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Glencoe's tax rate has been struck at 35 mills on the dollar, an increase of 3 mills over last year. In 1921 the rate was 35 mills.

Peter McArthur we hope started something when he stepped on the gas and coined the expression "Privileged Incompetence" as applied to the highest placed in Government and other positions of trust. It does seem as if there are too many who have more "pull" than common honesty and ability.

We understand that an order went forth from the Ontario Department of Public Works on Monday discontinuing widening operations on the Longwoods Provincial Highway. Other work on this road will be greatly curtailed for the present. The policy of the Government evidently is to economize as far as possible by cutting down all unnecessary expenditure. In this they are to be commended.

"If the rising generation is not taught the dignity of labor, and that manual work is honorable, foreigners who will do manual work will supersede them in twenty-five years," says Trustee John Wanless of the Toronto board of education, in commenting on a tendency that he states he finds among young Canadians to avoid working with their hands. In other words, they all want white collar jobs.

In a letter written home by one of those who went west on the harvesters' excursion it is stated that harvesters are getting only \$1 a day and board, and that there are ten men for every job offered. The writer of the letter does not state whether these conditions are due to an over supply of labor or that the wheat was not ready for harvesting when the laborers arrived. In either case, if the facts are as stated, the railway companies are doubtless to blame in being over-zealous to furnish the West with harvesters.

Glencoe should have a big sign board conspicuously placed at Strathburn, on the Provincial Highway, directing tourists' attention to the way to Glencoe, one of the best air-cured towns in Western Ontario. The tourist traffic over this main highway this summer has been tremendous, and no doubt many auto parties would have come to Glencoe had they known that they were within three miles of a good living town. We have undoubtedly missed considerable business by being a little slow in realizing the importance of this opportunity. This is a matter that Glencoe should no longer neglect.

McALPINE REUNION

The lovely grove of Hugh R. McAlpine on the banks of the Sydenham river, near Alvinston, reached with the voices of the descendants of the late Janet Morrison McAlpine when they gathered together on August 21st and held their first family reunion. The valley of the river and the hills round about were for the day the lakes and hills of Old Scotland. The weather was not at all best, but in spite of all everybody who came wore a smile upon their faces. Immediately after their arrival, each person registered, received his badge, which is the pine, and also a card bearing his name and upon which was printed the Scotch thistle and "Clonin Alpin" (McAlpine Clan).

Early in the afternoon about 150 friends sat down to tables well laden with all kinds of good things and after doing justice to that all gathered around the platform and listened to a splendid program which was given mostly by descendants of the late Janet McAlpine. Dan A. McCallum, of Ekfrid, who acted as chairman, gave the opening address of welcome. Bagpipe music by Douglas Leitch filled the air. Gaelic songs were given by Archie McIntyre; a Gaelic reading by Robert L. McAlpine; Scotch songs by Wm. Hamilton and Mac. McAlpine; vocal duets by Miss Sarah McLachlan and Mrs. Stuart Nisbet, and Miss Mary C. Campbell and Robert Campbell; short addresses by Rev. D. Robertson, of Kilmarin, Dr. A. D. Campbell of Montreal and Alex. McAlpine of Alvinston. The program was brought to a close by all singing "Auld Lang Syne" and everybody felt that they had a real enjoyable time in spite of the rain which fell most of the time.

The oldest woman descendant on the grounds was Mrs. Alex. D. McAlpine, of Metcalfe. The oldest man was Hugh R. McAlpine, in whose grove the picnic was held.

An important feature in connection with the program was the reading of the clan history by Miss Isabelle McAlpine, as follows:

The McAlpines

We are all assembled here today as has already been stated to do honor to the name "McAlpine." While the personal name Alpin is from the Welsh, it came into Gaelic from Strath Clyde and from the Picts as well, who were subdued by Alpin at the beginning of the ninth century. The general appellation Siol Alpin has been usually given to a number of clans situated at considerable distance from each other but who have hitherto been supposed to possess a common descent and that from Kenneth McAlpine, the ancestor of a long line of Scottish kings. These clans are the Gregors, the Grants, the McKinnons, the McQuarries, the McNabbs and the McAlpines, and they have at all times claimed the distinction of being the noblest and most ancient of the Highland clans. That the McAlpines are of ancient origin is maintained in the Gaelic saying "Cluic is vill is Alpeinsh" (hills and streams and McAlpines), the inference being that the origin of the McAlpines was contemporary with the formation of the hills and streams. The ancient crest of the McAlpines was a bear's head with the motto "Culmhach bas Alpein" (Remember the death of Alpin); their badge the Gairas (pine tree).

