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## NEWS AROUND TOWN

### Snow Will Delay Seeding.

A letter from Mrs. Guy Williams of Tisdale, Sask., says there is still a lot of snow there and little seeding will be done before the first of May.

### Port Elgin is Growing.

According to the municipal census as shown by the assessor's roll, Port Elgin's population is now 1,370, or an increase of 60 over last year.

### Cobalt Helps Cochrane.

At an emergency meeting of the Cobalt Town Council on Friday night a thousand dollars was voted to Cochrane as a contribution towards expenses of fighting the typhoid epidemic.

### Had Later Springs.

Mr. R. M. Lowry, lighthouse keeper, and also designated as "the oldest resident" of Port Elgin, says: In the year 1873 two vessels trying to make Port Elgin were stuck in the ice over a mile from the shore from May 24 until June 24. Nineteen years ago the worst blizzard of the season was in March and there was excellent sleighing in the middle of April.

### Stole Butter and Small Safe.

Robbers travelling in a motor truck broke into the creamery at Port Stanley on Friday night and stole nearly 800 pounds of butter and a small safe containing valuable papers. An unsuccessful attempt was made to break into the large safe, which contained about \$300 in cash and cheques amounting to more than \$1,000. So far there is no clue to the burglars.

### Examination Dates Fixed.

The time table for the annual departmental examinations has been issued. The entrance examination begins on June 27, the lower school examination on June 12, the upper school on June 14 and the middle school on June 18. One of the many examinations that face pupils of high schools has been abolished, according to instructions issued by the department of education. Lower school standing for entrance to the Normal schools will be granted pupils of high schools or continuation schools who have passed comprehensive tests conducted by the teachers of the different subjects.

### Appointed C. N. R. Counsel.

We always take an interest in the success of our town boys and it is with much pleasure we learn that Barrister R. E. Laidlaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Laidlaw of town, has been given the position as counsel for the Canadian National Railways, with his headquarters at Toronto. We understand the position was not solicited by Mr. Laidlaw and that his acceptance of it will not debar him from delivering his regular lectures at the Toronto University. Mr. Laidlaw, although only a couple of years at the bar, is meeting with phenomenal success and we congratulate him on his advancement.

### Mrs. William J. Calvert Dead.

Many of the residents will regret to learn of the death on April 6 of Mrs. William J. Calvert. Deceased was a daughter of the late Samuel Wright, and sister of Mrs. John Bryon. She had been a resident of Kincardine for the past twenty years. She lost her husband, a brother of Mrs. William Caldwell, in town, about eight years ago. A family of one son and two daughters, all grown up, are the immediate survivors. Interment took place at Kincardine on Sunday, April 8, the services being conducted by the Rev. Thomas Farr. The pall-bearers were three brothers, Sam., John and Will Wright, and James Ryder, Thomas McCue and James Pace.

### Thank You.

We had an interesting letter a few days ago from Mr. George Stinson of Indian Head, Sask. It was interesting because of a remittance which made him good on the list to the end of 1924; interesting also because of appreciation shown for The Chronicle. He says: "We certainly enjoy The Chronicle, which is like a weekly letter. I congratulate you for the interest taken in the town and will watch The Chronicle for further developments. We are getting along well here; we get three meals a day and sometimes put away a dollar for a rainy day. One thing about this country—it never rains in winter, so we have to use the dollar to buy coal. We have had a hard winter, but spring is opening up nicely now."

### Newspaper Resumed Publication.

The Haileyburian, published at Haileybury, New Ontario, and destroyed by fire last October when the greater portion of the town was consumed in the big forest fire, resumed publication a few days ago.

### Bought Pembroke Paper.

A. Logan, proprietor of the Warton Canadian Echo, has bought the Pembroke Standard from Thomas W. Whaley, who is retiring. Mr. Logan will continue to publish The Canadian Echo at Warton, and L. H. Logan will take charge of The Standard.

