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## TOWN TOPICS

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### Harriston Calls Minister

At a meeting of the congregation of the United Church, Harriston, a unanimous invitation was extended to Rev. G. Gifford of Milverton to become their minister.

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute, will be held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Nichol, on Thursday, May 5th. Reports for the year will be given. Miss Annie Weir will give a talk on "Health." All members are requested to be present at the meeting.

When handbills are given out pedestrians throw them on the street. If merchants want to advertise they should use the newspapers." These remarks were made by Recorder Semple in sentencing James Alvinston to pay a fine of \$10 in Montreal, with costs for distributing hand bills on the streets.

### Coming Again

Prof. E. Katz, the well known optical specialist, will be at the Hahn House, Durham, Wednesday, May 4, to relieve eye sight trouble. He can also aid pain in the temples, back of the neck, twitching eyelids, dizziness, defective vision by properly fitted glasses. Prof. Katz is known to be one of the most skilled opticians of today and can help when others fail.

### Died in Paisley

Taken suddenly ill on Wednesday last from an attack of hiccoughs, Mr. Neil McLean of Paisley was at once placed under Dr's care. It was found that the only hope of his life would be an operation for appendicitis. This was performed and the patient rallied from this the hiccoughs resumed and his death followed in less than 24 hours. The deceased was 72 years of age and born in Bentinck Tp., a son of the late Mr and Mrs. Alan McLean, who came to Greenock in 1855. For some years deceased pioneered in B. Columbia, but gave up active work in 1925 and removed to Paisley.

### Freight Tender off Track

Last Saturday morning's up freight train from Palmerston was earlier than usual, but between Mt Forest and Holstein the tender from some cause, left the rails and had cut 350 ties before it was noticed and stopped. It could not be righted before the passenger train was due and the latter had to be held at Mt Forest, while the Auxiliary from Palmerston came up, and got the tender's wheels on the track again. It was about 3 p.m. before the line was cleared and 3.30 before the passenger reached Durham, thus delaying the noon mail about 3 1/2 hours.

### Community Hall Opened

The community spirit of the Beaver Valley flamed high in Clarksburg on Thursday night last, when Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, in officially opening the new Community Hall, paid deserving tribute to those whose enterprise had brought the handsome building into being. Mr Martin stated he had not seen a hall more suited for the purpose for which it was intended. Other guests at the opening ceremonies were Mayor Arthur of Collingwood, Mayor Lendry of Meaford, J.D. Taylor, M. P. P., North Grey and the Councilors, Reeves and Deputy Reeves of adjoining townships. The new building cost \$13,000.

### Presbyterian W. M. S.

The regular meeting of the W. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church, was held at the home of Mrs John Burgess, April 21st. On account of illness, the President, Mrs Andrew Derby, was unable to be present and Mrs J. F. Grant presided. The meeting opened with singing and prayer, and the Bible lesson was taken by Miss Annie Weir. Nominations were closed at this meeting for Presbyterian officers. The Treasurer's statement for the first quarter showed a good balance on hand. Mrs S. McArthur read a good paper on "The Bible's" while the topic "Home life of Western women" was taken by Mrs. Hepburn. This study book is most interesting and is a study which most of us could learn more about. The meeting closed with singing and prayer.

All will be pleased to know that Mrs. W. McDonnell (Maude Kross), has made such a good recovery from her recent serious illness, that on Wednesday, she was able to stroll outside.

New Motor Bus Line The Arrow Coach Lines Ltd. will about May 15th commence a daily bus service through Durham between Guelph and Owen Sound. They also propose to give motor service between Toronto and Guelph and other points.

### Public Speaking Contest at No. 1

There were three contestants—all young ladies,—in the public speaking contest held by Knox, Normanby, U.F.Y.P.O. in S. S. No. 1 School on Friday night last. Miss Florence Carmont spoke on "Agricultural Education"; Miss Florence McVie on the "Pioneers of Ontario" and Miss Esther Petty on "History of Normanby Township." All had excellent material and the judge, Mr. Peter Ramage, Durham, gave the decision to Miss Petty by a very close margin. She will enter the Grey Co. finals in the summer. The President, John Marshall, Jr. was chairman; good instrumental numbers were given by E. Rawn and Ronald Smith and songs by Miss E. Petty and P. Ramage. After the program a pleasant hour or two was spent in various games.

