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*The Port Perry Town Hall, about 1900. This is the only photo that shows the peak of the "hose tower" just left of the hydro pole.*



## Lake Scugog ice races very popular

*North Ontario Observer: January 18, 1900*

The races on the ice at Port Perry on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week proved the most successful meeting ever held here and went far to prove that there are few localities in the Dominion so well adapted, all things considered, for first class races as Port Perry.

For several days previous to the races this was the centre of attraction for many of the most representative and reliable of the sporting fraternity. The racing element was well and numerously represented in the crowd of really fast and valuable horses which came around to train for the contests.

Tuesday the first day of the races was favourable in every way, and the muster who came in to witness the sports was vastly larger and the excitement much greater than is usual on the first day. The track was in fine order and fast time was made.

The second day set in fine and pleasant and the superior races and fine sport of the first day had the effect of drawing a much larger crowd than that of the first day and still faster time was made.

## Two boys, one girl die in house fire

*Ontario County Gazette: March 2, 1900*

The fire on Thursday morning last at Pinedale, lot 19, con. 4, Brock Township, was disastrous to Mr. Pascoe Luke, whose two nephews, Russel Luke, of Greenbank, and Wesley Hodgson, of Cannington, and his little daughter Gertie, 10 years of age, met their deaths, the bodies having been charred beyond recognition. Mr. Luke was preparing to move to a farm near Epsom and the two young men above specified were present to assist in the fussy undertaking. All retired about 11 o'clock, leaving but a slight trace of fire in the stove.

The conflagration is supposed to have originated in the chimney and from there spread to the woodwork where it got great headway and had enveloped the structure in flames before being discovered by Mr. Luke. Mrs Crowle, of Port Perry, who was visiting her brother at the time escaped from the burning building but has since suffered much from the shock and exposure.

In their distress the surviving members of these much respected families have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral on Sunday to the Greenhank cemetery, notwithstanding the inclement weather, was largely attended.

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## Patriotic men presented with Fenian Raid Medals

*North Ontario Observer: February 8, 1900*

Medals for the 34th Battalion are now in hand at the headquarters of the Battalion, and will be presented at the Patriotic Concert on Friday evening, February 23rd, by Lt. Col. Farewell to the following old members of the Battalion, who were at the front for the defence of their country at the time of the Fenian Raid.

Major Thomas C. Forman, Captain John Billings, Henry Graham, William M. Jamieson, William Nott, Peter Fitchett, James McConnell, Joseph Raines, Joseph Holtby, Johnston Devitt, George Devitt, Joseph Armstrong, Geo. W. Pettet, Alex Graham, John Blight, William Wicklem, Frank Gentle, Peter Parrott, Alex. Stephens, Alex. Brown, W.I. Brown and George Brown.



*The Post Office, Port Perry about 1900. Construction of this building commenced during the summer of 1871. The post office was located on the northwest side of Queen and John St. beside the bowling green.*



*Early 1900s picture shows both sides of Queen Street, looking west from near Water Street.*



*Baptist Church, on the northeast corner of Queen and Rosa Street, Port Perry, overlooking the town.*

## 1900 TIMELINE

### January 1900

E.H. Purdy defeated Thos. Rundle by a margin of 190 to 127 votes to become Reeve of Port Perry. In Reach Township Thomas Lambe, became Reeve by acclamation.

Major T.C. Forman pressed the Postmaster General for better postal service between Port Perry and Toronto.

Thos. Graham was elected president of the Scugog Agricultural Society. Vice President A. W. Williams, Treasurer J. C. Browne, and Secretary J. H. Brown.

### February 1900

Members of the Port Perry Fire Brigade requested their salary be increased to \$15.

The partnership between Wm. L. Marshall and W. P. Jones as Implement Dealers was dissolved.

Thomas C. Forman, chairman of the Patriotic Concert reported a profit of about \$60 from the concert.

### March 1900

Reeve E.H. Purdy and Jas. Carnegie reported on their visit to Ottawa, regarding the maintaining of the waters of Lake Scugog at a proper height in order not to impede navigation.

John Billings ordered the sale by auction of all his Cochrane St. household property with George Jackson as auctioneer.

Mr. W. H. McCaw of Port Perry was advertising he was in the position to issue tickets to all parts of the world, and was re-appointed ticket agent for the Grand Trunk Railway.

### April 1900

The Port Perry Board of Trade was established at a meeting held in the Town Hall in April.

The annual meeting of the Port Perry Baseball Club was held at the St. Charles Hotel with Jas. Carnegie elected president, G.M. Gibbs 1st vice pres and R.G. Baird 2nd vice president.

## Complimentary supper held for James H. MacBrien

*North Ontario Observer: April 5, 1900*

A number of friends of Mr. James H. MacBrien, eldest son of James MacBrien, Esq., I.P.S., on Tuesday evening last entertained him to a complimentary supper, he having joined the North West Mounted Police and being about to leave for the far west.

His many friends and well wishers regarded this as a fit opportunity to testify their esteem for him personally, their regret at his removal, and their desire for his future prosperity.

Mr. McBrien for the past three years has held an important position on the staff of the Western Bank here and was much esteemed by all with whom he came in contact - in fact he is a universal favorite. His diligence, activity and success as a member of that staff is reassuring and goes far to render the prospects of his future career a success.



*James H. MacBrien*

## Young man loses life on the railway line

*North Ontario Observer: April 12, 1900*

Samuel Hooey while braking on the Grand Trunk Railway near Cobourg on Saturday of last week met with an accident which resulted fatally on the following day.

Deceased was a former resident of this place and was an adopted son of the late David Hooey. The young man was in the 24th year of age and was an active and faithful employee for the past four years of that great railway corporation, and the company generously paid all expenses connected with his interment.

On Tuesday his remains were brought here and buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery.



*East side of the Oriental Hotel, about 1900, when owned by Mr. J.M. Brooks.*

## J.M. Brooks retires from his Oriental Hotel business

*North Ontario Observer: April 12, 1900*

It will be seen by the advertisement elsewhere in this issue and large posters that Mr. J.M. Brooks, has determined to retire from business. The general public, and especially the traveling public, will regret to learn this, he has for the past five years conducted the Oriental Hotel here in a manner highly creditable.

The Oriental is one of the most handsome, comfortable and best appointed hotels in the province, and everything that money, enterprise and strict attention to guests could do has been combined, during Mr. Brooks' regime, to secure for the Oriental that popularity as a temporary home for travelers and a place of call for the general public.



*J.M. Brooks*

That Mr. Brooks has secured a competence, and in retiring from business he has the respect of all with whom, as a host, he has come in contact during his long and successful career as a caterer for the public. He has won golden opinions of all with whom he has had dealings for supplies for his hostelry, and business men of Port Perry are unanimous and unstinted in their praise for his honesty and integrity, and all regret his action in going out of business.

In order to secure a complete clearance of the contents of the Oriental, which are first-class in every respect, he has instructed Mr. George Jackson to sell the whole by Auction on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28. This will be a grand opportunity to secure desirable furniture, &c., &c at auction prices.

## Sebert House is new name for former Oriental

*North Ontario Observer: June 7, 1900*

In returning thanks to the general public and the farming community in particular for their generous and kind patronage since I embarked in the hotel business, I beg to announce that I now have more commodious and far superior facilities for entertaining the public than I ever possessed in the past.

Having lately taken possession of the Oriental Hotel, which will in future be known as the Sebert House, I have spared neither skilled labor nor expense in order to remodel and fit it up in a manner second to none in the province.

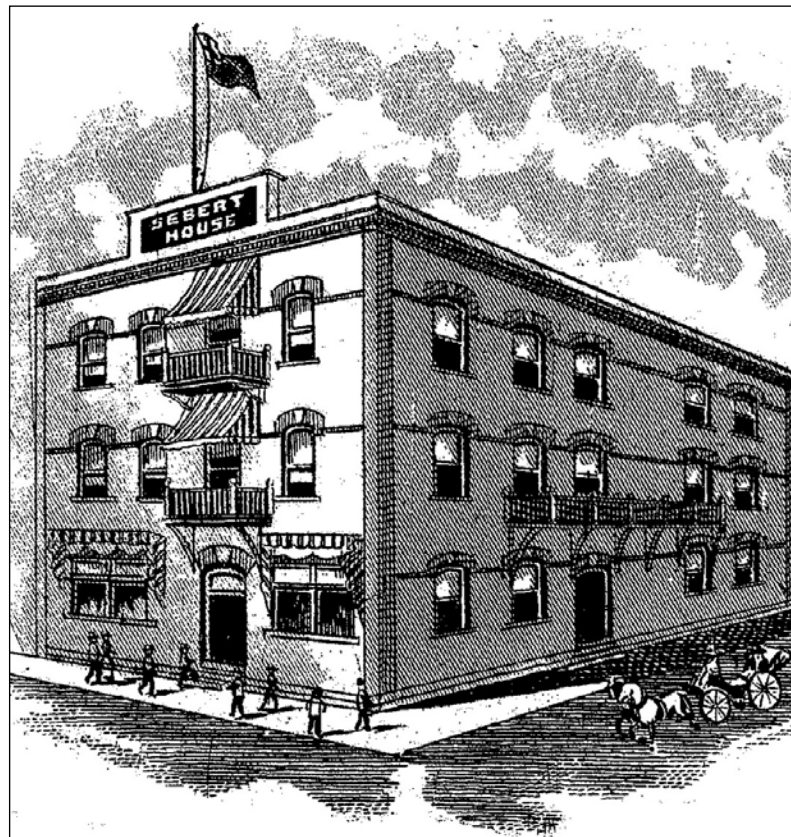
Having introduced the most modern water works system, every room will at all times be fully supplied with hot and cold water. The comfort of guests will be the first consideration and no expense or labor will be spared in order to meet their requirements and win their approbation, so that their good opinion of the "Sebert House" may be heralded throughout the entire Dominion.

The traveling public will thus be made acquainted with the fact that Port Perry possesses hotel accommodation inferior to none elsewhere to be found, and my charges, as in the past, will continue to be noted for moderation.

In offer to provide ample yard, stable and shed accommodation for all, especially on market days, I have purchased the commodious livery property, which at all times will be at the disposal of my patrons, and an attentive and obliging hostler will be constantly in attendance.

I have very confidence that my enterprise will be fully appreciated by a generous public and that all will gladly avail themselves of the extensive and superior accommodations provided.

Louis Sebert, Port Perry, June 6, 1900.



*Sketch of the Sebert House, early 1900s, after being taken over by Louis Sebert.*





Picture of the north side of Queen Street, early 1900s, shows a long line of horse-drawn wagons, and a dozens of nicely dressed men and women, presumably getting ready to board the Victoria steamship for an excursion on Lake Scugog.

## New Canadian Bank of Commerce opens its elegant Port Perry offices

*North Ontario Observer: May 31, 1900*

The manager and staff of the Port Perry Branch of The Canadian Bank of Commerce are now located in their new offices, that are unsurpassed in design, equipment and decoration by any in the Dominion.

The mason, carpenter, plumber, electrician, plasterer and decorator have done their respective parts to perfection. This is another grand ornament to this town, a large, solid massive, structure of handsome design

and first class workmanship.

Mr. Gibbs fears no expense in securing a first class structure and he has got it. The interior, for the purpose for which it is designed, is all that could be desired, it has evidently been the object of the manager to so equip the several departments as to better expedite business. The effect of the rich design on the glass on the interior windows and doors is very fine.



This picture shows the new Canadian Bank of Commerce, taken when it was opened in May 1900. The Observer Printing office can be seen just to the right of the bank, and sheds in the rear were probably the property of the Oriental Hotel, for horses and wagons.

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**April 1900**

The Port Perry Board of Trade adopted a proposal to hold regular market days on Tuesday and Friday beginning in May.

**May 1900**

Major T.C. Forman was paid \$23.60 to supply six pairs of rubber boots for the fire brigade.

The school and congregation of St. John's Church, Blackstock will have an excursion from the wharf at Caesarea to Sturgeon Point in June by the Steamer Crandella. Tickets - adults 35¢, children 25¢.

Five year old Mona Philp, daughter of Mrs. T. H. Philp fell into a cistern at the premises of Mr. C. Collacutt, Casimir St. and was only rescued in time to save her life.

Thomas Burke, a seventy year-old Brooklin resident was killed instantly when struck by a train rounding the curve just north of Brooklin station.

Mr. L. Sebert, new proprietor of the Oriental Hotel is adding extensions and additions to this already fine structure. Neither money nor labour is being spared.

G.M. Gibbs, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce announced they were open for business in their new offices, which were unsurpassed in design, equipment and decoration by any in the Dominion.

Mr. Caleb Crandell has further beautified his fine residence by extending and remodeling the piazza.

**June 1900**

The County of Ontario council has repudiated its engagement with Port Perry for the erection of a House of Refuge, for aged and infirm, in this village.

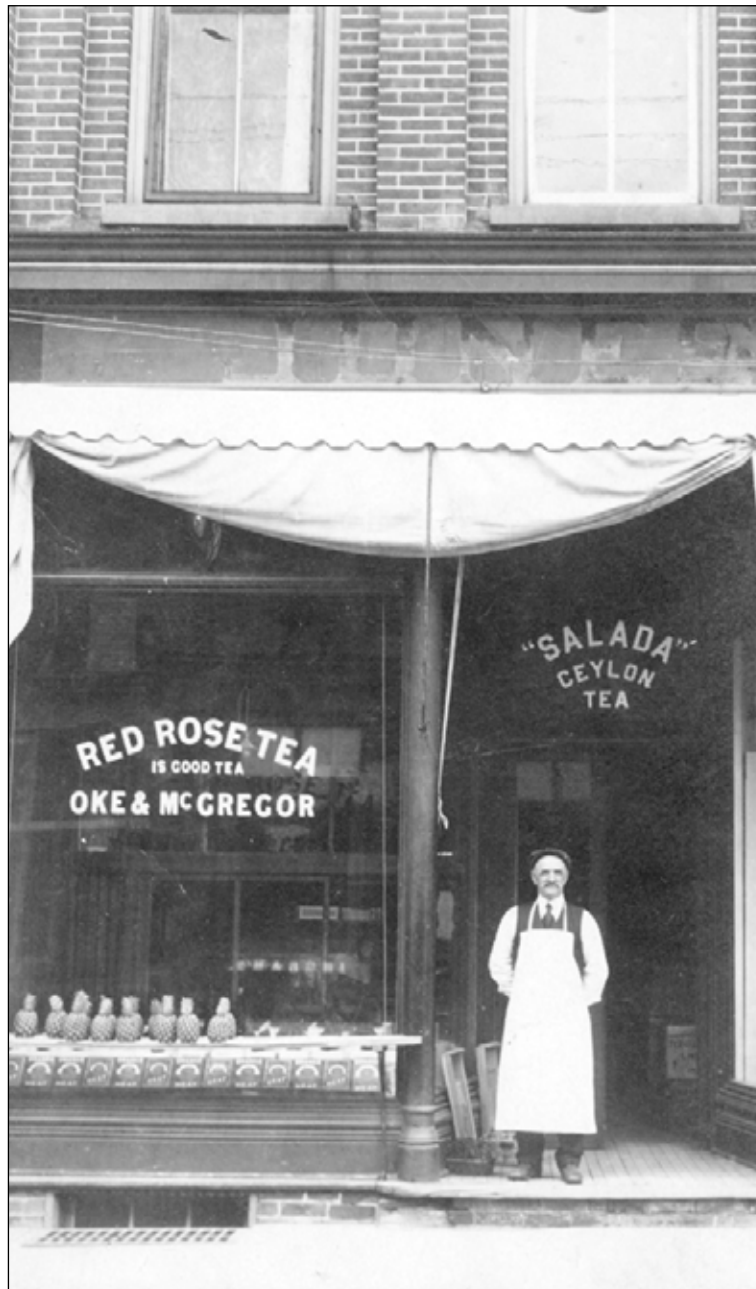
A number of townsmen have formed a syndicate, and appointed an energetic Board of Directors for the purpose of holding a Fall Fair this year on September 12-14.

**William Alldred's new home on Scugog Island destroyed by fire**

*North Ontario Observer: July 19, 1900*

Mr. Wm. Alldred's fine new residence, Scugog Island, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday of last week. The fire originated in the summer cook house. Mr. and Mrs. Alldred and their three sons being absent at the time, and two small children had a short time previous prepared dinner on the stove.

The building was a brick-clad one and valued at \$1,200 and had only an insurance on it of \$300. There was no insurance on the con-tents, but a portion was saved by neighbors. Much sympathy is expressed for the Alldreds in his severe loss.



*Oke & McGregor grocery store was in the Jones Block, Port Perry, early 1900s. The store was at located at about 207 Queen Street,*



Staff of Courtice & Jeffrey's Harness Shop located at 223 Queen St., Port Perry.



The Observer Printing Office, Curts & Henderson, Wm. L. Marshall implement dealer, and the Oriental Hotel can be seen in this east-end picture on Queen Street.



Cawker Bros. Meat Market beside E.H. Purdy's store on Queen St., early 1900.

## 1900 TIMELINE

### June 1900

Samuel T. Cawker and Son meat merchants moved their store into the Purdy Block, two doors east of Mr. Purdy's Grocery store.

A citizen suggested the council to petition the Government to spend \$5,000 on dredging and improving the waterfront as it is fast filling up with rice and muck.

### July 1900

Residents of Port Perry area held a Dominion Day celebration including a Wild West Show, rifle match, baseball games, bicycle and horse races and dancing and a concert.

The service of laying the cornerstone of the Methodist Church, Nestleton was held on July 8 with C.W. Jones, Esq. of Port Perry laying the stone.

Employees of the Grand Trunk Railway selected Port Perry as the site to hold their Annual Games. Howard Stone of Port Perry won the cycling trophy.

### August 1900

The Port Perry Fire Brigade sponsored an excursion by train to Toronto and Niagara Falls. Due to the early departure, the town bell was rung at five o'clock in the morning to wake up those going on the trip.

Port Perry's Great Syndicate Fair officials are: Hon. President Leonard Burnett, Esq. M.P.; President Peter Christie; Vice Presidents James Parr and Anson Taylor; Treas. Edward H. Purdy and Secretary G.M. Gibbs.

A petition signed by nearly all property holders in the centre of town asked council to so legislate that a granolithic walk ten feet wide be constructed on both sides of Queen Street.

A double wedding took place at the home of Mrs. E. Wildman of Reach Twp. Mr. Edward Wildman married Miss Edith Bartley and Mr. Thos. Bartley married Miss Minnie Wildman. The wedding took place on Mrs. Wildman's 60th birthday.

## Serious fire averted at James Carnegie Mills

*North Ontario Observer: October 25, 1900*

At 12:40 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day the startling sound of fire ! fire ! was heard on the streets of Port Perry. Mr. James Carnegie's Mills were discovered to be on fire. Our firemen, on short order, were nearing the scene of the conflagration with the steamer, when they were made aware that the flames had been extinguished.

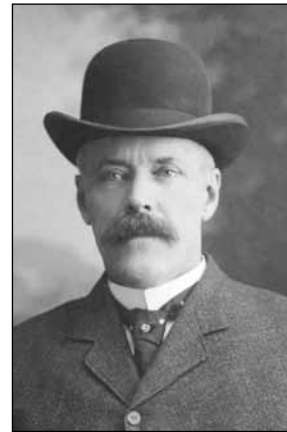
The origin of the fire is a mystery as Mr. Carnegie and one of the employees a few minutes before passed the spot where the fire was discovered. It is fortunate that the mills were not destroyed, had they been, Port Perry would have experienced a great loss, their popularity extends over a very large section of country and their destruction would have proved a public calamity.



*James Carnegie's Union Mills, near the waterfront, Port Perry.*



*Professor Samuel Stoutt leads "Orange Parade" through downtown in 1900.*



*James Carnegie*

### 1900 TIMELINE

#### September 1900

Captain George Crandell has threatened to bring a lawsuit against Messers Boyd of Bobcaygeon because they have allowed the water to escape at their mills and is seriously impairing navigation in the river.

Upcoming Fall Fairs included the Great Syndicate Fair, Port Perry, Sept. 12-14; Cartwright/Blackstock Fair October 2, 3; and North Ontario and Uxbridge Twp. Fair Sept. 25, 26.

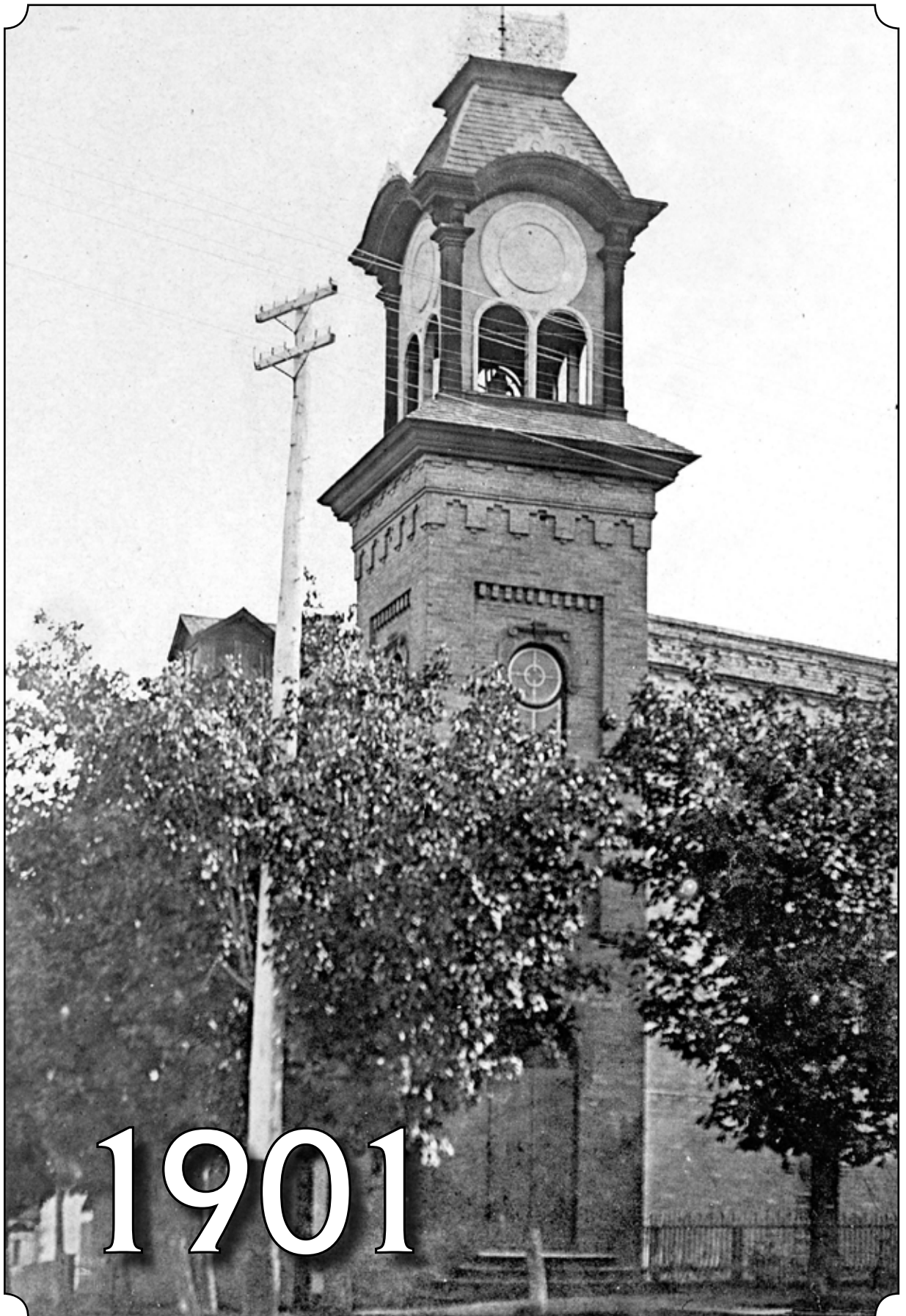
Mr. Jeffrey reported to Reach Council that Mr. Lewis desired to be relieved of his contract to build the Nonquon Bridge on Conc. 9 and 10, finding it impossible to do for contract price of \$1 per rod.

#### October 1900

A petition signed by Rev. W. Kenner and 66 other residents of Prince Albert requested council to legislate as to prevent bicycling on the sidewalks of the village.

The home of Mr. John Turner was partially destroyed by fire while the entire family were at church.

Former Port Perry resident Eber Fryer was seriously injured while loading a C.P.R. freight car in Winnipeg when the car door fell off and hit him in the head.



*The Port Perry Town Hall, about 1900. This is the only photo that shows the peak of the "hose tower" just left of the hydro pole.*



*John Nott on the porch of his home, at 589 Queen St., formerly Boreila.*

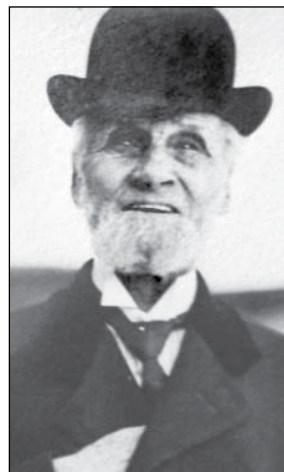
## John Nott a respected Port Perry citizen

*Port Perry Standard: January 12, 1901*

While in conversation a few days ago, with one of our respected townsmen, Mr. John Nott, we learned that he started business in Port Perry 53 years ago last March, and while he like most business men, has had his ups and downs in life, it is very creditable to say of any man that he has been in the same business and in the same town over half a century.

Another remarkable event in Mr. John Nott's life is that the 28th of December was his golden wedding day. Were it not for late family afflictions, he and Mrs. Nott would no doubt have celebrated their 50 years of married life, as really it is of very rare occurrence that we are called upon to notice such events as these.

Mr. Nott is still active in both private and public business, always at his post ready and willing to do his duty. May he and his good wife be long spared to enjoy life and reap the rewards of their labors, though they are declining in years.



*John Knott*

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## 1901 TIMELINE

### January 1901

Port Perry was honored by a distinguished visitor, Mr. Johnston Paudush of Hiawatha (Rice Lake), son of the Chief of Mississauga tribe of Indians.

Jessop Furniture Co., Port Perry is giving up business and is having a mammoth sale to dispose of furniture that would grace any mansion.

Municipal elections - Peter Hood, Scugog, reeve by acclamation; Anson Taylor, Cartwright, reeve by acclamation; John Boys elected in Reach; and Dr. S.J. Mellow elected in Port Perry defeating E.H. Purdy by 182-156 votes.

The death of Queen Victoria, who died at 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 22, 1901, was noted in a large article in the local newspaper.

County Council turned down Port Perry, Oshawa, Uxbridge and Whitby as the site for a House of Refuge.

### February 1901

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Whitby assembled in the Sebert House to bid him farewell as they left the community to live in the "Soo."

Orr Graham, veterinary surgeon retired and sold his practice to Mr. John T. Elliott of Detroit, Michigan.

Highly respected and lifetime resident of Port Perry and Prince Albert, Frank M. Yarnold, died on Feb. 4, 1901



This picture of 235 Queen Street, shows the "Jessop Block", the building from which the Jessop Furniture Co. operated during 1901. The company was managed William James Nott who was married to Annette Jessop.

The Jessop Furniture Co., sold furniture, picture framing and provided one of the best respected underaking businesses in the area.

**JESSOP FURNITURE CO.,**

We have the largest and finest stock of FURNITURE and PICTURE FRAMING in town. Our UNDERTAKING Department is one of the best in the province. Prices are 25 per cent. to 40 per cent. lower than any other Undertaker in this district. Fine Hearse and Casket Wagon.

**W. J. NOTT, MANAGER, - - PORT PERRY.**

## Jessop Furniture announces the giving up of business

*North Ontario Observer: January 9, 1901*

All will regret to learn that the enterprising firm operated by William J. Nott, known as the Jessop Furniture Co., Port Perry is giving up business. Such is a fact, and it will be seen by the mammoth advertisement elsewhere in this issue and large posters that they propose holding a great Furniture Sale at fabulously low prices in order to clear their immense stock.

Their store is packed with furniture that would grace any mansion and they are noted for the superiority of their goods so that parties in making purchases can rely on obtaining the best that can be produced, the manager of the Company being one of the best in town.



*Frank M. Yarnold*

## Former village clerk, Frank Yarnold passes away

*North Ontario Observer: February 7, 1901*

The following resolution was adopted by the Municipal Council of the village of Port Perry, February 7th, 1901:

That we take this opportunity of expressing our deep sense of the heavy loss sustained in the death of our late clerk, Mr. Frank M. Yarnold.

We also desire to express our appreciation, of his valuable services as a public officer and our deep respect for his noble character as a private citizen.

The performance of his public duties was always characterized by faithfulness, integrity and the strictest impartiality and his intercourse with all the members of the Council and with the ratepayers was marked by unflinching kindness and courtesy.

We feel the too early ending of a life of such usefulness, unselfishness, honour and purity is a severe loss to the whole community and we extend to the sorrowing parents and sister our heartfelt sympathies in their sad bereavement.

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Port Perry and Uxbridge met in a 'rattling game' of hockey at the local rink. Port Perry won the match 7-2.

The Witney Hotel estate at Epsom was offered for sale or to rent by Norman Stuart.

**March 1901**

Auditors Report shows a total of \$19,958.33 received through taxes and various grants, fines, etc. in the Township of Reach for the year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

Mr. Jas MacBrien, of the North West Mounted Police, eldest son of James MacBrien, Esq. visited home. He has distinguished himself with bravery and daring feats, on one occasion capturing single-handed one of the most notorious desperados and horse thieves of the plains.

Mr. J. M. Brooks, former owner of the Oriental Hotel has left town to take possession of the Palace House in Peterborough.

**April 1901**

John Jeffrey, of Prince Albert last week marketed 30 bushels of Red Clover Seed, the product of 12 acres for which obtained the handsome sum of \$210.

Mr. John McCulloch, one of our talented young townsmen, passed his final exam with flying colors and is now a fully qualified medical practitioner for treatment of the eye, ear and throat.

The Sons of Temperance met to say goodbye to one of their most amiable and zealous members in the person of Miss Lillian Bond, eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. Bond, a florist in Prince Albert.

**May 1901**

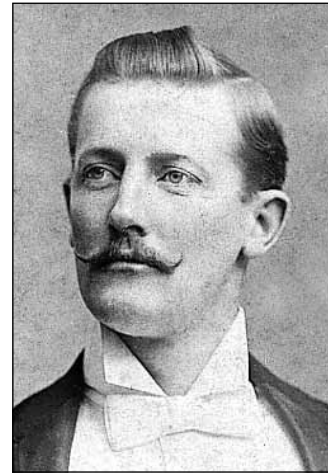
Mr. J.W. Platten of Port Perry was elected as Treasurer on the board of the entire Erie Railway Company.

