History of Dromore and Community

Excellent History of Dromore Section and its Residents, prepared and read the land now owned by his son, Wm. at Dromore Women's Institute by a Descendant of one of its earliest H. Hunter. Mr and Mrs Brown were residents, Miss Bessie Drimmie

PART II

ing many another to get a start also, but did not flourish long. Mr Taylor came from Aberdeen, The first resident doctor was Dr. Scotland about 1855. He had a store McKenzie. Dr John Leith practiced 1860 they moved back into the township and started a store on the Jaffray farm which is the east fifty acres of the present farm. The first store was back from the concession about thirty rods. Mostly it was called "Taylor's Store" but sometimes it was referred to as the 'Egremont Store." The night he arrived Mr Snell and James Isaac walked up to see his wares. The store goods were only a small load: in fact some have said These men each bought an axe, paid In a few years they took up land on brother of Charles and Wm. Ramage; the west side of the Jaffray farm, Robert Bell, who then lived on the close to the concession line. dwelling, was added to three different times as business increased. Mr Taylor bought all kinds of farm products. They sent the oats to Orill'a. Stayner or Collingwood and the wheat and barley went to Guelph, the nearest railway. There was no post office at this time. The teams would leave them from Orchardville. They ap

tomer and Dromore it still is East of Dromore the people were highland Scotch, many of them having the Gaelic. One woman had only a few words of English. She brought in her trade and said to Mr Taylor: "Hore's the butter and the eggs and Many not accustomed to Canadian Hunter's or Henry's School. money would lay a handful of coins ago it may have been called

office. It was granted and requested

Dromore was the suggestion of a cus-

you want.' the blacksmithing now for the public feet were badly frozen. and by the trend of the times our Mr and Mrs Robert Henry were Logs, maple, elm and birch. blacksmith shops are becoming ser- pioneers also. They settled on the And reared the building to the Lord, vice stations.

in going back to the old times he then moved on to the next village. Henry's, Patterson's, Hunter's and appears to have had a hand in help- The second one was more stationary Allan's.

in Toronto for a few years. When here for a short time also. Dr Bird farm occupied by Thos Daiy. his father came out they took up land was the next medical man and he thought the world was coming to an lot was followed by Dr Sneath, who built north of the corner at the 18th. In up a large and successful practice in in any crop that year. He sat up all his thirty four years of service.

The Dromore school across on the other concession was first a log school near the back of the lot where Dromore school holds first place our township for the number of stu-Mrs Laughton was the first teacher Lothian farm; the late James Sharpe of Holstein, Mr John Kerr, Varney; Mr H. Cowan, Mr McNiven, Mr Ewers, also Joseph Snell and George Cushnie and for many years James H. Coleridge, now in Toronto.

A few of those who have made their mark in educational and professional lives are Dr. Joseph Snell L.L.D., Principal of Normal Schools in Saskatchewan; four teachers and a lawyer from the Coleridge family: the Ramage home: a minister the Leggette family; a doctor Leith's: a minister in Australia and cur Township Treasurer from Hastie's and Miss Minnie Halpenny, a deaconess in the West. Now put on your thinking cap and take account of all those other teachers and business peoble who wherever they went reflect credit on No. 13.

S. S. NO. 12

Donal's coming wi' the (h) English." tion to No 12, often spoken of as Dec. 22, 1884 on the counter and say 'take what er's School'. There were nine famihes by the name of 'Wilder'. That Soon people wanted a shoemaker, a is how the lake now owned by Dr. weaver, carpenter and blacksmith, Jamieson achieved its name. School Mr Taylor put up shops and got was held until 1857 in a house on these tradesmen to work. A man by the corner of Edgar Henry's farm. name of McAlpine was the first shoe- One of the first teachers was Fergusmaker: Mr Carruthers was the first on Wright. On one of the spelling weaver: John McLarty the earliest exams he gave the Second Class this carpenter: Mr Yeo had a wagon-mak- sentence: "Ferguson Wright told me ing establishment and James Ren- to write with my right hand the rites wick was the first blacksmith. The of the church." The first school, a Back in the past some twenty year first sawmill was on lot 14 con 17, log building, which was later burned. now owned by Thos. Brown. It was was built on land bought of George Just here and there a log but stood built by Robert Kemp who ran it for Wilson, grandfather of the present a few years, then sold it to Davis owner, let 6 con 20 for three pounds Slowly the settlers made their way brothers, Finally it was burned. A fifteen pence in 1857. Some of their company was formed and a new mill early teachers were Mr Brown, Rob- Seeking a home to call their own, was built on the present property. It ert Leggette, Mr S. Atcheson, Miss In the wild solitude. was operated by Robert and Thos. Sturritt, Thos Allan, Charles Ramage, Year after year passed slowly by. Renwick and the late John Adams.- Mary Coleridge, the late Jas Allen, Neighbor did neighbor aid. Mr Adams and Tom Renwick later Mr E. Young and Mr F. Coleridge. Till each around his shanty low, taking up land. The mill has been Some of the early settlers were Mr. A little clearing made. running about 55 years, Robt. Ren- and Mrs John Patterson. Mrs Patter- In those daye there were noble men, labor saving devices are any happier pierer, missionary and empire build- Mrs Jas Henderson returned home chased by Tom Johnston a few years church for many years. Mr and Mrs ago. John Renton came to Dromcre Brown came in about the same time. 50 years ago last month from Booth. 1853. Money was very scarce and Mrs ville. He plied his trade for many Brown being a splendid needle womyears in a little shop on the south an, worked fine crochet, taking it to side of the road, later moving over Durham to sell. Once after walking to a shop he built on the front of to Durham and back on a very coldtheir own farm. John McMurdo does winter's day, it was found that her

