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Petition for New Postoffice

Perth Citizens Sign Petition Asking for New Much-Needed Postoffice.

George E. Armstrong, one of Perth's public spirited citizens, has devoted much time recently in having the majority of the voters of Perth sign a petition for a building to house a post-office, much needed, the present location and facilities being entirely inadequate to the population served and the amount of mail handled. Mr. Armstrong instigated the petition and had C. H. Elliott, attorney, prepare it. The petition will be sent to B. F. Smith, of East Florenceville, Federal member for Victoria and Carleton counties, who will present it to the Postmaster-General. The petition is as follows:

TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL AND THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS OF CANADA:

The petition of the undersigned and voters of the Village of Perth in the County of Victoria in the Province of New Brunswick

HUMBLY SHEWETH

1. That the said village of Perth is situate on the Saint John river at the junction of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the line from Perth to Plaster Rock on the Tobique river, and is the business centre for a large section of the said County of Victoria.

2. That the Postoffice in said Village of Perth consists of one small room. One entrance serves the postal clerks, the mail carriers and the public. A partition divides the room. This partition was formerly about the middle of the room but with the increase of mail the staff required more room and the partition has been moved toward the door so that the floor space available to the public is very small and the inconvenience is at times very great.

3. The above state of affairs has for some time caused much dissatisfaction and should be remedied.

Your petitioners therefore urgently request that a suitable postoffice building be erected at Perth.

Birthday Is Observed

Friends Gather at the Home of Wm. Reed, St. Almo.

On the evening of the fourteenth of January a very pleasant time was spent at the home of William Reed, St. Almo. Mr. Reed celebrated his ninetyeth birthday that day, the occasion being marked by his numerous friends and neighbours gathering at his house and giving him a real hearty "Surprise Party."

Numerous sleds, full of happy people met at Frank Reed's and drove in procession to William Reed's house, where they overwhelmed him with good wishes. A delightful evening was spent, each vieing with the other in making the party a success. Games were indulged in, solos and duets were sung by Mrs. Goucher, Mrs. Turner, Victor Jensen and H. B. Young, while well-known songs and choruses were sung by the company.

The "Highland Fling" and "Sword Dance" were gracefully danced by Margaret Young, while Mr. Young played a number of reels and strathspeys on his violin. Mrs. H. B. Young presided at the piano.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cakes, ice cream and tea were served by a number of the ladies; and, as a climax, a very beautiful birthday cake adorned with 90 candles, was set out in the middle of the room. The cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Mertyn Margison, as her birthday gift to Mr. Reed.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne," followed by "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Prince Edward Island is sending a representative to England, accompanying Hon. Lewis Smith, to aid in attempting removal of the British embargo on our potatoes.

LORNA SHIRLEY WISHART

The death of Lorna Shirley Wishart, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wishart, of Plaster Rock, occurred at Woodstock January 10 at the age of three years, after a brief illness. The body was taken to Tabusintac for burial. At Plaster Rock, a short service was conducted by Rev. L. A. Knox, pastor of the United Church. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

MRS. MANZER HOWARD

Mrs. Laura Howard, wife of Manzer Howard, of Everett, died very suddenly on Saturday, January 9, at the age of 40 years.

Besides her husband she is survived by eight children, Herman, Wilda, Bertram, Greta, Ronald, Clare, Glenn and Jacqueline; also her father, Fred Watters, of Everett, and one sister, Mrs. Fred Blue, of Oxbow, and four brothers, George Watters, of Everett; Clyde Watters, of Fredericton; Bert Watters, of Hartland, and Herman Watters, of Perth.

The funeral was held on the next day, Sunday, at Riley Brook, conducted by Rev. L. A. Knox, of Plaster Rock, with service in the Presbyterian church.

A choir consisting of Mrs. M. B. Hayden, Mrs. Charles B. B. James Ferguson, Miss M. Olive Richards, Miss Olive Richards, George Baxter, rendered the hymns. The pallbearers were Bert Watters, Herman Watters, Fred B. Claude Clyde.

Interment was at Riley Brook. Mrs. Howard was a well-beloved woman and will be missed by a host of friends throughout the countryside.

HARRY LEWIS SIMPSON

Harry Lewis Simpson, aged 72, died Sunday, January 3, at his home in Bremerton, Wash., after a lingering illness.

Mr. Simpson is a brother of George W. Simpson, of East Berkley Avenue at Stafford street. He was a native of New Brunswick, and was a son of the late Samuel and Mrs. Mary Carroll Simpson. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Viney Simpson; two daughters, Mrs. Claude Yates, of Bremerton, and Mrs. Clara J. Brown, of Detroit; one brother, George W., of Norfolk, Va., and three sisters, Mrs. A. J. Stimpson, of Portsmouth; Mrs. W. B. Gillistie, New York and Mrs. H. W. Cobb, Norfolk.

He was a member of Atlantic Lodge, A.F. & A.M. Burial was in Bremerton.