Capt. Bowerman's launch, the Express will convey the Port Perry baseball nine and a few friends to Lindsay on May 24 (Victoria day) to meet the Lindsay team in the first match of the season.

The Guelph Pavement Co. has a large force in town constructing



James MacBrien  
North West Mounted Police



J.M. Brooks  
Owner of the Oriental Hotel

**James MacBrien cited for bravery as officer of the North West Mounted Police**

*North Ontario Observer: March 14, 1901*

Mr. Jas. MacBrien, of the North-West Mounted Police, eldest son of James MacBrien, Esq., made his relatives and friends here, a flying visit last week. During his short connection with that force he has distinguished himself for bravery and daring feats.

On one occasion he captured single-handed one of the most notorious desperados and horse thieves of the plains – a character that the whole force dreaded, but stalwart young MacBrien literally carried his prisoner over five miles in order to make sure of the captivity of his victim and place his escape beyond doubt.

His daring deed was duly reported and recorded by his superior officers. He has severed his connection with the force in order to render active service with Baden-Powell in South Africa, being promoted to rank of Sergeant.



Home and business location of veterinarian Dr. Orr Graham, Queen St., Port Perry.



## Fire destroys Blackstock clerk's residence

*North Ontario Observer: March 7, 1901*

About 11 o'clock on the morning of Friday last, the residence of Mr. William Lucas, the worthy and popular Clerk of the Township of Cartwright, was discovered to be on fire. The flames spread so rapidly that it was found impossible to save the building, but a portion of the contents were saved in a somewhat damaged state. Much regret is expressed for Mr. Lucas in his misfortune. The Corporation of Cartwright owe Mr. Lucas a debt it never can repay. Why not at once erect him a comfortable and suitable dwelling place.

## Abduction charge against woman dismissed

*North Ontario Observer: March 7, 1901*

A case of some importance and of local interest was heard on Tuesday by his worship Mr. Wm. Bateman, being a charge against Miss Alberta Abbott, now Mrs. Joshua Curts, of abducting the children of Mr. Fred Vipond.

It appeared by the evidence that some six years ago, on the death of Mrs. Vipond, her two infant children were by the consent of the father, left with their aunt, the defendant, who was given the use of the house of the of the children's mother and the interest on their mother's estate for their support.

From that time she appears to have taken a mother's place to the orphans. In the same house also resided the grandmother; and William Abbott, an uncle, also made it his home, and contributed to the expense of keeping house.

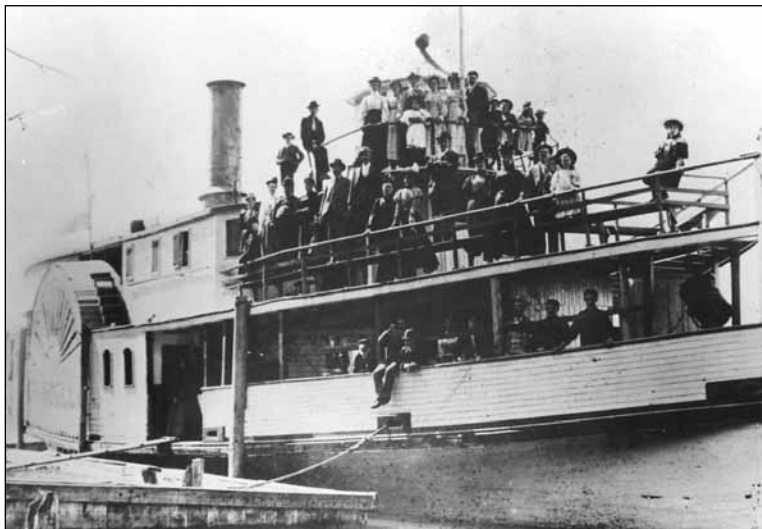
On Wednesday of last week the defendant, moving to Buffalo, took the children with her - without any formal leave taking; and on her return a warrant was issued for her arrest on the above charge.

Mr. Harris conducted the prosecution, and Mr. Ebbels appeared for the defense.

Mr. Ebbels had the witnesses excluded while each other's evidence was being taken, which led to some discrepancies in their statements.

After bearing the evidence and addresses of the Counsel, his 'Worship gave a careful and considered judgment, holding that the defendant, having already the custody of the children with the father's consent, could not be held to have abducted them; and in any case she was entitled in a charge such as the present, to set up that she had acted in good faith in claiming the right to the possession of the children.

He therefore dismissed the charge and liberated the defendant.



*Group of people on an excursion on the Crandella steamship, early 1900s.*

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new granolithic sidewalks on Queen St. The contract calls for eight inches of course gravel, three inches of concrete with a top dress of one inch. Price to be paid is 13 3/4¢ per square foot.

### June 1901

The Crandella arrived in Port June 12 with a large excursion party. Port Perry was not at its prettiest, owing to the extensive improvements being made in the walks.

Henry Parsons writes - "County Council made a second selection for the location of the proposed House of Refuge for this County - this time being Whitby. Next week they meet again and will come back to its first love and decide there is no place like Port Perry, and before another year the structure will be consummated near the head of the Scugog and all the people of the County will say, Amen."

Reach Council ordered more than \$270 be paid to local farmers for damage and death to sheep by dogs. One farmer, Leonard Burnett, Esq. ex MPP lost nine ewes and two lambs and found six ewes wounded beyond recovery.

### July 1901

Port Perry celebrations of Dominion Day took place with a smaller than wished crowd due to extremely hot weather. The Uxbridge Band gave an exceptional performance.

Port Perry Methodist Sunday School chartered the steamer Crandella for an excursion to Surgeon Point, one of the most beautiful and popular summer resorts on the great chain of lakes to the north.

The steamer Express transported members of the Orange Lodge to the 12th Annual July Grand Picnic on Washburn Island on July 12. Prince Albert Sunday School's excursion to Washburn Island aboard on the Crandella takes place July 16.



## The Canadian Bank of Commerce one year later

*North Ontario Observer: April 4, 1901*

The office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Port Perry, is now one of the handsomest in the Province. It was built about a year ago, but the walls inside were not decorated until recently.

The building is of red brick, two stories high, the second story being used as a residents for clerks. The woodwork of the interior is finished in polished oak, and the counter railing of oxidized copper and with plate glass trimmings.

The building is fitted a safe, the latest and most improved break proof fixings, so that it would be utterly impossible to rob the bank with out giving an alarm to the guard.

To the west of the bank is a pretty little plot of green, in which are planted a number of ornamental shrub trees; this was purchased by the bank to prevent its ever being built on, and at the same time it is an ornament to the town.

## Newton the "newspaper King"

*Bowmanville Statesman: March 20, 1901*

Mr. Samuel M. Newton, Whitby, is the newspaper King of Canada, being editor and publisher of the Ontario County Whitby Gazette, Whitby Chronicle and the Port Perry Standard. He's a hustler and we wish him success.

## Man charged with fishing for maskinonge with a snare

*North Ontario Observer: March 14, 1901*

His Worship Mr. John Nott had a case before him under the Ontario Fisheries Act of 1900 on Friday last laid by Inspector John Bowerman. Mr. Bowerman went on the 6th inst. to a fishing house on the lake, demanded admission, found there the defendant, a lad named Schell fishing with a hook and line.

Seeing bag on the ice in the house, the inspector requested him to bring out the bag; this the Inspector found to contain a "snare" – a wire slip-knot device for catching maskinonge.

The Act provides that "the finding of any nets or other fishing devices set, or maintained in violation of the Act shall be prima face evidence of the guilt of the person owning or operating the same".

At the trial, the defendant swore that the bag containing the snare was in the house when he went there and was not his. For the defendant it was contended that the prima face case was met by the defendant's evidence and that in this case the device or snare in question was not "set or maintained" as required by the Act, being in the bag.

Judgment as reserved until the 12th inst. when, his Worship after referring to the defective wording of the Act, in requiring the snare to be actually set or maintained in order to justify a conviction, and stating also that the prima facie case was met by the defendant's evidence, dismissed the complaint.

**FIRE ! FIRE ! FIRE !**

I sincerely thank my numerous customers and friends for their assistance at the Fire last week which totally destroyed my Block and Stock, also for the sympathy since expressed, and beg to inform the public generally that I have

**Opened Out a  
Bran New Stock  
In the Blong Block**

in the Store lately occupied by A. J. Davis, Druggist, where I will be pleased to receive my many customers.  
Give me a call.

**E. H. PURDY.**

*Advertisement of E.H. Purdy following the 1901 fire.*

## Lake Scugog and Port Perry are one of the paradise spots of Central Ontario

*The Toronto Globe: June 29, 1901*

Starting from Whitby, one of the many gems of the north shore of Lake Ontario, a few miles east of Toronto, the Whitby & Port Perry branch of the Grand Trunk main line winds its way to the series of tiny and greater lakes in Ontario, Victoria and Peterborough counties.

We start, very deliberately to be sure, but the journey was through the banner county of Ontario, and the fertile farms were one continuous scene of abundant harvest prospects. At Brooklin the line skirts the model farm of the Hon. John Dryden, every acre of which is a witness to the practical efficiency of the Minister of Agriculture. Up, up the engine toiled.

"Port Perry !" shouted the brakeman, and we had reached the beautiful town of 2,000 inhabitants, on Lake Scugog, a little over 20 miles from its big sister, Ontario.

Here we found fine hotels, churches and stores, and plate glass windows in business places. Nearly two thousand dollars have been expended in granolithic walks, ten feet wide, on both sides of the main street.

One cannot be in Port Perry an hour before learning that 'lunge (maskinonge) is King. Here is the home of his noble game fish. Boats dot the expanse of water, and the morning and evening dissipation of old and young is to watch the incoming craft to learn the catch. Of course I, too, was an interested spectator and soon learned from ocular demonstration that some Torontonians had the "tip," for among the successful fishers were Messrs. John Pugsley, H.B. Kent and C.E. Warwick. Mr. Wm. Ross, M.P., Dr. J.F. Ross, W.H. McCaw, G.M. Gibbs and F.W. Hudson, the latter gentlemen of Port Perry.

Mr. Kent was the champion, and he was justifiably proud of the biggest trophy. That night Mr. Wm. Mulock of Toronto came, and at an early hour he and Mr. R.J. Bruce of Port Perry were out. At 8 a.m. they were at the wharf with eight beauties. Another successful Toronto party was composed of Architect Lennox, A. Dixon, J.D. Laidlaw and D. Fasken, whose string of 21 was worthy of a photo.

Scugog Island contains several thousand acres of excellent land, and on it, opposite Port Perry, a fine club house has been erected by Toronto gentlemen. In the marshes the ducks and, geese gather in great numbers in the autumn, and the preserve, secured from the Government, affords fine scopes for sport.

As to the fishing in Scugog waters it can be truthfully asserted that a failure is so rare as to be scarcely considered. Black bass are not abundant, but some fine strings of "bigmouthed," striped variety are the compensation.



*Dr. Samuel J. Mellow*



*Howard B. Clemes*



*Edward J. Mundy*

### 1901 TIMELINE

Two fine brood mares, the property of W.C. Heard, of Reach, were struck and killed by lightning during a severe electric storm that passed through the township.

A report by Streets Committee Samuel J. Mellow, Wm. Bateman and H.B. Clemes, suggested council construct new granolithic walks on property fronting on Water Street. Council instructed them to arrange with pavement contractors to do the work at the same cost as the work done on Queen St.

Joseph Hood, eldest son of Paul and Lydia Hood, aged 20, drowned while bathing with friends in the Scugog opposite the 9th conc. of Reach.

Queen St. property owners were assessed charges for the new granolithic sidewalks.

#### August 1901

Mr. Edward Mundy, formerly of Port Perry and owner of the Oshawa Reform has been appointed issuer of Marriage Licenses.

The local Board of Health says doctors have neglected their duties in placing placards on homes in which patients with contagious diseases live.

Joseph Bigelow, returned from a three month visit in California.

The worthy and popular Reeve of Reach, Mr. John Boys is erecting a handsome new residence on his fine farm, near Manchester.

#### September 1901

The number of new scholars enrolled at Port Perry High School is the largest since the school was founded.

#### October 1901

The newly restored Prince Albert Public Hall was opened with a special meeting with Hon. G.W. Ross, M.P. as chairman, and the Hon. John Dryden, M.P.P. and the Hon. G. E. Foster, guest speakers. The speakers arrived late due to the train on which they were travelling being behind time, as usual.

## Block of brick stores in Port Perry totally destroyed by fire

*Toronto Globe: September 18, 1901*

Fire broke out at an early hour this morning in the bakery shop of A.J. Sproule, and inside of two hours a row of brick stores were a mass of ruins.

At first the wind was moderate. but, rising shortly afterwards, swept the blaze along towards the lake and endangered the entire town.

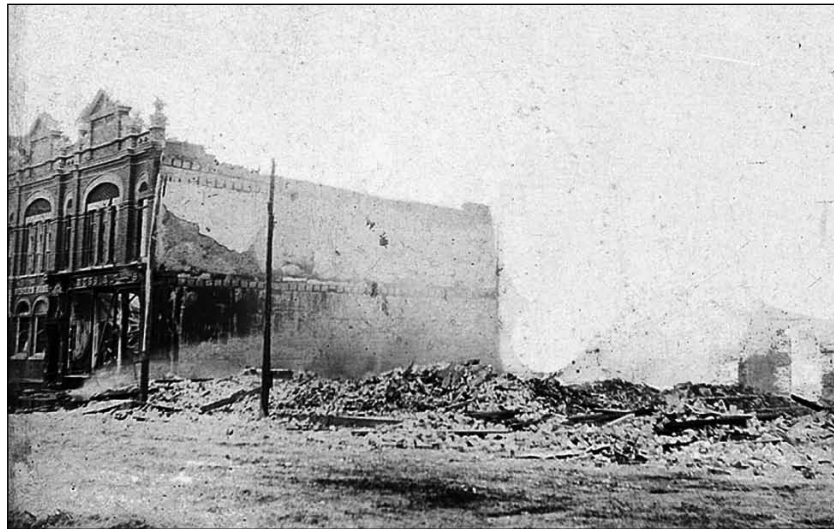
The stores lost are owned by Charles H. Allison, druggist; John A. Murray, dentist; Miss Harrison, dressmaking; G.A. Powers, tailor; Edward H. Purdy, grocer; A.J. Sproule, baker; Samuel T. Cawker, butcher; William Tremeer, dwelling; G. Dawson, barber; Port Perry Standard printing office; D. James, broker; Aaron Ross & Co., general merchants; William H. Harris, barrister; Miss McKnight, dressmaker; the Western Bank; H.B. Clemes, and R.G. Baird, tenants.

During the fire a loud explosion took place wrecking three of the stores and scattering debris for many yards around. Fortunately, it is believed that no one was hurt. Charles H. Allison and J. Campbell were slightly injured by flying glass.

The inefficiency of the fire-fighting appliances was greatly felt. The cause of the fire is unknown at present, but it started in the main part of the bakery. The fire at 2 o'clock is still fiercely burning, but is well under control.

The blaze was a very spectacular one, the flames illum-inating the whole town. The loss will be less than \$5,000, and will be largely covered by insurance. The block burn-ed is a total loss.

Dozens of plate glass in stores on the opposite side of the main street on which the fire raged were cracked and ruined by the heat. Several families living over the stores have been rendered homeless by the fire.



Fire destroyed a large block of brick buildings on the south side of Queen Street in 1901. Pictures show the damage after the fire.



## Duck hunter dies while stuck in Scugog mud

*Toronto Globe: November 9, 1901*

Mr. J.H. Glendining of J.H. Glendining & Company, hardware merchants, was drowned in Lake Scugog today. He was out duck hunting, and the recoil of his gun capsized his boat, upsetting him into shallow water covering very deep mud, in which he stuck fast.

His cries attracted the McLean boys, who came in small canoes, but were unable to render him any assistance owing to the depth which he sank in the mud. The boys called down their father, who with Mr. King went in a punt and drew Mr. Glendining out of the mud.

But owing to the long exposure in the cold water he expired about ten minutes after he was taken into the punt.

The deceased was very popular in Sunderland, being one of the most respected citizens, universally esteemed by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and one child to mourn his loss.

## Former Port Perry reeve Joshua Curts is charged with bigamy

*Toronto Globe: November 28, 1901*

Joshua W. Curts, of 769 Dovercourt Road, and his alleged wife, May Abbott, late of Port Perry, were arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Verney on a charge of bigamy, preferred by a brother of the woman.

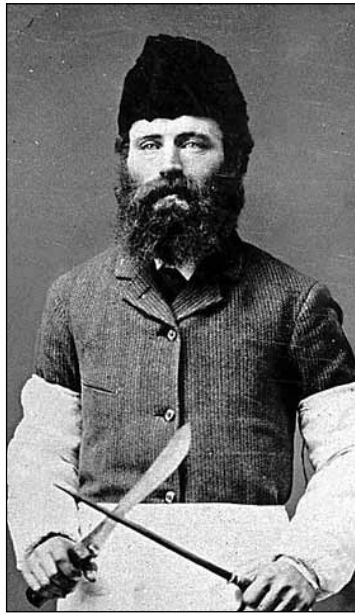
The case is parallel with that of the King vs Earl Russell in England, and the King vs Minnie G. Woods In Canada. In both of which the divorce laws of the United States were not recognized.

Mr. Curts was married to his first wife at Port Perry in 1865. About a year ago he went to the States, and sometime later was granted a divorce. He returned

again to Port Parry, and in February last he and Miss Abbott went to Niagara Falls, N.Y., and were married. Then they settled in Toronto.

The man is about 60 years old and the woman 30 years. The latter was arrested on the allegation that she, as well as the man, at the time of her marriage knew of the existence of the first wife.

In the case of the King v. Minnie O. Woods, which was tried in Toronto a short time ago, Judge McDougall held that a divorce granted in the United States was without effect in Canada.



*Samuel T. Cawker*

### 1901 TIMELINE

Mr. Wm. Jamieson was engaged to water down Queen Street between Water and John St. for the season 1901 for the sum of \$150.

An article in the Oshawa Vindicator accused those burnt out in the fire on Sept. 18 always make big money out of fires by placing more value on their property than the building or stock is worth. The article was printed in the North Ontario Observer of Port Perry, but publisher Henry Parsons condemned the writer and called the attack scandalous libel without a word of truth.

#### December 1901

A Grand Soiree is planned for the New Year's Day in Prince Albert, for which the whole community is in preparation.

Mr. James Leask of Reach, during Fall Fairs and the Guelph Winter Fair has carried off no less than 86 prizes; 62 firsts, 22 seconds and two third place finishes, plus \$743 in prizes.

Members of Reach Council gathered at the home of Jos. Baird where a surprise presentation of a handsome and valuable gold mounted cane was presented to Wm. Spence, Clerk of Reach.



*Cawker & Son meat market moves to its new location after the fire of 1901.*

## S.T. Cawker & Son

Beg to say that although being driven out of their former place of business by fire, they are determined that the public shall not suffer for an ample supply of

### CHOICE, FRESH MEATS

and in order to meet the requirements, have erected a suitable shop

JUST EAST OF MR. A. F. CARNEGIE'S STORE,

where will be kept, at prices that cannot fail to please, a full supply of Meats of the very best grades, and cut in dimensions to please the most fastidious.

All orders will receive prompt attention.

S. T. CAWKER & SON.  
Oct. 22, 1901.

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*The beautiful home of Mr. Richard Harper, located west of Port Perry, about half the distance to Manchester, on the north side of 7A Hwy.*



*The palatial home of Reeve Joshua Curts, near the corner of Water St. and Hwy. 7A, near the causeway. Destroyed by fire in 1930.*

## Bigamy charges against Joshua Curts and his wife dismissed by Chief Justice

*Toronto Globe: January 14, 1902*

Joshua W. Curts and his wife, formerly Miss Melinda May Abbott, of Port Perry, were acquitted by Chief Justice Meredith on a charge of bigamy in the Winter Assizes yesterday morning.

They were arrested in Toronto on Thanksgiving Day, after having lived here for some time. They were married in Niagara Falls, some months ago. Curts had been married before, but had gone to Ohio to get a divorce. The application was vigorously opposed by his wife, but the decree was granted. After waiting some time Curts and Miss Abbott were married.



*Joshua Curts*

When he was arrested he was charged with having committed bigamy in marrying while his first wife was still alive, and the woman was also accused of bigamy in having left Canada to go through a form of marriage with a man whom she knew to be already married.

The Chief Justice heard the evidence, and on the application of the counsel for the defense took the case from the jury.

His Lordship held that there was nothing in the evidence to show that Curts had any desire to evade the Canadian criminal law by going to Ohio for a divorce. The defendant had gone to the United States, the Judge declared, because of the injustice in Canadian law which limited the granting of divorces to Parliament, where nine-tenths of the people could not afford to go if they wished to be free from an unhappy marriage. The law had not been violated in this case, and it was one in which the Crown might well have refrained from prosecuting. Curts was discharged.

Mrs. Curts was placed in the dock, and at the suggestion of his Lordship, a verdict of not guilty was returned.

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## Port Perry "Thistle Curling Club" starts season

*North Ontario Observer, January 9, 1902*

That Port Perry possesses a Curling Club of which any town in the Dominion might feel proud is admitted by all having any conception of its magnitude and prowess, and before the season of 1902 expires, doubtless many clubs with whom it may have the honor to come in contact with will have reason to know that its capabilities for curling are of no ordinary character.

At a meeting held at their fine ring the other evening and the rinks – nine in all – were struck for the present season, and every player is now on his mettle and will remain so until the expiration of the season.

Contests of the more expert members have been arranged for the coming week, More anon. All members of the Curling Club who are willing to go to Lindsay in the near future will kindly notify the Secretary to that effect.



*View of one of the lumber mills along the Lake Scugog waterfront (currently Birdseye Centre Park), about 1900.*

## Ice races on Lake Scugog was most successful ever held

North Ontario Observer, January 23, 1902

The races on the ice at Port Perry on Thursday and Friday of last week were the most successful ever held here and went far to prove that there are few localities in the province so well adapted, all things considered, for first class racing as Port Perry.

For several days previous to the races this was the centre of attraction for many of the most representative and reliable of the sporting fraternity, the racing element was well and numerously represented in the really fast and valuable horses which came around to train for the contests.

Thursday, the first day of the races was favorable in every way, and the muster who came to witness the sports was vastly greater and the excitement

much greater than is usual on the first day. The track was in fine order.

The second day set in fine and pleasant and the superior races and fine sport of the first day had the effect of drawing a much larger crowd than that of the first day.

The Managing Committee have done themselves credit by their excellent management. The Judges performed their duties fairly, fearlessly and satisfactorily. The purses were promptly paid and all the contestants expressed themselves delighted with the honorable treatment they received.

A meeting of the Association will take place at the Sebert House tomorrow evening when a Financial Statement of the result of the ice meeting of 1902 will be prepared for publication.

## Former Port Perry House hotelkeeper John Ruddy dies suddenly in Toronto

Toronto Globe: April 30, 1902



John Ruddy

John Ruddy, formerly a hotelkeeper at Port Perry, died on April 29, 1902, in Toronto, Ontario at the age of 65,

Mr. Ruddy was host of the Port Perry House hotel, owned by J.V. Thompson, during 1882 and 1883, until a fire destroyed half of the downtown, including the hotel. Following the fire offered to purchase the site of the destroyed hotel from Mr. Thompson, but Thompson decided to rebuild.

Next he leased and fitted up Mr. Daniel Ireland former "Queen's Hotel" which he operated for an unknown time. After leaving Port Perry he lived for a time with his brother William, who was a hotelkeeper at Thessalon, Ontario.

Mr. Ruddy died suddenly at a Toronto lodging house, located at 12 York Street. He was found in his room in a dying condition about 2 o'clock, and expired before medical aid arrived.

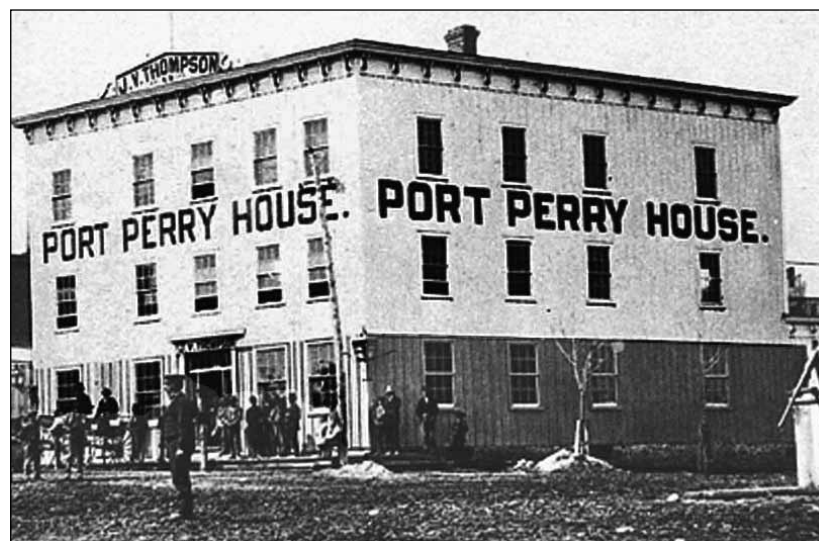
Coroner Cotton opened an inquest last night, and adjourned it until Friday. Two of the deceased's sisters live in Toronto, and his mother, a very aged woman, lives at Victoria Corners.

John H Ruddy was born on October 6, 1846, in Brock Township, Ontario. His father was James John Ruddy, and his mother, Rebecca Ann (Henderson). He was 28 years old when he married Mary Lannie, 20 years old, on February 2, 1875, in Orillia, Ontario. They had four children during their marriage.

## Young townsmen head west to join Mounties

North Ontario Observer, April 10, 1902

Selwyn Sangster and Chas. Carnegie, two of our most estimable young townsmen, left on Tuesday last for Regina, to enter on their duties as members of the Northwest Mounted Police. That they will distinguish themselves in their new vocation is not for a moment to be doubted. That they may succeed beyond their most sanguine expectations is the wish of all.



The Port Perry House hotel, corner of Water and Queen Street, prior to 1884.



## 1902 TIMELINE

### January 1902

Elected to local councils - Port Perry, Dr. Samuel J. Mellow, reeve; W. Bateman, L. J. Forman and H. B. Clemes, councillors. Cartwright, Anson Taylor, reeve; Geo. L. McLaughlin, Tho. Wood, Robert Jobb, Robert Thompson, councillors.

Reach Township - Robt. M. Holtby, reeve; J. T. Doble, and Thos. Lambe, councillors.

Messrs J. Baird and P. Christie came before Reach Council to request removal of telegraph and telephone poles from the south to the north side of the road leading from Prince Albert to Manchester to facilitate travel during the winter months.

### February 1902

A Port Perry hockey team won the Grand Challenge Trophy at the Great Hockey Tournament in Markham, defeating the Markham team 1-0 in the final game.

W. J. Nott, of the Jessop Furniture Co. purchased a grand Winter Hearse made to order for winter roads.

Council suggested the Fire Brigade attach runners to the fire engine for the winter months.

### March 1902

James Waddell and George A. Rose, two of Brock's most intelligent, enterprising, wealthy and prosperous farmers are retiring and have made Port Perry their home.

Esteemed townsman and far-famed auctioneer Geo. Jackson has been engaged to conduct the Great Dispersion Sale, the property of John H. Douglas, Esq., M.P.P. Warkworth.

### April 1902

The Church of the Ascension has secured Mr. Lock of Trinity College, Toronto, as their clergyman. Miss Yarnold is organist and Miss Sangster choir leader.

James Carnegie returns from a four month tour of all the most important centres on the continent.



William McGill's home, known as "Beauna Vista" was located in the Kent Estates.

## Western Bank vs McGill in Supreme Court

*Toronto Globe: May 28, 1902*

The Western Bank of Canada vs McGill was heard in the Supreme Court. The respondent was a manager of the bank branch at Port Perry, a few miles from the head office at Oshawa.



William McGill

At Port Perry the firm of Paxton, Tate & Co. was allowed a credit not to exceed, according to orders from the head office \$10,000. The respondent allowed the credit to be exceeded until it reached \$19,200 in 1891, when the cashier at Oshawa insisted on security, which was obtained for \$10,000 and the respondent himself became surety for the balance, giving a demand note for \$9,200.

In 1897, the account of Paxton, Tate & being considered very unsatisfactory, it was decided to close it out. The \$10,000 was paid and respondent gave a new note for the balance with interest, indorsed by three residents of Port Perry, which is the note sued upon.

The defense to the action was that respondent was terrorized into giving the note by the cashier, and the jury so found after a very strong charge in respondent's favour by the trial Judge. The Divisional Court set aside a verdict entered for the respondent on this finding and ordered a new trial, and the Court of Appeal for Ontario restored the verdict by the judgment now appealed from.

The endorsers were also sued, but settled with the bank, after the order of the Divisional Court for a new trial was made. W. Cassells, K.C., and C. A. Jones for the appellant; Holman, K.C., and Drayton for respondents. Judgment was reserved.

## Swans purchase Ontario Carriage Works

*North Ontario Observer, July 3, 1902*

Our enterprising vehicle builders, James Swan & Sons, have just closed negotiations for that fine brick building on Mary Street known as the Ontario Carriage Works, for which they paid a handsome sum.

The building is in fine condition and is suitable to the requirements of the firm, for they intend to considerably expand their output. The investment is a good one and all wish the Swan's continued and increased prosperity.



### 1902 TIMELINE

E.H. Purdy, in order to meet requirements of his farming customers, ordered seeds by the train-load.

#### May 1902

Four distinguished journalists dropped by The Observer office for a short visit: S. Frank Wilson of the Wilson Publishing Co.; Murray F. Wilson of the Ladies Journal Co., C.A. Wilson of the North-Ender Publishing Co., and Geo. H. Wilson of the Lindsay Post.

Mr. James Maxwell has purchased, renovated and equipped the Port Perry Woolen Mills.

The Kawartha Lake Excursion Company of Lindsay described Port Perry as being at the head of the Kawartha waters, beautifully situated, good hotel accommodation and boating. Grand place for an excursion.

Major Forman had conferred on him the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration for his long service to the military.

#### June 1902

Capt. Bowerman will run the steamer 'Cora' to Lindsay every Saturday stopping at Pettit's Landing, Hood's Landing, Washburn Island, Caesarea and Plum Point along route starting June 7. A return fare trip to Lindsay is 75¢.

