

Pioneer Days In Old Glenelg

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF S.S. NO. 2

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Mr. Editor, having seen a sketch of S. S. No. 2, I shall endeavor to give the many readers of the old Durham Chronicle some idea of what transpired in the early history of this old forsaken section, which was formed in the year 1852.

In February, 1852, the late Alex. McIntyre of the South Line, Glenelg, was notified by the then Council of Glenelg to put up notices calling the ratepayers of the newly-formed section to meet at my father's house, (the late Arch. McDonald, on Lot 41, Concession 1, N. D. R. The meeting was duly called and the house was pretty well filled, chiefly all Highlanders. The meeting was called to order in the Gaelic language and a chairman proposed, being the late Mr. Lachlan Black, an old teacher of the times. Mr. Black was an uncle of one of our present Councillors, Mr. John J. Black of Ward No. 2. Three Trustees were elected, being the late Walter Tucker, Donald Ferguson and Neil McCannel, Sr.

The next thing for the newly-elected officers to do was to advertise in some manner for the erection of a school-house, but before this took place quite a jangling occurred as to the site of the proposed house. After a long discussion by the many Scots the proposed site was on my father's farm, it being as central as possible. This being agreed upon, notices were put up for a contractor for the erection of the house. The contract was awarded to my father for the magnificent sum of £20. The specifications presented as to the dimensions of the building were: 20x20 feet with a cottage roof (in those days a school-house was not properly constructed without a cottage roof). However, during the month of July and part of August, 1852, the house was in course of erection and was completed before the expiration of the time given in the contract. However, some of the ignorant fault-finders began to object that the building was not according to the specifications. The trustees and contractor agreed to let it be decided by two arbitrators. The contractor secured the late Duncan Campbell, who was then a young clerk at A. B. McNab's store, Durham and later Township Clerk of Bentinck. The Trustees secured the services of John Levi, a half colored man living on the Old Durham Road, Artemesia. The two met at the school-house, but the brave Highlander was too much for his opponent and the contractor was awarded the sum promised.

The next item on the program was that the contractor had to collect his pay from the ratepayers, which was not an easy task to perform. Some objected because they did not need a school-house and were not going to pay for a house for the purpose of educating other people's children. As, for instance, it was enough for the dark days of heathenism to act as some of those sturdy old ignorant men who, by the way, were not much better than the brute creation. One old father at the first annual meeting, who was one of the objectors to building the house, in addressing the audience jumped on the floor, striking his head to the ceiling, swearing at the idea of asking money for the building of a

school-house, declaring that he and his family got along without going to school and the rest could do the same. Another old Scot said that if anyone came to his house asking for money for the erection of the school-house or paying a teacher, he would kick him down—mentioning the place. But the old complainer passed away long years ago and we hope he is not experiencing the place he threatened to send the collector to for the payment of the school-house.

Those old grumblers were few in number, and all that were in the prime of manhood at the first annual meeting have passed away many years ago.

The old section was broken up in 1863 and formed the most of S. S. No. 10 at Top Cliff.

The first teacher was John Butters, in 1853, an uncle of Mr. Archie McLellan of Durham, who was one of the best penmen in the County of Grey. The next was John McKechnie, near Priceville, an old teacher who taught four years. The next was Dugald McInnes of Buinessan, who taught in 1856, 1857 and 1858, and Mr. McKechnie again in 1859 and 1860. Then the late N. B. Grier, in 1861 and 1862; then the late Arch. McLellan, in 1863, and during his time no less than four teachers who failed attended his school for six months. They were the late John and David Allan and Samuel Queen of Egremont, and William Campbell, then of Dornoch but now of Chesley, Ont. Mr. Campbell had a first-class certificate but wasn't much of a teacher. He taught two years at Top Cliff. The next teacher was John McKechnie, merchant, Durham, who taught when a boy in 1864. The next was John McNeil, now of Ottawa, in 1865; then James McQuarrie, in 1866 and 1867, and then John McKechnie, Sr., in 1868, and the last was Donald McDonald in 1869, when the section was broken up, being united with No. 12, Artemesia.

