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## Pupils of 1879 at Boothville School Re-union, Monday, August 5, 1940



Shown in the above picture are the pupils who attended the Boothville Public School during the term of 1878-1879, and who were present at the Re-union held at the school on Monday, August 5th, 1940, over sixty years later. They are the oldest pupils of whom there is any record. Front row, left to right—Mrs. John McMillan, Miss Alice Wilson, Mrs. I. Robert McLean, Mrs. Colin McMillan, Mrs. John A. Ferguson. Second row, left to right—Miss Flora Clark, Mrs. John Williamson, Mrs. John Burgess, Mrs. W. G. Watt, Mrs. John Angus McCannell, Mrs. Malcolm McCannell, Angus McCannell, W. M. Sackett, Findlay Clark, Neil McCannell. Back row, left to right—Joseph Stephenson, R. J. Wilson, Neil McQueen, William Blakeston, Charles Ferguson, W. J. Wilson, Donald McCannell.

## 1879 Roll Called at Boothville School Re-union, Monday, Aug. 5th

24 out of 81 then on Roll, Present. — A Thousand Enjoyed Successful Day of Renewed Friendships.

From far and near, Boothville's sons and daughters returned to the old schoolhouse, S. S. No. 14, Egremont, on Monday afternoon for the first reunion of that section. The gathering was augmented by hundreds from neighboring sections of Swinton Park, Dromore, Top Cliff, etc., forming a happy crowd of some nine or ten hundred, who on a fine and warm afternoon, greeted old schoolmates of years back, as well as renewing friendships of the present day. The day was a complete success, though rain hampered the dance following in early evening.

That the day was so efficiently managed may be credited to several. First we might mention Misses Mary Cameron and Mary McCannell, two of the young ladies of the section, who promoted the reunion, called an organization meeting and worked for its success. President Archie Clark, Sec'y, Noble Wilson, and the committee—Misses Belle Weir, Flora Clark, John Weir and Neil McCannell, have given untiring effort the last few months, and lastly John L. MacDonald, now principal of an Ottawa school, a popular ex-pupil and teacher, was the happy choice as chairman for the day. No better selection could have been made.

Some of the old boys and girls came long distances to intermingle among their former chums. Mr. Herman Haw of Swift Current, Sask., had the distinction of coming the farthest; others present from afar were Miss Jessie Clark of Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McPherson (Mary McCannell) of Pekin, Ill.; Mrs. Drummond and daughter, North Bay, Mr. and Mrs. McCannell, Nanapanee; Mrs. McCrea (Bertha Wilson) and daughters of near Galt; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. MacDonald of Ottawa.

A unique feature of the program was the calling of the roll to 1879, by the chairman. This roll was found in a trunk in the home of Neil Cameron and though now 61 years old, it is still in a good state of preservation. In that far-past day, Boothville school overtook with 81 on the roll. Many of these scholars have passed on, but it is noteworthy that of the 81 then pupils, 24 of them were present on Monday to respond to their name and come to reserved seats at front of the platform. These 24 were Neil McCannell, Proton Station; Wm. Blakeston; Angus McCannell; Sarah A. Wilson;

Wm. Sackett; Frances A. Moody (Mrs. R. McLean); Mary Clark (Mrs. John McMillan); Neil A. McQueen; Robt. J. Wilson; Sarah McDonald (Mrs. Angus McCannell); Mary A. McDonald (Mrs. John A. Ferguson); Ida Blakeston (Mrs. Williamson); Douglas McCannell; Donald McCannell; Susanna McKinnon (Mrs. John Burgess, Durham); Elizabeth Moody (Mrs. Colin McMillan, Holstein); Wm. J. Wilson; Elizabeth Nichol (Mrs. Watt); Sarah McCormick (Mrs. Hugh McCannell); Kate McQueen (Mrs. Malcolm McCannell); Findlay Clark; Flora Clark; Joseph Stephenson, and Charles Ferguson.

