

Flood Inundates Lower Section of the City

Situation on Sunday Afternoon Worse Than Many Anticipated—Lower Murney Ward and Front Street Section Received Baptism—Some Damage Accompanied the Freshet.

The annual break-up of the Moira River occurred on Sunday afternoon about twenty minutes to two o'clock. Today a portion of the lower town is under water as a result of the freshet.

The loss this year is much less than it was two years ago. Cold weather last week saved the situation, and rotted the ice, so that the blockage was not so great and much smaller area was flooded. The antics of the Moira two years ago led merchants and many citizens to take all the necessary precautions with their stocks and household furnishings. Still dozens with the record of two years ago were unprepared.

Yesterday's flood was more extensive than was anticipated by many. Friday night's snow storm provided the water that set loose an avalanche of ice at Lazier's Mill pond. The sun was very strong yesterday morning and the temperature went up to about 40 degrees with a consequent melting of snow and ice. About 1.30 in the afternoon sufficient changes had taken place in the water level and ice conditions at Lazier's to set in motion a field of broken ice held up there. The news was phoned to the city from the power station on the west side of the river and the result was that many were in waiting. When the ice preceded by a head of water came into the city portion of the river, the blockage at Pringle's Mill broke under the pressure. The ice in front of the blockage was heaved up and broken into large cakes which were raised high as they reached the footbridge. Accompanied by roaring noises and the sound of crushing ice, the whole field as far as Lott's dam moved slowly. The shove was the greatest in recent years, for the weight of ice drove the head past the lower bridge and under the C.P.R. and C.N.O.R. bridges over the east side of the river mouth. There it halted. Meanwhile the water rose in all the stable yards and sheds along the east side of the river from the upper bridge to the car bridges.

The first rush sent water and ice over Coleman street above McLaughlin's garage and twisted fences and buildings on the river bank. The footbridge "stood up like a man" and came through the flood with only minor damage. The footbridge gandy was flooded. At the footbridge the level of the ice was about thirty inches below the level of the big flood of two years ago as the scoring on the walls of the stone buildings shows.

The lower bridge suffered damage along the north walk, where boards were torn up and an ice post snapped off.

Below the lower bridge water broke across to the west and east. East of the river, the water came out on Front street below the Queen's Hotel and flooded across towards Pinnacle street. Ice followed the rush. With a few minor changes in level, this water has remained and the street from near the city hall to the C.P.R. track is running with water.

At No. 1 Fire Hall Chief Brown had the fire equipment taken out, but it was returned shortly after as there seemed little danger of a worse situation.

Several shops and garages on lower Front street are flooded and business is accordingly hampered. Vehicles and autos plough their way through the element however.

West of the river conditions were much worse. Lower Murney ward generally gets anything that is coming in the way of a flood, and yesterday's event was no exception. Several houses on the east side of Coleman street above Bridge were flooded for a short while. Fences and buildings along the river were twisted and moved.

Water rushed across Panter's park then swept below Springer's and in that way got across James, Brock, Colborne, Mary and Dundas streets. In this area houses were flooded in the old style and boats were soon in sight playing along the streets carrying out the residents who had been caught within. There were some cases of sickness and these had to be moved. Aid Hanna and others of his confreres worked

Congregational Church last Sunday and whom you think was the preacher—Dr. Gordon, the evangelist, who was at Belleville. He was drawing immense crowds. Next week we intend going to Los Angeles and will stay there for a while and pass on to Mexico, whence I think we shall return home. Hoping you are well and with best wishes to all, I am yours truly,
Dr. E. O. Platt.
San Francisco, Mar. 17, 1920.

PUPILS GIVE RECITAL

Pupils of Mr. V. P. Hunt Give Recital in Lecture Hall of Bridge St. Church Saturday Afternoon.

The pupils of Mr. V. P. Hunt gave a recital Saturday afternoon in the Sunday school room of Bridge St. church. Pupils from the primary, junior and senior grades taking part in it.