### Ill of Typhus at Constantinople.

Flight-Lieut. Dr. Harold Street of Owen Sound is seriously ill with typhus fever at the 82nd General Hospital at Constantinople. His condition is given as satisfactory. He had been in the Turkish city since last fall and in his letters home he has told of the horrible conditions that have prevailed in that city from starvation and disease, due to the influx of hundreds of thousands of refugees from Russia, Armenia and some of the Turkish provinces.

### Huron Ordinations on May 20.

Ordinations of priests and deacons of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Huron will take place on May 20, Whitsunday. The ceremony will be performed in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in all probability. There are several graduates of Huron who will, on that date, take holy orders, and a class of deacons-nominate are waiting to be inducted into office. No ceremony of the church is more impressive than that which marks the separation of young men for the ministry.

### Travellers Want Better Hotels.

A deputation from the Commercial Travellers' Association will meet the Ontario Government next Saturday to talk about hotel conditions in the province and make suggestions as to measures to be adopted for improvement. The deputation follows the report of the hotel commission and their advice will be considered in the legislation which may be introduced regarding hotels. In view of the fact, however, that the Legislature will close on May 4, legislation may not be brought in this session.

### Eggsactly.

Mr. C. L. Grant sent a shipment of eggs to a Toronto firm recently and in a subsequent letter was advised that eight dozen from one of the crates had been incubator eggs from which ten cents a dozen had been deducted. They were evidently put in the incubator and in a day or two discovered to be infertile and sent to the store. Mr. Grant took the eggs without suspicion but they failed to get past the expert egg candler in the city. The selling of such eggs is a criminal offence and the guilty party, if detected, is liable to severe punishment.

### Ice Leaving Owen Sound Harbor.

The ice is going out of Owen Sound Bay fairly rapidly and a telephone message from Presque Isle to Owen Sound Monday morning stated that the ice was all out of the bay up to about 2½ miles from Owen Sound harbor. At Laing's Royal Park, about a mile and a half from the harbor, the ice has melted very little and has shifted very little from its original position. The tug Harrison is waiting for the bay to clear of ice so that it can make its annual spring trip to Fitz William Island to bring back the men and teams who have been working at the timber limits there during the past winter.

### Presbyterian W. M. S. Meeting.

The W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church met on April 12, Mrs. Andrew Derby, president, in the chair. The meeting opened with prayer and a hymn. Mrs. McIlraith, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. Mrs. McCannel gave the Bible reading. Mrs. John Bell gave an excellent paper on immigration, pointed out the work that each nationality is specially adapted for. Mrs. A. H. Jackson gave a story on missionary deficit which was very fitting at this particular time when there is a large missionary deficit in the church. It was a pity all the ladies could not have heard it. All were asked to remember the Mother's Day Offering on May 13, when the Missionary Society will have a special speaker for the occasion. The meeting closed with prayer.

### Resigned Because of Ill-health.

Owing to illness, Mr. James Lawrence, manager of the Durham U.F. O. Shipping Association, has resigned his position, and was succeeded on Monday last by Mr. Clifford Howell.

### Sorry to See Them Go.

It will be seen in this issue that Mr. A. A. Catton is advertising the sale by auction of his household effects and will soon leave for Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Catton have been here for the past twenty-three years and we feel sure the whole town will be sorry to lose them as citizens.

### The Lists Are Still Open.

Though we have met with good success in our appeal for female help, as announced in last week's issue, the lists are still open and it is hoped that in the next few days there will be a sufficient number to justify the opening of a plant to absorb all the applicants. Enroll at once.

### Fined For Wife-beating.

Thomas Casemore, of Turnberry Township was tried before Magistrate Reid and Mayor Elliott of Goderich on Friday on a charge of wife-beating, to which he pleaded guilty. It took \$104, including costs, to settle the account. He was also required to furnish securities to keep the peace for a year.

### Buried on Her Birthday.

Mrs. Spencer, postmistress at Park Head for the past three years, died on Sunday afternoon and interment was made yesterday afternoon at Zion cemetery, west of Hepworth, on the 90th anniversary of her birthday. She had been a resident of the vicinity for 49 years. Her husband died fifteen years ago, but two sons and two daughters survive.

