

A Loyalist Town In Canada

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East and west, between Belleville and Kingston, runs the Bay of Quinte, an arm of Lake Ontario on the southern bound of which lies Amherst Island and the peninsula of Prince Edward County. The bay is like a broad river winding for 60 miles and more through a fertile, pastoral land rich in picturesque charm and containing many little rivers of amazing clearness.

For many miles westward after leaving Amherst Island, the bay passes between headlands of the peninsula and the mainland that remind one of the Palisades of the Hudson River. It has a friendliness that is all its own as it takes one on the silvery blue waters that invite more than any other traversable bit of water that has yet been seen.

Until mechanism and gasoline in automobile and motorboat displaced the elemental craft implied in the ability to "feel, hand, and steer," the bay was a vouching ground of regatta among amateur sailors from the mouth of the St. Lawrence to the head of the Great Lakes. Not alone in summer, but in winter, also, the bay had its sports. For, with the laying up of the keeled craft, the iceboat came into its own; and ice-yachting, together with the attendant sports of skating, curling, and snow-shoeing, made winter a period of active enjoyment hard to visualize in these non-sporting days.

The Untilled Farms

Between Kingston and Belleville by rail, the country is of a splendid pastoral levelness, shaded by tall umbrella elms of perfect type and by massive maples gathered about the farm-houses in homestead groves and lying along the horizon as a blue wall of distant woods. Near the bay shore, with its rich, reddish, fertile soil, the country rock shows through in flat plates and slabs at a slight tilt—a dairy country of notable excellence. Hay, ripe and ready for cutting, was standing by hundreds of acres.

In the 45-mile run on the 20th of June, only one farm was passed where the hay had been cut; with only one man in sight there, hundreds of fertile acres of tilth were lying fallow. Obviously, since the beginning of the war, there had been no men to work the farms, and not all that should have been done was accomplished. Spite of all that the organized and magnificently effective woman-power of the district could do—the fallow farms spoke volumes.

Belleville is a community of self-generis, as is its resultant city. Its principal street parallels the river Moira, whose banks are rock-bound, gay with stonecrop, blue alkanet, crimson milkweed, and toadflax. Along the Moira are old mill dams and little falls, tree-fringed, of supernatural attractiveness to artist and adventurous youth alike. The river's waters like those of the bay into which it flows, are of such a clear blueness as to make a writer serious to consider his stock of tinctorial adjectives.

The Lay of the Land

From the river the residence streets ascend the hills on either side and run crosswise, southward to the bay, and north to the further hills of the Moira Valley. Across the river, on the narrow levels that are west and toward the river mouth rise again, are tree-clothed, residential hills. In the lower town, close by fringing the river, are old houses and mills, close-wrapped in trees of height and girth and spread.

There are traffic bridges, two or three, and a graceful suspension footbridge beside, in the heart of the town. Any one of them is good to linger on and look from upon the town-river of primal clearness not yet spoiled by commercial exigence or fouled by industrial refuse. Unmindful of its native beauty, have turned their backs to the river, their accumulation of stables, sheds and warehouses with attendant lumber, has converted the central section on one side into a long-drawn lumber yard, hardly redeemed by the little park which below lower bridge runs in regular green beauty far but into the river's mouth.

The Kingston Road

Upon the old military highway following the shore of the lake between York and Frontenac—the modern Toronto and Kingston—Belleville's tradition of settlement as a city dates from 1784. It claims the distinction of being the first city of Upper Canada founded solely by United Empire Loyalists. These founders of the city came first to Hay Bay, an arm of the Bay of Quinte some miles east. The stone house of Cap-

tain John Maybee, son of one of the original settlers, which is a point of interest and weight in municipal and district history, still stands in weathered sturdiness upon the Kingston Road.

