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We feel sorry, we cannot come. Depression has hit us hard down here,
But it's a Merry Christmas to you both, we'll come another year.
Dad's chin drops low, Mother's eyes fill up
At they look at each other and say,
"It don't seem fair that they can't come home,
Again on Christmas we must be alone."
God only, knows what a year can

bring;
If you can't go home, get on the phone and ring.
And listen to the voice that you love to hear
For you may not get a chance in another year.
—S. E. S., Toronto, Ont.

WELL SAID!

General A. D. McRae, of Vancouver, B.C., who a few years ago was prominent in Canadian parliamentary affairs since serving overseas in the Great War, in speaking at Dallas, Texas, recently declared himself opposed to Canada, under any circumstances, again participating in a European war. "Let the Europeans murder themselves in the war that is inevitable within the next five years if they desire. Although I can evade army service through the age limit I am willing to organize my own private army to fight against Canadian participation in a war."
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC ONCE MORE

In a few days, the citizens of Durham will interest themselves in the business of selecting new municipal rulers for 1936. At least every ratepayer should be interested in seeing the right man for the right place is elected. Durham has been extremely fortunate in recent years in having a good municipal government, and when there is such, it is an inadvisable to cast out a tried and proven Council for an uncertain one of perhaps new blood. On this line Maclean's gives a few comments that carry sense:

"A store which displayed an 'Under New Management' sign every twelve months couldn't last long. The buying public wouldn't have much confidence in it. Any industry which changed its chief executive every year could not maintain its efficiency. Yet the majority of municipalities in Canada cling to annual elections of mayors or Reeves and councils. Successful or popular administrators often are elected again and again. But they must electioneer each year. That diverts time and attention from the business of governing.

Too often, in the last month of the term, vote-catching expenditures are rushed through, and works undertaken without time for adequate reports and sufficient study.

In a one-year term of office no man is capable of absorbing fully the affairs of his city or community and putting his policies into well-considered action.

A two-year term would save a municipality money and result in better government—providing the right men were elected.

Opponents of the longer term point to the fact that it is better to be able to oust a poor man after one year than to be compelled to wait two; that it is only by a yearly showdown that the interest of the electorate can be maintained.

Premier Aberhart's promised legislation whereby electors will have the right of recalling any representative who does not live up to his promises may show the way to a solution of the first problem.

The second problem is gradually being solved as citizens everywhere with flattened pocket-books, realize what inefficient and uneconomic administration costs them."

DORNOCH SON WINS HIS RIDING A FOURTH TIME

The Dominion election of 1935 will go down in history as the campaign that sent more Liberals back to the fold than at any previous election. It was expected the Liberals would have a comfortable win, but even the Liberal leader himself would not predict such a landslide. In that landslide into power there goes back to Ottawa for the fourth time a native son of Dornoch, Cameron Ross McIntosh, now of North Battleford.

He has made a splendid contribution to the electoral history of the Dominion. This last election is more to his credit than heretofore as he had those famous Social Creditors and Socialists opposing him to make up a three-cornered fight. The majority over the former was 2881 and over the Socialist 2871. The count finally was Socialist 4168; Social Creditor 4412; McIntosh, Liberal 7093.

Who says Liberalism is dying in North Battleford constituency? Only Premier King and Hon. W. R. Meales in Saskatchewan and at that, their vote was much easier to get out than were those of Mr. McIntosh's.

Mr. McIntosh looks upon this remarkable victory as a unique expression of good will to himself and party, the traditions and public record of which he holds in high regard. It is one thing winning in your home constituency; it is another to gain such a plurality as did Mr. McIntosh in a constituency which knows him the last twenty years. Congratulations Cameron!