### SEASON'S HALF HOLIDAYS COMMENCE THURSDAY NEXT

Thursday afternoon, May 5th, will be the first of the summer weekly half holidays in Durham, and Wednesday night, May 4th, the first of the mid week open nights. All business places will close on Thursday and the Post Office as well will be closed shortly after 1 p.m. when the noon mail is all distributed.

### Mixed Train Service on the C. N. R.

Beginning on Monday next, May 2nd, the C.N.R. will inaugurate a mixed train service on its noon train in and afternoon out. These trains have always been strictly passenger trains, but henceforth they will combine both passenger and freight. The morning train will leave Palmerston at 10.50 as usual but instead of arriving here at 11.50 it will stop at Mt. Forest and Holstein for longer periods unloading and switching freight cars and is not due to reach Durham until 12.30 noon. The afternoon train will leave here at 2.25 instead of 3.15, forty minutes sooner, reach Palmerston at 4.00 as at present. There will be no change in time of early morning train out or night train in, both of which are drawn by the Diesel engine. The inauguration of the mixed on this line means there will be no engine (except the Diesel on the tracks) in Durham yards overnight, as the only steam engine in, pulling the mixed, will leave a couple of hours later.

The change will mean a great deal to the C.N.R. in economy of operation, as with numerous motor cars, their passenger traffic falls off considerably during the summer months and fewer trains reduce operating costs. The new schedule will not be so pleasing to the railway travelling public and will also delay the noon mail about an hour, but with their volume of freight and passenger traffic reduced by motor competition, such a move must be expected and accepted.

### Dedication and Opening of new Church Sunday

The Durham Presbyterian Church will be formally opened and dedicated on Sabbath next, May 1st. There will be the regular a.m. and p.m. service and Dedication ceremony in afternoon at 3 p.m. Rev. Dr. Kamm of Toronto, will preach at all three services.

Special music is arranged for the choir being assisted by C. G. Boorman, tenor, and Ashley Kellough, basso, of Owen Sound and other well known talent.

On Monday evening, May 2nd, a hot 6 o'clock supper will be served when Dr. Kamm will speak and Mrs. Florence Rowand, Soprano, and the Pres. Male Quartette of Walkerton, will provide special musical numbers.

Special services will also be held the following Sabbath, May 6th, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. when Rev. W. J. Burnett, will preach, and at 3 p.m. when a special service has been arranged. The Oddfellow Lodge will attend Divine service at this hour. The "Haver" Quartette will assist in the music.

On Sabbath, May 13th, special services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. when Major (Rev.) J. C. Tomlin, D. D. will preach and special music will be arranged for. Everybody welcome at these services.



THE LATE JOHN McKECHNIE (From photo taken in 1904.)

### John McKechnie Peacefully Passed Away

One of Durham's Oldest Merchants

It was with surprise and sorrow the news came on Sunday evening last, that John McKechnie had passed away. It was known that he was not well, but few had expected that the end was so near. Rather it was expected that the return of Spring weather would restore him to usefulness once more, but it was not to be. He passed away calmly, the machinery of life worn out apparently, leaving as chief mourners his wife, son John and daughter Mary. Another who mourns is his brother Gilbert who, though older, is yet in fair health.

Deceased was born at Campbellton, Scotland, in 1848. He was the youngest of five children, who with their parents came to Canada in the year 1856. These children were Mary, who married John Smith, uncle of our postmaster, Margaret, who was for many years a milliner; Neil, who died about 20 years ago; Gilbert, who is still with us and John, now deceased. All were intelligent and John, while still in his teens, taught school for a few years. Gilbert had a training in the Post Office with one McNab, and at last the three brothers and sister Margaret formed a partnership, long well known in early Durham and up to this century as "N., G. & J. McKechnie."

