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RESIDENCE OF MRS. A. BROWN

### THIS WAS YEARS AGO.

In the year 1873, when the Mackenzie Government came into power, three lads attending the old Watford school, of which the late William Bryce, who educated more Watford Old Boys than any teacher in the west, was principal, in a spirit of fun, wrote the new Premier offering their services in assisting him in governing the country at a reasonable compen-

sation. They received the usual official acknowledgement in due course, but it was many years after before their ambitions along this line were gratified. One of the trio is now the member for Winnipeg, another represents West Middles-x, and the third pursues the less lucrative but more honorable calling of educating the masses and moulding public opinion through the medium of a great family journal, the subscription price of which is \$1 per, U.S. \$1.50.

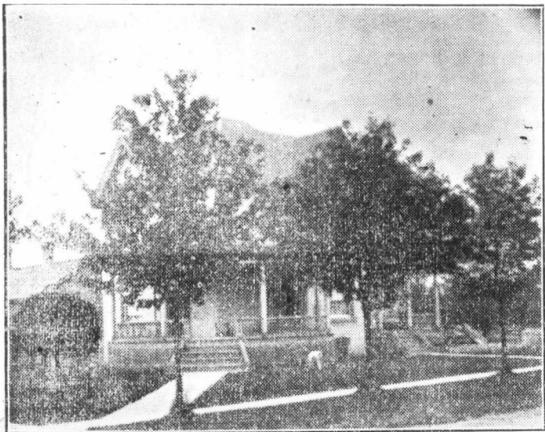


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RESIDENCE OF MRS. N. B. HOWDEN

H! Hasten the message—give wings to the train—  
Louder and louder repeat it again:  
Dear sons of Watford in Canada West,  
Return at worst, or return at your best.  
Return with your people, or come ye alone—  
You'll one and all find the same welcome at home!

We invite you not back for the conquests you've wrought,  
The wealth you have gained, or the fame you have bought,  
While Watford rejoices to hear all about it—  
Her Sons and her Daughters are welcome without it.  
'Tis yourselves whom we want—not your gold or your fame  
From all the world over to greet you again.

Perhaps in the years since as "blessings" you went  
Right merrily whistling to school-ward intent:  
Or loitering on crossings your marbles to play,  
And looking alert for the sport of the day,  
Or swam in the river or fished in the creek,  
There've many things happened of which we won't speak.

Though some would bring gladness, and some bring surprise,  
And others cause tear drops to start to our eyes—  
But Oh! can't the grasp of the hands of the home,  
Now draw you anew, if in by-paths you roam!  
And help you by love, and by sympathy bright,  
Your standard lift higher—to live for the right!

Then come ye! Return, ye young and ye gay,  
Then come ye! Return, though your hair may be grey,  
Your form may be stooped 'neath the cares of the day:  
Be cheered by our welcome, our kindly hand-clasp—  
For the heart is the same while the breath of life lasts—  
As true as before you strayed o'er the waters,  
For Watford's right proud of her Sons and her Daughters!  
Selected.



SENATOR A. C. WILSON

A. C. Wilson, Senator from the fortieth district, Iowa, composed of the counties of Allamakee and Fayette, was born in the Village of Warwick, Ont., December 17th, 1837. In 1877 he moved to Oelwein, Iowa, where he has since resided. After being engaged for three years as a clerk in a drug store he purchased an interest in the business, retaining that interest until 1892, when he sold out and established a drug and book store of his own, which he has since conducted.

He was one of the organizers and is now a director in the First National Bank of Oelwein, and has always been prominently identified with the business interests of his city. He was appointed a member of the Board of Education and was afterwards elected and re-elected, serving for a period of eight years.

He was elected Senator in 1903 and served in Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second General Assemblies. During the last session of the Legislature he served on the most important committees, among them being Appropriations, Railroads, Schools, etc. He also had the distinction of serving as chairman of the Committee on Elections, which framed and carried through the Primary Election Law, considered to be the most important piece of legislation enacted in the State of Iowa for many years. He is a Republican in politics.

### THE OLD BOYS' SONG.

May Be Sung Anywhere Without Fee or License.

The Old Boys are gathering homeward,  
From East as well as the West  
To see the old place once more  
And the friends they all love the best  
There'll be such a rousing reception  
As through the old town they do roam  
To see the old land and to grasp a dear hand.

At the dear old home,  
Some old boys have now become famous.

There's respected all over the land,  
There's Hanna and also Calvert,  
Men who can sport like the band,  
With Lucas and Bole to join them  
They'll have a grand rally once more,  
Such a reunion at Watford  
As never was seen before.

The old girls are all coming home, boys  
To meet their old sweethearts once more

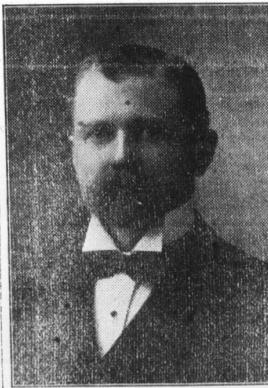
There's Edith, and Maud and Gladys  
There's all just as young as of yore  
With Lily and Lucy and Jane  
Who have not as yet changed their name.

And Julia, Maria and Mary, Ump-ah  
There'll all coming back once again.  
So we'll all gather home with the Old Boys

Oh, what a time that will be,  
We'll meet all the friends of our boys

And go out for a jolly good spree  
With Dad Williams and old Uncle Alex,  
And Farrell from over the sea,  
So be of good cheer, they will all be here  
To sup with the "Old Pioneer"

—J. R. J.



W. R. CLARKE, GRAND LEDGER, MICH.

Mr. W. R. Clarke, of Grand Ledger, Mich., is another of the numerous Watford Old Boys who have attained prominence in the public affairs of the neighboring republic. Born in St. Thomas, his early life was spent in Watford, where he laid the foundation for the business and professional success that he soon commanded. Taking up the study of law he was quickly rated as one of the leading lawyers of the state. In addition to his extensive law practice he has been a member of the City Council and School Board, but has so far declined to enter

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the political arena, although offered the nomination of Congressman for his district, and was last year prominently mentioned in connection with the Governorship. Mr. Clarke is also a director of the Grand Ledger Gas Co., president of the Grand Ledger State Bank, and Stanton, the big department store of the city. In company with his brother Charles, he publishes the Grand Ledger Independent, and conducts a hardware business under the name of the Clarke Hardware Co. It will be readily seen that Mr. Clarke is a busy man and successful in the numerous enterprises in which he is the leading factor.

### Sat Under the Old Shoe.

An incident which caused endless amusement to those who witnessed it occurred on a train coming into Toronto last week. A wedding party boarded a car at one of the smaller stations, and one of the friends of the bride persisted in tying an old shoe of generous proportions and decked with white ribbon, to the rack above the couple. In the course of the journey the pair moved to another part of the car to join some friends, another couple entered, with "newly married" written in their every action, and actually took the seat where the old shoe swung jauntily above. They are probably unaware yet as to the cause of mirth among their fellow-passengers.

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