

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle File of December 25, 1902.

We must congratulate Mr. and Mrs. William Laidlaw on the celebration of their silver wedding on Friday of last week.

Mr. W. J. Porter of New York says: "I enclose subscription for which you will please regale me for another year with weekly doses of Corn-C Concerns, etc., etc. By the way, what has become of that soldier son of yours who so ably played the role of war correspondent in our Eastern possessions some time ago?"

Inspector Campbell attended the meeting of the County Board of Examiners in Owen Sound on Tuesday.

The Mount Forest Confederates says: "We like some of The Durham Chronicle's ideas on educational matters. In its last issue it advises trustees when they advertise for teachers to state the highest salary they can afford and select the best teacher that will apply for it instead of asking applicants to state salary."

Dr. Jameson is evidently a believer in surgical operations, as he submitted to the knife on Saturday morning last at 1 o'clock.

A very happy event took place on the 3rd of December at the residence of John D. Ewen, Lumsden, when his sister, Dolinda, fourth daughter of Mr. John Ewen, Rocky Saugeen, Ont., was united in marriage to Mr. Robert John McCrae of Cottonwood, Sask.

The Orangeville Advertiser has ceased publication after an existence of 35 years. Here is its final farewell: "At the request of less than 2,000 subscribers we republish last week's paper for the edification of their friends."

The Independent Order of Oddfellows had a contest here during the past few weeks. Sides were chosen and each side was to bring in as many members as possible during a fixed period and at the close of that time the losers were to furnish supper for the Lodge.

My hope is that an increasing number of the younger men, though living in a spendthrift age, an age which lives up to and indeed beyond its income, may appreciate the necessity and value of providing as fully and as wisely as possible for the future.

BRANT FARMER CHARGED WITH INCENDIARISM

Henry Rexford, a Brant township farmer, was arrested last Saturday afternoon and taken to Walkerton jail to await trial on a charge of incendiarism.

PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE

(Written by Rev. Peter Bryce for the Social Service Council of Canada.)

About a year ago I received a letter from a man in the city, who, after outlining his qualifications for matrimony stated he would like to marry a widow with a furnished house, as he was boarding, and just go in and "hang up his hat, as it were," and make himself at home and look after her and the house.

In the matter of providing for the future there are some who say unctiously "the Lord will provide."

I find no warrant in the revelation of God for believing that we need make no provision for the future.

It is apparent to all who have knowledge of family life in Canada that many men have failed to appreciate the importance of providing in an adequate manner for the incidence of death and its consequent effect upon those dependent on them.

The man with a family and in receipt of a small wage finds it most difficult to do more than provide for the bare necessities in the present, and the whole problem with very many is aggravated by periods of depression, bringing in their train unemployment with consequent debt and general discouragement.

I spent three years on the West coast of Newfoundland, and I observed there in certain families an arrangement whereby a boy, when he reached the age of eighteen or twenty years, proceeded to lay the foundation of a house, spending his savings in doing so, and each year adding to the foundation until the house was erected, and he had a house of his own to which to take his bride.

Youth is the time to lay foundations, physically, mentally and vocationally. Should we not as naturally think of youth as the time to lay foundations financially for the future home, and wife and children?

Many men and women in middle life to-day would, if endowment policies were coming due, have occasion to bless those who had urged such a plan upon them.

I am not a real estate agent, nor am I an insurance agent! The suggestions made have the ordinary man of limited means in view and they appear the best available.

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Thomas Desmond, a well-known grain dealer and a prominent resident of the Pinkerton district in Bruce County, died at Pinkerton of cancer. He was about 60 years of age, owned a large grain elevator at Pinkerton station and had been in the grain business in that section for 35 years.

EGREMONT COUNCIL

Council met December 15, members all present, minutes adopted.

The Reeve reported as follows with respect to complaint made by Robert Nichol regarding construction of a culvert on the Town Line between Egremont and Proton, and also as to his threatened action for non-repair of the south branch of drain No. 3.

Deputy Reeve Allan reported that he had attended the convention held in Toronto November 30 in view of having the Singhampton-Hanover County Road taken over as a County Provincial Road.

Comr. Wilson reported as follows: Re M. Queen's bridge as supervisor of the construction of said bridge, in which I reported in construction of the abutments last meeting of Council, would further report that the steel is now placed on the abutments, a temporary floor of planks being in use for the winter months, and would recommend that the sum of \$475.00 be paid Mr. Hill as part payment on the superstructure, retaining the sum of \$225.00 until completed.

Comr. Groat reported expenditure of \$33.10, \$16.50 of which was in Egremont and Proton Town Line; fees, \$2.00.

Comr. McDougald reported the expenditure of \$334.82, \$190.00 of which was for strengthening and repairing Porter's bridge.

School attendance officers J. McPhee and J. R. Philp reported work done according to the Act; fees \$5.00 each.

Account of M. Burke for conveying Mrs. Dunn to House of Refuge, \$10.

Allan-McDougald-That the agreement between the Police Village and Township remain as it is for the remaining part of the year.-Carried.

