

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

MELVILLE

Several of our residents attended the play given by the Plainfield League in the hall at Allisonville on Tuesday night and all report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Young and family motored to Halston on Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. W. McCreary.

Owing to the attendance of the pastor, Rev. H. H. Mutton, at the Bay of Quinte Conference of the Methodist Church at Picton, there was no preaching service in Melville on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kinnear and Mrs. Osborne spent Wednesday at Hyff's Island, guests of Mrs. Lewis Wallbridge. Mr. and Mrs. Cory Bull motored from Wooler on Sunday and spent the day the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weeks.

Mr. James Whittaker, a returned here, is renewing old acquaintances here. Pte. J. Whittaker received a serious wound in the head, incapacitating him for further active service. He has certainly done his bit as the scars of his wounds go to show.

Miss Ethel Dainard spent over Sunday with her sister and parents near Wellington. Miss Ora French spent a few days last week in Trenton.

Mr. D. H. Young, accompanied by Master George and W. H. Anderson, motored to Picton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ryckman motored to Toronto on Saturday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. F. Findall.

Visitors to Belleville on Saturday included Mr. G. Osborne, Mr. F. French, Mr. G. Weeks and Mr. W. H. Morton.

While the play was being enacted in Allisonville, Tuesday evening, a horse belonging to Mr. Merritt Adams broke loose and went home leaving the owner and family to follow as best they might. No damage resulted.

We are always proud to hear of the success of Prince Edward old boys and girls and Melville friends of Rev. D. N. Morden (late of Brinkin Church, Ottawa), were particularly pleased to read in the Toronto papers last week of his induction to the pastorate of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Rev. Morden was born in Prince Edward County and received his early education at Picton High School, after which he taught several years in the county.

Mrs. W. H. Anderson spent Monday afternoon the guest of Mrs. G. Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Clapp, Niles Corners, were callers in our village on Monday.

The bleating of sheep resounding across the waters of the lake brings to mind that the season of sheep-washing has come.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davidson spent Saturday in Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pettengill have returned to their home in Rose Hall after spending the winter in Oshawa.

HAROLD

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Faulkner, of Sidney, spent a few days with their son, Blake.

Mr. Albert Tompkins attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. S. Hanna, on Monday.

Mr. Harold Runnells spent Saturday in Belleville.

Mr. Blake Faulkner has bought a new horse.

Mrs. Jas. Cranston and Miss Ethel spent Saturday in Belleville.

BURRIS

What was probably the largest crowd ever assembled in the new Orange Hall witnessed the play "Valley Farm", given by the Plainfield Epworth League on Tuesday, the 5th inst. The play was well acted and for amateurs the Plainfield group certainly rank well to the front.

Mr. Jos. Gow, of Plainfield has promised to be present and assist at the Orange picnic on July 2nd. The Orangemen are preparing a good program and if the weather is fine expect a monster turnout. A number of aeroplanes are expected to light on the grounds sometime during the day. So come and have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wright, Hillier, took tea with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fox at Sunnyside Farm on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Almsworth and family were the guests of Mr. Joe Moon's on Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Crothers visited at Mr. Frank Burditt's on Saturday.

This locality was visited by a

heavy fall of rain on Sunday which will do a great deal of good as most of the planting is done.

The Allisonville Sympathizers intend to hold a "Comfort Shower" to send delicacies, such as jellies, chocolate, cocoa, etc. to No. 2. Can. Hospital, France. Anyone wishing to contribute, please send contributions to Orange Hall on Wednesday, June 20.

BIG ISLAND

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hallett in the death of their infant daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sprague were callers at Mr. Wm. Peck's on Monday night.

The Institute met at Mrs. Geo. Barragar's on Wednesday last. Next meeting will be at Mrs. Sidney Fox's.

A number from this vicinity attended anniversary services at Knox Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Badgley were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Semple and son were guests on Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vitler.

E. B. Kerr is spending this week with friends at Port Hope.

Mrs. S. Clement and Mrs. L. Williams spent several days last week with Mrs. J. Hallett.

The farmers in this vicinity were pleased to see the rain Sunday.

VICTORIA

No service at Victoria church on June 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Brickman and Audra and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brickman motored to Picton Friday evening and attended the Conference.

Mrs. Lorne Brickman spent the week-end at Mr. David Lambert's.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pulver attended the Conference at Picton on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Redner and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Giles motored to Picton on Friday evening and attended the Conference.

The Ladies' Aid was well attended on Friday at the church and two quilts were quilted.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. Delbert Snider's on Thursday, June 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mott spent a couple of days at Theodore Parks' recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Fox and Mrs. C. Blakely motored to Trenton on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Everett Brickman returned home on Thursday evening after spending a few days at Trenton.

Mrs. W. H. Brickman spent Saturday with friends at Rossmore.

