

**DURHAM CHRONICLE**

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor

Thursday, December 14, 1922.

**THE RAIL CAR COMING**

Citizens of Durham and vicinity have no doubt heard in the past year or so rumors that it was possible that both the Grand Trunk passenger line to Palmerston, as well as other "light" passenger branches out of Palmerston, might, possibly be served with a motor coach equipped with a storage battery that would be run with a considerable saving of help. With the majority of the branch lines out of Palmerston, the rumor included all such branches as the Walkerton branch of the C.P.R., where the passenger traffic is not heavy enough to keep an expensive crew operating. In the Grand Trunk scheme, rumor stated that Palmerston was to be the "headquarters", and would be supplied with a storage battery charging station at which battery service would be maintained. The plan, according to the rumor, was to run these coaches up the branch lines, collect the passengers at Palmerston and take them from there in regular steam trains. This would obviate the necessity of running the more expensive trains on the small branch lines, and would at the same time give the public just as good service as they now enjoy.

In the face of this, the following article by Orlene D. Foster, in *The Outlook* will be interesting. In this article, instead of the storage battery car, what is known as the "rail" car is the latest proposal. The article says:

"Little jerk-water railways have often been willing enough to give service, but the expense involved in providing a crew of three or four men to operate the engine and combination passenger and freight car not only ate up the profits of that branch, but those of the others as well. Fares from half a dozen passengers a day, a little freight, and a few bags of mail do not offset wages, coal, and the standing charges of equipment. With a view to relieving their difficulty the motor truck companies came to the rescue with the offer of a rail car which would fill all their requirements and yet permit of one-man operation. This car is fashioned much like a motor bus, except that it has flanged wheels and a place for mail or light freight. It is operated over side-lines by one man, and tests have proved that it not only maintains good speed and takes the inclines as well as the ordinary train, but that it is a bear for heavy snow and plows through it like a steam engine, a very necessary requisite for the side-line car. At the present time something over twenty roads are operating these rail cars, with excellent results."

While the passenger traffic on these northern branches of railways has diminished considerably in the past few years, it must not be inferred that the towns are going back. The real reason for the falling off of the passenger traffic on the railroads must be laid directly to the motor car. There are people to-day right in Durham who, especially in the summer, would not think of taking the train to Toronto, London, or even Detroit. They will take their motor car, even if the expense is greater, claiming that with the motor car they can come and go as they like and are not tied down to a train schedule. Whatever sentiment may be attached to the matter of the railway train, railway companies, like other corporations, are out to make money, and the suggested operation of branch lines with one-man, gasoline-driven motor coaches is a possibility and the next five years may see a revolution in the transportation by rail as great as that now in use on the dirt roads throughout the country.

**CHANGING THE BEAVER**

"Because foreign sailors have jeered at the beaver on the flag of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine and called it "the rat line," the department has changed the "house flag" so it will display a cross enclosed in a circle instead of the beaver."

The above clipping was handed in by a subscriber, who wanted to know if this was what inspired the *Flesherton Advance's* righteous indignation. We do not know. The *Advance* says that the field of the Canadian flag contains a lion holding a maple leaf in its mouth, while the above refers only to the Canadian Government Merchant Marine House flag. Either *The Advance* is wrong or is referring to some other item that has so far not come under our notice. All steamboat companies have "house flags" by which they are easily identified at sea, and we can see no harm in the Government changing theirs if they so see fit. It is merely a change in the "house flag," while the editorial referred to

would lead one to believe that it is the Canadian flag that has been changed. The reading of the above clipping has certainly placed the matter in an altogether different light.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

Trinity Church this year has decided not to canvass for baking for their bazaar, to be held Saturday afternoon in the Public Library, but to depend on the loyalty of the congregation in a freewill offering. And why should they canvass? Church members who have the real church spirit will not wait to be canvassed. They will be on hand with their donations without a personal visitation from the Woman's Guild committee.

Business, like misery, likes company. You may, individually, be a whale in business, but if you can't co-operate with your fellow business men and join in a campaign for "community business" there is something lacking. An army of individually good business men who have lost the knack of working together for their common good are not fulfilling their obligations. Town-building business men are those who can work together collectively, and, while boosting their own business, also boost the business of the other fellow at the same time. They should work with a determination that their town next month is going to be a better town than it was last. This spirit is contagious, and to prove this assertion only needs a trial.

Sir Henry Thornton, new chief of the new Canadian National Railways, made a fine impression in a notable speech at Toronto, according to *The Globe*. No doubt now that he knows *The Globe* is satisfied, Sir Henry will regard his position as more secure.

