

DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor

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THE NEED OF WATERWORKS

We referred last week to our pressing need of better fire protection, and whatever the general feeling may be, our first effort should be for a system of waterworks. Places much smaller than Durham have them and the sight of a standpipe in approaching a place gives a feeling of security. Sbelburne, with a population of about 1,200, has had waterworks for years, and Tottenham, with only 600, is blessed with a similar protection. The waterworks not only gives protection to the places where installed, but the whole place tells the tale by the convenience in the homes and the added beauty of the lawns and general surroundings.

The little village of Tottenham gave us a real surprise as we saw the Community Park, a real beauty spot, started only two years ago. In one corner, nearly opposite the C.P. R. station, is the soldiers' memorial encircled with beautiful flower beds. Near it is the little war gun, properly mounted, as a trophy. The lawn is in splendid condition, neatly cut and beautifully green. The park is not large, perhaps two or three acres in all, and divided into two parts, one being a recreation ground for games, etc., and the other the park proper. In a few years it will furnish great comfort to the citizens old and young. The village is to be congratulated, and the citizens have reason to feel proud.

You may ask what this has to do with the waterworks? The waterworks has a great deal to do with the lawns and the park. Without the waterworks the park and the lawns in their present condition would be an impossibility. Waterworks in Durham would improve the lawns. Waterworks in Durham would improve the appearance of the little Memorial Park and in a year or two it could be made a little beauty spot in which all the citizens would feel a pride. Without a good watering system it will never have the appearance it should have, and without an inviting appearance the citizens will not have the interest they should have.

A fine row of maples were planted around it this spring, we understand by Mr. Calder, who has a deep interest in it. Some of the trees will die for want of water, and under present conditions it is difficult to supply the need. We notice too that one or more of the trees have been disturbed, evidently by thoughtless children who cross the corner as a shortcut, a privilege that should not be allowed.

The Chronicle is not a chronic fault-finder, nor is The Chronicle in sympathy with anything that results in waste or destruction of property. Every citizen should be in harmony with every movement that goes for the betterment of the town and community. We can agree with the sentiments expressed by "Veteran" who writes in this issue and think his suggestions might be acted upon either wholly or in part, but without some system of waterworks it can never be made to come up to his ideal of what it should be. We think too that the Town Council would be justified in making a small annual grant towards its upkeep.

SIGNS OF APPROACHING FALL

In a few days the fields will be bare and signs of approaching winter will be everywhere in evidence. On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, we travelled over a long stretch of country in the counties of Grey, Dufferin, Peel, York and Simcoe, and were delighted with the general appearance of the crops. There is a great crop of straw and viewing the fields from the road it seemed to us as if the grain yield will be good. Oats showed plenty of straw as a rule, but it stood up too straight to lead one to believe the grain is of a plump development. In fact, we are of the opinion that the yield will be light for the amount of straw. We saw also many fine fields of buckwheat, and peas were looking well.

Our trip covered nearly two hundred and fifty miles, and as we didn't double back on the same ground, we had the privilege of seeing a large area with uniformly good crops nearly all the way. There was evidently a fair amount of rainfall, which led to better crops than are reported from some other directions. The crops in part of our own county are said to be light on account of a shortage of rainfall, but as far as we have seen there is a fair average. Nothing gladdens the heart of all like good crops, and as we said at the outset, we were delighted at the prospects as evidenced in the territory over which we passed.

Some husbands feel a reverend regard for their wives and some husbands are pretty.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Durham, August 6, 1923.

To The Editor of The Chronicle.
Dear Sir,—On a hill in the heart of Edinburgh stands the remains of what was meant to be a fine castle, but which was never finished and is now known as "The Disgrace of Scotland."

In Durham, a town which should have as much pride in itself as Edinburgh or any other city, stands a plot of ground which I think may as fittingly be called "The Disgrace of Durham." Moreover, it is not only a disgrace to the town; it is a dishonor to the memory of every boy who left this town and died in the service of his King and country. I speak of the plot on which our Soldiers' Monument is erected.

With commendable enthusiasm the citizens of the town and surrounding communities raised the funds sufficient to secure the plot and erect a very neat monument. They also took the trouble to have the plot levelled, trees planted around it, and possibly sowed some grass seed. There their enthusiasm or their funds, or both, ended, and what are the results?

Our monument now raises its head from the midst of an area green with those two most beautiful of plants—pigweed and Canada thistle, and some parts are so stony that not even these can find sufficient nurture to grow. Some of the trees are growing at the jaunty angle of 45 degrees, but it doesn't matter a great deal, as in another year most of them will be dead for want of care.

Not satisfied with thus dishonouring the dead, the town further discredits them and also insults every veteran in the place by its treatment of the war trophy presented to it by the Dominion Government. Go to any neighboring town and you will find its war trophy carefully erected, even though it be only a machine gun, but Durham's trench mortar lies behind the rink, upside down, with one wheel off, and tastefully decorated with some old harness. Moreover, it has been in some state since the first Halloween since its arrival here.

Have we forgotten that possibly, for aught we know, some Durham boy died to capture that gun? In order to escape the charge that my letter is mere criticism, I should like to offer some suggestions for the improvement of these conditions.

