

SCHOOL REPORTS

VARNEY SCHOOL REPORT
Sr IV—Ross Keller, Stanley Rahn, Cameron Kerr, Jr IV—Joyce Keller, Orville Bryans, Norman Eden, James Wilton. Sr III—Edith Keller, Jr III

—Islay Barber, Marion Kerr, Wilma Bogle, Olive Bryans, Stanley Picken (abs.) II—Lorne Blythe, Robena Grant, John Eden, Cavell Bryans. Sr I—Erma Bogle, Laura Kerr, Mervyn Rawn, Irene Finnigan, Eddie Bryans Roy Stewart. Jr I—Bill Barber, Cliff

HOLSTEIN LEADER

Bryans. Sr Pr—Lawrence Finnigan. Jr Pr—Allie Stewart. H. E. Heard, teacher.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The following relatives attended the Orchard—Parkinson reunion at the Agricultural College, Guelph, on Monday of this week: Mr and Mrs. Robert Aitken and Milton; Mr and Mrs Alex. Aitken; Mr and Mrs Robt. Sim and Islay; Mrs Wm. Aitken and Marie; Mrs. Pinder and Mr. David Aitken.

Mr and Mrs John McMurdo spent the weekend with Mr Jas. and Miss May Ferguson. Miss Margaret Leith spent the week end with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Will Leith. The sympathy of this community goes out at this time to Mrs. Isaac Hooper and family owing to the death of a loving husband and kind father.

ORCHARD

Mr. Harry Lewis of the West, is spending a month with his brothers and sisters here. Harry looks well. It is 25 years since he visited here before.

Mr and Mrs Whyte and Doreen of Yeovil spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. Wm. Nelson.

Miss Jean McQuarrie spent Sunday with her friend Miss E. Dickson.

Miss J. Lewis is visiting this week with friends here.

Mr. John Kirby has been nursing a sore hand these last few days.

The house recently owned by T. Stewart was completely destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning. The cause is unknown.

Mr. George Atkins had a bee last Friday jacking up his barn. He intends putting a new wall under it.

Mr and Mrs. Wm. Dickson went to Guelph on Sunday. Mr. Dickson is entering the hospital here for treatment, which we hope will prove a success.

Mr. Herman Webber had a very successful wood bee last Friday with a dance in the evening.

Mr. R. Pinder had the misfortune to lose one of his little colts last week.

THE ROLL CALL

MRS. JOHN WILSON

There passed away, Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Fairbairn, South Egremont, Mrs. John Wilson, aged 86 years. Deceased has resided with her daughter for many years and enjoyed fairly good health. She was not confined to bed long and death rather came as a natural consequence of good age.

Previous to her marriage to John Wilson, she was Jane Brady. The most of her married life was spent at Dromore, where the husband and father was a wagon-maker by trade. Here they were respected by one and all for their good qualities of head and heart. Mr. Wilson predeceased her by about 30 years.

Of the union, two children survive, Eliza, Mrs John Fairbairn, and Edward of Alberta. A sister in Markdale, also a brother survive her. The funeral will take place Friday at 2 p.m. from her daughter's residence, interment in Ebenezer cemetery, South Glenelg.

EGREMONT COUNCIL

Council met on June 5th. Members were all present excepting Deputy-Reeve Patterson. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

Aldern-Cowan: That the report of the Road Sup't be confirmed and adopted.—Carried.

Aldern-McDougall: That the Clerk be instructed to notify Louis Woodyard, to destroy his dog, which was seen chasing Brown Bros. sheep, within 10 days of notice.—Carried.

Cowan-McDougall: That grants be paid to Durham, Mt. Forest and Egremont Agricultural Societies as follows: Durham \$5.00; Mt. Forest, \$10.00; Egremont, \$75.00.—Carried.

Aldern-Cowan: That the scale for work on roads be as follows: 2 days for 1st \$900 and 1 day for each additional \$900.—Carried.

Cowan-McDougall: That the Clerk be instructed to erase the following taxes from his books: Lot, part 2 of 3, con. 1; and Lots, South 21 and 22 and North 24, con. 22, the same having been paid.—Carried.

