

BY-GONE DAYS IN WATFORD

Some of the Doings in and around the Old Burg in the Year One-Nine-O-Three. Many Things Almost Forgotten Recalled to Memory.

*"Backward, turn backward
O Time in thy flight,
Take me back to the Old Town
Again, just for To-night!"*

JANUARY

Verdict given at inquest in Wanstead disaster. Herman Fowler had his arm broken while wrestling. Funeral of H. P. Lawrence. Jos. H. Williams elected reeve by acclamation. Watford Junior hockey team beat Sarnia 15-1. Fuller and Campbell elected county councillors. Uttoxeter mill sold to Mr. Phillips. Verdict of \$800 damages given in case of McClure vs. Eastbrook. Local hockey club defeated Strathroy 7-0. J. E. Fowler fell at rink and broke his wrist. R. C. McLeay's residence burglarized. East Lambton veterans met at Watford W. L. Howden purchased grocery business in Sarnia. A. Mavity sold his business to S. E. Thompson. Golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lucas of Brooke. W. H. McMahon elected warden of county.

Married—Dr. R. F. Foster and Miss Wickware. Geo. W. Rogers and Miss Ida Clark. Thos. McPherson and Miss Alice A. Dunn, Arkona.

Deaths—Mrs. John S. Williams; Dr. A. S. Fraser, Oliver Douglas of Brooke; Mrs. Jos. Teller; Mrs. John McLean; Rev. Geo. Cuthbertson; Dr. Mott; Dr. A. Scott, Forest; John S. Williams of Warwick died in Strathroy; R. J. Stevens at Alvinston; Mrs. Daniel McKay, Arkona.

FEBRUARY

Douglas-Lacy banquet at Roche House. Double wedding in Dunlop family at Napier. 6th line bachelors give ball. Farewell to Levi Bearss and family of Warwick. Slashing hockey game at London when 7th Regt. team beat Watford 4 goals; game protested. Ed. Rowland purchased the Parker farm in Adelaide. Mrs. (Col.) Campbell fell and broke her leg. One foot of snow fell on the 10th. D. O'Neil appointed G.T.R. agent at Watford. D. Reid won staking contest at Sarnia. Alex Saunders appointed Registrar of High and Surrogate Court at Sarnia. R. J. Fleming's house on 4th line burnt. Watford won at hockey from Craig 12-4. The juniors defeated London Waterloo 9-4, and Forest 14-3. Watford Firemen gave farewell banquet to G. F. Apter and A. Saunders. Judgment for \$600 in case of Hogg vs. Brooke for plaintiff.

Alvin Zavitz had his skull fractured in runaway accident at Inwood. Married—J. Landan and Miss Ida McWaters; D. Calvert and Mrs. M. Phillips; John A. McKenzie and Miss Annie Laws; Wm. Johnston and Miss Minnie Mains.

Deaths—Frank Mitchell at Philadelphia; Geo. Luckins of Arkona at Sarnia; Henry Lovell, Alvinston; Robt. Henderson, Brooke; John McWhorter, Arkona.

MARCH

Col. Kenward elected chief of Fire Brigade, J. D. Brown captain to fill vacancies. Watford defeated Craig 5-4 at hockey. F. Roche had his shoulder dislocated in the game. Presentation of P. M. jewel to A. Saunders by Havelock lodge. A. Carson appointed agent of L.E.&D.R. at Sarnia. Sons of Scotland hall at Alvinston burnt. Sale of P. Dodds estate property. Daughter of T. E. Young seriously injured by falling derrick pole. Jos. Beach left on trip to England. Robt. Lawrence killed in woods near Kerwood. Minnie Thornicroft, Plympton, fell and broke her arm. Caldwell's music store damaged by fire. Sale of Lawrence estate property. W. Addison's residence, Bosanquet, burnt. A number of Wanstead wreck claims settled by G.T.R.

Married—Major Saider, Hamilton, and Mrs. Lemon, Forest.