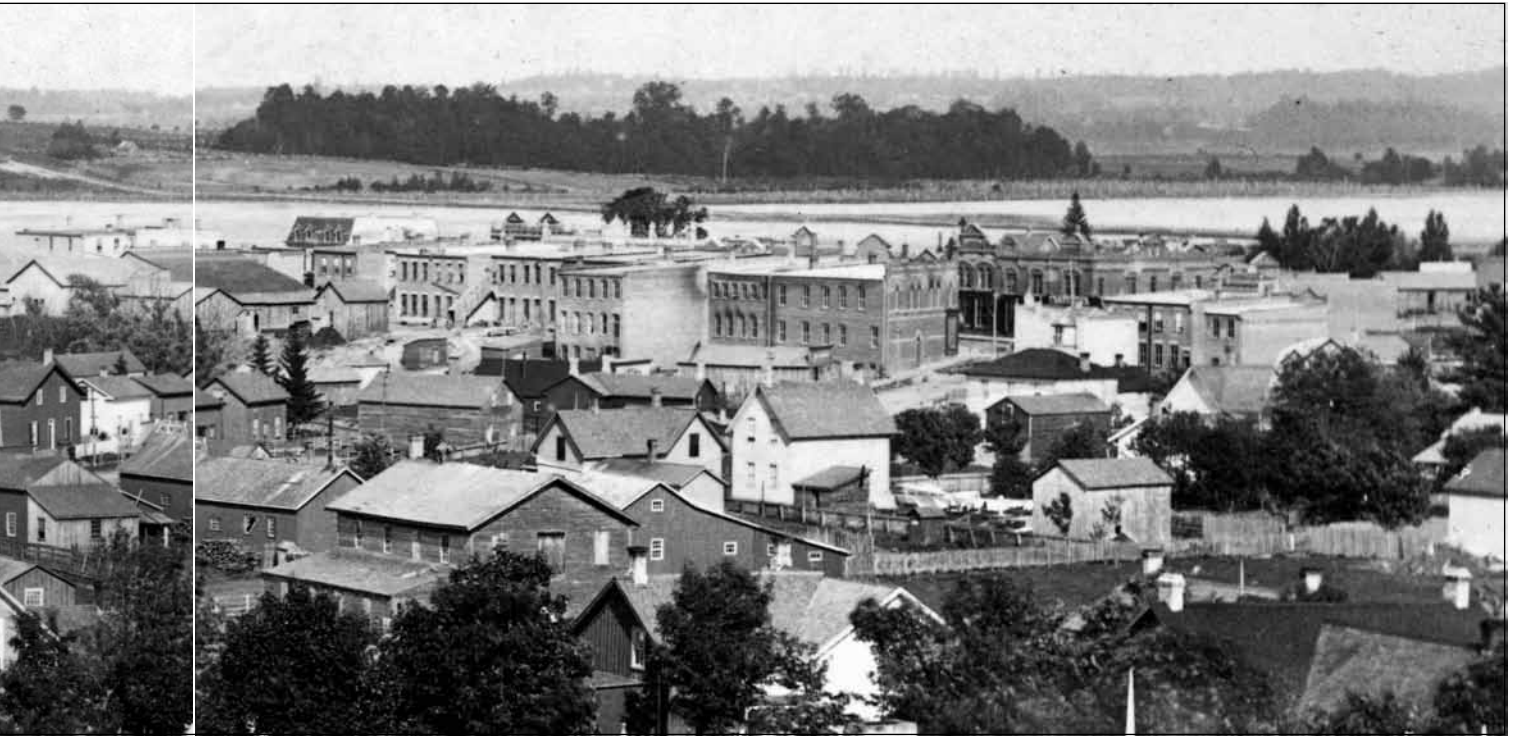
Dr. S. J. Mellow was appointed Coroner for the County of Ontario.

The Carnegie Flouring Mills and Planing Mills were destroyed by a fire which awakened residents in the early hours of the morning of June 14, 1902.

The new stable and contents of Mr. M. L. Crandell, Scugog Street were destroyed by fire.



*View of the rear of buildings along Queen Street, in downtown Port Perry, about 1900.*



*Panorama view of downtown Port Perry, Lake Scugog, lakefront industrial lands and Scugog Island, believed to have been taken from the tower on Joseph Bigelow's homse, below, in early 1900s.*



*This picture, circa 1900, shows the Joseph Bigelow family home, which they named "Farview Villa," on Cochrane Street, Port Perry*

## 1902 TIMELINE

### July 1902

Mr. James Carnegie's new mill is well underway. The engine room is nearly completed and the grinder will be in place and running soon with the planing mill in full blast in about two weeks.

The Port Perry Fire Brigade is leading an excursion to Niagara Falls on the Civic Holiday at a cost of \$1.80 per person.

Our enterprising vehicle builders, Jas. Swan & Sons have closed negotiations to purchase the fine brick building on Mary St. known as the Ontario Carriage Works.

Word was received that James McBrien, eldest son of Jas. McBrien the popular and indefatigable Public School Inspector, has passed through 15 engagements in the South African conflict unscathed.

Mr. James Maxwell purchased and thoroughly renovated the Port Perry Woolen Mills and is offering "highest prices" for quantities of wool.

Output at Port Perry Creamery, under the new ownership of Mr. Stillman, has increased dramatically, reaching an output of 8,500 pounds.



*Captain John Bowerman's little steamer "Cora, was named after his daughter.*

### **Steamer Cora set to run weekly to Lindsay**

North Ontario Observer, June 5, 1902

Captain John Bowerman has concluded to run the steamer "Cora" to Lindsay every Saturday, commencing Saturday, June 7th. The steamer will leave the wharf, Port Perry, at 8 a.m. sharp, calling at Pettet's Landing at 8:20; Hood's Landing at 9:20; Washburn Island at 9:40; Caesarea at 10; and Plum Point at 10:45, arriving at Lindsay at noon.

Returning leave Lindsay at 3 o'clock. Fare – round trip from Port Perry, 75 cents; Pettet's, 75 cents; Hood's Landing, 60 cents; Washburn, 50 cents; Caesarea 50 cents; Plum Point, 25 cents.

### **Port Perry Creamery increases output to 8,500 lbs. for the export trade**

*North Ontario Observer, July 10, 1902*

Every since the present owner, Mr. Robert T. Stillman, of the Port Perry Creamery took possession of that now popular institution, its business has been rapidly increasing until in the month of June its output reached the handsome figures of 8,500 pounds; the entire manufacture being for the export trade.

This creamery sends out nothing but the very choicest articles, hence it readily commands the very highest figure. Mr. Stillman is one of our most esteemed and enterprising townsmen; besides carrying on an extensive creamery, he also represents the DeLaval Separator Co., and is successful in selling the famous separators.



*Port Perry Creamery was owned and operated by Robert T. Stillman in 1902, but sold it the following year to James Stonehouse.*

## 1902 TIMELINE

Heavy rains have raised the Scugog's high-water mark by a full nine inches.

### August 1902

Port Perry Electric Light Company is offering for sale by auction all its property not destroyed by the late fire.

### September 1902

The new steel bridge being built over the Nonquon River will cost \$500 and is almost completed.

### October 1902

Beverley T. Sangster, youngest son of Dr. Sangster of this place, left for Ottawa on Monday to take a position in the Post Office Department there.

Mr. Robert Bartley has purchased a new steam cider mill and placed it in the Port Perry Woolen Mills. He is an expert at cider making and will produce a quality cider for his patrons.

Mr. Madison Williams, our enterprising townsman has contracted to build a number of turbines for the Raven Lake Cement Co. The \$10,000 contract is the largest he has ever undertaken.

### November 1902

Council closed contract with Mr. W.M. Currie for electric light service for three years at \$400 per year.

Cook's Restaurant: is headquarters for Oysters, Fresh Fish or a delightful luncheon. First door east of The Observer office.

### December 1902

Port Perry council passed a bylaw making it obligatory on the part of residents to keep sidewalks in front of their properties clear of snow. Defaulters were liable for a fine of \$20. and village authorities could order the sidewalks cleared with charges against their property taxes.

Port Perry Curling Club elected the following officers: Hon. Pres. Wm. Ross, M.P.; President Dr. Graham, 1st Vice Pres. R.J. Bruce, 2nd Vice Pres. Geo. Rose, 3rd Vice Pres. W. H. Letcher, Sec. Treas. F. M. Brown.



*Joseph Cook's Restaurant on Perry Street, just south of the Market Building and north of the Ontario Carriage Works building. He later moved to Queen St.*

## James Carnegie's "Union Mills" destroyed by late night fire

*North Ontario Observer: June 14, 1902*

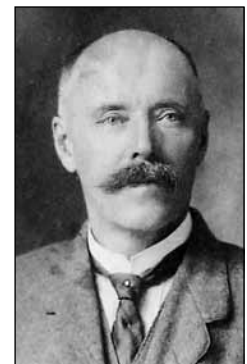
About three o'clock in the morning of Saturday last, the sleeping inhabitants of Port Perry had a rude awakening by the clatter of the fire-bell and soon discovered that Mr. Carnegie's Flouring Mills and Planing Mills were all ablaze. The inability of successfully fighting the flames of the fire fiend was realized, and with increasing fury soon both structures were reduced to ashes.

The blow is a heavy one to the proprietor who will lose considerable by the calamity. The condition was so sudden and overwhelming that comparatively little was effected and the devourer fried everything before it.

The fire still remains a mystery and that the village will suffer very financially from the loss of the hosts of customers throughout the surroundings is patent to all – the population of the mills and the good name Carnegie had a tendency of bringing customers which proved highly beneficial to every branch of business in the town.

Lately an extensive annex had been erected and up-to-date machinery put in fact Carnegie's Mill here among the best appointed anywhere to be found. The destruction of the busy plant will cause many men of the town considerable inconvenience.

All sympathize with Mr. Carnegie in his misfortune. All will be pleased to learn that Mr. Carnegie has concluded to rebuild and he may be depended on to erect and equip mills that are in every respect to be a credit to the Dominion of Canada.



*James Carnegie*

## Respected hotel keeper, Louis Sebert passes away

*North Ontario Observer, September 29, 1902*

In the death of Louis Sebert, 45 years, on Monday, Sept. 19, 1902, the community sustained a severe loss.

As a man of business he occupied a very prominent position and discharged its varied duties with credit to himself and to the utmost satisfaction of the public. He has made a name for The Sebert House which is almost of continental fame. As its proprietor he was widely known and had the confidence of his guests; commercial travelers and tourists.

During the funeral services and cortege, the places of business in town were closed.



*The steamer Kenosha, seen here docked at Lindsay.*

## G.M. Gibbs honoured for service

*North Ontario Observer, October 28, 1902*

One of Port Perry's most active and worthy citizens Mr. G.M. Gibbs, being about to move from our midst, a number of his most intimate friends, determined to publicly acknowledge his genuine worth, provided him a complimentary supper at the Sebert House on the evening of Friday, August 22.

When the whole town favours the compliment it is needless to state, that the compliment was all that could be desired, numerous, intelligent, and enjoyable. A look around the company as seated in the banqueting hall would not fail in making one proud of the inhabitants of Port Perry and its surroundings.

The magnificently got up banquet was honourable alike to the enterprise, liberality, and good taste of the worthy and energetic host and hostess, Mr. Louis Sebert and his good lady Annie. The spread would have done credit to any of the best hotels in the Province.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Wm. Ross. M. P., seated on his right the guest of the evening and on his left Dr. John H. Sangster; the vice-chair by Mr. James Carnegie, supported on his right by Mr. Peter Christie and his left by Mr. William H. McCaw.

A glance at the toast list was a sufficient guarantee that a highly intellectual treat was in store for the company. The loyal and patriotic toasts were given in capital taste and were received with a spirit of enthusiasm worthy of their importance and were responded to with excellent taste.

In proposing the toast of the evening, Mr. Hubbert L. Ebbels dwelt at considerable length on the many good qualities of the gentleman whose health he proposed.

Mr. Gibbs on rising, received a perfect storm of applause. He thanked the company and acknowledge the compliments paid him.

## Fidelity Lodge excursion Kenosha to Sturgeon Point

*North Ontario Observer, July 30, 1902*

The Excursion Committee of Fidelity Lodge A.F. & A.M., on Monday last entertained this section of country in a manner long to be remembered by all who participated. The large number who accepted the invitation and took part in the Excursion festivities fully demonstrated that the kind invitation was much appreciated.

The committee in question chartered the steamer Kenosha for an excursion to Sturgeon Point and it proved the "best of the season" in every respect, that has left our wharf the present season.

The weather being propitious and the excursionists of the right stamp, an interesting and enjoyable time was the result. All were delighted with the trip and not the least pleasing feature of the occasion was attributable to the grand music of the 34th Battalion Band.

## Grand Excursion will be last of the boating season

*North Ontario Observer, August 7, 1902*

The last excursion to leave Port Perry this season is not one to be missed. The Grand Excursion will take place from Port Perry to Fenelon Falls, August 20, per palace steamer Kenosha.

The boat will leave the wharf at 8 a.m. sharp, and return about 10 p.m. Exceptionally low rates are being secured whereby all will be able to take advantage.

The Sunderland Brass Band will be on board and furnish choice music.

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*Thomas Cook operated this restaurant on Perry Street, just north of the Ontario Carriage Works until about 1902, when he moved to a new facility on Queen Street, located over the Observer Printing office, beside the Sebert Hotel.*

**1903 TIMELINE**

**January 1903**

A meeting was held on Jan. 14 in an attempt to amalgamate the Agriculture Societies of Reach, Port Perry and Scugog.

Elections: Port Perry Reeve E. H. Purdy, Councillors Thos. Rundle, J. Stovin, R.J. Bruce, E. Raines. Reach Twp. council elected by acclamation. Scugog Twp. Wm. Aldred, Councillors Wellington Sweetman, Wm. Jackson, J.F. Gerrow and W. D. Hope.

R.G. Baird of the Western Bank was honored at a banquet at the Sebert House and presented a gold watch before his departure for Oshawa.

James Carnegie's newly constructed Port Perry Roller Mills is now completed and in full operation.

Arrangements are about complete to install the Electric Light Plant in a new building and it will be running in a short time.

**February 1903**

Reeve E.H. Purdy and councillor R.J. Bruce addressed a public meeting explaining the importance, feasibility and advisability of installing a corporation Electric Light Plant and Water Works system in the town.

Mr. R.T. Stillman sells his Port Perry Creamery to Mr. Jas. Stonehouse and purchases the agriculture and implement business of C.J. Laing in the Market building.

**March 1903**

A Board of Trade was organized composed of Port Perry, Reach and Scugog. Officers elected are Joseph Bigelow, president; James Carnegie, vice-president; W.H. Dunsford, secretary/treasurer; council members are Sam. Jeffrey, R.J. Bruce, W.L. Parrish, E.H. Purdy, Jas. L. Forman, Wm. Ross, M.P., W.H. McCaw and J. W Meharry.

Discussions at the first meeting of the Board of Trade included: establishment of a Canning Factory, new Post Office and better mail service.

**Stolen horse and cutter recovered by police**

*North Ontario Observer: January 22, 1903*

Among the many hundreds who came to witness the ice races on Thursday last, was Mr. H. Franklin of Shirley.

He drove his rig into the sheds of the St. Charles Hotel for the day. In the evening when he wished to return home, he found that his mare and cutter had been appropriated, and in place of going on a pilgrimage in search of the missing property, he at once secured the assistance of our Chief McKnight.

Chief McKnight at once set the press, wires and mail at work, and before nine o'clock the following morning he had "Mr. Thief" in limbo, and the stolen property returned to its rightful owner.

**Council receives cost of taking over electric light plant and establishing water works**

*North Ontario Observer: February 5, 1903*

Your committee have considered the entire cost of taking over Electric Light Plant and establishing water works from the lake, foot of Queen Street to the Town Hall.

Taking from Mrs. Currie, her entire Electric plant, buy from Mr. Carnegie half of his lot at the foot of Queen Street, bordering on the lakefront and erecting on the same a suitable Power House, and installing in 100 h.p. condensing engine and 100 h.p. boiler.

Also erecting in the same building a compound Duplex Pump 450 to 900 U.S. gallons per minute, and which would carry four one inch streams at 60 lbs. pressure at nozzle, and laying a six inch cast iron pipe as far as the Town Hall for the sum of \$12,000.

Your committee recommend that the Reeve be and is hereby authorized upon the adoption of this report, to call a Public Meeting in the interests of the ratepayers of the village, for the purpose of laying this matter before them.

Respectfully submitted by Edward H. Purdy, John Stovin, and Robert J. Bruce.



*Dr. Samuel Mellow in his buggy and a passenger, early 1900s.*





*Baptist Church, at the corner of Queen and Rosa Street, Port Perry.*

## Fatal accident near Greenbank

*North Ontario Observer: February 12, 1903*

A sad and fatal accident took place in a Reach, near Greenbank, on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Robert Greer was cutting down a tree on his fine farm, when a limb lodge in a standing tree near by, which afterwards fell striking the unfortunate victim in the back with such force as to cause death in a very short time.

Mr. Gregg was one of Reach's most highly respected residents, beside being successful at farming he was public spirited and some years since sat at the council board, and legislated for the best interests of native municipality.

## Found dead from chloroform overdose

*Toronto Globe: February 18, 1903*

There was shock in Kingston this morning when the tragic death of Ernest L. Ebbels, the young King Street druggist became known.

He was addicted to the use of chloroform to obtain immediate sleep, and retiring last night placed a handkerchief saturated with the liquid over his face.

Fellow boarders later on removed the handkerchief, as they had often done before, but the young man seems to have inhaled too strong a dose of the fumes. Not appearing for breakfast, an investigation was made, which his lifeless body was found.

Mr. Ebbels was 26 years old and was the second son of Hubert L. Ebbels, from Port Perry, Ontario.

## 1903 TIMELINE

### April 1903

Veterinarian Orr Graham has resumed the practice of his profession at his office located on Queen Street.

The Port Perry Creamery is now in full blast. Proprietor, Mr. James Stonehouse is an expert in the manufacture of creamery butter.

### May 1903

The business of Mr. Stillman, a dealer in Agricultural Machines and Implements has been purchased by Mr. Chas. A. Rundle.

Port Perry, being the butter centre of the County, was selected by the Grand Trunk Railway authorities to be one of the stations at which to collect butter for exportation to Europe.

The bylaw submitted to property owners for the purpose of financing the construction of a Water Works and Electric Light Plant was carried by a substantial margin.

### June 1903

A large deputation of leading citizens and the Band met former Port Perry resident G.M Gibbs at the depot when he arrived for a visit from his new home in Manitoba.

### July 1903

The town was preparing for the home coming and Reunion Festival of Port Perry Old Boys on Aug. 3, 1903, calling it the "biggest day in the town's history."

Mr. J.R. Marshall, lessee of the St. Charles Hotel for the past three years, has lately become the owner of that fine hotel.

### August 1903

Thousands of former residents arrived in Port Perry for the Home Comers Reunion. Seven coaches, drawn by two engines were needed to accommodate the large number of guests and more than 23 different excursions left Toronto by train.

The Ontario Central Fair grounds, Port Perry, was sold to the Regal Packing Company for an Evaporating and Canning Factory business. When improvements are completed it will be capable of peeling and evaporating 2,500 bushels of apples per day and will employ 120 hands.

## New Board of Trade organized by Port Perry businessmen

*Toronto Globe: March 25 1903*

A new Board of Trade has been organized, composed of the Village of Port Perry, the Township of Reach and the Township of Scugog. The incorporation certificate has been filed with the Secretary of State.

The number of members at present is forty three, with the following officers: Joseph Bigelow, president; James Carnegie, vice-president; W.H. Dunsform, secretary-treasurer; Council, Samuel Jeffrey, Robert L. Bruce, William L. Parrish, Edward H. Purdy, James L. Forman, William Ross, M.P.; William H. McCaw and John W. Meharry.

The objects and aims of the Board of Trade as a representative body are not to control trade, but to increase trade and develop the material resources of the town and surrounding country.

Port Perry is exceptionally and favourably located to become a large trade and manufacturing centre, with a surrounding agricultural district equal to any other part of Canada.

## Beloved figure, "Billy Buttons" passes away

*Toronto Globe: April 2, 1903*

Francis Gentle, the old veteran and peddler, who has been a familiar figure on Toronto street, will be missed by the thousands of people who were accustomed to mark his odd appearance and to wonder at his strange manner of living.

Born in London, England about 1835 he enlisted in the Land Transport Corps in 1854. When discharged in 1857, he emigrated to Canada and settled near Port Perry. He joined the 34th Battalion and served during the Fenian raid for which he received a medal.

He was a quiet, peaceable old man, plying his trade modestly and honestly. The old man was worn out and suffered from disease for many years. After years of fruitless efforts to secure a pension, he applied to Colonel Norman F. Paterson, a lawyer formerly of Port Perry, who after a great deal of negotiations obtained the merited reward which commenced July 1, 1902.

Francis Gentle "Billy Buttons" died on March 29, 1902 at St. Michael's Hospital, and was buried at St. James' Cemetery in a plot given by the St. George's Society.



## New village power house completed

*North Ontario Observer: September 17, 1903*

The contractors of our new Power House have given a good account of themselves; they have completed the building within the time limit and in every respect have done themselves credit.

The building in every way meets the requirements for which it was erected, solidity and convenience being the main features. Mr. George Gardner was contractor for the mason and Mr. C.L. Vickery for the carpenter work.



*The Ontario Carriage Works, on Perry Street, constructed in 1884.*



View of Water Street, looking north, shows a smaller grain elevator to right, the water tower and station in the distance.

## Reports of Scarlet Fever in Port Perry

*North Ontario Observer: April 23, 1903*

Some ignorant and excitable people have been circulating baseless and exaggerated reports concerning the prevalence of Scarlet Fever in Port Perry. We have the permission of the Board of Health for the following statement:- "Since the beginning of the year there have been two deaths from Scarlet Fever and one from Whooping Cough complicated with Scarlet Fever.

At present there are only two cases of the disease in the village and neighborhood, both have passed the crisis and are now convalescing. The households in which the deaths have happened are being disinfected under the direction of the Medical Health Officer of the town".

Also, some time ago two children who had been brought to Port Perry while they were suffering from the disease, did die.

## Port Perry Creamery running a full blast.

*North Ontario Observer: April 30, 1903*

The Port Perry Creamery is now in full blast and the output is a prime article, and commands the highest figure in the best markets in the world.

The proprietor, Mr. James Stonehouse, is an expert in the manufacture of creamery butter and Port Perry and surrounding country has every reason to be proud of the Port Perry Creamery.

Such an institution well deserves, and we are pleased to know, is receiving that patronage it is so justly entitled to.

The Creamery wagon will call at your door and take your cream and without further work or worry you get your cash every month. The creamery is her to stay and the farmers will be studying their own interests in patronizing it.



James Stonehouse

## 1903 TIMELINE

### September 1903

Henry Parsons writes "At a meeting of Uxbridge council a by-law was passed appropriating Port Perry's Market Day (Thursday); they would doubtless steal Sunday if they had any use for it."

The contractors for the new Power House have completed the building within the time limit and the building meets the requirements for which it was erected.

Thomas C. Paxton, a native of Port Perry, died at the age of 50 years.

### October 1903

The fine residence of Mr. G.L. Robson, V.S., and several adjoining buildings were destroyed by fire. Mr. Robson escaped through a window.

Principal D. McBride of Port Perry High School delivered the opening address to the annual convention of the Teachers of North Ontario held in Uxbridge.

### December 1903

Students of Mr. Downey, principal of the Model School presented him with an ebony writing set in appreciation of his efforts.

1903 Port Perry reeve and council were all returned by acclamation for another term. Scugog reeve and council were also returned by acclamation.



A group of people leaving the railway station, walk towards the St. Charles Hotel, left, and Sebert House, right.

## J.R. Marshall new owner of the St. Charles hotel

*North Ontario Observer: July 30, 1903*

The villagers, the traveling public and all doing business in the village will be pleased to learn that the lessee of the St. Charles Hotel for the past three years, Mr. J.R. Marshall, has lately become owner of that fine hotel.

Not alone the town's people, those doing business in town, but also the traveling public are indebted to the liberality and energy of Mr. Marshall for providing such accommodation as his magnificent hotel supplies – abundant accommodation – and comfort for all guests.

Mr. Marshall deserves well of the community for his providing so much first-class accommodation for the convenience of the public and an appreciative

people will continue to show their appreciation by the increasing liberal patronage the St. Charles will be accorded.

Mr. Marshall is already well known and an active and attentive host and a successful caterer for the comfort and accommodation of guests, always supplying his table and bar with the best the market affords, while his good lady, Mrs. Marshall, is an amiable and active hostess.

We think all will join us in wishing the St. Charles long and continued prosperity, proving a convenience and comfort to the public and profitable to its energetic and popular proprietor.

## Uncle Tom's Cabin comes to Port Perry under a large tent

*North Ontario Observer: June 25, 1903*

Stenson's Big Double Uncle Tom's Cabin Company, under a large waterproof canvas, Port Perry on Monday, June 29th.

The have all the accessories for producing the play in the most approved style and are highly successful in pleasing their audience. The cowpony has a double band orchestra, composed of white and colored musicians, two "topazes", two Marks, Eva dn her pony "Prince."

The Loan Star Quartette and the African mandolin players, not excluding a pack of savage looking bloodhounds.

## Grand Trunk picks Port Perry only Ontario Cty. station for butter depot

*North Ontario Observer: May 21, 1903*

That the Grand Frank authorities, in selecting Port Perry as one of the stations at which to collect Butter every Monday for exportation to Europe certainly paid the butter makers of this locality a compliment. Port Perry being the only point in this County selected.

The refrigerator cars for the purpose for which they are provided are as near perfection as possible. That Uxbridge and other places, that only talk Butter, have been given the go-by is no more than was to be expected.

Port Perry is essentially the Butter, centre of the County, and is patent to all having all knowledge of the abundance and superiority of that commodity manufactured in the vicinity.



*The Port Perry, Grand Truck Railway station.*

## George M. Gibbs gets a right royal welcome back home

*North Ontario Observer: June 18, 1903*

There was a right royal welcome on the arrival of Mr. G. M. Gibbs of Neepawa, Man., at the railway depot at this place on Saturday evening last. He was wet by a large deputation of leading citizens, together with our Band which escorted him to the business centre, playing choice and appropriate airs.

Port Perry is well aware it owes that gentleman a debt of gratitude it will never be in a position to repay. During his residence here, his many manifestations, and lively interest in all affairs pertaining to the, improvement and prosperity of the town were preverbal and the public spirit displayed by him was unstinted, either in means or energy.

Port Perry is much indebted to him for many innovations and important improvements, and our people retain a warm place in their hearts for him, and wish him continued prosperity which all are pleased to know he is graced with in his new abode in the far West where he is also the idol of the town of which he is now so worthy, energetic and esteemed citizen.



## Council authorizes tenders for construction of power house

*North Ontario Observer: May 28, 1903*

At the regular meeting of Port Perry council, the committee on site for erection of the Power House, reported in favor of the purchase of the south-half of the Carnegie water frontage lot, the price to be \$400.

On motion of Mr. Bruce, the report was adopted, and the Clerk instructed to prepare the documents making the necessary transfer.

On motion of Mr. Bruce, Messrs. Stovin, Rundle and Raines were appointed to oversee the construction of the foundation of the new Power House.

On motion of Mr. Bruce, Mr. Stovin was instructed to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the construction of a brick Power House; and the clerk, W.H. Harris, was authorized to advertise for Tenders for its construction, reception of such tenders to close at noon on Friday June 5th. Plans are on exhibition at the Clerk's Office.

## Thousands travel to Port Perry for home coming

*The Toronto World: August 6, 1903*

It was a merry, eager crowd that boarded the train yesterday morning at the Union Station, Toronto, bound for Port Perry. Merry because they were looking forward to a day of pleasure and eager because they were each and everyone going on a visit to their old home.

Seven coaches, drawn by two engine, were needed to accommodate the large number of home-seekers, and this despite the fact that no less than 23 different excursions left Toronto yesterday by train, besides the large number who took their day's outing-on the water.

The pretty village to which they were bound never looked so pretty as it did yesterday; with its wealth of decoration and its picturesque crowds. The local Council and Board of Trade had taken upon themselves the task of preparing for the home-comers, and well had they performed their work, as was attested by the bright and gay appearance of the streets and the general perfection of the arrangements

The weather man was most kind, for, altho in the morning the clouds looked threatening, the day gradually brightened, and in the afternoon the sun came out and shone with most benignant intentions.

When the train arrived it was welcomed at the station by a large crowd of villagers, together with many home comers who had arrived on Saturday. The Port Perry and Layton Bands were on hand to help welcome the old boys, and later on two more bands

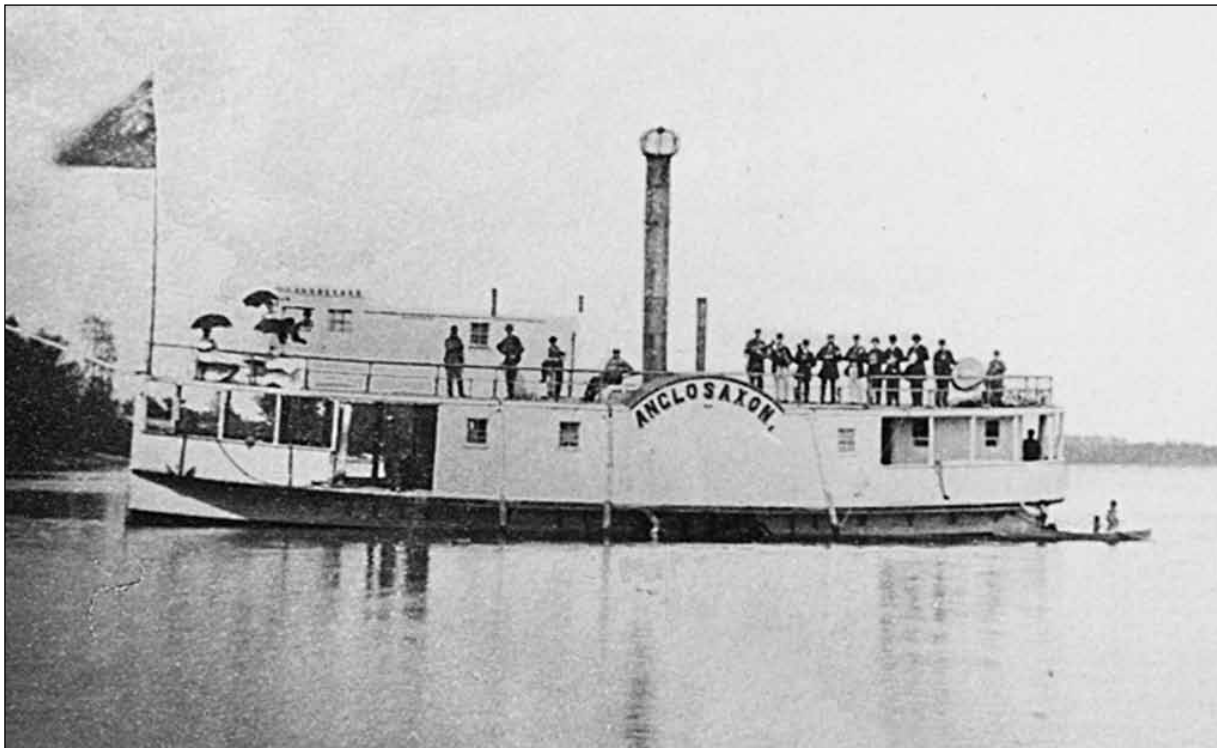
from Epsom and Greenbank joined in the celebrations.

