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LIGHTNING CAUSES SERIOUS LOSS

A serious barn fire occurred here during an electric storm about 12.30 on Saturday night, when lightning struck the large barn 96x50 feet in size, on the farm of Norman Hoover 7th concession, Markham, about three miles from town. Mr. Hoover saw the bolt shoot from the heavens and land on the east roof of building and almost immediately flames shot up. In a remarkably short time the barn, together with a hog pen 25x25, a shed 30x25 and a driving shed were completely demolished, scarcely a timber of any description being left of the big structure or of the smaller buildings.

Although a rush was made to save the stock and contents only a horse and a few articles were rescued. Fortunately the cattle and all but the one horse were on pasture. The loss includes 400 or 500 bushels of oats, 50 bushels fall wheat, a quantity of mixed grain, 70 loads hay and 20 loads straw, 24 hogs, 4 calves, a bull, and 50 hens and young chicks, along with a wagon and rack, cutting-box, and many other articles.

The barns and contents were insured in the Mennonite Insurance organization, and Mr. Hoover's claim was adjusted on Tuesday allowing him \$3625, of which amount \$2500 was on the barn alone.

Mr. Hoover is now arranging to erect a new barn in which to house this year's grain crop.

THE FIRST COUNCIL

Convened in Jan'y 1877

In the year 1876 the Village of Stouffville was granted incorporation and the first council was elected the following January. The minute book having been carefully preserved we are able to give below the minutes of the first council meeting ever held here, which are as follows:

Pursuant to statute the following gentlemen being members of the council elect for the municipality of the village of Stouffville for the year A.D. 1877 met this 15th day of January at 11 a.m. in Freely's Hall, and after taking the oath of office before Edw. Wheeler, took their places at the board, as follows:

James Dougherty, reeve
Dr. S. L. Freely
Jesse Reesor
John Gibney
Wm. Leaney (absent)

Reeve read a communication from Mr. Leaney stating his inability to be present owing to illness.

Mr. Reesor introduced a bylaw for the appointment of a clerk the same being given its customary readings with the name of Henry W. Woodgate as clerk.

The clerk was instructed to purchase necessary books for his office.

Mr. Reesor introduced a bylaw respecting fast driving, snow on sidewalks and cattle running at large.

Council went into committee with Dr. Freely in the chair to discuss a bylaw to appoint a police-inspector and assessor.

Uxbridge Township Council wrote respecting monopoly of T. & N.R. railway. No action taken.

Mr. Reesor seconded by Mr. Gibney moved that the offer of Dr. Freely for the free use of this hall for holding council meeting during the year 1877 be accepted. Carried.

Council adjourned.

ORANGEVILLE COURT WAS IN SESSION ON SUNDAY

Orangeville established a precedent for the whole Province when for the first time known Police Court was in session on Sunday last. The court was open for only a few minutes, but all the officials were present and three men appeared for trial. All three were committed to jail.

Shortly after midnight on Sunday morning clever work on the part of the police resulted in the arrest of three men in a car, all from Waterloo. In the automobile the police claim to have found 31 25-ounce bottles of whiskey. When the case came up and bail could not be arranged the three men wanted to settle at once, but were remanded in custody till Monday.

According to the Attorney General's Dept., judicial acts are barred on Sunday and cases cannot be tried. As there was no trial, even bail not being arranged, and the three men were remanded till Monday, there was no judicial act on Sunday.

BIRTHS
Lewis—At Agincourt, on July 23rd, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. Allin Lewis, a daughter.

CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM

Harvesting operations are quite general in the Stouffville section this week. Although there are sections not 50 miles away where the crops are literally burned up, this section has been wonderfully favored with a fair amount of moisture, and the crops are described by our farmers to be a good average of the past three or four years, which means that we will have an abundant harvest.

The frequent rains of the past week have greatly advanced the root crops, for the ground has had several good soakings within a week, and taking all into consideration the farmers have cause to be optimistic. The hope now is that weather conditions will remain favorable for another three weeks until the harvest is well in hand. Rain fell all day Tuesday, seriously interfering with operations.

Lost—On July 23rd, a purse containing a small sum of money. Kindly leave at Tribune office or Dominion Store.

TURNIP GROWERS PROTEST

Farmers who ship turnips from Stouffville, Goodwood or Ballantrae, are about to enter a genuine protest against the inequalities of shipping rates from these points as against points west of Toronto. Several shippers have recently interested themselves in the matter, and as a result a petition is being signed for the consideration of the Dominion Railway Board. Copies of this petition are available for signing at the Tribune office or at the residence of Mr. Frank H. Sangster, and any farmer who grows turnips for export is asked to call and sign either of these documents read over the following wording of the petition and if you are in accord with the effort call and sign your name to it.

