

Col. J. B. MacLean Restores Old Home

The following sketch appeared in the Guelph Mercury recently. For many years an old country manse stood in Wellington County a few miles from Guelph. In this manse many years ago a young preacher took up his residence and ministered to the neighboring farmers. His name was Andrew Maclean and near by under a beautiful stone, he and his wife rest side by side. The years passed by, a half century or more had come and gone, when one day there was great excitement in the district. Men were at work restoring the old church, and the old cemetery and the quaint old house. In the city of Toronto, 50 miles away, they lived a publisher, John Bayne Maclean. He was born in this old house on September 26, 1862, and had come back to make this old corner in Guelph a worthy memorial to the memory of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Maclean, and to have for himself a country home of historical interest. Here were to be preserved the lovely old doors, the windows with their panes of glass, the fireplaces where great logs once threw off a friendly warmth, and by whose light the children of the neighborhood played, sang and listened to the prayers of their elders. Col. Maclean envisioned new fences of stone and wood, new drives bordered with shrubs, and the house where he could spend his summers. Likewise, the grounds where his parents lay, where the pioneers of Fustinch were buried, needed the care of tender and loving hands; the old church where years before Col. Maclean received his first Sunday School lessons needed repairs. And so it came about that in acquiring a coun-

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try home he was able to beautify and bless a large portion of this community. The house is of wood, built nearly a hundred years ago. It stands on a corner opposite the church. It is lovely in its simplicity and with a fresh coat of white paint from time to time presents a quaint picture of rural beauty. Few people are fortunate enough to acquire their birthplace for a country residence as has Col. Maclean. But what he has done in transforming his old home others can do, and his restoration of church and grounds may serve as a hint to others who move in to a rural district and would do more than just restore the house they live in.

1940 AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATES TO BE COLLECTED FOR RED CROSS

A plan for the salvaging of 1940 automobile license plates by the Ontario Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society was announced today by the Honorable Mitchell F. Hepburn, Prime Minister of Ontario. He pointed out that if all or nearly all the 1940 plates were recovered, the Red Cross funds would benefit by a substantial sum and almost three hundred tons of scrap steel would be made available for war purposes. "I hope the motorists of Ontario will cooperate wholeheartedly," said Mr. Hepburn. "This arrangement gives them an opportunity to render effective aid in two ways and at no cost to themselves. Three hundred tons of steel would be an important aid to the war industries and the cash derived from the sale of the metal will be effectively used by the Red Cross. In the present emergency, when steel mills are working to capacity we must avoid waste of material and I am sure that motorists will support this worthwhile undertaking."

It is understood that the Red Cross Society's plan for the salvaging of the old plates has been made possible by the co-operation of the Imperial Oil Limited and members of the Automotive Transport Association. All Imperial Oil service stations will act as collecting depots for the plates and Automotive Transport Association members have agreed to transport the collected plates to the steel mills. Both operations are being conducted without charge.

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CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

A Weekly Review of Developments on the Home Front. November 28th-Dec 5th

1. Honorable J. L. Halsey, Minister of Finance, December 2, introduces special war budget in Commons designed to conserve needed foreign exchange. Budget hits luxuries heavily.

Importation of passenger automobiles, sporting goods, other non-essential commodities from non-sterling countries, except Newfoundland, prohibited.

Motor-vehicles other than passenger cars, petroleum products and a wide list of other commodities permitted importation from non-sterling countries only under license. Issue of licenses will be gradually reduced.

Excise tax of 25 per cent. imposed on many electrical and other appliances including radios, cameras, vacuum cleaners.

Excise tax on automobiles up to value of \$700 increased from 10 to 20 per cent.

Customs duty on 34 classifications of United Kingdom goods removed or lowered.

Importation of fresh fruit and vegetables not affected.

Foreign Exchange savings under special budget estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 a month.

Colonel J. L. Ralston, Minister of Defence, accompanied by Major-General Crerar, Chief of General Staff, arrives in London for conference with British authorities. Colonel Ralston is the fourth member of Can. Cabinet to visit Great Britain since the declaration of war.