### Stayner Druggists Fined.

Two Stayner druggists were fined last week for selling liquor without proper prescriptions. It appears the medical practitioners wrote their prescriptions on a piece of paper without addressing it to any particular druggist, as required by the Act. Both pleaded guilty and a penalty of \$60.00 and costs was imposed in each case.

### Hydro Men Transferred.

Mr. Roy Belfry, who has been in charge of the hydro high tension service here since the resignation of W. G. Breen, now at Fergus, left this morning with Mrs. Belfry for Midland, where he was formerly stationed. He is succeeded by Mr. Sam. King, who comes from Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. King have already arrived and we understand will reside in the C. L. Grant property in Upper Town, recently purchased by Mr. W. Jack of Glenora.

### Government Will Supply Fry.

The Provincial Government will supply all the necessary fish fry for stocking the streams in this locality providing the farmers will open any that happen to run through their properties to the public. This was the information received by Barrister Currey from Owen Sound last week. Accompanying the information were a number of forms to be signed by farmers who will agree to open streams running through their property to the public. The Government supplies the fry for all public streams, but under no circumstances can it be secured for private fishing grounds. Mr. Currey informs us that he will be pleased to have any farmers who are in sympathy with the movement call on him at his office when he will explain the situation more fully.

### No Need For Sympathy.

The last week has been another one of those that makes a person wonder if winter is never going to end. Durhamites, however, need not think they are the only favored ones and Canada, so far is in need of no sympathy that this part especially has had two snow-storms during the past week and just at the time, too, when everyone is backing Lizzie out of winter storage and sighing for green fields and miles of dusty highway. While many of us are wondering what snow-storms in the middle of April mean, the natives of Eastern Pennsylvania in the vicinity of Philadelphia and the Maryland border got a real shock Sunday when over three inches of snow fell. As a general thing, this would be a real winter storm for that section of country, but coming in April, when, under ordinary conditions, most of the gardens would be in and green stuff nearly ready, the beated storm must have been a heartbreaker for these semi-southern residents.

### DURHAM HYDRO COMMISSION HAS \$6,000.00 SURPLUS

The announcement of the Ontario Hydro-electric Power Commission that the Durham Hydro system this year has a \$6,000.00 surplus will be good news to all our residents. In fact it is more than that. It is a positive shock. For years about the only song sung by the gang with the big stick in Toronto has been one of "pay a little more," and we were getting so used to it that the talk of a "surplus" wasn't received with any great degree of enthusiasm. "Wait till we are sure about it," was the popular answer to questions asked on the street last week-end. But it is true! and unless somebody's stenographer has made an awful mess of it and addressed us the wrong letter the Durham Hydro Commissioners have exactly \$6,258.84 placed to their credit at Ontario Hydro headquarters.

While we have the above accumulated surplus, there is as yet no advice regarding a drop in rates, and so far as is known at present we shall have to dig down for the same amount as formerly each month. But anyway, it is a great satisfaction to know that we are really getting somewhere after slipping down hill for the past seven or eight years.

Included in the statement forwarded to the local Commission is the amount of \$1,516.58, which is referred to in the report, together with interest at four per cent., as a "refund on overcharge" that had been accumulating ever since the Hydro began. This, with interest, amounted to \$1,577.21, and was undoubtedly secured last summer when the local hydro municipalities appeared before the Commission in Toronto and registered their big kick.

The letter from the Hydro Commission received by the local Secretary, Mr. C. C. Elvidge, says, under date of April 11, 1923:

"We take pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Annual Report for the Durham Hydro System for the year 1922, as it will appear in our records. You will note that this report shows a net surplus from the year's operation of \$6,464.25, after providing depreciation to the extent of \$667.00, which is certainly a remarkable showing. The actual cost of power as revealed by the closing of the books of this Commission was \$6,244.54 less than the amount of our interim bills. This has been placed to your credit on our books and deducted from the cost of power so that you have an accumulated credit of \$6,258.84. We will charge your current power bills against this balance until it is exhausted, receiving them before forwarding, which will be reflected at once in an increase in your local bank account and will enable you to immediately take care of all of your accounts payable, so that your next trial balance should show no liabilities other than the unpaid balance of your debentures. We feel that the Durham Hydro System is in a very enviable financial condition and it should be a matter of satisfaction and pride to the local commission.