The situation in the Near East is alarming Europe. Durham's alarm at present is in the Near South, especially the anthracite region.

Isn't it about time the Town Council was fulfilling the obligations taken when the captured German cannon was presented by the Government? If it was worth applying for it certainly should be worth at least a coat of paint to protect it from the weather. The monetary value of the old gun may not be much. It is what it stands for, and the price paid that should count.

Archbishop Thornloe, in an address to the Ministerial Association at Sault Ste. Marie is reported to have favored the teaching of religion in the schools. He may be right, but we think it too big a question for quick settlement. Religion, like politics, will not mix, and with the large number of different religions in Canada to-day we doubt if it is feasible. Schools are educational institutions and in introducing religion into them the purpose of education might be foiled. A man's own religion, of course, is the best on earth and, like his home, is his own. We doubt if one religion could be found that would suit all denominations and to attempt to teach all of them would certainly destroy our educational system.

**DEATH OF MRS. JOSEPH HOOPER**

We regret to learn of the death last night of Mrs. Joseph Hooper, who passed away in her 80th year after an illness of only a couple of weeks' duration.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Margaret Gillies, was born in Scotland on the 12th of March, 1843, and at nine years of age came to Canada with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Angus Gillies, and settled for a time near Dornoch. She afterwards spent a number of years in Durham, and in 1873 married Joseph Hooper, who predeceased her by 24 years. Since her marriage she lived continually in Glenelg on the farm on which she died.

To them were born one son, Angus, on the homestead, one daughter, Mrs. William Burnett of Engadine, Mich., and a daughter, Margaret, who died seven years ago. Mrs. John McKelvie, who died a few weeks ago, was a sister of the deceased.

Like other early settlers, she endured the hardships of pioneer life but up to a few weeks ago was blessed with health and strength. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church and a regular attendant.

The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon from her late residence and interment will be made in Ebenezer cemetery, Glenelg.

**Trinity Church Bazaar.**

Trinity Church Guild will hold their annual bazaar on Saturday, December 16, in the Public Library. Fancywork, Homemade Baking and Candy. Pancakes will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. Doors open at 9 o'clock. 1272

**DEATH OF MRS. C. H. MOFFAT**

It is with real regret we chronicle the death of Mrs. Charles H. Moffat, who died at the age of 34 years, on Friday last, in Durham Hospital, after an operation for internal trouble. Up to Wednesday she was in her usual health, but was taken ill suddenly, when Drs. D. B. Jamieson and J. G. Hutton were called and decided to have her removed to the hospital. From the first the case was considered very serious and an operation was decided on as the only hope, and was performed Thursday afternoon by Drs. Jamieson & Jamieson, and Hutton of Durham, and Groves of Fergus. It was a very critical case and no hope was entertained. The unfortunate woman never regained full consciousness, and passed away at an early hour on Friday morning.

The remains were removed from the hospital to the home of her father, Mr. Donald McFarlane, at the Rob Roy, but the funeral was delayed awaiting the arrival of a brother, Alex., who reached here Monday afternoon. Interment took place yesterday afternoon to Durham cemetery and was very largely attended by relatives and sympathizing friends. The service was conducted by Rev. E. Cameron of the Baptist Church here, and Rev. W. H. Smith, of the Presbyterian Church.

The deceased was the second daughter of Mr. Donald McFarlane and the late Mrs. McFarlane of Bunessan, and was married in January last. Besides her sorrowing husband and father, she leaves to mourn her death four brothers, Alex. in the West, and Charles, Neil and John at home; also four sisters, Mrs. Davis in Toronto, Mrs. Seth in Caster, Alberta and Flora and Margaret at home. Mr. John Moffat, father of the bereaved husband, who resides in the home, is much distressed over the sad event and deeply mourns the loss. Two little stepchildren, nine and six years, respectively, to whom the deceased formed a very warm attachment, realize but little of the sad loss they have sustained.

The deceased lady was esteemed and respected by all who knew her as an estimable Christian character whose influence for good was always evident.

**ELSINORE MEN HEAVILY FINED**

Harry Quinn, a farmer near Kincardine, who was charged with a breach of the Inland Revenue Act and Ontario Temperance Act, as a result of a raid on his home, pleaded guilty at Walkerton on Friday last and was fined \$500 and \$400 respectively. The charges were laid by Inspector White who, with Provincial Officers Blood and Haw, and Chief Farrell of Kincardine, found two large stills and a large quantity of mash on the premises.

