

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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FOOLISH POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

The Farmers' Sun of Saturday, June 2, had a letter in it from Mr. Stewart McArthur, who lives about a mile north of town. He is a young man, but that's no crime. We understand he is naturally clever in some ways and nobody can find fault with him on that account. He is a strong advocate of U. F. O.-ism and he has a perfect right to be if he wants to. As an election is coming on, he is evidently troubled with an itch for scribbling, a disease sometimes known as "Cacoethes Scribendi," hence his article in The Sun of Saturday last. There's no harm in a man expressing his honest views in The Farmers' Sun, or even in The Durham Chronicle if he undertakes the work in a rational manner and gives his views calmly and in the absence of spleen. A calm consideration of any question is the only thing that will count. The man who can't give calm expression to his opinions betrays a weakness and anything he says has very little effect.

For the effective distribution of political propaganda there is no use in showing a vituperative spleen. No use making people think you are ruffled over the action of others. If you are really ruffled, don't let people know. You have a right to your opinion. The other fellow has a right to his opinion—just as much right as you have, and you can't change him by going about it in a nasty way. This is where our youthful and clever young writer falls down in his article. He dislikes his opponents and displays a weakness by showing his dislike.

We quote the closing paragraph in The Farmers' Sun. Mr. McArthur is quite optimistic; he sees success ahead of him and he says so. Here's what he says: "In our riding of South Grey we elected George M. Leeson with 956 majority in 1919. This year we are going to send him back with a larger one, if possible. His opponent, Dr. Jamieson, says he doesn't care which gets in. Grit or Tory, as long as the U. F. O. goes down. We intend to bury him (the Dr.) alongside of R. J. Ball in Hanover, who passed out of political life December 6, 1921 and was buried under 2,598 votes."

Mr. McArthur rejoices in the Dr.'s defeat of four years ago and in the downfall of Mr. Ball who was buried under the avalanche of 1921. The object of each party in all political contests is to defeat their opponents. Dr. Jamieson's object this time is to defeat Dr. Leeson, and Dr. Leeson and his supporters are working with an equal determination to defeat Dr. Jamieson. One of the two will win, and the winner will be glad because of his success, but when the conflict is ended neither will so forget himself as to crow over the other's downfall.

We never heard Dr. Jamieson crowing over his success; we don't believe Dr. Leeson ever did. We never heard Dr. Jamieson or Dr. Leeson say a mean thing about the other. They are both above that sort of thing and the crowing is usually done by fledgelings and occasionally by irresponsible grown-ups who should know better than indulge in the nonsense of which they are too often guilty.

When the election is over The Chronicle will give the results and Dr. Leeson, if defeated, will not be referred to in a mean way. It isn't necessary and, more than that, it isn't wise. All the U. F. O. supporters will be glad should Dr. Jamieson be defeated, but we miss our guess if the better class will crow over his political death and burial.

Only political upstarts and ill-advised political enthusiasts will resort to such measures. But these things never win votes. It is foolish political propaganda.

A CAMPAIGN OF INSINUATION

The Drury-Raney-Toronto Globe arraignment of the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson might have more effect had it not been started immediately after his election in 1919. This same combination has been "after" Ferguson ever since he was returned to the Legislature as the member for Grenville. Despite the statements of Hon. Mr. Drury, the Premier, and also that of the Hon. Wellington Hay, leader of the Liberal Opposition, in which both paid compliments to the Conservative leader, both Mr. Raney and The Globe continue their campaign of insinuation and twisting of statements.

Mr. Ferguson has placed himself on record as not in favor of the manner in which the Ontario Temperance Act has been enforced and immediately Mr. Raney and The Globe dub him the commander-in-chief of the liquor forces. But these insinuations will not down with the bulk of the thinking electors of South Grey.

