

BY-GONE DAYS IN WATFORD

Some of the Doings in the Old Burg and Vicinity in the year 1902.
Many Things Almost Forgotten Recalled to Memory.

JANUARY

J. S. Williams elected reeve of Watford, Lindsay reeve of Brooke and McFarlane for Warwick. Col. Ellis retired from command of 27th Regt. Geo. Everest, Arkona, broke his leg. Watford hockey team defeated the Aberdeens, London, 10-3. Thos. Alloway an Enniskillen boy accidentally shot and killed. Farewell banquet to Chief D. Roche on his retirement from the Fire Co. Disappearance of Mattie Harris of Marthaville, found a few days afterwards. Walnut cheese factory sold to F. S. McEwen. Mrs. A. Brown fell and broke her wrist. Arch. McIntyre elected Warden of Lambton.

Marriages—F. Birchard and Maggie Long; H. H. Dickson and Bertha Manders; Geo. Missetbrook and Sarah Higgins; R. M. Trueman and Amy Nixon; H. Gilbraith and Bertha Higgins; Dr. W. H. Woods and Isabel Anderson; Wesley Clark and Louisa Aitken; Willard Smith and Cora Sharp; J. W. Hawes and Amelia Kelly.

Deaths—Mrs. Geo. Stotts, London; Robt. Robertson, Warwick; Samuel Elliot, Warwick; Mrs. Margaret Logan, Brooke; Mrs. Clarke Van Auken; Benj. Wise, age 82, Jas. Connor found dead on 4th line. Chas. Lawrence, Warwick; Mrs. Eliza Watke, Arkona; W. H. Maidment, Warwick, died in London.

FEBRUARY

Watford hockey club lost to Woodstock 19-0, return game 6-0. Biddle boys break from Pittsburg jail, overtaken and fatally shot. Unknown man picked up unconscious at Salt Block. Banquet to Douglas and Lacey investors. Brutal assault on Miss Annie O'Brien. H. A. Cook sold his front st. property and bought the Golden Lion block. Jas. Henderson had his leg broken. T. Roche purchased the racing stallion "Paddy P." Stonehouse drainage case won by Plympton. J. McKerscher purchased two stores in Annett block.

Married—Henry Baird and Miss A. Miller, Warwick.

Deaths—Mrs. (Dr.) Treadgold of Arkona; Robert Styles, Brooke; Mrs. Jane Bugar, Watford; Judge Lister, Toronto; Mrs. Cyrus Lane, Arkona; Absolom Saunders of 6th line in Mich.; Robert Hume, Warwick; Edward Rowland, Strathroy, aged 92. Thos. McGregor, Watford, aged 90.

MARCH

F. P. McDonnell purchased store in Annett block. Alvinston beat Watford at hockey 5-4. J. Mellor, Birmam, moved to Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maddock, Brooke, celebrated golden wedding. Mrs. Geo. Webster of Pt. Huron found dead in bed. Watford Presbyterian church reopened after repairs. Watford skating rink closed on 20th after 70 nights skating. Miss Currie of Oil Springs awarded \$675 in breach of promise case. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Travis, Bosanquet, celebrated golden wedding.

Marriages—H. G. Blumenfeld and Laura Shirley; Sidney McLeay and Ethel Hay.

Deaths—Mrs. G. W. Ross, Strathroy; Chas. H. Tanner, Warwick; Dorothy Kingston, Brooke; Mrs. Jno. Routley, Watford; Mrs. E. Rose, Warwick; Benj. Walker, Plympton; Mrs. Cornelius Evans, Warwick.

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APRIL

D. H. Howden opened wholesale hardware in London. W. Trotts team fell in old well at Oil Springs while plowing and both drowned. Watford Minstrels had a crowded house. Alf. Mathers had leg broken at Dawson. T. D. Lee sold residence to T. H. Clark. The dog "Mayor of Watford" bred by H. Stapleford won championship of U. S. Isaac Kersey sentenced to 7 years in Kingston. Walter discharged. Joshua Saunders opened blacksmith shop. Five year old son of A. Brownlee killed. Mrs. Wm. Teeple, Arkona, gave birth to triplets.