Louis Porter of Elsinore and a cousin, Stanley Porter, were charged, the former under the Inland Revenue Act and the latter under the Ontario Temperance Act, and each was fined \$300.00 and costs, making a total of \$1,500.00 for the day. Inspector White went to Elsinore on Tuesday and found parts of a still on the premises of Louis Porter, and across the road at his cousin's several barrels of mash.

**Rob Roy Grain Prices.**

We are paying 38c. to 42c. for Oats, 55c. to 60c. for Barley, 60c. to 65c. for Buckwheat, \$1.35 to \$1.40 for Peas and \$1.10 for Wheat at our elevator.—Rob Roy Mills, Limited, Durham.

**WILL ASK GOVERNMENT TO APPOINT GAME WARDEN**

An enthusiastic meeting of the South Grey Fish and Game Protective Association was held in this office last Friday evening, and though the attendance was not so large as desired, some good business was put through.

The object of the meeting was to discuss the Act as relating to trout fishing in this part of the province and to try and devise ways and means of having the law better enforced. It was admitted at the meeting that the Act as enforced in this section was pretty much of a joke. Parties from outside points, as well as local anglers, were openly violating the law in any way in which you wished to look at it. It was stated that no attention was paid to the numbers caught, night-fishing was indulged in, as well as netting, and that Sunday fishing was also indulged in. Small fish were caught, and, according to the meeting, there seemed to be no attempt made to keep the law, and, in fact, there was no attempt on the part of the Government to enforce the Act. A year or so ago three or four game wardens had been appointed, but they had done nothing, and in the opinion of the meeting the "fee" system was not successful from a law enforcement point of view. The meeting favored the appointment of a warden on a suitable salary, who would enforce the law to the letter. As this section of Ontario is "the daisy of them all," so far as trout-fishing is concerned, and people come for hundreds of miles to fish in these streams, it was thought that the Government should make a special effort to enforce the fishing laws at least. After a spirited meeting and much good discussion, the following resolution was moved by Thomas Bell and seconded by Mayor Allan: "That on account of the frequent and flagrant violations of the Act, especially in regard to the fishing for speckled trout, we would strongly recommend the appointment of a competent game warden at such a salary as will enable him to devote a part of his time to the work, and that a copy of this resolution be given to our member, Dr. G. M. Leeson with a request to bring the matter before the Deputy Minister of Fish and Game."

Mr. Leeson was located on the phone and promised all the help at his command, and on the suggestion that the Minister of Fish and Game meet the association at some date in the near future when the matter could be thoroughly gone into said that he would do what he could to arrange this meeting.

The South Grey Fish and Game Protective Association went on record as being behind the Government in any effort they would take to see that the present law was enforced.

**BRUCE COUNTY PIONEER DIES IN HER 92ND YEAR**

Mrs. William Houston, one of the last surviving early pioneers of Paisley, Ont., died in Toronto on Sunday to the residence of her son, Dr. T. J. F. Houston. Her maiden name was Janet Fisher and she was in her 92nd year, having been born in Perthshire, Scotland in 1831. She came to Canada in 1857. There are two sons by her first marriage. Two sons by a second marriage also survive. Mrs. Houston was a Presbyterian. Interment was made Tuesday of this week at Paisley.

**THE FAX FUN COMPANY**

The second of a series of four concerts to be given here under the auspices of Trinity Church was held on Tuesday night, when a packed house enjoyed the program provided by the Fax Fun Company. The company is made up of four artists. At the head of the concern is Jimmie Fax, who is so long before the public and so well and favorably known as to need no introduction.

Mr. Charles Stanley, a returned man, appeared for the first time before a Durham audience and from his first number delighted the audience with his fine baritone selections. His recital of the old seldier's reminiscences was a fine number and well rendered in a clear, well-modulated voice and a personality entirely free from affectation.

Miss Lina Craine of Toronto, who has had a wide experience as a city church soloist and in concert tours as leading soprano soloist with the Toronto Ladies' Quartette, appeared here for the first time. She has a fine, clear voice of wide range and possesses a charming personality which captivates the audience with her first appearance and holds her hearers to the singing of the last note. Her forte is in classical music but she fits in well with the lighter numbers. All her work was good, but "The Last Rose of Summer" and "I hear You Calling Me" appealed most to the writer.

Miss Mamie Mason, also of Toronto and a new artist here, was an efficient and sympathetic accompanist and in addition delighted the audience with a number of well-rendered recitals and monologues. She is a delightful entertainer.

