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FRIDAY

AUGUST 1st.

EMANCIPATION DAY.

WATFORD'S Civic holiday, Aug. 12th.

A FEW nobby coats left.—SWIFT'S.

The crop killers have definitely retired for the season. Good bye.

PEACHES, pears and plums for eating at Lovell's Friday and Saturday.

A GIRL likes to have a young man on the string, but a young widow prefers having a string on the man.

Two big local events this month—the band excursion to Detroit on the 12th and the races on the 15th.

BALANCE of Straw Hats at one-third off.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE attendance at the local churches last Sunday evening was small, on account of the heat and threatened storm.

FIFTEEN members of Hawlock Lodge, A. F. & A. M., attended the funeral of the late George M. Everest at Arkona on Sunday last.

CORN on the cob will soon be heard; Then see the boys grin From ear to ear.

THE carrying of the daily mail on the route from Watford northeast has been awarded to Mr. T. H. Willoughby. The route will be served as soon as the boxes have been placed.

New goods for early fall.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

THE Elgin Sun will next month publish a list of all subscribers owing them for two or more years subscription. If you lived in that locality would your name appear in the list?

THE label on your paper will tell how your subscription stands. If in arrears, please pay up. There are some subscribers more than a year behind, a few several years. We shall be pleased to hear from them.

HENRY BAIRD, of Edmonton writes that he has met many former residents of Lambton in the West and that they all appear to be doing well, and while boosting for Edmonton do not forget their old home.

BALANCE of Wash Dresses at your own price.—A. BROWN & CO.

REV. J. C. FORSTER, of Watford, preached the sermon at the induction of Rev. M. Eason into the charges of St. Andrew's, Napier, and Chalmers' Brookes, last week. Rev. Mr. Byers, Maudsain, addressed the people.

WORK on the Armory is progressing rapidly. The cement work is completed and the brick work is well under way. The masons on the job appear to be expert workmen and are doing excellent work. The building inspector, Mr. Ben Craig, is on the job all the time seeing that everything is done according to specifications.

THAT section of the county to the west and north of Watford was visited by a terrific wind and rain storm accompanied by lightning between seven and nine o'clock Sunday evening. Some of the damage done was the destruction of two barns near Hillsboro and one on the 15th sideroad, Warwick, which with their contents were consumed by fire.

Two piece suits at cost.—SWIFT'S.

THE very fact that some people own property in a town has a tendency to hold the place back. A clean place, no matter how humble, will look good alongside the largest mansion or castle, and all of us should try to keep our little plot clean and neat. At the present time some of the vacant lots in town look very untidy and are a disgrace to the owners.

MRS. MARY LETT, relict of the late John Lett, passed away at her home on Rachel street on Monday morning, in her 86th year. Mrs. Lett enjoyed fair health, considering her age, until about a year ago, since then she has failed gradually, and for the past three weeks was confined to her bed. Her husband predeceased her about four years ago and she leaves no family. The funeral took place to Mt. Carmel cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

IF you are a kicker and see the shadows of failure in everything that is proposed to help the town, for heaven's sake go into some secluded canyon and kick your own shadow on the clay bank, and give the men who are working to build up the town a chance. One long-faced, hollow-eyed, whining, gaping, chronic kicker can do more to keep away business and capital from a town than all the drouths, short crops, cinch bugs, cyclones and blizzards combined.

LET the school boys kick up their heels and have oceans of sport, now that vacation is here. Now is their time for sport. However, parents should see that it is innocent sport, and there are hours enough when there is light. The gatherings about the streets after dark are not calculated to improve their morals and should not be permitted. The future of our Watford boys can be made much safer if every father in town will at once form himself into a committee of one to enforce the rule: "Hike for home at dusk."

A TOWN is as clean as its people.

THE new sweater coats.—A. BROWN & CO.

MANY a man with a weak intellect is headstrong.

A DOG is a dog. A cur is a man who retails gossip about a woman.

MCINTYRE & SIMMONS shipped two car loads of cattle from here last Thursday.