In 1783, at the instance of Sir Guy Carleton, five ships under conduct of Captain Michael Grass brought nearly 4,000 people—men, women and children—from New York, round the coasts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, into the St. Lawrence River. They spent the long and bitter winter in hastily erected, temporary quarters at Sorel, at the mouth of the Richelieu below Montreal. In May, 1784, in bateaux, built during the winter, they pushed up past Montreal, struggling through the rapids, past Prescott, to the mouth of the Cataraugus, where is now the modern Kingston. Here many settled, taking up land. Others pressed on westward into the Bay of Quinte, and, among other points, made a chief settlement at Hay Bay.

The Loyalist Migration

Driven by persecutions and facing hardships only beginning today to be justly understood, leaving all they had accomplished or owned during two or three generations in the American colonies, this migration was a protestation of their belief in the idea of British unity. This idea was to them so precious as to justify patient submission for the time, pending peaceful legislation when the war troubles of the mother country should have passed.

They believed the colonies should have been more ready to accede to the just demand of taxation to meet the debts incurred in the defense of the Empire and its liberty embodied in a free Parliament and a free Bible. Many of these Loyalists held, as do their descendants today, that the revolt of the colonies was furthered by a power, opposed to England's traditional policies, which took advantage of a selfish disaffection in a people who had grown wealthy and independent under England's protection, but who were ungrateful for and unwilling to contribute to the cost of the wars that had saved them from aggression.

Throughout 1784, on all New York and New England highways leading north was a continual passage of travelers on foot, carrying such effects as they might, with women and children on pack horses, centering principally at Oswego and Ogdensburg. Thence they crossed the lake or came up the river in boats. Many settled in the vicinity of Kingston and at several points up and down the Bay of Quinte, in addition to the location on that arm of the bay from which the founders of Belleville came.

English Traditions

Here, to say nothing of innumerable farming communities round about and up and down the north shore of Lake Ontario, descendants of the original Loyalist settlers live and constitute an aristocracy in democracy as marked as is that of Mayflower descendants elsewhere.

Belleville, with these beginnings, has always been strongly influenced by British traditions. It is intensely Canadian, always with a sense of Canada as an integral and powerful part of the united Empire, and has preserved in a form concentrated by its very isolation a British tradition of standards of life and culture that are felt in the atmosphere of the town today.

With a population of between 10,000 and 12,000 it still has no street-car line, even though it is the trading centre of farming communities over a 30-mile radius. It has therefore a perpetual quiet and cleanliness, in spite of a continuous business and manufacturing activity. Not for Belleville is the rattle and bang, clackety-clack, scream and clang of the trolley. This is one of its greatest charms.

A City of Trees and Quiet

Save for the automobile, which here travels at a gait of decent restraint—its horn barking, when it does, with a manifest politeness; it is self more noiseless than the clip-clap of equine feet—of sound of travel and of restless passing to and fro there is none. It is a city of quiet, with all the comforts of modernity, even to a hotel crisply up to date. Friendly and homey is Belleville, yet untouched, yet unimpaired, by so-called modern improvements except the black girders of a railroad bridge, which with scarce heedroom for a train may pass beneath it, crosses the little river near its mouth directly in front of (and ruining the view from) a really stately

and well-designed town-landing of stone and concrete.

It is above all a city of trees. The early builders of the city planted them widely and generously, not only on the city's streets, but along the military highway as well. Tremendous in girth; of towering, arching, and slender-branching height, with wide-spreading and drooping tops, they make of the residential streets green, shady, odoriferous tunnels sprinkled through with sitting sun. The interspaces of gnarled and ancient trunks are brilliantly fresh-green sweeps of sunny turf, whose lush color, in the height of summer warmth, speaks of leisurely evening care with sprinkler and mower.

The Belleville Spirit

Belleville people, as one encounters and notes them at large between the two oceans, between the Arctic circle and the Gulf of Mexico—to say nothing of the rest of the world—are a clanish lot, hailing each other in strange cities, and far lands as blood brethren; to be, and sufficient unto themselves. It is not the expected and acquaintance-swapping spirit of the small town. It is something rather more intimate and fine, less casual.

One does not identify it clearly, until, visiting Belleville, he notes that between this and another of the older houses, the gate in the high and closely-latticed partition-fence, when there is one at all, stands open. Not only that, but it has stood open so long that, between rusting hinges and the gathering of earth from which have sprung flowers and shrubs innumerable along its buried lower ridge, its openness has become part of the intramural landscape of the town.

