

Many "Sick" in Fergus
Dr. Barnett of Fergus, appeared before Magistrate Hellyer last Thursday morning for infraction of the O. T. A. license. Inspector Grant had occasion to visit this district and upon checking up the drug stores for "scripts" issued, found the surprising record of the above for August of 620, September over 600, October 623, and from Nov. 1st to Nov. 18th, 394.

of \$100 and \$25.30 costs. The scripts shown as evidence, and the list of patrons, taken therefrom as well as the amount procured by each would make a most interesting list to publish in the News Record, as we never realized before that so many local parties had such an array of diseases. It would certainly be a grave mistake to close the hospital here for some time yet.—Fergus News Record.

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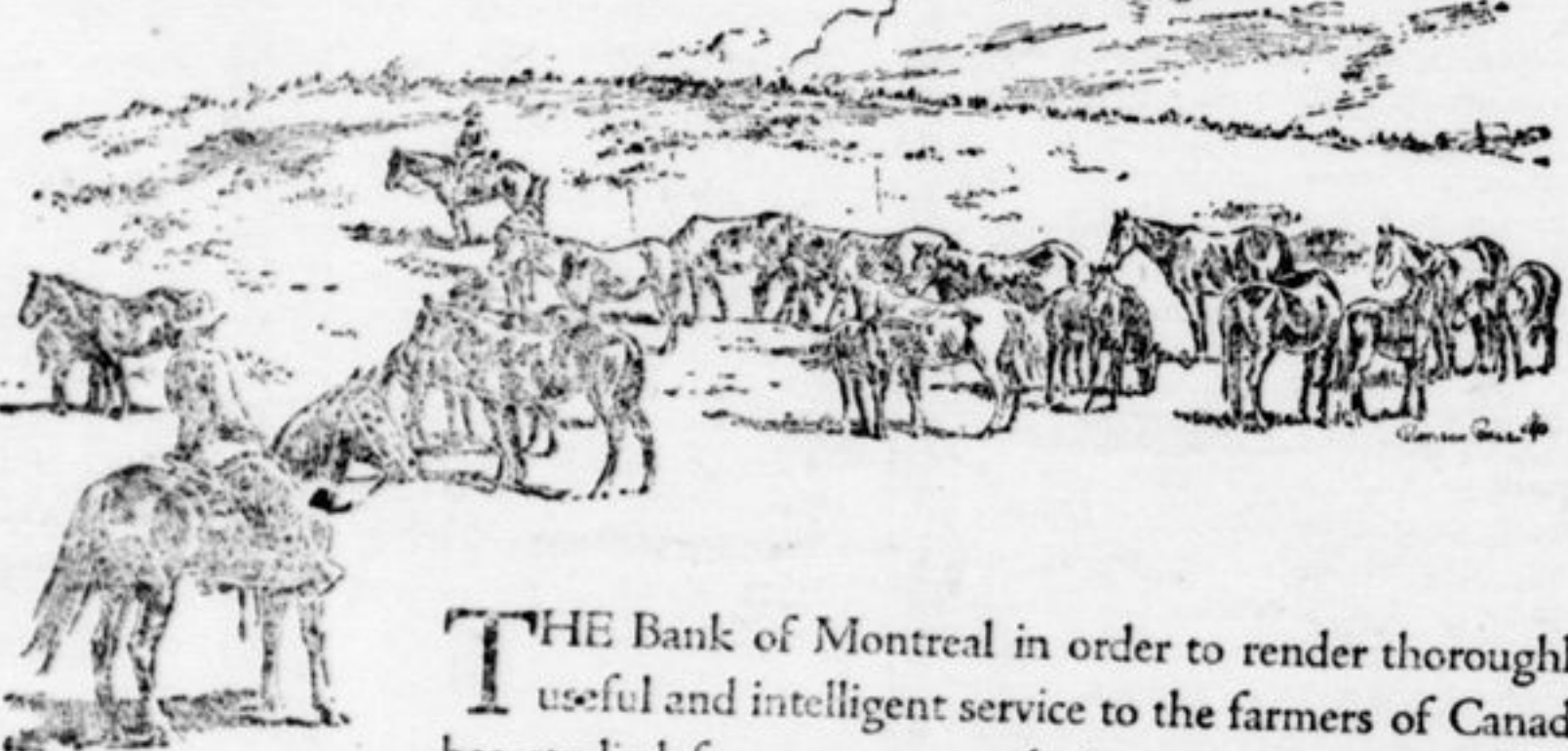
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Bank Burglary at Mt Forest

Stole Contents of 18 Safety Deposit Boxes
Entering the Royal Bank building at Mt. Forest, after cutting the bars of a rear window last Thursday night robbers escaped with the contents of 18 safety deposit boxes, consisting of the most part registered bonds. Pending further checking up the value of the bonds cannot be estimated, as the bank had no record of them.

