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## THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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### SANCTUM SIFTINGS.

The Ontario Government has been asked to abolish the provision that blocks of two acres and upwards in cities shall be assessed as farm lands. This is an instance of a general law enacted to meet a special case. The collapse of a real estate boom left some of the owners in a tight place, and they persuaded a good-natured Legislature to ease their burden of taxation on blocks of unsaleable land. The law was wrong in principle; and now, the circumstances having changed, it is seen to be wrong in practice.

In the western, northern and eastern sections of Toronto large sections of land are held as "farms," and assessed accordingly, in one case as low as \$2 a foot. The moment a piece of this land is sold to a workingman or anyone else who builds a house on it, the assessment is raised to the regular city rate of property in the neighborhood. Portions of a large property on Queen street east have been sold in this way, and the assessment raised from \$2 to \$16 a foot.

At present there is a demand for houses for persons of small means, and an outcry against tenements and slums, and it is even said that the city ought to go into the business of building houses. Yet the statute book contains a law encouraging owners to hold back large tracts of land that might be sold for building purposes. If an owner holds his land idle he is let off with a nominal assessment, while the value increases through the industry of his neighbors. But if a man buys twenty feet of this land, builds a house upon it, and thus assists in solving the house problem, the assessment on the lot is raised from \$40 to \$300, and he is also assessed for the full value of the house that he builds. The law is unjust and absurd. Taxation should be so adjusted as to force vacant city land into the market, not so as to encourage the maintenance of "farms" within the city limits.

The foregoing article, from the Toronto Star is so much in line with ideas advocated by The Chronicle that we must stamp it with our approval. Whatever the law be, it seems unjust to allow speculators or grabbers to hold valuable property at a low tax rate when it is in demand for building purposes and the improvement of the

town or city it belongs to. The holding at a high price, of vacant property, is a serious detriment and the owner who will neither improve nor sell it should be made pay a good tax rate. If leniency is to be shown, the man who improves property should get consideration rather than the speculator who holds it to the detriment of the rest of the community.

### DR. OROHNYATEKHA.

The Independent Order of Foresters have suffered what seems at the present time, an irreparable loss by the death of Dr. Oronhyatekha, their Supreme Chief Ranger.

In January last he went to Savannah, Georgia, for the benefit of his health, having been a sufferer for ten years from diabetes. It was only on Thursday last that his condition became alarming. Shortly after 5 o'clock his spirit took its everlasting flight. The body has been taken to Toronto where it will lie in state at St. James' Cathedral, preparatory to interment, which, it is thought, will take place at Deseronto beside the remains of his wife who died five years ago, and those of his two little sons who perished in the Victoria disaster in the Thames near London in 1881.

The departed chief was one of the world's best known men, being an extensive traveller and as an Organizer he had no equal. He was Anglican in religion and a member of St. James Cathedral. The Temple Building in Toronto and the Orphans' Home at Deseronto are standing monuments of his love for the Order and his kindly affection for the parentless child.

All Canada to-day mourns the loss of their executive head whom they must be forced to regard as the father of Forestry in Canada. When he was appointed head of the order in 1881 the total membership in Canada was less than 300. The membership to-day is nearly 250,000. Many things may be told of his early hardships and his struggles to obtain an education. He sawed wood and taught school but these menial employments did not prevent the present King of England, from taking him to the old land where he completed his University education. He was born August 10th 1841.

### C. O. F. ANNUAL SUPPER.

The Canadian Order of Foresters had their annual supper on Friday night last when about seventy or eighty assembled in their hall for a night's enjoyment. The preparation was placed in the hands of a committee consisting of Jas. Lloyd, Andrew Thompson, Mel. Storey, Ed. Watson, Bert Willis and Peter Hill, and from the successful bill of fare there seemed to have been very little overlooked. Oysters and other choice eatables disappeared rapidly and the careful and courteous waiters were on the alert to attend the guests and even to anticipate their wants. While supper was being prepared the young people were enjoying themselves in various kinds of amusements and as soon as the tables were cleared away Dr. Hutton took the chair to dispose of a lengthy program. The hour being late he thought long speeches were scarcely in order and acted according to the brevity of his opening remarks which referred to the growth and development of the Order, and its security as an insurance organization. Mr. Midford sang a couple of songs which met with a sincere applause and a forced encore to each number. Miss Dawkins, a young lady recently from England, made her first appearance as a soloist and gave evidence of considerable training as a vocalist and pianist. She possesses a good range of voice under good control, and her numbers were much enjoyed. Mr. Robt. Watt as piano accompanist to Charlie Saunders and George Nichol gave a few lively and spirited selections and set the feet a movin' in every part of the room. Miss Rita Irwin gave a piano selection, Miss Ida Wilson who is always appreciated delighted the audience in a couple of well rendered solos.