The Ontario Temperance Act was carried at the last Provincial election by a referendum, and no man, Mr. Raney, Mr. Hay, Mr. Ferguson or even The Globe can change the Ontario Temperance Act in any manner without the consent of the selfsame electors. Mr. Raney and The Globe are merely talking piffle when they deal with Mr. Ferguson's attitude on temperance, and they know it. "Canada's National Newspaper" and Ontario's Attorney-General are making a mountain out of a mole-hill. They are "dodging the issue" with a vengeance.

But the whole campaign, so far, from an opposition standpoint, has hinged on trumped-up charges such as these. Some of the United Farmer platform speakers have made quite a lot recently of the "timber" charges against the Conservative leader, formerly Minister in charge of the Department of Lands and Forests. After the investigation, both Mr. Drury and Mr. Hay gave Mr. Ferguson a clean bill of health so far as his personal conduct in the timber deals had been concerned.

But now their propaganda says that they recovered \$1,000,000 in back dues from the Shevlin-Clark interests and are asking the electors to credit them with this. So far as The Chronicle can learn, the Drury Government certainly did discover that the Shevlin-Clark people were owing this one million dollars, and started in to collect it. The Shevlin-Clark people stood suit, the Government compromised on \$500,000, and have never yet collected this and it is questionable if they ever will. But even this one million dollars of back dues does not vindicate the Drury Government from responsibility in the recent E. W. Backus deal, when they sold for \$50,100, timber estimated to be worth at least \$40,000,000. True, they had four or five tenders in on the property, which covered an area of 3,000 square miles, but Mr. Backus has admitted that all the tenders were either from himself or his friends. The Drury Government platform men, however, rarely, if ever, refer to the Backus deal, although it is not likely the campaign will go very much farther before they will be asked for an explanation.

Despite the petty attacks on his character, the Conservative leader will come forth the victor in the campaign of insinuation being carried on by his opponents.

THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The school year is drawing to a close and examination results will soon be looked for. The boys and girls who were idle and indifferent about their studies during the school year need not be surprised at not finding their names amongst the successful ones. Idleness and indifference never spell success. Some of the best plodders may fail also, but when a student does his best, failure is no disgrace. He may hate to acknowledge a lack of ability, but that very thing is the cause of failure in some cases. The teachers are often blamed for the failure of their pupils, but often blamed unjustly. The boys and girls who find the petty attractions of more interest than their text books have themselves to blame for failures when the testing time comes.

Parents are anxious for the success of their children and may be, in part, the cause of the failures. They may not be able to render the necessary assistance and all parents can exercise a guiding influence and show that success at the end of the term depends on a close personal application during the school year.

A failure to pass an examination is not always an evil. A pupil who gets through just by "the skin of his teeth" would be handicapped in the higher form, and be forced to work at a disadvantage. In such cases it would be better sometimes to fail than to pass. Another year in the same work would not be a year's lost time. A better foundation would be laid and the work in future would be easier and more satisfactory.

Failure to pass an examination is not always evidence of a lack of knowledge. Often a person is unable under the excitement and strain of an examination to communicate his knowledge to paper, and the failure is more imaginary than real. Some doubt the value of a written examination as a true test of the student's knowledge. Teachers have reason to know that such a test is often not a true measure of the pupil's knowledge. Again, we find pupils who can write what they know far better than they can tell it. Though written examinations are sometimes condemned it is doubtful if a better method can be devised. The diligent, plodding student who starts in at the beginning of the term and keeps it up till the close of the examination, deserves success and he generally gets it. The idler is almost sure to be a failure in school as in anything else.

DR. JAMIESON IS THE LOGICAL CHOICE

So far, we have entered no plea for Dr. Jamieson's candidature. He is so well-known in all parts of the constituency that an introduction is not necessary. It must be nearly forty years since he came here as a young medical practitioner. For over thirty years he has been in public life, either as a candidate for political honors or as a leader in the industrial life of the town. For over twenty years he was a member of the Ontario Legislature and had to put up a fight to secure his election on every occasion. For a number of sessions he was Speaker of the House and always held the respect of his political opponents as well as his political friends. In his campaigns he was always moderate in his appeals to the people and always willing to acknowledge with gratitude the support received from persons of other political leanings. In the discharge of his duties he was ever ready to assist any of the electors independent of their political leanings. He was fair to all and up to the present time has never had a dishonest charge preferred against him. We believe what we say to be true and deem it an honor to support a man with such a good, clean record.