Marriages—Dr. F. R. Eccles and Miss Jessie Dusty; Rev. J. Manville Williams and Hattie Thompson; F. G. Minniely and Miss Hayward, Warwick; Ira M. Hole and Mamie Apted.

Deaths—Principal Shrapnell's mother at Carsonville, Mich.; John H. Taylor, Warwick; Arthur Park, Plympton; Henry Groff, Inwood; Hugh Bryce, Warwick; Mrs. Daniel Campbell, Warwick; Mrs. Robert Brown, Bridgen, aged 101 years. W. C. Foster, Arkona; Wm. Congo, Arkona; Wm. Shea, Plympton.

MAY

Bartram's blacksmith shop, Arkona burnt down. John Fraser appointed postmaster of Petrolia. Thos. Jackson, Enniskillen, buildings burnt. Capt. Madgwick left for Michigan. McKenzie & Meldrum's drug store in Theford burnt. T. W. Mitchell purchased Arkona flour mills from M. Dunlop. Dr. W. W. Shirley graduated as M. D. J. D. Brown purchased R. Wilkinson's residence. Rich. Ellerker's barn in Warwick struck by lightning. W. P. McLaren returned from Florida. Pettypiece elected M.P.P.

Marriages—L. J. Stevens and Maude Leacock; Newman Fuller and Miss E. Ainsley.

Deaths—Noble Howden, Warwick, aged 81 years; Margaret McKinlay, Brooke; John McCorkindale, Plympton; Mrs. Robert McLeay at Lethbridge; John Minniely, Adelaide; Wm. Thompson, Arkona; Annie Buchanan, teacher, Sutorville.

JUNE

E. D. Swift left for Ireland. Watford celebrated coronation day. Peace declared in South Africa. D. A. Maxwell tried out his Maximobile. S. D. Barnes returned from Pacific coast. Hillis House, Arkona, burglarized. John White appointed assistant at Soo postoffice. Rig stolen from Restorick's livery found at Hamburg. King Edward's coronation ceremonies postponed. Watford baseball club defeated London and Petrolia. Dr. E. Kenward opened dental office in Illinois. Big celebration in Watford on proposed coronation day.

Marriages—Dr. T. J. Foster married at Scottsville; Chas. Moore and Lydia Porter; Jas. Steele and Louisa Martin; John Brent and Amy Howden.

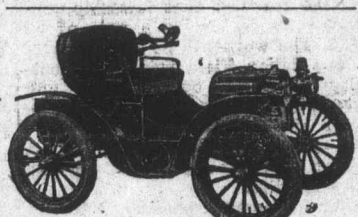
Deaths—Fred L. Williams, formerly of Watford at Charlotte, N.C.

JULY

C. Evans' barn in Bosanquet burnt. Joshua Sanford of Paris buried in well for 100 hours before rescued. Major Kenward gazetted Lieut.-Colonel of 27th Regt. Destructive rain storm at Inwood. Heavy rains seriously damage crops, 12 head of cattle killed by lightning in Caradoc. Wm. Hall's barn in Warwick struck by lightning. Dr. A. E. Harvey of Wyoming recovered from serious illness. 12th July celebration in Watford. Walter Bush drowned at Sarina. D. A. Mair of Glencoe killed by lightning. T. Harris left for England. P. J. Dodds and Thos. Dodds purchased grocery and hardware stocks of father's estate. Dr. Martyn elected Masonic D.D.G.M. Dr. Horsey, M. P., killed at Owen Sound.

Marriages—C. E. Purdy and Grace Tye; John Long and Maude Brown; Jos. Robinson and Minnie Robbins; Golden wedding of Dr. Gibson's parents.

Deaths—Mrs. J. C. McWaters, Saginaw; Alfred Higgins, Warwick; John Dunford, Plympton; Peter Dodds, Watford's oldest merchant; Oliver McEwen, Warwick; Fred Risk, Brooke; Jas. Cook, Metcalfe; Rev. Jas. McAlister, Galt; Rheta May Manders, Warwick.