Tourist is "Glory Player" Home Town Kids Suffer

There is much truth in the following letter from Toronto Star, and it may easily apply to Durham local hockey talent is not developed:

Dear Sir: At the present time the only hockey player that is receiving any real encouragement is the tourist player. I need not here describe him because he is a chap that is well known all over Canada. His real ambition is to secure the most for his efforts.
In some cases it is known that

better players watched the game from the sidelines while the inferior "import" was strutting his stuff on the ice and getting paid for it—not in the open and above board way, but by underground channels too numerous to mention. While the local boy was a better player he is obliged to play for his health.

What I am interested in is the local boy who is playing hockey for fun and the honor of his own home town and who neither wants nor expects to be paid for his services. He loves the game for the game's sake—a sportsman.

In the past, many and many a place has imported players who were so well paid that after the team was disbanded many a sportsman took to the chin because the finances were in the red and had to be put in the black.

The fallacy of importing hockey players comes from the fact that only one team can win the championship and it isn't every team that is a paying proposition, and the result is that where heretofore there used to be lots of pep and enthusiasm around the rink, when the local lads were playing, that after the next season, when the team with its imports was disbanded with nothing won that means anything, the local boys sore—the townspeople sour—the supporters critical—the air next season was full of criticism and resentment and the final results were an indifference to further hockey.

In some places importing hockey players has wrought untold harm. It has simply killed the game in others, because, without a winner, the criticism is severe and biting.

All the clubs in the O.H.A. are not responsible for the present setup but those to follow the bait put out by others and the net result is that only a few teams are making money on the proposition and will be in there at the finish.

The O.H.A. was supposed to be an organization to sponsor good, clean sport. To day, however little or no encouragement is given the local youth. The O.H.A. seems to lean to the roving tourists, who mean little or nothing to the clubs they play for except to put them in the "red" while they leave town and keep on roving—on their money.

The local boy certainly seems to be the forgotten man these days in the O.H.A., but some day the O.H.A. may wake up.

However, don't blame the O.H.A. for it all. The really amateur clubs could at least help themselves by attempting to change it at the annual meeting. Otherwise they can just blame themselves.

Give the local boys a chance. Imports are not worth the money.

NORMAN WHITE

DORNOCH

The W. I. met at the home of Mrs. A. Livingstone, Dec. 11th with 18 ladies present. Christmas carols were sung. Some good papers were read by several ladies. Mrs. E. B. Dargavel gave part of the history of the Institute. A demonstration was given of inexpensive Christmas gifts. A useful one was shown by Miss Florence Robertson: a pair of little rompers made up, the neck cut out, forming a pocket for thread and other things; the legs also had pockets for thimble and buttons; a strap on back of the neck to hang it up in the kitchen, which would be a handy gift. They were blue and white. Exchange of Christmas gifts. Lunch com. Mrs. A. Livingstone, Mrs. E. B. Dargavel, Miss F. Robertson, Mrs. E. McIntosh. A pleasant half hour was spent. One quilt was donated for the Bolton family. \$5.00 was sent to the Children's Shelter, in Owen Sound. The Institute is trying hard to get some place in Dornoch, to use as a hall. We want a community hall. Nothing like trying. Next meeting will be held at the home of Miss M. McIntosh.

What might have been a serious accident happened north of Dornoch the other evening. Mr. Alex Robertson was driving along with his horse and buggy when a truck came along and ran into him smashing the buggy to pieces, but Alex got off with a shaking up. The truck sped on, but a car just happened to come along; took after the truck and caught him not far away. His truck was taken from him and he was walked off to jail, where all such hit and run drivers should be.

H. J. Picard and friends enjoyed the weekend at their summer home. Cold comfort.

It is nothing short of a miracle the agility of Santa Claus on a busy day like Saturday last. The same afternoon, he visited Chesley, Dundalk and Walkerton as well as Durham, and delighted all his young friends with his happy smile and kindly manner.

"EARLY DAYS OF ABERDEEN DISTRICT"

(By Isabel C. McGirr, Durham)

The history of Aberdeen section is like all the other sections in this part of the country, rich in pioneer experiences that are unrecorded. Before this generation realized the importance of writing what had taken place, many of the pioneers were gone.

