

TORONTO DURHAM CLUB ENTERTAINED ON FRIDAY

Pleasant Evening Spent at Home of the Secretary, Miss McClocklin.

Members of the Durham Club of Toronto now holidaying in town were entertained last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. McClocklin by their daughter, Miss May McClocklin of the Toronto school staff, now on vacation here.

Briefly, the "Durham" Club is a society of loyal Durhamite residents of the Queen City who hold monthly meetings, exchange ideas and greetings, and, incidentally, do a lot of sewing and other work for the Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital. From a small beginning, we understand the Club now has a membership of nearly 200 and the big problem is to find suitable accommodation for the monthly meetings.

Besides members of the Club on vacation here, a few residents of the town were also present and the evening was reported a very enjoyable affair. Mrs. (Dr.) D. Jamieson, the local Red Cross president, was present and thanked the Toronto ladies for the interest they had taken in the hospital here which, while doing a good work, was in need of all the assistance it could get. Mrs. Jamieson assured the Durham Club ladies that their efforts were always acceptable and very much appreciated.

During the evening quite a lot of sewing was done and at the close a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

Miss Vina Kress of Buffalo is visiting her father, Mr. George Kress, and sister, Miss Eleanor Kress.

"SPOTTER" LURED MAN TO BREAK THE LAW

Toronto Magistrate Censures Methods Used to Secure Conviction of Tinsmith For Breach of the Dominion Customs and Excise Act.

"An innocent, decent, respectable citizen," in the words of Magistrate Brunton of Toronto, in a recent case tried before him in the Queen City, was lured and trapped by a "contemptible degenerate" in to a violation of the Customs and Excise Act by making a still.

George E. Smith of Humber Bay was convicted of having a still in his possession.

It was on information laid by one George E. Oliver, that Inspector Floody arrested Smith. According to the evidence Oliver went to Smith who is a tinsmith and asked him to manufacture a machine as revealed by a diagram. Treating the proposition as an ordinary order, Smith proceeded to construct the apparatus. Then Oliver returned to Inspector Floody and the stage was arranged for a conviction. Cross-examination of Oliver revealed that such a procedure was merely his customary practice. He stated that he had been intermittently employed by the Ontario license board for over 20 years.

"I don't think the Dominion Department would ever countenance such a piece of knavery," said Magistrate Brunton. "A more snake-like piece of evidence has never been offered in the police courts of Canada."

The magistrate suggested he would help Smith get redress for the fine.

BRIDGE GANG STILL BUSY Will Repair All Bridges On This Branch of the C. P. R.—Plenty of Work For Some Time Yet.

The C. P. R. bridge gang has been working at the overhead bridge east of town for the past month and are about finished. We understand that there is still a lot of work to do between here and Walkerton and that the gang will stick on the job until it is all completed.

A special work crew with engine and crew is going through this part of the division and were working in Durham vicinity last week. They were engaged in picking up rails that had been replaced by new ones.

The Mail and Empire is the only Toronto newspaper that made an increase in circulation in the month of July. The increase in the Mail and Empire's circulation was 1,987 more than June's average.

A little five-year-old newsboy was run over and killed by a motor car in the east end of Toronto on Saturday night. Wurm, the driver of the car, was immediately placed under arrest for manslaughter.

MRS. ROBERT ECTOR PASSED AWAY TUESDAY

Pioneer Resident of Glenelg Answers Last Call After Two Months' Illness.—Interment Saturday in Durham Cemetery.

Mrs. Robert Ector, whom we reported last week as seriously ill, passed away Tuesday night at nine o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Turnbull, about a mile north of town.

Her maiden name was Fanny McCallum and she was born in the Township of Vaughan on the 1st of March, 1838, over eighty-five years ago. On the 30th of October, 1856, she married the late Robert Ector, who died in 1906. Immediately after their marriage in the Township of Vaughan, the young couple came to Glenelg, where they spent the remainder of their lives. They were pioneers of the Township, endured all the hardships of pioneer life, raised a family of two sons and six daughters, and by thrift and industry rose to a position of comfort.

The members of the family are: Robert, in Glenelg, on the old homestead; Archie and Mrs. Petch (Millie), at Elbow, Sask.; Mrs. John Moffat (Fanny), at Pinkerton, County of Bruce; Mrs. William Weir (Elizabeth), in Glenelg; Mrs. John Little (Sarah), in Proton; Mrs. Thomas Turnbull (Kate), near Durham, and Margaret at Stunstead, Quebec.

