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FIFTY YEARS OF PROGRESS

If you are a resident of the City of Chatham or County of Kent, this store has been prominently before either you, your parents or your grandparents for the past fifty years.

Started in a Small Way

It kept on growing and growing and still grows faster than ever. Every month shows an increase in the business done over the preceding month of a year ago.

This is Not by Chance

But the result of a well laid foundation in the years that have gone by, of straightforward dealing and reliable goods.

It's Easy for Us to do Business

Everybody knows that "Stone's" goods are always the best, and that no misrepresentation is allowed in regard to them, and that our guarantee goes with every article sold, and your money cheerfully refunded if you want it.

This is a Safe and Profitable Place to do Your Trading

Quality is the first consideration everywhere—then price, which we guarantee to be as low as others for inferior qualities.

We're After Your Trade

And we'll get it, too, if placing before you the most stylish goods in the finest qualities at the lowest prices is any inducement. We promise you courteous treatment and prompt delivery.

OUR IMPORT of British, French and German goods are now well to hand, and now is just the right time to select your new gown.

Thomas Stone & Son

A Big Smash In Prices

At Westman Bros'. Clearing Sale of

Screen Doors, Refrigerators, Hammocks, Ice Cream Freezers, Rustic Lawn Seats, Lawn Chairs, Flower Stands, all at

25 Per Cent. Off

Regular price. Come and get some of the bargains.

Westman Bros., Chatham, Ont.

AN IRON BED

Is a good kind to have. It is always clean and neat, easily washed and no attraction to vermin. We have them in white, and other colors, with ornaments at the corners and knobs. They are the best value in the market.

See Our Large Assortment.

Hugh McDonald

Dealer in Furniture, Upholstering and Carpets. Opposite the Garner House.

Local Briefs

O. Pape, Head St., has a good Bb. tenor horn he wishes to sell.

Last Band Concert to Rond Lau Friday, Sept. 12th.

Adam Howes a C. B. C. student of last session, has secured a position with E. S. Hubbell, of Thamesville.

Capt. Wilson, of the local lacrosse club, has written to St. Thomas for a game.

The firemen wish to thank Mr. Drader and James Glenn for boxes of cigars.

Miss Burns has opened classes in china painting. Studio, Thames St., opposite greenhouses.

E. A. Stevenson, a student of the C. B. C., last year, has secured a lucrative position in the D. M. Ferry Co. Detroit.

The Colby-Scott Co., Stock Rick makers have three cargoes of lumber on the way here, one of which is expected today.

The evening service in the First Presbyterian Church, which has been held at 7.30 during the summer, will be held in future at 7 o'clock.

I. L. Davis received a paper from Serbia yesterday, in which it is announced that Serbia will have a Carnegie Library. It will cost \$13,808.

Rev. R. McCosh, rector of Christ Church, will preach the anniversary and Harvest Home sermons in Trinity Memorial Church, Exeter, to-morrow.

The Junior League of the Park St. Church will re-open on Thursday afternoon next, at 4.15 o'clock. All boys and girls from 7 to 16 are invited.

There will be an emergency meeting of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, A. P. & A. M., G. R. C., on Monday evening at 7.30, for the purpose of conferring degrees.

Dr. Sivewright has received a picture of his son Oscar, who is at present mining in the Klondyke. The picture was taken in front of Oscar's cabin.

Don't place your order for stoves or stove furniture of any kind, until you see what Quinn & Patterson have got. Their assortment is complete, and their prices are right.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rae, Wellington St., which was to have taken place this afternoon, has been postponed until after the arrival of her son from Rainy River.

Rumormongers when you want a buggy or harness, that Quinn & Patterson have a good assortment, of these goods, and they are guaranteed to be the best on the market.

Miss Ella McDiarmid, a student of last term in the C. B. C., is assisting Mr. Powers in the Shortland Department. Miss McDiarmid is a former public school teacher, in Middlesex.

There was a motion in the Judge's Chambers yesterday morning to strike out the defence in the Stuart vs. Scott promissory note case. It was postponed till a week from today.