Aldern-Cowan: That the Council form into a Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll 1935 with Reeve Hunter in the chair.—Carried.

Members subscribed to the required Declaration. There were three appeals filed against the Assessment Roll of 1935. Frank Meyer, Lot 45, con. 2, no reduction; Fred Holliday Lot 12, con. 9, no reduction; E. J. Arnall, Part 12, 22 and 33, Main St. West, Holstein, reduced \$50.00. Property changes: J. Patterson Estate, Lot 2 of 5, con. 1, to Farr Lawrence, con. 22.

McDougall-Aldern: That Court of Revision adjourn to next meeting of Council.—Carried.—Council resumed. Resolved that the following accounts be paid: Confederate Office Printing Acct, \$3.12; John McPhee, inspecting sheep 1.25; Alex. Nicholson, inspecting sheep, .50; Brown Bros. sheep claim, 25.00; N. E. McGuire, relief, 3.40; Walter Reeves, balance of salary as Assessor, 10.00 postage, 3.15 and meeting Glenelg Assessor re Union S.S. No. 10, 5.00; Pay sheet No. 6, expenditure on roads and bridges, 144.35; Supt's salary, 49.00; Clerk, half year salary, 150.00, and postage and telephone, 9.69; Treasurer, half year salary, 72.50, and postage and bank stamps, 6.95; Dr. H. E. Mountain, M.O.H., half year salary 75.00; Reeve Hunter, 1 trip re relief officer, and 1 trip re Twp. Solicitor, 2.00; Members of Council, Meeting to date \$10; Robert Christie, use of room, 3.00.

McDougall-Aldern: That Council adjourn to meet, Wednesday, July 3, at one o'clock p.m. for general business and as an adjourned Court of Revision.—Carried.

David Allan, Clerk

Government Leadership is Yet Uncertain

Miss Macphail's Weekly Letter

House of Commons Ottawa, June 8th, 1935.

Parliament jogged along through the week, providing spots of interest here and there, but for the most part was rather dull. The Prison Enquiry which sat three days of the week revealed something of the curious workings of the Penitentiary Branch. The Garden Party at Government House in honour of the King's 70th birthday and the honours list published on the same day greatly interested citizens of the Capital city.

The Conservative members of the House of Commons are plainly restive; no caucus of the party has been called since the Prime Minister's return and from what can be ascertained, members of the party are as uncertain as the public who the leader will be. It begins to look as if the present Prime Minister would carry on. If not, the new leader, whoever he might be, will have very little time to popularize himself with the people of the nation. The rumour persists that the Hon. W. D. Herridge, Canadian Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington, will play an important role in this campaign as he did in the last one, at any rate in the event of Mr. Bennett retaining the leadership.

The fair-up which could be seen, if not heard, between Dr. Manion and the Prime Minister may or may not be closely related to the general tension of the party. Manion is a man of spirit, aggressive and dominating, a type who would naturally resent dictation from anyone. Dr. Manion was a soldier and has always shown himself interested in service men's problems. Recently Judge Hyndman of the Pensions Appeal Board held a Commission to enquire into the serious effect of employment upon ex-service men. Apparently he reported that the number of men employed on canals was not as great as it should be and that the matter might well be enquired into by the Department of Railways and Canals.

Dr. Manion resented the statement and said so. He showed that on the Lachine and Welland Ship Canals, 54 per cent of the men employed are returned men, and added: "I think it is most unfair that any committee or commission would listen to only one side when making an investigation.... I hope this correction will receive the same publicity as the statement which was made in the report and I trust the rest of the report is more dependable than this particular statement." After which Dr. Manion sat down.

Immediately the Prime Minister "jumped on his neck" and is reported to have said that had he known that Manion was going to say, he would have stopped him. To which the courageous Doctor is said to have replied that he would not have been stopped; it was his Department and he would say what he liked.