McDougald-Wilson-That the following accounts be paid: Municipal World \$12.21, R. Gadd, repairing of grader, \$5.50; C. Drumm, oil in grader, \$1.60; W. Isles, No. 3, \$18.00; A. Rae, repairing road 1920, \$6.00; J. R. McIntyre, ad. on drain No. 3, 1921, \$2.00; A. Morrison, railway signs, \$7.50; W. B. Rife, express, \$1.25; Agricultural Society, \$100.00; Reeve, on drain No. 3, \$300, for postage re Prov Engineer, \$2.25; Clerk, postage and phone, \$12.98, service in taxes \$35.00, balance salary \$200.00; Treasurer, postage and exchange \$1852, exchange and stamps County Rate \$12.50, balance salary \$75.00, services \$1.95; members of Council, \$78.90; B. Gibson, room, \$2.00.

Wilson-Groat-That the Reeve vacate the chair and Deputy Reeve Allan occupy same.-Carried.

Brief addresses were then made by the Reeve and other members of Council, after which the Council arose.

Hogs-Cattle-Sheep

THIS Bank is prepared to make advances to responsible farmers who desire to enlarge their flocks and herds. If you seek assistance in this direction, the Manager of our nearest branch will be glad to discuss the matter with you.

BENTUCK COUNCIL

Council met December 15, members all present. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

McDonald-Hewitson - That Edward Boyce be paid \$5.50 for erecting 22 rods, and Ezra Sachs \$13.25 for erecting 53 rods of wire fence according to by-law.-Carried.

Turnbull-Hewitson-That Charles Emke be paid \$30 for sheep killed and injured by dogs and Peter Krauter \$1 for inspecting.-Carried.

Bailey-Hewitson-That account of Middlebro & Sperman be paid, \$16 re expenses in John Noble case, and A. B. Currey \$25.53 as Township solicitor.-Carried.

Hewitson-Turnbull - That William Lorenz be refunded \$5 as part of property is not in light limit.-Carried.

Turnbull-McDonald-That timber on S.L. 10, Con. 9, be sold to Charles Alles for \$5.-Carried.

Turnbull-Bailey-That owing to weather conditions, Stratford Bridge Co. are not completing their contract until next season, we hereby agree to pay 85 per cent. of contract price, the balance to be held until work is completed.

Hewitson-Turnbull-That nomination be held at Lamlash on Friday the 22nd day of December at 1 o'clock in the afternoon to nominate Reeve and four Councillors for the year 1923; in case a poll is demanded, election to be held on Monday, the 1st day of January.

Hewitson-Bailey-That J. Turnbull be paid \$7.60 as delegate to Toronto re changing of Durham Road to a County-Provincial Highway.-Carried.

Bailey-Turnbull-That taxes of the Bowman and Suroff telephone Companies be struck off the roll as they are not liable to taxation according to the Ontario Telephone Act.-Carried.

The following accounts were recommended to be paid:

- H. W. Hunt, Reeve.- G.S. Hopkins, work, material \$11.00 H. Boyce, Styx bridge..... 7.00 W. D. Connor, tile..... 15.50 Thos. Kennedy, roadway..... 10.00 H. W. Hunt, phoning..... 1.35 Div. 1-D. J. McDonald, Comr.- Neil McLean, 19 loads..... 1.52 W. Hodgson, half day man and team ..... 3.50 Thos. Stinson, half day..... 2.50 Robt. Twamley, 2 days..... 9.00 Henry Dunn, 2 days..... 5.00 John Grierson, culvert..... 2.00 Robt. Ledingham and others, gravelling ..... 60.60 John Mills, 35 yards..... 3.50 J. Pust & others, gravelling.. 33.12 J. Just, 42 loads..... 3.36 Sam Boyd, 4 1/2 days..... 11.25 W. D. Connor, sales tax..... .35 D. J. McDonald, 1 day..... 3.00 Div. 2-Jas. Turnbull, Comr.- Chas. Petty, drawing and placing culvert..... 5.00 W. D. Connor, 16 18-inch tile 10.95 Jas. Turnbull, half day..... 1.50 A. Lindsay, culvert, half cost 6.45 F. Prast, tile..... 3.35 N. McCallum, work..... 1.60 Div. 3-Chas. Bailey, Comr.- D. Kobe and others, dragging and culvert..... 17.75 J. Milligan and others, work.. 3.00 J. Park and others, culvert.... 5.25 J. Turnbull, half cost culvert 6.45 F. Prast, culvert..... 10.06 Div. 4-Jas. Hewitson, Comr.- E. Monk & others, sink-hole.. 43.75 J. Hewitson, paying men.... 1.50 T. O'Brien, drawing and placing culvert..... 9.00 J. Dirstein, 13 8-inch tile..... 9.75 J. Hewitson, inspecting timber and culverts..... 2.40 A. Meyers, 42 yards gravel.... 4.20 P. Krauter, underbrushing.... 5.00 J. Hewitson, phone..... .45 T. McGee, Sullivan..... 9.75 T. Smith, underbrushing..... 4.75 Council adjourned. -J. H. Chittick, Clerk.