Their business grew, they acquired considerable property in town and near it, and their name was always good. Later, they branched out and built a grist mill, which they ran for 40 years, then saw mills were built at Durham and Glenora, a sash and door factory followed and for a while a creamery was set going.

In all these activities John found his place as book keeper for the firm and many will yet remember seeing him lugging his books home at night. His was an arduous task but he performed it well.

After Neil's death, interest in the outside work slackened, the creamery was given up, so were the sawmills. The grist mill was kept going for a while but later it and the factory were disposed of and attention centered on the well known store.

Meanwhile some 27 years ago, John married Miss Nettie Campbell, daughter of the well known Duncan Campbell, for many years clerk of Beatties and Hanover, and as we have said, a son and daughter blessed the union.

The firm name after Neil's death was shortened to "G. & J. McKechnie, and so continued till about nine years ago when the brothers made a division of the property, Gilbert retiring, and John continuing the store under his own name, and thus it still stand "John McKechnie."

Deceased was an intelligent man, supported the Presbyterian Church and was strongly Liberal in politics. In 1905 he contested the Riding with Dr. Jamieson, but was defeated. For a number of years he sat in the Council, and while still keeping to his Globe and well in touch with current events, he has for a number of years retired from the public eye.

The funeral on Tuesday was largely attended by Durham citizens, men and women. Rev. Armstrong in unavoidable absence of Rev. W. H. Smith, conducted a beautiful service, speaking from the text "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Many beautiful floral tokens of love and respect, including a wreath from Knox Church choir, surrounded the casket.

Interment took place to Durham cemetery, the pall bearers being J. Smith, John McGowan, Andrew Derby, Samuel McComb, John Shell, C. Ramage.

### Annual Meeting of Knox United Church

All Departments of Church show an Increase in Receipts—Harmony Key-note of Meeting

This meeting was held on Monday last, with a large attendance of members and officials. All the reports of the various organizations were most optimistic in character, and the meeting from start to close was marked by harmony and good feeling.

The Session Report showed a gain in membership during the year of 37, removed by death 4, to other places 4. The membership now stands at 355, only about a score behind the membership when Rev. Mr. Smith came to take the pastorate, and at the time of the separation, one hundred and fifty certificates were removed.

The Report has this reference to the late C. L. Grant, "one of our own number who for many years with rare faithfulness and devotion, gave his best services to church and community." Sympathy for all mourners was also expressed: the "In Memoriam" list had the names of C. L. Grant, Arch. D. Browning, H. R. Koch, W. P. Patterson Mrs. Paul Nelson, Mrs. J. W. Blyth.

The Sunday School Report showed 110 on the roll with 15 teachers and an average attendance of 70. Collections showed over \$200 of which \$29 went to Missions. The Superintendent, H. J. Snell.

S. S. No. 9, Sunday School, John McGirr, Superintendent and Edna Hill, W. J. Ritchie Supl., both gave encouraging reports and showed activity on Rally Day services and in other ways quite commendable.

The Women's Missionary Society, President, Mrs. James Mather, had collected over \$470.00, and their 410 members had an active year. \$100 had been sent to Presbytery. No fewer than 708 sub-departments seemed to be under capable leaders.

Measmes W. J. Derby and John Bell are Vice Presidents, Mrs. J. A. McIlraith, Sec'y; Mrs. Thos. Allan, Treas.; Hon. Presidents are Mrs. T. McGirr, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Miss A. Gun. The Young Ladies' Auxiliary had a most successful year. 21 members on the roll with Mrs. Ralph Catton as President; Edna Browning, vice president; Sec'y, Miss Myrtle Koch; Treas. Miss M. Edge. The "Little Helpers" Mission Band" with a membership of 49, is also on the active list, under the able leadership of Miss Margaret McGirr and these two bodies had contributed over \$200 to the Presbyterial Treasurer. Alana Kress is President; Geo. Braithwaite, vice pres.; Jean Grant, Sec'y; Marjory Noble, Treas.