Deaths—Mrs. M. T. Bambridge; Miss Alice Stonerman of Brooke; Mrs. Duncan Ferguson, Plympton; Absolom Saunders of Sutorville; Wm. Ketting and Thomas Shepherd of Warwick; Mrs. A. G. Clothier of Brooke; Mrs. S. Waterman, W. H. Perry and Thos. Goodhill of Warwick.

APRIL

R. Roche purchased interest in Iroquois hotel, Petrolia. Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Will Luckham by Warwick friends. Dr. Basil Harvey settled his claim against G.T.R. for Wanstead wreck injuries for \$10,000. Harry Taylor had eye badly burnt by torch while out fishing. Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hobbs prior to their removal from Warwick. Fred Lancaster committed suicide at Camlachie. Spinsters Con-

vention in the Music Hall. Mrs. Wm. Bryce presented with couch on leaving Warwick. Brooke Baptist church connected with Alvinston. T. G. Oliver and family, Arkona, removed to Vancouver. Thos. J. Howden decides to move to Sarnia. Kincaid section school, Brooke, burnt down. Sale of Bambridge estate property. Drs. B. Harvey and C. W. McLeay sail for Naples.

Married—R. F. Toohill, Napier, and Miss Mary C. Campbell, Brooke; L. R. Harvey, Rodney, and Miss Mary Bradley, Buffalo; Alex. Bryce and Miss A. Williamson, 4th line.

Deaths—M. T. Bambridge, Watford; Geo. Patterson, Alvinston; Mrs. Ella Leacock, Alvinston; Mrs. Louis Teple, Wanstead; Dr. Kinsman, Wyoming; Miss Lulu McKenzie, Alvinston; John Carswell, Wm. Weeks and Donald E. McKellar of Brooke; Duncan Gillies, Brooke, in his 95th year; Mrs. John Rogers and Mrs. H. Waugh, Warwick.

MAY

Tennis club organized. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Karr, Enniskillen, celebrated golden wedding. C. Hodgins Plympton, had leg fractured by kick from horse. D. G. Parker and W. Taylor left for New Ontario. And. Carson sold residence on Front st. to Geo. Chambers for \$2000. Trouble in Wyoming about G.T.R. closing street crossing. Tenders asked for construction of new St. James' church, Brooke. R. J. Campbell's store in Cedar Springs burnt. H. S. basket ball team defeated Arkona and Strathroy. 75 h.p. engine placed in Dunlop's mill. R. Logan had his arm broken at Forest. McLean's saw mill near Arkona burnt. W. J. Stewart's barn, Wanstead, burnt. Thompson's bake shop damaged by fire.

Married—Wm. Kincaid and Miss Florence McDonald, Brooke.

Deaths—Garnet Huff, Wm. Cooper and John Benjafield, Wanstead; Wm. Brereton, Warwick; Jas. Cundick, Pt. Huron; John McIlwain, Plympton; Isaac Kersey at Kingston; Arch. McLean, Brooke; Henry Williamson, Bosanquet; Peter McCorkindale, Plympton; Mrs. S. Emmons, Kingscourt; Geo. Hare, Plympton; John Crooks, Brooke.

JUNE

Miss M. Scott, teacher in W.P.S. for 15 years resigns. A. Sutton and W. H. Stewart attend grand Orange lodge in Winnipeg. Collision on G. T. R. at Komoka. Golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Macklin of Sarnia. Farewell presentation to Mr. and Mrs. James and William Hindson prior to removal to Regina. Golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Luckham of Birnam. Bridgeport, Mich., Masonic lodge and P.G.M. McMillan of Michigan visit Havelock lodge and exemplify third degree. R. E. Johnston fell off building and broke three ribs. Hindson Bros. left for the West.

Married—Jos. Parker and Miss Ella Robertson, Warwick; Miss Mary Elson and R. G. Good; H. D. Mann and Miss Florence Lewis.

Deaths—Mrs. Albert Rogers; A. Dickinson J. P. Arkona; Miss Ethel Dewar; Lottie Bryce, Warwick; Annie Bowly, Brooke; Miss Irene Coughlin, Warwick.

