

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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FIRST RAILROAD TICKET SOLD OVER SEVENTY YEARS AGO

Seventy years ago last Saturday the first railway ticket was sold in Canada. The Northern Railway was opened to traffic, the road being completed as far as Aurora, a distance of thirty miles. Thousands of persons witnessed the "send-off" but very few passengers would risk their lives on the preposterous thing that seemed to them on the point of exploding. All along the way the road was lined up with spectators, full of excitement at the iron horse hauling along at the awful speed of fifteen miles an hour.

At Thornhill, about half way to Aurora, the wood and water were exhausted and a new supply was provided. The whole trip was made in two hours, but as no telegraphs were in use the Torontonians had to wait in suspense till the machine came back, when confidence was established in the newfangled horse. Shortly after, the road was opened to Holland River, and on the 1st of January, 1855, Collingwood was connected with the Queen City by a pair of iron rails six feet apart. It was not until 1872 that the road was extended to Meaford.

On the 29th of July of that year the writer rode on horseback from Heathcote to Craigheth, then walked the ties to Collingwood, remained over night at the Globe Hotel and left next morning at five o'clock on his first railway trip, a distance of 76 miles, to Richmond Hill, where we arrived some time about noon. That was a great event, second in importance only to the time we got our first long boots with copper toes and red tops.

During the hours of travel on the long journey we were like most boys on their first train trip. We had to walk several times from end to end of the fast-moving train, but careful always to preserve our perpendicularity and hang on to the seats as we passed up and down the long aisles.

Fred Cumberland was the general manager of the road. His name and rank appeared at the bottom of the time tables, conspicuously placed at ends of each coach.

We had our first watch with us, studied the time tables, religiously learned all the stations in turn, and could tell to the fraction of a minute how much the train was behind time at each of its stopping places. We looked wise, and from the way the passengers admired us they must have thought us a high-up official, the general superintendent of the company, or perhaps the superintendent and whole company combined.

When we got to Richmond Hill it took us some time to get back our land legs, but we started out at once on a sixteen-mile hike across the country. We arrived at our destination in time for supper at a friend's home near Tullamore, our legs back to normal. We slept that night, but it wasn't the refreshing sleep of a boy. The sound of the train as it rushed madly through space at the rate of twelve or fifteen miles an hour was ringing in our ears, and the whole scene was enacted over again.

When we woke up that Sunday morning, the last day of July, it was roasting hot and to keep right with the family we had to go to church. We said we liked going to church, but on that particular occasion we believe we were lying.

Next day we drove to Brampton, about ten miles, and back, and on Tuesday started home on foot, a distance of more than eighty miles. Our sole companions were a yoke of oxen, and anyone who ever drove oxen knows what a luxury it is. We mugged all day at a snail pace and it was well after dark on the second of August when we reached Currey's Tavern (now Camilla), six miles north of Orangeville. Next morning we rose with the sun, passing Primrose, and west to Hornings Mills, then turning north to Singhampton, where we spent the night and made home, two miles north of Heathcote, on Thursday night, again after dark. With steady plodding we made about 28 miles a day, but they weren't eight-hour days.

That was our first trip from home and it was 51 years ago. Weary and footsore we took our place in the harvest field next day, but even yet our first railway trip is a pleasant memory.

A STITCH IN TIME

Was there ever a time when we saw the need of fire protection more than we do now? Didn't the fire two weeks ago give a forcible reason for the need of waterworks? Fortunately, we escaped well, but with a little more delay in getting our fire-fighting appliances in operation, we might have been heavy losers as a town. With a little more wind, the whole square in which the fire started might have been wiped out and the town made poorer than it is. Every dollar's worth of material that goes up in smoke makes the town a dollar poorer, and it behooves us all to sacrifice and to save. We need waterworks. Will it pay us to make a sacrifice to secure them? We may have to sacrifice in some ways to pay the higher taxes, but we'll make an equal saving by lower insurance rates, and proper waterworks will be a revenue producer from the start.

We are not even making the best of the advantages we have. Places near the river are assured of an abundance of water if we can only reach it and use it. But in very few places is there a suitable foundation for the engine in case of it being needed. The erection of proper stands should be made at once, not on one side only, but on both sides of the river. The firemen were handicapped at the last fire by not having a place to set the engine. The losses caused by delays would soon pay for the necessary platforms. We believe

the present Council will realize the need and take action for the safety of the town.