WITH a man, buying a new hat is an incident. With a woman, buying a new hat is an event.

HAND in the names of your visitors, or intimate to us in some way that you have friends visiting you.

VISIT the rummage sale tables.—SWIFT'S.

THE Daughters of the Empire will meet at Mrs. E. D. Swift's Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

"I SEE that some of the girls are wearing monocles." "Yes, I'm glad that they still seem to think they ought to wear something."

OF all life's disappointments The very worst is when You purchase stock at forty-five And see it drop to ten.

A NUMBER of school reports and other important items unavoidably crowded out of this issue to make room for the report of the corner stone laying.

A SHANGHAI PAPER says:—There is a beautiful custom in Japan, whereby the wife, during the hot weather, sits up all night, fanning her husband. All aboard for Shanghai.

MR. JOSEPH P. McCORMICK, Warwick, and Miss Bertha Johnston were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, Inwood, on Tuesday last.

WORD was received Monday that Albert Bell, a young man in his 22nd year who went to the Northwest last spring with Jos. P. McCormick, died of typhoid fever after a two weeks' illness in the hospital at Medicine Hat.

A MAN is known by the company he keeps;

A good town is known by its well-sprinkled streets.

PAY your account. We need the money.—SWIFT, SONS & CO.

ANOTHER town that is sitting up nights considering finances is Welland. The assessment there was raised 50 per cent., and yet a 25-mills-on-dollar rate had to be levied. Even with this there will be large overdrafts.

THE prospects for a bountiful yield of honey are very promising. White clover, owing to the frequent rains, has never been known to be more plentiful, and every pasture field is white with the sweet-scented blossoms.

A MAN out in Alberta was soundly thrashed by his wife last week for not paying his newspaper subscription after she had given him the cash to do it. May her crown be trimmed to order and her harp have an extra string.

In the Canadian Militia Regulations for May the following local appointments are gazetted:—27th Regt., St. Clair Borderers. To be provisional lieutenants, Clarence W. Browne, gentleman; and Bury C. Binks, gentleman.

A BULLETIN issued by the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa shows that of 158 samples of turpentine collected from druggists in all parts of Ontario, over 50 were adulterated with petroleum and some others with other substances.

PERHAPS you will not believe it, but they say that one of our town girls recently sent the usual 25 cents to find out how to whiten hands and in a few days the following answer came: "Soak them in dishwater." Her mother was tickled almost to death.

WHEN did you write that last letter home or to the old friend? You said you would do better, you know, but are you keeping up to this promise? If you won't write regularly, a copy of the Guide-Advocate sent to the absent one would supply the local and district news and be a reminder of the sender 52 times in a year. You send one dollar and the post office address and we will do the rest.

REPLYING to a communication from the National Sanitarium Association, re Christmas stamps, Hon. Mr. Pelletier, Postmaster-General, says that while the rule against the use of Christmas stamps on the face of letters or packages must be adhered to, no objection will be made to them affixed on the back. The postmaster-General, in giving the decision of his Department, added a warning that letters or other mail matter bearing these stamps on the face will be returned to the senders as violating the postal regulations.

PUBLIC SCHOOL pupils of a few decades ago would hardly recognize the map of Ontario which appears in the new Public school geography now being issued for the province. A new feature is the big "District of Patricia," bordering on Hudson Bay. The five-mile strip along which the 1. and N. O. is to run will be outlined, although the exact location cannot be traced with unerring fidelity. Geographies published hitherto have given Northern Ontario the centre of the stage, or page, with the Northern domain a sort of corner adjunct. But now, while the old Province is not neglected, the newer land is receiving somewhat more favorable notice than in the past. Fifty thousand copies of the book will be ready for the school reopening in September.

THE ARMORY CORNER STONE

Well and Truly Laid by Hon. Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia

A Large Gathering of Enthusiastic Citizens Witness the Ceremony

Wednesday, July 30th, will long be remembered by the people of Watford. It was a bright day when a very large crowd witnessed the laying of the corner stone of the new Armory and Drill Hall. Although the above date had been selected a week or so previous for the ceremony, it was not known until Saturday afternoon last whether the Minister of Militia could be present on the date, consequently nothing was done towards making arrangements for the ceremony.