Mr. Simpson had many friends in Grand Falls and vicinity.

L. A. PARENT

The death of Laurent A. Parent, of St. Leonard, occurred at his home there on Sunday night after a serious illness of about 10 days.

Mr. Parent was the fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lezime Parent, of Grand Falls. He was 69 years of age and had lived in Grand Falls until 1916, when he moved to St. Leonard.

Mr. Parent was in business in Grand Falls for over 15 years and was well known and very popular. On moving to St. Leonard, he was connected with the late Charles Cyr for a number of years. The past few years he owned and rented sporting camps at Baker Lake. He was also well known in sporting circles of Victoria, Carleton, Madakaska counties and bordering Maine towns. He was a keen sportsman and usually owned one or more race horses.

Mr. Parent is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Marie Bourgoin, of St. Leonard, to whom he was married over forty years ago. Several children were born but died in infancy. A foster-daughter, Mrs. T. Hebert, of Edmundston, survives; also three brothers, B. A., of Grand Falls; T. D., of Fort Fairfield, and Paul, of St. John; also four sisters, Mrs. James Carroll and Mrs. Thomas Mockler, of Grand Falls; Mrs. Adrew Berube, of New York, and Mrs. Henry Violette, of Westbrook, Maine.

The funeral will be held at St. Anthony's church, St. Leonard, on Wednesday morning.

County Council In Session

Victoria County Council Now in Annual January Session at Andover.

The annual session of the Victoria County Council opened at Andover on Tuesday. Councillors present are Andreas C. Jensen, Andre J. Cote, parish of Drummond; James A. Hiscock, Arthur Barker, parish of Lorne; H. N. Dickinson, N. J. Dionne, parish of Perth; LeB. Anderson, P. F. Hefferman (new), parish of Andover; William Moran (new), Thomas McCluskey (new), parish of Grand Falls; John W. Campbell, Eldon Graye (new), parish of Gordon; town of Grand Falls, Burton A. Rideout (new), and William F. Estey.

James W. Howlett, secretary-treasurer of the county, acted as chairman during nomination of a warden. Councillor Anderson moved that Andreas C. Jensen be warden. This was seconded by H. N. Dickinson, Jensen being elected by acclamation.

Reporting and printing of the minutes and accounts was the first business discussed and on motion of Councillor J. W. Campbell, seconded by Councillor E. Graye, that the Victoria News be paid \$150 for reporting and printing 500 pamphlets.

Secretary-treasurer of the county, James W. Howlett, reported the minutes of the July session, which were adopted. He then reported on the work of the county during the past year.

It was decided to hold a district medical health officer, addressed the Council, on the Health Act, diphtheria immunization, the campaign against scarlet fever, and activities of the sub-district Board of Health.

Most of the day was occupied in committee session on bills and accounts. H. W. Carpenter, secretary of the Sub-District Board of Health, submitted his report. J. W. Woodson, commissioner of the municipal board, voted to remain a member and pay the fees of the Union of Municipalities and Councillors Nicholas Dionne and Andrew Cote were appointed delegates.

The complete minutes of the Council session will be published within the next two weeks.

WOODSTOCK DEANERY MET AT WOODSTOCK LAST WEEK

The Deanery of Woodstock met at Woodstock from the 12th to the 14th inst. The clergy present were the Revs.: S. C. Gray, F. Bacon, J. McAllden, E. R. McCordick, E. Parkinsin and W. J. Clarke.

Evensong was sung in St. Luke's by Rev. E. R. McCordick, and the sermon preached by Rev. J. McAllden, rector of Andover.

On Wednesday morning at eight o'clock the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rural Dean, Rev. S. C. Gray, followed by a devotional hour conducted by Rev. E. R. McCordick. The business session began at 10 a. m., in the Rectory with the Rural Dean in the chair. Papers were read by the rector of the parish, and discussions followed. The Rural Dean gave a very hearty welcome to Canon Bacon, who has taken over the Parish of Richmond. This meeting being the greater chapter, the election of officers took place with the following results: Rural Dean, Rev. C. S. Gray; secretary-treasurer, Rev. W. J. Clarke; representative to the Board of Missions, Rev. W. J. Clarke.

A special session of prayers for the recovery of Dean Neales and Mrs. Neales followed; and after a vote of thanks to all hosts and hostesses, the meeting adjourned.

The next deanery meeting to be held on the seventh and eighth of June in Edmundston.

Mr. Burkins, who is a native of Albany, is connected with the "Morgan Linen Supply." After a wedding trip the couple will reside in Albany, N.Y.

Await Arrival of Canadians Now on Way to England

CLARK-BARR

Miss Dorothy Ellen Barr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Barr, of Plaster Rock, and Alexander John Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, of Kincardine, were united in marriage by Rev. W. J. Clarke, the ceremony taking place in the Anglican church, Plaster Rock, on Thursday, January 14.

The bride, who was unattended, was attractively attired in white, with white veil.

Miss Erva Ingraham played the wedding march.