HON. I. B. LUCAS OUT OF POLITICS

At the convention in Rocklyn on Monday, Hon. I. B. Lucas was tendered the unanimous vote of the convention on motion of Robert Ferguson of Thornbury, seconded by Dr. Ego of Markdale. In declining the nomination Mr. Lucas said he felt truly grateful to his friends in Centre Grey for the honor they had done him in offering him the unanimous nomination of so splendid a convention. The gathering he saw before him had more pep and enthusiasm than any previous convention it had been his privilege to address for twenty-five years.

Mr. Lucas then went on to review the political events in Ontario for the past twelve years, claiming that three things brought about the defeat of the Hearst Government, namely, prohibition, the war, and the capture of the Farmers' Clubs by the U. F. O. group. The Farmers' Clubs were established by the Whitney Government and were a splendid service to the farmers economically, socially and intellectually, until the U. F. O. took them under its tender care. Coming to the question of his nomination, Mr. Lucas said he was in the Civil Service of the Province, and at the present time was in the midst of a Gregory Commission investigation which was costing the Province \$1,000 a day. The Commission would be very much opposed to his taking any part in politics. In declining the nomination he could assure them that it was the hardest thing he had ever done. He believed that whoever was chosen as the Conservative candidate, would be a winner. The party system of government was the best for the Province. A government founded on class consciousness was bound to sow seeds of discord and despair.

THE CONSERVATIVE LEADER

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, leader of the Conservative party in the Ontario Legislature has declared once and for all the policy of the Conservative party as regards the O.T.A. At Huntsville, Ont., on Monday night Mr. Ferguson was asked: "If you are returned to office will you make any change in the O.T.A. without the question being submitted to the people?"

Mr. Ferguson replied: "I will answer that frankly. When the Ontario Temperance Act is changed it must be in the way in which it was enacted."

In reply to a second question as to whether he would enforce the act fearlessly, he declared that most of respect for the act and a great deal of its usefulness has been largely destroyed by the manner in which the act has been administered by the Drury Government.

There is no quibbling on the part of the Conservative Government as to where it stands on any policy. At no time has it side-stepped any issue.

DRUNKENNESS IN ONTARIO

An article appears in this issue comparing drunkenness in Quebec City with drunkenness in Ontario. The story shows Ontario to be the worse of the two. Last summer we were in Ottawa. We didn't go across the river to Hull, but some who did told us it was appalling to see the drunkenness over there. We know that some who went over came back with an odor Matt Beckett might be able to classify.

DURHAM HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

The following is a report of examinations held in Durham High School ending April 15. The names appear with percentage attached, in order of merit. These examinations were made a test in view of the coming June Lower School examination to be held in the school instead of through the Department as formerly and also in view of the Middle School and Matriculation departmental, which begin on June 18. The Lower School extends from April 21 to June 1.

Form I.

S. McIlraith 84, M. Ritchie 80, B. Smith 79, M. Pickering 75, M. Cameron 74, J. Ledingham 71, E. Cameron 69, E. Falconer 68, J. Harding 66, W. Holmes 65, R. Glass 65, F. Kelsey 64, A. Smith 64, O. Moon 63, T. Wilson 61, E. Cutton 58, M. Lawrence 52, W. Hepburn 57, B. Middleton 56, C. MacLean 55, M. Traynor 54, F. McCallum 52, H. McFadden 52, E. Pilkey 49, K. McLean 45, E. Boyce 44, P. McCuaig 42, B. McFarlane 41, P. Willis 40, G. McCulloch 39, E. Kearney 38.

Form II.

Kathleen McLean 80, Hazel Beaton 74, John McDonald 74, Esther McCombe 74, Verbena Ryan 71, Emily Smith 71, Jennie Stewart 70, Lizzie Fairnie 69, George Hay 69, Katie Morrison 67, Kathleen Milne 64, Campbell McLean 64, Islay McKechnie 64, Dorothy Young 63, Elsie Grant 63, Alvin Snell 63, Margaret Anderson 58, Clara Greenwood 54, Reta Glenerson 54, Margaret Brown 51, Hugh McLean 47, Margaret McDonald 47, Jack Lawson 46, Helen Fortune 45, Frances Hopkins 42, Alex. Lawson 38.

Form III. A.

R. Morrison 75, L. McClocklin 69, M. McQuarrie 68, K. Firth 66, G. Lindsay 66, H. Milligan 65, E. Petty 65, R. Barbour 64, R. Levine 61, V. Meyvyn 61, M. Metcalfe 60, N. McGivry 60, E. Burnett 60, M. Caldwell 58, P. Young 58, B. Stonehouse 56, R. Small 56, K. McMullen 55, M. Morrison 55, E. Hunt 55, A. Blair 53, E. Boyce 50, J. Bell 49, B. Traynor 45, W. Vollett 45, D. Graham 45, C. Noble 40, J. Turnbull 37, A. Graham 36, M. Laurer 32, A. Ritchie 30.