IS THE WISH FATHER TO THE THOUGHT?

"Is Dr. Jamieson quitting the field?" was a question asked The Chronicle last night by a good Tory supporter. We did not think so, but to make sure called up Dr. Jamieson this morning and put the same question to him. His answer was most emphatic. He is NOT quitting the contest, and has never had any intention of so doing. Possibly the rumor, which, we are told, has been current in some quarters, is what some of the Doctor's opponents would like to see him do, but with the magnificent receptions he has received in all sections of the riding he has yet visited he would indeed be a foolish man to throw up the sponge. Dr. Jamieson's meetings at Eugenia, Flesherton, Dundalk, and other places have been good ones, and while the old enthusiasm is lacking, the electors are not at all satisfied with the carryings-on of the Drury Government and are anxious to listen and to learn. Last night at Hopeville, the Dr. had one of the best political meetings of his present campaign, with plenty of enthusiasm displayed. No, Dr. Jamieson is NOT quitting the campaign.

OBITUARY

MRS. ROBERT E. DICKSON

We regret to chronicle the death at her home at Gleneden on May 24. Mrs. Dickson, who was 66 years of age, was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carson, and was born on the old Carson homestead in Normanby, near Knox Church, still occupied by her brother, Mr. William Carson. She was married to Robert Dickson about 45 years ago and since her marriage had spent all her life at Gleneden.

She was ill about a week with heart trouble although she has been ailing for a considerable time.

Besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. John Clark, survives, who also resides at Gleneden.

She also leaves five brothers and one sister: Messrs. William Carson of Normanby; Andrew Carson, Toronto; James Carson, Southampton; Samuel Carson, Calgary, Alberta; George Carson, Preston, and Mrs. Lydia Allan of Varney.

Interment took place from the family home on Saturday, May 26, to Letter Breen cemetery.

ARTHUR SEALEY

The death occurred at his home on Lambton street, just outside the town limits in Glenelg Township, on Thursday of last week, of Mr. Arthur Sealey, an esteemed resident of the township for many years after an illness extending over many years, but which took a serious turn only a short time before his death.

Mr. Sealey was in his 72nd year and was born in England, being the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Sealey, who came to Canada from their home in Somerset, when the subject of this sketch was a babe in arms. Mr. and Mrs. Sealey, Sr., first settled at Woodstock, in Oxford County, in 1852 and remained there for about sixteen years, when they moved to Glenelg about 1870 and settled on the farm south of the Durham Road, long known as the A. & J. Sealey farm. Here Mr. Sealey spent the remainder of his life up to two years ago, when he moved to his late home on Lambton street.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon to Ebenezer cemetery, Glenelg, the service being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Cole of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Sealey was married in 1900 to Miss Evalena Chislett, who mourns his loss. There was no family.

Besides his widow, three brothers and one sister survive: Henry and Joseph in Glenelg, and James in Woodstock, and Mrs. Edmand (Mary), in Toronto, all of whom were here for the funeral.

Others who attended from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Dingeman, Mr. Samuel Chislett, Mr. George Tucker, Mrs. L. M. Teft, all of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Vineand; Mr. Harry Down and Mr. T. Chislett from Flesherton and Ceylon, respectively.