On Monday morning a hurriedly called meeting of the citizens was held in the Council Chamber and energetic committees formed to carry out a demonstration on the occasion, and through the shortness of the time at their disposal they were kept very busy.

Early Wednesday morning the business men commenced decorating, and the work was done so well that the town looked very attractive. Flags of all shapes and sizes, bunting and banners made Main street look more attractive than it has been since the Old Boys' Reunion. The decorating committee strung four large banners across the street bearing the words "Welcome," "Remember Hughes and Halifax," "A Greater Canada," and "Hughes, the Soldier-Statesman."

At 12.30 the Hon. Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, arrived, and immediately proceeded to inspect the guard of honor lined up in the station yard. The guard of honor was composed of F and C Companies of the 27th Regt., and the local company of the 1st Hussars, twenty strong. The Minister was accompanied by Colonel Hodgins, D. O. C., and Mr. John Farrell. Mr. Jos. E. Armstrong, M. P. for the riding, and others from a distance having previously arrived, the reception committee escorted the guests to carriages in waiting, and a procession was formed, the guard of honor and the Watford Concert Band, in Military uniform, accompanying the carriages containing the principal guests. Arriving at the Lyceum a dainty luncheon, excellently served by the Daughters of the Empire, was partaken of, followed by an informal reception.

At 4.15 the parade formed and the distinguished visitors were escorted to the armories, where the exercises were to take place.

Briefly, Reeve Stapleford welcomed the visitors, and then read the following address:

Colonel Sam. Hughes, Minister of Militia

"On behalf of the citizens of Watford we extend to you a most cordial welcome to our town, and request that you lay the corner stone of the armory and drill hall, now in course of construction, and which, when completed, we feel sure will be a great convenience to our local militia and an incentive to our young men to properly fit themselves for the defense of their country, should occasion require. While 100 years have elapsed since a foreign foe has attempted to lay foot on Canadian soil, we realize that being prepared to meet an enemy is the surest guarantee of peace.

"We also wish to assure you of our appreciation of the keen interest you have always taken in the militia of our country, and trust that you may long be spared to give it your counsel.

"Signed on behalf of the municipality, Sanford Stapleford, Reeve.

Hon. Sam. Hughes gave a great reception on arising. He thanked the residents of Watford and vicinity for their cordial welcome. Little Blanche Stapleford, daughter of the reeve, presented him with a bouquet.

"You know, I have not had a bit of rest until I promised Mr. Jos. E. Armstrong, your valued member, that I would build an armory and drill hall in Watford," he declared. I do not mind confiding to you that he led me an awful little until I did promise, and you see to-day the results of his efforts. When he invited me to come to Watford and lay the corner stone, I could not refuse.

Col. Hughes gave a most interesting talk on the aims of the department. "We also wish to inculcate into the boys and young men the love of order and discipline. Lads who roamed the streets at night, untrained and undisciplined, would not become good citizens, and it was for the purpose of bringing these under the control of commanding officers, to teach them the respect of authority and inculcate in them the love of country and of empire that drill halls were being established throughout the Dominion. Military training made for good citizenship, and that made for an orderly, prosperous and happy country. Discipline, not repression, stability and usefulness, not illness and waywardness, were the aims of the department, and the results during the past two years had shown that such a policy was in the best interests of the Dominion.

The youth who went to the annual training camps was not the only care of the militia department. The cadet camps were near to his heart.

"We want to give the boys a chance," he declared. "These halls are to be their home and here they will find training in all that makes a man. We will teach them shooting, military drill, and physical training and the boys will come out better men and better citizens."

Colonel Hughes spoke of his efforts to stamp out the drink traffic at camps and in armories.

"The man who would suggest that cantenens should be established in high schools or public schools would be taken to an insane asylum," he declared. Why should drink be put in the way of boys and men in military camps? There is no difference whatever.