Since the death of her husband seventeen years ago the deceased has been living with her son, Robert, on the old homestead, till she took sick a couple of months ago and came to live with her daughter, Mrs. Turnbull.

The deceased was a devoted Presbyterian, kindly in her disposition and a highly esteemed member of the community.

Interment will be made on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Durham cemetery, the delay being necessary in order that the son and daughter might arrive from the West in time for the funeral.

JAMES LAVELLE, SR., ILL AT HOME IN STRATFORD

Former Grand Trunk Conductor Out of Durham Stricken With Appendicitis.

Mr. James Lavelle of town received word Saturday night that his father, Mr. James Lavelle, Sr., was taken very ill at his home at Stratford and that his condition was serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavelle motored to Stratford that night and found Mr. Lavelle, Sr., threatened with an attack of appendicitis. On Sunday the word came that he was considerably improved, and later information was received that he was not so well.

We understand it was decided to operate when the patient became stronger, but we have not been informed as to his condition since Monday night.

Mr. Lavelle's friends here will be pleased to learn of his recovery, and accepting the old adage that "no news is good news" we are inclined to think that the crisis is passed.

OLD-TIME RESIDENTS HAD PLEASANT VISIT

Becker Boys of Pennsylvania State Were in Town For a Few Days and Spent a Pleasant Time Hunting and Fishing.

Messrs. Oscar Becker and sons, Oscar, Jr., and Frank Becker, with Mr. Gus Herscher, all of Philadelphia, and Frank Becker, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were in town last week and enjoyed a few days' sport hunting groundhogs on some of the farms in the surrounding vicinity and were successful in making a good bag.

Messrs. Oscar and Frank Becker are old Durham boys and left here about twenty years ago for the Quaker City. They enjoy a visit back to the old home town occasionally, and were here about three years ago on a similar trip.

The Messrs. Becker have prospered since leaving Durham and made the trip this time in a twin-six Packard car and covered the seven hundred odd miles without a mishap. Both boys are looking well and had a pleasant time with the many friends of their boyhood days.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Becker, are now residents of Carney's Point, New Jersey, and old friends here will be pleased to learn they are enjoying good health. Since leaving Durham the family have always kept in touch with the old town and have always been regular subscribers to The Chronicle.

FIELD CROPS THIS YEAR NOT UP TO AVERAGE

This is the Opinion of Government Inspector Here Last Week on Field Crop Competition.

For some years a Field Crop Competition in Oats has been held in this vicinity in connection with the South Grey Agricultural Society. The judging for this year was done last week when the following competitors were awarded the prizes in the order given:

- W. J. Ritchie,
- James Mather,
- William Weir,
- T. G. Bell,
- John C. Hamilton,
- David Robinson,
- John McGirr.

Following are the other competitors in order of merit:

- Alex. Grierson,
- Thomas Young,
- Charles Kennedy,
- R. T. Edwards.

The crops examined are said to be below the average of those entering in former competitions, but are pronounced good. A Mr. Foster from near Shelburne did the judging.

Fall Wheat in Peel County will average 40 bushels to the acre, according to a recent newspaper report. In the storm-swept areas the average will go up to 30 bushels. Alsike is turning out well with yields of from 10 to 12 bushels, an exceptional crop.

1924 TAX RATE 42 MILLS

Council Met Monday Night and Struck Rate For Next Year.—Have Called Public Meeting to Discuss Waterworks for Next Tuesday Night.

A meeting to discuss the proposed Waterworks scheme has been called for next Tuesday night in the Town Hall and it is to be hoped that there will be a full attendance. This is an important matter for Durham and no man has a right to express too positive an opinion without hearing both sides of the case. The question is one that deserves more than a casual going over and the Town Hall should be jammed on Tuesday when the matter comes up for discussion.

At the Council meeting on Monday night the business of striking the rates for 1924 was gone into and according to the finding of the Town Fathers the rate will be 42 mills, one mill less than last year.

The failure of the Jackson Manufacturing Company was one of the factors that contributed to keeping the rate up, as this offset the advantage gained by the maturing of a couple of the money-by-laws last year. The High school, too, asked for approximately \$1,000 less this year than last, but the Public school estimates were about that much higher than in 1923. The rate was struck as follows:

High School.....	4.9 mills
Public School.....	15.2 mills
Public Library....	1.5 mills
By-laws	7.9 mills
Sidewalk	4 mills
County Rate.....	6.6 mills
General Rate.....	5.5 mills
Total	42.0 mills

WESTWARD HO!