The hour of the robbery is placed at between 2 and 3 o'clock a. m. Two citizens report having heard an explosion at about this hour. One of these, Harry Clark, Division Court Clerk, stated that shortly before the report, he heard a clock in his home strike two. A guest at a hotel near by also reports that he heard a blast.

The marauders, in addition to blowing open the lock of the deposit vault, made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the inner safe which contained the bank's funds. No clue has been obtained as to the perpetrator. A large touring car is reported to have been seen leaving the town early in the morning.

Telephone cables in the town were cut by the robbers, as well as telegraph wires both beyond the railway station and in town. There is every reason to believe that the raid was the work of professional burglars.

The first intimation of the robbery came with the arrival of the janitor to the bank about 6:30 that morning. He discovered that the outer door had been blocked with a chair. R. A. Fowle, manager of the bank, has been in communication with the head office in Toronto and also with the Provincial Police.

A strange feature of the robbery is the fact that the burglars chose the Royal Bank instead of the Bank of Montreal in which had been deposited the day before the proceeds of the last days tax collection. It is believed that the robbers will be unable to realize on these stolen bonds.

Explosive of some sort was used to blow open the lock. A number of the safety deposit boxes were taken. These, it is understood, contain mostly registered securities. The bank officials had no idea as to what the actual loss would be and could not estimate this until details are given by depositors.

Custom Chopping every day at McKechnie's Mills.

HOLSTEIN LEADER

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Nelson Main is home from the West and intends spending most of the winter with his mother and other friends.

Mr. John Mark of Saskatoon, made a short visit with his sister, Mrs. T. McMillan and other friends.

Mr. Jos. Robb of Saskatchewan, spent a few days with friends here last week.

Tuesday was fowl fair day in Holstein, when tons of poultry changed hands.

Sleighting is getting pretty fair but the tin Lizzies are still puffing away.

The meeting announced regarding educational matters was fairly well attended on Tuesday evening, when Rev. Mr. Morris, Sec'y Trustees and Ratepayers Association gave an interesting address on better education for the rural pupils. He touched on a great many vital points among which was: if the pupils at present are being educated away from the farm, they should also find ways and means of educating them to stay on the land.

The following are the officers and representatives: President, Mr. L. B. Nicholson; Vice President, Mr. N. McLaughlin; Sec'y Treas., Miss B. Davidson. Representatives: S. S. No. 2, Mr. D. Davis; S. S. No. 9, J. A. Ferguson; S. S. No. 10, C. McInnis; S. S. No. 11, Mrs. J. C. Fairbairn; Holstein, Mrs. W. Rife. They decided to hold a meeting January 16th.

We would advise all the young people and older ones as well, to arrange to take in at least part of the course to be carried out by the Dept. of Agriculture after New Year.

News is scarce as everyone is busy with this festive season. We join in wishing all a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Dr. Malr was in town one day last week, moving some of his belongings to Hanover where he has started to practise. We wish him success.

Hymeneal

Clark—Matthews
On Wednesday, Dec. 13th, a pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Matthews, Mount Pleasant Farm, Holland, when their eldest daughter, Ella Victoria, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. George Robert Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark of Markdale.

The bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her father who gave her away, and took her place beneath a wreath of roses. The bride wore a charming in a gown of white satin charmeuse, trimmed with silver bugle beads and seed pearls, and medallions. She also wore the groom's gift, a gold necklace set with pearls and she carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations.

After the ceremony and congratulations, the bride led the way to the dining room where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. The table was beautifully decorated for the occasion with a handsome three story bride's cake in the centre.

A reception was held in the evening at the home of the bride's parents where a most enjoyable evening was spent in music and games and other entertainment. The young couple received many beautiful and costly gifts, showing the high esteem in which the young couple are held. The bride's travelling dress was of French blue duchess silk, trimmed with iridescent beads and hat to match.

The young couple will be at home to their many friends after Dec. 22nd, residing on the groom's farm, near Markdale. We join a large circle of friends in wishing them a pleasant journey through life.

ALLAN'S CORNERS

Mr. Alex Allan and daughter Blanch spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Arnill, Holstein.

Mrs. Thos Morrison and daughter, of Oklahoma, U. S., are spending a week or so with the former's nephew, Mr. Wm Morrison.

The sudden death of the late Robt. Matthews was deeply felt, not only by the friends and relatives, but by the surrounding community as well. The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Hardy at his home and from there the corpse was taken to St. Paul's church where he was a faithful attendant. A large crowd of sympathizers were present. The remains were borne into the church by the pall bearers, his neighbors, viz: Messrs Wm Hunter, Sam'l Patterson Sr., John Brown, Andrew Henry, S. Pat. Patterson Jr., and Joseph Wilson. After the funeral a large number of mourners wended their way to Maplewood cemetery. Deep sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

Miss Ruby Matthews who has been attending Business College at Owen Sound was home for her father's funeral.

