

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Municipal matters are quiet in town and so far there doesn't seem to be much interest on the part of the electors. Apart from street rumors there is little to say, and no definite information can be given until after the nominations to-morrow night or, in fact, till after nine o'clock Saturday night, should the members fail to be elected by acclamation.

At the close of the Council meeting on Monday night, Mayor Allan intimated that he would not be a candidate for the Mayoralty, and a year ago Reeve Calder agreed to retire permanently from municipal politics at the end of this year. This leaves two important vacancies, and two new men must be chosen for the positions.

Dr. Smith, who has been in the Council for the past two or three years, will be a candidate for the Mayoralty, and Barrister Currey is in the field for the Reeveship. Until after the nominations to-morrow night this is the only definite information available. As Mr. Catton, who was regarded as a probable candidate for the Reeveship, is thinking of moving to Toronto in the spring, it isn't likely he will be in the field, and the probability is that Messrs. Smith and Currey will go in by acclamation. Dr. Smith's practical experience as a member of the Council will be of service, and Mr. Currey's business as a lawyer, and his municipal experience in a professional way should make him a good man for the Reeveship.

The nominations will bring out a list of names for Councillors, and right here let us say we believe it would be well to get the young men and give them a training that will fit them for the more important offices later on. Give the young men a chance. They'll be needed soon.

We regret that in past years very little time has been given the school boards to explain matters at the nominations. The schools are a heavy drain on the town finances, and an annual explanation is as much in order from the trustees as from the Mayor, Reeve, or any member of the Council. In fact, we believe the schools should get first place.

AIMS TO PUT EMBARGO ON COAL TO CANADA

Asserting that Canada is receiving large quantities of anthracite coal while many cities in the United States suffer, Representative Brennan of Michigan offered a resolution in the House at Washington Saturday directing the Federal Fuel Distributor to furnish the House with figures of the amount of coal exported to Canada and other countries since September 22 last.

Brennan desires this information as a basis for establishing an embargo on the exportation of coal until the requirements of the consumers of the United States are satisfied.

"While we have only the kindest of feeling for our Canadian neighbors," Brennan said, "we must consider the necessities and comforts of our people first. It is cause for national reproach that people in the United States are threatened with actual suffering for want of fuel, while Canadian coal dealers advertise unlimited quantities of American anthracite for immediate delivery."

The Chronicle is pleased to know from the above that Canada has lots of coal this winter. It is the first time we have been aware of it. Mr. Brennan's reference to the coal advertisements of dealers were certainly not seen in this paper. There is a joker somewhere. So far as this part of Ontario is concerned, there is a decided shortage here and we believe this is general throughout the whole province. Mr. Brennan's suggestion that the House get a statement of coal exports from the United States since last September may throw some light on the matter. Either the coal companies have been trying to boost the price of coal, or else Canada has been getting more than her share and the dealers here are holding out for a higher price. If the United States Fuel Distributor can show that no great surplus of coal has been shipped to Canada, it looks as if the American coal companies have been playing a game of double-cross. A little light on the situation can certainly do no harm. Canadians will be as pleased to have this coal muddle cleared up as residents of the United States.

LISTEN TO THIS!

"Hamilton duck hunters will petition for a change in the dates between which to shoot ducks. They would have an open season from October 1 to January 15 instead of from September 1 to December 15. The Hamiltonians point to the fact

that, although there were thousands of ducks on Burlington Bay on Friday last, the final day of the open season, ice which had formed a considerable distance out from shore interfered with the shooting. The proposed change in the season will be supported by W. A. Crockett, M. P.P., at the January session of the Legislature. There have been more ducks on Burlington Bay in the last few days than there were in mid-season and more are arriving daily."

And why should the game laws be changed, just to suit the Hamiltonians? The fact that there are thousands of ducks now on Hamilton Bay is conclusive evidence that the close season is doing just what it was intended to do—increase the numbers of wild game in the country. Generally speaking, the game laws are not strict enough, and those we have are certainly not enforced as they should be. Instead of "loosening up," the tendency of the game laws is, and should be, to make them so that the wild life of the country may continue.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Something we would like to know. Why do "spectators" at the rink persist in standing in the doorway at the entrance to the ice, blocking the road of the skaters and being "always in the way"?