Youth and Brawn of the East Now En Route West to Assist in Western Harvest.

Thirty-seven left here by C. P. R. yesterday morning on the Harvesters' Excursion to Winnipeg. From there they will go to different points in the Western Provinces. Following is the list:

Mrs. John Marshall and son Victor, Miss Barbara Marshall, Royden McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edmonds, Mrs. Hopkins, William Murdick and sister, Miss Reta, William Reay, Arthur Wilson, Archie and Neil McKechnie, George C. Wilson, Albert Collebort, Howard McCallum, James E. Nichol, George Wilson, Gordon Johnston, Cliff Paylor, Lawrence Chapman, George Bell, Campbell Clark, Douglas Ewen, Cecil Reay, David Burns, James Whitmore, A. Edmonds, E. Hopkins, Ranald Martin, Nowel Falkingham, Thomas Sproule, Albert Ashley, William Eccles, Harold Atchison, C. W. Clark, Charles Scales, Albert McDonald, Wes. Noble, Lawson Hopkins, Ewing Noble, Melvin Adlam, Fletcher Riddell and Wilfrid Barbour.

The latest reports say that while this year's Western crop is not a record one, it is away above the average and that 50,000 harvesters will be required from the East to garner the crop.

MRS. S. D. CROFT REPORTED IMPROVING

Recovering Nicely From Critical Operation in Toronto Hospital.

The condition of Mrs. S. D. Croft, who last week underwent an operation in a Toronto hospital is reported to-day as better than at any time since the operation was performed.

Mrs. Croft has been troubled considerably of late with headaches and could not seem to get relief. Specialists finally diagnosed the case as tumor on the brain and an operation was performed last week.

From the first the operation was considered of a most critical nature and the condition of the patient for a few days was anything but assuring and it was with relief that her friends here heard this morning that her condition was more promising than at any time since going to the hospital.

The case, however, is a very grave one and the patient is not yet by any means out of danger.

ONE DAY LATE THIS WEEK

Owing to sickness on the staff, The Chronicle is a day late this week. On Tuesday morning J. L. Stedman failed to show up and we later discovered that he was suffering from an attack of lumbago and up to this Friday morning has not yet showed up.

COSGRAVE RECAPTURED SIX MILES NORTH OF GUELPH

Slayer of Father Clohecy, at Proton, Recaptured on Eramosa Road.—Was Taken Without a Struggle and Is Now Again in Custody.

The man hunt for John Cosgrave, escaped lunatic murderer, for the Ontario Reformatory, ended early Wednesday evening of last week when the fugitive was captured in an outfield six miles north of Guelph on the Eramosa Road. A telephone tip from Mrs. A. Peart, wife of the general storekeeper at Four Corners to the Guelph police and relayed to Superintendent Nielands at the Reformatory was the commencement of the last act in an escape that had stirred up the whole section of the province in the vicinity of Guelph. Ten minutes after receiving the message Supt. Nielands and a party of guards set out from the institution and in less than half an hour later the fugitive had been caught.

Cosgrave apparently had been lying in swampy lands southeast of the reformatory ever since his escape until the day on which he was captured, when he came out to the open country and started for the north. He was given a ride by a farmer named Lawson who did not know of the escape. When passing the Peart store at Four Corners, Mrs. Peart recognized his prison garb and gave the alarm. Mr. Lawson stopped at Four Corners and Cosgrave continued north on the Eramosa Road on foot. He had only gone a mile when the searchers reached Four Corners and just before the latter came up with him he entered an outfield. He was seen by guards in the field and quietly surrounded and captured without a struggle.

DEATH OF WILLIAM BURGESS

Uncle of Mr. J. M. Burgess of This Town Passed Away in Bruce Co. in 77th Year.

There passed away on August 9 near Burgoyne, Mr. William Burgess, L.L.B., in his 77th year. He was born in Scotland and came to this country with his parents and settled on a farm near Port Elgin and Burgoyne, his father teaching school as well as farming. The deceased also taught school in York and Durham Counties before he studied law in Southampton and took up a practice in Port Elgin up to a few years ago when, owing to ill-health he moved back to his old home on the farm (the homestead), with his wife and family of one daughter, Miss Olive, and two sons, William Noble and James Rowand. Mrs. Burgess is a daughter of Mr. James Rowand, M.P.