Mr. Jas. Eden who has been under Dr. McLellan's care, suffering with a hemorrhage from the stomach, is somewhat improved, but will be indisposed for a month or so. Pleased to hear of his recovery.

Miss Violette Aberdeen is spending a week or so at the home of Mrs. A. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kinnee of Durham, attended the funeral on Sunday and spent the evening at Mr. J. C. Queen's.

YEOVIL

Fowl picking bees are the order of the day. A great slaughter of turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens in preparations for the holiday festivities, is going on.

Teachers and pupils are gladly anticipating the joys of the fast approaching vacation.

A number of our young people attended the play and box social at No. 6 school last Friday and are looking forward to the various socials, concerts, Xmas Trees, etc., which fill the evenings of this holiday season.

On Sunday, Miss Tonya Merchant attended the funeral of her uncle, R. Matthews, whose sudden demise shocked the neighborhood—as also did the unexpected death of Mr. Hay of Dromore. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

Miss Gilkes has returned to her home in Protton after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Troup.

We are pleased to report the improvement of those we reported ill in our former notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Witherow returned to their home near Calderwood, from their trip to Toronto and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Mutch, last Thursday.

Messrs A. Ross and H. Groat were in Owen Sound last week from Monday to Friday on jury business. They each helped give decision in two cases.

And now that the time has come again when we celebrate the Great Birthday, we wish ye Editor and staff all the readers a Merry Christmas.

NORTH EGREMONT

A very interesting and instructive lecture was given on Thursday last, Dec. 14th, by the Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D. D., of Hamilton, in Russell Hall, Dromore, on the subject "Ireland To-day." Contrary to our expectations Dr. Nelson did not deal with the disturbed economic and political life of the "distressed country." Dr. Nelson discovered for us the underlying cause of our ills, the "Irish character" that bewilders, misdirects and hinders us. It is a mixture of the heterogeneous entity—Irish character. It was a lecture full of nymphs, angels, fairies, elfs, banshees and many a "quar wee mat", giants and dwarfs. It was a lecture full of Irish birth, it revealed itself unexpectedly, in the sanctuary of the most sacred, or in the pathos of the most tragic situations.

After all, in spite of newspaper correspondents to the contrary Ireland is still the home of the fairies and the will o' wisps and haunted houses. That the subject was handled brilliantly, and with all an Irishman's versatility, goes without saying. Rev. W. H. Smith of Durham, introduced the speaker in his own inimitable way. Messrs W. Ramage and C. Bosley favored the gathering with a few selections of Irish songs which were much appreciated. The Dromore Men's Club are to be congratulated on the introduction of popular lectures to the community. They were happy in their first choice.

The funeral of the late Wm. Wm. Dromore, on Tuesday, was largely attended. Services were held in the church by his pastor, Rev. W. J. Burnett, who conducted impressive services and spoke of the deceased's christian gentleness and kindness of character. Amongst beautiful floral offerings were wreaths from the Canadian Hanson and Van Winkle Co., Toronto, where his daughter Georgina is employed; from R. H. Joseph, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. R. Renwick, Dromore; the immediate family and the McCall family in Toronto. The choir as it happened, had fine music fitting in with the pastoral discourse.

Pall bearers were Robt. and Thos. Renwick, Walter Hastie and Major Eeles, Thos. Acheson and William Watson.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Murray Watson on the arrival of a baby boy on Sunday last.

Mr and Mrs Thos. Dailey also are the proud possessors of another girl, last week.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Lee also are to be congratulated on the arrival of a boy. No rural depopulation here, that the U. F. O. speaks about.

Mr Allan Brown has bought the Jas. Whitmore farm and gets possession in March.

Sleigh bells, Christmas bells, and we might add wedding bells, are ringing all and sundry. A merry Christmas to all.

An entertainment by the scholars at S. S. No. 13 on Thursday, a Christmas Tree Friday at Amos Church, and nomination proceedings same day at Holstein, means a busy time for those who wish to attend all events.

We voice the sympathy of the entire community for the relatives of Mr. Hay and Mr. Matthews in the sudden removal by death of both. The funerals of both were largely attended.

At a recent meeting held after the services in Amos Church one week ago, a resolution of condolence was voted to be sent by the session to Rev. George Kondell on his recent bereavement in the death of his wife. She was held in high esteem by Amos congregation for her qualities of head and heart.