Military forces of Canada designated "The Canadian Army" by Order-in-Council. Units and formations on Active Service will be designated "active formations"; other units and formations will be known as "Reserve" formations.

Terms "C.A.S.F." (Canadian Active Service Force) and "N.P.A.M." (Non-Permanent Active Militia) disappear from use.

Purchases of steel beyond current requirements, prohibited. Exception made for war industries. Purpose: To assure abundant sup-

plies of steel for armaments and munitions.

6. Unemployment among members of trades unions records lowest figure in many years—1.4 per cent.

Dominion Bureau of Statistics returns shows highest level of industrial employment in 20 years. Index, based on 1926 average as 100, stood at 139.2 on November 1, 1940 and 123.6 on November 1, 1939.

7. Canada's external trade in October, excluding gold, reached a high point for recent years, aggregating \$215,435,862 compared with \$189,065,024 in September and \$170,471,796 in October, 1939.

8. Key men from essential war industries, serving with the C.A.S.F. will be permitted leave during the winter to return temporarily to such industries.

9. Contracts awarded by the Department of Munitions and Supply during the week ended November 22 numbered 2414 and totalled \$35,611,223.

10. Wilfrid J. T. Gagnon, Montreal, appointed Joint Director General, Purchasing Branch, Department of Munitions and Supply.

Mr. Gagnon own two shoe factories, Aird and Sons Ltd. and Wilfrid Gagnon, Ltd.

11. Contracts awarded for construction of six more corvettes (submarine chasers) for Canadian Navy.

Corvettes ordered now total 70—ten for Royal Navy, 60 for Canadian Navy.

Present naval construction programme involves expenditure of around \$70,000,000.

U. S. MUST ENTER WAR FOR SELF-PRESERVATION

"For our own preservation the United States must enter the war on the side of Great Britain," said H. R. Knickerbocker, famous Int. News Service, foreign correspondent, in speaking before the Detroit Economic Club.

Knickerbocker described "caves" as the only safe place in London, continuing:

"The perverted genius of Adolph Hitler is rapidly pushing a whole generation back to the stone age."

"If the British can't stop it, we Americans shall substantially and fully join the hosts of other neutrals, brought down by their stubborn refusal to face the bitter facts. And the fact is that today Britain is our first line of defense and for at least two years she will be almost our only line of defense, until we become strong enough to stand alone in a world of enemies."

"And the fact is that we fall if Britain falls. So that, whatever American, no matter what his name, his rank, his prestige or his fame—whatever American would limit or delay every aid to Britain of every kind is effectively obstructing the defense of the United States at this moment of the greatest peril we have ever faced since we became a nation."

Knickerbocker said the war would be won or lost in the British Isles—not in the Near East, the Far East, Italy, Greece, the Mediterranean or any other place.

In an interview preceding his address, Knickerbocker said the United States would be in the war next summer or within a year at the latest.

LONG FURLOUGH COMING

The chief topic of conversation in the Foresters' lines at Camp Borden last week has been about furlough. When the men left on their weekend leaves late Friday afternoon it was generally understood that the most of this battalion would likely be home on furlough from December 21st to January 5th. A skeleton crew of about seventy-five men are usually left in camp to look after things when the battalion is away at any time, so different arrangements will be made for these men. It's also expected that a certain number of men will commence their two week's furlough about next Wednesday because of having to be back at camp the latter part of December to take their turn to guard duty. The men are looking forward to this furlough and Lt. Col. T. J. Rutherford, the Commanding Officer, has been quite busy the last few days in arranging the furlough so as to suit the majority of the men.

J. A. Johnston, publisher of the Midway Gazette, has been appointed returning officer for the Bruce-Hurca riding in the Ontario House, made vacant by the death of Chas. A. Robertson, M.L.A. last spring. It looks as though a bye-election will be held early in 1941. Several prospective candidates for both parties are in the race.

Women's Institute Hears Splendid Report

The December meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday afternoon last at the residence of Mrs. George Sharpe, with a large attendance.

