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PRICEVILLE AND VICINITY

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STURROCK-FERGUSON—At the home of the bride's parents, Hopeville, on Wednesday, Dec. 31st, 1919, by Rev. C. Sinclair Jones, Priceville, Annie, daughter of Archibald Ferguson, to James Wilkie Sturrock of Hopeville.

KENNEDY-ALDCORN—At the home of the bride's parents, Swinton Park, on Thursday, Jan. 1st, 1920, by Rev. C. Sinclair Jones, Priceville, Agnes Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Aldcorn, to James Hill Kennedy of Riverview.

KARSTEDT-McMILLAN—At the home of the bride's parents, Priceville, on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, 1920, by Rev. C. Sinclair Jones, Rebecca Mary, daughter of Donald McMillan, to Harold Edgar Karstedt of Priceville.

HOPEVILLE

Mr A Riddell unloaded a car of coal Monday and Tuesday.

Our sympathy is extended to Miss Jessie McEachnie, brothers, sisters and relatives in the death of Mrs. Jan McEachnie, a kind and loving mother who died on Friday morning very suddenly.

Mrs Wm. Fettes also Mrs P. Fettes Sr. is, we are sorry to report at time of writing, under the Dr's care.

Next two weeks a domestic teacher will be here with something interesting for the ladies.
Snow falls are prevalent, filling the roads almost impassible.
Mr F. W. McLean, one of J. H. Richardson's bushmen, had the mis-

fortune to cut his foot Tuesday morning laying him off duty for a few days. We are glad to report Mr Walter Thompson in Fisherton improving nicely.

Dr Cockburn gave some very interesting lectures to the ladies each afternoon last week and we are pleased to have him again this week. A domestic teacher will be here the two following weeks. Mr J. C. Duff was here last week and Mr H. C. Duff is expected for this week to lecture on agricultural lines.

Mr and Mrs Percy Wade, Mt Forest, visited at Mr Ostander's Friday. Mrs O and children accompanied them home.

Members of the U. F. O. attended a joint meeting in Dundas Friday.

Ducks Greet Train

Charles Harrison Gibbons in Sunday World

If you have ever travelled to Walkerton or Durham via the Canadian Pacific railway, you will remember having changed cars at Saugeen. Saugeen is a junction point in the midst of green fields once tillowed with hay or wheat or oats—a junction and nothing more. It has two lines of track, of course, a waiting room of half box car dimensions, a platform—and it wonderful trained ducks.

Yes, trained ducks! If it weren't for the ducks there would be nothing whatever about it to lift Saugeen out of the rut of absolute and complete accord with scores of other anathemized rural junctions.

But the ducks are its joy and its pride and its passport to transient celebrity.

There are literally a duck and a drake, with which another duck has latterly been visiting. The original pair are the property of A. Gemmel of Walkerton, who "fires" on the local plying daily (Sundays excepted) between that place and the junction. He and driver Moore have built themselves a neat little lodge near the track, which they call home while waiting to make the run after bringing back the morning train. There is a little pond between the track and the "shack" and therein during mild weather the duck family disport themselves, pursue the edible but elusive bug and discuss scandal while waiting for their train to come in. Now, of course, the pond is frozen over and the ducks occupy winter quarters.

Their train is, of course, the local from Walkerton, and as soon as its whistle is heard beyond the curve there is a lusty, excited squawking—a wild scramble and a waddling rush across the track to greet the arriving train.

Almost before it has come to a standstill the ducks are alongside, quacking affectionate welcome to Gemmel, their idol and provider, and awkwardly striving to climb up into the cab.

Then Gemmel descends, dinner pail in hand, and starts for the shack, the ducks waddling about his feet, wagging their stumpy tails like a couple of joyous pups, and keeping up a running fire of comment upon all that has been happening in their little world since they saw him last.

No one can tell Gemmel that ducks haven't brains or a capacity for affection or discrimination. They know the whistle of his locomotive from that of any other in the C. P. R. service. They can pick their man out from fifty in a group; unhesitatingly and at once. They will rush to him at his call, even if it involves abandonment of the most succulent earth grub.

A week or two ago Driver Moore forgot to pull the whistle cord until he was a hundred yards or so nearer the junction than usual when sounding this bulletin of arrival.

That morning the ducks came very near destruction. For they were waddling across the track when the train came along, and only the prompt application of the air brake averted their sacrifice on the altar of their devotion.

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