Roll Call of the 44 teachers of the school was also responded to by the 14 of them present, who were: Miss M. McCannell (Mrs. Neil McMillan); Neil McCannell; Bessie Weir (Mrs. E. Ritchie); John L. MacDonald; Miss Martin (Mrs. John Porter); Miss Spence (Mrs. Stikney, Drayton); Rebecca McMillan (Mrs. Harold Karstedt, Priceville); Gladys Turney (Mrs. Chester Grayden; Ethel Hammel (Mrs. Farrow, Chatsworth); Eva Renton (Mrs. Alex Milne); Helen Christie (Mrs. Geo. Shand); Ivy Parslow (Mrs. Norman); Mamie Campbell (Mrs. Gordon McCannell); and the present teacher, Miss Margaret Leith.

The oldest teacher present was Neil McCannell of Proton Station, who now 77 years of age gave a vigorous reminiscent address during the program, and is preparing a history of the section. He is also a former pupil. The oldest pupil present was Donald McCannell, still a resident of the section.

The President Arch Clark, welcomed back the ex-pupils and friends, and called on John L. MacDonald of Ottawa, to preside over a lengthy bright and varied program. Mr. Cook of Flesherton with his Deluxe Mobile Studio was present and its broadcasting carried the speaking and other numbers clearly all over the grounds, besides providing musical selections at various times in afternoon and evening.

The chairman congratulated the committee in charge and thanked them for the honor of naming him as chairman. He contrasted the changes in 40 years since his school days here; the revolution in our transportation system; and reminisced entertainingly on his days as pupil and teacher in the old home

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## Gave Red Cross Her Prize Money

At the Saturday night amateur hour close here, little Gertrude Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Morton of North Egremont, won a \$2 prize for her solo "In an old Dutch Garden" in Dutch costume. On receiving it she promptly handed it back to the chairman, Mr. Irwin, saying it was for the Red Cross, and requesting him to add to it. He cashed in another \$1, and nailed three of the Business Men's Ass'n for \$1. each, making a total \$6 donation, and presented it to a Red Cross official. Other prize winners were Lorne Eccles, soloist and the Thos. Gordon orchestra. There was a big crowd and splendid program. Helen Renwick held the ticket for lucky draw.

## Family Reunions Held on Holiday

**THE LAWSON REUNION**  
The Lawson reunion was held on Monday, August 5th, at the home of Mrs. John A. Graham in Durham, 70 were present.

Out of town guests were: Mrs. May A. McIvride of Brandon, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. Will Irwin of Tara; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Richardson of Swinton Park W. J. Burgess, Sarnia; and the following from Toronto: Mr. and Mrs. C. Heywood and Jean, Isabel Lawson Mr. and Mrs. Hall and family, Irene Wild, Mrs. C. Mighton, Wilbur, Charlie and Keith; Dollie Hopkins, Mrs. Alma Irwin, Alex. and Donny; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin; Alex. and Jack Hopkins.

Luncheon was served on the lawn and a program followed with Herb. Edge as chairman. It comprised: an address of welcome by Mrs. Graham; song by Jean Heywood; guitar music and songs by Wilbur and Charlie Mighton; violin and guitar music by Ray Hopkins and Charlie Mighton; mouth organ solo by Marjorie Hopkins; duet by Erma and Freda Noble; mouth organ selection by Graham Pust; speeches by Messrs. William Lawson, Robert Lawson, Wm. Edge, William Irwin, Alex. Hopkins, Robt. Irwin, Mrs. May McIvride.

The oldest member present was William Edge, and the youngest, Gavin Richardson. Mrs. May McIvride had the honor of travelling the greatest distance. The evening was spent in dancing and sing-song.

Officers elected for next year were: Robert Irwin, Toronto, president; Mrs. R. Davis, Secretary; Isabel Lawson, Toronto, program convener; Alex. C. Hopkins, sports convener.

The gathering will be held next year at the same place on Civic Holiday.

