

The Durham Review

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Many Durham Shoppers Go to Owen Sound

Commenting on Christmas conditions, Monday's Owen Sound Sun Times says: "The lack of snow had two effects on business in the city. Because there is no snow or ice the merchants have not been selling the usual amount of sporting and other goods which go with the arrival of winter. The lack of snow has left the roads open, and even if they are muddy in places, shoppers are coming to Owen Sound from all the surrounding area. One example of this was noticed recently, when no less than six cars filled with Durham people were noticed in the city."

Why do the citizens of Durham and vicinity not shop at home? One explanation is that they may believe they can get better value for their cash or produce, but except in a few odd cases, Durham merchants can meet Owen Sound's merchandise prices. The real reason is that they are not sufficiently made aware, by description and prices of goods, of what the Durham merchants have to offer. In other words most of the local merchants have fallen down on advertising their shopping inducements, and not thus going after the trade, are

losing it to places which bid for it, by circulars and advertising. The merchant who never or seldom tells the public through the Review of what goods and their prices he has, cannot expect the public to come in and hunt out for themselves. When goods do not get publicity to help sell them, the public imagine they can get bigger values in larger centres. More and more, people are shopping where they are invited to shop.

Now that Christmas is over, business will doubtless be quieter locally. Mid-winter sales, stock-taking sales, etc., put on and judiciously advertised the coming weeks in the Review, will help to make brisker business locally, and keep stocks moving. Our advertising rates are low and we will give all desired assistance in preparing copy.

Must Root out Selfishness

Dr. Farquharson, now in St. John, N. B., feels that Victory may only be Secured through Grace.

We venture to quote a paragraph of a letter we received a few days before Christmas from Rev. Dr. Farquharson, whose thoughts are still welcome to old friends here:

"The world has not settled down as yet to celebrate a reign of peace on earth and no matter what organizations are formed to prevent war, there can be no abiding peace till selfishness is rooted out, individually and collectively. With human nature

as it is, the celebrating the final victory over the time acknowledged deadly sins of avarice is still a matter to be realized and in this as in all the great battles of life, Victory comes through Grace. The very term Christmas proclaims that though our eyes are hidden that we do not see, We still look and long and keep up hope."

CHRISTMAS

(Crowded out last week.)

For many centuries the 25th of December has been observed as Christmas. It is supposed to commemorate the day of the birth of Jesus Christ. At first the day was observed only by Christian people in touch with the Roman Catholic Church. It later grew into favor with Protestant churches and has come to be recognized as a universal Christian festival. To-day it is celebrated about the world, in pagan lands as well as Christian lands. It comes nearer to being a universal holiday than any other day observed by mankind. There is a spirit and an atmosphere about the day that is contagious. While vast multitudes of people may observe the day without any serious thought of what lies back of it, there are still great multitudes to whom it has significance because it marks the day of birth of Jesus in Nazareth, the gift of God to a lost world.

We may not think much of what lies back of the gifts which pass among us, but every one of them is related to the "Unspeakable Gift" which sprang from the love of God. If God had not so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son, there would be no Christmas and no Christmas gifts. Every token of love that passes from one person to another is but a reflection of that great love that expressed itself in the gift of God. The angels which came over Bethlehem's field and the shepherds who gathered in the humble manger in Bethlehem, have had their songs echoed and the gift duplicated in all ages since. God's gift was an interpretation of the universal heart of mankind, and throughout the centuries that heart has responded in its innumerable gifts at Yuletide.

It will be well for us as individuals, if we recognize the source from which our Christmas cheer has sprung, while we thank the loved ones from whom we have received Christmas gifts. Let us not forget to thank the Heavenly Father from whom has come the gift that has been the inspiration of all Gifts. It was a wise man of old who spoke of God as One "In whom we live and move and have our being." There is cause for daily gratitude to the author of our Being, who showers upon us daily blessings and who ministers unto us in countless ways for our comfort and joy. But it is when we contemplate what God has done

of Major, Sask., spent Xmas with the former's daughter, Mrs. Jack Wells. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Adlam and son of Owen Sound ate Christmas dinner with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reay spent Xmas with Mrs. Reay's parents in Durham. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cripps and children of Hanover, are spending the holidays with friends here.

Mr. Brigham Livingstone of Tilsonburg, and Miss Rhena of Mattawa, are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Brigham, Miss Lenora and Master Wilmer, ate Xmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Will Livingstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Hunt and Bertie spent Xmas at Mr. John Cuff's, Huton Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Secord Switzer and son are spending the holidays with friends here.

GREEN GROVE

What might have been a serious accident happened to Master Adolphus Lawrence on Thursday last.

While sitting on the fence with a loaded gun, one hand on or near the top of the barrel and the muzzle resting on one of the rails, the muzzle in some manner slipped off the rail and hit the next rail, discharging the gun. The charge went up through his finger and thumb and took a piece of flesh off his thumb, set fire to his coat and sweater collar and burnt his face. He fell over the fence in a kind of stupid condition and might have been badly burnt if not for Mr. John Sharp who was standing nearby talking to him at the time. This accident should be a warning to him and to others who handle guns carelessly.

A large crowd of neighbors and friends attended the funeral of the late Joseph Atkinson from his home on Monday. Those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Atkinson, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ector, Elbow, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Patterson, Toronto; Mr. McCrae of Palmerston; Mr. Whitney Davis, Manitoulin Id.; Messrs. Carl and Lorne Atkinson from Attlemeria.

