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## Proclamation

The Reeve of Waterdown proclaims the week of May 7th to 12th inclusive, as Clean Up Week.

Will the citizens of Waterdown attend to cleaning up the back yards lawns, etc., that the village may have a somewhat tidy appearance during the coming summer.

Yours for the good work,  
R. SMITH, Reeve.

Waterdown, May 1st, 1923.

## Be Loyal to Your Home Town

My town is the place where my home is founded, where my business is located, where my vote is cast, where my children are educated, my neighbors dwell and where my life is chiefly lived. I have chosen it, after due consideration, among all the towns of the earth. It is the home spot for me. My town has a right to my civic loyalty. It supports me and I must support it. My town wants my citizenship, not partizanship; friendliness, not offishness; co-operation, not dissension, not indifference. My town supplies me with law and order, trade, friends, education, morals, recreation and the rights of a free-born Canadian. I should believe in my town and work for it—and I will.

## Devotion to Duty

### Local Telephone Operators Presented with Watches

Last Thursday evening, in the lecture hall of the Regent exchange of the Bell Telephone company, Hamilton, the two Waterdown operators, Miss Hazel and Dorothy Burns were presented with gold wrist watches suitably engraved in commemoration of the big fire last May, by the Bell Telephone company. The presentation was made by A. G. Watson of Toronto, division traffic superintendent.

Mr. Watson explained the circumstances under which these two young ladies stuck to their duty while being surrounded with burning buildings, and on account of their meritorious act of duty the company had great pleasure in recognizing their devotion to work by giving them something that they would have for the rest of their lives. The company's officials and division and district offices were proud to have such comrades associated with them.

Manager Burns of the Waterdown branch was present and a large number of the Hamilton staff, a very enjoyable evening was spent. The members of the Hamilton staff contributed to a concert, and the evening closed with dancing and refreshments.

## Congregation Says Farewell

Friday evening, April 20th, the congregation of Knox Church, Waterdown met in the school room of the church to bid affectionate farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Wedderburn and little Jean. Almost the entire congregation of members and adherents was present. A very pleasant time was spent with their much loved pastor and his family, before moving to their new home at Port Colborne, Ontario.

Six years of faithful service has greatly endeared Mr. Wedderburn to the members and friends of Knox church. His faithful and fearless preaching of the Gospel has deepened the religious life of those to whom he preached. The dignity and influence of every function of the church were well sustained by his ministry. In his pastoral work he always manifested a deep interest in the home life of the community. His visits were those of a conscientious friend and pastor, seeking to lead his people into a higher life and greater devotion to the church. His influence as a citizen of the community was that of a christian gentleman and neighbor to all.

In his work as a minister he had a splendid helpmate in Mrs. Wedderburn, whose untiring energy and readiness to help has accorded her a large place in the memory and affection of all. Her musical ability was always appreciated by the choir and congregation, and her contribution to the work was greatly appreciated. During the pleasant and enjoyable evening Rev. and Mrs. Wedderburn were presented with a well filled purse, and all joined in many good wishes for their success and happiness in their new field.

The following Sunday evening, Knox Church was filled to capacity to hear the final sermon. Many friends from all the churches were present as a mark of friendship and appreciation of the minister. The Methodist church withdrew the evening service and attended as a congregation. After preaching a very fine sermon from the prophecy of Amos 7: 7-8, Mr. Wedderburn in a few well chosen words of farewell, thanked his congregation and the friends of the churches for the kindness manifested during his ministry, and expressed his appreciation of the friendships formed. The service was one long to be remembered and closes a successful and happy pastorate in Knox Church.

## Greenville

Mr. and Mrs. J. Overend of Dundas visited friends in the village on Sunday last.

Mr. David Black was saying good bye to his friends last week before departing for his home in Dakota, after spending the winter in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Surerus visited in Lynden last Sunday.

Mrs. Mills of Dundas was visiting Mrs. Walter Nicholson a few days last week.

Mr. P. Stutt of Ancaster spent Sunday with his mother here.

Mrs. Joseph Duncan is seriously ill at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Clark motored to Brantford on Sunday.

## Clean Up Week

Monday May 7 to Saturday May 12

### Make Waterdown the City Beautiful

Almost every hamlet in Canada has a clean up week now, and our turn comes next week. We have the healthiest spot on earth to live in, proven by statistics such as this from 1919 to 1923 the average age at which our people died has been 79½ years which cannot be surpassed if equalled in any place that we can hear of.