Miss Webster and Mrs. S. C. Walker have been engaged to sing in the Methodist Church, Thamesville, on Friday, Sept. 19th, at a sacred concert given by the ladies of the church.

The young people of the Park St. church congregation will tender a social reception to their new pastor, on Monday evening, 15th inst. All willing to assist will meet next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Bessie Dobson, of Southampton, a student of the C. B. C., has been named to the city yesterday on her way to Merlin, where she has secured a position as bookkeeper and stenographer for J. N. Halliday.

The Kent Canning Company will commence work on Monday, when steady employment will be given to a large number of hands for several weeks, thus distributing a large amount of money for wages and material. Our local industries deserve encouragement.

D. McLaughlin, of the C. B. C., has received word from a man in British Columbia, who was a student at the C. B. C. 21 years ago. This ex-student sent her catalogue, and intends to send his son to the college.

The anniversary services of Park St. Methodist church will be conducted on Sunday, Oct. 26th, by a former well known pastor, Rev. R. J. Treleaven, now of Toronto. The annual tea will be given the following evening.

The Kent Canning Company propose packing apples this season and will pay the highest price for hand-picked winter fruit—Spices, Baldwins and Greenings—to be delivered at the factory about October 1st. Apples must be free from bruises and not wormy. Barrels or other packages will be returned.

Thursday evening, by the Rev. Dr. Battisby, at the manse, Mr. Bruce Steel, late of Fletcher, was married to Miss Eliza Harwood, daughter of John Harwood, 6th concession, Raleigh township. Miss Harwood was assisted by her sister, Miss Dora, and Mr. Cecil Harwood, brother of the bride, acted as best man. We join with their many friends in wishing them a happy journey through life. Mr. Steel has recently joined the firm of Scott & Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barassin have returned from their holiday trip to Winnipeg, much benefited in health. Mr. Barassin says that the C. P. R. boats that run to Port Arthur are really floating palaces. "Everything is so nice and up-to-date. All the berths were taken, and some people had to lay around in the cabin. While in Winnipeg, Mr. and Mrs. Barassin were the guests of William Ozard, formerly of this city."

MISS ABRAM APPOINTED MCKEOUGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

First Lady Assistant Will Assume Duties Until Christmas—Mr. Brackin's Resignation Accepted—He Explains his Position—Ex-Principal and Trustee Heyward Have a Till.

The long expected storm over the resignation of Principal Brackin, of the McKeeough school has broken and is over—the resignation has been accepted and Miss Abram has been appointed principal until the end of the year.

This storm has been brewing for some time and the outburst finally came at the meeting of the Board last night. It started with the reading of the resignation by Secretary Macnabb. In his letter to the Board Mr. Brackin expressed his regret at having to make the move, and thanked his many friends who had assisted him in his work. He made special mention of his staff of teachers, who were under his charge, and hoped that their future lives would be marked with the brightness, happiness, and success which they certainly deserved.

After the reading of the resignation Mr. Brackin addressed the meeting. He said—

"I understand that certain unpleasant remarks have been made about the manner in which my resignation has been tendered, and, as I wish to have my resignation accepted, I will explain the remarks so that they will not interfere with the acceptance."

"It has been said by some of the members of the Board, that I knew that I was going to leave the service some time ago, and that I delayed for a certain purpose. Now, gentlemen, I want to make that right. I have always been treated fairly by the board and in my turn have tried to act straightforwardly. This is the first time I have appeared before you in any way for the last 23 years."

"The Monday after school closed I went to Detroit, and in Windsor I met a gentleman from an eastern firm. His name was quite accidental. He has been at me to accept a position with his firm for the past seven or eight years. In the course of our conversation he renewed his old offer. I did not accept them, and told him if he wanted me he would have to come up higher in the matter of salary. He went home and I did also, and nothing further was done."

"In the meantime, Mr. Stephenson, of The Planet, wrote to this firm in the matter of advertising and received the reply that they had no agent here. He advised them to appoint an agent and they replied that they were after a man for Chatham, they also asked Mr. Stephenson what he knew about a man named Brackin (myself)."