The happy and popular young couple will reside at Plaster Rock, where the groom is in the employ of J. Brody.

BURKINS-CRAIG

Announcement has been made by Murray L. Howard, of Riley Brook, N.B., of the marriage of his sister, Mrs. Ethel Caroline Craig, to Harold Hastings Burkins, of Albany, N.Y.

The ceremony took place Saturday, January 9, at Albany with the bride gowned in Spanish tile flat crepe. Her hat and slippers were of corresponding shades.

Mrs. Burkins for several years has been employed in the dining room service at Hotel Vaughan, Caribou, Maine.

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FUNERAL OF MRS.

B. A. PUDDINGTON

The funeral of the late Mrs. Estelle M. Puddington, wife of Dr. B. A. Puddington, was held on Saturday morning from the Church of the Assumption, Grand Falls, with solemn requiem mass, Rev. Father Bernier, parish priest, officiating, assisted by Rev. Father Dugal, St. Michael's church, Drummond, deacon, and Rev. Father Cyr, of St. Anne's church, Quisibis, as sub-deacon.

The church was filled to capacity with relatives and friends gathered to pay their last respects to a beloved friend.

Following the mass the cortege proceeded to the Grand Falls Union cemetery, where interment was made in the family lot. The committal service was conducted by Rev. R. G. Hickman, assisted by Rev. E. Parkinson and Rev. A. D. Archibald.

The pallbearers were William Sadler, A. H. Baird, Andover, G. A. Hallett, O. B. Davis, M. Costigan and S. Simkevitz.

Mrs. Puddington was the only surviving child of the late Charles and Bridget Curless, of Grand Falls. She attended school in Winnipeg, where her parents resided for several years, Hotel Dieu Convent, St. Basil, N.B., and Ville Marie Convent in Quebec. As the daughter of Charles Curless, proprietor of the Curless hotel here, she made friends with people from all over the province and across the border. In 1907 she married Dr. B. A. Puddington, who had come to Grand Falls a few years previous from Saint John to practice medicine. As the wife of Dr. Puddington, her circle of friends widened with the years, until at the time of her death she had friends in many parts of the Dominion and the United States.

Telegrams and letters of condolence were received from friends everywhere. The rooms were banked with floral tributes from relatives and friends, and a great many spiritual bouquets were received.

Besides her husband and son, Jack, she is survived by several aunts and uncles: Miss Mary and Miss Ella McCluskey Robert, William and Charles McCluskey. An uncle, Patrick McCluskey, died about 10 days ago. Mrs. William F. McCluskey, Grand Falls, and Mrs. Jane Fogg, Winnipeg, are aunts.

Two elderly women of Bath were injured by falls on slippery sidewalks recently. A Mrs. Wallace fractured her right arm and Mrs. W. H. Bramley received severe bruises.

Victoria County One of Few To Show Gain in Population

TWO NORTHERN COUNTIES GAINED

Victoria and Madawaska Counties Among Few in New Brunswick Showing Gain in Population—Carleton County Had Loss.

Among the final census figures of population for the province of New Brunswick the following have been issued by the Bureau of Dominion Statistics. The first figure gives the population for 1921 and the second for 1926:

New Brunswick, 408,219, 387,876.

Victoria and Madawaska counties, the two northernmost counties on the Saint John river valley, both showed a gain in population. Carleton county lost in population during the past ten years.

Victoria County 14,907, 12,800—Andover, 1,648; 1,513; Drummond 4,825, 3,674; Gordon 2,447, 2,031; Grand Falls 1,592, 1,586; Lorne 691, 731; Perth 1,854, 1,755; Indian Reserves 264, 183. Towns: Grand Falls 1,556, 1,327.

Carleton County 20,796, 21,100—Aberdeen (including Beaufort Settlement) 1,154, 1,255; Brighton 1,531, 1,770; Kent 2,885, 2,816; Northampton 932, 942; Peel 1,368, 1,414; Richmond 1,445, 1,461; Simonds 693, 622; Wakefield 1,672, 1,614; Wicklow 1,820, 1,689; Wilmot 1,701, 1,716; Woodstock 1,342, 1,480; Indian Reserves 87, 82. Towns: Hartland 907, 879; Woodstock 3,529, 3,380.

Madawaska County 24,527, 20,138—Baker Brook 1,230, (1); Clair 841, 892; Green River 1,220, 1,011; Lake Baker 1,018, 985; Madawaska 1,209, 876; Notre Dame De Loudres 725, (2); St. Andre 2,145, 2,023; St. Anne 1,904, 2,050; St. Basil, 1,604, 1,543; St. Francis 1,323, 1,269; St. Hilaire 506, 1,702; St. Jacques 1,179, 1,625; St. Joseph 904, (3); St. Leonard 2,245, 2,043; Indian Reserves 44, 93.

(1) Formerly part of St. Hilaire.

(2) Formerly part of St. Anne's.

(3) Formerly part of St. Jacques.

Towns: Edmundston, 6,430, 4,035.