Some time was spent while greeting were exchanged and hand clasped hand as old friends met, in many cases after long separations. It was a joyous reunion and every face wore a bright, happy expression as they all turned from the station on still more pleasures bent. Headed by the local band, the procession lined up and paraded to the Town Hall, where the address of welcome was read and presented by Mr. Edward Purdy, reeve of the village.

This was followed by speech-making, in which several most prominent gentlemen took part, among them being Col. N.F. Paterson, K.O., president of Port Perry Old Boys' Association of Toronto; Hon. Colin Campbell, Attorney-General of Manitoba; Mr. William Ross, the popular P.M for South Ontario, and Mr. Joseph Bigelow, president of the local Board of Trade.

In the afternoon the festivities were continued on the Exhibition grounds where athletic games and various other forms of amusement, were provided, together with a band competition, in which Epsom band carried off the palm of victory.

A promenade concert in the evening rounded up the day's festivities, and when the train drew out all went away with lighter hearts and with spirits strengthened by life's busy routine after their day's sojourn at their dear old home.



*The beautiful steamer, Anglo Saxon, docked on Lake Scugog.*



*This circa 1900 photo shows Perry Street, looking north from Queen St. At right is the A.W. Allins Carriage Shop and A. H. Reynolds Blacksmith Shop and the cupola seen over the roof of the white frame house, is from the old Williams Foundry, before it was torn down in early 1910. At the reins of the horse drawn wagon is James Coates, with his son Russell.*

## Regal Packaging purchases Ontario Central Fair Grounds

*North Ontario Observer: August 30, 1903*

The Ontario Central Fair Grounds, Port Perry, have been sold to the Regal Packing Company, composed of Montreal Capitalists for an Evaporating and Canning Factory business.

One of the principal owners, W.J. Bellingham, is here superintending extensive alterations and improvements to commence the evaporating of apples within the next month. The premises when the improvements are completed will be one of the largest and most complete in Canada and will be capable of peeling and evaporating 2,500 bushels, per day and will employ during the evaporating season 120 hands.

The require, if obtainable 150,000 bushels of apples the present season, any kind of apples large or small will be purchased at the same price as paid at other evaporating concerns.

This industry cannot help but be of great advantage to the Farmers of the Counties of Ontario, Victoria and Durham. Farmers heretofore selling their shipping apples have had no market for what they had left.

We advise farmers to supply all the apples they can to help build up an industry that will at all times take all that class of fruit for which there has been no market heretofore.

## Thursdays will continue to be Port Perry's "Market Day"

*North Ontario Observer: September 17, 1903*

Thursday of each week will continue to be Port Perry's Market day. The success so far and public patronage has fully established Port Perry as a central market.

The offerings on the market continue to increase; the prices paid, and fair treatment is giving satisfaction, and the attempt on the part of the Town of Uxbridge Council to appropriate Thursday for their market day, knowing it was Port Perry's market day is anything but generous or fair play to say the least, and will prove a boomerang.

You cannot play in our yard any more.

## Duck hunting good on Scugog

*North Ontario Observer: October 9, 1903*

Dr. W. A. Sangster of this place, Mr. Selwyn Sangster, of the Department of Interior, Ottawa, and Mr. Elmer Willard of Toronto, who, for the past few days, have been camping and hunting ducks on the Scugog, returned the other day for a further supply of ammunition. They brought in 50 fine birds, the result so far, of their superior skill as marksmen and accurate knowledge of the best hunting grounds.

We can vouch for the quality of the birds owing to the generosity of these much esteemed and highly successful sportsmen.

## Former Utica man, dies from typhoid fever in USA

*North Ontario Observer: November 19, 1903*

The melancholy intelligence reached here yesterday of the death from typhoid fever of Dr. Arthur Allin, youngest son of Wm. Allin, Utica and bother of our much esteemed townsman Mr. A.W. Allin.

The Dr. was one of the brightest pupils that ever graduated at our, high school. Afterwards he distinguished himself at the great seats of learning in Germany, and England, and at the time of his demise occupied an important position in a Colorado University at Boulder, one of the greatest seats of learning on the continent of America.

The mourning ones have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. The remains will be brought to Port Perry for interment.

## Escapes through window as house destroyed by raging fire

*North Ontario Observer: October 1, 1903*

On the night of Monday last the fine residence, together with several adjoining buildings including the driving house and all their contents, the property of Mr. G.L. Robson, V.S., Reach, were destroyed by fire.

About twelve o'clock on the night in question Mr. Robson was aroused by a choking sensation and had barely time to escape from one of the windows in his night apparel in time to save his life. Reaching in another window he recovered a pair of old trousers, no other article being saved.

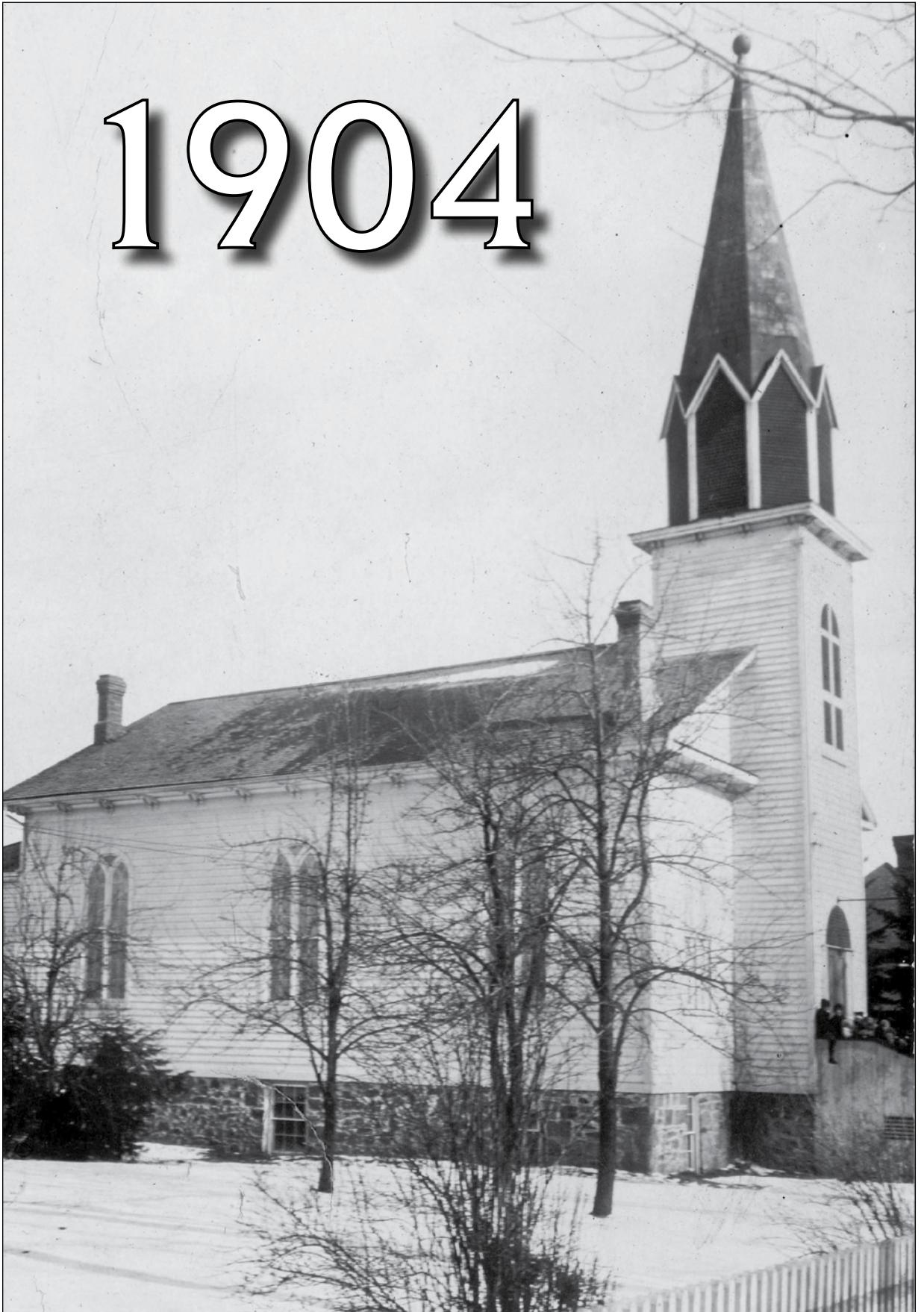
The fire had such head way when discovered that it was impossible to save any of the contents of the buildings. The loss is a severe one, the accumulations of fifty years of many articles which money cannot replace and which were of priceless value to the possessors have vanished, together with so fine a property; and what makes the loss still more severed, only lately Mr. Robson cancelled \$600 of insurance. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Robson and family at their misfortune.



*Home of George Currie, southwest corner of Queen and Ella St., with the Union School in the background.*



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*Port Perry Presbyterian Church, Queen St., Port Perry, circa 1910.*

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## Man dies of heart attack while out feeding pigs

*North Ontario Observer: January 14, 1904*

Late Saturday evening, Mr. Thos. Millen who resided with his mother and sister on the 13th concession of Reach Township, died suddenly while feeding his pigs, and was partly devoured by them.

Just about dark Saturday evening he went out to feed his pigs and as he was late in coming in to his supper a nephew went out to find him. After going through the barn and stables, he returned to the house, saying that he could not find his uncle.

Then he and his aunt went out, but with no success, and as they were passing the pig pen, the pigs were making so much noise as though eating, that they decided to look there, and to their astonishment and horror saw the pigs devouring the body of Thomas Millen.

The animals were immediately driven off and the body of the unfortunate man lifted out, minus the greater part of his face, the thumb on the right hand gone with some other parts of the body, and taken to the house.

The sad news came as a great shock to the whole neighborhood. The deceased had heart trouble for some time; and it is supposed that in reaching over to the feed trough, his heart stopped beating, causing him to fall into the pen with the above mentioned result.

### 1904 TIMELINE

#### January 1904

The election for Reeve in Reach resulted in the return of Mr. Norman Stuart by a majority of about 65 over Mr. John T. Doble. Councillors are R.M. Holtby, Jas Munroe, Thos. Lambe and R. McIntyre.

Dr. J. Herbert Sangster passed away at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto.

#### February 1904

Mr. H. H. Stone has purchased the tailoring establishment of Mr. H. Doubt.

Messrs. Purdy and Archer have entered into a co-partnership as importers and dealers of Coal of all grades.

#### March 1904

Jas. Stonehouse returned from Kingston where he was teaching for the winter, to get his Creamery reopened and operating by May 1. Mr. Edward Mundy, former owner of the Port Perry Standard newspaper made a visit to town.

#### April 1904

Port Perry was selected to be one of the Stock Sale Centres being established around the province, with the first sale to be held on June 16th, 1904.

#### May 1904

Mr. D. Perkins, one of the most expert cutters in the Dominion, has opened Merchant Tailoring business in the Blong Block.

## Popular steamboat captain, George Crandell dies from shovelling snow

*North Ontario Observer: January 28, 1904*

Death came suddenly January 22nd, to Capt. George Crandell, of this Lindsay, one of the oldest residents and perhaps more widely known than any other man in the Midland district.

The deceased had been out shovelling snow and feeling a weak spell coming one staggered into the house and sat down.

Drs. Shier was sent for, but before he arrived Capt. Crandell had expired. His heart had been weak for some time, and the fatigue brought on a fatal attack.

Capt. Crandell had been identified with navigation on the inland waters for over half a century. He had held successively, for years, the important offices of alderman and reeve, and always interested himself with energy to promote the best interests of Lindsay and the County of Victoria in general. A widow and several children survive him.



*Capt. George Crandell*

## Jas. Stonehouse teaches butter making

*North Ontario Observer: January 14, 1904*

Mr. James Stonehouse, the enterprising proprietor of the Port Perry Creamery, left on Monday last to fill the position of Butter Instructor of the Kingston Provincial Dairy School during its Winter Session which will last about two months.

The school is certainly to be congratulated in securing the services of Mr. Stonehouse as Butter Instructor – that gentleman's thorough knowledge of all the important intricacies so essential in the production of No.1 Butter cannot fail to still further increase the importance and popularity of the Kingston school.

He will re-open his Port Perry Creamery about May 1st.



Looking east along Queen Street, early part of the 1900s.

## Howard Stone buys Doubt's tailoring establishments in Port Perry

*North Ontario Observer: February 7, 1904*

H. Howard Stone having lately graduated at one of the most famous and prosperous cutting establishment in the Dominion has purchased the tailoring establishment of Mr. Henry Doubt and is now prepared to cater for the public in the clothing line.

In future this locality will be noted for the superiority of dress. Both men and boys will participate and will be known far and wide for their fine fitting garments, the product of Mr. Stone's establishment.

He is already in receipt of Spring importations and his stock will always be maintained at the highest possible altitude for all that is essential. That his success in business is patent to all knowing anything of his abilities and his determination to to succeed, and all wish the young man a prosperity his undertaking.

Mr. Doubt will stay on to assist in management of the business, hence the pubic will continue to have the benefit of his long experience.

## Destructive barn fire at Prince Albert

*North Ontario Observer: March 3, 1904*

About 11 o'clock on the evening of Friday last, 26th ult., the full barn of Mr. James McCulloch, of Prince Albert, was discovered to be on fire and in a short time, the entire structure and contents were reduced to ashes. Nothing was saved but a portion of the livestock and a few bushels of barley and oats.

Mr. McCulloch's loss is a severe one. The barn contained, besides the grain and hay the past two season's wheat crop. The cause of the fire still remains a mystery.



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**W. H. DOUBT.**

## Visit to the marshland club house

*North Ontario Observer: May 19, 1904*

A large party of Port Perry residents made the Osler Club House, in the Scugog marshlands, a call on the evening of Tuesday last and were much delighted with their visit.

The indefatigable and attentive caretaker, Mr. Schell, entertained his welcome visitors in a manner much appreciated by them; showing them many curios, wild (domesticated) geese and other interesting attractions of the property of the club house property.

## Still lots of fish in Lake Scugog

*Toronto Globe: May 12, 1904*

The latest fish story, that Lake Scugog froze to the bottom last winter, to the great surprise and pain of the bass and "lunge" that dwelt in its waters, is denied by Mr. James R. Marshall of Port Perry, who writes :

"Last week there, appeared in some of the Toronto newspapers an article, which if not contradicted, would be of harm to Port Perry. The item complained, that on account of the lake (Scugog) freezing to the bottom, countless numbers of bass and lunge were seen floating after the ice went out this spring.

Upon inquiry of Captain John Bowerman, who has acted as captain on these inland lakes for the past 30 years, and has also held the office of fishery inspector for the last ten years, I learn that there certainly were some dead fish.

There always are some fish found dead in the winter, from some unknown cause; certainly not, as reported by the press, because the lake was frozen to the bottom.

Captain Bowerman says, "those who care to come out for a few days sport need fear no depletion. They will meet with the same success as in other years."

## Former Prince Albert resident, Prosper Hurd's dies in Chicago

*North Ontario Observer: March 31, 1904*

Chicago's leading papers, of Saturday 26th, contained a notice of the death of Prosper Hurd, one of Perry's former esteemed townsmen who in the sixties and seventies of the past century, took a leading part in all that was beneficial to the interests of this place and its surroundings; he was public spirited and liberal, and to him is attributable vast improvements in this section.

Mr. Hurd erected a number of fine residences, besides a large brick dwelling on Union Avenue, in fact he was the father of the scheme to open "the Avenue", and to his untiring zeal and past many of the enterprises of the (then) days were of his origination and foresight for future prosperity.

In the practice of his profession he distinguished himself both at the bar and as a practitioner generally. As a pleader he had few equals in the Dominion and as a platform orator, few were rash enough to cross words with him.

That Mr. Hurd was gifted in the best acceptance of that term will be readily admitted by any any knowing anything of his abilities.

It was as Superintendent of the Sabbath Schools of the Methodist Churches in Prince Albert and Port Perry where he let his light shine with such brilliancy, efficiency and acceptability so many years.

Although not a native of Canada he came with his parents from Vermont to the Township of Reach when a mere child, and this is essentially the land of his adoption and we justly lay claim to him. Few brighter men are to be found in any land.



*A group of people get ready for an excursion on the little "Cora" steamers.*



*Buildings on the northwest corner of Queen and Perry Street.*

## Jones and Orchard to erect coal elevator at lakefront

*North Ontario Observer: March 24, 1904*

This community is about to have an abundance of fuel for consumption and of all quality and at a price that cannot fail to please the most economical and exacting consumer of that commodity.

Messrs Jones & Orchard have purchased from Mr. James Carnegie, a large and convenient lot at the foot of Queen Street, on which they propose immediately erecting commodious coal elevators, of a capacity that when loaded will contain sufficient quantities to supply this whole district for lengthened periods.

Their enterprise in supplying immense quantities of the best quality of wood during the past year, has been much appreciated by this entire district, and now that they have entered the coal arena, there will be no dearth in fuel. They may be relied on with the utmost confidence.

## 1904 TIMELINE

Rev. George Robinson and his family have purchased and moved into a fine home in the western portion of town.

### June 1904

Train service for Port Perry has been improved, due to the public's demand for more convenient service.

Mr. Joshua W. Curts, Esq., a former leading citizen of our town, was in Port Perry for a visit.

There was a large attendance at the party given by the Loyal True Blues of Port Perry in Town Hall park.

A meeting was held in the Sebert House to form a Kennel Club for the protection of dogs against poisoning.

### July 1904

Four valuable Clydsdale horses owned by Mr. Theodore Salter of Reach were killed during a severe electrical storm.

The Baptist Church opened their new vestry at a social evening.

Mr. D. Wakefield and John Hope fell off a barn roof while installing metal roofing, taking the life of Mr. Wakefield and severely injuring Mr. Hope.

### August 1904

An electrical storm passing through the area struck and destroyed the barns and contents of John Wannamaker, Scugog, the McQuade barn in Cartwright and the Robert Scott barn in Reach.

A first class granolithic sidewalk from Casimir to Mary Street has been completed by local townsmen Messrs. Waddell and Stonehouse.

Mr. William Mills of Port Perry has just completed the contract to construct a new water tank for the town. It is a mammoth water vessel of perfection.

### September 1904

Rev. McFarlane, after a pastorate of over five years, is leaving the Port Perry Baptist Church to minister a church in Rochester, New York.

## Port Perry chosen as a location for stock sales

*Toronto Globe: May 12, 1904*

The Scugog Agricultural Society, and the Port Perry Board of Trade, have concluded arrangements for the holding of regular Stock Sales through P.W. Hodson, Esq., Live Stock Commissioner for the Dominion Government.

A number of Stock Sale Centres are being established in the Province, Port Perry being one of the places selected. These sales will take place at stated periods for the sale by auction of all kinds of farm animals, including specialty grade stock, stockers, fat stock, milch cows, pigs, &c.

This will be a great convenience to the farmers and stock raisers of this section of the Province, bringing the buyers and sellers together on stated days for disposing of surplus stock, and the selling and buying of grade animals. Some of the best stock raisers will be represented at these sales.

The first Stock Sale will take place at Port Perry on the 16th of June, 1904, of which full particulars will be published. Parties having milch cows or store cattle or pigs for sale will make application to Mr. J.H. Brown, Secretary, Port Perry, on or before the 20th May.



*The Port Perry bridge, or causeway, during the early 1900s.*

## Port Perry on right line for fast train to Toronto

*Lindsay Watchman-Warder: June 9, 1904*

The growth of this town (Lindsay) is being both indicated and ministered to by the improved railway service that it is securing. Within quite recent times the ordinary passenger trains for Toronto by way of Blackwater have been supplemented by one leaving here at 6.30 in the morning and connecting at Whitby with the main line.

By this service a man reaches the city about 9.30 a.m. – if he gets up in time to catch it here. But there was the rub. General public demand for a more convenient service, reinforced no doubt by recent railway developments in this region have at length persuaded the Grand Trunk officials to provide a better service.

The subject has been under consideration for some time, but now it has been decided to put on a fast local train between Peterboro and Toronto going by way of Whitby. It will make no stop between Peterboro and Lindsay, and only one stop, at Port Perry, between Lindsay and Whitby, and then right into the city. It will leave Lindsay at 8 o'clock in the morning.

"We have selected the Whitby route," said a prominent local railway man, because it will allow better speed. There are some very bad curves on the part of the other line that used to be the Nippissing, and they won't allow making the time we want this special to make. If present intentions are carried out the new train will be running in a week or two.

## The finest craft on the Kawartha Lakes

*Ontario Observer: May 19, 1904*

Mr. Z. Burnham of this place, has during the past winter, manufactured a large number of first-class skiffs, in addition to his former large supply, and has now the most complete outfit in the skiff line for the navigation of the Scugog to be found.

Mr. Burnham possesses reliable information as to the best fishing grounds and imparts knowledge as to their location that cannot fail to benefit his patrons. He is constantly at his new boat house at the foot of Mary Street prepared to supply all comers with safe rowing and sailing craft.

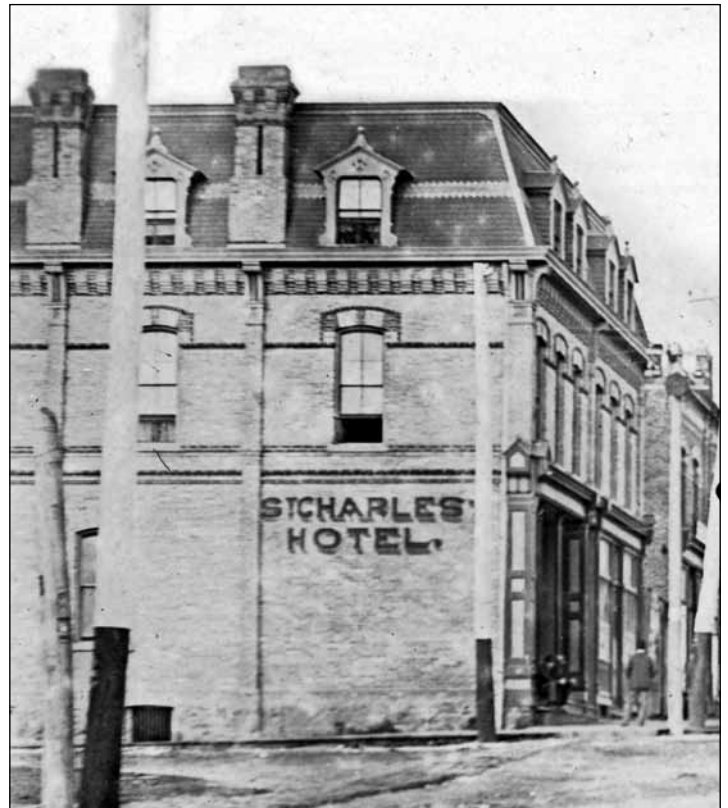
## St. Charles Hotel sheds destroyed by fire

*Toronto Globe: July 8, 1904*

A fire occurred last night in the frame stables the St. Charles Hotel, located in the part of the business portion of the town.

Shortly after the fire alarm the new brigade deluged the property with water, and were it not for the new waterworks system recently inaugurated a large conflagration would undoubtedly have been the result.

Port Perry, with some hesitation, accepted a system of waterworks, but the residents, after last night's demonstration, are quite satisfied that they have now the proper fire protection.



*St. Charles Hotel, corner of Queen and Water St., Port Perry.*

### 1904 TIMELINE

Mr. Peter Christie declined a nomination at the Liberal Conservative Convention intimating his retirement from public life.

#### October 1904

A dredge is operating on Lake Scugog.

Mrs. Walter Mark and her son Roy, of Seagrave were thrown from their buggy, with Roy striking his head on a post, causing his death.

#### November 1904

On Sunday night last about eleven o'clock, the largest, most imposing, most costly and most important building in Port Perry - the Fair Building - was discovered to be on fire, and within a few minutes was reduced to ashes. The building had been used by the Regal Packing Company as a fruit evaporator until it closed before the end of last year.

The authorities of the Port Perry Race Association have decided on Jan. 11, 12 and 13 for the annual winter horse races on Lake Scugog.

#### December 1904

Port Perry Board of Trade held a Christmas Fair, which was patronized beyond the most sanguine expectations of its warmest advocates.

W.J. Meharry was appointed Chief of the Port Perry Fire Brigade for 1905. Robt. McKnight is treasurer.

The number of births, deaths and marriages in 1904 are as follows; Births 16 males, 14 females; deaths 18; marriages 17.

## Bass fingerlings released into Lake Scugog

*Toronto Globe: July 8, 1904*

Inspector Ellis of the Ontario Fishery Department returned from Port Perry yesterday, where he superintended the depositing of 2,000 bass fingerlings in Lake Scugog. The shipment was made from Long Point, Lake Erie, without the loss of a single fish.

Last winter the waters of Lake Scugog were almost frozen solid, and a very large portion of the fish were, consequently, smothered. It is claimed that the hotelkeepers of Port Perry alone are \$1,000 behind in their receipts this year owing to the absence of the tourist fishermen.

As an instance of the wholesale slaughter of the fish, owing to the severity of the winter, Inspector Ellis stated that a Port Perry ice man told him that one day in February, on cutting a hole in the ice, an almost over-powering stench was emitted. Looking down through the hole, the bottom of the lake was seen to be literally covered with rotting fish.

## Mammoth water tank a credit to village

*North Ontario Observer: August 25, 1904*

Thanks to our ingenious, industrious and enterprising townsman, Mr. William Mills, Port Perry now possesses the largest and best constructed water tank in this entire district.

Although this was Mr. Mills first attempt at the construction of so mammoth a water vessel he succeeded to perfection and delivered to the town authorities a tank that would do credit to the largest corporations on the continent.

In awarding the contract to Mr. Mills our council is to be congratulated, not only on its wisdom in encouraging local industry, but on securing a permanent construction that will endure.

## Construction of new residences in Port Perry

*North Ontario Observer: September 8, 1904*

The substantial progress Port Perry in making in constructing many fine and costly residences is an important feature of our town's great prosperity. No less than eight substantial and first-class dwelling houses are now under construction, some of which are nearly completed.

Two on North Street the property of Mr. John Stovin; another on the same street, the rectory of the Church of the Ascension; two on Bigelow street the property of Mr. Samuel Jeffrey; two on Lilla Street belonging respectively to Mr. W.G. Monet and George Gerrow, and one on Casimir Street the property of Mr. Hooey.

Many improvements have been made to many residential properties through-out the town; among others the the properties of Joseph Bigelow, Esq., on Rosa Street have undergone extensive alterations.

### Great combination stock sale to be held in Port Perry

*North Ontario Observer: October 6, 1904*

The third combination sale of stock under the auspices of the Dominion and Provincial Governments, to be held at Port Perry, on Thursday, October 13 is already an assured success.

The list of registered animals is one that cannot fail in bringing together a very large assemblage of men who know the worth of the animals offered and appreciate the opportunity of securing them.

When the grand array of valuable animals, as are recorded for this sale, are in evidence and on the ground at the time announced, the sight will be one unprecedented in this district. Mr. George Jackson will be auctioneer.

## Destructive fire destroys two barns, crop and equipment

*North Ontario Observer: October 22, 1904*

On Friday last, September 30, a destructive fire occurred just west of Port Perry on the farm of Mr. Robert Wallace. A threshing machine had been in operation about two hours on the day in question when one of the barns was observed to be on fire.

In a short time two barns containing this year's crop, a binder, two wagons and racks, a pulper, fanning mill and a quantity of harness, &c., were reduced to ashes.

A strong wind prevailed at the time and the dwelling house although two hundred feet from the barns, was on fire more than once; in fact the contents were removed, so confident were those present that it would be impossible to save the house.

Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Wallace in his severe loss. The loss exceeds \$3,000 with only an insurance of \$1,300.



*School at the hamlet of Seagrave.*



*Bethel Schoolhouse, south of Seagrave.*



*Bethel Episcopal Church, south of Seagrave.*



*Anglican Church, Port Perry.*



## Port Perry fair building reduced to ashes in late night fire.

*North Ontario Observer: November 10, 1904*

On Sunday night last about eleven o'clock, the largest, most imposing most costly and most, important building in Port Perry – the Fair building – was discovered to be on fire; distance militated against utilizing our water system, the magnificent building and contents were in a few minutes reduced to ashes.

The building was without a peer in the Dominion for capacity and convenience for fair exhibits – barring those in our largest cities – it was the pride of our town, and its loss is a calamity that affects the whole community, for fairs that have taken place in Port Perry have records that would do credit to any country in the world.

Over a year ago the property was sold to the Regal Packing Company of Montreal, and after extensive alterations and additions it was started as a fruit evaporator, but not proving a success it went into the hands of Assignee Clarkson of Toronto, before the end of the year, and was still under his control.

That so great destruction of valuable property is attributable to the hand of the vandals is admitted by all, and the fiend who committed the deed is a disgrace to civilization and his swift and severe punishment will meet the approbation of this entire community.

There was \$2,500 insurance on the buildings and machinery, which were valued at \$8,000.

## Boy killed, young woman injured in runaway buggy

*Toronto Globe: October 22, 1904*

A terrible calamity overtook the family of Mr. Walter Mark of Seagrave. Mrs. Mark and three children were driving into Port Perry, and when, near the town their horse became unmanageable and ran away, dashing the buggy against a telegraph post and throwing the occupants all violently to the ground.

All four received injuries more or less serious, but a boy, aged 11, and a daughter, aged 17, were fatally hurt. The boy was thrown against the post and had his skull fractured and crushed from ear, to ear, from which injuries he died the same evening.

The daughter is now lying at the point of death and the doctors have no hope of her recovery.

## Man attempts suicide after chasing wife with an axe

*Toronto Globe: November 11, 1904*

A man named, Adam Fielding, aged about 65, living in Prince Albert, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a jackknife during an insane fit.

Early in the forenoon he chased his wife with an axe in his hand and threatened to brain her, but she escaped and came to town for protection, and it was during her absence that he made the attempt upon his life. After cutting his throat he smashed the furniture until overcome from loss of blood. It is thought he will recover.