"He is his turn told them what he knew of me. I received a telegram on the 22nd of August from the man I met in Windsor, asking if I could meet him the next day. I went to Woodstock on the 23rd and came back on the 25th. I then tried to find Mr. Campbell to tell him how matters stood, and find out if the Board were willing to release me. He had gone to Detroit. So on the 27th of Aug. I spoke to Dr. McKeeough about it."

"So you see I did all in my power to let the Board know as soon as possible that I intended to resign."

"It has been said that I held back my resignation in order that my first assistant might receive the appointment. If I had wanted to do this I would have done so as generally done in cases of this kind—I would have come to the Board and asked for a four months' leave of absence on account of poor health. This, no doubt, would have been granted, and the question would have arisen as to who would relieve me. My first assistant would naturally take my place for three or four months. At the end of that time I would say that I was not able to resume my duties. The first assistant in the meantime, would have given complete satisfaction, and would not doubt, be appointed to the position. So you see if this were what I was working for, I would not have resigned as I have done."

Mr. Heyward—I am one of the trustees who have said that the resignation was not put in in the proper manner. For the simple reason that you told me some time ago in my office that you had been offered the position, I said on the street that your resignation should have been in long ago. You said you were offered a position at \$1,200 a year—

Mr. Brackin—I did not tell you that. Mr. Heyward—You told me that in my office.

Mr. Brackin—No, I did not.

Mr. Heyward, resuming his seat—Then I have no more to say.

Mr. Brackin—What about that bet of the hat? That's another thing I would like to hear about.

Mr. Heyward—Yes, about the bet for the hat. When you came into my

office and told me about the position offered to you, you said you would resign if your salary was not made equal to that of Mr. Plewes.

Mr. Brackin—Yes.

Mr. Heyward—You told me you had been offered a position at \$1,200 a year, and you thought you would take it, and I say now, as I said on the street, that you should have handed in your resignation six weeks ago, and you should not have left the Board in the lurch, as you have done.

I think Miss Abram is one of the brightest teachers in the Province, but I did say against her personally, but I had before the Board that Mr. Brackin did say in my office in June or July that he had been offered this position.

Mr. Brackin—I could not help them offering me the position, and I could not resign until I had decided to accept another position.

Mr. Heyward—Your resignation ought to have been in six weeks ago. You should have stuck to the Board as they have by you. I have been proud of your work—every one has been proud of it, but I am not proud the way you have resigned. It was not done in the right way.

Mr. Brackin—I did not decide to take this position until the time I have told you of.

Mr. Heyward—You said you had an offer of \$1,200 a year.

Mr. Brackin—I did not say it. You got that from the street.

Mr. Heyward—Well, gentlemen, I did not manufacture it.

Mr. Brackin—You will see by Mr. Stephenson's letter that all correspondence stopped on August 9.

Mr. Heyward—It was before that that you told me.

Mr. Brackin—Gentlemen, I got my resignation before you as soon as possible. I could not resign without prospects of receiving another position. Mr. Heyward would not do this himself.

Under the head of new business, Mr. McKeeough moved that the resignation of Mr. Brackin be accepted, expressing regret that he found it necessary to resign. Mr. Paxton seconded the motion.

Mr. Heyward, however, thought that a successor should be appointed before Mr. Brackin's resignation was accepted, as it would leave McKeeough school without a head if Mr. Brackin were released at once.

Mr. McKeeough then added to his motion that Mr. Brackin be released as soon as some one was found to take his place.

Dr. McKeeough—He has the privilege of withdrawing at the end of a month.

Mr. Heyward—Can we get a successor in that time?

Mr. Morley—I regret Mr. Brackin's resignation, but I am not in favor of holding him too long, as he wants to get away.

Mr. McKeeough's motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. McKeeough then moved that Miss Abram be appointed to the position till the end of the year at \$750 per annum.

Dr. McKeeough—Of course that will mean a general proposition, each room receiving the salaries they receive now.