To the Honorable The Board of Railway Commissioners for the Dominion of Canada:

We, the undersigned, represent to your Honorable Board:

(1) That we are growers of turnips for export to the markets of the United States, in which country turnips, better known there as rutabagas, are very widely used as a table vegetable.

(2) That Stouffville, Goodwood, and Ballantrae, all in the Province of Ontario, are our stations for loading.

(3) That we are desirous of, and can, very greatly increase our shipments from these points if we are given as favorable freight rates (which we do not now have), as competing points lying west of Toronto.

(4) That the freight rates on carload lots of turnips from Stouffville and the other stations mentioned are seven cents per cwt. higher (and more than that in many instances) on all car lots routed to cross on the Niagara boundary than from stations west of Toronto which are as far and even farther from the Niagara boundary than is Stouffville. Thus the rate from Stouffville is seven and one-half cents higher per cwt. to Buffalo than from points west of Toronto of equal or greater distance from Buffalo. This higher rate, and still higher rates, apply to many interior points in the United States though shipments made from both east and west of Toronto have a common part of entry on the Niagara frontier.

(5) That, while the points west of Toronto are nearer the places to which shipments are made when the port of entry is Port Huron or Detroit, the rates from Stouffville, and other points are disproportionately high. For instance the rate from Stouffville to Detroit is 5c. per cwt. higher than from points lying west of Toronto. Again, the rate to Louisville, Ky. is eleven and one-half cents higher, which is absurd.

(6) In the confident expectation that the discrimination we suffer from will be removed by your Honorable Board on the facts being presented to you the growers in the vicinity of Stouffville have planted treble the acreage, probably, this year to market turnips to that planted in any former year.

We therefore ask your Honorable Board to so adjust these rates that the disadvantage we are now at shall be removed and justice done in the premises. Particularly do we stress that we be placed on a basis of equality—as to these rates—with points west of Toronto on all shipments moving in the usual course to the American markets via ports of entry into the United States situated on the Niagara boundary.

Lightning killed a cow on the farm of James Meek at Sandford on Tuesday evening of last week.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. Magnay Mowat of Lindsay, spent Monday in Stouffville.

Mrs. N. E. Smith and Mrs. Wm. Harper, sr. are on a visit to friends in Detroit.

Mr. Alvin Mowat of Temperanceville, visited his parents here last Tuesday.

Miss Eva Hoover is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Silvester at Keswick.

Reeve Silvester and Mrs. Silvester have opened their cottage for the summer on Lake Simcoe, near Keswick.

Mrs. J. A. Heise and daughter have returned after spending a few days at the home of Professor and Mrs. Toole, O.A.C., Guelph.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Dawson and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were guests of Mrs. Dawson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Lehman, west end.

Mr. Alfred Pugh, a former resident of this section, but now living in Toronto, is visiting at Mr. Noah Stouffer's and with other friends.

Earl Grubin is taking a course in an automobile school at 163 King street west Toronto. He will resume his studies at school here in September.

Mr. A. E. Thomas, of Flint, Mich., accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Binnsmore of Toronto, spent Sunday with their brother, G. R. W. Thomas and wife.

Last week, Mrs. F. B. Murray of Calgary, Alta., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Browncombe of Uxbridge spent a few days here visiting Mrs. A. V. Nolan.

Eber Wright, an employee on the Standard bank staff, here less than a decade ago, was in town last week. He is now in a mercantile business in Detroit.

Mr. Ted Percy, Miss Bessie Percy and Miss Iris Alcock, and Dorian Woodburn of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gower one day last week.

Miss Isabelle Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Booth, has been successful in passing her Primary Theory examination in music. Isabelle is a pupil of Miss Ruby S. Nicholls, Mus. Bac. of Uxbridge.

Mr. Allan Collard made a hurried trip to the home of his parents here over the week end. Allan lives in Windsor but is employed in a factory over the border in Detroit, and is engaged by a firm in making parts for Henry Ford's cars.

An interesting visitor in town last week was Mrs. Wm. Robinson of Muskoka, who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elias Lehman. Mrs. Robinson is 75 years of age and when a girl lived on the 6th con. of Markham, being a Miss Miller.

Visitors with Mrs. McGrogan at W. E. Morden's this week were her mother, Mrs. May of Toronto, and her brother Mr. Strong, also Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Simpson, of Detroit and Miss Lauretta Patterson of Toronto. The men in the party went on a fishing trip to Lake Musselman and brought back 200 cat fish.