Prof. Staples and Mrs. McKinnon assisted by singing. The pupils very cleverly played their part, which showed them to be real musicians. Much praise is due Mr. Hunt and his pupils.

A large crowd was there to enjoy the recital.

The programme is as follows:
Piano solo, "Tarentelle," Heller
—Mr. Gerald Watts.
Piano solo, "A Summer Night," Blythe—Miss Vera Gastrel.
Piano solo, "Morning Song," Godfrey—Miss Kathleen Simmons.
Piano solo, "Rustle of Spring," Sinding—Miss Marjory Bird.
Piano solo, "Capriccio," Wachs—Mr. Ross Farrell.
Piano solo, "Pink Flowers," Lichner—Miss Louise Wallbridge.
Songs, (a) "Life's Twilight," Oley Speaks; (b) "The Star," James H. Rogers—Prof. Staples.
Piano solo, "At the Fountain," DuCelle—Miss Elizabeth Jackson.
Piano solo, "Polacca Brilliant," Weber—Miss Vera Kindred.
Piano solo, "Queen of the Ball," Dewhirst—Lawrence Wray.
Piano solo, "Air de Ballet," Chamblade—Miss Gertrude Staples.
Piano solo, "The Two Larks," Leschetzky—Miss Beattie Handley.
Song, "Happy Songs," Teresa del Riego—Mrs. McKinnon.
Piano solo, (a) "To a Wild Rose," MacDonnell; (b) "Polish Dance," Scharwenka—Mr. Charlie Sankey.
Piano solo, "Autumn," Chamblade—Miss Winnifred Pearce, A. T. C. M.
Piano solo, "Valse Caprice," Oskar Hoffman—Miss Mabel Couch.

A jam came down at 3.45 which raised the level of the water in the river and on the east and west sides. The stream poured past McLaughlin's garage over to Everett street between Bridge and Jane Sts. and crossing Bridge, resulting in a tie-up of traffic except by cars for an hour or so. This second wave swept as far west as Mary street and just missed invading the houses in that district. About four o'clock a boat or two appeared on Everett St.

Motion picture men caught the flood with films at the footbridge and in all parts of the flooded area, wherever a good story was to be told. One artist of the camera held his position on the footbridge while the structure was swaying and twisting about the floating ice cakes.

The big flood of 1918 took place at 3.30 o'clock on Wednesday, Mar. 20th. Yesterday's occurred at 1.30 March 21st.

There were not so many sensational features of the flood this year. The day was Sunday and there was less danger of people and animals being caught in barns along the river bank.

A big metal clad building behind the Hastings Hotel was swept clean around back of Mr. H. E. Fairfield's place by the ice on Sunday afternoon.

Business as far as the barns and yards on the west side of Front St. are concerned is at a standstill, as there is water everywhere.

Some poultry sheds in the southern part of Murney ward were surprised and hens were caught out sunning themselves. They took to trees or the high spots of land.

Ald. Chas. Hanna rescued a horse which had been left in Ross' stables near Mr. J. W. Walker's premises. The poor animal had to be led out of the water.

A boy sight-seeing near the Albion Hotel fell into a deep hole from an ice cake and had to swim for his life.

Another story is told of a man who went into a stable and had trouble to get out as the water kept forcing the door closed.

The ice that caused the trouble yesterday came from as far north as Cannifton. The cakes that spilled out of the mill pond at Mr. W. H. Lingham's mill were huge chunks thirty or more inches in thickness. They were the biggest he had ever seen, a Cannifton resident stated today.

At noon today it was learned from Cannifton that there is a considerable amount of ice in the mill pond at Cannifton and much farther up the river. All along the banks are stranded huge cakes, weighing three or four tons each.

