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THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.
DURHAM, DECEMBER 19, 1907

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLENELG.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—
At the request of a number of the ratepayers of the Township of Glenelg, I have decided to contest for the Reeveship.

I hereby respectfully solicit your votes and influence for my election, and in the event of it being your pleasure to elect me as Reeve, I shall endeavor to do credit to you for your choice by faithful and efficient service as your representative; and as I have had some experience in County and Township matters and also have been an interested observer of passing events, I trust to be able to discharge the duties of the office to the satisfaction of all unbiased parties concerned.
Hoping to meet you all at the Township Hall, nomination day and have a better opportunity of discussing Township and County matters.

I remain, Yours respectfully,
ARCH. MCCUAIG,
Topcliffe P.O.,
Glenelg, Ont.

Dec. 17th, 1907.—3w. pd.

NOTICE.

Father or mother, sisters and brothers of my deceased wife, after this date 13th day of December 1907, are strictly forbidden to trespass on my property or interfere with my two children at home or abroad. They are also warned not to interfere with the party I have employed to take care of them, or they will be prosecuted.

WILLIAM CARSON,
Varney P. O.

Dec. 13th 1907.—3t. pd.

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

All persons are warned not to trespass on the following lots with dogs, guns or otherwise, for the purpose of hunting, or prosecutions will follow:—

- Abraham Crutchley, No. 62, 3rd Con. E.G.R.—No. 3, 4th Con. S.D.R.
- Thos. McGirr, No. 61 and 62, 2nd Con., E.G.R.
- John Bell, No. 67, 3rd Con., E.G.R.—No. 3 and 4, 1st Con., N.D.R.
- Chris Firth, No. 5, 1st Con. N.D.R.
- Wm. Young, No. 3, Con. 1, S.D.R.—No. 6, Con. 1, N.D.R.

Corner Concerns.

Yes, Mr. Editor, the long nights are here and there is time to write newspaper budgets, but for some time past news hasn't been forthcoming, times seemed dull and very little stir, and anyway what once made news is of no use this year. Heretofore, if a neighbor lost a horse or a cow it was startling news, but this fall people have made that sort of thing so common that it is no more wonderful. But our young people are fast gathering home and soon there will be merry times, besides it seems that the minister had made some encouraging proposition to his people respecting matrimony in the new church, and although the offer will close this Wednesday with the first celebration of the sacred ceremony, yet there are, no doubt, many others so close in the race that they will not turn back now without going to the winning post.

Cottage Prayer Meetings, or more properly speaking Bible readings, have been conducted in the homes to the north of us by Messrs. Wm. Glass and W. Laidlaw, and local leaders are no acting under them with much benefit to the youth of the neighborhood who turn out in goodly numbers, about sixty-five being present last Thursday night in the home of Mr. S. Ritchie. Mr. S. Scott and Miss Clara Ritchie had charge of the meeting, while Mr. Laidlaw and Miss Jacques will hold forth this Thursday night in the home of Mr. Chas. Gray. Subject, The Birth of Christ.

We understand the old Grange Society is to be revived shortly in Varney in connection with the Farmers' Association. Delegates from Normanby attended a Toronto meeting for the purpose.

Mr. Wm. Lennox is on the sick list at his brother Joe's at present. We hope it is nothing very serious to prevent the pleasures of his visit or interfere with his plans of returning to his homestead in the spring.

We are pleased to report Mr. Wm. Johnston has so far recovered from his critical operation in Stratford hospital that he will return home this week.

Little Grace Sharp has almost recovered from her very severe attack of appendicitis. In fact all our sick are in a fair way to recovery, which leaves the neighborhood in a mood for thankfulness and good spirits to enjoy Christmas joys.

Mr. Wm. Allan, Jr., returned home from Manitoba on Friday looking exceedingly well. The West seems to make young fellows grow and fatten up. Mr. Nathan Grierson has also returned, and was at church on Sunday.

Mr. John Sirrs, of Chesley, is visiting his cousins, the Sirrs family. The visit is much appreciated, owing to the fact that it is the first time he has had the pleasure of visiting this part.

Miss Bella McLaughlin came home from Chesley last week and has taken her place in the church choir.

Although we are unable to give the exact date of our school concert, yet we are safe in saying that it will be of high rank. Our teacher, Miss Aljoe, is bound to have preparations well in hand before making announcements, so that there will be nothing slighted. There is being prepared for it some excellent program.

In the event of Christmas overtaking us before we get in with our next budget, we wish to extend Christmas greetings to all and hope 1908 may be a prosperous year for the Chronicle and its many friends.

Municipal matters are so quiet this fall that we would almost be safe in predicting an election for Egremont by acclamation.

Mr. Tom Burtman has had hard luck this fall in starting farming, having lost a span of horses, and, although they were not high priced ones they were the ones he intended working the place with.

The Varney people spent Monday night in our neighborhood at the home of Mr. Robt. Mead practising for their Christmas Tree. Judging from the noise they made it is going to be a good thing.

