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## NEWS AROUND TOWN

### Big Carnival Next Wednesday

Don't forget the big Carnival in Durham Rink next Wednesday night. See prize list in this issue. Come out and get some of them.

### Picture Show this Week.

Last week's advertising for the Veterans' Star was rather misleading as the picture, "Her Majesty" was, in some manner sidetracked and another sent in its place. The comedy "All At Sea" reached here all right, but the regular stuff did not arrive. This week "Her Majesty" will be the feature film and the comedy, "The Punctured Prince," starring Bull Montana, will be the laughmaker.

### Will Move to Durham.

Messrs. John and Charles Moffat will offer their farm stock, implements and household furniture for sale by public auction on Thursday, March 1. We referred to the sale of their farm in last issue and as they have given up farming and will move to town, everything must go to the highest bidder. We understand they have always kept a lot of choice stock and the opportunity is now open to farmers to take advantage of the sale. We are pleased to learn they have decided to come to Durham and will begin the building of a residence as soon as the weather becomes favorable. A full list of sale appears elsewhere in this issue.

### Bob. Wilson Company Was Good.

"A good concert" was the general verdict on Monday night's program by the Bob Wilson Company of entertainers. This is the last of the series for this season to be brought here for Trinity Church. Despite the unfavorable weather, a fairly well-filled hall turned out to listen to the program and were well satisfied with the offerings presented. Miss Haig, a newcomer to Durham, has a clear, sweet soprano voice and her numbers were much appreciated. Miss Hunt on the violin was one of the best ever seen here and Miss Bonnick, pianist and entertainer, made a good impression in her readings and instrumentals. Bob Wilson himself, too, was a good comedian, and judging from the rounds of applause, his program certainly pleased the audience. "The best comedian in years" was one man's verdict.

### Made Official Visit.

Tuesday night was a big one with the local Masonic fraternity, the occasion being the official visit of Rt. Wor. Bro. J. D. Leitch of Erin, the District Deputy Grand Master of Grey District No. 25. There was a large attendance, visiting brethren being present from Hanover, Teeswater and other places. The D. D. G. M. first paid his respects to the brethren in the lodge room where he imparted much information and instruction. The brethren then repaired to the banquet hall where a bountiful spread awaited them. The banquet over, a pleasant social time was spent in which toasts were made to the King and the Craft, the Grand Lodge and the Visitors. Next May the local lodge expects another big day on the celebration of the semi-centennial of the Order here. On this occasion it is expected they will have a visit from the Grand Master and also the D.D.G.M.

### Women's Missionary Society.

The regular February meeting of the Presbyterian W.M.S. was held last Thursday the President, Mrs. Andrew Derby, in the chair. The annual Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer for Missions is to be held this Friday, February 16, in the Presbyterian Church, and for which arrangements were made. It is hoped as many as possible will attend. This Prayer Day is intended for all the W.M.S. of the town. Mrs. John Smith took the Bible reading and Mrs. William Derby the topic, "Building the Nation," showing how the United Empire Loyalists gave up their lands and homes in the States rather than leave the British flag—and how these Loyalists made such a great contribution to the life of Canada. She told of the hardships they endured: how in 1783, the "Hungry Year," when children dug the ground for wild roots and people boiled the early buds of basswood for food. How these loyal men and women built the homes, established the schools and churches is a history by itself and is the best gift their descendants could have received. Miss E. Calder read the story which had a good moral for all. The meeting closed with singing and prayer.

### WORST STORM OF WINTER HERE FIRST OF WEEK

So far this week we have been in the midst of the worst storm of the winter and, in fact, for a good many years, we don't remember of a more continued blow and snowfall. The C. P. R. train on Monday night was held up between here and Saugeen Junction and instead of reaching here about 10 o'clock did not arrive till about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. The afternoon train from Walkerton yesterday had to be cancelled, and while we have nothing definite, we understand that an effort is being made to get a train through this afternoon. The Toronto-Owen Sound main line, however, is open. Up till last night the Grand Trunk fared a little better and the trains were running pretty much on time, though the snow plow was needed Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to make a trail for the passenger. Last night's train from Palmerston, however, was cancelled and while it is likely the service will be resumed to-day we were unable to get very much information. The Southampton and Kincardine lines are blocked and all the available snow plow crews have been working on those branches for the past thirty-six hours. It was just a little later than this nineteen years ago that Durham was tied up for 28 days without a train, and the trouble started after a similarly mild and pleasant winter. It is to be hoped that history will not repeat itself on this occasion. The telephone service is reported as unimpaired and so far the Hydro has been decent and not a stop has occurred. Country roads are reported as almost impassable and the rural routes in this vicinity have not been covered either yesterday or to-day, the condition of the roads making this impossible. Even Durham's milkman, for the first time this winter, has failed to show up and until the highways are opened business will be at a standstill. To-day, however, everything is peace and quietness and looking out at the bright sun it is hard to realize that only a few hours ago we were passing through one of the worst blizzards in years.