Mrs. G. McMurtter and Vera spent Wednesday with Mrs. F. Cunningham.

Mrs. E. Russell and Mrs. P. Hunt drove to Belleville Tuesday.

The Misses Irene and Rena Brickman, Hattie Russell and Vera McMurtter, Ernest and Bruce Russell and Ross Belnap, attended the play at Allisonville on Tuesday evening. All report an extra good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sager spent a day recently at Trenton.

Mrs. J. W. Brickman and Irene spent Monday with Mrs. Emily Weese.

Don't forget the date of the next "At Home"—the 2nd of June at the home of Mrs. Capt. Russell. Silver collection in aid of the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brickman and Vera spent Sunday with friends in Thurlow.

Miss Helen Dempsey has purchased a Ford car.

Harry Adams spent Monday evening at J. G. Weese's.

Mrs. Clifford Peck and Marie Weese spent Tuesday in Belleville.

FRANKFORD

Mrs. (Dr.) Malone and Mrs. W. Denison left on Tuesday to attend the yearly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Missionary Society of the English Church held at Napanee.

On Wednesday at 10 A. M. the of Trenton and Miss Grace Ford of Frankford was solemnized by Rev. J. D. P. Knox. The young couple

were unattended. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. Arthur Ford. She wore her travelling suit of Nigger Brown with a corsage bouquet of lilies of the valley and leghorn hat.

Miss Gainsforth of Toronto, sister of the groom, played the wedding march. The ushers were Messrs. T. E. Sine and Harry Bush. The groom's present to the bride was a gold wrist watch and to the ushers, gold tie pins. After a wedding breakfast the young couple motored to Belleville, taking the filer for Montreal, and St. Lambert, Quebec. On their return they will reside in Trenton.

Rev. J. D. P. Knox left on the 11:20 A. M. train, Wednesday, for Picton to attend Conference which is in session there.

Mrs. A. M. Chapman of Belleville was in town on Thursday.

On Friday evening a number of the young people, as well as a few married couples, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pollard, Sr. and presented their eldest daughter Miss Mae, with a miscellaneous shower in honor of her approaching marriage. They report a fine evening spent.

Alice Windover arrived home on Friday from Peterborough Normal, where she has been for the past term and we hope she has been successful at her recent exams.

Mass was held in St. Francis Church at 11 A. M. on Sunday.

Messrs. J. Smith and Fred Munn of Campbellford, spent Sunday with their parents in town.

Mrs. Dave Parks spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Service was held in Trinity Church at 7:30 P. M. on Sunday.

A memorial service will be held in the Methodist Church, Sunday evening June 17th, in honor of Cecil Wannamaker, who fell at Vimy Ridge.

The service on Sunday, in the Methodist Church, was taken by Mr. Giles in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Meyers of Belleville spent Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Meyers.

HALSTON

There was no service at Mt. Pleasant on Sunday. Mr. Seymour was attending Conference at Picton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hodgins of Belleville, took tea at Mr. Theodore Parks, one evening last week.

Some from here attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Weir of Money-moore on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mott spent a couple of days at Theodore Parks' recently.

MINERAL UNDER COUNTY ROADS

Long Discussion in County Council as to Sale of Rights of Mining Fluorspar Vein in Huntingdon

After listening to a short address by Mr. C. E. Ross, of Madoc, Ontario, who is greatly interested in the mines of Hastings and operates a talc mine, the County Council on Wednesday afternoon set about to get proper attention paid to the mineral wealth of Hastings. Mr. Ross was present at the urgent request of some of the Reeves and his presentation of the facts was an eye-opener to many, who never before believed that such wealth was locked up in the hills of this district.

Mr. Ross said he had visited Ottawa and could find no new reports on mining resources of the County of Hastings. The reports in existence date back to the sixties.

The talc mine in Madoc village is the largest pure white talc mine in the world. Italian talc is wiped off the map since the war began and the Madoc mine's output is used by the leading firms of America.

The only deposits of fluor spar are in Austria, England, the States and Madoc.

In a short time the old Eldorado copper mine will be open again.

It is the duty of the Council to use every effort to have the department have a new survey made. It is said if Hastings had one-tenth of the boosting done for it that any of the gold and silver mining camps have had, there would be ten mines operating in this county to one now in operation in the northern camps.

Non-metallic minerals have grown greatly in value.

New reports should be got out and the old reports wiped out. Then the possibilities of Hastings County could be presented to the wealthy men of the country and the United States. Publicity means capital, and capital means successful development.

No one has any conception of the wealth in the rocks in the townships from Madoc northward. There is more iron in Hastings than in any county in Canada. There are deposits of copper and gold. But no money is being spent in gold development.

The development at Queensboro has so far cost about \$200,000. Enough ore is now blocked out for ten years. There are all kinds of paint materials in Hastings.