The separate school ratepayers of the North Line broke away some time before the section broke up. None of the old ratepayers of that faraway time are living. They were the McCannels, Livingstons, McInneses, McDonalds, McArthurs, McMillans, McIntyres, McDougalls, McPhails, McKinnons, McCaigs, Hoopers, Fishers, Chisletts, Tuckers, McKechnies, Fergusons, Robertsons, McLeods, Morrisons, Boaks, Camerons, Butters, Murchisons, McLachlins, McQuarries and others.

There were four or five colored farmers, being Pendletons, Washingtons, Dixons, and Lotmours. Some ten or twelve of their children went to school. I acted as caretaker, when a small boy, for some years at the big salary of \$3.00 a year, but our neighbor across the road, another small lad, thought I was getting too much and he put in his tender for \$2.50. So I was cut off my morning visit of some 200 feet every morning and had the comfort of sleeping a little longer before preparing to go to school.

The general salary paid teachers then was \$190 to \$292, which was the highest to the late Arch. McLellan, a first-class teacher. Of course, board was cheap, only \$6.00 a month, but the other things were high. So old times have passed away.

The girls who don't get \$1,000 a year now complain of not getting enough to keep them up to the times; it is better to be a girl now than a boy, for the boys have deserted the teaching profession for other business which in a good many instances is not so lucrative.

Traverston.

(Our own correspondent.)

The last days of September were just glorious days.

There must be some magnetic attraction in towns on Saturday nights for both young and older folk of the countryside flock out. That doesn't intimate that they are early astir on Sunday mornings.

Inspector R. Wright of Hanover spent a half day at No. 5 last week and found things progressing nicely under Miss E. J. Allan's tuition.

Mr. R. Cook of Ceylon was down to the old Cook homestead on Thursday last.

Messrs. Joe and Charlie Connor are erecting a two-storey cottage with attic having dormer windows facing west and south. The size is 26x28. They have the frame up and roof on. Mr. Sherrard Henry of Markdale is in charge of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Firth and Mr. and Mrs. Bowlen of Guelph motored up to see the former's father, Mr. Wm. Firth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes and family of town were also out.

J. J. Peart suffered severely the past week from an abscess on his nose which required the doctor's lance on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFadden, Orange Valley.

Mr. Theodore Fallaise left last week for Toronto Dental College for his final year. His sister, Miss Violet, who had been up over the week-end, accompanied him back.

Mr. Owen Peart had a very narrow escape from being seriously injured on Tuesday evening of last week, the sleeve of his coat catching in the pulley of the blower, stripping coat and shirt-sleeves off at the collar.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore of Caledonia are spending a holiday with their cousin, Mrs. J. J. Peart, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Moffat of Owen Sound bringing them down from Owen Sound on Saturday.

Old Zion was looking her best at Rally Day service on Sunday, as the front of the altar was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruits, vegetables and autumn leaves. The pupils gave the recitations, readings

and songs in good form and Rev. J. E. Peters waxed most earnest and eloquent in his practical address. It was a service to be remembered.

Mulock

(Our own correspondent.)

Anniversary services will be held in the Mulock Baptist Church and at the North Glenelg Church on Sunday October 7. Rev. C. H. Schutt, M. A., B. D., of Toronto, will preach at Mulock at 11 a.m. and at North Glenelg at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. The pastor will take the evening service at Mulock at 7:30 p.m. On Monday, October 8, at 8 p.m. in the Mulock Church Rev. Mr. Schutt will give a special lecture, "A Trip Through Palestine," from his own experience. There will be special music, solos and duets. A thanksgiving will be taken at all the services. You are invited.

Miss Edna McDougall returned home Saturday after spending a couple of weeks with friends at Lefroy.

Rev. Mr. Steel of Elmwood called on friends here Thursday of last week.

Mr. Andrew M'Ine, Sr., visited Mr. and Mrs. John McDougall over the week-end, also called on Messrs. Duncan and Dan McLellan of Aberdeen.