The meeting opened by singing "O Canada" and the Institute Ode followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. The president, Mrs. G. Sharpe, presided and a short business period was held. The Secy.-Treas., Mrs. Giles, read the report of the previous meeting. Excellent reports of the various committees for War Work was given by the Convenors, name: Mrs. Peter Hay, Mrs. Mortley, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Geo. Campbell, and the Convenor for the Branch, Mrs. F. W. Moon. It was decided to help the British Hospital Fund by a cash contribution from each member at the next meeting and to give the milk donation to the Public School children as usual and lastly the Christmas Cheer. A committee was appointed to deal with the matter.

The roll call was given, it being "White Gifts and a Christmas Gift I would like to receive." Each member contributed a gift for the Grey County Children's Shelter at Owen Sound. Expressions of sympathy were to be forwarded to the Collins family as the late Mrs. Collins was a former member and to Mrs. John Graham in the passing of her brother, Wm. Burgess.

An excellent program was then given, the convenor being Mrs. R. C. Eastman. It opened by singing Christmas Carols, "Hark! Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" and "Silent Night", accompanied by Miss Leah McComb. Mrs. Priest gave a short talk on "Christmas" which was much appreciated. She stressed "Peace on earth, good will to men" as being an agreement between nations and families throughout the world, as the peace of God passeth all understanding and should be in all our hearts at the present time. Miss Marjorie Middleton and Mary Bourne gave an instrumental duet and graciously responded with an encore.

Mrs. Giles gave a splendid report of the 39th Provincial Convention which was held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, recently. The President, Mrs. George Sharp was also a delegate for the District and acted as chairman for one session, with an attendance of 400 delegates.

Mrs. Giles stressed that the keynote of the convention was the War Aid in every form including War Certificates, etc. Mrs. Duke, "The responsibilities of the Institutes" and Miss Mary Clarke, the Superintendent on "What are the various ways we can serve in the Present War." Mrs. Davidson, of Montreal, a former Russian-Pole, and a news Broadcaster, on C.F.R.B., spoke on "Current Events", mentioning Canada and what it stood for. Miss Roberts on "Libraries," and among the books highly recommended were "The Life of Madame Currie" Mrs. George Black and others. Miss Margaret Durning, Physical Director of the Y. W. C. A. demonstrated "Physical Education and Games."

Senator Cairine Wilson on "The Refugee and Evacuee" asking us all to adopt a friendly attitude to other people, especially these, and Miss Edna Moore, chief Public School nurse of Ontario, on "Health." Dr. Gisdale on, "Undernourished Children." The Choral Society of Brampton, rendered several numbers very nicely. Mr. M. Carroll, of the Handicraft Work of Ontario, demonstrated their handwork which was very interesting, one being a basket made of porcupine quills and lined with wool. R. G. Cooper on, "That Institutes should be to the adult what the school is to the pupil."

The meeting closed with singing the National Anthem. At the close, a dainty lunch was served by the convenor, Mrs. Eastman assisted by Mesdames A. Middleton, J. C. Nichol, A. Hay and C. Lauder assisted by the hostess, Mrs. Sharpe.

The January meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. T. H. Sneath.

McGowan's Mill at Lucan Burned Down

Fire of unknown origin, discovered about 3.45 p.m. Saturday afternoon, completely gutted the Lucan Mills, destroying machinery and stock, the replacement value of which, along with the building, was estimated at about \$60,000, partially covered by insurance.

The mill had not been in operation on Saturday. W. A. McGowan, superintendent for the Rob Roy Flour Mills Ltd., owners, visited the building about 3.40 p.m., did a few chores which he estimated took him less than five minutes and was about to leave when a passer-by shouted to him that smoke was coming out of the roof.

The Lucan fire brigade responded to the alarm promptly but the fire had gained such fierce headway that little could be done to control it. Floors collapsed quickly under their weight of machinery and stock. The interior turned into an enormous furnace.

A glare reflected on low lying clouds was said to be observed as far away as London. Sparks fell in clouds over the southern parts of Lucan and firemen devoted their attention to protection of dwellings near the mill, a task which lasted well into the night.

Mr. McGowan was able to remove the mill's papers and some other valuables. The safe fell through the office floor when it collapsed.