But it is not with the clan as a whole we are concerned today but with that branch of it with whom we ourselves are directly connected. In our original McAlpine family as far as known there were three members, viz.: Duncan, Mary and Donald, the great-grandfather of the writer (Isabelle McAlpine). Donald was a land surveyor and road contractor, he and his brother Duncan taking many contracts for the building of roads and bridges in Scotland. He was born in the year 1765 at Lochgilphead, parish of Kilmarich, Scotland, and was married to the late Janet Morrison in 1799. She was born at Knapdale, Argyshire, Scotland, in the year 1774. Their marriage was blessed with six children, one daughter and five sons. The daughter, Mary, was the grandmother of our chairman on this occasion, and was also the oldest of the family. She married the late John (Ban) McAlpine and with her husband emigrated to Canada in 1841, settling on the farm now owned by Angus McCallum, Metcalfe, later moving from there to lot 2 concession 6, Mosa, where she lived till her death in 1887 at the age of 86 years. Of her family, two are still living, viz.: Mrs. Jessie McCallum residing with her son, Donald A. Ekfrid, across the road from where she first settled as a bride. She is now in her 86th year. The other sister, Mrs. Mary McLean, who is living with her daughter, Mrs. Donald McIntyre, Mosa, is in her 89th year. In connection with her family I may state that only the youngest son, John A. (Johnny Ban), was born in this country.

John, the second member of the family, married Mary Beggs. Being a gardener by trade he never emigrated to this country, for the primeval forests of our Canadian land were not adapted to gardening, neither was there a market for garden stuff anywhere to be had in these parts. He had two children, Andrew and Mary, and after the death of all the other members of her family, Mary, familiarly known as Cousin Mary, came to Canada, where she died in 1905.

The third member of this family was Archibald, who married Sarah McIntyre in 1857 and settled on lot 7, concession 7, Mosa, where he lived till his death on September 23, 1884, at the age of 80 years. His family consisted of five children, viz.: Donald and Hugh A. now residing on the old homestead; Mary (Mrs. Andrew Carswell), Dilke, Sask.; Jessie (Mrs. Allan McDougall), Alvinston; and Sarah (Mrs. Edgar Quick), Mosa. All of whom, with the exception of Mrs. Carswell, are present with us today on this unique occasion. In the years 1834-1837 he was engaged in the fisheries at New Orleans, having to walk from his home to Detroit as there was no other means of transportation. Later he used to walk to Chatham and from there by stage to Detroit on special occasions. He was frequently accompanied by many of the young girls of the neighborhood who were desirous of going to Detroit and who were glad of a guide to show the way. At one time on his return home from New Orleans he carried with him the pips of some apple in his handkerchief and planted them on the original homestead of the McAlpines, the farm now owned by Malcolm McNaughton, Metcalfe, and if I am not mistaken there still remain two or three trees of this old orchard to mark the spot.

The next member of the family was Neil, who was killed in an explosion while blasting when only a lad of 17 or 18 years.

Peter was a sailor and was engaged in trading with the West Indies. During one of his voyages thence he was drowned and is buried on the Bermudas, West Indies.

Robert, the youngest member of the family, was married to Betsy McLachlan in 1836 and settled on lot 8, concession 7, Mosa, the farm now occupied by his grandson, Robert L. McAlpine. Their marriage was blessed with eleven children, four sons and seven daughters. Of this family only four members are living, viz.: Hugh R., on whose premises we are today assembled; Sarah (Mrs. Duncan Laird Campbell), Mosa; Mary (Mrs. Alex. D. McAlpine), Metcalfe, and Betsy R., Alvinston.