In these open party-gates, earthed up and flower-grown to fixed and immovable openness and freedom between each and other, is expressed the secret bond which, when two or three of Belleville are gathered together in a strange city, makes them appear as one.

TRENTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sweet also Mr. Sweet's father and sister of Hamilton spent New Year's the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Datoe.

What might have proved to be a serious accident on Saturday morning was when Mr. Dan Hennessey's horse became frightened at the hand car where the C. N. R. crosses Front St., and ran down it. When in front of Mr. James's house it broke loose from the buggy, the buggy being damaged quite a little but fortunately Mr. Hennessey escaped without injury.

Mr. Harold Baker and Miss Flora Sweet of Trenton were quietly married on the last day of the old year at the parsonage by Major Frost of Grace Church.

Mr. Sweet and daughter who were visiting friends and relatives here through the Christmas holidays returned home to Hamilton on Saturday last.

Master Howard Datoe was a New Year's guest of Master Norman Sweet.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris after spending their holidays in Toronto have returned home.

A lovely baby girl has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Koy.

Mrs. C. Vanalstine was taken very ill suddenly and seriously on Saturday the doctor was called in and we are glad to report she is much improved.

The Rev. W. P. Rogers and Captain Clarke of King St. Church are exchanging pulpits next Sunday.

A memorial service was held in the Salvation Army barracks on Sunday evening for Walter Scott who passed away so suddenly on Christmas Day.

Mr. William Reid is on the sick list.

Mr. Frank Windsor of Belleville who works for the Ocean Blend Tea Co., has been in Trenton the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Datoe are visiting relatives a few days in Thurlow.

The New Year is again here with bright prospects for the future and also privileges to us all for letting our light shine let us be up and doing.

IVANHOE.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nichol of Bannockburn visited Mrs. J. Fleming on Sunday.

Miss Nellie Wood is spending a few weeks with her sister Mrs. L. J. Blackburn of Orillia.

Miss Carrie Martin is visiting relatives at Malone.

Miss Annie Hart of Madoc spent a few days last week with her friend Miss Lucile Benson.

Mr. Charles A. Mitz and family spent New Year's Day with his brother Mr. G. Mitz of Chatham.

Miss Cora Pratt spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Clements.

A number of people in this community are suffering from la grippe and colds.

The friends of Mr. Charles Holden a former resident of this place, were sorry to learn of his death which occurred at his home near Moira on Saturday.

Mr. James Rollins entertained his Sunday school class of boys at his home on Wednesday of last week. All report a good time.

Mrs. John Wood spent the week end with her daughter Mrs. W. E. Bateman of Tweed.

NILES CORNERS

Cloverdale cheese and butter factory closed on New Year's Day, after a long and busy season.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sprung and daughter, of Picton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Ellis for a couple of days last week.

Mr. George Carter, from the North West, was at Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Ellis for a couple of days last week.

Mrs. Samuel Matthews and two children, from Grafton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dorland last week.

Mr. Reid and daughter, of Melville were Xmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Datoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis and children spent Xmas with relatives at Robins Mills.

Mrs. Lucinda Murphy is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Ellis, at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Ellis spent Xmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cruickshank, at Melville.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Baird and family, and Mrs. Lucinda Murphy, of Wellington, were Xmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis.

Mr. Clarence Thompson, of Toronto, was home for Christmas.

Miss Ruby Pettigill was home from Peterboro for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family, who recently purchased the Harvey property, have taken possession.

Mr. and Mrs. George Newson have moved to the T. G. Raynor house on the hill.

Cutting and hauling wood is the order of the day.

OAK HILLS

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Eggleton visited Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Hough New Year's Day.

Mr. Walter McCutcheon spent a few days at Wellington last week. Mr. and Mrs. A. Juby, also Mr. Eggleton and Missed, were New Year visitors at Geo. Gay's.