First, the entire plot of ground should be covered with about six inches of good earth, and grass seed sown on it. Although I cannot speak with authority, I venture to say that the earth necessary for this can be secured from the stone plant for the hauling of it. Teams for the purpose may be secured in the same manner as they have been secured for the care of the cemetery. Then the trench mortar should be brought down from its present location, placed on a cement foundation, and painted a khaki or grey color. When this has been done I would suggest that the Town Council add something to the salary of the caretaker of the Public or High school and add the care of the plot to his duties. I feel certain that no citizen is so small as to object to this extra expense.

By doing some such thing as this what is now an eyesore may become a place of beauty and every Durham citizen may speak with pride instead of shame of the manner in which his town commemorates her sons who considered life as the only fit offering they could make for their country.

I trust, Mr. Editor, that public sentiment in this community is not so nearly dead as to require more than the drawing of the attention of the citizens to the condition of affairs in order to have them improved, and that our town may not so soon forget those who should be most honored.

Yours sincerely,
—VETERAN

Another way to economize is to tell the wife how wonderful she looks in the frock she bought last summer.

BORN

McMeeken.—At Durham Red Cross Hospital, on Thursday, August 2, to Mr. and Mrs. George McMeeken, a daughter.

Rainford.—In Durham, Sunday, August 5, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rainford a son.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected August 9, 1923.

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| Live hogs..... | \$8.00 |
| Wheat..... | 1.00 |
| Oats..... | 48 @ 50 |
| Barley..... | .65 |
| Buckwheat..... | .65 @ 68 |
| Peas..... | 1.20 @ 1.25 |
| Hay..... | 10.00 @ 12.00 |
| Butter..... | .30 |
| Eggs..... | .22 |
| Potatoes, per bag..... | 3.00 |
| Hides..... | .06 |
| Sheepskins..... | .50 |

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wright and daughter Hilda, and Mr. George Matthews, all of Kingston, Miss Edna Matthews of Owen Sound and Mrs. J. G. Matthews of Markdale, gave us a call Friday when motoring through to visit Miss Cooper at Lamplash.

Mr. W. J. Porter of New York was in town Friday last and was a welcome caller at The Chronicle office. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. J. Hutton and two children have returned to their home in Lenox, Michigan, after spending a week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hutton.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Knechtel, Mrs. (Rev.) Tiffin, Mr. Cosens and Miss Cosens motored to Galt to spend the week-end with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Runciman of Toronto, visited their old school-mates at No. 13, Egremond in the persons of Mr. John McQueen and Mrs. J. Burgess, Upper Town, on Thursday.

Miss Marion Calder is spending a month at Lion's Head with the Findlay family of Toronto, who have a cottage there.

Miss M. Rooks of Toronto visited her aunt, Mrs. D. Leith over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird and family of Toronto visited the latter's brother, Mr. Robert Isaac over the holidays.

Mr. Cecil McNally of Toronto, and his cousin, Miss Edith Anderson, motored out to Crawford the first of the week to visit his aunt, Mrs. Ellen A. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Prohl and son of Stratford visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sherker over Sunday.

Miss Margaret McGill of Petrolia is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Kennedy, at Bunessan, on her way home from Toronto University.

Miss Mary McKechnie spent the week-end at Oliphant with her cousin, Miss Dorothy Engel.

Mrs. John Halley announces the engagement of her niece, Miss Audrey Mary Lyng, to Mr. William J. Wylie, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Wylie, the marriage to take place quietly this month.—Tuesday's Globe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis and two children, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Allen for the past couple of months, left Monday for their home at Edmonton, Alberta. Mr. Allen accompanied them as far as Toronto.

Mr. J. W. Firth of Toronto Normal School staff, accompanied by Mrs. Firth and two children are holidaying with relatives at Edge Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Townner and son Cecil, of Stratford, were in town over the holiday.

Misses Florence and Janette Kerr left on Tuesday for Guelph, where

they will attend the classes for rural leadership, held in that city every summer.

Mr. Boyle of Toronto visited with friends in town and vicinity over Sunday.

Mr. Robert Hughes of Guelph was a visitor to town on the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lauder and daughter of Hanover visited his parents here on the holiday.

Mr. Arthur McClocklin, who is working at his trade in Toronto, spent the holiday with his wife in town.

Mr. William Bailey of Campbellford spent the week-end with his wife and family here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McClocklin and the former's sister, Mrs. J. Nicholls, all of Toronto, were week-end visitors at the McClocklin camp.

Mr. Howard de Guerre of the Standard Bank staff, visited his mother and other relatives at his home at Woodville over the holiday.

Mrs. John Carson and two daughters of Kitchener are spending a few weeks with the Eden and Carson families in Varney and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McLean, Mrs. Hermie McLean, and Miss Ollie McLean and Mr. Bushell of Priceville, visited at H. Falkingham's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Falkingham and family, also Mr. Wesley Roseborough and family, spent over the holiday at Warton Beach.

Mrs. P. Gagnon and daughter Norma, spent a week at Oliphant with Rev. and Mrs. Cole and returned on Monday with Mr. Gagnon and her brother, Robert L., who went there to spend the holiday.

Mrs. Robert Shortreed and daughter Annie, of Priceville, visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. Falkingham on Thursday.

Messrs. Fred and Bill Downey, who have been visiting with the Clark boys for two weeks, have returned to their home in Toronto.

Mr. J. F. Wright of Toronto was a guest of friends in town over the week-end.

Miss Bell McLean of Michigan is visiting her aunts, the Misses McLean.

Mr. W. Calder is spending a few days in Toronto and Buffalo this week.

Mrs. J. P. Hunter is visiting the

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