Having learned the occupation of a millwright in Scotland, on several occasions he assisted in the building of mills, etc., in this land. Among those he helped to construct was the old Brennan mill at Alvinston; another at Smith Falls, Euphemie township, and still another at Wallaceburg or what was then known as "The Forks." Besides being a millwright he was also a joiner, and in the pioneer days he made most of the coffins used both in this part of Middlesex and in the neighboring townships of Lambton county. This was no easy task as it required a great deal of skill to convert a standing tree into a fitting place for the remains of some dear departed member of a family. In this work he was often assisted by Duncan Paul and John McCallum, grandfather of our chairman today. He died on August 6, 1891, aged 78 years.

Again the angel of death visited this home and claimed the father, the late Donald McAlpine. Some time later the mother, the late Janet Morrison, re-married, her husband's name being Duncan McAlpine. He was a native of Glassary, Argyshire, and was a tailor by trade, an occupation which he pursued after his emigration to this country. Their family consisted of one son, Alexander, the father of our worthy president of today, Alex. McAlpine. In 1840 he married Mary McLachlan. Their marriage was blessed with a family of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters, of whom eight are still living, viz.: Duncan and Alex., of Alvinston; Katherine (Mrs. Archie Leitch), Alvinston; Effie (Mrs. John McLachlan), Brooke; Janet (Mrs. Hugh Leitch), Wyoming; Lizzie (Mrs. Alex. Ferguson), London, and Mary (Mrs. Dan Randall), Plenty, Sask.

In 1831 the late Janet Morrison McAlpine, with her second husband, Duncan, and three sons, Archie, Robert and Alex., emigrated from their home in Lochgilphead, Scotland, to Canada. There were no Atlantic steamers fitted with palatial cabins, dining-rooms and wireless in those days, but a crude little sailing vessel which was not always staunch or else a condemned warship. In one of these little sailing vessels this family, along with several hundred other people, braved the winds and waves of the Atlantic. They were supposed to have had a very prosperous voyage as they were only six weeks on the water. From Montreal (for I believe it was there they landed) they came by lake boat to New Glasgow and from thence proceeded by foot through the unbroken wilderness with no guide except the blazed trail of an Indian or white man, they knew not which. But through it all they toiled on with the eye of faith fixed steadfastly on the goal and the hope that some day they would possess a home in this primeval forest. In this they were not disappointed. After trudging through the unbroken forest for sixty or seventy miles they finally reached our present hamlet of Walkers, though then unknown, and settled on the farm owned by Malcolm McNaughton, their home occupying the spot where Ed. Klemm's store now stands. Here they found a Highland settlement and we can hardly imagine what joy filled their hearts as they heard their own native language, the Gaelic, spoken beneath the maples of our Canadian home.

When we consider the life history of this pioneer family, though imperfectly told, it seems to me that no better description of it can be found than that contained in Mrs. Heman's beautiful poem, "The Graves of the Household."

They grew in beauty side by side,
They filled one home with grief;
Their graves are severed far and wide
By mound and stream and sea.
The same fond mother bent at night
O'er each fair sleeping brow;
She had each folded flower in sight,
Where are the dreamers now?

One midst the forests of the West
By a dark stream is laid;
The Indian knows his place of rest,
Far in the cedar shade.
The sea, the blue lone sea, hath one;
He lies where pearls lie deep;
He was the loved of all, yet none
O'er his low bed may weep.
One sleeps where southern vines are dressed
Above the noble slain;
He wrapped his colors 'round his breast
On a blood-red field of Spain.
And one o'er her the myrtle showers
His leaves, by soft winds fanned;
She faded midst Italian flowers—
The last of that bright band.
And parted thus they rest who played
Beneath the same green tree,
Whose voices mingled as they prayed
Around one parent knee.
They that with smiles lit up the hall
And cheered with song the hearth—
Alas for love if thou wert all,
And naught beyond, O earth!

ENOYED WESTERN TRIP
Glencoe was represented at the \$100,000 Club Convention of the Great-West Life Assurance Company by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McAlpine, who have just returned to town after a most enjoyable ten day trip.