It certainly must be great to be famous. Then you may get your picture on the pictorial page of the Toronto Star or Globe alongside somebody's registered Holstein bull.

It may be, too, that they'll say that you are the one with the hat on. But what difference should that make.

Without a bank robbery once in a while, life in Mount Forest must get awfully monotonous.

There's one thing sure. With Barrister Currey in the field it can't be said that we haven't dug up a new candidate for the Reeveship. There should be no henching or side-stepping to-morrow night. It looks like an acclamation. Pudding for Currey. Or is it currey-pudding?

At this season of the year the average small boy feels that his stomach is not half big enough. Next Monday night he will both feel and know that it isn't.

There's one thing that a good fall of snow will do. It will stop the fellow coming to town with his fliver which he persists in cranking up at 2 a.m. just under our bedroom window.

Have you done your Christmas shopping yet? Or are you going to wait till 10 P. M. Saturday and then wonder why the tired clerk was so darn cranky? Do your Christmas shopping early and let the other fellow enjoy his holiday, too.

Anyway, whatever else may be said, the public can't accuse the students in the High school of "cutting" their performance short in order to catch the last train out.

To-morrow is the day when a good many people will have their pedigree exposed. Municipal nominations generally let a fellow know lots of things about himself.

YOUNG FARMER'S TRAGIC DEATH

The death occurred Sunday morning under most tragic circumstances of William Elder, who resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Elder about two miles south of Chatsworth. Mr. Elder, who was a young man about thirty years of age, had been in ill health for some time although he had not been confined to his bed. Sunday morning he arose about five o'clock and went out to the barn. The remainder of the family did not get up until about seven o'clock. When some of the members of the family went out to the barn his lifeless body was found hanging from a beam. Dr. Bull of Holland Centre was called but he deemed an inquest was unnecessary. His tragic death was a shock to his many friends in the community and a great deal of sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

He was born and lived all his life on his parents' farm just north of the hamlet of Arnott. For some time he had been working on a "back" farm belonging to his parents. Some time ago he came home as his health was not the best. He was very well known and had a large circle of friends. Besides his father and mother, five brothers and four sisters survive.

Toronto Growing Rapidly.

Toronto continues to grow, and during the past year, according to the municipal census, an increase has been made in population of 6,141. This shows an increase in one year equal to half the population of Owen Sound, or the addition of two towns like Hanover or Meaford.

DEATH OF MRS. CARWARDINE

Mrs. Joseph Carwardine, a resident of this town and vicinity for very many years, died on Friday last at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Richard Hoy, a couple of miles east of Flesherton. A few weeks ago she left to visit her daughter and took ill while there. She was about 85 years of age and exceedingly well preserved for a woman of her years. Besides Mrs. Hoy, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. John McDougall in this town, and, we understand, two or more sons in the West. She was married three times, Mr. Carwardine, her last husband, having died here some years ago. Interment was made last Sunday afternoon at Maplewood cemetery.

MRS. JOHN HEDDLE

The remains of Mrs. John Heddle, a former resident of Lamplash, were brought here yesterday from Hamilton and interment took place at the Rocky Saugeen cemetery in the afternoon. Rev. W. H. Smith officiating at the ceremony. Mrs. Heddle was over 70 years of age and had been ill only eight or nine days of pneumonia. Her maiden name was Christena McCallum and she was an aunt of Mr. John Morrison and Mrs. (Dr.) Smith in town, and also an aunt of Miss Margaret MacKenzie, teacher at Holstein, and of Mr. Malcolm McCallum, in town. For a number of years her husband kept the store and post office at Lamplash, but about ten years ago moved to Hamilton, where he conducted a grocery business.

DEATH OF ROBERT J. MATTHEWS

We regret to learn of the very sudden death of Mr. Robert J. Matthews, who passed away on Friday last at his home in Egremont. He was in his usual health, enjoying the company of his wife and family, when he died almost instantly in the kitchen of his own home.

He was born on the 12th of November, 1868, at Lot A., Concession 20, Egremont, and resided in the township during his whole life. He was a son of Mrs. Matthews in town, and the late James Matthews, who died on the 28th of September last.