JULY

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. White returned missionaries from China, visit here. Dr. Hicks appointed superintendent of Methodist S. S. Rev. E. B. Horne goes on a visit to Winnipeg. Presentation to Miss Florence McCulloch Dr. Brown sold his practice in Arkona to Dr. Huffman. Mr. and Mrs. F. Kearney, Brooke, celebrated golden wedding. Butchers defeat Butterfats at Baseball. Rev. J. Downie visits Halifax. Special census of Arkona taken, population 525. Cement walks laid in Arkona. Wheat 75c a bushel, oats 26c. Mrs. Ed. Burlington killed by kick from horse. Merchants bank manager at Alvinston dropped dead. Capt. McLachlan of Brooke had his leg amputated at Cleveland. David Morgan had horse killed by train. Benson purchased J. White's business. Mrs. Geo. Parker, Alvinston, found dead in house. D. Thom made an exhibit at the Winnipeg fair. Bear creek bridge collapses. T. B. Taylor returned from trip to the West.

Married—John White and Miss Maggie Scott; John Parker and Miss Maggie Moffatt; Wm. Botsford and Miss Minnie Birchard.

Deaths—Mrs. Squire Sedwick; H. Parker, Adelaide; Isaac Woolman, Warwick; Ann Spalding, Plympton; Major Kelly; Mrs. Jas. Lewis, Enniskillen.

AUGUST

Congregational church renovated. Robert Hunter of Strathroy injured by G.T.R. express. Reunion of the Lee family. Alvinston Baptist church damaged by fire. Smallpox in North Warwick. Cyclone in Warwick and Plympton does \$20,000 damage to buildings and crops. 21 people killed in G.T.R. wreck at Durand. H. Stapleford sold his business to D. G. Parker who resold to Pearce Bros. Miss Abbie Harvey left for California to marry Rev. J. D. McFayden. 628 people left on civic holiday excursion to Detroit. J. B. Hobbs, Warwick, moved to Alpena. Arch. Monrie's barn in Brooke struck by lightning and burnt. Jas. Kelly injured by explosion of gunpowder.

Married—Dr. Martyn and Miss Jessie Rae.

Deaths—Jos. Field, Metcalfe; Miss Pettypiece, Forest; Duncan Livingstone, Alvinston; Capt. Duncan McLachlan, Cleveland.

SEPTEMBER

R. J. Graham purchased Mathews cooper shop and converted it into an evaporator. Robt. Grey of Alvinston committed suicide at Detroit. Presbyterian church interior renovated. Taylor's livery at Strathroy burnt. Alex. McKenzie and Neil Munroe killed by bridge collapsing while they were driving over with a traction engine. Mr. Booth, of Petrolia, killed by dynamite explosion. Albert Corry killed by being thrown from headcar at Sarnia. Knox church gives reception to Mr. and Mrs.

Horne. Alex. Saunders removed his family to Sarnia. Walter G. Moore killed at a threshing at J. Benstead's, Brooke. Dr. Wickett sold his practice to Dr. Gibson. Paddy R. won race at London fair. Jas. Moffatt returned from the Old Country. R. Laird's barn near Wyoming struck by lightning.

Married—C. S. Pingle of Medicine Hat and Miss Jean McLeay. W. T. Murphy and Miss Lizzie McIvor.

Deaths—Mrs. Scott, Zone, formerly of Watford; Mrs. Zimmerman, Enniskillen; John Seaton and Geo. Prangley, formerly of Strathroy; Dr. John Reid, dentist; Mrs. Roots, London, aged 81, sister of T. D. Lee.

