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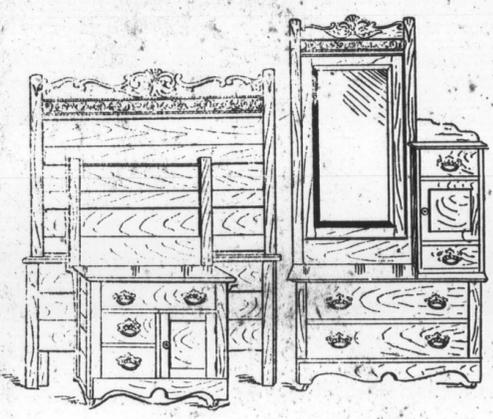
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Athens, Nov. 1902.

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DEATH OF JAMES B. SAUNDERS

Mr. J. B. Saunders died at his home, Athens, on Sunday last, after an illness of several weeks, in the 60th year of his age. Of late years he has not enjoyed good health so his death was not unexpected.

Deceased had conducted a milling business in Athens since 1869, being associated with his father in the business until the latter's death, a few years ago, and for the past year under the firm name of Saunders & Pierce. He was a thorough master of his business and an expert millwright, whose advice was often sought by those running or installing machinery.

He has played an important part in the municipal affairs of the county. He was first elected to the township council in 1876, as deputy reeve, and from that time up to two years ago he has been almost continuously a member

of the counties council, giving efficient service in the various important positions he was called upon to fill. In 1897 he was elected warden of the united counties. In politics he was a staunch Liberal, and was a prominent member of the Masonic order.

There was probably no man in the united counties more widely known and esteemed for his sterling character and geniality, and widespread regret was felt at his death.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Z. Rowe, of Brockville, and two brothers—William, of Worcester, Mass., and Bryce J., recently appointed Deputy Minister of Public Works for the Territories.

The funeral took place on Tuesday under Masonic direction. After service at the house, the remains were conveyed to Brockville for interment.

THE STORY OF THE HUNT



The Reporter Hunt Club's Annual Outing in the Highlands of Ontario—Written by the Scribe of the Athens Reporter, 1902

While waiting for the day to wear away, the Scribe took a look over the village of Magnetawan, and from observation and conversation with a resident, gathered a few items that may be of interest. About thirty-five years ago a man named James Miller, (one of the numerous Miller family living a couple of miles north of Addison) went up into the Muskoka district and after wandering around the country for several months, dropped into the home of a settler who was on his way down the Magnetawan River in search of a location where he could locate his family. He had built a rude flatboat or scow and loading all his worldly effects into it he induced Miller to accompany him. They worked their way down the river and across the lake, and finally tied up at the head of the first falls, at what is now the village of Magnetawan. Here they found a squatter, who had made a small clearing, who was anxious to sell out and move farther on. Miller was offered one hundred acres of land and a splendid mill privilege for a small sum. Unfortunately, he had not the small sum required, and he appealed to the writer of this article for the loan of fifty dollars with which to make his first payment and start the foundation of an erect. Dame fortune smiled on his efforts, and he got along well for a few years, but like too many adventurous spirits, he branched out into ruinous speculations, and coupling those with reckless living, he soon saw his fine prospects blasted, and gathering up the scattered remnants of what remained to him, he moved to the Pacific coast. Later on, the government in order to

open up the vast territory drained by the Magnetawan and its tributaries, had the river dredged in places and built the lock to allow the steamers and barges to pass from Burk's Falls to Ahmic Lake, a distance of about forty miles. There is at present three saw-mills, one grist and sawing mill several stores, blacksmith shops, two churches, a good public school, two well-kept hotels, and a yearly increasing population. The Ontario government has a crown lands agent located here, a Mr. Best, who knows every mile of country for a great distance from his office and is very attentive to all having business with him.

A little after daylight the party who remained in the village helped load the boxes and bags of luggage into a farmer's wagon and mounting on top of the load, started over the new road or trail, for it was little more than a trail for over two-thirds of the distance of thirteen miles to the lake. The first three miles was through a splendid farming country, the farm houses, outbuildings and general appearance of the farms comparing favorably with some of the best sections in Leeds county.