Mrs. Eliza Stewart has returned home, having spent the last week with her niece, Mrs. Geo. McCutcheon.

Mrs. Ed. Clarke, of Peterboro, is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. Clarke. Mr. and Mrs. N. Eggleton spent Sunday at Mr. Frank Juby's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Laneing visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCutcheon on Sunday.

Miss Eva Ross has returned home after spending the holidays with friends here.

The work called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jarvis and left a baby girl on Jan. 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hoard took a merry sleigh ride to spend a social evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McIntosh, of River Valley, on Friday, the 2nd.

HINTS ON PAINTING

For the purpose of keeping flies and other insects away from freshly painted surfaces, mix a little bay with the oil paint or else place a small amount in an open dish nearby. The pungent odor will drive all insects away.

A very simple way to prevent or remove spots from a ceiling colored by an accidental water overflow is to take unslaked white lime, diluted with alcohol, and paint the spots with it. The alcohol will evaporate quickly and the lime will form an insulating layer that will take the size color and the spots will not show through.

To prevent the peeling of new coatings on old paintings proceed as follows: Rub the painting with rough pumice stone, wet by means of felt, then add to the paint of the first coat one part alcohol and nine parts paint. This paint will dry well and give very good results, even in the most difficult cases. The remaining coatings are put on with the regular paint.

To prevent the drawing of the paint, carefully rub a fannel rag over the work previous to varnishing, stripping or painting. This simple operation will prevent the drawing. In some cases crawling may be traced to defective varnish. The only remedy in this case is to obtain good varnish.

To prevent liquid paint, kept in flat receptacles in small quantities, from evaporating and drying place

the dishes of paint one on top of the other with the underside lined with felt or very porous clay. The felt or clay should be moistened. In this manner a moist atmosphere will be produced that will prevent the paint from becoming dry and keep it from evaporating.—Illustrated World.

WESTERN AMELIASBURG

Mr. W. Loveless has been sick with pleurisy, with Dr. Fielding attending, and is a little better at time of writing.

Rev. and Mrs. Campbell and son George, Mr. Albert Lont, Bert Belamy and family, Mrs. Adelaide Lont and H. Rathbun's, took dinner with Wm. Alieys' on New Year's Day.

Miss Pauline and Kenneth Alieys spent a recent evening with Elsie Chase.

School-meeting went off quietly and satisfactorily with the return of Mr. Blake Rowe trustee for the second term.

Mr. Kenneth Alieys spent Saturday evening at Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alieys spent Sunday afternoon and evening with J. H. Vandervoort.

Messrs. Morley and Henry Ayrhart spent Sunday at Morley Carlington's.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Snider called on H. Rathbun Sunday evening.

Our teacher, Miss Henderson, of Corbyville, returned and opened school on Monday.

Mr. Hiram Sakor, Deseronto, spent Saturday evening and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Stoneberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Brown spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Wm. McDougal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown spent New Year's Day with her parents at Corbyville.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Mr. Wm. Spetigue, of London, Ontario, spent last week visiting in our burg.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Eggleton, also Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Hamilton, spent New Year's at Mr. Egbert Hough's.

Mr. Raymond Chambers spent Sunday evening at Lake View Farm. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wilson, also Mrs. Wm. Wilson, spent Monday in Belleville.

Mr. Bert Morgan left on Monday morning for Kingston. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lansing, also Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, spent New Year's at Mr. G. E. Ross'.

Quite a few from around here attended the funeral of the late Chas. Holden.

The hum of the clover mill is heard again in our neighborhood.

GRAVEL ROAD

School has opened in No. 6 and 7 with the same teachers as before at the helm.

Mr. Tim. Drummey, Jr., is on the sick list.

Miss Ursula McGurn entertained a number of young friends on Wednesday eve.

Misses Rose and Helen Fahey and brothers Mike and James, and Cecil Roach, accompanied their aunt, Miss Aggie Roach, to Brewer's Mills and are spending a few days.

Mr. J. Shaugnessy returned to Toronto on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, Gilead, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Murphy, Richmond, spent Sunday the 28th with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kennedy.