OCTOBER

Albert Emmons fatally crushed by falling stone at Bear Creek bridge. Prof. Dunn of Sarnia, organized vocal club here. Rev. Jas. McLachlan well-known Methodist minister, drowned in Lake Winnipeg. Thos. White, secretary C.O.F. had leg amputated. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bole, Regina, celebrate golden wedding. John Adams of Warwick killed by gas explosion at Steubenville, Ky. Miss Mary Davis of Brooke dropped dead at London. R. Roche and J. O'Leary leased Iroquois Hotel, Winnipeg. Presentation to Dr. Wickett prior to leaving for Hamilton. Rev. Canon Downie had hand injured while catching a colt. Lambton Medical Association met at Wyoming. Roy Mitchell of Adelaide had his arm

broken at the S.C.I. sports. Farewell reception to Mesdames Wm. and James Hindson. E. W. Anderson's barn near Wyoming burnt. President Farrell of the E.L. Fair presented with portrait of himself. 28th of month first snow. E. Walker had his leg broken loading car at G. T. station. Diphtheria outbreak at Sutorville. Mrs. B. Batchelor presented with an address.

Married—Dr. Huffman, Arkona, and Miss Laura McCallum, Pt. Burwell; D. Campbell and Miss Mary McDonald of Brooke; W. J. Howden of Warwick and Miss Lillian Smith.

Deaths—J. Denning, Metcalfe; Chris. Willoughby, Jr.; Mrs. Helen Lamb; Mrs. Ellen Spalding.

NOVEMBER

Curling club organized. A. Thom-an appointed postmaster of Arkona. Mr. and Mrs. S. McLellan of Brooke celebrate silver wedding. Arkona men fined for holiday racket. T. D. Lee sold his residence to D. Styles. Postoffice at Napier robbed of \$400. 15 inches of snow. Fanny McGarvey assaults Patrick Upton with axe at Strathroy and crushes his skull. Archie Wilson, an old Watford boy, elected Senator in Iowa. T. L. Swift disposed of the Bambridge property to H. Rivers. Two Italian workmen killed on track near Wanstead. Pastor Gerries' congregation presented him with a fur coat. Joe Rainey of Metcalfe had team killed while crossing railway track at Strathroy.

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Canada Confident of the Future



CANADA is endeavoring to regain her after-the-war stride in the midst of many difficulties, — debt, deflation and depression being some of them.

Quack remedies and academic theories beset her path on every side. Some suggest that our debt worries can best be eased by going further into debt. Others preach blue ruin, decry their own country and indulge in mischievous propaganda generally, while still others look for a new social order or some miraculous sign to indicate a better coming day—all this in apparent forgetfulness of the fact that just as there was no royal road to win the war, there is now no royal road to pay for it or regain our former buoyancy, vigor and confidence.

Some are leaving Canada hoping to escape taxation, only to find there is no escape anywhere. In seeking for easy remedies too many of us overlook the fact that the greatest remedy is honest, hard work faithfully and intelligently performed, accompanied by old-fashioned thrift.

It takes time, it takes patience, it takes grit. But every Canadian knows in his heart that Canada is coming through all right.

Our Experience Proves It

Look back over the path Canada has trod. The French Colonists, cut off from civilization by 3,000 miles of sea, faced a continent—a wilderness—without the aid of

even a blazed trail. They had to fight savages, frosts, scurvy, loneliness and starvation.

The United Empire Loyalists subdued an unbroken forest in one generation, growing their first wheat amid the stumps and snags of the new clearing.

The Selkirk settlers came to Manitoba when the prairie was a buffalo pasture, and grew wheat where none had grown before and where those who knew the country best at that time said wheat would never grow. Today the Canadian prairies grow the finest wheat in the world.

In proportion to population Canada stands to-day among the wealthiest nations in the world, with average savings on deposit per family of \$800. Canada's foreign trade per head of population stands amongst the highest of the commercial nations, being \$192 per capita in 1922-23, as compared with \$135 in 1913-14, the "peak" year before the war.

New Opportunities for Canada

In Canada, although prices in the world markets fell below war level, our farmers reaped last autumn the largest grain crop in Canadian history, and Canada became the world's largest exporter of wheat, thus in large measure making up for lower prices.

Last year, Great Britain, after an agitation extending over thirty years, removed the embargo on Canadian cattle, and a profitable and practically unlimited trade is opening up for Canadian stockers and feeders.

"The 20th Century belongs to Canada"—if Canadians keep faith.

The next article will suggest practical opportunities for profit making on our Canadian farms.

Have Faith in Canada

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