*William Brock's store on north side of Queen St., Port Perry.*



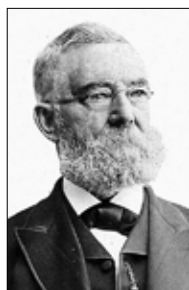
*Courtice & Jeffrey harness shop on Queen Street.*

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## Dr. J.H. Sangster honoured in brass

*North Ontario Observer: January 19, 1905*

The late Dr. John Herbert Sangster, M.A., M.D, of Port Perry, was one of four principals of the Ontario Normal School, who were honoured with the unveiling of brass tablets, in Toronto on Saturday.



*Dr. J.H. Sangster*

Many prominent educationalists and a number of the gnarl public were present for the ceremony. Before the unveiling of the tablets, a number of speakers told of the personal traits of the men, who by instructing the teachers of the youth of the province for half a century, between 1847 and 1898, have contributed so much to our welfare.

Dr. Barrick bore witness to the good qualities of the men, saying neither in Canada or in Great Britain had ever been seen a man more expert in the art of imparting knowledge than Dr. Sangster.

Mr. J.S. Fullerton corroborated this estimate of Dr. Sangster. He recalled the ease with which Dr. Sangster controlled his classes. The thought the doctor's chief excellence lay in the manner in which he imbued his pupils with the elements of his civic character, which was that of a safe man.

## Furniture business opens in Port Perry

*North Ontario Observer: February 1, 1905*

George Gerrow and Marshall Stonehouse announce to the citizens of Port Perry and surrounding district that they have opened first-class furniture and undertaking warerooms in the Blong Block, Queen Street.

They invite the public to inspect their extensive stock all the new and latest designs and finishes - bedroom suites, sideboards, parlour cabinets, ladies' desks, buffets, dining library and kitchen tables.

In the undertaking department, everything has been selected from the best and most reliable manufacturers. Their hearse and casket wagon are new and of the latest designs.

## G.M. Jones joins the firm of Jones & Son

*North Ontario Observer: February 8, 1905*

Mr. G.M. Jones, having been admitted into the firm of Jones & Co., the firm will hereafter be known as Jones & Son.

The names Jones in this district has long since made Port Perry famous as a trading point and the addition of the talented and energetic young man possessed of excellent business capacities will, if possible, have a tendency to add still further to the lustre of the name as caterers to the community and enhance their business and extend the good name of their immense establishment, which is at all season loaded with the world's best productions in the several lines in which they deal and dispose of so advantageously for their patrons.

## Serious accident for town electrician

*Ontario Observer: January 26, 1905*

Mr. N. Smith, our town electrician met with a serious accident yesterday at about 5:30 while on duty. He was in the act of adjusting the main belt to the shaft when from some cause, his right arm came in contact and was caught between belt and shaft, breaking it above the elbow.

Surgical aid was secured and the sufferer made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances.

## 1905 TIMELINE

### January 1905

Municipal Elections - Port Perry by acclamation Reeve Edward H. Purdy; Councillors H.G. Hutcheson, George Jackson, C.H. Allison and James Waddell.

Reach Twp. Reeve J. T. Doble; Councillors R. McIntyre, Jas. Braham, Alex Leask and Wright Crosier.

### February 1905

Messrs. Geo. Gerrow and Marshal Stonehouse have entered into a co-partnership and have an extensive showroom of furniture in the Blong Block.

### March 1905

The Port Perry Kennel Club offered \$100 reward to anyone providing information about the vandal who poisoned two of the town's most valuable dogs.

### May 1905

A representative of Bell Telephone was in town arranging to secure contracts for new solid back transmitter and bi-polar telephones. All present phones will be removed and the new style installed.

Captain Bowerman will commence his trips in his fast-sailing and tidy little steamer, Cora starting May 13. The boat has been thoroughly overhauled and repainted.

Town complains to Post Office about poor delivery service, sometimes taking four days to get a reply from places only four miles away.

## Speeding train throws snow into Whitby Junction train station

*North Ontario Observer: March 2, 1905*

On Friday evening last a snow low, east bound on the G.T.R. was the cause of some injury to life and damage to property at the Junction station. At 6:15 a low from the west came dashing along at the rate of 30 miles an hour, throwing the snow aside with great violence. It appears that the snow had not been cleared from in front of the station, and with the train running as such a high speed, the snow was thrown with great violence against the station, smashing the windows facing westerly.

Mrs. J.D. Paxton of Port Perry, who was sitting on the bench in the centre of the waiting room, was hit in the face by the broken glass, and received a cut on the right cheek, which require several stitches to close. She was taken to the home of Sheriff Paxton, Bryon St., where she received treatment and where she was confined for several days.

Other persons in the station narrowly escaped injury. Operator Fred Allin, was sitting at his table at the window of his office at the time. The snow smashed the window, knocked down a blind.



*Whitby Junction railway station.*

## Grand musical skating carnival a success

*North Ontario Observer: March 1, 1905*

The magnificent success that attended the Carnival held in the rink on the evening of Friday last fully demonstrated the wise decision arrived at in harmoniously blending the united efforts of our excellent Band and enterprising Rink management in order to produce an evening unalloyed pleasure and enjoyment.

The rink on the evening in question was the centre of attraction. One of the finest, most attractive Masquerades ever held in this section of country took place on that occasion. The dresses were magnificent and the fairy movements of attractive skaters drew forth the commendation of all, and it was with some difficulty the prize winners could be selected where all were so worthy.

The scene was highly attractive to old and young and a grand time was enjoyed by all. The rendition of many excellent numbers by the Band added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. The active and generous proprietor of the rink, Mr. Hicks, contributed to pleasure of the occasion by his excellent management.

## Bell Telephone adding many new customers

*North Ontario Observer: May 18, 1905*

The active and indefatigable representative of the Bell Telephone Company, Mr. E.D. Reed, is succeeding admirably in extending the business of that popular and justly celebrated company. He has much success in securing contracts in Port Perry, and has already obtaining a large list of subscribers.

The following are a partial list of those already receiving the service: Bandel, Louis, Sebert House; Bruce, R.J., hardware; Canadian Bank of Commerce, Chas. Ballard, mgr.; Carnegie, James, lumber and grist mill; Courtice & Jeffrey, wholesale harness and saddlery hardware; T.C. Forman & Son, grocers; Graham, Orr, V.S.; Grand Trunk Railway Station; Haggerman, D.F., grain, Manchester; Harris, W.H., barrister; Hutcheson, H.G., residence; Irvin, John, pumprnaker; Jamieson, W.M., livery and carter; McCaw, W.H., residence; McMillan, John, residence; Matthew, Edwards Co., egg and butter packers; Mellow, Dr. S.J.; Monet, W.G., merchant; Osler, H.S., Sec. Scugcg Game Co.; Parrish, W.L., hardware; Pearn, C., baker & confectioner; Proctor, Dr. E.L.; Purdy, E.H., grocer; Purdy, E.H., residence; Ross, A & Son, general merchants; Ross, Wm.; Short, Wm., wines and liquors; Searles, N., St. Charles Hotel; Western Bank, H.G. Hutcheson, Mgr.; Williams, Madison, foundry; D.J. Adams, banker; C.H. Allison, druggist; C.H. Allison, residence; G. Coates, V.S, residence; R.G. Vansickler, livery and residence; S.T. Cawker, butcher, Davis' Drug Store, Willard & Co., dry good and groceries

## Change of ownership at St. Charles

*North Ontario Observer: May 9, 1905*

The St.Charles Hotel, in this place, has changed hands, the new proprietor, Mr. Niles Searls has for many years been a prominent and respected citizens Wellington, Prince Edward County, and comes highly commended.

The St. Charles holds an amiable reputation as a hotel that meets in every respect the requirements of the public, and that it will continue to cater in a manner that cannot fail to make it, under its new supervision, a still greater favorite, there can be no doubt.

All wish the energetic and enterprising gentleman success in assuming the title of mine host of the St. Charles.

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**June 1905**

More than one hundred residents and businesses have subscribed for new or additional telephones and will soon be ready to do business direct from their homes at a moment's notice.

Our esteemed townsman Mr. Wm. Kennedy left on Tuesday last on a trip to Europe.

A survey of the route of the Kincardine and Port Perry Electric Railway is near completion. It will run from Port Perry in a westerly direction past the fair ground, passing one concession north of Manchester, then to within forty rods of Utica, then along the ravine to the town of Uxbridge.

**July 1905**

Mr. W.F. Nott and staff are putting the finishing touches on the new interior of the Methodist Church and the magnificent auditorium.

Mr. Geo. Newton, formerly of Port Perry and now publisher of The Dispatch in North Bay visited town.

Messrs. T.R. Stafford and Son of the Granite and Marble Works, Toronto have opened business in the same line in Port Perry.

Negotiations have already been closed for about two-thirds of the right-of-way between Uxbridge and Port Perry for the Kincardine Electric Railway.

Lake Scugog was re-stocked with a carload of parent black bass weighing between two to five lbs each, from Lake Erie.

The Observer had a very pleasant visit from Mr. E.J. Mundy, of Denver, Colorado, formerly an esteemed resident who for many years published The Standard successfully in Port Perry.

**August 1905**

A number of local residents were struck by lightning when a storm passed through the area. Mr. Henry Love of Greenbank and Mrs. R. J. Evans of Port Perry were both dazed when lightning struck near them.

Mr. F. L. Perry of Winnipeg, great grandson of Peter Perry, Esq., the founder of the village of Port Perry visited town.

**Mail delivery of importance to surrounding communities**

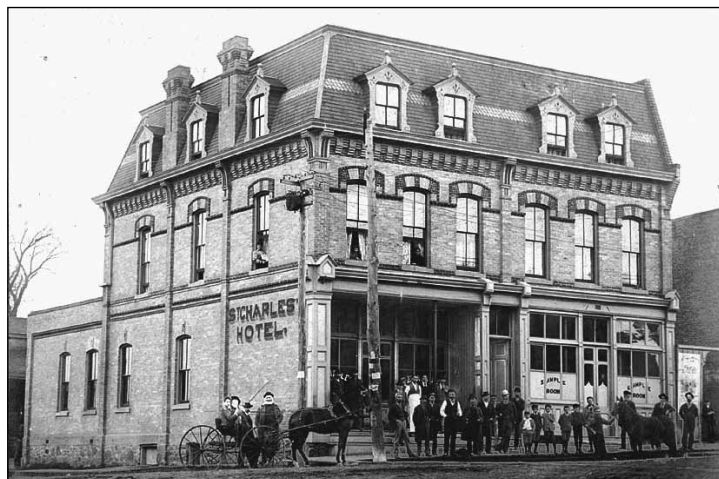
*North Ontario Observer: May 25, 1905*

During the past winter more than once it took from eight to ten days to get a reply to letters mailed at Port Perry for Utica or Epsom, owing to the snow blockade on the narrow gage highway between Epsom and Uxbridge, and at best during any season of the year it takes four days to a reply from these places one of which is only four miles distance.

Port Perry Board of Trade, if it not asleep to one of the most important interests of the town, our mail service, would doubtless do our citizens as well as the people of the surrounding district a favour by calling the attention of Post Office Inspector Henderson, to this miserable apology of mail service. Why not run the stage from Port Perry to Epsom and return the roads on which route are good at all seasons of the year when we would have daily communication with both Utica and Epsom.

The town of Uxbridge has no claim on that mail route and the sooner its wire-pullers are made aware of that fact the better. The stage is extensively utilized in distributing throughout the wealthy and prosperous township of Reach, Uxbridge merchandise, formerly intended for the inhabitants of the sand banks of Uxbridge.

We question if there is another town of equal importance with Port Perry in civilization that is so destitute of proper mail service, with its ad adjacent post offices.



*St. Charles Hotel, corner of Queen and Water Street, early 1900s.*

**Mr. McKnight given respite from duties**

*North Ontario Observer: June 8, 1905*

At a meeting of Port Perry council, Mr. Jackson moved, that whereas owing to the faithful, arduous and almost unceasing devotion to his very many duties as Street Commissioner, Caretaker of corporation buildings, &c., &c., continuously for the past 31 years, Mr. Robert McKnight be granted a respite from the performance of said duties for six weeks. It is the hope and desire of this Council that he may fully enjoy said respite, and that his holiday may be a delightful one, and on his return to his duties, may he, if possible, be more fully equipped for his laborious duties. Long may he live to enjoy his hard-earned accumulations. Carried.

## Methodist Church undergoes extensive improvements.

*North Ontario Observer: July 1, 1905*

Mr. W.F. Nott and staff are just putting on the finishing touches on the interior of the Methodist Church in this place which has lately under undergone extensive artistic decorative improvements, that are not only pleasing to the eye but for solid value as regards additional value of the church property.

On entering this now magnificent auditorium one would scarcely conceive it possible that so wonderful a change for the better could have been effected at so small an outlay. The committee on Church Improvements as well as the contractor are to be congratulated on accomplishing so desirable a change for the better and one eminently far more in keeping with the age.

## Man injured when thrown from wagon near Utica

*North Ontario Observer: July 1, 1905*

We regret to have to record two distressing accidents since our last week's issue. Mr. Thomas Cook while returning on a business trip on Friday evening last, and when near Utica from some cause, his vehicle upset throwing Mr. Cook to the ground with such force as to break one of his legs.

On Monday of this week Mr. Wm. Harrison, who has charge of the stables of the Sebert House, while grooming a strange horse, was kicked by the animal breaking one of his arms. All sympathies with the unfortunate sufferers in their misfortune.

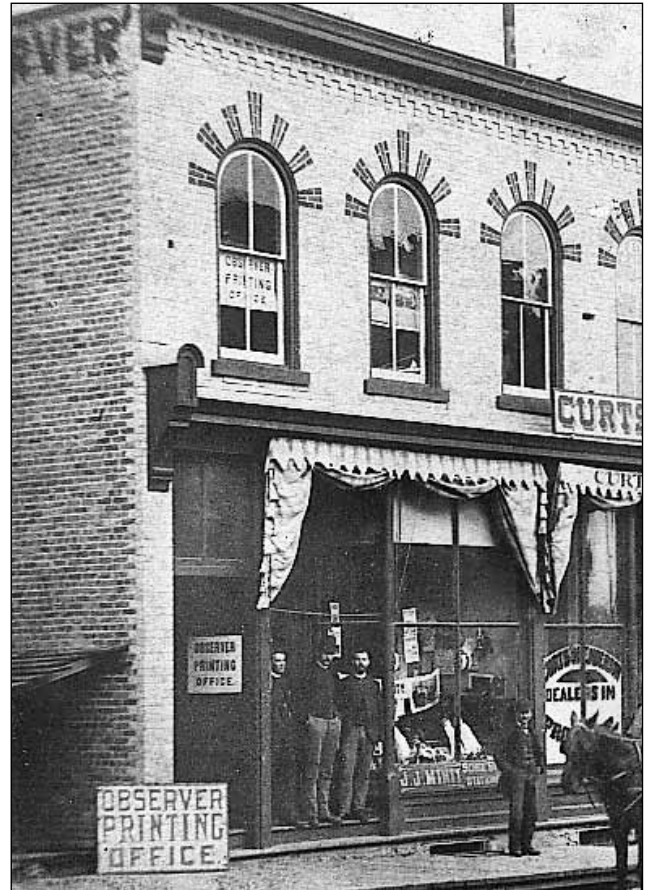
## R.G. Vansickler purchases double-seated surrey

*North Ontario Observer: July 1, 1905*

Mr. R.G. Vansickler, liveryman, has made an addition to his already extensive and complete stock of vehicles. He has lately added a magnificent double-seated surrey with extension top. A vehicle for carrying capacity and comfort that would be hard to beat.

This vehicle, we understand, represents the largest outlay ever made for a livery rig in Port Perry.

The town as well as the enterprising livery proprietor are to be congratulated on being possessed of so magnificent and desirable an outfit which at all times is at the command of the public.



*Observer Printing Office, on the second floor of this building.*

## Observer publisher has visitors from former newspaper publishers

*North Ontario Observer: July 13, 1905*

The Observer in the past two weeks has had pleasant two pleasant visitors. Last week, Mr. Newton former publisher of the Port Perry Standard, and now publisher of The Dispatch, in North Bay. He speaks in glowing terms of the bright prospect of that the Northern berg and is delighted in being so fortunate as to locate within its rapidly extending boundaries.

This week, a very pleasing visit from Mr. Edward J. Mundy of Denver, Col., formerly an esteemed resident of Port Perry and who for many years published the Port Perry Standard successfully.

Mr. Mundy speaks in glowing terms of his adopted home under the ample folds of the Star Spangled-Banner, and is delighted with the city of which he is now one of the solid citizen.

He has succeeded in accumulating considerable of this world's goods, and is now a member of The Colorado Printing Company, one of the largest institutions in that line in the United States. All here were pleased to meet Mr. Mundy and delighted to hear of his prosperity.



*Edward Mundy*

## Lake Scugog restocked with black bass

*North Ontario Observer: July 27, 1905*

On Friday last, the first instalment of fish towards restocking Lake Scugog, arrived at Port Perry and consisted of a car of parent black bass, weighing from two to five lbw. each, from Lake Erie, and were deposited in the lake.

Mr. Charles Calder, M.P.P., and J.H. Devitt, M.P.P., were instrumental in securing them and would have been here to deposit them had circumstances permitted. In the absence however, Mr. I.J. Wheeler of this place officiated and when he touched the button, the fish, as if by magic, disappeared from the car and buried themselves in the limpid water of the Scugog in a twinkling. More instalments towards restocking the Scugog are, we understand, to follow.



### 1905 TIMELINE

#### September 1905

Merchants in Port Perry banded together to shorten terms of credit to customers from six months or a year to a limit of three months.

#### October 1905

Mr. Fallis has resigned as postmaster of the Prince Albert Post Office, a position which he held for 18 years. Mr. Holman has been appointed as his successor.

Mr. P.C. Graham, Manchester has been appointed by the White Sugar Factory Co, to negotiate with farmers of this district for propagating and delivering sugar beets.

#### November 1905

Mr. John Foy, the Clerk-Treasurer of Scugog for the last 49 years and ten months has decided to retire and has handed in his resignation. Thos. Graham was appointed the new Township Clerk and John Jackson the Township Treasurer.

#### December 1905

Capt. Bowerman was contracted to convey the sugar beet crop for 1906 from the shores of Scugog in the townships of Mariposa, Cartwright, Reach and Scugog to Port Perry railway depot for the Keystone Sugar Company.

Popular townsman Mr. Howard Tummonds has purchased the Port Perry Skating Rink and is having it thoroughly overhauled and refitted. The seating capacity is being increased and electric lights are being doubled.

James Stonehouse proprietor of Port Perry Creamery has purchased the Blackstock Cheese Factory.

## Multiple lightning strikes throughout the area destroy buildings, animals

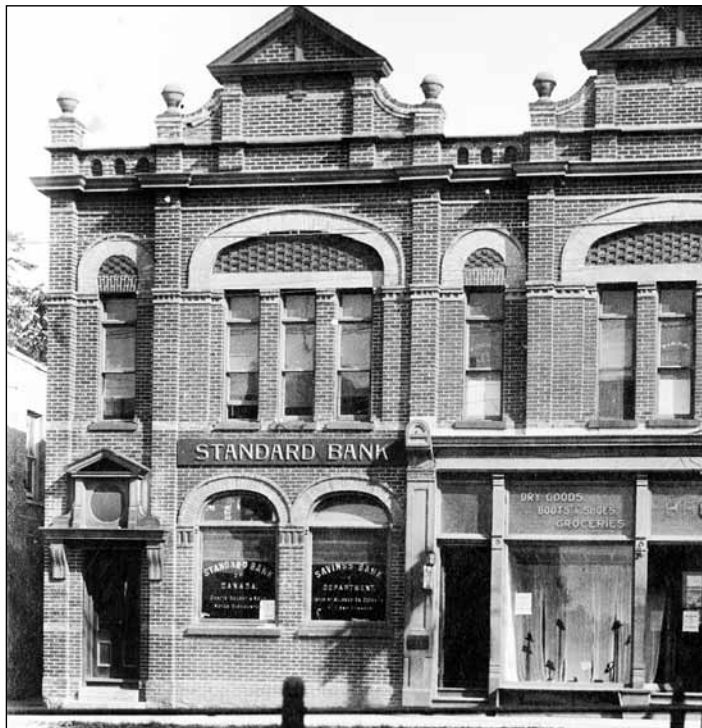
*North Ontario Observer: August 17, 1905*

During a severe thunderstorm which passed over this locality yesterday afternoon, the barn of Mr. Andrew Fallowdown, Sunderland, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground with its contents.

The fine flock of valuable purebred sheep, the property of Mr. L. Scott, Reach, were nearly all killed by lightning on Saturday last.

The same day, Mr. Henry Love, Greenbank, while standing near a clothes line was struck by lightning, but fortunately escaped, he being only dazed for a few minutes.

Mr. R.J. Evans, Port Perry, while in her garden also felt the electrical storm of Saturday last and for some time was unconscious from its effects.



*The Standard Bank, Queen Street, Port Perry, circa 1905.*



A Grand Truck Railway train is seen here arriving at the Manchester station and elevator, coming from Whitby.

## Whistles and noise from freight trains are a nuisance on Sundays

*Whitby Keystone: August 17, 1905*

Sunday seems to be the favourite day for the G.T.R. to haul coal on the Port Perry division of their line. Freight traffic was light all week, but early on Sunday morning four engines began to work on this line and continued all day, shunting, and pulling coal cars up the grade from Whitby.

It seems it takes four engines to get 12 cars of coal

over the grade at High Point, and during church services the whistling and tooting of these four engines could be heard all over the town.

Complaints were made last year in some of the northern villages about this din on Sunday, and surely it can be arranged that the trains could pass through town during church hours with less noise.

## Plan attempt to raise 70 year old oak logs from bottom of Lake Scugog

*Toronto Globe: September 23, 1905*

About seventy years ago Joseph Demister, one of the big lumber dealers of his day, started a raft of white oak logs down the Lindsay River. It was so late in the season that it was caught in the ice in Lake Scugog and sunk, because of not being properly buoyed up by lighter timber.

For some reason the raft was never located. N.W. Trimble a grandson of Demister, spent nearly a year in a quiet hunt for the raft, which lies under 30 feet of water and imbedded in the mud. About a month ago he was successful in locating it.

He says it contains several thousand sticks of white oak cut and squared. Each stick contains about 160 cubic feet, worth at the present one dollar per cubic foot. There are probably one million dollars worth of timber in the raft.

Mr. Trimble will remove to the location of Lake Scugog, where he will remain until the work is completed.

## Granite and marble works business opens

*North Ontario Observer: October 25, 1905*

T.R. Stafford and Son open the new Granite and Marble Works in Port Perry, in the Jessop Block, just west of the Post Office. They are prepared to execute all orders entrusted to them for monuments, head stones, etc.

Having had large experience extending over very many years in this line of business, we are confident we are in a position to give reliable information on regard values, and we will supply all pertaining to the business at such prices as can not fail to satisfy all.

## Prince Albert postmaster, Charles Fallis retires after 18 years of service

*North Ontario Observer: October 18, 1905*

Whilst the community here regret the resignation of Mr. Charles Fallis, the late postmaster, they're very much pleased that Mr. James G. Holman has been appointed as his successor.

During the more than 18 years of Mr. Fallis' tenure of office he has not been absent from his post for a dozen days all told, and he always performed his duty in the most conscientious manner. But whilst very exact, he was equally obliging; and we are quite persuaded that his successor will be just as painstaking and accommodating.

It is very satisfactory to know, too, that though Mr. Fallis has always been an uncompromising Conservative, the Department did nothing whatever to constrain him to resign, and that his doings was absolutely voluntary.

## James Stonehouse purchases Blackstock Cheese Factory

*North Ontario Observer: December 14, 1905*



James Stonehouse

James Stonehouse, proprietor of the Port Perry Creamery, has purchased the Blackstock Cheese Factory and intends to make the territory of Cartright tributary to his creamery in Port Perry.

Mr. Stonehouse has had a growing patronage to his creamery from Cartwright which had the effect of closing the Blackstock factory as a cheese factory early in the season and directors decided to offer the building and plant for site.

This additional territory will enable Mr. Stonehouse to more meet the great demand for Port Perry butter which has been created during the past two years and it will also enable him to reduce the cost of making and the patrons will thus reap the benefit.

During the past season Mr. Stonehouse has paid out nearly \$10,000 to his patrons and cream haulers, most of which is tributary to Port Perry and this amount will most likely be largely augmented during 1906.

## Young man dies in unfortunate tragic farming accident

*North Ontario Observer: August 24, 1905*

It is our painful duty to recant the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. George W. Stone, of Greenbank, son of Jason Stone, Seagrave, who was cut off in the ruddy gush of health, aged 29 years and 3 months.

He was in the act, together with his father, on the evening of Friday last, preparing and stationing their threshing machine in the barn of Mr. Beare and were running the cleaner up the grade to the door of the barn when the block of the wheels slipped, letting the cleaner run back striking Mr. Stone with such force and pressing him against the rear of the engine as to cause instant death.

The utmost care was taken to properly elevate the cleaner into the barn so that no blame is attached to any one. Deceased was honourable, energetic, and industrious and was a favourite with all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The sad event has caused a gloom over the entire section.

## Cook's Restaurant opens

*North Ontario Observer: October 25, 1905*

Mr. Joseph Cook extends his thanks to the public for the manner in which they patronized his restaurant last winter, and that he has again opened with better facilities and is fully prepared to cater for the public in a manner that would do credit to the restaurants of the largest cities.

Only one brand of Oysters are kept, and the best, the Baltimore, are always on hand and sold by the gallon, quart, pint, or served stewed, raw or fried. All the delicacies of the season supplied when required.

Meals at all times, Boston Pork and Beans a specialty and my prices cannot fail to please. Restaurant in the Observer Block, upstairs.

## H. Tummonds new owner of Port Perry Skating Rink

*North Ontario Observer: December 14, 1905*

Our enterprising, young and popular townsman, Mr. Howard Tummonds having purchased the Port Perry Skating Rink is having it thoroughly overhauled and refitted throughout. The seating capacity is being considerably increased and the spectators rooms made more comfortable, while the electric lights are being doubled so that when he turns the button the blaze of sight will almost exceed that of the famous Chrystal Palace.

There will be a gay time at our Rink this season, for Mr. Tummonds will leave nothing undone that will increase the comfort and pleasure of his patrons. He is determined that the Carnivals and Masquerades of 1906 shall far eclipse all former efforts in that direction. The public will doubtless appreciated Mr. Tummonds' efforts to have the Rink conducted as it should be and he may rely on an extensive patronage.



The Port Perry Curling rink about 1900.



**PORT PERRY**



**RACES**

The Thirty-Sixth Winter Meeting of the Port Perry Trotting Association will be held on

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,  
Jan'y 9 and 10, 1906**

—ON—

**LAKE SCUGOG!**

**CONDITIONS.** — Entrance 5 per cent. and 5 per cent. additional from winners. Purses divided 60, 25 and 15 per cent. Five to enter and four to start. Judges have power to postpone on account of inclement weather. Positively all entries close Jan'y 8th at 10 p.m. All races open to trotters and pacers. Trotters to have five seconds.

Reduced fares on railway.  
Half-mile Track. Ice in good condition.

**H. COLLACUTT, ORR GRAHAM,  
President. Treasurer.**

**J. C. DENNISON, Secretary.**

**B. F. Crandell, Track Manager.**

# 1906

## Ice races on Lake Scugog break records, attract thousands to Port Perry

*North Ontario Observer: January 11, 1906*

The races on the ice at Port Perry held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, 9th and 10th inst., were the most successful ever held here and went far to prove that there are few localities in the Province so well adapted, all things considered, for first-class races as Port Perry.

For several days previous to the races this was the centre of attraction for many of the most representative and reliable of the sporting fraternity, the racing element was well and numerous represented in the crowd of really fast and valuable horses which came around to train for the contests.

Tuesday, the first day of the races, was favourable in every way, barring the chilliness of the weather. The track was in fine order. Large fields contested and fast time was made.

The second day set in fine and the superior races and fine sport of the first day had the effect of drawing a much larger crowd than that of the first day. The races reserved for the second day were important ones — the 2.28 Class and Free-for-all, both of which re looked forward to with much interest.

The managing committee have done themselves credit by the excellent management. The Judges performed their duties fearlessly and satisfactorily.

The starting judge, Mr. F. Smith, of Buffalo, made the remark, that never before in Canada, or in any other country did such an aggregation of fast and games horses start in a Free-for-all, on ice, and Port Perry has had the honour of witnessing the most wonderful contest of fast horses on ice ever witnessed on earth.



*January was an exciting time on Lake Scugog, as it hosted ice races, attracting horses from Canada and the USA each winter.*

## Council to assist in water power project

*North Ontario Observer: February 22, 1906*

A special meeting was held at the Law Office of the Clerk, on 25th January, to consider the proposition of Joseph Bigelow, Esq., in regard to provisional agreement regarding supply electricity by transmission of power from the Trent Canal.

Mr. H.G. Hutcheson moves, that whereas Mr. Bigelow has asked the council to assist him to transmit certain water power for electrical purposes – that a Committee be appointed to co-operate with him to consider the best mode of procedure to further his interests and to report to this Council not later than Monday next, the said committee to be composed of Reeve W. L. Parrish, James G. Waddell and the mover. Carried.

## Scugog Island house destroyed by fire

*North Ontario Observer: February 22, 1906*

On Thursday afternoon a disastrous fire broke out in a new house upon Scugog Island, belonging to Mr. Christopher Hodgins, which resulted in the complete destruction of the property.

The fire is stated to have originated in one of the lower rooms, and the weather having been dry, the flames made very steady progress, and the building was shortly consumed in the blaze.

It is a fortunate though, singular circumstance that although the house was but newly built, Mr. Hodgins had adopted the wise precaution of insuring the property for \$600, although it was worth \$1,600. By reason of the insurance, the loss is not as heavy as it would otherwise have been.

*March 1906*

**Dr. Samuel Mellow received costs and damages in his suit against J. Eaton, who by running his automobile by the doctor's horse at a high rate of speed on the streets of Port Perry caused damage to horse and buggy.**

## Leonard Burnett appointed to office of Emigrant Commissioner for Ont. County

*North Ontario Observer: March 8, 1906*

Leonard Burnett, Esq., ex-M.P., has been appointed Emigrant Commissioner for this County with headquarters at Port Perry.

All knowing anything of Mr. Burnett's abilities and fitness for the position will congratulate both the Government and the appointee on the judicious selection made.