Rally Day services on Sunday were well carried out, the children excelling themselves. Mr. A. C. McDonald took charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Maclean, Hoi-stein, attended church services here on Sunday.

DOCKETLESS COURT THIS WEEK AT WALKERTON

No Cases to be Heard and New Court Crier Is Due For Easy Sitting.

The statutory non-jury sittings of the County Court, scheduled to be held before Judge Klein on Tuesday next, says last Thursday's Walkerton Herald and Times, and at which Archie Ferguson, the new Court Crier was to make his official debut, will find that official crying to an empty court if he essays to get in some practise at the work, there being no cases on the docket and the time is now up for entering actions. The enlarged jurisdiction of the Division Court, which can now adjudicate on claims up to \$100, is drawing business from the more expensive County Court in a manner that would make the old Law Society weep like Rachel for her children if they could but see the kind of baby they now have on their hands.

BAD CURVE AT MEAFORD WRECKS MANY CARS

Meaford Mirror Has Something to Say About It—Predicts Funeral Soon if Something Is Not Done.

Still another has been added to the list of accidents at the gravel road turn north of Meaford when on Wednesday night a car took a header into the ditch and was badly used up as a result.

The people were Owen Sounders, and, not noticing the turn, continued the journey into the ditch with the result that the top of the car was torn off, the fenders and two running boards were demolished, and one man had his leg cut slightly.

The danger of this spot had been repeatedly pointed out, but the promised "Warning" sign has not yet been erected. Some day a funeral will follow such an accident.

We build fine roads to entice motorists to enjoy the sensation of swift motion—and the provincial constable is reported to enjoy it, as well as others—and then soak a sharp corner down in an unexpected

place that can not be negotiated any faster than fifteen or twenty miles an hour. There is no use talking about "speed limits," because the roads we put down are replacing roads good for that speed. Our roads are built for thirty and more miles per hour, which creates a death-trap out of the curve.

White enamel woodwork may be cleaned with whiting and a moist cloth.

Durham High School

The School is thoroughly equipped to take up the following courses:

- (1) Junior Matriculation.
 - (2) Entrance to Normal School.
- Each member of the Staff is a University Graduate and experienced Teacher.
- Intending pupils should prepare to enter at beginning of term.
- Information as to Courses may be obtained from the Principal.
- The School has a creditable record in the past which it hopes to maintain in the future.
- Durham is an attractive and healthy town and good accommodation can be obtained at reasonable rates.
- J. A. M. ROBB, B. A., Principal.
C. L. GRANT, Chairman.

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20% DISCOUNT on all this season's wallpaper

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Will clear up a cold and is a good system tonic at 50c and \$1.00.

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Especially prepared for the children to build them up and ward off winter sickness. \$1.00 per bottle.

Nyal Wild Strawberry Compound

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The well-known stomach mixture. \$1.25 a bottle.

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Every Person in this Section Who is Weak, Rundown, Sick or Nervous to Try This Great Medicine at Our Expense—Free Bottle Will be Given to All Who Come Early.

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This is an invitation you can't afford to ignore. We'll tell you why. We are going to give you a free bottle of medicine that will tone you up and put an end to all chances of indigestion, rheumatism, constipation, catarrh and kindred ills.

The medicine of which William Bronson said, "It is the only medicine that eased my stomach and stopped the gas, wiped away stomach troubles and put strength and vitality into my blood."

A highly efficient stomach medicine made from roots, herbs, barks, leaves and a few other good things for the nerves, stomach, kidneys and bowels.

You may be starving your blood in the midst of plenty. It isn't how much you eat that counts, but it's how you digest the food you eat. You cannot get steam out of water without fire; you can't get brain power, nerve force, and red blood corpuscles out of food without digestion.

Thousands lack sufficient vital force and don't know why. They think they need a tonic, a vacation or a change of scenery, but they don't. It's old indigestion that's the matter with them and six days of Dreco will prove it. They don't get the strength out of their food. It's like running corn through the mill with the rollers too wide apart, the corn goes through but the mill doesn't grind.