Some six or seven years ago Miss Marion Morton gathered together from many sources some of the early history of Aberdeen section. The earliest book that could be found was a school-treasurer's book dating back to 1857. A few of the leaves were torn from the book but it gave the names of the land-owners in that year.

However settlers had come in many of 10 years previous to 1857. Many of them had come from across the seas arriving at Hamilton, and had taken the stage to Guelph and some had walked from Guelph to Durham. They would stay at Archibald Hunter's hotel, who was Durham's first settler, then they would see the land agent and secure their property and start out in the forest to build their homes. Usually it was a one roomed log house that was built at first. After settlement duties they would get the crown deeds.

Mr Alexander Morton was the first settler on the 2nd concession of Bentinck, coming from Kirkcubrightshire, Scotland in the year 1843, just one year later than the first settler in Durham. Mr. Morton's sister Margaret, came with him but she died shortly afterwards and was the first woman buried in the old Kirk cemetery in Durham.

Mr. Hugh McLean with his sons, John and Neil, came in 1846.

Dunsmore's Mill, built a short distance up the river from the present Rocky Saugreen mill, was the nearest mill for these early settlers to take their wheat. They would have to wait their turn to get their flour and some times had to wait all night.

The first school was built of logs and stood about half way between the present school and Clark's gate. Before the school was built Charles McQueen taught school for 6 months in MacGillivray's log house on the farm between Donald MacLean's and Clark's. Others who taught in the old school were John MacNicol, T. Dodds Neil MacDonald, Archie MacLellan, John MacKechnie, Joseph Stewart, Dougald Giechrist, Archie Campbell. The first teacher in the new school which was built in 1873 was Miss Elizabeth MacKenzie of Durham.

The first religious services held in the community were prayer meetings in the home of Hugh MacLean and were conducted by the Rev. Alexander Stewart of Durham, pastor of the Baptist congregation.

Most of the people in the community attended divine services either at the Baptist church in Mulock, which was built in 1877 or the Presbyterian church at the Rocky Saugreen, which was built in 1878. However the community decided to build a church to be used by all protestant denominations. Rev. J. C. Dunlop of Mulock held regular services for a time. There was no stationed minister. The church was probably built about 1880 and Mr. J. W. Crawford supplied all the material for building the church and the work was done by a number of the neighbors. Some of those assisting were F. Torry, J. Collinson, F. Lunney, T. Morton, G. Collinson, R. McCracken. The trustees appointed were the first three.

A library was installed and was well patronized. There were many very well attended social evenings and prayer services conducted by surrounding ministers.

A Sunday School was opened and attended by the majority of children in the section. Some of the superintendents of the Sunday School were Neil Clark, John Hewison and John Williams.

The first sawmill was built in 1851 by M. C. Schofield and the hamlet was known as Schofield's Mills. Mr. J. W. Crawford purchased the mill in 1870 and he immediately changed the system and put in the circular saw. The first mill was framed by John Edge, and Alexander Morton drew the timber for it with his oxen. Mr. Schofield first rented the mill to Mr. Wm. Catton, then sold it to him but later bought it back. He then rented it for a time to Thomas Travers before he sold it to J. W. Crawford. Mr. Crawford had it in his possession until 1888 when he moved to Durham. Mr. Gibson Collinson went to Western Canada about 1890, and a few years later sold the property to Norman McIntyre, Sr., of Durham.

Mr. John G. Lind of St. Mary's purchased the property from Norman McIntyre in 1934 and is making a great many improvements.

It was in 1880 Mr. J. W. Crawford made application for to have a post office opened. He asked for the name to be Rockville Mills, but he was told there was an office by that name so he gave it the name of his old home in Scotland—Aberdeen—and since then this section of Bentinck has been known by that name. The mail came from Durham three times a week and it was first carried by Lockwood Elvidge of Durham. Miss Maggie Ross was the first postmistress, later it was Miss Lizzie MacDonald and then Mr. J. W. Smith became postmaster. For some years the now Aberdeen has been served by the mail courier of Rural Route No. 2.