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AUGUST

Typhoid fever prevalent. Sandy Laird had 7 head of cattle killed by lightning. Several buildings struck. King Edward's coronation on the 9th. Twenty human skeletons unearthed on farm of A. Adams, Warwick. Geo. Pavey an Alvinston boy badly injured by explosion. Corp. Teddy Barnes returned from South Africa. T. H. Bartram and J. P. Oliver drowned in Sauble. Thos. McCabe, swindler, sentenced to four months in Central. R. Restorick's trotting horse, Wentworth, won \$5,000 at Boston. Frank Restorick shipped 145 head of cattle to England. Dr. Newell laid up with typhoid fever. Jas. Ramsay appointed principal of Amherstburg school. Removal of W. J. Hastings to Regina. Dr. Justus White of Arkona drowned in Travers Bay, Mich. H. Maidment's house in Brooke burnt. George Sitter of Arkona injured in runaway.

Deaths—Mrs. A. G. McEwen at Syracuse, N. Y.; C. J. Wilcocks, Arkona; Geo. H. Witty, Wyoming; Jas. Bell, Arkona; Mrs. John Maxwell, Watford; Rich. Rogers, Watford; John Doar, Plympton; Jos. Bissett, Brooke.

SEPTEMBER

Lawrence & Sons erect new office. Mitchell & Waugh dissolve partnership. D. Lambert sold Uttoxeter mills to A. Dewar. H. Stapleford's kennel of St. Bernards won leading prizes at Toronto. A. Miller lost finger at Thom's foundry. Test oil well at Arkona proved dry hole. Mrs. Wm. Tomlin killed by cow and leg broken. Rev. I. J. Gerry accepted call to Watford Cong'l church. Mirage visible at Watford. Employee of House of Refuge commits suicide. Paddy R. won free for all at London. Fennell sentenced to six months for stealing watch from Miss Dora Westgate. W. E. Reece, Alvinston, dropped dead. Verdict of \$10,000 in favor of J. Witty against London Street Railway.

Marriages—Dr. Stephenson and Nellie Goodier; C. R. Monroe and May Wilson of Wyoming; Rich. R. Williams and Lily Downie; Samuel H. Mitchell and Annie Cowan; M. L. Kenzie and Bertha Hall; L. D. Carrothers and Minnie Powes; Jas. A. Lamont and Gertrude Howden; Calvin Hodgins and Annie Auld; Herbert Hall and Janet Giffin; Dr. J. A. McLeay and Carolyn Hays; Campbell McLeay and Nellie Whitt; John Morton and Clare Dunn of Arkona.

Deaths—Mrs. Geo. Missetbrook; Jas. D. Bryce; Bruce Hill; H. O. Baker in Chicago; Wesley Mathers, Watford, the oldest baker in Ontario; Mrs. James Frayne, Brooke.

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OCTOBER

Major Kittermaster had leg broken at camp. Continued rain damaged crops and interferes with fairs. 27th Regt. returned from camp at Niagara. Farewell supper to Dr. C. F. Kenward. Joe Martel, Pt. Frank, charged with shooting Indian. A. Mathers returned from Klondike with broken leg. Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Smith, Warwick, celebrate golden wedding. Rennie Easterbrook arrested at Winnipeg. Caradoc cattle thieves sentenced. Farewell to Albert Edwards, Wisbeach, who left for New Ontario.

Marriages—L. D. Pike and Nellie Willoughby; J. H. Wilson and Annie Pierce; Ernest Beech and Mabel Taylor; John T. Kersey and Rachel Hoskins; H. Willoughby and Maude McIlwain; W. J. Evans and Laura Mathers; A. B. Connor and Ida Holbrook; Jas. McHattie and May Burleigh of Petrolia; Well. Griffith and Martha Saunders, Sutorville; Wm. Watson and Alice Shamblaw.

Deaths—Patrick Welsh, Warwick; Thos. Topping, Adelaide; W. J. Cran, Wyoming.

NOVEMBER

Excursion to beet factories at Wallaceburg. G. H. Barr government dairy inspector, leave Lambton. Mr. and Mrs. J. Humphries celebrate silver wedding. John Ross of Plympton killed at Camlachie. W. Brent disposed of his dray business to H. Stapleford. Jos. Beech left with a party of investors for Arizona. Sovereign Bachelors Club organized. Dr. W. D. Newell left Wyoming for Hamilton. Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Rowe of Birmam. Ferry at Sarnia closed on account of smallpox. A. Dawson's house in Plympton burglarized. R. Eastabrook acquitted. Heavy snow fall on 20th.