DON'T THINK YOU MUST HAVE A PAIN TO HAVE INDIGESTION

Lack of flesh, too much fat, pimples, blotches, sallow complexion, lack of nerve force, impoverished blood, sleeplessness, headaches, back-aches, sideaches, weak brain power, dizzy spells, spots floating before the eyes, may all be due to the faulty digestive process either in the stomach or the bowels.

Take Dreco with your other food for a week and find out how your digestive organs are working. If the Dreco helps you greatly, gives you more force, strength and brain power, you may set it down that your liver and bowels are not doing their duty.

Only yesterday your head may have felt dull and heavy, you had the "blues," were cross, nervous and irritable, everything seemed to go wrong and you couldn't tell why.

It's ten to one it was old dyspepsia slyly getting in his work, not enough to cause you pain, but just enough to dull your brain, rob you of your vitality, upset your liver and deplete your nerve force. Maybe you don't think so, but try a bottle of Dreco and see if it doesn't change "blues" to a bright, cheery

C. L. Matlick, the B. & O. conductor, says he had rheumatism so bad that he had to use a cane to get around at all. On his fourth bottle of Dreco he said: "I am now feeling fine — have thrown away my cane." These are only two of hundreds, yes thousands.

TEST THIS MEDICINE FREE

Mr. Sufferer, have you ever heard of the wonderful medicine that talks, that really tells you itself what it can do — that's Dreco. Five minutes after you take it the medicine begins to unfold its virtues, and it will by actual demonstration, unfold to you more in regard to its merits in ten minutes than we could probably make you believe it we wrote you ten books as large as the dictionary.

"Words cannot tell you how glad we are for Dreco," declared Mrs. Treasa Copley. "The first bottle fixed me up," said Walter F. Dixon. "Am a changed man now," states Rev. Joseph L. Butler.

You may know something of these people, or know somebody who knows them. We'll send you their full addresses if you want them, so that you can find out about Dreco and the wonders it has wrought.

Probably you are now thinking whether all this can be true; stop it. Come at once to the Druggist listed below. Here you will receive absolutely free, a good-sized bottle of Dreco. This offer is open to every man and woman in this vicinity. There are no ifs, ands or buts attached to it, except that you come early before the generous supply of free bottles has been used. You don't have to buy anything if you don't want to. All we ask is that you step in and test this wonderful medicine, and see for yourself what it can do for you. So please come as early as possible.

DR. TOLD NURSE TO TAKE DRECO

Crippled Up By Rheumatism So She Had to Hold on to Banisters—Feet Swollen, Limbs, Ankles, Elbows Full of Pain.

"I am writing to say a few words in praise of your wonderful medicine, Dreco. I have often been asked to endorse this or that medicine, but always refused, but Dreco is different," said Mrs. D. S. Simpson, 1442 Law Avenue, Evansville, Indiana.

"I have suffered greatly from rheumatism and been treated by excellent physicians, finally tried a change of climate, but always my relief was temporary. While nursing, I've had doctors pity me, saying I should be the one in bed with a nurse to attend me. My feet were so swollen and painful I could hardly keep my shoes on, my ankles and limbs were so sore and stiff I had a limp in my walk. I often had dark circles under my eyes and that tired look in them.

"Constipation was a source of great annoyance and I couldn't secure relief from it. I was often nauseated and had a repulsion at the sight of food.

"To-day my feelings are entirely changed. I have taken two bottles of Dreco and I am so much better the doctor told me to keep on taking it. Every ache and pain is gone, the constipation is completely relieved. I am no longer nauseated, but eat and relish every meal. Instead of being a sore, crippled creature, limping around, I am happy, and can nurse cases to-day which I was forced to refuse before. I give all the credit for my grand relief to Dreco, and unhesitatingly recommend it to everyone who suffers as I did." Free samples given.



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Lewis A. Todd, the travelling salesman, had stomach trouble so bad he practically had to live on liquid foods. He couldn't even eat vegetables without suffering terrible pain. He took two bottles of Dreco and can now eat anything he wants and without any distress whatever — sounds like a miracle? Well, we have Mr. Todd's own signed statement to that effect.

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