It was in 1896 the water power at Aberdeen was first used for electricity—Messrs J. W. Crawford, Kilmer and McIntyre of Durham installing the plant and this power was used in Durham until replaced by the Hydro power.

There are those who remember a tannery run by Mr. J. C. Jopp while others remember only the shoe shop. For a time a Mr. McCreary worked as shoemaker.

Once upon a time there was a log hotel on lot 29 of the 2nd con.—the farm on which Mr. R. Davey now resides.

The blacksmith shop was opened in 1881 by Robert McCracken. The first building was on the property now owned by Miss A. Smith and the second building is on the McCracken brothers' farm and now in use by them as a tool shed.

In the early days when spinning wheels were in use in every home, they were made in Schofield's mill by Mr. George Campbell.

The taxes back in 1857 were on a somewhat different scale to that of today. In that year one farmer's taxes on 100 acres was \$5.34 and another farmer paid \$4.91 on his 100 acre lot. The money for that seemingly small amount of taxes would be just as hard to find as the greater amount is today.

There are quite a number of descendants of the early pioneers still in the section. Some of the same property which their forefathers received from the Crown and others on different land and many have gone from the section. Some of those in the section are, Morton, McLean, Fletcher, MacDonald, MacQuarrie, Clark, Edge, Putherbrough and Ewen.

Prompt Express Service

"Every Christmas for the last five years, all packages received at Canadian Pacific Express offices throughout Canada on Christmas day have been duly delivered to the consignees by noon on that day wherever there was anyone to receive them and the same practice will be followed again this Christmas," said T. E. McDonnell, president and general manager of Canadian Pacific Express, in a recent interview. "At the large terminals, vehicle equipment has been tuned up to meet the test while in addition extra equipment as may be necessary has been arranged for," continued Mr. McDonnell. At every transfer point across the Dominion, employees too are on their toes to make certain that our Christmas Day delivery record is kept intact for the result is only possible by strict attention to detail on part of every employee combined with a thorough co-ordination of express and rail services to ensure prompt handling. Mr. McDonnell, who predicted an extremely heavy movement of Christmas packages by express, stated that all employees had been impressed with the absolute necessity of not disappointing patrons and avoiding damage to packages however slight.

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HAMPDEN
Perhaps another fall of snow would make the roads in better condition for sleighing, but would be a sure hold-up to the motoring on these back roads. Quite a north east gale visited us early in the week. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rahn and Miss Rita were in Kitchener last week. Mr. Henry Seim has had the telephone installed recently. Mr. E. O. Hickling disposed of one of his working horses to Mr. Maas the other day. The young people and school children are practising for the Christmas concert at an early date.

MULOCK

The Dec. meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church was held at the parsonage, Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Homer, president in charge reading the scripture lesson; prayer by Mrs. Anderson; a short business period followed when the annual reports were given then followed the election of officers for 1936 as follows: Pres., Mrs. Homer; vice pres., Mrs. Anderson; secy., Mrs. Fulton; Treas., Mrs. Hugh MacLean. Lunch was served at the close.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ladd and sons, and Elmer Gibbons of Southampton, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gibbons.
Remember the date of the Baptist Christmas entertainment, on Monday evening, Dec. 23rd.

ROCKY SAUGREEN

Mrs. George Noble was hostess to the Rocky Saugreen U.F.W.O. club for their December meeting on 4th. Mrs. Noble the new president opened the meeting with a few introductory remarks. Mrs. A. Edge gave a very interesting paper on "Mothers and their interests in their home and family." Lunch was served and a social half hour spent.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edge opened their home to the Rocky U.F.W.O. members and their families for a social evening on Nov. 29th. A large crowd was present to enjoy their hospitality. Progressive euchre was played for a couple of hours. Mrs. Murray Ritchie and Mrs. Wilfred Middleton were the prize winners. Lunch was served by the ladies, after which a short program of songs, recitations and readings was given.