The deceased leaves two brothers, Alfred, at Burgoyne, and Harold in Wales, England.

The funeral on August 11 was largely attended. The Rev. Mr. Strachan officiated, and spoke highly of the deceased, who was of great value to the church and mankind alike. He was laid to rest in the Burgoyne cemetery.

Among those from a distance were the Rowand families of Walkerton, Mr. John A. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Burgess of Durham.

TOM MIX COMING IN NEW FOX PRODUCTION

Local followers of Tom Mix, the big luminary of the William Fox welkin, will have another treat in "Do and Dare," his latest vehicle, which comes to the Veterans' Star Theatre to-morrow and Saturday nights.

This new screen play, which is from the pen of Marion Brooks and which was directed by Edward Sedgwick, casts the vigorous hero in three distinct roles—first, as the valorous and peril-defying scout of the western plains who rescues the beautiful daughter of the commandant of a desolate frontier fort from a hostile Indian tribe and then saves the post from the onslaughts of the savages; second, as the guileless and passive youth who neither knows nor seeks adventure in his provincial shell, but who is suddenly fired by the desire for romance when he hears the lurid tales of his famous forbear; and third, as the brave and resolute participant in a South American revolution, whose daring deeds win for him the woman he loves and the command of a nation's military forces.

Those who are familiar with the varied talents of this dynamic actor can easily picture the grace and dash wherewith he conducts himself in the numerous scenes of this photoplay. To say it is Tom at his best is an old description but true nevertheless.

WITH THE WEEKLY PRESS IN THE MARITIMES

We left off last week as we were on our way from Halifax to the Sydneys. As we left about 8 o'clock in the evening with nearly 300 miles ahead of us, we naturally went through a long stretch in the night, some of which was made in daylight on our return trip.

The Sydneys are in the extreme East of Cape Breton Island, and to reach the island we had to ferry across the Strait of Canso. Owing to the length of our train, two or three trips had to be made in the crossing.

On these trips we make it a point to see all we can, and we were up bright and early every morning. We followed the motto of early to bed and early to rise, going to bed every night as soon as it got too dark to see the country we were passing through. The day was very young our first day in Cape Breton when we made our way to the observation car and enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the Island. From East to West the island is almost if not entirely cut in two by the Bras o'Or Lakes and their connecting links. The trip by rail followed the lakes generally and all the way to Sydney was a continuous stretch of delightful scenery. To add to the pleasure and as a source of gaining information, the conductor was the only other occupant of the observation car, and for an hour or more we found him genial and companionable. He was a man about 70 years of age, spent his life from boyhood in railroading and was in Cape Breton ever since the railway was put through. He knew every inch of the way and when we thought we had tried him out with our questions he waded in voluntarily and gave us a lot of additional information.

From what we saw and learned we concluded the island was not a good agricultural country. This was certainly the case along the line of railway, though our conductor friend told us there were good sections to the north.