Deceased was a good neighbor and a kind husband and father. He was a trustee on the school board for a number of years and was always ready to take an active part in everything for the welfare of the community. The sympathy of the district is extended to the family in their bereavement.

The election ball in our know for Reeve

Bentick Council

December 15, 1923

Pursuant to adjournment, council met on above date. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Reeve and Clerk reported that notice had been received from Ralph Brunt requesting that he required the drain (which now drains his land and portions of other lands in the Tp. of Bentick and a part of the Town of Hanover) to be improved sufficient to carry the water to a sufficient outlet.

We hereby report that we attended at said drain and also met the Council officials at O. Sound re the Co. highway. To date, no agreement has been made.—Reeve, Clerk

McDonald—Mather: That sheep claim be paid as follows: H. Cooke, 2 sheep killed \$18; G. Mighton, 1 sheep killed \$10; Chas. Mighton, 1 sheep injured \$5; Wm. Henderson, inspecting \$1; T. H. Lawrence, inspecting, \$2.—Carried.

Grierson—McDonald: That complaint of Mills & Paterson, re assessment of part lot 5, owned by Mrs. Kobe, requesting a reduction in taxes on said land, no action be taken. Car.

Mather—Grierson: That taxes on property now owned by Durham Cemetery Co. be refunded, as the house included in cemetery grounds. Car.

Mather—Grierson: That dog tax be refunded to John Dyre, he having moved from township during March and tax refunded to Mrs. W. Falkingham. Carried.

Grierson—Mather: That the Clerk be paid \$5.00 and the Reeve \$2.75 for attending at R. Brunt's drain and meeting Co. officials at O. Sound. Car.

Mather—Grierson: That grants be paid for erecting wire fence: George Mighton, 40 rods \$10; McCracken Bros., 25 rods, \$6.25.

McDonald—Grierson: That Thos. O'Brien be paid \$7.75 for drawing and placing tile at lot 9, con. 14, 1921.

Appointment Officers

McDonald—Mather: That by-law be passed confirming appointment of election officers.

Nomination will be held at Lamplash on Monday, 31st December, and, if poll is demanded, election to be held Monday, 7th January 1924 with the following Dep. Ret. Officers and Poll Clerks:

- No. 1—H. R. Riddell, Jas. Welsh
No. 2—Don. McLean, Dan McLean
No. 3—C. Lawrence, W. McCullough
No. 4—And. Park, Walter Willis
No. 5—A. Magwood, J. Pursman
No. 6—Doug. McDonald, J. McEwen
No. 7—Wm. Henderson
No. 8—

BY-LAW NO. 784

OF THE TOWN OF DURHAM

A By-law of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Durham, to authorize the erection and construction of a waterworks system for the Town of Durham, and to acquire the necessary land and existing water rights, together with the plant, machinery and equipment therefor and to issue Debentures of the said Town for \$44,000.00 for such purpose.

WHEREAS the said Town of Durham is desirous of constructing a waterworks system in the said Town under the authority of the Municipal Act, the Municipal Waterworks Act, and the Public Utilities Act and amendments thereto.

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of the Council of the said Municipality, it is necessary and expedient to provide for the citizens of the said Town water for drinking purposes and other domestic use, and for fire protection: and to install a pumping station, collecting gallery, pumps, elevated tank, machinery and equipment in accordance with the report of Messrs. James, Proctor and Redfern, Limited, at an estimated cost of forty four thousand dollars (\$44,000) which sum it is necessary to raise on the credit of the said Municipality for the purposes aforesaid.

AND WHEREAS application has been made to the Provincial Board of Health pursuant to the Public Health Act for the approval of the said works, and the said Provincial Board of Health has approved of the same.

AND WHEREAS the sum of Forty four thousand Dollars (\$44,000) is the amount of the debt intended to be created by this by-law.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to issue the said debentures at once and to make the said debt payable in yearly sums during the thirty years, being the term of the said debentures, the sum of being of amounts that the interest in each shall be as follows:

Yearly sum of \$1,000 for the first five years, being the sum of \$5,000; and the sum of \$1,000 for each of the remaining twenty-five years, being the sum of \$25,000.

purpose of paying the amount due in each of the said years for principal and interest in respect of the said debt.

7. This By-law shall take effect and come into operation if and when the assent of the electors of the said Municipality who are entitled to vote thereon has been obtained thereto and this By-law shall have been finally passed by the Council of the said Corporation.

8. The votes of the Electors of the said Municipality shall be taken on this question on the Seventh day of January, 1924, commencing at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and continuing to 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the following places and by the Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, that is to say:

NORTH WARD at the Public Library with Clifford Elvidge as Deputy Returning Officer and Ed. McQueen as Poll Clerk.

EAST WARD at rear of McBeth's Drug Store with J. L. Stedman as Deputy Returning Officer and Arthur McClockin as Poll Clerk.

WEST WARD at the town hall with John Smith as Deputy Returning Officer and Alfred Redford as Poll Clerk.

9. On the 5th day of January, 1924, at the Town Clerk's Office in the said town at 12 o'clock noon, the Mayor will attend to appoint in writing, signed by him, the persons to attend at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk of said Corporation, and one person to attend each polling place on behalf of the persons interested in and desirous of promoting the passing of this By-law and a like number in behalf of persons interested in and opposed to the passing of this By-law.

10. The Clerk of the said Town on Wednesday, 24th January, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, shall sum up the number of votes cast and against the passing of this By-law.

Appreciating our pleasant business relations with you during the past year, we wish you the Compliments of the Season and trust that the coming year will bring the Best you have ever known in Health, Happiness and Prosperity.