Mr. Paxton seconded the motion.

Mr. Cornish—I have nothing to say in reference to Miss Abram, but \$750 is too much to pay for any lady teacher. The finances of the city will not allow it. I am not in favor of a lady principal and would move that P. B. Fetterly be appointed to the position at a salary of \$800 per year. He spoke very highly of Mr. Plewes. He was not advocating Mr. Fetterly's claims, but thought if the Board engaged him they could easily dismiss him if he did not prove satisfactory.

Dr. McKeeough was in favor of Miss Abram and spoke very highly of her, both as a teacher and a lady. He thought she would prove a hot competitor to Mr. Plewes. Then, too, all of the residents of North Chatham were in favor of Miss Abram. If she proves incapable she would be the first to know it herself and would resign before the Board would dismiss her.

Mr. Park, inspector of the city schools, then addressed the meeting. He said—

"Some of us have the idea in our head that a woman cannot do as much as a man. My experience with teachers is altogether different. If I were comparing Miss Abram to Mr. Fetterly I would have to say the same thing about both. Miss Abram will do just as good work in McKeeough school as any man."

Mr. Robertson felt like engaging a man for the position, as also did Dr. Bray.

Mr. Morley at this point seconded Mr. Cornish's amendment to engage Mr. Fetterly.

Mr. Benson expressed himself in favor of securing the services of a gentleman principal.

Mr. Paxton was in favor of engag-

ing Miss Abram. He believed in promotion where possible.

Mr. Benson moved an amendment to the amendment, that Miss Abram be appointed until the end of the year at a salary of \$750 per year, and that the Board advertise for a principal to be engaged when Miss Abram's term expires. In the meantime the Board will be in a position to see how Miss Abram manages the principalship. This was seconded by Mr. Robertson.

Mr. McKeeough then withdrew his motion and Mr. Benson's motion to appoint Miss Abram carried.

Yeas—McCorvie, Paxton, Benson, Robertson and McKeeough.

Nays—Heyward, Cornish, Morley and Bray.

The Board will advertise at once for applicants.

A communication was read from J. W. Plewes, thanking the Board for the raise in salary given him. It was received.

The matter of an advance of \$50 to J. L. Wilson & Son on the plans for the McKeeough school additions, was referred to the managers of the school with power.

It was decided, on motion of Mr. Cornish, that the children of both schools be allowed to see the laying Continued on Page 4.

which the barrister made a base-line for home threw into the shadow all his records while playing centre field for the Aldermanic aggregation of baseballers. The bees caught Mr. Lewis and one stung him on the ear. At first Mr. Lewis was real mad at the way the rest laughed. Sam Perrin smiled so much that he fell off a bench and made such an impression on the earth's surface that his friends are now able to say he has made his mark in the world. N. B. Stevens was kept busy sewing on buttons for an hour after dark. George Stephens had to be slapped on the back to ward off hysterics. William Gordon was actually heard to laugh out loud. George Taylor smiled so broadly that the people up at the Joy Club thought it was an earthquake. W. E. Risley calmly and suggested that Mr. Lewis find some other place than a bees' nest to nail up targets to. A. C. McKay smiled a Scotch smile—about three fingers—and remarked that if Mr. Lewis would train down a little, he might be able to outfoot the bees in future.

When Ald. Taylor offered to buy the hides of all the bees that O. L. Lewis would capture, that gentleman saw the humor of the situation—he actually saw the joke, and is laughing yet.

BUMBLE BEES BOTHER BUNCH

Gathering of Staid Chatham Citizens go Through Numerous Antics.

Ald. Taylor and Barrister Lewis Had the Most Fun, Barring the Bees.

Bees haven't anything particular to do with a holiday generally, but they had a lot to do with the outing of the party who spent Labor Day at St. Luke's Club. William Gordon, George Stephens and some more spent the holiday at the club. They went fishing in the morning and, even knowing their number, A. C. McKay volunteered to see that all should bring home fish, and he then caught fish enough so that all could show a good string. He even went further, and gave an example as to how fish stories are made, by catching one fish on two hooks. On his line were two hooks, each baited and placed about two feet apart. A half-pound perch came along and got hooked on both baits.