The talc mine means to Madoc village \$60,000 per year.

Mr. Naylor, of Deseronto, said he had been told in Ottawa that the Government had planned to send a man into this county and to prepare a new survey.

Mr. Nugent was very much pleased with the remarks of Mr. Ross. He had suggested to have a committee gather information on the county's mineral resources. He had boundless faith in Hastings. But we do not get advertisement enough. He believed that Hastings iron ore could be smelted. The trouble is it is expensive to smelt such hard ore. He spoke of Government bonusing. All the representations possible should be made to the Government.

Mr. Kells moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Ross. Mr. Ketcheson, in seconding the resolution, said a miner had told him there was a great future for Hastings in its mines. The motion carried.

Mr. T. H. Thompson favored a committee being appointed. Mr. Ross has done wonders for the county. At present he is operating a mine.

Warden McLaren said the Council should take action at once.

Mr. Thompson moved that a committee be appointed—Messrs. McLaren, Nugent, Coulter, Fox, Embury Green and Thompson—to gather information and lay it before the M. P.'s of Hastings, or the department if necessary, relating to mines. The resolution carried.

"There is nothing wrong with mines in Hastings. The trouble is, small companies are undertaking more than they can handle. Capital is lacking," said Dr. Embury, of Bancroft.

Mr. Jordison referred to the prospects in the northern fields for graphite.

Mr. Ross said: "The cause of the lack of capital is lack of advertising and the work of the knockers." He knew one man was working for months to interest American capital to the extent of \$500,000 in Bancroft marble. This marble took first prize in Chicago against French and Italian marbles.

Mr. Vermilyea moved, seconded by Mr. Jordison, that the treasurer of this county is hereby directed to remit the amount allowed by the Government upon any grant made by any municipality for the improvement of our county roads to the treasurer of such municipality immediately after its receipt. The resolution carried.

Mr. Jeffrey's motion to grant all mineral rights under county roads to the municipalities in which they are found, was taken up. Reeve Ketcheson, of Sidney, supported this. Lieut. Coulter, of Striling, opposed the resolution as the road is a county road and the county has been under all responsibility. Mr. Ketcheson believed the resources of Huntingdon belonged to Huntingdon alone. Mr. Vermilyea opposed the motion. "Why should not all the advantages be distributed to the county who owns the land?"

Mr. Vermilyea's motion that no action be taken was defeated, the original motion carrying. Huntingdon will accordingly deal with the sale of mining privileges under the road near Hog Lake, where a fluor spar vein has been found.

In committee on ways and means, Mr. Laycock asked that \$100 extra (the third instalment) be expended on the road from Ryan's Corners to Cordova. The request was granted, as \$500 had been pledged some years ago, and \$100 remained unpaid.

No action was taken in the matter of accounts of repairs to vehicles owned by R. Tripp (\$9.70) and A. B. Runnells (\$3.50).

A grant of \$150 was voted to the Bancroft Continuation School to assist in adding to the equipment.

Mr. Chas. Ketcheson was in favor of granting an increase for the keep of children at the shelter.

Mr. Vermilyea thought before an advance was made, data should be provided.

Mr. Coulter pointed out the advance in the cost of living and finally the matter of paying the account of the Children's Aid Society was referred to the Finance Committee.

No action was taken with a petition of seven witnesses in the de-

CANADIANS BY SKILFUL WORK SEIZE GROUND

A Well-Managed Operation Brings About Capture of Strong Points—Get Close to Lens—Dominion Outpost is Now Twenty-Seven Hundred Yards Distant.

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 12.—Another well-managed minor operation, this (Tuesday) morning on the Canadian front, resulted in the capture and occupation with few casualties, of enemy strong points which have been a menace to the security of our left flank since the capture of the electric station. The Souchez River at this spot has been dammed by the Germans and in the marshy area along its banks have been placed skilfully concealed machine guns, which have swept all possible means of approach from the south bank of the stream. Some of the positions were destroyed in the raid of Saturday morning, but others remained in the enemy's hands. The artillery, having not been able to smash them out, it was decided that the only effective way of putting them out of business and ending the annoyance and loss was by a night surprise attack with bomb and bayonet. Only a few men were engaged in the enterprise, which succeeded beyond expectation. The enemy showed little fight and in a few minutes his strong points with three machine guns and six prisoners, all that were left of the gun crews, passed into our hands.

At once steps were taken to incorporate the captured ground within our lines. The post captured this morning is only twenty-seven hundred yards from the centre of Lens. It marks the furthest advance toward the city. One of the prisoners captured stated that his battalion had just relieved another, which had suffered very heavy losses during a short period on the front lines, especially from gas and shell fire.

The enemy artillery was less active today on our front, but to the south it has been shelling Arras and other points on the Scarpe with a 12-inch naval gun.

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