The Government after making considerable investigation on the emigrant question conducted to make an experiment with six Counties in the Province of Ontario and have selected the Counties of Prince Edward, Ontario, North York, Huron, Oxford, and Kent in order to ascertain the desirability of extending the number at an early date.

The conditions very favourable to farmers engaging help, and in this instance, it will be all of the right stamp. Mr. Burnett may be consulted at all times during his sojourn here and will be pleased to give full and necessary information.



*Leonard Burnett*

## 1906 TIMELINE

### January 1906

Election: Reach Twp. Reeve J. T. Doble, councillors Wright Crosier, Jas. Graham, Thos. Lambe and Alex Leask.

Election: Scugog council all elected by acclamation - Reeve Peter Hood; councillors Wm. Jackson, Chas. Sweetman, J.F. Gerrow and Geo. McHoull.

Election: Port Perry W.L. Parrish became reeve after Mr. Purdy's resignation as a candidate for the post was accepted.

Many records were broken during the races on the ice at Port Perry and the community was the centre of attraction for many of the most representative and reliable of the sporting fraternity. Port Perry has had the honor of witnessing the most wonderful contest of fast horses on ice ever witnessed on earth.

### February 1906

Through a line which has been erected by the Bell Telephone company from Port Perry, residents can now reach the villages of Cadmus, Blackstock and Nestleton.

A special meeting of Port Perry council was held to consider the proposition of Jos. Bigelow in regard to a provisional agreement regarding supplying electricity by transmission of power from the Trent Canal.

A disastrous fire broke out in a house recently erected by Christopher Hodgins on Scugog Island, which resulted in the complete destruction of the property.

### March 1906

Mr. M. Shepiro purchased the brick building on the corner of Queen and John Streets, in the western part of the business centre of Port Perry and is holding a Special Bargain Day with all prices down below water mark.

Mr. Johnathon Blong had the misfortune to overturn a coal oil lamp in his beautiful Beech St. home, igniting the valuable carpet and furniture. Fortunately the fire was extinguished by Messrs Wm. and Robt. McGill.



Men hauling cut ice from Lake Scugog, into a storage shed.

## 1906 TIMELINE

### April 1906

The Port Perry Electric Light and Waterworks Plant cost the town \$22,000 to construct and the authority predicts a saving of over \$500 in expenses this year.

The Port Perry Baseball Team was organized at the St. Charles Hotel with officers elected - president W. Short, manager, N. Searls, secretary, Wm. McGill, treasurer. Team colors will be red and black.

### May 1906

Edward H. Purdy has been appointed agent for the Sale of Lands of the Land Department of the Union Trust Company.

The township appropriated \$1000 to be spent on the streets of the corporation during the year 1906.

Mr. Frederick Brock is about to erect a magnificent new residence on a beautiful site on the north side of Queen and Ottawa Streets. Already a quantity of materios on the ground and ready to proceed.

### June 1906

Miss J. Stouffer, having been appointed to an important position in the far west of the United States, disposes of the business and stock of L & J. Stouffer, Milliners of this place.

## Toronto ice company removes 600 tons of ice from Lake Scugog in one day

*North Ontario Observer: March 22, 1906*

The Davies Company of Toronto are doubtless congratulation themselves that they came to Port Perry for their ice, the Scugog ice being par excellence.

The staff engaged to take it off the lake to the cars understood their business to perfection and not a minute was lot in loading it. Over 600 tons being cut and loaded in one day.

*April 19, 1906*

Some idea may be had of importance of the Port Perry Market when it is known that one buyer, Mr. Eusminger, during the past four market days paid out over \$1,400. He predicts that prices for some time to come, will rule high - 25 1/2 cents for butter, was the highest price paid last Thursday, and 1,600 dozen eggs were also marketed.

## Electric Light Plant a good investment

*North Ontario Observer: April 5, 1906*

One of our town officials, an excellent authority on the municipal affairs of the corporation, is of the opinion that our Electric Light and Waterworks Plant, which cost \$22,000, will prove a good investment in every respect and the town has good value for every dollar invested in this important and put to date improvement.

The present year is expect it will nearly pay the interest not he investment and all expenses connected therewith, so that parties who predicted failure for the venture will be doomed to disappointment.

This year the same authority predicts a saving of over \$500 in expenses alone, provided the Street Light Service is not pub upon a separate system.

## Mississauga Reserve lands, building on Scugog Island are being improved

*North Ontario Observer: May 10, 1906*

The Indian Department at Ottawa are not by any means neglecting the interest of its charge in the township of Scugog, the Mississauga band.

The active, popular and indefatigable agent, Mr. A.W. Williams, has lately received instructions to have erected a first-class wire line fence between the Reserve property and that of Mr. Wm. Hope.

On the recommendation of Mr. Williams, much has been done during the past few years that has proved highly beneficial to both band and the splendid land of the Reserve. The buildings have also been much improved. Mr. N. Byers has the contract for the new fence.

## Building up the walls of Zion in Seagrave

*North Ontario Observer: April 19, 1906*

Our Seagrave Methodist friends are about to erect a new church in that place that will do credit to both their heads and hearts.

The building is to be of cement and brick, and the practical part of it, the interior, is to be perfection as regards to convenience, comfort and appearance.

The worthy and indefatigable Pastor, Mr. Young, is to be credited with the design and general plan of it; he having devoted considerable of his time and natural and acquired talents and skill as an architect, in perfecting plans and specification of a building for church purposes that would do honour to any portion of this wide Dominion.

It is estimated that the cost will not reach \$5,000.

Tenders have been let for the church and will be received until the 12th May for the construction of the church. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. All tenders will be received by W.J. Gibson, Secretary of the Building Committee.

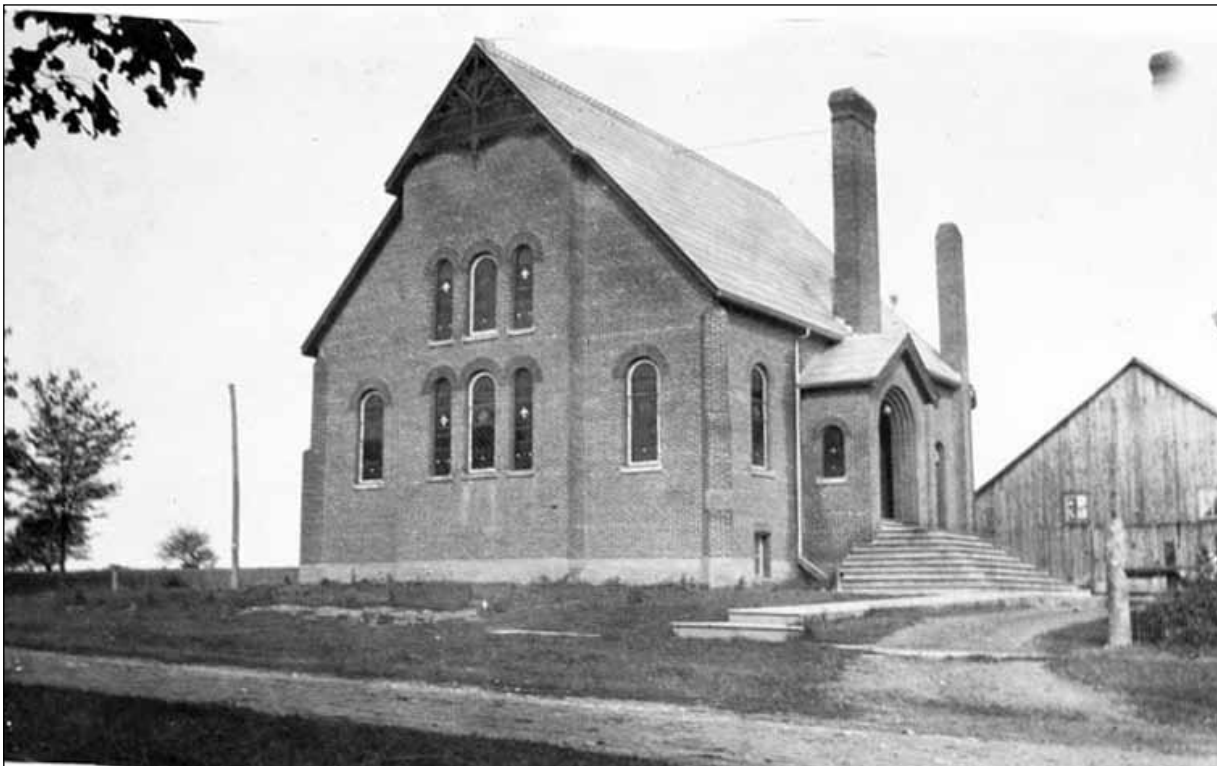
## Young boy drowns swimming at Seagrave

*Toronto Globe: August 3, 1906*

Mrs. Nellie Beatty, yesterday received a telegraphic message from Seagrave, ten miles from Port Perry, notifying her of the drowning of her only son, Louie Beatty, there yesterday morning.

The boy was in bathing, when he was seized with cramps. Deceased was one of the brightest scholars in McCaul Street School, and at the recent entrance examinations he passed with the highest marks of any student who has ever left the school to enter the collegiate.

On July 1st he went to Seagrave to spend the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Edward Frise. He was fourteen years of age. The funeral will take place to the family plot at Cannington tomorrow.



*The Seagrave, Ontario United Church building shortly after being constructed in 1906.*



*James Carnegie, with his sons at the Carnegie Bros. Hardware store, formerly owned Robert J. Bruce*

## R.J. Bruce Hardware business sold to Arthur James Carnegie and sons

*North Ontario Observer: June 21, 1906*

Mr. R.J. Bruce, who for many years has carried on an extensive hardware business in this place has disposed of it together with his extensive stock of hardware, stoves, paints, etc., to Mr. A.J. Carnegie, one of our rising young businessmen, who will hereafter carry on the business.

He is possessed of first-class business talent, both natural and acquired, and will doubtless put increased vim into the business, he also possesses superior advantages for procuring stock that will add materially and advantageously to the pocket of his patrons and secure for Port Perry a name in which to buy all goods in this line rarely surpassed by any place in Canada, so that with these great facilities and superior mode of doing business the result cannot fail to prove beneficial to his customers as well as himself.

Mr. Bruce, who for some time past has had an option on a large business, in the same line, in one of our largest cities. He is about to close negotiations, hence the sale of his Port Perry business.

## Ontario Pine Grove Cemetery a most pleasing place

*North Ontario Observer: June 28, 1906*

The Ontario Pine Grove Cemetery is one of the most beautiful cemeteries anywhere to be found. Upon entering a modern cemetery there comes over one a most pleasing sense of peace and restfulness.

How far superior is the modern burial park with its well kept drives, its green lawns, ornamental trees and wonderful profusion of flowers, to the graveyard of former days where weeds flourished and where trees and flowers died for want of care.

The development of the modern cemetery has done away with the dread in which places for burial of the dead were formerly held. Old superstitions have passed away and the present generation now regard a cemetery more in light of a peaceful burial park for their dead rather than a spot to be shunned.

With the view of carrying out this idea for the improvement of the Pine Grove Cemetery, the management have accomplished much in that direction. All artificial irregularities around the lots are to be prohibited, the resulting appearance of a wide expanse of a beautiful velvet lawn interspersed with rare trees and shrubs of graceful shape.

This locality is fortunate in having in its midst such a beautiful cemetery and one whose permanency is so well established and whose perpetual maintenance is on solid basis and amply provided for.

## Fatal accident at railway crossing

*North Ontario Observer: August 29, 1906*

On the morning of Saturday last, Mr. Watson Hodgson, one of Port Perry's oldest and most estimable citizens, while returning home was killed at the Perry Street railway crossing.

It is surmised that owing to the fact that the cover of the vehicle in which he was riding was up, he did not see or hear the approaching train. The locomotive struck the buggy with such force as to completely demolish it, throwing the occupant with such terrific force against a telephone pole as to cause instantaneous death.

The curve in the track just north of the crossing makes the approach somewhat dangerous and it might prove beneficial to call the attention of the Dominion Railway Commissioners to the sharpness of this curve.

## Family enjoys time at Beechenhurst

*North Ontario Observer: August 22, 1906*

Mrs. M. Henderson and her son Frank, of Toronto, who for some time have been guests at "Beechenhurst" returned home on Friday after having an enjoyable and delightful time. Mr. Henderson is emphatically a Port Perry boy, having been born here, and is making a business record worthy of the descendants of his old town.

Although only lately out of his teens, he holds a position, showing wonderful gifts and acquired knowledge. He has charge of a large staff of expert accountants connected with one of the most thriving and prosperous monetary institutions in the Queen City, where daily transactions reach large sums. It is reported that he is soon to become manager of one of the branches.



*Home of Jonathon Blong, at Beechenhurst, on Lake Scugog.*

## John Nott selling off stock, and will retire

*North Ontario Observer: September 13, 1906*

Mr. John Nott, Esq., is offering for sale his entire stock of furniture and undertakers supplies, together with a good and full set of cabinetmakers' tools.

Mr. Nott certainly is entitled to a rest, after an active life in business of 60 years and anyone knowing that gentleman for any considerable length of time cannot fail to be cognizant of his activity in business and public spiritedness.

He has been "in the field" long enough to accumulate a very large fortune, but the public have been fortunate in his case. Mr. Nott's desire at all times has been to give his patrons full value for their money irrespective of profit. While we are pleased to know that he has acquired a competency he has done a volume of business during his long business career.

## 1906 TIMELINE

### July 1906

Mr. Waddell, Reeve W.L. Parrish and Mr. C.H. Allison were appointed to supervise the building of a suitable building to enclose the Weigh Scale property.

The village paid Mr. W. F. Nott \$8.50 for painting the exterior of the Town Hall and Mr. James Ross was paid \$9.00 for 45 loads of gravel at 20¢ a load.

### August 1906

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Crandell were in town visiting relatives and looking at Seven Mile Island on the banks of the Scugog as a suitable site for a summer resort.

The new barn and contents of Mr. Thomas Dewey of Reach was destroyed by fire.

### September 1906

Coal merchants in the town agreed to fair prices for coal and published the prices in the newspaper.

A large party of Chemong Indians paid Port Perry, and their brothers of the same race and band on Scugog, a very acceptable visit. The visitors were accompanied by Chief Joseph Irons and were chaperoned by Chief Johnson and Mr. George Goose while visiting here.

### October 1906

R.F. Downey was elected president of the North Ontario Teachers' Association at the annual meeting held at Beaverton.

T. Noxon advertises that his Port Perry Apple Evaporation required 10,000 bushels of evaporating apples, and a quantity of apples for chopping. Cash on delivery to the evaporator.

Cook's Restaurant, located above the Observer Office on Queen Street, announces it will be opened on October 6, with a new Ladies Parlor.

I.J. Wheeler moves his meat business from the Market Building on Perry Street to the Willard Block on Queen Street, where he will also provide game and fish in season.

The mortgages on St. John's Presbyterian Church and the manse were paid off by the congregation and consigned to flames.

## Presbyterian Church burns mortgage

*Ontario Observer: November 1, 1906*

The cancelled mortgages on the St. John's Presbyterian Church and the Manse, in connection therewith, in Port Perry, amounting to over \$1,100 were paid off by the congregation in commemoration of their 50th Anniversary, and consigned to flames at the Jubilee Services on Monday evening last, 29th October, in the Methodist Church, in the presence of one of the larges and most intelligent assemblages ever congregated in that edifice.

The Jubilee Services on both Sunday and Monday were of a high order and highly successful throughout. On Sunday, notwithstanding the unpropitious weather, it required the full capacity of both the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches to accommodate the immense attendance.



*The Port Perry Band, one of the best bands anywhere to be found, advertise they are looking for new applications to fill a number of recent vacancies.*

## Port Perry Skating Rink under new management for the season

*North Ontario Observer: December 13, 1906*

Mr. Thomas Stewart having leased the Port Perry Skating Rink for the present season is a guarantee that order will be maintained and the comfort and pleasure of his patrons assured.

The large number who already patronize the rink speak highly of his enterprise for this means of healthful, enjoyable recreation in a season when such recreation is most needed. Mr. Stewart is full competent for the task he has undertaken and all desire that success show crown his enterprise.



*Inside the store of Dorman Corbman confectionary store.*

## 1906 TIMELINE

### November 1906

Port Perry was still considered one of the premier locations for light harness horse racing on the ice, being the initial meeting of the best horses during the season.

Mr. John White of Cartwright was returning home from Oshawa with a load of potatoes when he was struck and killed by a train at a crossing just north of Raglan.

An early freezing of Lake Scugog caught frogs off guard. For miles near the shore the ice was covered with frogs which were slipping around lively.

The 37th annual Port Perry Winter races organized by the Port Perry Trotting Assoc. will take place Jan. 8 and 9, 1907. Mr. H. Collacutt is the new president of the association.

### December 1906

The Port Perry Ice Racing committee receives requests for stall accommodation for the upcoming Lake Scugog ice races. One from Brandon, Manitoba for eight stalls and another from Moosejaw, Manitoba for two stalls.

Mr. Thomas Stewart has leased the Port Perry Skating Rink for the present season.

# 1907

## John Nott explains his business matters

*Port Perry Star: January 23, 1907*

I deem it a duty, not only to myself, but to the public generally, to make this statement in reference to my attitude in business matters.

When I advertised to sell out and retire from business, I was then (as I am now) sincere in what I said and did. Not having succeeded in disposing of my stock at public auction, I tried to sell by private-tender, but in this I also failed, circumstances over which I had no control pre-vented a sale, hence the balance of my furniture and the whole of my undertakers' supplies were left on my hands.

I had no other course left but to continue in business at my old stand I trust this explanation will be satisfactory, and taken in the spirit as given, and I hope I shall, in the future, as in the past, receive a share of public patronage.

I remain, yours, John Nott, Port Perry

## Local Option vote a success

*Port Perry Star: January 16, 1907*

The total number of Ontario municipalities in which the Local Option Vote took place was 112. At the time of going to press, we have heard from 90. The stand as follows.

Bylaws carried 44  
Bylaws defeated 46

In seven of the contests the voting was upon the question of repeal, and in all of the prohibition was sustained. There is another repeal contest for which we have not received returns.

The other 37 victories are in places in which the voting will close-up about 70 bar rooms on May 1st next. Under the plan of majority rule, the results in the 80 places reported would be as follows:

Bylaws carried 71  
Bylaws defeated 9

*Note: A Local Option is the "license granted to the inhabitants of a district to extinguish or reduce the sale of intoxicants in their midst."*

## Special Bargains This Week

—AT—

# "THE FAIR"

- 10 Quart Granite Dish Pans.. 39c.
- 14 " " Dish Pans.. 49c.
- 10 " " Water Pails 39c.
- 12 " " Water Pails 45c.
- 10 " " Preserve Kettles 40c.
- Large Size Granite Wash  
Bowls ..... 23c.
- 10 inch Jelly Cake Pans ..... 10c.

Only a limited number to sell at these prices. "Nuff Sed."

## Rose & Co.



A 1907 advertisement from Rose & Company store, known as "The Fair", (left) located at corner of Queen and Perry Street.



## I.J. Wheeler closing down business to reorganize but will re-open in May

*Port Perry Star: February 27, 1907*

Isaac Wheeler announced, "That after a business career of twenty-five years, in which I think I have had the pleasure of serving almost everybody in Port Perry and the surrounding townships (at some time or other), I take this opportunity of thanking my customers and friends for their loyal - support and patronage.

I am also announcing them I am closing my business until the early part of May for the purpose of clearing up my books and for a general reorganization in the management of my business.

I hope I am not putting my friends to much inconvenience, and that they will excuse me, and that our business relations will be renewed, as I hope to be better able to cater to the trade in the future than in the past.

## Business ownership changes in Port Perry

*Port Perry Star: March 6, 1907*

Mr. Niles Searles, of the St. Charles Hotel, after disposing of his business, is leaving with his family on Friday for Wellington, Prince Edward County, his former home. Mr. Searls has tired of hotel life, and will go into some other business. We wish him success

Mr. Edward B. Flint, who succeeds Mr. C.H. Allison in the drug and stationery business, arrived last Thursday, and is now in possession of the premises. We welcome Mr. Flint to Port Perry and wish him much success.



*Edward B. Flint, behind counter, is seen with Charles H. Allison, after the change of ownership of Allison's Drug Store to Mr. Flint in 1907.*

## Snow covered sidewalks unsafe past winter

*Port Perry Star: March 13, 1907*

Some of the town's residents have persistently ignored the snow bylaw during the entire winter, and in consequence the sidewalks in some places have been very unsafe and uncomfortable places for walking.

Now that the snow has been softened by the mild weather it seems about time for these people to get busy and clear away the slush through which so many have to wade these days.

## 1907 TIMELINE

### January 1907

Port Perry Reeve W.L. Parrish, councillors H.G. Hutcheson, C.H. Allison, J.G. Waddell and Rev. Geo. Robinson.

Scugog Reeve Peter Hood, councillors W.B. Jackson, J. F. Gerrow, George McHoull and James Davey. Reach Twp. Reeve W. Crozier, Deputy Reeve Thomas Lambe, councillors J. Graham, A. Leask and J. Marks.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade president Joseph Bigelow occupied the chair. W.H. Cline was appointed clerk for the evening and discussion was held about the proposed Canning Factory to be established in town. Mr. J. G. Forman is in town selling stocks in the company.

### February 1907

Dr. Mellow was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Board of Education at the first meeting of 1907. Members of the board included J.H. Brown, W.H. Harris, H.L. Ebbles, G.M. Jones, W. Kennedy, Geo. Rose, Dr. Archer, Orr Graham, W.H. McCaw, J.W. Meharry and A. Orchard.

Mr. C.H. Allison announced he had sold his drug and stationery business to Mr. E. B. Flint of Newark, N.J.

The St. Charles Hotel changed hands once again, with Mr. Niles Searles disposing of this business to Mr. Allward of Toronto.

### March 1907

Port Perry council made grants of \$10 each to the Agricultural Societies of Port Perry, Reach, and Scugog.

A complaint was sent to the Railway Commission regarding the very poor and inadequate accommodation provided by the Grand Trunk Railway Co. for passengers travelling over the line between Whitby and Lindsay. The company replied promising to attend to the matter.

Mr. W.H. Crandell, formerly of Port Perry and more recently manger of the hotel "Oakwood" in North Dakota, has purchased the Rockland House in Bobcaygeon

## Death of Reach Township woman being investigated

*Toronto Globe: March 27, 1907*

On Friday last, March 15th, Mrs. Honor Gregg, of Saintfield, died under very sad circumstances at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. John T. Noble, ex-Reeve of the township of Reach.

Mrs. Gregg was her 82nd year and had been in the habit for some time of using a little porter under the doctor's advice. Mr. Doble was accustomed to buy the porter for her in small kegs from Mr. L. Hutchinson, liquor dealer in Uxbridge.

A short time ago, when preparing to take back a keg that was nearly empty, Mr. Doble poured out what was remaining into two clean glass jars which were carefully stored away. In carrying the keg to the sleigh, Mr. Doble allowed the sediment still remaining in it to drain out.

Mrs. Gregg used the porter in one of the glass jars and last Thursday evening her son-in-law brought out the second jar for her. In doing this he nearly dropped the jar which with its contents was severely shaken. Mrs. Gregg partook of a small quantity of

the liquor and requested Mr. Doble also to taste it. Soon after both were taken quite ill. Toward morning Dr. Mellow, of Saintfield, was summoned and administered medicines to Mrs. Gregg who seemed very greatly depressed. For a time she appeared easier but during the day grew worse and toward evening she died.

On Monday a coroner's inquest was held presided over by Dr. Samuel J. Mellow, of Port Perry. Mr. Doble gave testimony in accordance with what has just been stated. Mr. Hutchinson stated that he sold the liquor in unopened kegs just as he received it from the Copeland Brewery Co, in Toronto.

Drs. Bascom and Frank C. Mellow who conducted a post-mortem examination, stated that they found evidence of poison in the stomach of the deceased. The inquest was adjured to wait expert analysis of the porter still remaining in the glass jar, which will be sent to Toronto for examination. The funeral of Mrs. Gregg took place on Monday afternoon.

## Two men killed in head-on train crash near Myrtle

*Port Perry Star: March 27, 1907*

A very disastrous railway accident occurred on the C.P.R. two miles east of Myrtle about ten o'clock on Monday morning when two freight trains met in a fearful head-on collision, and two railway employes met a horrible death.

The eastbound train, consisting of twenty-five or thirty cars, was in charge of Conductor Cook, and was running slowly, owing to a hot box. William Davis was conductor of the westbound freight which was making about 30 miles an hour and in which there were eighteen cars.

When the huge engines rushed into each other fireman Charles Jones of conductor Cook's train was crushed in the wreck and Henry Howes brakeman on the westbound train who was in the cab of the engine was pinned fast and fatally scalded.

Both were married men residing at Toronoto Junction. The engineer and fireman of the westbound train were seriously injured. The wreck is said to have been the result of a mistake in orders by Conductor Cook whose train should have met the other at Myrtle.

Mr. William H. Letcher, undertaker of Port Perry, was sent for, and went down to the scene of the disaster with two caskets and placed the bodies in order preparatory to their being sent to Toronto.



*Myrtle railway station, circa 1905.*

## Death of Reach Twp. woman investigated

*Toronto Globe: March 28, 1907*

The stomach and other organs of the late Mrs. Honor Gregg, aged 82 years, of Reach Township, have been sent to Professor Ellis, the Provincial Analyst of the city of Toronto. Coroner Dr. Mellow of Port Perry believing that the woman probably died from the effects of poison in a glass of porter.

Mrs. Gregg, who was the mother-in-law of Mr. J.T. Noble, ex-Reeve of the township, took some porter out of a keg supplied by a Toronto brewer and was taken ill and died within 24 hours. Mr. Noble, who also drank some of the porter, was also taken ill, but he recovered.

Dr. Samuel J. Mellow and Dr. Joseph Bascom, conducted the autopsy on the body of Mrs. Gregg. They found the organs in a normal condition, except that the stomach, kidneys and liver showed traces of poison. These, with some of the porter, were sent to Professor Ellis.

**1907 TIMELINE****March 1907**

Mr. John Nott completed 60 years of a business life in this town. On the 11th of March, 1847 he moved to this locality, and began his career as furniture dealer and undertaker,

**April 1907**

A grand Band Concert was given in the Town Hall by the Port Perry Citizen's Band assisted by Miss Carolyn Beacock, soprano soloist, Bert Harvey, comedian and Alma Tripp, piano soloist.

**May 1907**

The steamer Cora delivered 185 cement tiles to Port Perry. The tiles were purchased from Mr. L. Stephenson, Scugog and shipped from Pettit's Point where they were manufactured.

Mr. Arthur J. Carnegie and family left for Regina, Saskatchewan, where they will reside in future.

**June 1907**

Mr. James Carnegie was unanimously elected to the House of Assembly at the convention of the Liberals of South Ontario held in Whitby.

Mr. McKnight with a crew of men and the road grader are making much needed improvements to Perry St., north of Queen.

**July 1907**

Mr. N.W. Stafford proprietor of Port Perry Granite and Marble Works has relocated his business from Queen St. to Perry St., north of the post office.

Workmen engaged in building a kitchen in the rear of Mr. Wm. Hodgon's house on Queen St., near Borelia corners came upon the remains of a very old human skeleton. The skull appeared to have been crushed and it was lying face down in the ground.

Carnegie Mill's tug, The Stranger, brought up a scow load of 25,000 bricks and a quantity of tile last Saturday from Fox's brick yards near Lindsay.

Concerns were being voiced for the low level of the water in Lake Scugog, which is fully two feet below its proper level making navigation to Lindsay almost impossible.

**Port Perry streets in poor condition**

*Port Perry Star: April 17, 1907*

Port Perry's street commissioners certainly have their work cut out for them this season. The roadways inside the corporation are in a very disreputable condition, and are in many places far worse than they are out in the country.

It would be difficult to find roads worse than the north end of Perry Street, the south of Lilla Street or the Avenue. There is urgent need of thorough grading and draining. No doubt all this will be attended to as soon as possible.

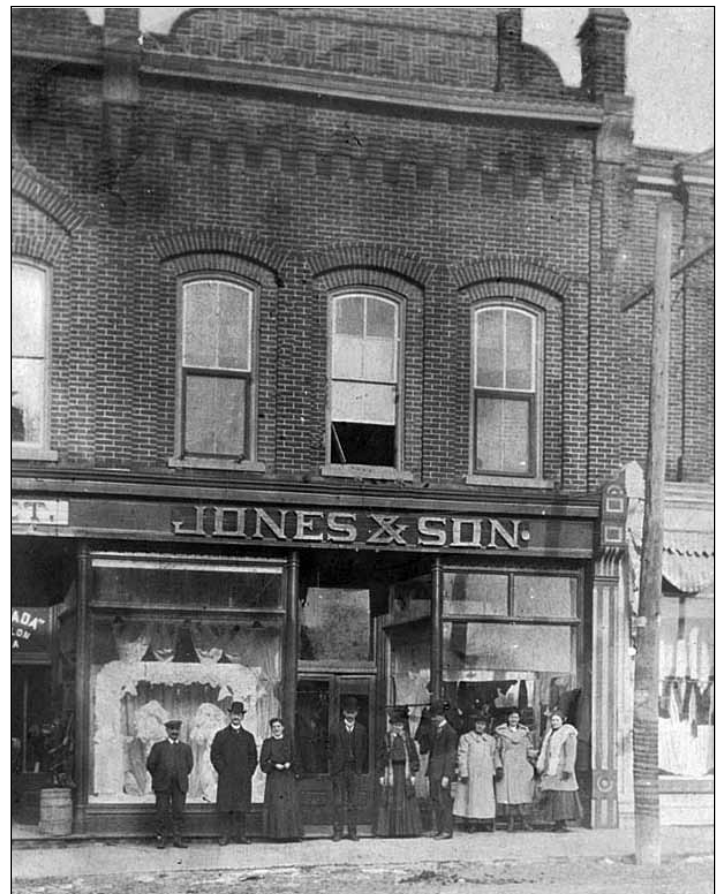
**Jones & Son merchants giving up business**

*Port Perry Star: May 1, 1907*

Messrs. Jones & Son have decided to give up their store business in Port Perry and devote themselves to their other interests. Mr. Charles W. Jones, the head of the firm has, for some years, been engaged in the lumber, wood and roller business, in Ontario and in Quebec.

This business in the future will claim all its attention and consequently the Dry Goods, Clothing and House Furnishing Stock of the firm is being offered to the public at prices which will soon clear it all out.

That Messrs Jones & Son have, decided upon this step is a matter of very general regret, for they have one of the most popular stores in town. During the next few weeks the store will no doubt be thronged. The entire stock, valued at about. \$17,000, will be offered to the public at wholesale prices, on and after May 1st.