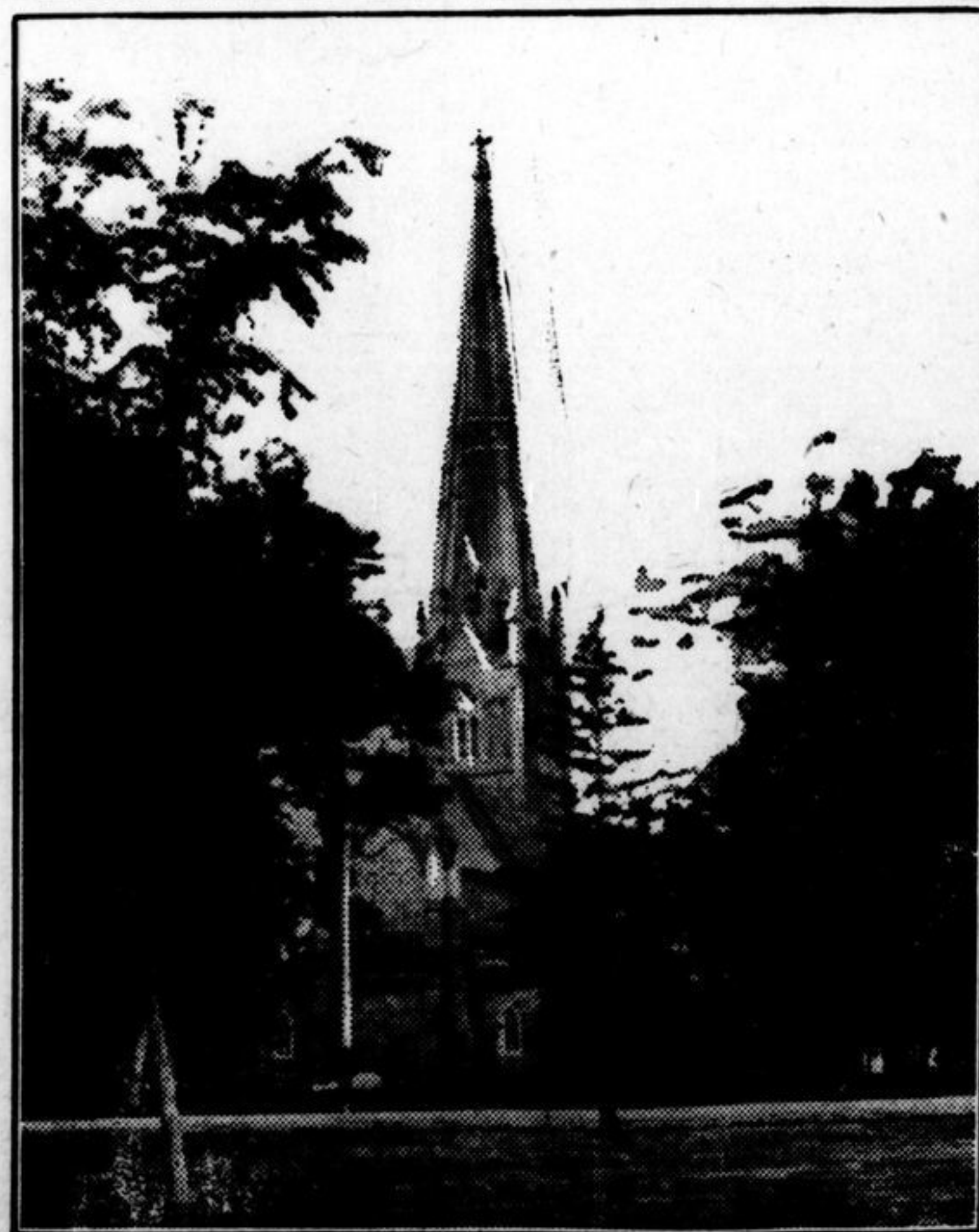
The Strait of Canso, to which we referred, is 187 miles east of Halifax, and Mulgrave lies on the western shore. The strait is a mile wide and about fourteen miles long. It is a natural canal connecting the Atlantic Ocean with the Gulf of St. Lawrence, thus providing a safe passage as well as a short cut for vessels plying between the two bodies of water. It is called the Golden Gate of the St. Lawrence and the number of vessels annually using it runs into the thousands. Mulgrave, a place we had no knowledge previously, is consequently an important shipping port. Most of the cured fish from Canso destined for Ontario and other points in the west are shipped from this port.

We reached the Sydneys about 9 o'clock, one of the most important and interesting districts in the Dominion. The outstanding features of the district are its industries and its harbor. Within the district proper there are three towns bearing the name Sydney, a name which was bestowed upon it 136 years ago in honor of Lord Sydney, at that time British Secretary of State for the Colonies. One of these is known merely as Sydney, another as Sydney Mines, while the third bears the appellation of North Sydney, thus avoiding confusion of names. Each occupies a place on the shores of Sydney harbor. Still another important town which can practically lay claim to being within the district is Glace Bay, fronting on the Atlantic, about fourteen miles from Sydney. The aggregate population within the boundaries of these four towns is about 48,000, largely the result of the rapid growth of the last decade or two.

Sydney harbor is one of the finest in the world. It is two miles wide at its mouth, extends inland for a distance of four miles and has an area of over 25 square miles. Within its confines all the navies of the world could be accommodated with anchorage at one and the same time. And it is without rocks and shoals.

Sydney Harbor has a peculiarity in respect to its geographical situation as well. And this lies in the fact that it is nearer Europe, Africa and even South America than any other point on the North American Continent. Compared with New Orleans it is 600 miles nearer Rio de Janeiro. This geographical advantage is due to the fact that the point of land in which it is situated juts further into the Atlantic than any other point of land on the North American seaboard. Still another in-

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Church of England Cathedral at Fredericton, visited by the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association while on tour of the Maritime Provinces.