Almost all our homes and yards are kept in first class shape, and many of our citizens have painted outside and in several times lately, but some have not, and it certainly pays to do so. Paint saves lumber and lumber is worth saving now.

A committee, consisting of Mrs. A. M. Slater and Messrs. W. A. Ryckman and C. P. McGregor, has been appointed by the citizens to assist in any advisory capacity possible to carry out this great improvement.

During 1921 there were 67,000 visitors in autos touring Canada, and last year there were over 600,000, or nearly ten times as many in one year. Who can guess how many will come this summer, and how many thousand through our village now that the Highway is ready for good going nearly to Toronto, four and a half miles nearer than the Lake Shore Highway. So we all say brighten up and prove that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Anyone who has ashes and, don't know where to put them, let the committee know. Anyone who has a hole to fill and will take ashes, notify the committee.

Clean Up Week means:—Clean the attics of all old paper, etc. Clean the yards of all rubbish. Clean the cellars. Plant flowers, sow seeds plant trees and shrubs. This prevents fire and saves life.

The committee can get you special prices on trees, seeds, plants and shrubs, and paint, oil and varnish. Everybody will be doing the same thing next week. Paint will be cheaper next week at our local stores. Our local truck men and teamsters will give you special rates for the week, and if everyone joins in we won't know ourselves when we wake up on the 13th of May, but our property will be worth more and we will be proud of "Waterdown the Beautiful."

God made the country perfect. Man made the city, and made a mess of it. We have a chance to be half way between, and here's that every mountaineer may be healthy, wealthy and wise and his home good to look on after May 12th, 1923.

## Local Stores to Close Wednesday Afternoons

At a meeting of the merchants of the village held this week the following places of business decided to close Wednesday afternoons at one o'clock during May, June, July and August.—J. E. Eager Est., A. Dale, S. Weaver, Geo. Dougherty, Levi Shelton and A. Hemingway.

A. Featherston and W. G. Spence also agreed to comply as far as possible in the grocery lines. We would be very pleased if the public would co-operate with us in making this half holiday a success.

## Letter of Protest

By request we publish the letter from the congregation of St. Thomas Church to the Community Hall Board protesting against the use of the building by J. J. Maloney, who had secured the hall for last Tuesday evening. At a special meeting of the Board on Monday evening, the resolution granting him the hall was rescinded. Mr. Maloney was taken to the Orange hall where he delivered his lecture.

Waterdown, April 28th, 1923

To the Board of Managers of the Community Memorial Hall:

We, the Congregation of St. Thomas' R. C. Church, Waterdown, having learned that you have consented to rent the new Memorial Hall on Tuesday night, May 1st, 1923, to a lecturer who is endeavoring to create bad relations between our Protestant neighbors and ourselves, by his creed references and allegations which are unjustified and untrue, do hereby strenuously and most vigorously protest against his presence here in a building which we were all given clearly to understand, was erected to the memory of our valiant and self-sacrificing martyrs of all creeds on the battlefield who died shoulder to shoulder for the great cause of Liberty within the British Empire, without any thought whatever of a man's religious views, which of course, as all fair thinking citizens agree, is the great policy of our Great British Empire, namely: Civil and Religious Liberty. Our poor soldiers shed their blood for that specific cause and at a great price of both blood and money obtained it. We feel that you will never agree, as British subjects to condone in this work any fanatic, who has been ostracized by his own action in his irregular business conduct.

Furthermore, there is no discrimination whatever among the different creeds with regard to the high taxes caused by the construction and maintenance of our Memorial Hall, also no discrimination in the peoples' minds with regard to the respect and honor for the fallen dead now sleeping their long sleep in Flanders Fields, having protected us from slavery. We are absolutely certain that the high Dignitaries of our Protestant churches would never countenance either in thought or action the privilege of entering by that agitator our much respected building which was erected for the sacred purpose of honoring the fallen heroes not of any one class, but for all. We, as a congregation, therefore ask you to respect our wishes in this matter, or accept the responsibility of flatly refusing our request.

In conclusion, please remember that the Padres of all creeds died in each others arms, with thought only of God and Eternity. If those great men of exalted minds died in that spirit, surely it should be a good enough example for the community of the village of Waterdown to follow, both in spirit and in action. Trusting that you will respect this protest, we beg to remain, Yours faithfully as British subjects.

Congregation of St. Thomas R. C. Church, Waterdown, Ont.

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