riding comfort

NEW PONTAC SIX

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DURHAM PONTIAC SALES

They were the first to come to Amos looking for church services. Mr Wm 1854. A few years later he took up members of the Church of England. Mr and Mrs Daniel Coleridge attend-At one period the village even had ed the services held in S.S. No 12 ev-We cannot consider Dromore and a photograph gallery. The first was a ery Sunday. Mrs Coleridge was a its associations without thinking of travelling caravan on wheels which splendid singer and led the singing. Those present here will call to mind Mr. Sandy Taylor. He was the first stayed until they had taken a like- Atter some years these two families man to begin a business there and ness of everyone in the community, attended service at Amos, also the The time the old log church was

> Here is an incident that happened But it and houses of its time many years ago in this locality. John Torry lived on gain like the rest of the neighbors. must have been disappointing to have your belief fail you like that.

kind and faithful woman, Mrs George Amos. Marget Amos, as she was known to all, came from Scotland a now Robert Keith's farm. From that time forward her house was the min- That Amos Church has long been ister's home. From 1860 to 1866 this was a mission charge. For a few years services were held in Amos' barn, then a log church was built just east of the new church in 1864. In 1867 a call was given to Mr Crozier, who was their first minister. The first elders were John Baird and Jas. These few history notes about our Baxter. Rev D. P. Niven was the sec- church would be incomplete if specond minister. In 1884 the brick church ial mention were not made of Mr Jno. was erected. Jas Calvert, Alex Tay- Findlay, Mr Robert Renwick and the lor and Robert Renwick directed and late Geo. Lothian. All were memfinanced the building at a time when bers of the Session. All three took a money was very scarce. Jas Hastie, very active interest in the Sunday John Allan, Jas Leask, John Drimmie School. For some twenty odd years and James Calvert were the mem- Mr Findlay looked after the business bers of the Session at this time. The and financial interests of the church. service of praise was led by a pre- Mr Lothian was a faithful member centor, Mr Hastie, James Renton and of the choir under the leadership of installing of the first organ. After the Amos. one member said to another, "Well, nection with this community that I met on Tuesday. They are studying John! did ye vote for the glory of have not already mentioned were the Korea and find it very interesting. doubting which side of the fence he Ferguson's, Henderson's, Camp's Mcwas on. The following poem was Donald's, Shearer, Smail's, Clark's. written by J. J. Hastie and read at August interesting character who From No 13 let us turn our atten- the opening Soiree of our church, lived in this district was Alexander

Mr Chairman Sir :- It pleasant is To see so many here From every 'airt the wind can blaw' Both old and young appear.

And every one seems so well pleased As they indeed should be. For seldom such a crowd as this We may expect to see.

Backward to take a look And read the history of this church

Perhaps five or six more.

And Taylor's little store. And wandered through the wood,

And noble women too: Of course they were not hard to please

For that will never do. Each built a home to shield his care the accomplishment of a great task, odiles, war-like natives and slave also Mr T. Newman, Clifford, were tions, we will give a larger viewpoint And cheerfully did work.

That they should "hae a kirk."

A bee was made and axemen cut farm now owned by Arthur Lee. We've long called 'Amos Church.'

Phone 13

HOLSTEIN LEADER Holstein Short Course

What havoc time has made." Some here to-night, some rar remov-

Whether they wish or no.