Mrs. Bert Stonehouse entertained the audience with two well rendered recitals, one of which was of high class literature, full of sentiment but devoid of humor. The other was in a lighter vein and humorous throughout. The two papers were represented by their respective editors and both made excellent orations, which are of course lost to the outside world for the want of a verbatim reporter. Didn't we shine brother Ramage—as long as the oysters held out.

The meeting considered as "the best ever" was brought to a close about midnight by the singing of the National Anthem.

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### AN OLD RESIDENT GONE.

An old resident of this vicinity passed peacefully away on Sunday last in the person of Mr. Joseph Atkinson at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. The deceased gentleman was a man of great vitality, and was seldom ill. About three weeks ago his kidneys became affected and this is thought to have shortened by some years the life of a man of his robust constitution.

He was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1823. In the early fifties he came to Canada and settled near Toronto where he married and remained till 1869 when he returned to England and took his family with him. During the same year he again came to Canada and again settled in the County of York where he remained for five or six years when he came to Glenelg and purchased lot 52 on the 2nd concession and remained there till the time of his death on Sunday last.

He leaves a family of four sons, James in town, Thomas in Artemesia, William John in Manitoulin, Joseph on the old homestead. One daughter, Mrs. John Davis, resides on Manitoulin. All the members of the family were present at the funeral Tuesday afternoon.

In religion the deceased was an Episcopalian, and in politics he was Conservative. He was a good honest neighbor and ever willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon to Trinity Church Cemetery and was very largely attended.

### Traverston.

The March bluster on Saturday caused the north and south roads to load up fast high.

Our postmistress, Mrs. T. Smith, lost a valuable cow on Saturday night.

Mr. Will Jack drove up to Owen Sound on Friday to bring back his brother-in-law, Mr. Harry Williams, who had been serving as juror.

J. H. Robson disposed of a fine horse last week to Mr. Arnold Noble. He is a fine looking animal and as true to work as he is handsome in form.

Misses Florence and Myrtle Hunt had a most enjoyable company of young people on last Monday evening.

Said a fair one of assessor McDon ald, who is doing his municipal work in the vicinity at present, "He has the innate courtesy, geniality and grace of the true born Highland gentleman."

There's a special interest being taken in Mr. James Hall's sale next Tuesday as 'tis auctioneer Kenny's maiden effort and his many admirers wish him every success.

A happy union took place in the mans parlor in Durham on Wednesday evening of last week, Feb. 27th when the Rev. Mr. Farquharson made Miss Nellie Davis and Mr. Robt. Weber one in holy wedlock. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. M. S. Davis of this neighborhood. She was born and reared here and is a clever little homemaker and her fame as a dressmaker requires no praise, as she has had patrons far and wide. The lucky man is a prosperous farmer of the town's suburbs and the fond hearts begin the new life under bright prospects. They are spending a week of the honeymoon with relatives in Owen Sound. The bride's schoolmates and old play-fellows unite in wishing them joys many, sorrows few. The bridal cake was extra good. Many thanks.

### Spring Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Lawrence intend leaving this week for their home in B. C.

Mr. James Brown, Jr., was under the doctor's care for a few days with a slight attack of pleurisy, but we are pleased to see him going around again about as active as ever.

Mr. James Hopkins is making preparations for the erection of a new house the ensuing summer. The fine brick one now occupied by him will have to be demolished in the spring owing to railway construction.

Mr. and Mrs. George Myers treated the young people of the neighborhood to a party one night recently, when a nice quiet time was spent in music and dancing.

Mr. Eckhardt, accompanied by his daughter, Tena, visited friends in Hanover recently.

Mr. T. J. Watson came home from Toronto on Thursday last feeling quite unwell, suffering with an attack of pleurisy, but under the treatment of Dr. Gun we hope to see him enjoy his usual vigorous health before long.

Mr. Robert McLean, brother of miller McLean, is buying up a car load of horses for the Western market. Among his purchases are, one from Fred Whitmore, one from Abraham Crutchley, one from John McFayden and five from his brother, Duncan.

Mr. Joe Watson, after eleven years of faithful and consistent service with the Scarf firm, of the Rocky, is spending a few days at home. If there is any person worthy of a long service medal it is certainly Joe.

Mr. Wm. Lawrence, tr., is at present quite low, suffering with a severe attack of pleurisy. Mr. Lawrence is a man advanced in years but we bespeak for him many more years of sound health and enjoyment.

Mrs. Joseph Lawrence, we are sorry to report, is not recovering very rapidly having suffered for the past two months with inflammation in one knee. We hope to see her enjoy the full use of the affected member before long.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins on Tuesday night last swung open their doors for entrance of a large assemblage of young friends and neighbors when the gay hearted lads and lasses whiled away a few most pleasant hours tripping the light fantastic to melodious strains of music played by Messrs. Hooper and McGillivray and other expert violinists. Everything went off without a hitch and all felt perfectly at home with their hosts and hostesses.

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