Mr. J. R. Hodgins, local C. N. R. agent, was in Toronto last Friday attending the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. J. McMann of Chicago. Deceased was accidentally killed in a motor accident. While driving along a main thoroughfare in Chicago, a car driven by the son of an American magistrate plunged into the McMann car from a side street, turning it over. Mrs. McMann was crushed underneath with fatal results.

Last Thursday Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stiver, also Mrs. C. H. Stiver of Unionville, returned from an interesting trip through the wilds of Ontario. Motoring from their home in Markham Township to a point north of Cobocook they took a guide and travelled on eleven different lakes, in waters where fish abound, although angling was not good at the time of their visit. Game is plentiful in that neck of the woods and the party, which travelled with a guide, sighted several deer at close range.

NATIVE OF LEMONVILLE

Death on Saturday removed Thos. Cook of 471 Margaretta street, Toronto, in his 77th year. The late Mr. Cook was born in Lemonville and had lived in Toronto for the past 52 years. He was a member of the carpenters' local union, No. 27, for 40 years, and for 47 yrs was a member of Albert Lodge, I.O.O.F. He is survived by his wife and seven children: Mrs. Walter Acheson, Dundalk; Mrs. N. M. Dulin, Los Angeles, Cal.; Thomas Cook, Seattle, Wash.; Miss Lulu, Miss Marie and Mr. Chas. E. Cook, all of Toronto.

DISTRICT NEWS

Wesley Church, Vandon, has organized a Canadian Girls in Training Club.

Aurora Horticultural Society visited Lady Eaton farm in a body last week, taking lunch baskets along.

The Godson Manufacturing Co. have been awarded a contract to pave Main street in Cannington. The cost is to be around \$35,000.

Work of draining the Holland marsh is now underway, and when the vast enterprise is completed, it is expected that the reclaimed territory will be rich in vegetable production.

It is now almost a certainty that Orillia will soon have a first-class modern hotel. The hotel is to have seventy rooms and will cost about \$260,000 of which \$200,000 is to be raised in Orillia. The control will be under five directors, two representing the operating company and three appointed by Orillia stockholders.

A balloon, which left Akron, Ohio, on Saturday afternoon, landed near the jail farm on Sunday evening of last week at 8 o'clock, with two men who had travelled 300 miles, in an attempt to break the long distance record. There were four balloons started in the race, but this one made the longest distance. Time, 28 hours.

Wellington Smalley, treasurer of Uxbridge Township, lost his family cat recently. Some weeks later he espied Miss Puss at the top of a hollow tree on his farm. The cat was dead, its head being tightly wedged in a hole at the top of the tree. In the hollow was a bird's nest with a dead bird thereon, having apparently been sufficated. The picture tells its own story.

At the recent entrance exams, Miss Muriel Westney of the Audley public school, aged 14, had the distinct honor of standing first in the inspectorate of South Ontario. She is to be complimented on her success, especially as her studies were greatly interfered with by sickness. Miss Westney wrote in Pickering where she was thus first. Miss Dorothy Clugston of Dunbarton, stood second and Miss Leona Spencer, of Pickering school third.

The death of James Boyd the veteran seedsman and farmer at Cedar Grove, removes a well known resident of Markham Township, and one who had always taken a deep interest in anything that pertained to the progress of agriculture. For many years he had been employed in more or less of an official capacity by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, as judge and inspector, and his activities in that direction had a good deal to do with raising the standard of seed grain throughout the country, and over the province generally. The late Mr. Boyd is survived by a widow and two daughters, Millicent, a nurse at the Wellesley hospital, and one at home. He was a Conservative in political affiliation and a member of the Zion Cedar Grove United Church. Interment took place there on Thursday last. A large number of friends and neighbors were present at the funeral ceremonies.

HYDRO HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR, Rural Rates Being Revised

A revision of rates in the rural power districts now being served by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission is announced in the annual report of the Commission, issued by Sir Adam Beck recently.

The Commission has contracts with 146 townships, 138 of which are now being served as part of 90 rural power districts, established by the Commission. In order that the service supplied to the consumers may be as near as possible on a cost basis, in 65 of the rural power districts served it has been found necessary to make a reduction of from 5 to 40 per cent. In the service charge, and in 57 rural power districts a reduction of from 5 to 25 per cent. in the consumption charge. The remaining 25 rural power districts now being supplied with service have only been operating for short periods, and no rate adjustment will be made until operating conditions become more stable.

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