After which there was an exchange of resignation offers, which, I should think very bad for the Prime Minister's heart and the Doctor's political opportunities, at any rate at the moment. In contrast the contention between Stevens and Cahan with the Prime Minister on Cahan's side of the question, smoothed out beautifully by Stevens withdrawing the disputed amendment. He, however, maintained his faith in the worth of the amendment. "Now all I suggest here is that this amendment would be a simple and reasonable way of meeting what many people consider a very serious grievance. If, on the other hand, the Government feel that it was a gross violation of some sacred international undertaking, far be it from me to cause any international complications because of it. I am content to wait and allow the Act to go through and be put into operation and I am satisfied that when this House re-assembles there will be an opportunity of dealing with this matter." All of which seems to mean that Mr. Stevens is biding his time. The Government however, in apparent anticipation of a show-down on the Stevens amendment, had a full house.

The work of the week in the House was choppy, passing rapidly from one thing to another. A rather interesting debate took place on public ownership of radio, with the Prime Minister, Hon. W. D. Euler and E. J. Garland among the strong defenders of public ownership.

Mr. Coote, the member for MacLeod, Alberta, has had bills before the House, off and on all session, which seek to lower interest rates on loans against life insurance policies and on mortgages. Mr. Coote would like to make the interest 4%, the Banking Committee recommended 5%. An amendment is before the House to fix it at 6%. The Prime Minister is opposed to the bill as he maintained in his speech the lowering of the interest on loans against insurance was the breaking of a contract between the company and the insured person by Government action. If we are to lower interest, he suggested that it be done by amending the Interest Act.

The Prime Minister said none of us could be sure we were representing "John Smith."

Mr. Pouliot the irrepresable member for Temiscouata, followed: "Speaking on behalf of John Smith," said Mr. Pouliot, "when a man applies for a loan from an insurance company he does not discuss the rate of interest; he gets the money from the insurance company because he needs it badly and the company proceeds to take advantage of the fact and charge what rate they wish." Mr. Coote let the matter stand over.

The Natural Products Marketing Act as it applies to agriculture was debated off and on for several days with the Liberals taking quite a strong position against it. E. J. Garland expressed the opinion that the producers themselves must undertake co-operative organization. He believed that their packing plants should be co-operatively owned, or if the farmers were not organized to the point where they could undertake the processing of their products, then the plants should become public utilities.

In commenting upon the monopolistic nature of the packing business, Mr. Garland said: "In my opinion it is a crime that 78 per cent of the packing business is controlled by two concerns and they have the power as a result of that, to swindle flagrantly and brazenly the poor devils who are working to produce the real wealth of the country."

The Price Spreads Report, which was quoted by Mr. Garland, expresses the view that the domestic price of livestock ought not to be set by a small exportable surplus, that is a domestic price held up if necessary by Government action in keeping with the domestic cost of production and allowing the exportable surplus to get what it can.

The strain and tedium of the Enquiry is relieved by my interest in watching lawyers methods. Mr. J. C. McRuer, my very able counsel, and Colonel Greer, counsel for the Commissioner, give a good exhibition of tenacious questioning. Most of us are content after we have asked a question at least three times, but a skilled lawyer never gives up until he has asked it at least ten times, approaching it if from every conceivable angle. They keep a close check on each other.

On one occasion Mr. McRuer was pursuing a line of thought in a loud voice and Mr. Greer drew His Honour's attention to the volume of sound and asked the Judge to rule that "his friend" should not roar at the witness. McRuer flashed back "Is there any rule governing the tone of voice to be used? Can't I roar if I want to?"

Colonel Megloughlin, ex-warden of Kingston Penitentiary, was telling the Commission that on the 9th April, 1934, Inspector Dawson said he had not had lunch, or at any rate led him to believe he had not had lunch, because of which the Colonel had taken him to a substantial 4 o'clock tea at his house. Greer was cross-questioning him in view of the fact that Dawson said he had his lunch down town at the Savoy Hotel. If he had, Megloughlin said, he was chiselling on the tea. "Surely you would not call a cup of tea chiselling?" said Greer. To which Megloughlin replied: "You forget, I command the 48th Highlanders."