CARD OF THANKS

The undersigned desire to express their deep appreciation of much kindness and sympathy shown them in their recent sore bereavement by the loss of a loving husband and father.

Mrs. Wm. Hay and family

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EGREMONT COUNCIL

Council met Dec. 15th, members all present, minutes adopted.

Reeve reported as follows: With respect to complaint made by Robt. Nichol, regarding construction of a culvert on the towline between Eg't and Protton, and also to his threatened action for non repair of the south branch of Drain No. 3. "I beg leave to report that I proceeded to interview Mr. Nichol and concluded an agreement with him by which he agrees to take no further action in respect to the culvert in question, nor to take any further action in respect to the Drain. I have employed to clean out said drain as provided by statute and according to the engineer's profile at the ordinary rate of wage per day for the time necessary to complete the clearing-out of said drain, he agreeing to abandon all further proceedings in the matter. Mr. Nichol proceeded to do the work until stopped by weather conditions. The work is to be completed in the spring and I herewith submit the bill for his wages amounting to \$8. I also found that the banks of said drain along the towline between Eg't and Arthur, had broken through on to the land of Jno. Devine and I employed Mr. Devine to fill in and build up the washout, which he has done and his bill is herewith submitted for the said work, amounting to \$10, and which I recommend to be paid by the Council."

Dep. Reeve Allan reported that he had attended the Convention held in Toronto, Nov. 30, in view of having the Singshanton and Hanover County Road taken over as a County Provincial Road. Hon. Mr. Biggs gave the deputation good encouragement that the change would be granted.

Com. Allan also reported the expenditure of \$125.60, \$7 of which was on E. & G. towline. Fees \$2.

Com. Wilson reported as follows: re McInnes bridge as supervisor of construction of said bridge, in which I reported in construction of the abutments last meeting of Council—would further report that the steel is now placed on the abutments, a temporary floor of plank being in use for the winter months. Would recommend that the sum of \$475 be paid Mr. Hill as part payment on the super structure of said bridge retaining the sum of \$225 until completed.

Com. Wilson also reported work to the amount of \$37. Fees \$5.00.

Com'r Groat reported expenditure of \$33.10, \$16.50 of which was on L. & P. T. Line. Fees \$2.

Com. McDougald reported the expenditure of \$33.82, \$190.00 of this was for strengthening and repairing Porter's bridge.

School Attendance Officers J. McPhee and J. R. Philip reported work done according to the Act. Fees \$5.

Account of M. Burke for conveying Mrs. Dann to H. of Refuge \$10. Financial Statement was read and accepted and Treasurer paid \$5 for preparation of same.

Allan—McDougald: That the agreement between the Police Village and Township remain as it is for the remaining part of the year. Carried.

McDougald—Wilson: That the following acct's be paid: Municipal World, \$12.27; R. Gadd, repair grading at river. A merry Christmas to all and sundry. \$1.00; W. Isles, repair culvert \$1.25; J. Devine, cleaning drain No 3, \$18; A. Rae, repair road, 1920, \$6; J. K. McIntyre, act on drain No 2, \$3; do, services re taxes \$35.00; balance salary \$200.00; Co. rate \$12.50; do, balance salary \$75; do services 1.95; Members of council \$18.90; B. Gibson room \$2.00.

Wilson—Groat: That the Reeve vacate the chair and Deputy Allan occupy same. Carried. Brief addresses were then made by the Reeve and other members of the council, after which the council arose.

SOUTH BEND

We are glad to hear that Mr. Will Cowan is improving in health. He is able to sit up most of the day now. We hope he will soon be completely restored to health.

Mr. Gordon Legge has decided to give up farming and has sold his very fine homestead to Mr. McDougald. He is preparing for a sale early in the New Year. We are sorry to have them leave this neighborhood but hope they will find a good place to make a home in.

Letter Breen S. S. teachers and Xmas Tree entertainment. The program will be good and Santa Claus will be in attendance as usual. Silver collection, on Dec. 22nd.

There has been sufficient snow to make very good sleighing. It will make the holiday season brighter if it stays with us.

We wish the Editor, staff and all the readers of this paper a very joyful Xmas. We haven't heard of any visitors at the Bend, but expect the usual happy family gatherings.

SUBSCRIPTION TIME

At this season of the year it is customary with newspaper men to make an appeal to all those who are in arrears for subscriptions to bring their accounts up to date.

We have already sent out a number of statements, and the response has been very encouraging. Still there are those on our lists who usually require two or more "dunnies" before they come through. It is to those we make an especial appeal at this time. It is not only disagreeable business this continual dunning, but it is costly. May we ask you this time to make an especial effort to pay without even a first notice, and thus save us a lot of worry and expense. This is a reasonable business proposition, when you give the matter due consideration, you will send along the amount due. DO IT NOW.