No explanation has been offered as to how the fire started. It apparently began on the top floor, and broke through the roof soon after it was first noticed. Wiring was said to be in good condition and there were no fires reported in the heating equipment.

In former years the machinery had been powered by steam but latterly this was superseded by electric motors, the steam boiler being used for heating and some of the processing operations in the course of manufacturing cereals. The superintendent stated that there was no fire in the boiler on Saturday; he had visited it with the intention of starting one but after chopping up a few pieces of fuel and observing weather conditions he decided there was no danger of the boiler freezing up, and so came away without actually starting the fire.

In recent years the mill was used for manufacturing flour, feeds and processed cereal, stocks of which were on hand and destroyed.

The mill building, commonly known as the "Lucan Mill," had yellow brick walls and hardwood floors. It was put up in 1899 and was at that time and for years afterwards considered to be one of the finest mills of its kind in the province.

It was the second fire in the upper part of the Lucan mill within the past two years. The previous one did only minor damage. Mr. McGowan has been unfortunate in suffering fires, having lost the Rob Roy Mills in Durham some months before taking over the Lucan Mill.

DORNOCH

Recent visitors with Mr and Mrs. A. D. MacIntyre were Mr and Mrs. M. Sauter of Williamsford.

Mrs. J. Sweeney is spending the winter months in Owen Sound.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Latona Presbyterian Church, the annual bazaar will be held in the Church basement on Friday evening of this week, Dec. 13th, beginning at 8 p.m.

Mr and Mrs. I. Robertson and family of Holland Centre visited recently with Mr and Mrs. Alex. Robertson.

The FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHER

Be sparing with your advice. Better to be refined than beautiful. Nothing is more certain than uncertainty. The spirit travels where the mind cannot reach. Greatness in thought or deed speaks for itself. Some folks get sick worrying about their health. You're no use to yourself if you're of no use to others.

VICKERS

Mrs. Ed. Crosier returned to her home near Edmonston, after spending holiday with her relatives in this community.

Mrs. Ben Coultts was a visitor recently with relatives in Toronto.

The United Farm Women met at the home of Mrs. Geo. Mighon, Jr. on Friday of last week with eleven members and several visitors present. Roll call was answered by an exchange of Xmas gifts. A letter of appreciation was read from Mrs. George H. Torry. Notes of the Convention in Toronto were read by the Secretary and the questionnaire was taken. A report of the year's business was given. Mrs. Ben Coultts presided for the election of officers. The following were elected officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Thos Hopkins; Vice-President, Mrs. G. H. Torry; Secretary-Treas., Mrs. Geo. Turnbull; Organist, Mrs. Geo. Reay, Mrs. G. H. Torry; Auditors, Mrs. Geo. Mighon, Jr.; Mrs. Edgar Brigham; Sick Committees, South Line, Mrs. Seth Trafford, Mrs. Wm. McCulloch; Centre Line, Mrs. Joe Reay, Mrs. Alf Bailey; North Line, Mrs. Royden Reay, Mrs. Thos. Hopkins; Press correspondent, Mrs. H. A. Reay. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and assistants. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Turnbull. The roll call will be answered by a silver collection. Those on the cake committee are Mrs. Alf Bailey, Mrs. Wilfred Alexander, Mrs. John Andrews.

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ROCKY SAUGEN

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The joint meeting of the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. Donald Stewart on Wednesday, Nov. 27th with an attendance of 21 members and visitors present.

The president, Mrs. Even, presided. Mrs. MacDonald read the scripture reading from Psalm 74 and prayer was offered by Mrs. Hopkins. The roll call was responded to by the word "Peace." During the business part of the meeting it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on December 11th at the church.

An interesting reading was given by Mrs. MacDonald.

Mrs. Krauter presided for the W. M. S. and opened the meeting. Mrs. Stewart then offered prayer. The roll call was answered by a "Sentence Prayer" and was well responded to.

Splendid articles on "Open Doors" were given by Mrs. Davey and "The National Anthem was sung and the Mizpah benediction in unison brought a very profitable meeting to a close. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Stewart and assistants.

No Free Army Transport: Retain Half Fare Rate

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