It was a good concert and sufficiently varied to suit all tastes. Mr. Fax is a long time before the public and his popularity has lost none of its original charms. He is a gentleman and a good clean entertainer. He says in effect his fun may cease to be instructive but it will never cease to be innocent. The most modest may listen to his innocence, but they'll fail to find a word or a suggestion that would cause a blush. In any company under his management he is equally exacting. We have known him a long time, heard him often, and to chase away the blues we recommend Jimmy Fax.

**VETERAN STAR THEATRE**  
TWO SHOWS: 8 and 9 P.M.  
**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**  
December 22 and 23  
**WILLIAM RUSSELL**  
IN  
**Strength of the Pines**

**Attractive Christmas Gifts at Popular Prices**

- Half dozen white Cups, Saucers and Plates  
**Christmas sale \$1.69**
- Half-dozen Clover Leaf Cups, Saucers and Plates  
**Christmas sale, \$2.49**
- \$1.00 Jardiniere  
**Christmas sale, 79c.**
- OTHER SPECIALS**
- Wood Trays **\$2.00 and \$2.75**
- Nickel Trays, **\$1.25 and \$1.75**
- Brass Jardiniere **\$1.85 to \$4.50**
- Salad Bowls **50c. to \$3.00**
- Teapots **50c. to \$2.75**
- Light Cut Glass Water Sets **\$2.00**
- 97-piece Dinner Sets **\$24.00 to \$32.00**
- China Cups and Saucers **15c. to 25c.**
- Light Cut Glass Sugars and Creams, per pair... **75c.**
- Fancy China and Cut Glass at Right Prices.
- DOLLS! DOLLS!**  
Wonderful values  
**\$3.00 Dolls for \$1.98**
- TOYS! TOYS!**  
Rocking Horses, Kiddie Cars, Steam Engines, Train on Tracks, Friction Toys, Dolls' Carriages, Cradles, ...

**SAID HE COULD NEVER BE WELL**

**"Fruit-a-tives" Restored Him to Health**

189 AVENUE PIUS IX, MONTREAL  
"For three years, I was a terrible sufferer from Dyspepsia and my general health was very bad. I consulted a physician and took his medicine but I did not improve; and finally he told me that I could not be cured.  
At this time, a friend advised me to try "Fruit-a-tives". After taking two boxes, I was greatly relieved; and this fruit medicine made me completely well. My digestion and general health are now splendid."  
GASPARD DUBARD.  
50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c.  
At dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

The Variety Store for Christmas gifts.

**Rooms to Rent.**  
Two newly-decorated, furnished, heated rooms to rent to High school girls; with cooking privileges, or board if preferred; after the Christmas vacation. Apply at The Chronicle Office for further information.

**DURHAM MARKET**

Corrected December 14, 1922.

Live hogs.....	\$10.00
Wheat.....	1.10 @ 1.12
Oats.....	38 @ .42
Barley.....	.58 @ .65
Buckwheat.....	.60 @ .65
Peas.....	1.35 @ 1.40
Hay.....	10.00
Butter.....	.30
Eggs.....	.50
Potatoes, per bag.....	.50
Hides.....	.08
Sheepskins.....	.50
Chickens, per lb.....	20 @ 25
Geese.....	18 @ 23
Ducks.....	20 @ 23
Turkeys.....	.35

**BATTERIES**

Stored Recharged and Cared For.  
**We Know How NOBLE'S GARAGE DURHAM**

**Do Your Christmas Shopping at the West End Grocery**  
where SERVICE is our Motto  
**We are Headquarters for Raisins, Currants, Peels Fruits of All Kinds**  
Just the thing for your Christmas Cake  
**THE LARGEST QUANTITY OF THE FINEST QUALITY—FOR THE LEAST MONEY**  
Don't forget that we handle **STEAM-BAKED BREAD** of the Finest Quality  
**BAKING MOLASSES in bulk.** Bring a jar and have it filled.  
**BEAN GUESSING CONTEST**  
With every \$3.00 purchase you are entitled to a guess on the number of Beans in a jar on display at our store. A \$5.00 purchase entitles you to 2 guesses. A prize valued at \$3.00 is offered to the person making the nearest estimate.  
**SHOP AT VOLLETT'S THE PRICES ARE RIGHT**

**We expect SANTA CLAUS to be here SATURDAY, at 2.30---Kiddies bring your want list and hand it to Santa.**  
**The Variety Store**  
R. L. SAUNDERS, Proprietor