WILLIAM MARSHALL KILLED BY TRAIN AT SUDBURY

Word was received here Friday of last week of the death at Sudbury Hospital on Thursday of Mr. William Marshall, and old-time resident of Normanby Township. Mr. Marshall died as the result of injuries received from being struck by a train at Windy Lake, about 25 miles West of Sudbury on the C.P.R., on the 22nd of May. For the past few years he has been in the employ of the C.P.R. and has been in charge of pumping stations at different points in Northern Ontario and in the West. Being hard of hearing it is thought he was walking on the track and did not hear the oncoming train until too late. Nothing much is known of the accident other than that he was taken to the hospital at Sudbury, 25 miles away, by special train and died ten days afterwards, on the 1st of June, never regaining consciousness sufficiently to tell anything of how the accident occurred.

The remains were brought to Durham and arrived here Saturday night, the funeral taking place Sunday from the home of his sister, Mrs. William Carson, and interment being made in Maplewood cemetery.

Mr. Marshall was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, and was 48 years of age. He was born in Normanby on the 3rd Concession, near Knox Corners and with the exception of the last twelve years, spent in the West and in Northern Ontario, was a lifelong resident of that Township and in the neighboring Township of Egremont.

About 25 years ago he was married to Miss Sarah Hill of Boothville and lived in that locality for a time, later moving to Normanby and settling in the neighborhood of his old home at Knox Corners. Twelve years ago his wife died and he was left with a family of seven small children. After the death of his wife, Mr. Marshall went West and lived there about six years when he came East and has lived in the vicinity of Sudbury ever since.

Members of the family left to

mourn his loss are three sons and four daughters: William, Landels and Otto; Angabel (Mrs. Wildfang), and Elizabeth, both of Kitchener, and Jeanette and Florence in Egremont and Normanby, respectively. All the members of the family were in attendance at the funeral. Five brothers and two sisters also survive: Robert and John, in Alberta; George and Landels, in Saskatchewan; David, in Normanby; Mrs. William McIlvride of Rowely, Alberta and Mrs. William Carson of Normanby.

Relatives from outside points who attended the funeral were Mr. Geo. Graham, Sr., of Rockwood, and Mr. George Graham, Jr., and daughter, Miss Margaret, from Annan.

The pall-bearers were: George Graham, Sr., George Graham, Jr., Albert Marshall, John Marshall, James Mc. Marshall, William Porter.

The funeral was largely attended, and the services at both house and grave were taken by the family pastor, Rev. Mr. Burnett. Much sympathy is felt for the sorrowing family in their tragic bereavement.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Edward G. Hopkins and two children, Gladys and Hilbert, visited over the week-end with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alfred Ashley.

Mrs. Alfred Ashley and two children attended the Hopkins-Meyers wedding at Allan Park yesterday.

Mr. John Cushnie of Toronto was in town over Sunday. He attended the funeral of a relative in Mount Forest on Monday.

Mr. J. S. McIlraith is in Hamilton attending the annual convention of the Chosen Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Richardson and Mrs. Geo. Gagnon visited relatives in Wingham on Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. H. Lauder returned on Monday from a three weeks' visit with friends in Toronto, Hamilton and Port Credit.

Mr. James Town of Thessalon is visiting his brother, Mr. D. C. Town and family here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harding and daughters Jean and Elizabeth, spent over Sunday with friends in Hillsburg.

Mrs. Hertz of Kitchener visited her father, Mr. Robert Torry, over the week-end.

Mr. Fred Torry of Toronto was in town over the week-end visiting his father, who was seriously ill. On his return on Monday he took his father with him to his home in Toronto.

Mrs. E. K. Jackson has returned after spending the winter in Hamil-

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ton. Mrs. James Brown of Rouleau, Sask., returned to her home on Wednesday, after attending the funeral of her father, the late James Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kearney of Schomberg were in town over Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. D. B. Jamieson is visiting her sister, Miss Bowman, nurse-in-training in a hospital at Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. James Livingston, and daughters, Misses Audrey, Meryl and Elysbeth, of Hamilton, visited over the week-end with relatives in Durham and vicinity.

Mrs. Arthur Aljoe and daughter Erma, of Kitchener, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson Vollett a few days last week.

BORN.
McGowan.—In Durham Hospital, on June 6, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McGowan, a son.

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