This Wednesday will witness a very pretty and interesting event in the new St. Paul's church, the marriage of Mr. Mathew Hooper to Miss Sarah A. Matthews. The knot will be well and firmly tied by the Rector, Rev. Bice, in the presence of interested friends. The young couple are highly esteemed in this part, and have the very best wishes of all. More anon.

Wood bees have been plentiful of late and all pleasant successful affairs with the exception of one mishap which might have cast a gloom, when a falling tree struck Lorne Allan hard enough blow on the head to lay him out for a while, but he is again himself and thanking his lucky star that it was no worse.

BORN.

JACKSON—In Durham, Monday Dec. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jackson, a daughter.

LAVELLE—In Durham, Monday, Dec. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Lavelle, a daughter.

LOCAL OPTION AND THE DRINK BILL.

(By Rev. Wm. Farquharson.)

Through the kindness of H. H. Miller, M.P., Dr. Jamieson, M.P.P., and others, I have before me government reports, letters from Ministers of the Crown, together with a whole array of facts, both interesting and important, and yet I am only able to offer an estimate of the cost of drink, which may be taken as approximately correct.

From the government reports we find that the amount of spirits, wines and malt liquors entered for consumption during the year 1906 was as follows:—

Spirits, Canadian and Imported	5,768,793 gallons
Malt Liquors, Canadian and Imported	30,359,929 "
Wines, non sparkling	407,946 "
	36,536,668 "

Since each gallon of spirits here enumerated is of the strength of proof, that is containing 50% of alcohol, and since whiskey and most spirits are sold at a strength of not more than 25 to 30 per cent. of alcohol, every gallon of spirits here tabulated will make at least a gallon and two-thirds as it is measured out to the consumer. The amount of liquor in a glass as sold over the bar, I am told, is about two ounces. In that case at 80 glasses to the gallon every gallon of proof spirits would fill 133 glasses of spirit containing 30% of alcohol. This at 10 cts. a glass gives a selling price of \$13.33 a gallon of proof spirits. Since, however, much of the liquor will be sold at a lower rate, we shall put the proof spirits as sold at \$10.00 per gallon. The beer is estimated at 5 cents for half a pint or 80 cts. a gallon, and the wine I set down as if it were sold at 50% more than its cost price. From this calculation we get the cost of duty-paying liquors to the consumers as follows:—

Spirits.....	\$57,687,793
Malt Liquors.....	24,287,943
Wines.....	1,192,429
	\$83,168,165

Out of this the Dominion Government received last year a revenue of \$12,154,554.81. For the same period the Province received as its share of the license fund \$330,430.33 and the municipalities the sum of \$241,019.57. Of this the town of Durham received \$369.52. How much of the Dominion and Provincial revenue is left after paying a whole army of excisemen, license commissioners and inspectors. I have no means of knowing, but it is safe to say that there will be left as a direct cost to the consumer, over and above all duties and fees, nearly 70 million dollars. The enormity of this sum will be better realized if we say that if the amount to be paid to the Transcontinental Railway for this year and the amounts earned by the Intercolonial R. R. and the Post Office were deducted from the estimates as presented to the House the other day, the drink bill would pay all the rest of the government expenses, both Dominion and Provincial, and leave enough over to make several millionaires besides. The magnitude of this sum is only realized when it is seen spread out in detail in its mission of possible good.

If, however, it were a mere matter of money there would be no warrant for passing a Local Option by-law. The man who wants his glass may say to me "I am not asking you to pay for my drink, and what I do with my money is no business of yours," and if it is only a matter of dollars and cents I have nothing to reply. But in dealing with the drink we are face to face with the question not of dollars but of character. It is something that affects not only the man himself, not only those immediately depending on him, but the whole country. A British Parliamentary Committee estimated that in the British Islands on an average every man is off work one day in six as the result of drink. On the average life is shortened by several years through its excesses, and the tone and character of the workman is lowered by its means. These and the destruction of the vast amount of grain which might be used to foster and promote industry and advance the general prosperity are elements that may be calculated, but the loss in character, the waste, not of dollars, but of men, and the prostration of what is most god-like in man to ignoble uses, are quantities that are incommensurable by any monetary standard. The issue goes beyond the individual and affects the country as a whole.

But will Local Option stop all this wasteful stream and ensure that all our energies will flow in channels that are healthful and invigorating? By no means. Some would vote for the by-law if we could assure them that that would end the struggle, but in the long and daily battle they grow weary and impatient. For such we can offer but small comfort. It is not that the by-law cannot be enforced as well as most other laws. Officers, like

the Mayor of Owen Sound, may indeed idly stand aside while the law is violated before their eyes, but with an honest purpose there is no reason why it should not be reasonably put in execution. The long struggle comes from the fact that the vice or sin of drunkenness is rooted in the moral nature and will only be cured when the will is renewed and the man awakened to better things. To do this needs more than a campaign and a pile of ballots. Men's wills are won by gentleness, by patience and by long-suffering, even though it be at times wholesome to restrain them by the strong arm of law. Give your vote for Local Option, but, more and better, give yourself to earnest, humble and patient effort to heal the souls whom drink has wounded.