The government had expended some \$800 on the road through the settlement during the past summer, and the freshly thrown up earth, which had got well soaked with the fall rains, made travelling slow and tedious. Coming to the "jumping off place," the teamster struck off from the main road and for about four miles the team was driven over the worst road ever encountered by the party. The trail had been cut out some twenty years ago for lumbering purposes, and for many years scarcely a wagon had passed over it. The old corduroy bridges across gullies and swamps were in many places nearly all rotted away. During the whole trip only one settler's house was met with, and the owner, living on an arm of Ahmic Lake, called Poverty Bay, used the water as a means of getting out to civilization.

This man had lived in this lonely spot for many years by the looks of the surroundings. He had a team and a few head of cattle, and cultivated a few acres of a clearing, but lived principally by fishing and hunting. His family of a wife and eleven children looked healthy and well fed, but it was a wonder to the party how he managed to feed so many mouths with the visible means of subsistence to be seen about the place.

Here the party were met by the caretaker of the Kentucky gentlemen's summer residence at the lake the party

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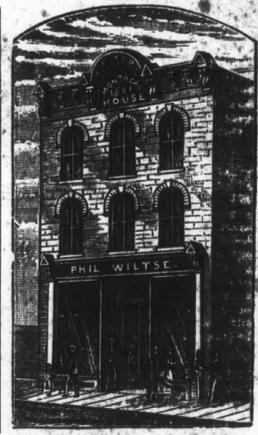
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were bound for. He had walked out seven miles to escort the party into the lake and to see that a couple of bags of potatoes that he had left there for the party were brought along. The driver was determined at first not to take on any more load, and Phil. proposed that the two sacks be divided up and each man take a half bushel on his back and tote them to the shore of the lake. The man finally consented to put one bag on the top of his load, and a start was made on the last half of the distance. The guide and the Scribe started on ahead, the boys wishing to give the old man of the party a chance to take it a little easy on the last end of the trip. The guide was a young man, hardy, and used to walking long distances, and kept the Scribe on a half trot to keep up. When about half way out the guide stopped to show his companion a natural curiosity in the form of a cave that had been worn through solid rock. The opening was about ten feet square and extended for five or six rods under ground, ending in an opening about the same size. Near the centre was an opening up through the mass of rock, about the size of a bushel basket. A tiny stream of water trickled over the rock bottom of the cave. In several places strong poles had been fastened in the fissures of the rocks, from which the hunters killing game in the vicinity used to hang the carcasses of their game in hot weather, the guide remarking that he had seen as many as twenty carcasses hanging there at one time. The shore of the lake was reached about two in the afternoon, and the two boats which had been left in charge of the guide and which he had brought over to the landing, were quickly loaded and pulled down to the old camp. While one man took the boats back for the balance of the stuff the rest set to work to clean out and get the camp in habitable shape. In less than half an hour after they arrived the boys who had gone on the night before were in sight, and all turned in with a will and before dark had the camp in good shape. The stove was set up, the bunks cleaned out and fresh boughs cut and filled in. The cook soon had a steaming hot supper ready, and then the men, after eating heartily, set to work to put on a

coating of tarred paper on the roof, as the clouds had the appearance of rain.

CHURCH DEDICATION

Posters will be issued this week announcing that the ceremony of dedicating the new Methodist church will take place on New Year's Day, beginning at 10 a.m., conducted by Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. John E. Mavety, Chairman of Brockville District, and other ministers. Both dinner and tea are to be served. On Sunday, January 4th, there will be special services at 10.30 a.m., and 2.30 and 7 p.m. Special music by the choir of the church will be rendered, at all the services.

THE REFERENDUM

The total vote cast at the referendum on Thursday last is not yet known, but it now seems probable that the totals will be about 160,000 for and 90,000 against—a majority for prohibition of 70,000. The requisite number of votes not having been marked for prohibition, this immense majority, of course, counts for nothing so far as The Liquor Act, 1902, is concerned. Every division in Brockville riding gave a majority in favor of the act, the result being:—

	FOR	AGAINST
Brockville	667	513
Elizabethtown	500	100
Athens	123	27
Rear Yonge & Escott	144	29
Front Yonge & Escott	323	81
Totals	1757	750

PUBLIC NOTICE

J. W. Brown, Chief of Police, is now required to enforce the law that prohibits the use of profane language, cursing and swearing on the streets and in all public places in the village of Athens, and to fine all persons found guilty of the same—drunk or sober.

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