Mr. Matthews was married 26 years ago to Mary Schenk, in Holstein, and to them were born four children, Milford A., Ruby M., Amanda E. and John R. W., all at home on Lot 2, Concession 19, Egremont, where the deceased resided ever since his marriage. He leaves two brothers, James M., in Holland Township, near Markdale, Earl V., in Egremont, and three sisters, Jane, in town with her mother, Ellen M. (Mrs. Schenk), and Sarah A. (Mrs. M. Hooper), both in Egremont.

On Sunday afternoon the remains were taken from the home to St. Paul's cemetery, where an appropriate service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Hardy, after which interment was made at Maplewood cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of sympathizing relatives and friends.

Mr. Matthews was an Anglican in religion, a Conservative in politics, industrious in business, honest and upright in his dealings, a good neighbor and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

WILLIAM RITCHIE

Mr. William Ritchie, a native of Glenelg and an esteemed resident of the township till eight years ago, when he moved to town, passed away on Sunday morning, the 17th inst., after an illness of two weeks from heart trouble. He was born near Edge Hill in March, 1851, and was therefore in his seventy-second year. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ritchie, and grew up on the old homestead now owned by his brother George.

In June, 1879, he married Catharine Edge, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Edge, and settled on the lot across the road, where he lived up to the time of retiring from farm life. The family consisted of four sons and three daughters: William J., at Edge Hill; Earl and Herbert, at Bagot, Man.; Edgar, who died two months ago; Maria, in Winnipeg; Mrs. Davis, at Albion Ridge, Alberta; Kate and Lily at home. He also leaves two brothers, John Ritchie, Public School Inspector at Port Arthur, and George, on the homestead near Edge Hill, and four sisters, Mrs. George Firth, at Grand Valley, Miss Jane Ritchie in Durham, Mrs. W. H. Moffat at Narva, County of Bruce, and Mrs. Archie Ector at Elbow, Sask. All the brothers and sisters were present at the funeral except Mrs. Ector.

The deceased was a devoted member of the Orange organization, a staunch Presbyterian in religion, and a Conservative in politics. He was Assessor of Glenelg for three years and also served as a member of the Council.

The floral decorations consisted of a pillow from the High School, a wreath from the High School Board, a wreath from Durham L.O.L., a wreath from the Royal Scarlet Chapter, a wreath from the True Blues, a spray from Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Mc-

Fadden and a wreath from the family.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Presbyterian Church, which was completely filled by relatives, friends and sympathizers of the family. His pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, preached a very able sermon from Psalm 62:5, 6, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be moved." At the close, Mrs. Smith gave a feeling and appropriate rendering of "Shadows."

Interment under the auspices of a large gathering of Orangemen was made in Durham cemetery.

The deceased was a hard worker, a good cradler and axeman, very essential accomplishments in the early days. Since coming to Durham he has been caretaker of the High school, where he was engaged since it was first opened. School was closed on the afternoon of the funeral and the students attended in a body. For twenty-five years he was Secretary of S. S. No. 3, Glenelg.

Mr. Ritchie was highly esteemed in the community, respected by all who knew him, and so far as we have ever known or heard he was the essence of honor in his dealings. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing family.

H. S. COMMENCEMENT WAS HELD LAST NIGHT

In former years, with the exception of last year, the Commencement Exercises in connection with the High school were held on one night, but on account of the immense crowds on such occasions a change was made by making it a two-night affair. The first of the entertainments was given last night, and for four hours a full hall was entertained until after midnight in a most interesting program of choruses, duets, club-swinging, a jazz band, and a fine exhibition of athletic exercises.

Towards the close of the first part of the program the Scholarships, Medals and Certificates were presented to the students. Mr. C. Ramage, chairman of the High School Board, made the presentations to High school students, while a similar duty to the Public school students was performed by Principal Graham. So many presentations were made we are unable to give the names of the recipients in this issue with accuracy, but hope to be furnished with a complete and correct list for next week.

Mayor Allan, ex-Principal of the High school, in a brief address congratulated the teachers and school on the excellence of the program and the general success of the school, but regretted to say the school was lacking in sufficient accommodation and would have to be enlarged in the very near future. The school had outgrown the expectations of the Board and he advised the citizens to be prepared for the cost of enlargement.