E. McInnis and K. Ray ungraded on account of absence.

Form III. B.

C. Wiggins 71, C. McCrae 71, G. McCallum 71, S. Levine 70, P. Mortley 68, M. Riddell 67, J. Twamley 67, R. Blyth 64, R. Bailey 64, O. Livingston 61, K. Kelsey 60, I. Sharp 60, R. Burnett 58, M. Bell 56, W. Edwards 56, W. Dunbar 55, A. McAlister 54, F. Kress 53, G. Riddell 52, L. Hunt 52, E. Schutz 48, W. Vessie 45, D. Malher 45, H. Kress 42, G. Brunt 38, B. Boyce 35.

ONTARIO NEEDS STABLE GOVERNMENT

(By Sir John Willison in London Free Press.)

One is not impressed by many of the charges made against Mr. Drury and his Government. The premier, I think, has the general regard and good-will of the people of Ontario, but surely not in greater degree than had Sir William Hearst, whose Government was decisively defeated four years ago. Moreover, Mr. Drury finished the session in weakness rather than in strength.

Ontario seems to be weary of the weaknesses and compromises of coalition government. No one has declared more clearly against the group or class system than Mr. Drury himself. Indeed, that has been almost the dominant note of his speeches throughout his whole term of office.

As late as two or three weeks ago he was most definite in his statement that in the general election he would seek and accept support from all elements of the people. A People's party was the ideal to which he professed allegiance and devotion. One thinks there are thousands of people in the province who would support him on that platform who must decide otherwise in view of his capitulation to Mr. Morrison and the class idea for which Mr. Morrison stands.

At the eleventh hour Mr. Drury submitted to the terms imposed by Mr. Morrison and his committee and he is pledged if he comes back from the constituencies with a majority to have his course prescribed and determined by a committee outside the Legislature. What hope is there, then, for a strong and responsible Government under Mr. Drury? Even his own party is divided and apparently it has been determined that in the new Legislature he shall be more amenable to the outside caucus than he has been in the Legislature which is about to be dissolved. Clearly, if Mr. Morrison is to control Cabinets and dictate public policy in Ontario, he should take his place in the Legislature as the leader of his party. Outside dictation is utterly repugnant to the whole theory of responsible government and no one knows this better than Mr. Drury.

The people of Ontario should decide before all other things to have a Government with a working majority in the next Legislature. There is little hope that they can get this through Mr. Drury, who leads a group under a dual leadership. Nor is it generally believed that the Liberal party can carry a majority of the constituencies. One does not prophesy, but unquestionably at the moment that is the common impression. The general expectation is that after the election Mr. Ferguson will have the largest group, if not an actual majority. Is it not, then, the part of wisdom for independent electors who want a government for Ontario that can act with vigor and decision to give their votes to the Conservative candidates? This is the chief issue in the contest, and that is the chief need of the province.

To-day much of the campaign literature of four years ago makes curious reading. The Hearst Government was denounced for extravagance, for abuses of patronage, for neglect of agriculture, for subservience to "the interests." If there was anything in these charges—and, as a matter of fact, there was very little—the record of the Drury Government is a complete vindication of the Hearst Government. It is a singular fact, too, that Mr. Drury has been treated with more consideration by other elements than by the Morrison committee and its organ, which have made his difficult task far more difficult than it need have been. If Mr. Drury should come out of the election with a majority, of which there is little prospect, this committee would be more powerful than ever, for the premier, as has been said, has given pledges that he will put himself in its hands and thus an outside and irresponsible body would practically control the Government and the Legislature of the province.

MRS. ROBERT TRAFFORD

After a lingering illness of a number of years and confinement to her bed almost continuously for more than a year, Mrs. Robert Trafford passed away at her home here at an early hour on Saturday morning.

The deceased, whose maiden name was Martha Hopkins, was born in Bentinck on the 19th of January, 1861, and spent her whole life in the township up to a few years ago, when she moved to town. She was twice married, first in 1885 to Joseph Porter, who died thirty-two years ago, and secondly to Robert Trafford, to whom she was married on the 18th of April, 1904.

The family consisted of three sons and four daughters: William, killed by lightning in 1909; Joseph, on the homestead in Bentinck; Prosper, in Glenelg; Mary (Mrs. Fred, Staples), in Glenelg; Margaret (widow of the late Alfred Noble, who was killed by a falling tree three or four years ago); Christena (Mrs. Joseph Fleming, Hanover and Eva May (Mrs. Carl Fry), in town, the last-named being the only issue from the second marriage.

