, Town, and Mr. Val. Kirchner, of Hanover, both horse fanciers and lovers of the noble animal, were the judges of the speed tests, and their names are sufficient guarantee of absolute fairness and sound judgment. The horsemen from a distance claimed that we had the finest natural speeding ring in Ontario if a little money were spent in making a good track and other improvements. It is a pity our Society cannot shake itself free from ancient tradition and make the track and grounds what they could be made with the expenditure of a moderate outlay. Horsemen value too highly their horses to risk their lives and those of their drivers on a track from which the stones were not even raked. It is a shame to allow a good horse full rein on such a track. There are in the country many horses that would be entered for the prizes offered by the Society but no horse lover can recommend the track to enquirers hence the entries are not made. Next year should see several important changes in this respect so that the speed tests would be a leading feature of the Fair.

The thirsty ones who drank the Orangeade supplied by the strangers on the Show ground will be glad to learn that river water and caramel were its chief constituents. The river water was required to make it thick and the caramel to give it color.

Mr. Glass' Graphophone served a good purpose on show day. It diverted the streams of visitors to the fair into the devious alley-way and tortuous byway so long necessary on account of the tediousness of the authorities (or whoever is to blame) in building Lamton St. bridge. It would be a pity if the visitors should miss that rough and rugged road. Verily the patience of our citizens is astonishing.

For prize lists see page 5.

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