*Jones & Son Queen St. store, about 1905.*



The little steamer "Cora" operated by John Bowerman.

### James Stonehouse elected to seat on village council

*Port Perry Star: May 8, 1907*

The proceedings at the Town Hall in connection with the nomination of a candidate for the office of Councillor, to replace C.H. Allison, for the balance of the year were exceedingly tame, and utterly void of excitement. Either the people of Port Perry don't care a rap who represents them at the Council board, or they were cock sure that the right man would be nominated and elected.

Apart from the members of the council not more than half a dozen citizens put in an appearance. The town clerk, Mr. William H. Harris, occupied the chair. Mr. George A. Rose, seconded by Mr. William L. Parrish, placed in nomination the name of Mr. James Stonehouse. The clerk waited until half past eight, and finding that there were no other nominations he declared Mr. Stonehouse duly elected by acclamation.

The new councilman having just entered the bail was called to the front, and congratulated, and having made the statement of qualification, and taken the oath of office, he was welcomed to a seat in the council meeting which was about to be held.

### Carnegies steamer 'Stranger' brings in first boom of logs to Port Perry

*Port Perry Star: May 1, 1907*

On Wednesday of last week Mr. Carnegie's steam tug, "The Stranger" brought into Port the first boom of logs of the season. There were about 5,000 logs in the boom, which was one of the largest towed into this port for some years.

The logs came from Mr. Carnegie's Cartwright camp, near Washburn Island, about 16 miles distant. Many of them were cut a year ago. It will probably keep the mill hands busy from now till July, to cut this material into lumber ready for the market.

### Railway station busy shipping cattle

*Port Perry Star: May 27, 1907*

There has been quite a lively shipping business carried on at the weigh scales at the railway station during the last few days. On Friday last, Messers. Jack and Boe shipped three carloads of cattle numbering 60 head to Montreal.

Mr. A. Bongard shipped a carload of 22 head to Toronto. The Conlins shipped two carloads to Toronto, and sent a drove of 25 or 30 head on foot to Oshawa. Mr. Isaac Rodman shipped a fine bunch of 18 head,

There were some prime heavy-weights among those sent out. Mr. Aurthur Ferguson, of Reach, shipped four cattle that together weighed 6,000 lbs. Mr. James Leask, of Greenbank, shipped two cattle that weighed 2,800 lbs., and two others that tipped the beam at 2,720. On Monday of this week Messers. Jack and Boe sent out a carload of hogs to Montreal, for which it is said they paid \$6.50 a hundred live weight.

## Bigelow re-routes creek around property

*Port Perry Star: May 27, 1907*

For several days, Mr. Joseph Bigelow has had a number of men at work straightening the water course which crosses the property he recently bought on the north side of Queen Street, just east of Lilla Street. When done, the water will flow along the western and northern sides of his lot, instead of across it, as at present.

In the course of their work the men unearthed the huge body of a tree which they proceeded to cut saw logs. When was taken to Carnegie's mill and the sawn run through it, the discovery was it was hemlock. The timber was in a remarkable state of preservation considering it was there for 50 or 60 years.

### Merchants consider closing half day

*Port Perry Star: June 5, 1907*

There is an agitation along the front street in favour of a Wednesday half holiday during the months of July and August. It is proposed that all places of business should close on that day at one o'clock. Such a respite from business is quite commonly enjoyed in many of the towns in Ontario.

We are not in a position to say positively how the Port Perry merchants generally regard this proposition. We have been informed that some at least are quite in favour of it. A petition will likely be put in circulation in a few days to test the question.

## Streets in village being improved

*Port Perry Star: June 12, 1907*

Mr. McKnight, with a gang of men and the road grader, has been making some much needed improvement in several of the streets. On Perry St., north of Queen, what was one of the most disreputable bits of roadway within the corporation has been thoroughly graded and gravelled so that it is now one of the best looking streets in town. Let the good work go on.

## **BUTCHER BUSINESS RE-OPENED**

I. J. WHEELER advises the public that he is once more in the meat business, and wishes to thank his many friends for their loyal support in the past and trusts to be favored with the same in the future.

**The trade will be supplied with the best meats obtainable and at the most reasonable rates.**

All persons wishing to be called on for orders will please advise the shop and will receive prompt attention.

### **TO THE FARMERS**

I am always in the market for all kinds of good Cattle, Lambs, Calves and Hogs at the highest market prices. Kindly let me know what you have to offer.

**I. J. WHEELER**

*After closing down earlier in the year, I.J. Wheeler re-opened in July 1907.*

## Fire destroys barn and contents in Borelia

*Port Perry Star: May 27, 1907*

A small fire occurred in town on Tuesday afternoon, the first for many months, when a barn in Borelia on the premises owned by the Prince Bros., and occupied by Mr. Thos. Carnochan, was completely burned. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The building was almost entirely destroyed before the alarm was rung and the fire brigade called out, so that there was nothing the men could do. In the barn were a mower, seeder, hay rake, plough, a quantity of hay, straw, and grain, all of which was burned. Some calves and chickens which were in the building were saved.

### 1907 TIMELINE

#### August 1907

Messrs. C.W. Jones & Sons have decided to remain in their store in Port Perry after unsuccessfully trying to sell their business, stock and general merchandise.

Water on Lake Scugog is receding at a rate of one inch every 24 hours and is now fully four feet below its normal level.

#### September 1907

Port Perry High School Principal Dugald McBride was presented a purse of gold and a very handsome cabinet of silver cutlery during the High School Reunion ceremonies.

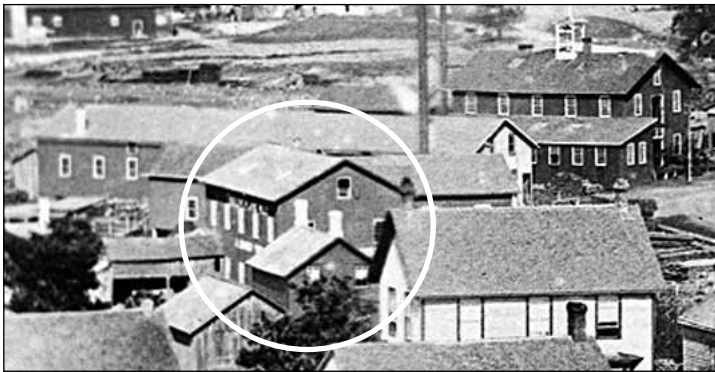
Messrs. David and Arthur J. Carnegie purchased the business of Mr. Jas Carnegie. It includes the flour and grist mill, planning mill, saw mill, lumber yard, residential property, and the steam tug Stranger.

W.H. Cline announced he was selling the Port Perry Star and returning to the ministry, and introduced Mr. Samuel M. Farmer as the new owner effective immediately.

#### October 1907

The Western Bank has opened a sub-agency of their Port Perry branch in Blackstock with Mr. W.J. White in charge under the direction of Mr. H.G. Hutcheson.

Mr. E. Allward, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel was fined \$50 for selling liquor during prohibited hours.



Bigelow's "Big Red Apple Evaporator" is believed to have been opened in the building above (circled), where the Scout Hall is located today.

## Bigelow to establish the 'Big Red Apple Evaporator' factory on Perry Street

Port Perry Star: June 12, 1907

Mr. Joseph Bigelow has exchanged with Mr. John Stovin, a dwelling house and lot situated at the corner of John and Scugog Streets, for Mr. Stovin's building standing between Lilla and Perry streets, and known as the old woollen mill.

It is Mr. Bigelow's intention to convert this building into a factory for evaporating apples. He will instal a gasoline engine and an up-to-date plant throughout, and will have the factory thoroughly equipped and ready for operation in good time for this season's apples.

There is at present promise of an abundant yield of apples in this section, and a factory of this kind win no doubt be very largely patronized.

## Changes in Decoration Services at Pine Grove

Port Perry Star: June 26, 1907

Quite a departure from the usual order will be made this year in connection with the decoration services at the cemetery. These will be held next Sunday afternoon, and in consequence the usual evening service in the churches will be omitted.

The various fraternal societies in the town will line up at 4 o'clock, immediately after the close of the Sabbath Schools, and, headed by the Citizens' Band, will march to the Pine Grove Cemetery, and when the decoration ceremonies have been completed a mass meeting will be held under the trees where brief appropriate addresses will be given by some of the resident ministers.

This promises to be an occasion of unusual interest, I and there will no doubt be a vast number present. Let us hope for fine weather. In case the weather should forbid this open-air service, adjournment will be made to the Methodist church, where the addresses will be delivered.

**The Big Red Apple  
Evaporator  
PORT PERRY**

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**WANTED**--20,000 BUSHEL  
of Apples delivered  
at this evaporator; good sound apples  
suitable for peeling. Apples too small  
for peeling are not wanted, but will be taken in  
limited quantities from parties bringing larger  
apples, as they can only be chopped up, dried and  
sold at a very low price. In bringing apples to  
the evaporator it will be necessary to keep these  
apples separate.

The regular prices paid at other evaporators  
will be paid which will be about the same as here-  
tofore in Port Perry.

Delivery of apples wanted on and after  
2nd September and continuously until stopped by  
winter weather.

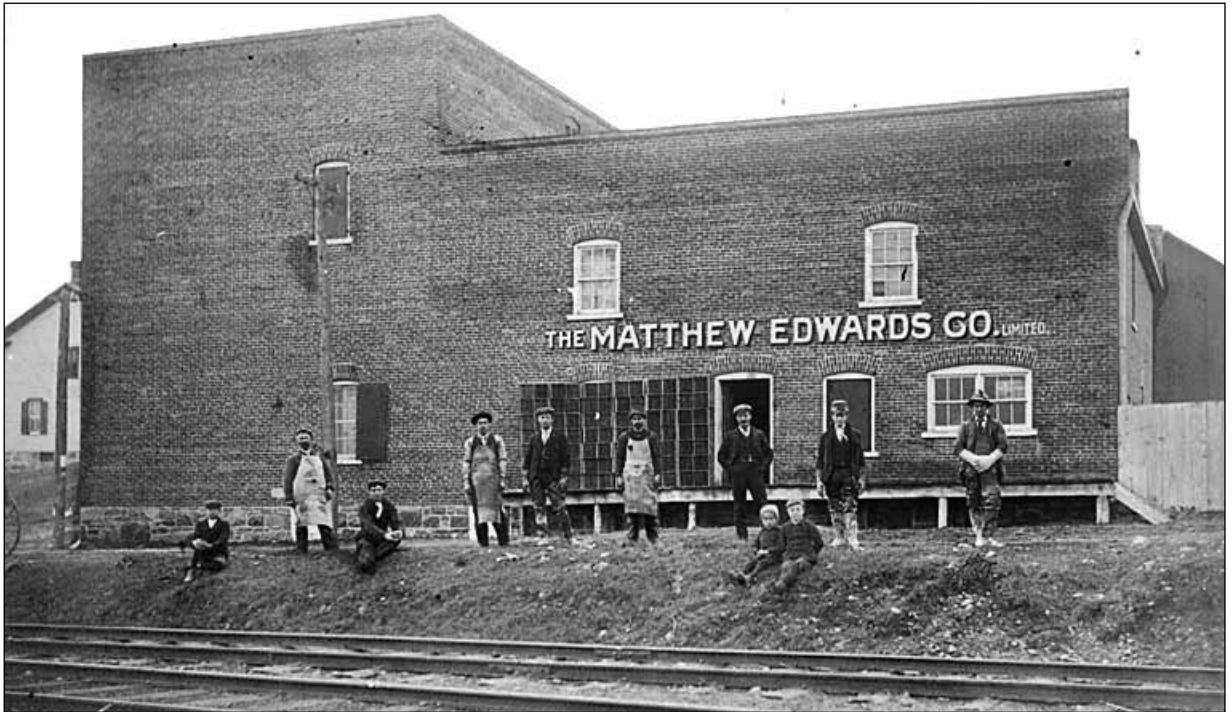
**All Apples paid for in CASH on delivery.**

Port Perry, Aug. 26th, 1907.

**JOSEPH BIGELOW**



Buildings along this section of the western part of town, on Queen Street, were: Rose & Co. "The Fair"; J. Murray, Dentist (upper floor); Courtice and Jeffrey Harness Shop, and Monet's Grocery store



*The Matthew Edwards Company plant, located on Water Street, across from the railway station.*

## Star editor tours the Matthew Edwards egg packaging plant

*Port Perry Star: July 17, 1907*

One day last week the editor of the Star had the pleasure of looking over the egg packing establishment of the Matthew Edwards Company, escorted by the genial manager, Mr. W.M. Grant.

And what he saw is well worth recording, It is doubtful whether people of Port Perry really know what an extended and important industry this has become. The Company has two large storage cellars occupied with immense vats capable of containing several thousand dozens of eggs each. Taking the two cellars together, the firm can store a 100,000 dozen eggs.

Since the opening of the season in April, the company has purchased about 90,000 dozen, and about 65,000 dozen are now held in pickle. These will be kept until September when the season for shipping will really open. Many of these eggs will be sent to British Columbia, and other western provinces, many others will go across the Atlantic to England and Scotland.

Mr. Grant has two wagons on the road constantly gathering up eggs throughout the country adjacent to Port Perry, and he is receiving shipments from far away points every week. Only recently he brought a carload from the county of Huron. He keeps constantly on hand an immense supply of ice amounting to about six hundred tons, which is used in connection with his cold storage rooms.

The manager of this concern is one of the busiest and most enterprising men in the town.

## Steamer brings in 25,000 bricks

*Port Perry Star: July 30, 1907*

Mr. Carnegie's tug, the "Stranger" brought up a scow load of 25,000 brick, and a quantity of tile last Saturday from Fox's brick yards near Lindsay, consigned to Mr. Charles L. Vickery, who is the local agent for Mr. Fox's output. A large portion of this brick is already sold to Mr. Demera of Scugog, who is building a fine resident near the Centre.

## Jones & Son stay at their old stand

*Port Perry Star: August 7, 1907*

Some months ago Messrs. Jones & Son, announced frankly their intention of going out of business; and offered for sale their entire stock of general merchandise. The senior member of the firm, Mr. C. W. Jones, thought to give his entire attention to his extensive lumber, wood and roller business.

We understand that the firm received certain offers for their stock, but none these were entirely satisfactory, and as they were unwilling to sell at too great a sacrifice, no deal, was carried through. After waiting in vain for a purchaser, Messrs. Jones have made some re-adjustment of their affairs, now announce their intention of remaining at the old stand in the same business.

This announcement will be hailed with very satisfaction by the people of Port Perry, and the surrounding country. Jones & Son is one of the most popular business firms in town. Everybody likes to trade with them.

## Human skeleton found at house near Borelia is a mystery

*Port Perry Star: July 31, 1907*

Last Saturday as some workman were engaged erecting a kitchen in the rear of Mr. Wm. Hodgson's house on Queen St., near the Borelia corners, they were startled by coming upon the remains of a human skeleton which had lain buried about a foot and a half below the surface of the ground.

Having occasion to dig a shallow hole in which to place one of their jacks, the men turned up what proved to be a man's skull and afterwards some other human bones, which had evidently lain a great many years where they were found.

The skull was found lying face downward, and the crown was broken in, as though it had been violently crushed before being buried where it was. No signs of any coffin were discovered. The bones began to crumble as soon as exposed to the air. How anybody ever came to be buried where these bones have been unearthed is a profound mystery.

Mr. Hodson, who is a retired farmer, has occupied the premises only short time. No one has been found,

even among the oldest inhabitants, who can recall the burial of any person in that spot. There never was a burying ground in the vicinity, the premises being in very centre of the oldest residential part of the town. There is nothing to indicate that the bones are those of an Indian.

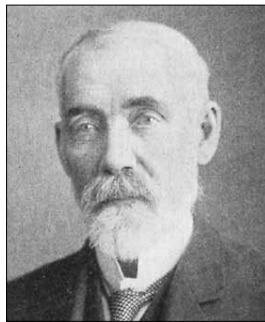
There are whispers of foul play that took place evidently half a century ago. A story has been recalled of someone who suddenly disappear one night 60 years or more ago from the vicinity of the Borelia corners, and who was never located thereafter.

The fact that this skeleton was found lying so near the surface is supposed to indicate that the body must have been buried hurriedly, and the broken condition of the skull has give rise to the conjecture that the man, whoever he was, met a violent death.

So many years have elapsed that it is doubtful now whether the real facts surrounding the case will ever be brought to light.

## Principal Dugald McBride of Port Perry High School honoured

*Toronto Globe: August 31, 1907*



*Dugald McBride*

A reunion of the present and former teachers and pupils of the Port Perry High School was held in Port Perry today, the main purpose of which was to do honour to the distinguished Principal, Mr. Dugald McBride, B.A., who had been at the head of this school for 36 years. A band concert and athletic games on the campus filled up the afternoon.

In the evening a mass meeting was held in the Methodist church. Reeve Parrish extended a welcome to the visitors, to which Professor De Lury of the University of Toronto replied on behalf of the old boys.

A very appreciative address was presented to Mr. McBride by Dr. Mellow, Chairman of the Board of Education, and a similar testimonial, accompanied by a purse of \$800, was presented by Edwin Loftus of Winnipeg on behalf of the expupils.

Mr. McBride responded in a very feeling and appropriate manner, and was followed in five minute addresses by a number of distinguished ex-pupils. The hope was expressed that the honoured Principal may continue at his post for years to come.

## Council approves funds for Old Boys & Girls reunion

*Port Perry Star: July 10, 1907*

Mr. H.L. Ebbels and Mr. Geo. M. Jones appeared before the Council on behalf of the committee that is arranging for the re-union of the pupils and ex-pupils of the High School, asking fora grant of \$100 to aid in entertaining the visitors when they come in August.

About 1,500 invitations to the "Old Boys & Girls" have been issued and a large gathering is anticipated. After hearing the request of 'these two gentlemen, Mr. Hutcheson moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson that the sum of \$75 be granted for the purpose in question. Motion was carried

## Bigelow adds storage to Big Red Apple Evaporator

*Port Perry Star: August 14, 1907*

Mr. Joseph Bigelow is erecting a very substantial addition ot the large building in which he is installing his Apple Evaporator plant. This addition is on the south side of the present structure, 12 feet in width by 60 feet in lenthth. It is one storey high and is to be used as a receiving storehouse.

The name chosen for this new industry is "The Big Red Apple Evaporator" and practical operations are expected to begin in a very few weeks.



## Carnegie flour and grist mill changes hands

*Port Perry Star: September 11, 1907*

A business change involving considerable capital took place on Saturday last, by which Messrs. D. and A.J. Carnegie purchased the old established and flourishing business of Mr. James Carnegie.

The turnover of real estate includes the flour and grist mill, planing mill, saw mill, lumber yard and residential property in connection therewith, also the timber limits in Cartwright township, and the steam tug, "Stranger".

The new firm took possession on Monday morning last. Both young men are well and favourably known to the business men and farmers of this town and surrounding country. As the business is one of the town's largest and oldest established industries we do not hesitate to predict a successful business career for the new proprietors.

Mr. James Carnegie will remove to his fine residential property on Mary Street in the near future, and for some time at least will retire from active business life and take a well earned rest.



*James Carnegie's mills at the lakefront Port Perry, early 1900s.*

## Samuel Farmer new owner of Port Perry Star

*Port Perry Star: September 25, 1907*

Port Perry Star publisher and owner Rev. Cline, announced the sell of the newspaper. "Having been called somewhat unexpectedly to assume the pastoral oversight of a certain church in the vicinity of Buffalo, N.Y., the writer decide a few weeks ago to dispose of the newspaper business and return to the work of the ministry.

In taking leave of the people of Port Perry and the readers of 'the Star', I wish to express my grateful appreciation of the many kind works that have been spoken regarding myself and the paper, and of the very generous manner in which I have always been treated by all with whom I have been brought into association."

The new proprietor, Mr. Samuel Farmer, of Toronto, is a gentleman in whom I have all confidence, and whom I most cordially commend to the good will of the entire community. He is not altogether a stranger to this neighbourhood as he lived at one time in the township of Reach and was once a pupil in Port Perry High School.

He was connected with the Uxbridge Journal for some considerable time, and for the last two years has been on the staff of "Saturday Night", one of the highest class papers in the Dominion.



*Samuel Farmer*

## New foundry and repair shop to open soon

*Port Perry Star: September 18, 1907*

Arrangements have about been completed whereby Port Perry is to have a new industry in the way of a foundry and repair shop.

Since the removal of the Madison Williams works to Lindsay some months ago the townspeople and others who have machinery of any kind to repair have felt the need of such an establishment in town. As it is now the smallest casting has to be procured out of town.

We are also informed that the new firm have the promise of a large amount of work from Toronto and other places. The men at the head of this enterprise are Messrs. Lewis Walling, Arthur Allin and Mr. Brunck all former employees of the Madison Williams foundry and expert mechanics in their line of business.

They have purchased the building at the rear of the Bank of Commerce, formerly occupied by R.J. Bruce as a tinshop and also the lot in the rear of it. The building will be moved so as to face on North Street, opposite Flavell Clemes' wood yard, and will be fitted up for the purpose intended.

The plant will be first-class in every particular, and as the men know their business we little doubt the success of the enterprise.

## Three Port Perry businesses have changed ownership

*Port Perry Star: November 27, 1907*

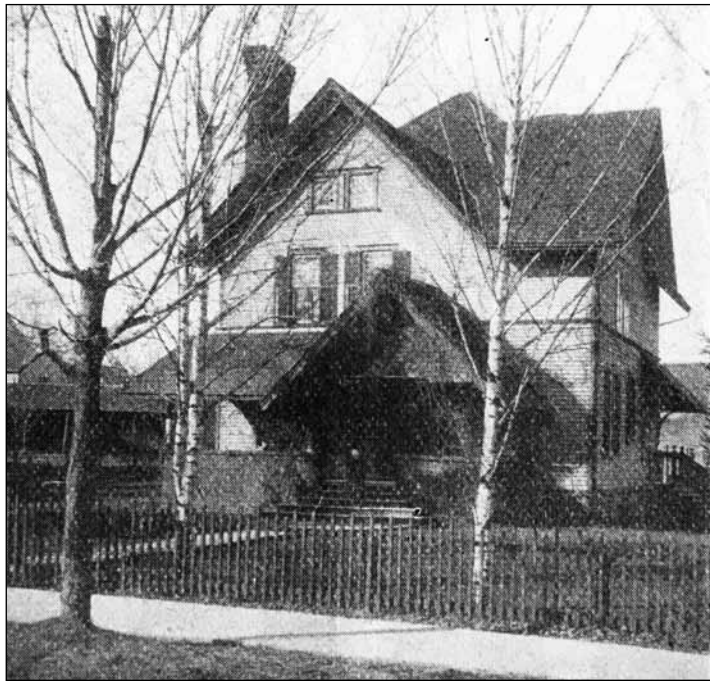
Jones, Dunk & Co. – This firm has bought the stock and business of Jones & Son, at a rate on the dollar They will carry on a cash business on the most approved lines. The new member of the firm. Mr. Edward R. Dunk, is an energetic business man who has been successful in his past career, and who will be able to give the customers of the firm the benefit of his experience He will have the advantage of Mr. Charles W. Jones' knowledge of local conditions, and the new firm will have the success we sincerely wish for them.



*E.H. Dunk*

Mr. Edward H. Purdy has bought the grocery and confectionery business lately owned by Mr. Jonathan Lane, and intends running it on a cash basis. He believes that prices can be reduced and business relations be made much more satisfactory under the cash system. He is not alone in this idea. There are many other merchants who have tried this method of doing business and have found it very satisfactory both for themselves and their customers.

Dr. Edgar L. Procter has sold his medical practice and property to Dr. John D. Berry. He will be leaving about the New Year, and in the meantime will continue to carry on the practice with his successor Dr. Berry.



*Office and residence of Dr. E.L. Procter, Queen St., Port Perry.*

## Old fisherman warns that thousands of fish will die in Scugog from low water

*Port Perry Star: October 9, 1907*

The following letter taken from the Toronto World from J.M. Might speaks for itself.

Editor: I am an old fisherman for pleasure, and have fished in a great many excellent waters inhabited by the "finny tribe". My opinion is there there is no place so well adapted, or suitable for the production of bass and maskinonge as Lake Scugog.

It has more spawning ground, and apparently more feed and better protection for smaller fish than any other waters in Ontario. That the Dominion Government should allow this valuable hatchery to be destroyed through the waste of water at the Lindsay locks and want of proper protection appears to me to be a cruel waste.

Simply by allowing this waste continually go on to the extent that the water in the lake is so low that in a severe winter many thousands of beautiful large fish are either frozen out or forced in to so small a body of water under the ice, becomes exhausted and they die.

## 1907 TIMELINE

### October 1907

Town fire hydrants have been fixed and residents can rest assured that fire protection is of the best.

Navigation has become so bad in Lake Scugog, only the Cora, which draws three feet, nine inches of water can navigate parts of the lake. All other boats, including the Stranger which draws five feet, six inches of water are lying idle.

### November 1907

Mr. E.R. Dunk is the new member of the Jones, Dunk and Co. which has purchased stock and business of Jones and Sons.

### December 1907

Mr. James Leask of Greenbank was in Chicago with his short horn calf, Roan King, and took the grand championship prize.

Reeve W.L. Parrish travelled to Ottawa to seek help in improving Lake Scugog, but spent most of his time waiting and was given only seven minutes for his interview.

Students of the Model School presented a comfortable Morris chair to principal Mr. R. F. Downey to express their appreciation of his services as a teacher.



The lakefront of Port Perry, with its industrial buildings, were all being effected by the low water, as seen in this picture.

## Government indifference to Lake Scugog water issue

*Port Perry Star: December 11, 1907*

A short time ago Reeve W.L. Parrish was deputed to go to Ottawa and see what arrangements could be made to secure some betterment of the condition of Lake Scugog.

Every arrangement was made and the hour set for the, interview, but the hour was spent outside the door waiting, and the interview lasted only seven minutes, an impossible time in which to state a grievance which is 60 years old and entrenched in "pull" and indifference.

But something will be done. Our Reeve has determined to fight the matter out and he is not alone in the feeling that the Government are too sure that this locality will vote to kill their own interests. The slogan will be "Raise the Water in Lake Scugog" and the candidate who would really serve the interests of this tiding will be ready to fight the people's battle for justice.

We have had some 40 or 50 years "consideration". Now what we want is that the locks in Lindsay shall be fixed at once, and that the parties unlawfully using the water to the impediment of navigation should be restrained forthwith. We vote for this issue and not blindly according to party ties. We are not interested in a party that is almost rudely indifferent to our necessities.

## Pine Grove Cemetery artistically laid out

*Port Perry Star: December 4, 1907*

The Pine Grove Cemetery is becoming more and more attractive. Persons are coming from the north and south, and east and west to secure family plots that they may place their departed friends among the flowers, shrubs and trees in the Prince Albert Pine Grove Cemetery.

Some of the most expensive and well finished monuments grace the ground. Mr. Stafford, of Port Perry, is getting his fame up by his good taste and workmanship, having erected recently a fine one to Mr. D. Campbell and another to Mr. F. Carmichael, also other smaller ones that have given general satisfaction.

Mr. Reuben Bond, who has been caretaker for many years, deserves great praise for the interest he takes in planting and pruning and beautifying all that comes under his care. The ground is artistically laid out which adds to the beauty of its appearance and the gravel roads and walks have greatly improved the scenery and added to the comfort of the public during the last year or so.

## Reeve discusses low water levels on Scugog

*Toronto Globe: December 7, 1907*

Mr. W.L. Parish, Reeve of Port Perry, had an interview this morning with Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, in reference to low water on Lake Scugog, which interferes with navigation and power development.

Mr. Parish urged that the Flavelle Company of Lindsay, who had a water privilege granted in 1842, are using a greater quantity of water than they are entitled to, thereby causing the present low water on the lake.

The dam and locks at Lindsay, formerly the property of the Ontario Government and now forming part of the Trent Valley Canal system, have been taken over by the Federal Government.

Mayor Parish asked for restriction of the amount of water used by the Flavelle Company. Hon. Mr. Graham promised consideration.

# 1908

## William L. Parrish youngest man elected Warden of Ontario County

*Port Perry Star: February 5, 1908*

Warden W.L. Parrish is apparently the youngest member of the 22 representative at the County Council Board. He is a bright, alert young businessman, and will fill the position with credit.

Mr. Parrish has lived in Port Perry all his life, and is carrying on the business started by his father. He is clear headed and straight in his business dealings, and has a genial personality coupled with force of character.

That he is highly esteemed by his fellow townsmen was evidenced by the fact that he was elected to the Reeveship of Port Perry without previous service on the council board. He is now filling his third term in this office.

Upon subjects of public interest Mr. Parrish has shown himself to be in favour of the progressive policy. Doubtless some will not agree with his attitude on all subjects brought before the Council, be he will not let the grass grow under his feet.



*Dr. E.L. Procter*

## Council passes butchering by-law

*Port Perry Star: February 12, 1908*

The council of the village of Port Perry passed a by-law to license retail butchers at its last regular council meeting

The following are its provisions: No sale of fresh meat in quantities less than by the quarter carcass shall be made within this Corporation of the Village of Port Perry except by persons holding a valid license.

The said license shall be procured from the chief of police, and an annual fee of twenty-five dollars shall be paid therefor. Provided that the annual fee for such license shall be reduced by the amount of the business tax if any paid by the person procuring such license.

Any person guilty of an infraction of this by-law shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars to be recovered and enforced in the manner provided for the recovering and enforcement of penalties imposed by by-laws.

## Dr. E.L. Procter leaves his practice in Port Perry

*Port Perry Star: January 29, 1908*

Last week Dr. Edgar L. Procter left Port Perry after practising medicine in this locality for about 12 years. He bought the practice from Dr. G.H. Clemens, and will be succeeded by Dr. John Berry.

Dr. Procter has proved himself a capable man in many ways. He came to farm some 20 years ago from Bournemouth, England and settled in Haysville, Ont. He next took a four year course in architecture. A fine sample of his architectural work is to be seen in the house he has just vacated. He designed and built it, and the result does him credit, as there are few houses with a more substantial yet attractive appearance in this town of good homes.

After his course in architecture, Mr. Procter took up medicine and first practised at Niagara. Dr. Procter has been a successful practitioner and is not at all likely to become antiquated in his methods, as he is a good student.

He was a good sportsman and an active member of the Gun Club. He was also a senior Warden in the Masonic Lodge.

Dr. John Procter's successor, Dr. John Berry studied medicine at the Trinity Medical College, Toronto and graduated in 1890. He then practised his profession for 15 years in Hastings, Ontario, before going to Cuba where he remained two years before coming to Port Perry.