Some nineteen years ago. And better buildings we have in

Aud here assembled are we all And chandeliers for light. No church absentee can excuse

This ne.ghborhood to-day.

Himseif, be he young or old, By saying he would catch his death Of either heat or coid. The ministers at our Soirees Their gentle hints may stop : Our church was named after that

'T.s hepeu their speeches will But that I best let drop. This point will not forget.

fam'd For keeping out of debt.

W. W. Ramage, doing their share to Mr Ramage and Mr Renwick has provide good music. One incident long been a faithful teacher, elder which showed the opposition to the and a leader in all church work at vote was taken as to whether or no, Some of the early names in con-

> Glendenning. He lived on the farm opposite Stanley Williams. The late Alex Milne lived on this farm after Mr Glendenning's death. Mr Glendenuing was a carpenter by trade but a poet by inclination. Some of his verses are still to be found in pion-

eer homes

scarcely imagined.

In a letter from a pioneer resident he speaks of the great changes which have taken place in the last seventy years. Lcg buildings have become comfortable homes: virgin forest has become fine farm lands and these farm homes are equipped with telephone, radio and electric light. stead of walking we travel by motor car. Aeroplanes are not a novelty any more. Self binders and mowers do the work of the cradle and scythe and our cream separators have done away with the milk pans cooled at the short course here. He showed a at present and we hope he may soon ty Councils plunge the counties

or contented with their lot than were er. It showed the meeting with his last week after spending a few days cur forefathers who lacked all these. future wife, Mary Mcffat, his adven- with Mrs Herb Lamont, Mt Forest. small way do much good. With our Their happiness, their joy came from tures in the jungles with lions, croc- Mr and Mrs Nicholson and Jack, little arguments on our local condithe making of a home in a new land, traders, the discovery of Victoria recent guests of Mr and Mrs Ralph to those in a position to mould pub-Then, Margot Amos thought 'twas How well they succeeded. Our work Falls, his interview with Queen Vicis the keeping of these homes in the tota, the quiet Christian influence faith and honor in which they were founded. May we be able to say as It closed by showing in a touching we review our task that we have done our best and that we have found pleasure in our work.

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& LOCAL AND PERSONAL

visited with Durham friends over the

week end in the village Tuesday.

Mrs Wm Brown visited Dromore friends over the week end. Messrs Rob Aitken and Ewart Al. off successfully. les spent the week end in Toronto.

the Arena. R J Arnill will have special prices on several articles this week.

Mr and Mrs David Alian entertained Mr and Mrs J C Queen and Carman Friday-evening last. Mr and Mrs Wm Nelson spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Rev Mr McMullen and Andrew, visited Toronto the last of the week. Prof. Baxter is able to take up his

the Agricultural Society.

from Owen Sound after spending 3 General Proficiency. weeks at the county auditing.

Quarrie, of Proton, visited Mr and come again. Mrs W. Hastie Saturday evening. and family are laid up with it.

The village peple secured their ice was. harvest just in time on Friday as a thaw came Saturday. The W.M.S. of the United Church

splendld story was read by Lyle Mer- at South Bend. cer and Alex. Sim led the group in Mr Langton, assistant to Agriculthe music. Mr S. Ccoper, Markdale, and its effects. Sides were chosen with Mr and Mrs Rob Haas. with Lyle Mercer and Vincent Ellis as leaders and a competition to last for some weeks began. Points will be her parents. given for hikes, attendance at the meetings and several other things by which the Trail Rangers will be

helped to develop in the four-fold way munity Circle Monday evening, with cessful event on a Christian's duty to home, church, Mr Nicholas Klein on Monday. We community and world. She showed recall still the friendly associations that only when we were good citizens with him as friend and neighbor. at home, church, community, could Those who attended the Women's we fulfil our supreme obligation to Institute At Home in Dromore on our nation and the world at large. Friday evening, report a good attend-The Circle is particularly indebted to ance and an enjoyable time.

the spring. These things our pioneers, thrilling motion picture entitled Day- be himself again. id Livingstone. The picture show- Mrs Myrtle Long was a guest over We wonder if our present genera- ed in a graphic way the stirring the week end with Mr and Mrs Jno. over the natives and the slave trade. way, Livingstone's death while prayer, the memorable 800 mile journey of the natives with his corpse af-

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> ter they had buried his heart in the

soil of Africa and his final resting

place in Westminster Abbey-with

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the matter of the Estate of James

Geddes, late of the Township of Egremont, in the County of Grey. Farmer, deceased.