## THE RITCHIE REUNION

The fifth Reunion of the Ritchie family was held in Harrison Park, Owen Sound on Thursday August 1st, when over a hundred and fifty relatives signed the register. They were present from Detroit, Acton, Paisley, Pinkerton, Teeswater, Hanover, Priceville, Mt. Forest, Holstein, Varney, Durham, Owen Sound.

During the afternoon a number went swimming, others played baseball or tennis while others spent a pleasant afternoon in social chat and renewing acquaintances. After supper was served, Miss Jane Ritchie was called and Mrs. Arthur Atkinson presented her with a picture as a memento of the day, as Miss Ritchie was the oldest member present at the gathering. Miss Ritchie expressed her appreciation of the gift in a short speech.

## FIRTH FAMILY HELD SHELBURNE RE-UNION

The annual Firth reunion was held this year at Mr. John Firth's Shelburne and a large number were present from Durham. Friends also came from Toronto, North Bay, Erin, Grand Valley, Newmarket, Berkeley, Markdale, and communities surrounding Shelburne. Over eighty were present and the president John Firth was in charge of an interesting program. The new officers for next year are Mrs. Dods, Berkeley, president and Miss Clara Jack of R. R. 1, Markdale, Secretary. Ball games, social intercourse and a generous picnic supper were enjoyed.

The Firth families are descendants of Joseph and Martha Firth who were pioneer settlers in Glenelg and who came from England.

## NEW RECTOR CONDUCTED SERVICES SUNDAY

Rev. Robert Jones, the new rector of Trinity and St. Paul's Anglican Churches, with Mrs. Jones, moved their household effects the past week from London to Durham. Mr. Jones' first services here were held Sunday, the morning service at which Holy Communion was observed, was held in Trinity and anniversary services afternoon and evening at St. Paul's.

Mr. Jones gave inspiring messages at each service. At St. Paul's the special singers were Mrs. Shippam and Mrs. J. McCaslin.

**BORN**  
PORTER—In Durham Hospital on August 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Prosper Porter, Glenelg, a son.

## Gov't Postpones School Opening to Aid Farmers Injured by Fall

Announced as an aid to hard pressed farmers, the Ontario Government stated Friday last that Public Schools in the Province will not re-open until Sept. 15th or later. High Schools until October 1st. The purpose is that schoolboys may enroll for farm work at varying wages to relieve the acute labor shortage throughout the province.

Premier. Hepburn said: "I, as a farmer, know the near-desperate conditions under which some farms are at present operating. By aiding the farmer at this critical moment, our schoolboys will be making a very valuable contribution to our war effort. The patriotism of our Canada has never at any time been in question. In no province does that fact hold more true than in Ontario."

No official word of the delayed opening has been received as yet by Durham schools. The plan may release some boys for farm work, but for a large proportion of the pupils, it will be a lengthened summer vacation. Teachers' salaries is another question.

## Jas. McLean's Back Injured by Fall

Mr. James McLean of town who has been employed as foreman the last 3 or 4 months at the Fuller plant of the Consolidated Stone & Sand Co. north of Belleville, suffered a severe back injury there last Thursday afternoon. With asphalt loaded in an oil car on railroad tracks there, he had stepped on the pipe around top of the car when his foot slipped and he fell backwards some 8 or 10 feet across the rail of the track. While the backbone had not snapped, it was severely sprained at the 12th vertebrae, and being alone at the time, he lay helpless about fifteen minutes until he was found. A Stirling doctor was summoned, and had him removed to Belleville hospital, where he is to be placed in a plaster cast for from four to six months.

His wife and daughter were fortunately visiting there at the time, and son Allan is also working there for the summer, so they are remaining a few days longer with him in his suffering.

It will be a heartbreak for an active man like Jim to lie motionless for several months, but if it brings complete recovery, as hoped for, it will be time well spent.

## COMING EVENTS

Permanent waving by Mr. McArthur of Toronto, at Mrs. Vollett's Beauty Parlor, on Monday August 12th. Make appointment early.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church are holding a sale of taking and afternoon tea, on Saturday afternoon, August 24th, in the former Morlock store.

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