"The military camps during the past two years had shown what had been done along these lines. The soldiers came home sober and decent, when in the past they had disgraced themselves and the uniform they wore. The ministers of the country had come to see that military riding, not only on the part of the country and they were loud in the praise of the efforts of the department.

Here Colonel Hughes presented Reg. P. Brown, of Watford, with the Royal Humane Society Medal, for rescuing Frank Littleproud from drowning at Hillsboro Lake Huron, last year.

"I am proud to present this medal, and am more than proud that you wear the King's uniform," declared Colonel Hughes.

Reeve Stapleford then briefly addressed the gathering. He was pleased to welcome so large a gathering, and he was more than delighted to welcome the Minister of Militia.

"Colonel Hughes has done much for us," he declared. "We appreciate his services, and the interest our member, Mr. Joseph Armstrong, has taken in the riding, not only on this occasion, but at all times."

Mr. Armstrong spoke briefly. He eulogized Colonel Hughes for the great work he had accomplished in bringing the militia of the country to a higher plane. He had banished liquor from the camps, he had made the department a telling force in Canadian life. He urged a more patriotic outlook on the future of Canada. It was time that this country came to the aid of the motherland, by gifts of ships and inculcate here a more sympathetic love for the homeland.

"I say shame on the man who says that Great Britain has done nothing for us," he declared. "We owe much to the empire, and let us stand by her loyalty and manfully."

Dr. C. O. Fairbank, and Reeve Stirtret, of Petrolia, spoke briefly, as did Mr. John Farrell.

"Colonel Hughes is on the right track," said Mr. R. J. McCormick, M.P.P. "If he will keep liquor away from the camps, he will do a great deal of good, not only to the boys, but to the country."

Colonel Hodgins spoke on the work of the militia from a practical standpoint, and urged upon the citizens to stand loyally behind the officers, in order to make the various companies strong and useful.

The distinguished visitors were escorted to the G.T.R. train by the band and a guard of honor.

STRAW SHOTS

Reeve Stapleford was the happiest man in the bunch.

Several veterans were present wearing their medals.

The ladies say that Hon. Col. Sam is a great jollier.

Mayor Pollard and Reeve Stirtret were here to represent the Petrolia council.

The day was the hottest of the season, 92 in the shade at the London Observatory.

A few more gatherings like this one would help to keep Watford prominently on the map.

A number from nearby towns were here, also representatives from all parts of the county.

The band looked fine in military uniform and rendered a plentiful supply of excellent music.

If the boys follow the advice given by the speakers they are not likely to go wrong in after life.

The Minister promised that a good supply of water would be secured for the building, with public watering trough, etc.

Great credit is due the Daughters of the Empire for the excellent manner in which they served the tasty luncheon at such short notice.

The Hon. Sam. was highly delighted with his visit to Watford. He had no idea that it was such a smart and pretty place.

Little Blanche Stapleford was selected by the committee to present a handsome bouquet to the Minister of Militia and received the customary kiss in return.

The presenting of the Humane Society's medal by Hon. Col. Hughes to Reginald Brown for saving the life of a young lad at Hillsboro was a pleasing incident in the proceedings.

The Civic address to the Minister of Militia, a copy of the Echo the Daughters of the Empire paper, and the current issue of the Guide-Advocate were placed in the corner stone.

Capt. Kelly received letters from John Cowan, K.C., P. F. Partee, M.P., Col. C. S. Ellis, Col. Towers, and telegrams from Hon. W. J. Hanna and Hon. L. B. Lucas, regretting their inability to attend.

The military who took part are under obligations to Major Abell of the 1st Hussars for the deep interest taken and kindly advice given. The Major is a soldier from the feet up—all the time.

The Daughters of the Empire are supposed to be a patriotic organization,

yet it is reported that some of the ladies stripped the uniforms off some of the King's soldiers while in the banquet hall.

Where all did well it would be unfair to particularize. Soldiers, officers, bandmen, and all who took part did all in their power to make the day's proceedings a success and considered it an honor to do so.

On account of the hurried manner in which all arrangements were made the names of several who should have received invitations to the luncheon were overlooked, which the committee much regret.