Marriages—T. Kersey and Jennie Blain; J. Pickering V.S., Forest, and Jennie McFarlane; Jas. O'Donnell and Mary Mason, Plympton.

Deaths—Rev. Wm. Hayhurst; Theo. Oakes, Brooke, a veteran of 1837. Wm. Smith, 18 sideroad; John T. Crane at Detroit; Thos. E. Morris, Warwick; Wm. Jones, Kingscourt.

DECEMBER

W. E. Fitzgerald purchased Fawcett residence. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Elliot celebrated silver wedding. Vote on referendum, Watford giving 158 majority for prohibition. J. Thomas sold his farm near Inwood for \$5,000. Hugh Mackenzie injured by fall from building. Jas. Hamilton, Alvinston, killed by kick from horse. New schoolhouse on 6th line completed. L. J. Williams accepted position at Georgetown. Bachelors' ball in Grange Hall. Fatal fire at Christmases entertainment at Strathroy. Ida Hancock burnt to death. Frightful accident on G.T.R. at Wanstead, 25 passengers on the Pacific express killed and 34 injured. H. P. Lawrence of Watford among the killed. Dr. Basil Harvey and J. A. Lamont injured. Sad ending of a remarkable year.

Marriages—J. Downham and Jennie Spalding. Deaths—Mrs. Alex Laird, Warwick; Wm. Newton, Kerwood; Robt. Rowland, Brooke; Jane Carnaghan, Arkona; Victoria Hutchison, Arkona; Mrs. D. Hamilton, Forest; Dr. W. B. Lindsay, Strathroy; Mrs. Ben Smith, Warwick; Jos. Stonehouse, Wyoming; Rich. George, Arkona.

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IF FARMERS SHOULD FIX PRICES

A meeting was recently called in a Western town the purpose of which was to discuss measures whereby the farmer can fix the price of his products, upon the principle that as the price of wheat he buys is fixed for him, turn about is fair play. This argument is constantly coming up and has all the appearance of good logic.

The Banner is among those who deplore the fact that farmers in general have never made a profit in their business except through the rise in land values, and that much of this value is now being destroyed by the ever-increasing influences that cheapen the dollar.

Nevertheless the remedy is not the fixing of prices by the farmer or by any other single class. Lincoln said that no man is good enough to govern another without the other's consent. It is so with prices. No class is good enough or wise enough or public-spirited enough to fix the price of its own labors, any more than is the ablest lawyer capable of sitting in judgment upon his own case.

For the farmers to attempt to fix and control the price on foodstuffs means, of course, that they would attempt to secure for themselves the same return for labor that certain aggressive industries have demanded at their peak, plus an income on a heavy investment comparable with commercial rates and plus a managerial return, based, to some extent at least, on that of big business, with a little margin to the good. In other words, they would make their favorite crops exceedingly profitable. This would mean six or eight dollar wheat at least.

This would lead inevitably to over production, for the farmer, being an individualist, does not wait to be employed. Having the land, the sunshine and the rain, he would produce to the limit. But granted that the world could be compelled to pay his price for all it could eat, what would become of the rest of it? The only thing the farmer could do would be to feed it to the hogs, and in this is a great loss.

The only practical control of production from land under a system of fixed prices would be to limit production, and it would take a standing army to keep some five million farmers from raising all they could of the most profitable crop.

And so all such attempts at price control must end where they begin, namely, at this point of departure: The world will spend its money for what it thinks it wants most, but no law of man or God can make it buy more than it can consume or at more cost than it has money to meet.

It may seem in certain instances that organized interests are able to beat this natural law, and they may for a time, but in the end we all come back to it, often with a heavy load of debt and bitter experience such as we are now accumulating. No; the farmers must not be led away by the apparent though abnormal results of organization to be seen on every hand. They must not destroy their organizations by using them for unseemly or impossible purpose.—Ailsa Craig Banner.

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