After dinner Mr. McKay nailed a target to the ice-house and shot at it to see what kind of a pattern his gun would make. This was about the time that the Bumble Bees helped to make the outing interesting for the members of St. Luke's Club. The bees had their home in the sawdust in the ice-house just behind where the target was nailed. Mr. McKay didn't know this. At least he doesn't admit that he did.

Eli Charron, the keeper, wanted his gun tried, so he handed it to Mr. McKay and went down to nail up a target. The bees were pretty well worked up by this time and some were holding a vigilance meeting on the outside. Eli, by moving quickly, got the target up.

Joe Toulouse, another punter, was the next to desire to have his gun tested. The bees were mad by this time and Joe didn't get the target up at all. He came back to say, however, "Gee, those bees are hot."

Ald. George Taylor had watched the bees make the Frenchman run. There is nothing that the star twister of the Aldermanic baseball team likes better than to go up against real opposition. He had never seen the bees that he was afraid of, so he took a target and walked down to nail it up on the wall behind which was concealed the home of the honey makers. The bees had got tired of holding indignation meetings by this time and had gone in to see if their home was all right. They heard Ald. Taylor tacking up the target and came out to see what he was doing. They came fast and many.

Ald. Taylor wasn't afraid of them, however, and chased the bees all over the lot. It wasn't Ald. Taylor's fault that he ran. He had to keep up with the bees. They were really trying to get away, but Ald. Taylor wouldn't let them. He boldly pursued them all over the grounds, to the general amusement. In his great anxiety to successfully chase those bees, the worthy alderman took off his hat and as he wildly struck at the maddened insects he captured one alive in his hat—quite intentionally, of course—for Ald. Taylor wanted to show that he could capture those bees alive, and, anyway, a live Bumble Bee is worth any number of dead ones. The baseball pitcher forgot all about the "live bee" in his bonnet and put his hat on his head. The motion of the hand that took that hat off was the quickest on record, and Ald. Taylor came up from the last round with the bees smiling heavily.

By this time the bees were real annoyed at the way Ald. Taylor had chased them, and this explains what happened to Lewis.

He had been in the club house taking a nap—yes, it was a nap, not a nap—and he came out at this juncture. He knew nothing about the bees or how Ald. Taylor had made them mad. When he learned about the bees being tested he wanted his tried, too; so he good-naturedly and innocently walked down to tuck up the target. The bees met him half-way, and the manner in

JUDGMENT GIVEN

In the court of appeal for Ontario before Pridaue Wigle, plaintiff, and the corporation of the township of Gosfield South and Gosfield North, defendants.

This, with seven other cases against the same defendants, by different plaintiffs, whose lands adjoin the Wigle Creek in the township of Gosfield South, county of Essex, was tried by the former drainage referee, who gave his decision in favor of plaintiffs against Gosfield North. This was an appeal from this decision in the court of appeal, where the defendants may take proper steps to prevent further injury.

The solicitors in the case were J. P. Mabee, K. C., and W. A. Smith for plaintiffs; Matthew Wilson, K. C., and H. Clarke, K. C., for Gosfield South, D. Rogers Davis for Gosfield North.

The case was referred back to the present referee, J. B. Rankin, K. C., to inspect, to take further evidence, if desired, and report to the court of appeal. The inspection took place on the 15th day of October, last, and the trial began at Sandwich on the 31st October, and continued on the 1st and 2nd of Nov. last, and the 14th and 15th days of February, 1902. Judgment was reserved in order to obtain a copy of the new evidence given, from the court reporter. The present referee had about 1000 pages of evidence to read and consider, together with about 100 exhibits, and he has now given his decision in favor of the plaintiffs, and has further granted the plaintiffs an injunction to restrain the defendants from sending down the waters and sediments to further injure their lands. The injunction is not to issue for six months, in order that the defendants may take proper steps to prevent further injury.

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