Citizens' Meeting re Armory

A meeting of citizens was called on Monday morning to make arrangements for the laying of the corner stone of the new armory. Dr. Kelly was called to the chair and R. H. Stapleford filled the office of Secretary. Representatives of the Daughters of the Empire were present and undertook on behalf of the Order to attend to all matters relating to the luncheon served to the distinguished visitors. The following committees were named to complete all other arrangements:—

Finance Committee—E. D. Swift, R. A. Brown, J. W. McLaren.

Decorating Committee—J. H. Mitchell, Wm. Harper, J. W. McLaren, G. N. Howden, Sam. Rivers, Dr. Brandon.

Auto Committee—J. H. Mitchell, F. Rogers, R. Prentiss, F. Taylor, R. Auld.

Reception Committee—Reeve Stapleford, Col. Kenward, Capt. R. G. Kelly, E. A. Brown, Thos. Harris, T. B. Taylor, A. G. Brown, Dr. Newell, E. D. Swift, R. C. McLeay, C. Howden, W. J. Howden, Dr. McGillicuddy, W. E. Fitzgerald.

RACE MEET AT WATFORD

Cash Prizes of \$650 Offered.

Arrangements have been completed by the Watford Driving Association to hold races at the Driving Park, Watford, on Friday, August 15th, when three speeding events will be pulled off as follows:—

1.—Free for all, trot or pace, mile heats, best 3 in 5. Purse \$250.00.

2.—2.25 trot or pace, mile heats, best 3 in 5.—Purse \$200.00.

3.—2.50 trot or pace, mile heats, best 3 in 5. Purse \$200.00.

As the day selected for the race meet is between those of Alvinston and Forest, it is expected that some good horses will take part. The money offered will be divided 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. of the purse. Horses eligible Aug. 6th, 1913. Arrangements have been made for reduced rates on the G. T. R.

J. A. McGillicuddy, V.S., is President and T. A. Brandon, M.D., Secretary, which is a sufficient guarantee that the meet will be a success, as nothing will be left undone that will promote the best interests of the meet.

It is now over twenty years since Watford had a day's sport of this kind, and if it proves successful will be made an annual event.

Remember the date and make a point of coming to town to see the ponies.

BROOKE

Service at Walnut Methodist church Sunday evening at 7.30.

Quarterly meeting on Sunday, Aug. 3rd, at Salem, at 10.30 a. m.

Gordon Patterson and Russel Woods left on Tuesday for Perdie, Sask.

Service will be held in St. James' church, Brooke, on Sunday next at 10.30.

Misses Florence A. Lucas and Violet J. Higgins, of Detroit, are spending their vacation with their parents.

Everybody is ready for the big social at Salem, August 15th, at Mr. Gilbert Woods. Full particulars next week.

Miss Hazel Moore, Watford, has obtained her diploma at the St. Thomas Business College and has accepted a position as stenographer and book-keeper with J. T. Blashill, Alvinston.

The Brooke Municipal Telephone Co. would consider it a favor if subscribers when in Watford would drop into the Sterling Bank and pay their accounts. The bank has a statement of all accounts due. j18-4t

AUGUST bargains.—SWIFT'S.

The Finance Committee request all bills in connection with the laying of the corner stone of the armory in sby Friday night at the meeting in the Council Chamber at 8 o'clock.

Up to the present time no fewer than 2,700 experienced farm hands have been brought into Ontario this summer. Fully as many experienced men have also arrived.

Mr. W. G. Fraser, manager of the Bell Telephone Company, Petrolia, has been given his certificate of membership to the Telephone pioneers of America. Every member of this society must be in the service at least twenty-one years before his certificate is granted. Mr. Fraser has served thirty years with the Bell Company as manager in Petrolia.

A Lincoln county farmer has been \$5.00 and costs by the police magistrate of St. Catharines for driving on the wrong side of the street and thus injuring a boy who was riding a bicycle. After this that particular farmer will probably observe the rules of the road. All others should take warning.

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