### JOSEPH McAULIFFE DEAD

One of the oldest residents of Durham and vicinity passed away on Friday morning last in the person of Mr. Joseph McAuliffe.

He was born in the County of Limerick, Ireland, 88 years ago, and when young moved to England, where he married Margaret Jones, who died here in June, 1921. The union resulted in a family of thirteen children, two of whom were born in England and died there before the deceased and his wife moved to this country about 67 years ago. After coming here he settled for a few years in Bentinck and then moved to Normanby, a mile or so west of Varney, where he lived until he retired and moved to town about ten or twelve years ago.

Of the eleven children born in this vicinity, one, Mrs. Michael Burke, died about thirteen years ago after an operation for appendicitis, and another died in early infancy. The survivors are: Catharine (Mrs. M. McGrath), in town; Ellen (Mrs. John Burns), in Bentinck; Ann (Mrs. French), in Toronto; Margaret, at home; John, in Detroit; Daniel, David, Michael and Edward in town.

He leaves also 15 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. The deceased was a staunch Roman Catholic, noted for his honesty, industry and uprightness of moral character, and well spoken of as a kind and obliging neighbor. Interment was made Monday morning at St. John's cemetery, Glenelg.

### Mail Order Trade Declines.

The Financial Post says that the mail order business is on the decline. Toronto's two large houses which feature this trade make this report and the conclusion has been reached that the days of the mail order house are passing.

### A Hopeful Outlook.

The Farmers' Sun believes that within five years the man on the farm will be in a better position than the average man in the towns and cities. This is hopeful, coming as it does from The Farmers' Sun, whose tone in the past has been pessimistic rather than optimistic.

### DEATH OF DANIEL EDGE

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Daniel Edge, who passed away after a few days' illness from pneumonia, on Sunday morning, at the age of sixty-nine years and ten months.

Mr. Edge felt ill on Monday but thought it was only a slight attack of the gripe which is now so prevalent. On Wednesday the doctor was called and it was learned that pneumonia had developed and his condition was serious. Grave fears were entertained and his chances for recovery seemed doubtful from the first.

He was born in 1853, about three miles north of town, on the farm opposite that now occupied by Mr. James Lawrence. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Edge and had been a resident of this town and vicinity all his life. About forty years ago he married Miss Isabella Binnie, who died in 1917, and for a number of years after marriage lived on the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. Arthur Edge. Thirty-two years ago he moved to a farm across the road and lived there till he retired and came to Durham in 1921.

The marriage resulted in a family of seven daughters: Bessie (Mrs. W. J. Ritchie), Glenelg; Amy (Mrs. Thos. Firth), Lindsay; Sarah (Mrs. W. G. Firth), Glenelg; Maggie, at home; Mary, teacher in St. Thomas Collegiate Institute; Alix, teacher in St. Catharines Collegiate Institute, and Edith, teacher in Dundas Public school. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. W. G. Firth, who is in the Durham Hospital.

The deceased was a Conservative in politics, and in religion an esteemed and devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he had been an elder for seventeen years. He was Treasurer of the Township of Glenelg for twenty years till his resignation a year or so ago. He was a successful farmer and took a deep interest in agricultural affairs and has been officially connected with the South Grey Agricultural Society since it first started nearly fifty years ago. He was President for the past three years and on his resignation at the annual meeting last month was made an Honorary President.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from the Presbyterian Church, where a large number of mourning relatives and sympathizing friends assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to a neighbor whom all admired and esteemed. Appropriate music was furnished by the choir and Rev. Mr. Smith preached a very comforting sermon. Among the floral tributes were wreaths from the Family, from the Session of the Presbyterian Church, from the Agricultural Society, from Dundas Public school, from St. Catharines Collegiate Institute, from St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, from Alex. and Jennie Bell and from Ernest and Chrissie McGirr.