Estate of James Geddes, late of the Township of Egremont, in the Coun- (H). Jr I-Horace Thompson, Frankty of Grey, Farmer, who died on or about the Fifth day of February, A.D. Dickson. I-Lorna Kirby (H), Ger-1932, at the Township of Egremont, ald Pinder (H), Earl Nelson, Thelin the County of Grey, are hereby ma Brown, Irwin Nelson. Sr Pr— portance of their franchise, and the requested to send or deliver to the Irima Pinder, Lawson Lewis, Lor- danger of giving their support collecunder mentioned Solicitor for the Executors, full particulars of their Thempsen, Mildred Johns (abs.) Jr "bunk" which is frequently against claims duly proved on or before the Pr-Grant Dickson, Ray Nelson. Twenty-ninth day of March 1932. AFTER such date the Executors

will proceed to distribute the assets of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and will not be liable for said assets to any person or persons of whose claim inotice shall not have been received at the time of

such distribution. Dated at Durham, Ontario, this Twenty minth day of February 1932. Durham, Ontario David Bruce,

month short course in Agriculture Mrs. Findlay Clark. and Home Economics took the form The Mission Band of Amos tural Hall on Thursday evening Feb. this week. 25. The local Ladies' Aid of the Un- Born-On Saturday, Feb. 27th, ited Church catered for the banquet Mr and Mrs Frank Hopkins, a daughand a very nutritious dinner it was. ter. Congratulations. The United Church people intend The decorations were pretty but sim- Miss Ritchie of Durham, spent the having their postponed social, March ple and the menu was simple and week end with her friend, Miss Dor-18, when it will take an Irish flavor. proved that it is not necessary to go othy Taylor. Mr Wm Kennedy called on friends to a lot of expense for an enjoyable The Rev. R. Honeyman occupied

With T. S. Cooper, Agricultural God of the valleys as well as of the and attended the hockey match in Representative, officiating as toast- hills." dents and were replied to, after which Toronto with stock and fowl. the different class yells were given. Mrs R. Keith spent the week end The special speaker of evening was with friends in Durham. Prof. R. G. Knox, O.A.C., Guelph. Mrs Geo. Long spent a few days Dealing largely with present condi- with her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs tions, Prof. Knox interested the aud- John Bunston.

ience for almost an hour. The presentation of prizes brought Home' to their friends last Friday the banquet to a close. In the Domes- evening, when Russell Hall was filled Choral class next Tuesday night in tic Science class the following girls to the door. By the time that the the Pres. Church. The cantata of received prizes: Sewing-Marion Hen-people were gathering, a few games 'Queen Esther' is well under way. We derson: Nursing- Ethel Hill; Home were indulged in, then Mr Will Hunare sure this will be a musical treat. Economics-Edna Holliday: All-round ter acted as chairman and called the

days with her grandparents, Wm and In the class in Agriculture four was given-songs by Dory brothers, Mrs Brown, also with Miss Clara Ar- members also received prizes, viz: Miss Edith and Russell Drimmie, also Douglas Johnston, highest score in a chorus "Massa's in the cold, cold Don't forget the dance in the Hall Stock and Seed Judging: Jos. Camp- ground" by four girls dressed and Friday night, which will be held by bell, highest marks in exam and weed painted like negroes. The girls were and seed naming: Harry Cowan, best Misses Derothy Taylor, Ruby Hill, Mr Walter Hastie has returned kept note book: Wallace Adams, for Florence Patterson, Margaret Leith.

Messrs Howard Watson and Mr Mc- left C: Friday. We hope they may Naulty danced the Highland Fling

The local Dept of Agriculture wish A mild form of flu has broken out to express their appreciation to evon the 20th con. Mr J. T. Brown eryone who in any way assisted in making this course the success it The Dory five-piece orchestra supplied

YEOVIL

Mr and Mrs Jas Coutts visited his God or ye're ain pleasure " No Leslie's, Garson's, Myers, Nelson's, The meeting of the Argonaut Trail parents at Conn the first of the week. Rangers held Friday evening was well Mrs Hersburgh and Miss Lavina attended. After opening ceremony a Rawn have returned to their home

> an interesting discussion on smoking tural Representative, was a guest is supposed to be present with his Miss Bessie Drimmie is at present good as the last time, we are in for

enjoying two weeks' vacation with a treat Those who have been attending the

short course in the Agr'l Hall, Holstein, speak very highly of the lectures and instructions given. The There were 125 present at the Com- banquet Thursday night was a suc-

A. V. Langton, who had charge of Mr Peter Mutch is on the sick list

Miss Laverne McKechnie, Hopeville, who has been spending the past few weeks in the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. Henderson and attending the Short Course at Holstein, returned to her home on Saturday. Mrs Arthur Eccles was a week end

Woodland. Mr Will Hattle was a recent guest with Mr and Mrs A. Eccles.