She leaves also two sisters, Mrs. Robert Caudle of Lakelet, near Clifford, and Mrs. R. B. Hopkins in Bentinck. Two surviving brothers, James and Richard, are somewhere in the West.

Interment took place Monday afternoon in Durham cemetery, Rev. Mr. Cole officiating at the services.

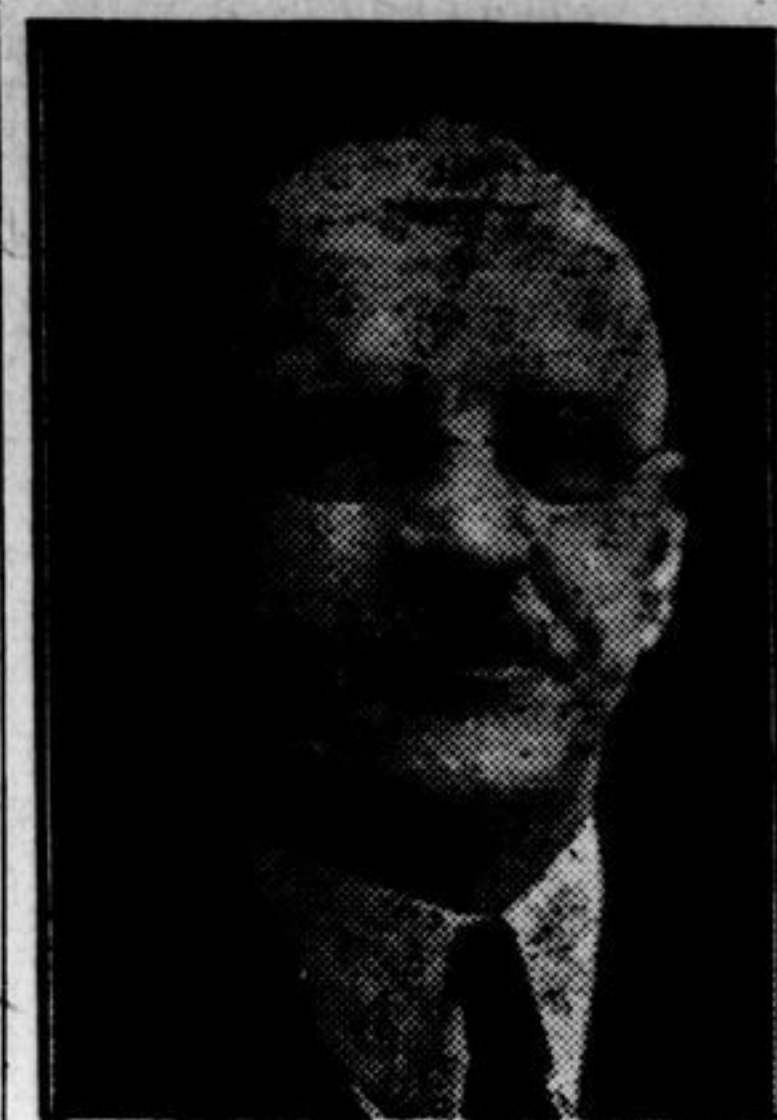
DURHAM MARKET

Corrected May 17, 1923.

Live hogs.....	\$10.00
Wheat.....	1.15
Oats.....	48 @ 50
Barley.....	65
Buckwheat.....	65 @ 68
Peas.....	1.20 @ 1.25
Hay.....	10.00 @ 12.00
Butter.....	25
Eggs.....	25
Potatoes, per bag.....	60
Hides.....	75
Sheepskins.....	75

The subjects are: "A Woman's Work," "The Working Girl's Environment," "The Child—in the Country and in the City," "What of Our Boys?"

Some things are better said with flowers but a widow says it better with weeds.



HON. G. HOWARD FERGUSON
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Robert Caudle of Clifford was present Monday at the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Robert Trafford.

Mrs. Isabella Nottingham of Toronto spent over the week-end as guest of her brother, Mr. James Hepburn.

Mr. William McFadden of Orillia, drug traveller for E. Saunders & Co., London, was in town on business on Monday. He is a cousin of Mr. W. J. McFadden of this place.

Mrs. Hewson of Toronto is visiting her brother, Mr. John Beaton, in Glenelg.

Mr. Emery Dean, now of Riverside, near Windsor, attended the great Masonic meeting here and renewed

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White Lily Pastry Flour.....	3.20
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Feed Flour (middlings).....	2.10
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