Varney.

Harry Grasby, Jr., attended the Fat Stock Show at Guelph.

Mrs. David Allen visited her sister, Mrs. Dickson, at Glen Eden, one day last week.

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Monteith being very sick so soon after coming to our neighborhood, but we hope to soon hear of her being in good health again. Mr. M. has been off work at the blacksmith shop for the past week owing to his wife's illness.

At the Varney L. O. L. meeting on Friday night J. W. Blyth, after four years of service to the Lodge as Master, resigned, and the following were elected as officers for 1908:—W. M., Thos. Tucker; D. M., Wm. Caldwell; Chap., Wm. Sirrs; Rec. Sec., J. W. Blyth; Fin. Sec., Palmer Patterson; Treas., R. J. Eden; D. of C., Joseph Lennox; Lecturer, James Petty; Com. mittee, Wm. Prew, Wilbert Blyth, Alf McCabe, Wm. Back, Thomas Grasby.

Mrs. D. Allen had a wood bee last week and got her winter's wood drew, cut, split and a lot of it carried into the shed. She felt very pleased at the thought of having so much wood already for the stove.

Saturday last was one of the stormiest days so far this winter. It snowed and blowed in good style, but we have no reason to complain as it has been a beautiful winter so far.

J. W. Blyth paid a business trip to Holstein on Monday last.

The practice for the Xmas Tree entertainment is getting well under way and the prospects are that there will be a treat in store for those that can be present on Xmas night.

There is to be a public examination at the Varney school on Friday, 20th, when it would be nice to see all the parents and friends of the children present to encourage the boys and girls. There are to be refreshments served, and a pleasant time is anticipated.

The Normanby municipal pot is beginning to simmer once more. Of course our man, Mr. R. Barber, will be in the field again as councillor, and as no serious charge so far as we know can be laid against him during his term of service in 1907, it being his first year, we think it no more than right that we should try and elect him for another year and give him another trial. We think he has tried to do his best under the circumstances that the council of 1907 was placed in. Quite a lot of debt was upon the township at the beginning of the year and we hear that the finances are in a much better state now, so that the council for 1908 will have an easier road to hoe.

Jas. Hoy, who had his ankle knocked out of joint three weeks ago, is only able to go around with the aid of a cane yet.

The members of the Varney L. O. L. have bought some more land from Mrs. Crawford so that they will be able to enlarge if they require it.

Our Postmaster, Mr. George Pollock, has purchased the old hotel property from Mrs. Wm. Crawford.

I wonder what brings those two young men down from Durham to Varney so often. I suppose the reason is that they think our Varney girls are nicer than those nearer home. You bet, our girls are all O. K.

Now Mr. Editor, I wish you and the Chronicle staff and also all the correspondents of the Chronicle a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

E F W. Weber to Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lamb have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Minnie Lawson, and Mr. Ernest Frederick William Weber which will take place at their home, corner Tenth avenue and Tweed street, Thursday evening, December 28th, at 6 o'clock. Mr. Weber is proprietor of the Soo greenhouses and one of the city's most successful young business men. The bride elect is a popular young woman who for the past two years has been an attaché of the city assessor's office. Mr. Weber is just completing a \$8,000 residence on the hill.

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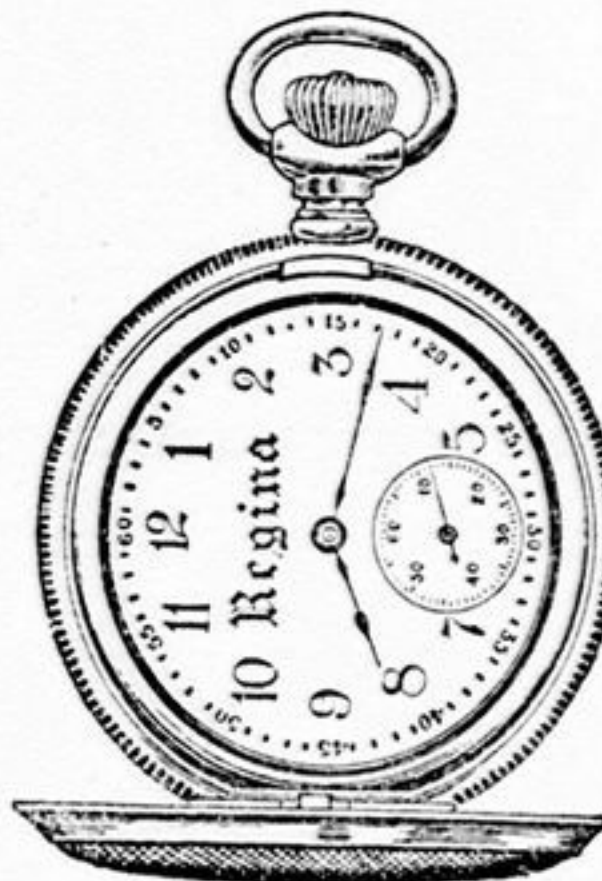
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