There are generally big dol's when you meet with the Ladies' Aid. Their receipts with a balance on hand are over \$450. A donation of \$200 had been given to the Manse fund and in several other ways their worthy gifts bespeak their worthy name. Officers for 1927 are: Pres., Mrs. D. B. Jamieson; Vice Pres., Mrs. D. C. Town; Sec'y, Miss A. Ramage; Treas., Mrs. A. Livingstone.

The Choir, the Men's Club, the Record all had reports, breathing optimism. The balances on hand (not one deficit) of all the groups amount to between 300 and 400 dollars and the total contributions for all purposes \$6850.56.

The financial statement is always awaited with interest. The enthusiasm shown was justified when reports showed all obligations met and nearly \$200 "balance on hand". Contributions to the General Fund approximated \$4000.00.

The allocation for the Maintenance and Extension Fund was \$1600 but no less a sum than \$1700 was remitted to the General Treasurer. Small wonder then, like in David's time, (Continued on page 8)

### Canadian Greys, I.O.D.E. Have Busy Evening

Canadian Greys, I. O. D. E. held their April meeting on Tuesday night in their club room and there was a large attendance of members out to discuss many matters of interest that came before the Chapter.

Owing to illness, the resignation of Mrs. W. McDonnell as Treasurer was regrettably accepted and Miss Weir was unanimously chosen as her successor. It was decided that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. McDonnell for the able manner in which she has filled her duties the past two years.

The Chapter feel that as members of a patriotic organization that it becomes timely to mark "Confederation Year" in some suitable manner for Durham and district, and to this end are making plans and preparations for a "day" here sometime in June. Sometime during week of May 9th the local Chapter purpose giving a military dummy bridge party, which will be confined to the members of the Chapter and held in the club room.

The monument grounds came up for much discussion. The monument committees are anxious that the I. O. D. E. take over these grounds as their special care and in company with a landscaper gardener who was in town Tuesday, a few of the Chapter members were given suggestions as to its further adornment.

Then the Town Hall was next in line for attack as to the best and most easily financed way of renovating and decorating this civic structure. The Property Com. of the Town Council are most anxious to do something this year in this line and have asked for the co-operation of the local Chapter in this work. A delegation was appointed to wait on the Town Council Monday night next with this object in view and lend financial aid as well.

A letter was read by the Regent, Mrs. G. Kearney, as coming from the Head Office of the I. O. D. E. asking for a resolution of disapproval of the recent letter of Miss A. C. MacPhail, M. P. to the school children of S. E. Grey and also to endorse Miss R. Church National Regent, in her recent controversy with Miss MacPhail. As a unanimous vote was not recorded, nothing definite was done.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, it was deemed necessary to hold over the Regent's report of the recent Provincial convention in Hamilton.

### Rev. Mr. Peters Addresses Queen St. W.M.S.

The April meeting of the W. M. S. of the St. United Church, was held Thursday, 21st, at the home of Mrs. E. A. Hay, with Mrs. W. A. McGowan in charge of the devotional exercises. The meeting opened with singing "I heard the voice of Jesus say," after which the Easter story of the Resurrection as found in Mat. 28 was read. Rev. J. E. Peters led in prayer and Mrs. McGowan gave a reading entitled "The Risen Lord."

Continuing the study from our book on India, we were favored with an Easter address by Rev. J. E. Peters. It was both instructive and interesting dealing with the early origin of the Word "Easter or Eostre" and also with the meaning of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ to the world. At the close of the address, the President, Mrs. McGowan, thanked Rev. Mr. Peters and made kindly reference to the splendid character, the zeal and untiring devotion of the late Mrs. Peters to Missions and to all other worthy causes and presented him with a memorial certificate.

Two verses of "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung. The letters from the Watchtower were given and the minutes of the previous meeting read. After disposing of several matters of business, Rev. Peters closed the meeting with prayer.

### Death of Harry Caldwell

On Wednesday, the painful news reached Mrs. Wm. Caldwell, Mt. Forest, that her brother-in-law, Mr. Harry Caldwell of Dauphin, Manitoba, who was well known here, and near here, had died that day. No particulars have been received as yet. For many years deceased conducted a store at Orchard, where he was well and favorably known.