BOY STARTS ON LONG WALK TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Louis Lamont, a young boy from Toronto, who had been placed on the farm of Henry Spitzig, a member of Greenock Township Council, de-

cidated that he was going to walk to his parents' home for Christmas. He had fifty cents with him when he started out on his trip instead of going to school.

When he failed to return for his supper and no trace of him could be found, search parties were organized and the neighborhood scoured for traces of the absentee.

He was finally located in the Children's Shelter at Walkerton, where he had been placed by Chief Ferguson, who found him late at night and thought him too young for the enterprise on which he was embarked.

TOM MIX COULD WRITE A GENUINE BEST SELLER

"If Tom Mix only had the time to spare from motion pictures," remarked a friend of the Fox star recently, "and someone aroused in him the inclination, he could write a book from his experiences in real life that would furnish some publisher with a genuine best seller."

"In whatever line of activity he has been identified with-and his middle name is actively-he has encountered the hair-raising in experience. This was true of his boyhood in Texas, of his ranch life as a cowboy, of his service as a scout in Cuba during the war with Spain, of his war service in the Philippines and in the Boxer uprising in China, of his contact with the Boer War, of his work as a U. S. law enforcement officer in Oklahoma and a moonshine whiskey sleuth in Tennessee.

"Once in a while Tom Mix can be led to talk freely of his experiences, though only in the company of a few men whom he knows well; but he carries a goodly number of scars that speak eloquently of narrow escapes from death.

"As I said, if Tom Mix could be persuaded, he could produce easily a real best seller. But he's a very diffident chap when it comes to talking of himself"

Mix may be diffident in talking, but he's far from diffident in acting for the screen. The celebrated Fox

star will be at the Veterans' Star Theatre, Durham, to-morrow and Saturday nights, December 22 and 23 in his latest picture, "Trailin'," a Max Brand story which all who have read the novel will recognize as containing an ideal character for the strenuous Mix.

Walt Mason on Book Reviewers.

The book reviewers of these days-the ones most widely known-hand out the brutal, savage phrase that make the authors groan. They jump upon a tawdry book with frenzied shriek and curse, and if the author were a crook they couldn't treat him worse. They fume and rant and rail in anger and disdain; it's worse to write a cheap-john tale than 'tis to rob a train. And yet, while critics raise their din, the cheap books hit the spot; I hold it is no downright sin to write some tommyrot. Where one admires the searching yarn dissecting human souls, a thousand read The Haunted Barn, and kindred rigmoroles. And shall the eager thousand burn the books they most enjoy, because some critic, pale and stern, that hog-wash may annoy? And shall the man who earns his bread by writing red blood dope be crushed by what some critic said, and say farewell to hope? Why should the savage critics cook the lowbrow Mike or Pete? A man may write a jim-crow book, and still be good as wheat.

The Power of Will.

If you think you are beaten, you are! If you think you dare not, you don't! If you like to win, but you think you can't,

It's almost certain you won't! If you think you'll lose, you've lost! For out of the world we'll find Success begins with a fellow's will. It's all in the state of mind.

Life's battles don't always go To the strongest or fastest man; But soon or late, the man who wins Is the one who thinks he can!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS!

Only 2 More Shopping Days to Xmas

Do your shopping early and avoid the dreaded last minute rush. We are prepared for the Christmas trade with the best stock of Gent's Furnishings in town.

Why not when selecting a Christmas present for Dad or for Bill or for Tom or for the young boy, select one that is useful, up-to-date, and just the kind that either an old or young man or a boy will appreciate? Just take a look at the following list.

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FOR MEN AND BOYS

- Sweater Coats V-neck Sweaters Pullover Sweaters Wool Mufflers Silk Mufflers Wool Mitts and Gloves Unlined and Lined Gloves All kinds of Handkerchiefs
- All kinds Men's Socks Men's Fine and Work Shirts Underwear, in all kinds and sizes A nice Borsalino Hat, and the largest stock of Men's Ties in town.

D. M. SAUNDERS Gent's Furnisher

The Last Call to Christmas Shoppers

We have abundance of stock left, and we will not carry anything over that we can sell at wholesale prices. Be here the last few days of this week and get your share of the bargains.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

we will have special window displays. Your choice of any article for One Dollar. We will mention a few of the articles that will be in the window:

- Indian Tree Coalport Cups and Saucers. 1/2 doz. Clover Leaf Cups and Saucers..... \$1.00 \$1.50 Salad Bowls, for \$1.00 \$1.25 Jardinieres, for \$1.00 \$1.25 Nickel Trays, for \$1.00 Toys and Dolls, for \$1.00
- Trains on Tracks Steam Engines, Etc. Large Dolls, for \$1.00 Ladies' Pure Wool Hole-proof Hose, elastic tops, special..... \$1.00 pr.

and many other articles we cannot enumerate.

Special Lot of FANCY CHINA for \$1.00

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