Rev. James Binnie of Parry Sound was present at the funeral. A few men were better known than the deceased and none were more highly respected and esteemed. He was honorable and upright in all his dealings, a good man and a good citizen.

### SWISS BELL RINGERS PLEASED FAIR-SIZED AUDIENCE

The Musical Eckardts, also known as the Swiss Bell Ringers, gave an entertainment here on Friday night and were fairly well patronized. Years ago this musical organization consisted of the members of one family, there being in all eight or nine members in their first appearance here over twenty years ago. The old man, now eighty-two years of age, is still on the job and plays his part on the big bells. Only two of the sons are now in the company, one of these being the advance agent and seldom if ever taking any part in the entertainment. There are now, besides the two Eckardts referred to, three others in the company and all are good entertainers. The two girls are clever bell handlers and perform their features well. Mr. Eckardt, Jr., is a good comedian and a musical wizard on the trombone, violin and other instruments. The whole entertainment was pleasing and skillfully presented. The musical saw and other musical contraptions are so much out of the ordinary as to place the entertainers in a class by themselves.

### ARTIFICIAL RAINMAKING REPORTED TO BE SUCCESS

A dispatch from Dayton, Ohio, says that artificial rainmaking is a success, according to a statement by Prof. Wilder D. Bancroft of Cornell University. A series of experiments at McCook aviation field have proved moisture can be made to fall and clouds and fogs disappear almost at will, Prof. Bancroft declared. The method of producing rain involves sprinkling electrically charged grains of sand on clouds by aeroplanes. Some of the experiments were conducted over clouds a mile in length and produced immediate results. Snow flurries followed several of the experiments.

### Safety First is Their Motto.

Visitors will not be allowed to the Collingwood Hospital while the present epidemic of colds lasts. The superintendent makes this rule to avoid danger of contagion and owing to the congested state of the hospital.

### DR. MAHAN'S BODY FOUND IN VANCOUVER RAVINE

Last week we reported the disappearance of Dr. Mahan, a former resident of this place, but latterly of Vancouver, B. C. At that time there were no particulars available as to the cause of his disappearance. The following dispatch from Vancouver to The Toronto Globe appeared in Monday's issue:

"Unusually tragic have been circumstances connected with the passing of two well-known Vancouver brokers during the past ten days. Dr. J. W. Mahan and John A. Westman were partners in the insurance firm of Mahan, Westman, Limited.

"On January 31, Dr. Mahan disappeared, and, despite careful and energetic search, no trace of him could be found. His friend and partner, seriously ill of diabetes at the time, was not told of Mahan's disappearance. On February 6 Westman died, and on Friday last was buried.

"On Saturday some boys playing in the ravine behind the stables on the Exhibition grounds, found the body of Dr. Mahan. The body was frozen stiff, and had evidently been dead several days. Mahan, who had not been in good health for some time, suffering from the same complaint as his partner, had evidently fallen from the edge of the ravine, and his head had become caught in the crotch of a willow stump. After the body had been removed a small bottle labelled 'carbolic acid' was picked up on the spot where it had lain. This has caused some speculation, as the bottle bore the name of a druggist Mahan patronized.

"There were no burns on the doctor's mouth, however, and, as medical men rarely end life with carbolic it is not thought the bottle had any connection with his death. The post mortem on Monday will tell."

### REGINA ENGINEER KILLED; PARENTS LIVE IN DURHAM

Mr. and Mrs. George Everette received the sad intelligence Sunday of the death Saturday of their son, William George Everette, killed in a railroad accident near Openshaw, about 140 miles southeast of Regina at 2.30 p.m.

The accident occurred when, during a blizzard, a snow plow, which had left Regina Saturday, crashed into a stalled snow plow which had left Regina the Thursday before. The dead in the accident are: W. G. Everette, engineer, Regina; F. B. Purvis, conductor, Saskatoon.

G. R. Masten, conductor, Regina; J. Gaiger, section foreman, of Fro-bisher, was injured, but will recover. Everette and Purvis were killed outright.

The remains of Mr. Everette are being brought to the parental residence here, and it is expected they will reach here Thursday night. Interment will be made in Durham cemetery but so far we have no knowledge of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

### GLENELG PIONEER DEAD; BURIED TUESDAY AT PRICEVILLE

After an illness of only three days, Mrs. Flora Campbell, aged 90 years, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. George Henderson, 186 Arlington avenue, Toronto. Mrs. Campbell's death was due to the infirmities of age, and occurred Sunday morning, the 11th inst. She was the widow of the late Malcolm Campbell, who died in 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell came from Scotland and settled in Glenelg Township on a farm.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Angus McDonald of Sudbury, and five sons, John and Donald R. of Pittsburg; Neil, of Detroit; Norman, of Dinsmore, Sask. and Alex. of Markdale. Interment was made Tuesday afternoon at Priceville.