New Guns For "Thirty-Fourth"

Famous Local Artillery Unit to Be Reorganized—New Guns Have Arrived

Four eighteen pounder field guns arrived in Belleville on Saturday and are now being set up for the 34th Battery C.F.A., which is about to be reorganized under Lt. Col. W. R. Rierdon, D.S.O., the former G.O.C. of the old 34th which saw heroic service in the Great War. The battery headquarters on Church street, adjacent to the Griffin Theatre are being remodelled for artillery purposes. This summer will likely see the 34th go into camp at Potawawa.

Immediately the guns are in shape, reorganization will begin, followed by instruction. Belleville had a good many artillery men who fought in the war and it will be easy to fill the ranks of this scientific branch of the service.

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EX-MAYOR PLATT WRITES FROM FRISCO

Editor Ontario—
I was thinking of you therefore a few lines. Thus far Mrs. Platt and myself have had a delightful trip. After leaving Toronto we went to Winnipeg, Edmonton, through the Athabasca country, and by way of the Rockies to Prince Rupert. We then sailed down the coast of B. C. to Vancouver and over to Victoria, where we stayed some time. Victoria is a bit of Old England dropped into the Pacific. We left Victoria last week, coming to Seattle and Portland. This is a wonderful scenic route till you get to Frisco. At present we are enjoying the sights of Frisco. It is some city, believe me. We went to the First

losing the historic number of the battery in the reorganization. The intention was to make Belleville the headquarters of the 34th battery and to transfer the 34th to another place and it was only by representation of local soldiers and men that the old number and name have been preserved to Belleville. The significance of the local interest in the battery is shown by the fact that the Thirty-Fourth was the only local peace unit that went overseas and was able to go overseas and that hundreds of young men who served in the war were associated with this unit.

OBITUARY

MELISSA HARRIS

On Tuesday, March 2nd, 1920, Melissa Broad, widow of the late Coleman Harris, passed peacefully away at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. J. Harrison, Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Mrs. Harris was born in Madoc township 7 years ago last December. She was a daughter of the late Joshua Broad, of Hazard's Corners, and sister of J. R. Broad, of the same place. Fifty-one years ago she became the wife of the late Coleman Harris and resided on the home-occupied near Hazard's Corners, now occupied by her step-son, George Harris. Her husband predeceased her about twenty years. Her only child, Bertha, wife of the late W. F. Farrell, died, some years ago. Four step-sons, Charles, of Sidney; Thomas, George and Warren, of Madoc; also several brothers and sisters survive her. There are also left to mourn her loss her two grandchildren, Ray and Ross Farrell, of Belleville, and several step-grandchildren. At the age of eleven years she became a member of the Methodist church at Hazard's Corners, and was ever a regular attendant and faithful worker in the church. She was a member of the Sunday School, Epworth League, Prayer Service and W.M.S. About twelve years ago she came to Madoc to reside. Here also she was an active member of the church, having filled the positions of teacher of the Primary Class, president of the Epworth League, president of the W.M.S., of which she was a beloved and honored life member. At the time of her removal to make her home in Belleville she was teacher of the Girl's class of the Hope Sunday School Class. Mrs. Harris was a member of the Women's Institute and in the labor of love and loyalty to the boys overseas. Hers was a beautiful Christian character, ever young in spirit, a true friend always ready to comfort and cheer. Her life was a benediction and a blessing. She has left behind her a blessed memory and there are many to whom Heaven will seem brighter because she is there.—Madoc Review.