Mr. Walter Deacy is holidaying in Toronto with his sisters.

Quite a few from here took in the dance in Deseronto on Tuesday night.

Miss Mary Brennan, Marmora, is spending the holidays under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowbray spent Sunday at Point Ann.

Mr. Ben. Clarke went to Morven on Sunday and brought home his wife, who has been in ill health for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murphy and children, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaugnessy and daughter Reta, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Sullivan.

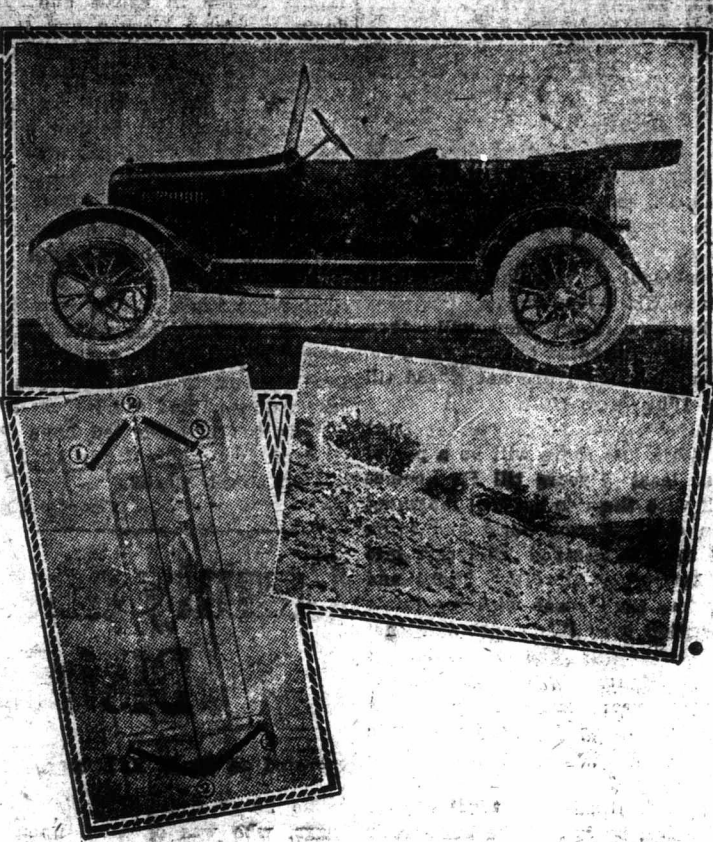
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Toppings took New Year's dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. Shane.

Mr. Jno. Corrigan has bought his farm back again from A. McGuinness. The clover dressers were through here a few weeks ago doing work for Messrs. Toppings, O'Sullivan, Meagher, McCambridge and Corrigan. Each party was well rewarded for their work, clover being at a great price.

Mr. Pat. Murphy, Fort William, paid the burg a flying visit on Xmas night. He returned to Fort William on Saturday.

Miss M. Pacey and brother James spent New Year's with their sister, Mrs. Tim. Drummey.

Miss Nellie Hunt is the guest of her sister, Miss Carmel Hunt. Born: At Biggar, Sask., to Mr.



Above is shown the new, made-in-Canada Overland 4. It is being manufactured at Toronto by Willys-Overland Limited, who announce that production on a quantity basis has now been reached.

The chassis is illustrated along with the finished touring car model because of its radical departure in spring suspension. It will be seen from the drawing that the "springbase" exceeds the wheelbase by 30 inches. This exclusive "three-point" principle is the basis of the manufacturers' claim that the springs of Overland 4 give it a riding comfort hitherto not realized in a light car of the economical short wheelbase.

Willys-Overland Limited claim that this new Spring Suspension has been subjected to the most rigorous, mechanical, laboratory, and road tests that engineers have ever devised, including 250,000 miles of road testing. The hill-climbing scene above was taken in Hell Canyon, near Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The St. Charles Motor Co., 843 Front Street are Agents for Overland Cars in this district

The St. Charles Motor Co. have special departments for repainting cars and repainting and re-covering tops of all kinds. They also make a specialty of carriage and wagon repairing.

and Mrs. J. F. Meagher, on Dec. 29, 1919, a daughter, Mrs. Meagher was Miss Bessie O'Sullivan before her marriage.