### Newell-Alexander Nuptials

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Rectory, Durham, at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 26th, when Miss Mary Marguerite Alexander, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alex. Alexander, became the bride of Mr Louis Newell, Durham, son of Mr and Mrs Geo. Newell, Glenelg. Rev. J. H. Wheaten tied the nuptial knot, the young couple being unattended. The winsome bride was attired in peach georgette over silk, while her travelling suit was of navy blue. Following the ceremony, a sumptuous tea was served at her home on Queen St. thence the happy couple left by motor on a short honeymoon to Owen Sound and other points. They will reside in the home formerly owned by the late Mrs. McGowan, Sr. which the groom purchased a few months ago. The young couple are highly esteemed and numerous friends in town and surrounding district, including the Review, will wish them many happy years in their new relationship.

### Llewellyn -- McCabe

A quiet wedding took place at the Parsonage of the Presbyterian Church at Windsor, on Saturday evening, April 23rd, when Miss Tacey McCabe, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. McCabe, Varney, Ont. was united in marriage to Mr. Gordon Llewellyn of Arthur, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. M. Paulin. They will make their home in Windsor, Can.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Margaret McGirr accompanied her brother Ernest back to Galt, in his new Chev. coach the first of the week and will visit her sister, Mrs. Thos. Watson for a few days.

Mrs. Peter Reid, Sr. is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Johnston in St. Mary's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Ferguson, who have occupied the front hall of the residence of Mr John Burgess this past winter, left Monday for Toronto where they purpose in future to make their home.

Mrs. Wm. Hay, Dromore, has been spending the past week with her son Peter in town and on Monday, in company with her son Andrew, went to Toronto, where she stay with her daughter Georgina, Mrs. Ralph Joseph, for a time. Mrs. Hay is in very poor health.

Miss Sadie McDonald visited last week end with Mrs. R. Putnam, in Mt. Forest.

Mr and Mrs R. John Campbell, Chesley, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Rhena Genevieve, to Dr. John E. Milne of Priceville, Ont. The marriage to take place very quietly the last of April.

Mr Robt. Moorhead, C.N.R. engineer, was confined to his bed for a week with a severe attack of grippe. Mr and Mrs John Kelly returned to their home here on Saturday, after spending the winter months in Toronto.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Lauder were visitors at his brother's, T. G. Lauder last week.

Principal Murday of Stayer High School, with wife and daughter, visited the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robb.

Rev's W. H. Smith and J. E. Peters, were in Meaford Tuesday attending the sessions of Grey Presbytery.

Mr and Mrs Shirdan of Loree, Collingwood Tp., spent the first of the week with Mr and Mrs Alex. Jay.

Miss Viola McErmid has returned home again from Durham Hospital, where she underwent an operation for mastoid, performed by Dr. Forest of Stratford and Dr. Sneath of Dromore. She is doing well under Dr. Sneath's care.

Mrs. Murray Hoy of Detroit is holidaying a few days this week with her parents, Mr and Mrs T. C. McGirr.

### THE ROLL CALL

ANDREW IRELAND

There died in Glenelg on 21st of April, Mr. Andrew Ireland, who was born in Glasgow, in the far gone year of 1842. He came with his family to Canada, to Howick, Huron Co. in 1842 and lived there until 1900, when he came to Bentinck, near Crawford. He married 48 years ago, Margaret Smith of Morris Township

who died in 1923. Since the death of his wife, he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Donald McKechnie, Glenelg, where he was tenderly cared for. He had not been well for some time and only in February last took seriously ill with heart trouble.

The funeral took place on Friday from Glenelg, the remains being taken to Wroxeter for interment on Saturday last.

Rev. B. D. Armstrong, Presbyterian minister, Durham, conducted appropriate services at Glenelg and at the grave in Wroxeter. Rev. Armstrong of Wroxeter United Church, did likewise. The chief mourners are his daughters, Mrs. D. McKechnie, Glenelg, and Miss Annie Ireland, Glenelg. Deceased was Presbyterian in religion and Liberal in politics. We join with the neighbors in sympathy to the mourners.

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