Agnes Macphail

KNOX CORNERS

Mr. Ivan Seim of Mt. Forest, took the services at Amos and Knox on Sunday as Mr. Honeyman is attending the Assembly at Montreal. A number from Knox attended the anniversary services in Durham Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs T. Wallace were in Owen Sound on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Petty and Vera spent Sunday evening with Mr and Mrs Wm. Thompson.

Mr and Mrs W. Porter visited on Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs. James Kerr, Egremont, both of the latter being under the doctor's care at present. We hope they may soon be restored to their usual health.

Mr and Mrs. John Birr and Cecil visited recently with their son John at Dornoch.

Mr and Mrs C. G. Watson of London, were visitors over the weekend at Mr Bert Watson's. Miss Margaret Watson returned with them on Sunday to visit with friends in London.

Miss T. E. Byers spent an afternoon last week with Mrs Ronald Smith.

The Mission Band and Y.W.A. will meet in the church, Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

Mr and Mrs Palmer Patterson and Mr and Mrs. Robt. Hopkins were visitors on Sunday with Mr and Mrs Harold Watson.

Mr and Mrs Ronald Smith visited Sunday with Glenroed friends.

Wilma Porter entertained her school chums on Saturday.

S.S. No. 1, NORMANBY

Sr. IV—Clarence Caldwell, Jr. IV—Florence Petty. Sr. III—Florence Petty. Sr. II—Gladys Caldwell. —r. III—Mabel Marshall. Sr. II—Kenross Marshall. Jr. II—Lorne Lewis, Cecil Birr, Rene Marshall. I—Clarence Mountain, Doreen Mountain, Russell Lewis. Sr. Jr.—Raymond Picken, Wilma Porter, Annie Lewis. Jr. Pr.—Wayne Marshall, Laverne Lewis. Mary Ford, teacher



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TOWN TOPIC

7 roomed flat to be store. Hard and soft, w. B. C. Morlock, Durham.

Miss Frances A. Kelly's Private Sale of Furniture, silences, Queen St., Durham, ending Thursday, June 27th, 1935 at 7 p.m. Sale continued till Saturday, June 29th.

Garden Party will be Pricewile school grounds, pieces of the Pricewile school church, on Monday, July 1st, supper and concert. Adults 35c, children 15c. Welcome.

The Annual Garden Party Presbyterian church, Rocky will be held on Sunday, Friday evening, June 28th, will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. game is being arranged for program. Admission—25c, 15c.

The Canadian Order of will hold their Annual Jubilee on Sunday evening, June 16th at 7 p.m. in Queen's church. Members are to meet at the Lodge room at 6.30 p.m. Glen Wm. Cornwall, Glen Rec. Sec'y.

Major Douglas, exponent of Credit, isn't taking any credit where he is personally concerned, says the Barrie Enquirer. Engaged by the Alberta Press to expound his Social Credit under governmental auspices, stated upon being paid \$5 Bank of Canada notes for a week's services, with a note that he be paid \$2,000 a week further services are required.

9th Annual U.F.O. Picnic. Will be held in Young's garage Durham hospital, on July 4th. Same high-class program, girls' and men's races, and entertainment as an evening by the Brunswick Co. Miss Macphail, M. J. Oliver M.P.P., and others will be dancing.—to music by orchestra. Admission—25c, children under 12, free.

Presentation to Miss Young. The members of Canadian Chapter, I.O.D.E. enjoyed an evening on Monday of this month at the home of Miss M. L. Huggins of bridge, many prizes, high mark being obtained by A. W. Lander, who received cream and sugar set. A amphylth drop, was also put to Miss Reta Young. B. A. slight touch of remembrance Chapter, of her stay in Light refreshments were served midnight.

To Discuss Education Costs. Inspector G. E. Pontland the Review (that he has received circular from the Education ment, Toronto, to the effect of summer a series of open it will be held at various centres the Province to discuss the Education, and kindred topics organizations having any interest such discussions are invited delegates to any of the centres nearest to this district that at Stratford, on July 29th, representative from the Dept will be present.

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