The program concluded with a drama entitled, "The Unconscious Burglar," which lasted till nearly half-past twelve. It was well given and all who took part gave evidence of more than ordinary dramatic ability. It will be repeated to-night and those who were not present last night have a treat in store. The School Gazette at to-night's program will be an added feature and take the place of the presentations in last night's program.

METHODIST SCHOOL CONCERT WAS HELD MONDAY

The Methodist Sunday school anniversary held in the Hall Monday night may easily be classed as the best they ever gave. The hall was packed with a most attentive audience, who listened with pleasure to the varied program of recitations, dialogues, songs and choruses, and were delighted with the fine drills presented with mathematical precision by girls who were carefully trained by Mrs. Cole, who is noted for her ability in conducting such work. The flower and candle drills in particular are deserving of special mention.

The boys' military drill under the direction of Lieut. Mack Saunders, was a good number, but some of the boys persisted in variations that amused the onlookers. Candies were served at the close of the program and a presentation was made to Mrs. Cole, consisting of a china sandwich tray, a half-dozen silver teaspoons, a berry spoon and a salad spoon, all the silver of the Adams pattern.

There were over a hundred taking part in the entertainment, but as is usual on such occasions, many of the numbers were noted for their brevity.

Moved to Town for Winter.

Mr. William Hill and mother, and niece, Miss Speers, have moved to town for the winter and are occupying their new residence on George street, near the C. P. R.

"DREAM OF THE MONTHS" WAS A TREAT FOR THOSE PRESENT

The Presbyterian Sunday school anniversary on Friday evening in the Town Hall was a phenomenal success in point of attendance and the excellent and varied character of the program. The chief feature of the program was a mystery play entitled "The Dream of the Months," but as a preliminary a few entertaining numbers were presented.

First was a piano solo, well rendered by Miss Kathleen Milne, then a Goblin Drill by ten girls. The Ponzetta Drill given by seven ladies was pronounced as one of the most beautiful spectacular presentations even given here. The ladies taking part were Misses Vaddie Caldwell, Hazel Caldwell, Belle Lauder, Marion Marshall, Allie McGowan, Sadie McDonald and Mrs. Breen. The costumes were exquisite, and the clock-like precision of the many and varied movements could not fail to attract the audience with its beauty.

"The Dream of the Months"—they call it a pageant. To us it seemed a dozen or more successive mysteries, as each of the twelve months was unveiled and explored in a manner that kept the uninitiated guessing from the beginning of January to the end of December, when Santa Claus appeared with the season's greetings and the distribution of Christmas cheer to the unsuspecting innocents who wondered how he got down the chimney. January represented frost and snow, February, St. Valentine, and love-making; March, St. Patrick and his verdant costume, and so on, each month having a mysterious significance attached to it, till Santa Claus appeared at the end of the scene. There must have been nearly a hundred taking part, and the hundred actors were a hundred "star" performers. They were all good. The proceeds amounted to about \$90.

We understand that Misses Vaddie Caldwell, Sadie McDonald, Marion Marshall and Mrs. C. A. Robbins had charge of the training and we must admit the finished article was a big task well done.

Rob Roy Grain Prices.

We are paying 28c. 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.

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MAGISTRATE LAIDLAW HAS HAD TERRITORY INCREASED

Following is a copy of an order-in-Council approved by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, dated the 5th day of December, 1922:

"Upon the recommendation of the Honorable the Attorney-General, the Committee of Council advise that William Laidlaw, now Police Magistrate in and for the Town of Durham and also appointed Police Magistrate in and for the Townships of Bentinck, Glenelg, Normanby, Egremont and Proton, his jurisdiction in the said Townships to be concurrent with that of other Police Magistrates now having jurisdiction therein; the said Police Magistrate to have the privilege of practising a profession or actively engaging in a business trade or occupation until otherwise directed by order-in-Council.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected December 21, 1922.

Live hogs.....	\$ 9.25
Wheat.....	1.08 @ 1.10
Oats.....	.38 @ .42
Barley.....	.53 @ .60
Buckwheat.....	.60 @ .65
Peas.....	1.35 @ 1.40
Hay.....	10.00
Butter.....	.30
Eggs.....	.50
Potatoes, per bag.....	.50
Flour.....	.08
Sheepskins.....	.50
Chickens, per lb.....	20 @ 22
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Ducks.....	20 @ 23
Turkeys.....	.35

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