The convention was held this year at Winnipeg, and from coast to coast and throughout the various states south of the line those agents who had qualified for membership foregathered in the newly-enlarged ten-story hotel office.

The representatives from Eastern Canada journeyed by rail to Sarnia, thence by boat through Lakes Huron and Superior to Port Arthur, where they entrained again for Winnipeg. During their stay in Winnipeg the entire party made the beautiful Fort Garry Hotel their headquarters. The company had spared neither trouble or expense to ensure the success of this convention. In consequence every minute of the time was arranged for with picnics, dances, golf, tennis and motorizing, to add variety to the meetings in which the business of the convention was discussed.

The \$100,000 Club is comprised of the bigger writers of this company. When one remembers that the Great-West Life has led all Canadian companies for many years and was at the end of last year the only company in Canada with \$500,000,000 of business in force, it will be realized that this club is an aggregation of real salesmen.

Mr. McAlpine has reason to be proud of the fact that he has qualified as a member of this club every year he has been with the company, this being the fourth convention he has attended.

The London Advertiser proposes that all insane chatter by telephone should cease, such as "Do you know who is speaking? No, guess again! Surely you know who it is," and so on. This is a great nuisance and should be cut out. Agreed!

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THE ONTARIO RAILWAY AND MUNICIPAL BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ekfrid in the County of Middlesex for an Order relieving the said Corporation from the obligation to rebuild the bridge over the creek on the River Road through the South Half of Lot Three in the Fifth Range South of the Longwoods Road in the Township of Ekfrid, and the North Half of Lot Three in the Sixth Range South of the Longwoods Road in the said Township, and the road allowance between said Lots.

The Applicant hereby applies to the Board for an Order relieving the Corporation of the Township of Ekfrid from the obligation to rebuild the bridge over the creek on the River Road through the South Half of Lot Three in the Fifth Range South of the Longwoods Road in the Township of Ekfrid, and the North Half of Lot Three in the Sixth Range South of the Longwoods Road in the said Township, and the road allowance between said Lots, on the grounds that the said bridge is no longer required for public convenience and that the rebuilding of it would entail a larger expenditure than would be reasonable having regard to the use that would be made of the bridge if it were rebuilt.

This Application is made by John Campbell, Mayor of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, Solicitor for the Applicant.

DATED at London this twenty-fourth day of August, A. D. 1923.
J. C. ELLIOTT,
Solicitor for the Applicant.

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TAKE NOTICE That the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board has appointed Tuesday, the 18th day of September, 1923, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Town Hall in the Village of Glencoe in the County of Middlesex, for the hearing of the Application of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ekfrid for an Order relieving the Corporation of the Township of Ekfrid from the obligation to rebuild the bridge over the creek on the River Road through the South Half of Lot Three in the Fifth Range South of the Longwoods Road in the Township of Ekfrid, and the North Half of Lot Three in the Sixth Range South of the Longwoods Road in the said Township, and the road allowance between said Lots.

South of the Longwoods Road in the said Township, and the road allowance between said Lots, and all interested parties will then be heard.
DATED at London this 24th day of August, A. D. 1923.
J. C. ELLIOTT,
Solicitor for the Applicant.

ELECTION EXPENSES NOTICE

The following is an abstract of the election expenses submitted to me by H. M. Weekes, official agent for J. G. Lethbridge, a candidate for election to the Legislative Assembly at the election June 25, 1923, viz.:

Personal expenses \$ 73.00
Printing, postage, telegraph, telephone, etc. 41.58
Payment of speakers 45.00

\$159.58

Contribution from West Middlesex United Farmers' Association \$113.53
Dated at Strathroy this 28th day of August, A. D. 1923.

WILLIAM GALLAGHER,
Returning Officer.

ELECTION EXPENSES NOTICE

The following is an abstract of the election expenses submitted to me by John A. McGugan, official agent for C. M. Macfie, a candidate for election to the Legislative Assembly at the election June 25, 1923, viz.:

Printing and advertising \$ 36.33
Rent of halls 41.00
Conveyance from Glencoe to Delaware 5.00
Personal expenses 323.86

\$406.19

Dated at Strathroy this 28th day of August, A. D. 1923.

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