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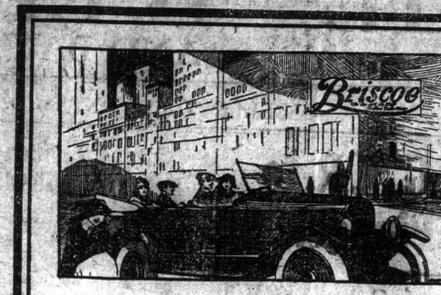
The death of Mrs. Eliza Haslip, widow of the late James Haslip, occurred last evening at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. George Garrison, 21 Brown St. She was born in Hungerford in 1854 and was in her 66th year. Mrs. Haslip was a daughter of the late Wm. Harrison and had lived in Belleville nearly all her life. She had been ill two weeks. She leaves two sons, William Haslip and Edward Haslip, of Belleville, and two daughters, Mrs. G. Garrison and Mrs. J. Lafferty of Belleville and one sister, Miss Mary Ann Harrison. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

MRS. MATILDA BOYD

A former resident of Marmora died in Campbellford yesterday morning in the person of Mrs. Matilda Boyd, widow of the late George M. Boyd. She was born in Seymour township in December, 1844. When quite young she came to Marmora where she lived until her marriage about 55 years ago, when she went with her husband to the Boyd Settlement a few miles west of the village. Her husband predeceased her about 22 years ago and about nine years ago she went to Campbellford to live with her daughter. She was very highly esteemed by all who knew her. Two sons and three daughters survive. They are William G. of Marmora; Isaac, of Campbellford; Mrs. Joe. Doupe, of Seymour; Mrs. Robert Wood, of West Huntingdon; and Mrs. Chas. Duncliffe, of Campbellford. The funeral will take place tomorrow, service being held at the home of Mrs. Duncliffe, and leave at 10 a.m. for Marmora for interment.—Marmora Herald.

HELEN FLYNN

A deep gloom was cast over the surrounding country when death claimed a most promising little girl of two years and nineteen days. Deceased was little Helen Flynn, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Flynn, residing near Tamworth. On March 2 she developed influenza-pneumonia, followed by pleurisy, and all that medical aid or loving care could do were not equal to that power above, who claimed our darling, as His own house a public service was held at



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JAMES RICHARDS

The death occurred on Sunday of Mr. James Richards, at his home, 73 Dundas street, after having been ill for several years. He was one of the oldest residents of Belleville, being in his 91st year. Mr. Richards was a native of England where he was born in 1829 and for over half a century had lived in Belleville. He was a well known carpenter. For many years he served on the Board of Education. He was a member of Bridge Street Methodist Church and of Benjamin Loyal Orange Lodge No. 274. Surviving are his widow, four daughters, Mrs. W. E. Reid, Toronto, Mrs. S. R. Armstrong, Peterborough, Miss Elizabeth and Miss Sarah Richards, of Belleville and one son, Mr. C. W. Richards of Toronto.

BANCROFT

Miss Coral Stewart left on Friday for Toronto, where she will enter Victoria Memorial as a nurse-in-training.

The camps are breaking up and the boys are returning to their respective homes.

W. Wiggins, Colonization Road Inspector, is in Toronto this week attending a Good Roads Convention. The usual exodus to the West has commenced. A number of the boys from Maynooth and L'Amable took their departure this week.

Miss Tomlinson, of Toronto, arrived in town on Friday and has taken charge of Kelsky's millinery parlors.

Miss Mary Young, of Hybla, has accepted a lucrative position in Toronto and leaves today for the Queen City.

The epidemic of sickness in town and district appears to be abating. During the past week the situation has improved greatly and physicians report that conditions generally are now much better.

Mrs. M. Albright, at present in Toronto, wishes to announce that she will be in Bancroft about the last of April to resume her duties as dressmaker.

Mrs. Richard Poff, of Maynooth, passed away on Tuesday last after a three-week illness from pleurisy. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and nine of a family. The remains were laid to rest at Grace Church on Friday afternoon.

Mr. D. Elwood, who has spent the winter here, left for the West on Friday last. Mr. Ellwood is a typical western farmer, having made good there, selling out last fall and returning again in quest of land and fortune.

Mr. W. A. Allport, of Hermon, has been appointed town constable at Havelock. Mr. Allport holds a diploma for detective work and has served in the army, being only discharged in November last with the rank of Sergeant. He has been instructed to report for duty on May first.—Times.

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