WALLBRIDGE.

No church or Sunday school on Sunday.

The Sidney council of last year still hold their military titles by acclamation.

The Sunday School entertainment was a decided success, the program was all that could be desired and pleased both old and young. Proceeds amounted to over forty dollars.

Mr. Irwin Snider is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hinchliffe; Mr. and Mrs. Haggerty and Mrs. P. Sine motored to Moira on Monday to attend the funeral of the latter's brother Mr. Charles Holden.

Mr. Clayton Appleby and sister Miss Blanche are visiting friends at Gunter and McCreey the latter place is near the Great Hunting Ground and Wesley-Macdon Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson of Glen Ross spent the week end with their friends of Gilmour and bringing out a car of stuff Monday.

Miss Martha Hayward of Trenton has returned home after visiting her sister Mrs. T. A. Hinchliffe.

Mrs. John Pound and Mr. and Mrs. T. Hayward of Plainfield and Mr. Gardner the blacksmith are spending a few days in Toronto.

Mr. Blake and Mr. H. Ketcheson are drawing gravel for their private use.

Well, Mr. Editor we have all survived the holiday feasting in this burg without calling on the M. D.

Mrs. John Kinnear sr., is spending the holidays in Hamilton with her daughter Mrs. Booth.

Sorry to report the death of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pieron of the 5th Line Sidney.

The school children are on the run again these cold mornings after the annual vacation.

Miss Gladys Roblin teacher and Mr. Ray Hinchliffe from overseas have returned to business at Ottawa also his two sisters Miss Francis has taken up a position as teacher in Toronto after vacation and Miss Mabel is still busy clerking in Trenton drug store.

Mr. Charles Mills of Cannifton visited his brother Tom Mills on Monday.

SIDNEY-CROSSING

Jan. 6th, 1920.

The funeral services of the late Mr. Randal Moran were conducted at the home of his niece, Mrs. Casey Ketcheson, on Friday last by Rev. Wallace, pastor of Sidney circuit. His sudden death came as a great shock to this community. Deceased had been in apparently excellent

health and was at Brighton station and was in the act of paying for his ticket when he fell back dead. He had been a resident for nearly 30 years, was a good neighbor and was highly respected by a large circle of warm friends. Since the death of his wife some three years ago, he has been living in Frankford. The remains were interred at Stockdale. The bearers were Messrs. Harley Hubble, Barton Hogle, Geo. Westover, H. Hinchliffe, J. McLaughlin and Frank Gellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Kelley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Phillips, Rednersville on Wednesday.

Mr. Stanley Thorpe of Trenton, spent New Year's with his cousin, Miss Phyllis Bonisteel.

Mrs. S. Denyes of Odesa is visiting her mother, Mrs. MacPherson.

RIVER VALLEY

We are glad to see such good crowds at our Sabbath School.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rosebush are here from the West visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Clifford Barragar spent Sunday with Ross and Ray Bush.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Matthews spent Sunday at Robt. Bush's.

The Women's Institute met at Mrs. A. Parks on Friday of last week. A good meeting was held and well attended.

Miss J. Nicol, of Peterboro, returned home on Saturday after spending a week with friends here.

Mr. Heasman entertained company on New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Utman and baby Dorothy spent Sunday at Foxboro.

Every one enjoyed themselves at the Literary meeting on Friday night.

Miss Bessie Rosebush, spent the week-end with Lena McIntosh.

The school meeting passed off very quietly.

Mr. H. Rosebush entertained company from Frankford on Sunday night.

Miss Bessie Hallfield returned to Toronto after spending the holidays with her parents.

Miss Irene Barker spent Friday with Mrs. Fred Carr.

A number are sick with colds. We hope for warmer weather soon.

DURHAM BOY STEPS UP.

We are glad to see that a Durham County boy, Mr. S. H. Pearce, has been appointed