Yours truly,  
R. C. McCOLLUM,  
Auditor of Municipal Accounts.

### Underwent Operation.

Mr. Landels Wilton underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday morning in the hospital here. Dr. D. B. Jamieson was the surgeon in attendance.

### Men's Class Banquet, April 26.

The Men's Class are planning a banquet to close their season's meeting to be held in the Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, April 26. Colonel John Bayne MacLean of Toronto has consented to come and give an address on "World Leaders I Have Met." The fellows expect to make a big night of it and committees are already at work. Get your ticket early from one of the committee or at D. C. Town's store.

### Will Hold Revival Services.

A series of evangelistic services will commence in the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening of next week and will be continued every night for the next two weeks. Services commence at 7.45 each evening. Evangelist Alexander Torrie, B.A., a graduate of McMaster University, and a native of this county, will be in charge of the services. He has been engaged for fourteen years in evangelistic work and although a graduate of a Baptist University, is working under no denomination, church or committee, but open to receive dates for missions from any church of any denomination. He comes highly recommended and his work in other places has been productive of much spiritual good.

### Business Locals.

#### Wheat Wanted.

Any quantity. Highest price at the People's Mills. 3 15 23 tf

#### The Chronicle Job Plant.

Well equipped for turning out the finest work on short order.

#### Custom Chopping.

Custom chopping every day at the McKechnie Mills. 10 12tf

#### Potatoes Wanted.

I will load a car next week. 50c. a bag at the car.—W. J. Vollett, Durham. 1

#### Monuments.

Person wishing monuments or inscriptions on monuments already erected, call on W. J. McFadden. 3

#### Display of Ladies' Dresses.

Don't miss seeing the wonderful display of Ladies' Dresses Tuesday afternoon till Wednesday at noon, April 24 and 25.—H. Morlock & Sons.

#### Wanted to Buy.

Two-storey brick house with all conveniences in Durham. Apply by letter to Box 14, Chronicle Office, Durham. 3 12 tf

#### Scarf Lost.

March 29, between rink and Methodist parsonage, a large white woolen scarf. Finder rewarded by returning to Chronicle Office. 1pd

#### Grain Wanted.

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

#### Display of Ladies' Dresses.

Remember the grand display of Ladies' Dresses at Morlock's, Tuesday afternoon and evening till Wednesday at noon, April 24 and 25.

#### Motorists, Attention!

We will give you free assistance you may require in filling out your 1923 license application.—Smith Bros., Ford Sales and Service.

#### Auction Sale.

Mr. A. A. Catton will offer his household effects for sale by auction on Saturday, April 28, at 1.30 p. m. Everything must be sold as the proprietor is leaving for Toronto. 2pd

### Return and Save Trouble.

If the person who was seen taking a pair of spreads off a team in the Methodist Church shed yesterday will return the same at once to C. P. Kinnee's Harness Shop he will save trouble. 1pd

### Auction Sale.

Herb Murdock has decided to leave town shortly and will sell his household effects by public auction on Saturday, April 21 at 2 o'clock p. m. R. Brigham, Auctioneer. See bills. 4 12 2p

### 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 1pd

### Rob Roy Grain Prices.

We are paying 48c. to 50c. for Oats, 68c. to 70c. for Barley, 70c. to 72c. for Buckwheat, \$1.35 to \$1.40 for Peas and \$1.10 to \$1.12 for Wheat at our elevator.—Rob Roy Mills Limited, Durham, Ont.

### Take Notice!

Boys and others are hereby warned not to ride bicycles or small wagons on the sidewalks of the Constable has been instructed to lay information against any person or persons who persist in violating this warning.—By Order of the Mayor. 2

### 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. 24 tf

### BRUCE WOMAN DIES AT 101

The death of Mrs. Neil Munro, aged 101 years, occurred at Kincardine on Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Browning. Deceased was a pioneer of Kincardine Township, and until two weeks ago had resided on a farm with her son, Angus, performing her own household duties. She was conscious to the end.

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