SCHOOL REPORTS

U. S. S. No. 2 (ORCHARD) Names in order of merit.

Sr IV-Arthur Thompson (H), Fred Thompson. Jr IV-Lloyd Carmount, Vernon Pinder, Edith Dickson, Lloyd Agnes Dickson (H), Carman Dickson. Councils Jr III—Beatrice Carmount, Victor I would, however, commence lyn Pinder, Verna Carmount, Essie D. Jones, teacher

Clearing Auction Sale

FARM STOCK and IMPLEMENTS. At Lot 5, Con 18, EGREMONT (4 miles east of Orchard) At 1 p.m. sharp, on TUESDAY, MARCH 15

DROMORE

Miss Alma Leith of Holstein, spe the week end with her friend, Miss

Edith Drimmie. Miss Alice Wilson of Toronto, The closing exercises of the one spending a few days with her sister,

of a banquet in the Holstein Agricul- meet at the Manse on Saturday of

and nourishing meal. About one hun- his own pulpit on Sunday last and dred students and their friends were was greeted with a large congregain attendance and everything passed tion. He preached a good sermon (which he always does) from "He is

master, a very delghtful program of Owing to the mild winter we have toasts and addresses was indulged in. had, our two truck Grivers have been The toasts were given by the stu- going three and four times a week to

The Women's Institute were 'At They also gave a darkey folk dance. The classes closed and the teachers Misses Bessie Moore and Dorothy Mc-Then Mr and Mrs Alex. Milne, Alex. Renwick, Russell Taylor, Misses Beth Hincks and Edith Crozier gave a play entitled "Mother holds the strings." good music during and after the play.

Around midnight lunch was served

Exactly at two o'clock everyone left

for home, well pleased with the

night's outing

The young people of Amos are hold ing their meeting on Friday evening of this week. Mr Russell Drimmiis to give a paper on the topic "Applying the Golden Rule to Life." Mrs. Stanley Williams is responsible for moving picture machine. If it is as

President Ewart Alles in chair. Miss A large number from our communi- of 'County Finance' was to promote J. Christie gave a stirring message ty attended the funeral of the late further discussion of the important subject, 'Changes Required in the

It is unfortunate that constructive development of this subject, which is supported by those who know the requirements, is retarded, for if we do not succeed in making corrections that will avoid further blunders in future as in the past, wherein Coundebt and then blamed "statutory requirements" for it, even though joining counties under the same statutory requirements, are debt-free, it will, I am afraid, be a serious business. In an honest open discussion lic opinion. We will also at the same time, enlighten the tax payer on the question as to our belated and selective system of distributing County Council information as ideal for deluding the public, and leaves the tax payer, especially in rural districts. poorly informed and therefore an easy victim of political propaganda of ofvisitor with her sister and brother at fice seekers: and to protect him as well as curselves we must place the intormation more easily within his (the voter's) reach. He will then be better informed and better qualified to approve or disapprove of pending legislation which is the outgrowth of defects in the past that have saddled the rising generation with millions of dollars of debts, as well as collected interest on those debts at the present time that should go to feed the poorer school children on whom the blow falls the heaviest, so that they would be better fitted to pay Dickson. Sr III-Muriel Nelson (H), them by unwise, blundering County the wrongful inheritance forced on

Kirby, Cecil Kirby, Jack Pinder, Ray- improvement in our educational demond Ball. Sr II-Doris Pinder (H), partment by teaching to our public Velma Lewis (H), Ilyene Dickson school children the different forms of Governments and especially own, and instil into them the neces sity of voting and getting all the information within their reach before their own interests. This way, in time, we will find the weak links in cur present system and make corrections before it is too late.

So far considerable interest been created by the discussion, aspecially on that part of it pertaining to the increased expenditure of Grey County in 1929 and 1930 and the is sue of \$150,000 debentures.

Neil McEachern

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Mr Burt'r Runt

Medical Eye S This week, Schools have MacKenzie Sn is investigating

only a dollar. Roy spent the team, the Hoc ser placed at 1

Pleasant Calen The Ladies dar Tea on the Sunday ers were Mri ecosisting of

GLENELG !

A farmer

in his bro sheep outsid one knows. clambed (80 Eghtuins, 70 Vice Preside Be that as the best effor in her Olya Stockhelm. the feminine a bellowing sire of the O'Grady's g not in it.