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The Chronicle is fully equipped to do sale bills on short notice.

### Business Locals.

No. 1 Wheat Wanted.  
Any quantity; highest price. At the People's Mills, Durham. 8/25/14

Custom Chopping.  
Custom choppng every day at the McKechnie Mills. 10/12/14

Adopting Cash System.  
As we have started to do business on the Cash System, we would ask all parties indebted to us to call and settle at once.—John McGowan. 11

Grain Wanted.  
Wheat, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Oats and Mixed Grain wanted. Highest prices paid.—Rob Roy Mills Limited, Durham, Ont. 11 2/14

For Sale.  
Lady's back beaver cloth coat, muskrat lining, large mink collar, size 36; good as new. Apply at the Central Drug Store. 2 82pd

Rob Roy Grain Prices.  
We are paying 45c. to 48c. for Oats, 65c. to 68c. for Barley, 68c. to 70c. for Buckwheat, \$1.35 to \$1.40 for Peas and \$1.10 for Wheat at our elevator.—Rob Roy Mills, Limited, Durham. 11

House For Sale.  
A comfortable brick house, four rooms and woodshed; one quarter acre of land; good well; will sell cheap to quick buyer. Apply to W. Pharoh, Durham. 2 4 4pd 14

Harness and Harness Repairs.  
I have just received a shipment of Harness, Harness Repairs, Robes, Blankets, etc. See my new line of Bain Cutters just to hand.—J. M. Noble, one door west of Middaugh House stables, Durham. 9 28 14pd 14

Old-time Tea-meeting.  
An old-time tea-meeting will be held in the Baptist Church on Thursday evening, February 22. There will be lots to eat and a good program. Come and bring all your friends. Admission 35c. 2 83

Mission Band Entertainment.  
The Jewel Mission Band of the Methodist Church will hold their entertainment and social in the Church basement on Tuesday evening, February 20. Refreshments and program. The Band will be a special feature. All are invited.

Change of Day.  
Until further notice Mr. Henry of the firm of Lucas & Henry will be in his Durham office on Saturday of each week instead of Tuesdays as heretofore. His intention is to come by the Friday night C.P.R. train and remain until 4 o'clock each Saturday afternoon. The office will be open every day and appointments may be arranged with Miss Reid, who is in charge. 2 14

### Peerless Concert Company.

The colored warblers from Virginia and Georgia—don't fail to hear and see the best concert company yet this season. Town Hall, Durham, February 23. Admission 50c. & 25c.

### Toronto Durham Club Meeting.

The Durham Club of Toronto will hold a euchre at the Queen Mary Tea Rooms, 32 King street, west, on Monday evening, February 19, at 8.30 o'clock. Tickets 75 cents.

### L.O.D.E. Annual Meeting.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Canadian Greys Chapter L.O.D.E. will be held in the Public Library Tuesday evening, February 20, at 8 o'clock. As this is also the annual meeting the report of the year's work will be given and the election of officers will take place. A full attendance of members is requested.

### Varney Box Social.

A monster box social will be held in the Orange Hall, Varney, on Friday, February 23, under the auspices of the Varney Baseball League. Good program is being prepared. Accommodation for horses. Sleighs to bring those who are to come from town. Admission 25c., ladies with boxes free. Highest bidder gets box free. Don't miss it. 2 83

### Farm for Sale.

100 acres, Lot 40, Con. 3, West of Garafraxa Road, Bentinck, 4 miles from Durham; 1 mile from school; frame house and barn with good stone foundation; silo; land in good state of cultivation; 10 acres bush; creek running through farm. For further particulars apply to Mrs. Neil Clark, 790 8th Ave., E., Owen Sound, Ontario. 1 25 2m

## JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

A Big Clearance Sale  
now going on of

## KNITTED GOODS at 20% REDUCTION

Ladies' Sweaters, Pullovers,  
Scarfs, Touques, Mitts and  
Gloves.

Men's Sweater Coats  
and Pullovers

Boy's Sweater Coats, Pull-  
overs, Caps and Mitts.

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