*Dr. E.L. Procter*

## Band provides good music for Port Perry Skating Carnival

*Port Perry Star: March 11, 1908*

Skating and music were, both good at the carnival held here. last Friday evening. The band proved to be a good drawing card. It is a very good band for a town like this. It is but fair to say that its success is largely due to the efforts of their leader, Mr. Joseph Goldring, who is doing very much to develop the musical talent of Port. Perry.

Everybody enjoyed the skating for the ice was in good condition. The number of skaters in costume was not as large as might have been desired, but most of those who did take the trouble to dress in fancy costume were very creditably attired. One of the characters, Mr. L. Smith, of Utica, represented an Indian. It was generally conceded that his was the best character costume, Unfortunately Mr. Smith arrived too late to be considered.

## Council takes no official action on deficiencies at Manchester station

*Port Perry Star: March 11, 1908*

Mr. W.A. Boyce appeared before the Council of Reach Township with a resolution concerning the station at Manchester.

The resolution reads: "Whereas the Township of Reach has contributed largely by way of a bonus to the railway running through the township, know at the time as the Port Perry and Port Whitby Railway.

In consideration of a bonus a station was to be provided at Manchester. The aforesaid station has never been anything more than an apology for a station. That from the adequate earning of this road, increase in travel, freights and farm produce, such as cattle, pigs, apples, vegetables, etc., we believe this request will be no injustice to such a railway.

We therefore request the Government take such action as will enlarge the said Manchester station, employ suitable agents, as an operator who may sell tickets, check baggage, etc., also provide a suitable warehouse for storing apples and other perishable freights."

While it was agreed by some of the Councillors that the railway had not lived up to its agreement, it was not thought advisable to take official action.



*Siding at the Manchester station.*

## Improved lighting required at station

*Port Perry Star: March 25, 1908*

Several times small mishaps Have occurred which point to the necessity for better light the Grand Trunk Railway Station. Passengers alighting from the evening train should have efficient light to do so without danger of stumbling over some piece of baggage on the platform.

Those in charge at the station are efficient men who do all they can for the comfort of the public, and they make the best use of the lighting apparatus placed at their disposal but it is insufficient.

The question of economy will not figure very largely if the Grand Trunk have to pay one bill of damages for an accident due to this cause. Such accident was narrowly averted on Saturday evening. The additional cost of electric light would, be but trifling, but the additional safety to the traveling public would be very great.

## 1908 TIMELINE

### January 1908

The Toronto Globe reported the Port Perry Ice Races one of the greatest ever seen in Canada. Lady May and John McEwen paced a dead heat with their time equalling the world's ice record.

At a convention of the Liberal Conservatives of South Ontario, held in Oshawa, Mr. Peter Christie was nominated to contest the riding for the Federal Parliament

In the election for Reeve, W.L. Parrish defeated Geo. Gerrow by 219 to 84 votes. Councillors for 1908 are Waddell, Doubt, Stonehouse and Hutcheson.

### February 1908

Dr. David Archer appointed the Medical Health officer for the town.

Pine Grove Cemetery Bd. appointed a committee to look into building a vault on the property.

### March 1908

During the year 1907 in Port Perry there were: 20 births, 18 marriages and 15 deaths. One person died at age 95, one at 88, one at 80 and the remainder at 70 or over.

The Port Perry Citizen's Band performed a concert at the Town Hall.

### April 1908

James Stonehouse, operator of the Creamery, was appointed as Sanitary Inspector and Instructor of Creameries in eastern Ontario.

Messrs. Colville and Town will open a new bakery in the store formerly occupied by Mr. W.G. Monet.

The Scugog Bridge (causeway) received some severe pounding with the ice this Spring and the railings and telephone poles are badly broken down. Considerable money will have to be spent in repairs.

Samuel Farmer writes: "It is very natural a healthy minded boy should wish to carry a gun, as it is a sign that he is going to be a man some day. With the privilege comes responsibilities and it is certain they should not be allowed to shoot on the streets."

Captain Bowerman had his first trip this season with the Cora, with a scow load of baled hay from Pettet's Point for Mr. Monet.



*Ice damage was a common problem every spring for the Scugog Bridge, but especially bad in March 1908.*

**1908 TIMELINE**

**May 1908**

More than 7,640 feet of cement sidewalk was laid in Port Perry by Mr. Waddell at a cost of \$687.00.

Rev. Wm. Cooper preached his last sermon as pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church before he and his family left for Mount Forest.

**June 1908**

Rev. Mr. McQueen, of Port Perry has been ordained as a Baptist minister and will officiate in a church at Henrietta, near Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. Chas. F. Cook, formerly of Sunderland is the new barber in the village.

The town was collecting money to purchase four acres at the corner of Caleb and Crandell, opposite the High School to purchase and develop a public playground. The cost was estimated at \$500.

Mr. Downey, principal of the public school in Port Perry for the past six years, has been appointed principal of Central School, Peterboro, a much larger school.

A cyclone passed through the area last Friday and unroofed four barns and badly wrecked a house. A storm like this has not been known around here for many years.

**Council turns down new billiards room**

*Port Perry Star: April 8, 1908*

Council received a communication from Mr. Alex Styles at the regular meeting of the Town Council, requesting his desire to open a billiard room in which to run three tables.

He proposed running a proper place of amusement, free from the vices that sometimes taint improperly conducted billiard rooms, and believed that it would be a benefit to the neighbourhood.

Learning that the license fee is \$500 for the first table and \$250 for each subsequent table. He said he been advised that this is a prohibitive fee and felt should be \$60 for the first table and \$40 for the second and \$30 for each subsequent table.

On a motion of Mr. Stonehouse, the application was rejected.

**Lake water too high for mill to operate**

*Port Perry Star: April 15, 1908*

High water on Lake Scugog, has suspended one of our most important industries because of excess of water this spring.

Carnegie's grist mill is not working at present as the water is interfering with the machinery. Thirteen years ago the water was six inches higher than at present and Mr. Carnegie was compelled to visit his mill by boat.

**Town plan for extending waterworks**

*Port Perry Star: May 6, 1908*

At a regular meeting of town council a committee was appointed to ascertain the cost of extending the waterworks system. It was pointed out that water mains were more permanent than hose, and it was thought that they could be laid more cheaply.

The expenditure on hose has been quite large and at present time there is required about 300 feet, nearly \$1,000. have been spent during the past five years for the purpose, and the money is gone with but little to show for it. The council are seeking means of saving this expense.

## First rate sidewalks being laid in town

*Port Perry Star: May 6, 1908*

Last year, Port Perry laid some 7,641 square feet on concrete walks, at a cost of \$687.00, or nine per square foot. It will be news to many to know that with the public spirited way in which Mr. Waddell does the work for the town, we get concrete sidewalk fully three cents per foot cheaper than other towns and better a walk at nine cents than what was first laid in the town at 14 cents.

Some time ago it was necessary to repair a bit of the walk on Queen St. and after the one inch concrete surface was dug up, the gravel could be scraped out with the hand, being entirely without cement. We are fortunate in having a man doing our work now who has too much self respect to palm off such work on the town.

## Empire Day celebrated by public school

*Port Perry Star: May 27, 1908*

A start was made last Friday in an excellent feature of public school education. Empire Day was observed by the children. The patriotic demonstration was held in the Town Hall, and a number of parents and friends were present.

In view of the fact that our foreign immigration is so large, it is well to foster a truly loyal British Canadian spirit. No small amount of the success of the venture last Friday was due to the persistent efforts of the principal of the public school, Mr. R.F. Downey. The High School pupils joined in the demonstration and assisted in the program.

Rev. John Harris acted as chairman in the place of Mr. George Rose who was unavoidably out of town. The program was good and we feel sure that many more townspeople will be present to enjoy the proceedings next year.

## Weber Gas Engine Co. outlines conditions

*Port Perry Star: June 10, 1908*

The Weber Gas Engine Company conditions for building in Port Perry included: the corporation guarantee the bonds of the company to the amount of \$40,000; the town provide a free mill site of approximately six acres and that the company be exempted from taxation, except so far as school taxes.

## Funds being raised to purchase land for recreation

*Port Perry Star: May 27, 1908*

Judging by the cordial reception accorded the collectors for the public playground, it is evident that the need for such a place of recreation is recognized.

It is necessary to raise about \$500 to purchase four acres of land and fence the same in a manner suitable to ensure gate receipts,

The property that will probably be purchased is a corner of the Caleb Crandell field opposite the High School. This lot is in excellent condition for sports as it is well drained and fairly level. It is

intended to improve the property from year to year, leveling seeding, rolling and mowing.

Much of the future success of this venture depends on the manner in which it is pushed at the present moment. This is the time to put the matter through. Samuel Farmer of the Port Perry Star is authorized to receive subscriptions for the playground fund and any sum large or small will be welcome. This is a public affair and should receive the support of all who believe in clean healthy sport.



*Caleb Crandell's fenced property was being looked at to purchase for a sports and grounds for celebrations.*

## Town works to purchase Fair Grounds or Crandell property for celebrations

*Port Perry Star: June 17, 1908*

It appears that no suitable grounds could be rented for the celebrations on July 1st, either for the day, or the season, at a figure that would admit of making the enterprise a paying proposition.

The owner of the Fair Grounds wanted \$100 for the rent of three areas but would not give the use of the race track.

The next effort was made to buy four acres of the Crandall property opposite the High School. About \$175 has been raised towards the \$400 required. This sum would be supplemented by donations from a number of persons who are interested.

In going around with the subscription list we constantly was asked, "Why not buy the old Fair Grounds", and all that could be said that if it was difficult to raise \$400, it would be more difficult to raise \$1,600, the price of the Fair Grounds. The grounds owner, Mr. Howard Tummonds was approached and his terms are \$800 down and the other \$800 to be paid within five years.

There is no doubt about the value of the investment if the town really requires the property. There is a high board fence around the 24 to 26 acres of land, and a grand stand upon the property that will seat 1,000 persons. There is also a race track of about half a mile.

## Man attacked in Port Perry was a horse thief wanted for arrest

*Toronto Globe: July 14, 1908*

Frederick John Lodge, who was attacked in Port Perry a few days ago, and generally given sympathy on account of the savage attack made upon him, turns out to be a horse thief.

Lodge was attacked by three men, bound, gagged and beaten, and then left in a pitiable condition behind a barn. He was discovered and received medical treatment, while his alleged assailants were traced and arrested by Provincial Detective Miller.

The detective at the time recognized Lodge as a man who some time ago was sentenced at Woodstock to a term of several years imprisonment for stealing a horse and rig at Hamilton.

Lodge proved ungrateful to his benefactors. He was well treated, and when he had practically recovered a livery keeper named Denison lent him a horse and rig to go for a drive. He took the rig to Markham sold the outfit for \$30 and decamped.

Detective Miller, however, managed to trace him, and on Saturday he was once more arrested on a charge of horse stealing. With regard to the attacks on Lodge it is believed that his assailants mistook him for a horseman named D'Arcy, whom he resembles, who was known to have a large sum of money, in his possession.

## Auto driver runs over cow and collides with buggy

*Toronto Globe: July 4, 1908*

A buggy demolished, cow's leg broken, a smashed automobile and its two occupants severely injured, were the results of furious driving near here last night.

W. Eyre of Toronto owned the auto, J.J. McDonald of Bowmanville was his guest, and they were enjoying a ride. The pair came from Fenelon Falls, dashed through Port Perry, and almost ran into a horse and buggy at Manchester, causing the horse to run away, throwing the woman and child who occupied the rig out and smashing the vehicle.

Near Brooklin the automobile ran into a cow, breaking her leg. Just south of Brooklin the driver sent his machine crashing into a telephone pole. The auto turned turtle, pinning the owner underneath and throwing out McDonald with violence.

Eyre was taken, unconscious, from beneath his car and attended by a Brooklin physician. This morning he was able to drive, and came down to Whitby.

An information had been laid against Eyre before a Port Perry J.P., by the owner of the smashed buggy, and Chief Jamieson of Whitby collected a fine of \$25 and costs for furious driving. The automobile was badly damaged, and both men will feel the effects of their injuries for some time.

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*Cawker & Son Butcher, E.H. Purdy general store and H.H. Stone clothier were located along this section of Queen Street, in the mid-1900s.*

## Town tackles issues of the skating rink

*Port Perry Star: July 14, 1908*

What is to be done with the skating rink? Are any further repairs to be made to it? If we remember rightly, the matter was left until the eleventh hour last year before necessary repairs were made and then what was done was of a temporary nature. It is due to the townspeople that this matter be taken in hand immediately, and the building be put into a shape that will guarantee the public safety and satisfy the citizens that there is no danger there to themselves or their children.

We quite understand that this building is private property, but it is used for a public purpose and must be put in, proper shape. In talking to Mr. Howard Tummonds about this matter he said that repairs would be made if the rink is to be used this winter; but it might be possible that he would pull the building down.

This may be quite satisfactory to Mr. Tummonds but not to the townspeople. Hockey and skating, snowshoeing and coasting are the only winter sports we have in Port Perry. If the rink is torn down, the town will be deprived of its leading winter sport.

Those interested in sport should look into the matter at once. We cannot afford to be without healthy sport in town. This is a matter of vital importance to the citizens, and the people should not rest until we know that satisfactory arrangements have been made.

## Bowling Club to play on lawn of Dr. Berry

*North Ontario Observer: July 22, 1908*

The Bowling Club is an established fact. It has about 20 members, and its officers are Mr. George Gerrow, president; Mr. James Carnegie, vice-president; and Mr. Samuel Farmer, secretary-treasurer.

Through the kindness of Dr. John Berry the club have free use of his lawn, on the northwest side of Queen and Lilla Street. It is excellently adapted to his purpose. Another year it is probable that there will be some matches played with outside clubs.

Visitors are requested to keep on the bank. Players will need to pay attention to the skips in order to secure good play. All measuring must be done by the skips. No player may touch a bowl after bowling, until the decision as to position has been reached.

## 1908 TIMELINE

### July 1908

County Council authorized the Reeve of Port Perry and Scugog to commence work on the Scugog Bridge, to repair damage caused in the Spring. Recommended was that piles be driven along the outer edge, raise part of the structure two feet, use steel stringers covered with cedar timbers with iron rods to keep them in position. Roadway to be from 16' to 18' wide. Cost estimated at \$1000.

### August 1908

A Port Perry team won the Kawartha Lakes Championship flag during the Sturgeon Point Regatta. The team of Messrs. Flint, Bowerman and D. Carnegie sailed the "Cora" to victory.

### September 1908

Repairs began on the Scugog Bridge. Work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible, now that the harvest is over.

Drs. Archer and Archer narrowly escaped injury when their recently purchased automobile took a header into the ditch.

Electric lights are becoming so popular Mr. Currie says he will be busy until November installing new lights without any new orders.

Most of the machinery on the burned out steamer "Stranger", near Caesrea, has now been recovered. The boat sunk in about 12 feet of water and a diver from Lindsay was used to recover the equipment.

### October 1908

Mr. Dugald McBride was named president of the Teachers' Association at convention held in Uxbridge. Mr. James MacBrien of Prince Albert is vice-president.

Council passed a bylaw banning pigs in the village within 150 feet of any dwelling and that cows are not allowed on the streets and roads in Port Perry after October 15th.

Mr. R.J. Goundy of the Weber Gas Engine Co. visited town with his architect and plans for a new building for the Madison Williams property. The 80x200 foot building is 30 feet high and plans are to work during the winter to be ready for operation in early spring.

## Carnegie Milling Co. steamship "Stranger" destroyed by fire

*Toronto Globe: July 23, 1908*

The tidy steamer Stranger, the property of Carnegie Bros. Milling Company, that has for a number of years been plying on the Kawartha waters, was on the evening of Monday July 20, destroyed by fire when just off Ball's Point on Scugog Lake.

At the time the conflagration occurred there were on board and in charge of the steamer, Messrs. Harvey Plumb, Chas. Mowat and John Barker who did all in their power to save the boat but their efforts, although well directed were of no avail, in fact they only deserted the craft when further efforts were fruitless. There being a stiff breeze at the time, destruction was complete. The fire had made considerable headway before being discovered.

The Stranger, the last surviving steamer built by the Crandells had put in nearly 30 years of service. To replace her, the Carnegies bought the Cora to be used as a tug on Lake Scugog. The ignominious fate of the Cora symbolically marked the end of the once glorious age of steam on Lake Scugog.



*Carnegie's steamer "Stranger" burns to the water line in July 1908.*

## Toronto newspaper promotes great fishing on Lake Scugog near Nestleton

*Toronto Globe: August 7, 1908*

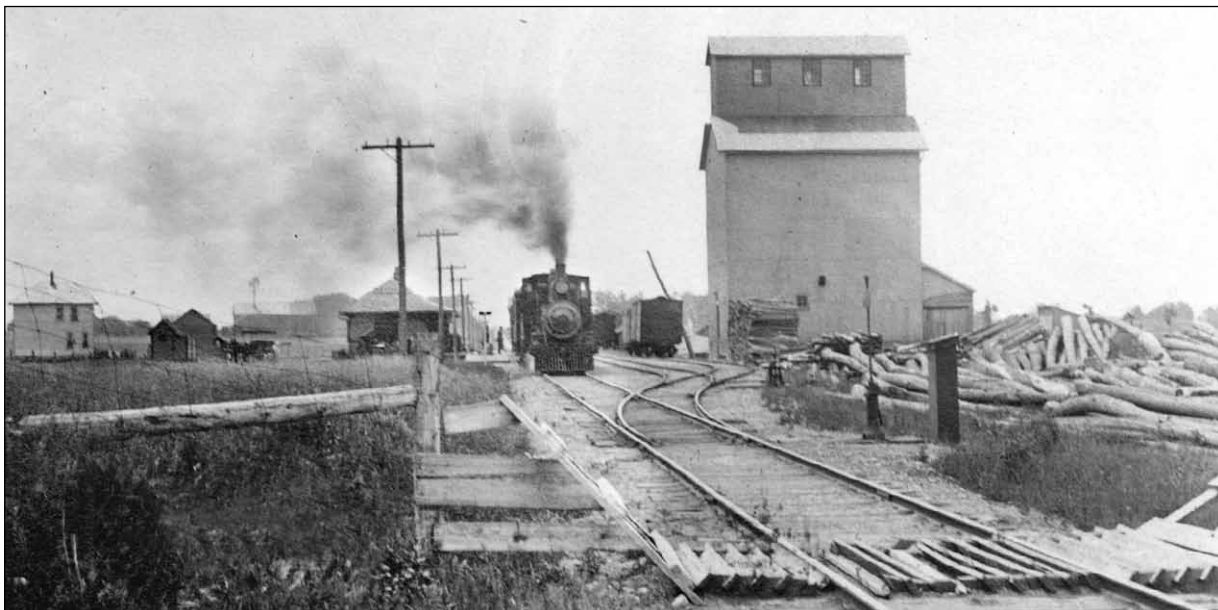
No need to go far afield when splendid bass and maskinonge fishing is to be had within less than three hours from Toronto, at Nestleton, on the C.P.R. Kawartha Lakes branch.

Trains leave Toronto at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on arrival at Nestleton are met by livery to convey passengers to the fishing grounds on Lake Scugog, three miles away. Two hotels are right on the lakeshore; guides and boats can be procured, and the fishing is excellent, particularly in August.

Tickets to Nestleton and return good for one month are \$2.70; week-end rate \$1.70; on sale at any of the C.P.R. city ticket offices.

*August 1907*

A vote on a by-law to loan the Canadian Weber Gas Engine Company the sum of \$30,000 to build a new plant passed with a large majority, 281 for - 21 against.



*A train is pictured here at the Nestleton railway station about 1908.*

## 1908 TIMELINE

Carnegie Milling Co. is erecting a new 26'x70' saw mill on the wharf south of the grist mill. Work is expected to begin soon to build a new boat to take the place of the Stranger burned some months ago.

### November 1908

Mr. Yarnold was engaged to take levels and survey the Madison Williams property for the Webber Gas Co.

D.A. Hagerman tendered his resignation as Reach Township treasurer after serving the township for 22 years. Jas Munroe appointed to take his place.

The Madison Williams factory is slated to be torn down in preparation for the erection of the Weber Gas Engine Co.

### December 1908

The Standard Bank of Canada and the Western Bank of Canada merged with H.G. Hutcheson manager of the Port Perry Branch.

Town council rented the Town Hall to Mr. J. Parking, of Lindsay, for roller skating, at a rent of \$2.50 per night. Mr. McKnight will be on hand to maintain order.

H.G. Hutcheson announced he would run for the office of Reeve, due to the retirement of the present Reeve, Mr. Parrish.

In Scugog Wm Jackson was acclaimed Reeve. In Reach Twp. James Graham was acclaimed Reeve and Alex Leask Deputy Reeve.

## A.W. Allin retires after 20 years in business

*North Ontario Observer: October 15, 1908*

Port Perry's enterprising and much esteemed townsman, Mr. A.W. Allin, who for 20 years has carried on so successfully the carriage and blacksmithing business, has concluded to retire from business.

All knowing anything of that gentleman's activity and industry, and who does not in this locality, are cognizant of the fact that he richly deserves a rest and all wish him a long life that he may enjoy his well earned laurels.

His successor in business, Mr. A.G. Dowson.

## Ratepayers questions typhoid cases

*North Ontario Observer: August 19, 1908*

A Port Perry ratepayer wrote to the Port Perry Star with the following: "There have been some cases of typhoid in town recently, and I have not yet heard of any move on the part of the Board of Health to enquire into the cause of the trouble or to see if anything can be done to prevent further outbreak.

Do the Board have regular meetings, and inspections of the town? I have not heard of such, and if the Board is not busy, it cannot be because there is nothing to do. Many outhouses are in a very dirty condition, and I have heard it said that pigs are kept within the co-poration boundaries. These matters should surely receive the attention of the Board of Health.

While speaking of this matter, I would like to know if the Board of Health are paid for their services. Although the Municipalities of Reach and Cartwright both pay their health officers, I have never seen any appropriation in the Port Perry estimates for that purpose.

If the Board of Health are appointed they should be expected to perform the duties of their office and should be paid for their services.

## Port Perry deputation meet in Lindsay to discuss low water with Hon. G.P. Graham

*North Ontario Observer: August 26, 1908*

On Friday last week, a deputation from Port Perry, composed of Messrs. W.L. Parrish, H. Doubt, James Stonehouse, H.G. Hutcheson, James Waddell, Wm. Ross, J.H. Brown, and Samuel Farmer waited on the Hon. George P. Graham at Fenelon Falls.

The purpose was to lay before the Minister of Railways and Canals the facts concerning the low water in Lake Scugog. It was pointed out that Port Perry is suffering double injury. The dam and locks are leaking badly, and the Flavelle Milling Col. are using a quantity of water which should be conserved to keep Lake Scugog at its proper level.

This level has been lowered to such an extent that the intake pipe of Port Perry waterworks is likely to lose its natural supply of water, endangering the safety of the town should fire break out. The low water also promotes vegetable growth, which fills up the bottom of the lake and impedes navigation.

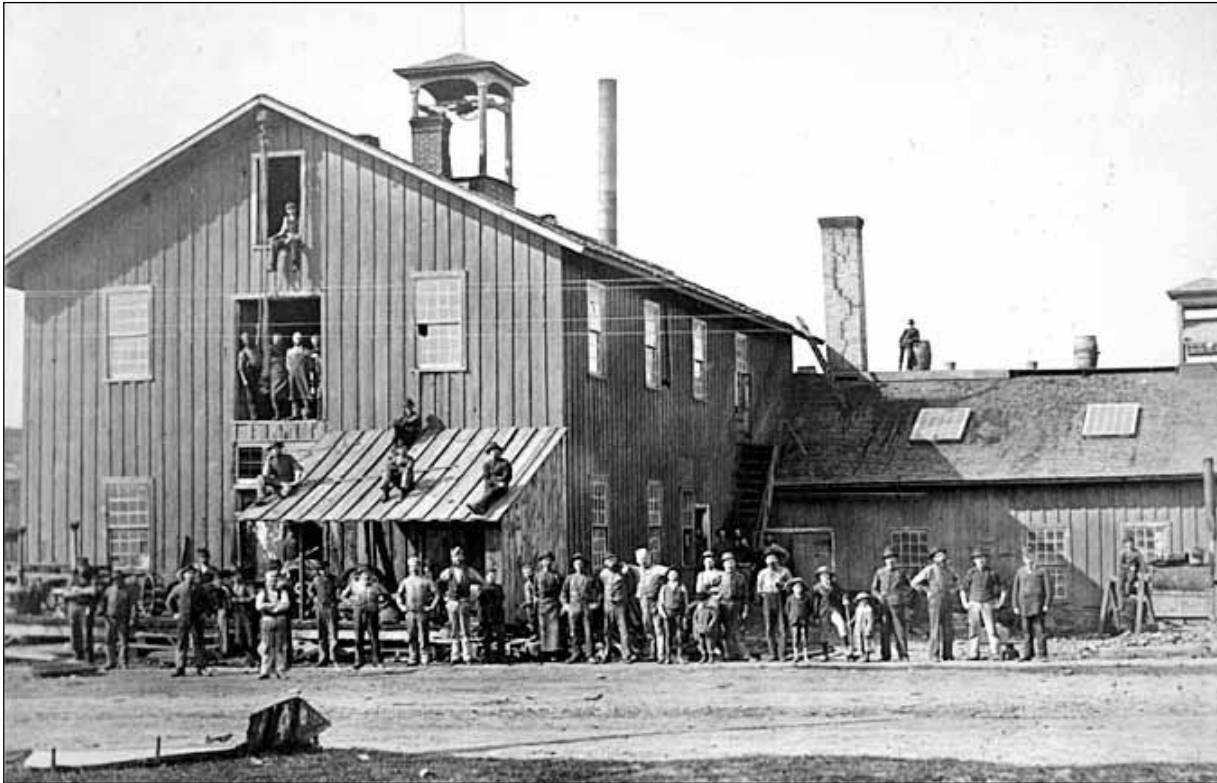
Mr. Graham told the deputation that a new dam and locks are to be built at Lindsay at a cost of \$86,000. When the work is completed the Flavelle Milling Co. will be required to use only such surplus water as will not impede navigation.

## White oak logs lost half century ago are found on bottom of Lake Scugog

*Port Perry Star: August 26, 1908*

Between 40 and 50 years ago, a boom of white oak was sunk on Lake Scugog, and ever since then stories have come of finding the sunken timber. The other day the timber was really discovered and work is going on now to raise it.

The property is said to be worth \$15,000 or \$20,000. A boom of some 30 logs has been stretched around the spot and a stumping machine is at work. The logs are in about five feet of water and two feet of mud. They are quite near the shore, and it is expected they will be recovered without great expense.



*Madison Williams foundry, above, on Perry Street, was torn down to make way for the Weber Gas Engine Co. building.*

## Weber Gas Engine Co. reveals plans for large new building

*Port Perry Star: October 28, 1908*

Last week Mr. R.J. Goudy was in Port Perry and he brought with him Mr. F.H. Herbert, a Toronto architect. They showed us plans of a very fine building which they proposed erecting in Port Perry in the immediate future. They have selected the Madison Williams foundry property as the site for the new building.

Mr. C.L. Vickery tells us that he has been asked to give an estimate on 360,000 bricks for immediate delivery.

The first building to be erect by the Canadian Weber Gas Engine Company will be unique in many ways. The general construction will be entirely of brick and steel, and no woodwork of any kind will be used except for a few large doors.

The whole of the immense windows which will take up the entire space between the large brick piers which support the roof, and which will approximate in size about 16 feet x 14 feet will be of drawn steel, imported specially for England. The whole of the Louvre ventilation on the roof will also be similarly equipped.

The size of the building to be used as a machine shop will be 80 feet x 200 feet and about 30 feet high. There will be two rows of steel columns running through the factory which will support the centre span of the beams and also the immense steel beams to carry the 25 ton crane which will run the full length of the building.

The front of the building is designed with a very massive stone arch entrance through which the railway cars will enter from the new siding and through which

all shipment will be made.

The exterior and interior brickwork will be in a hard grey brick with cut stone timings. The roof is to be covered with corrugated iron, and all glass used will be of cast wired plate. This it will be seen that the buildings will be practically fireproof.

The designing of the whole plant is in the hands of Mr. F.H. Herbert, the well known architect and engineer who has erected some of the largest structures in Toronto. It has been decided to push forward the work during the winter so as to be ready for operation in the early spring.

### Madison Williams foundry being demolished

*Port Perry Star: November 25, 1908*

Madison Williams' foundry will soon be a thing of the past. It is rapidly being torn down preparatory to the erection of the new building for the Weber Gas Engine Company.

The ground has been staked out, and judging from the size of the foundation space, the building will be a big one.

About nine teams are drawing gravel, and things are humming. Architect Herbert and contractor Campbell are both busy at the work.

## Government engineer examines Lake Scugog with a tour of lake

*Port Perry Star: September 23, 1908*

Last week Mr. Alex G. Grant, government engineer, made a tour of Lake Scugog to examine the condition of the water levels. We never wish anybody harm or unpleasantness, but we are rather glad to hear that Mr. Grant had the fact of low water impressed upon him in a most emphatic manner.

The vessel in which he was sailing, was twice stuck in the mud. We understand that the level of Scugog lake is to be materially raised and navigation consequently improved.

## Horses, hearse plunge into lake

*Port Perry Star: December 30, 1908*

Mr. W.H. Letcher was driving across Lake Scugog on Saturday morning, on his way to attend a funeral in Cartwright, when his team broke through the ice near the Island shore.

After the horses had done a considerable amount of plunging in the broken ice, Mr. Letcher and Mr. Charles Evans, who was with him, succeeded in unhitching the horses from the hearse and getting them to shore, button before they had been badly cut.

After drawing the hears ashore and repairing the broken harness they continued on their trip.

## Elderly woman dies of injuries from a home fire

*Port Perry Star: November 25, 1908*

A tragic accident occurred a mile north of town on November 19th. At midnight Mrs. Alfred Dennis lit a fire in the stove. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dennis have been somewhat indisposed and it is likely that the house felt a bit chilly.

After lighting the fire, Mrs. Dennis lay don on a sofa a few feet from the stove, and fell asleep. Some time afterwards here husband was startled to hear her scream as if in terrible pain. He rushed into the room and found it full of smoke, and saw his wife on the floor with her clothing ablaze.

He took a small quilt and smothered out the fire. Mr.s Dennis did not realize how badly she was burned and managed to get a pail of water from an adjoining room and helped put out the fire that was burning the sofa.

When the fire was out, Mr. Dennis hurried out to a neighbor who at once went to see what could be done for the terribly injured woman and the doctor was brought immediately. He was unable to do more than relieve the aged woman's sufferings. She died a day later. Deceased was over 81 years of age.

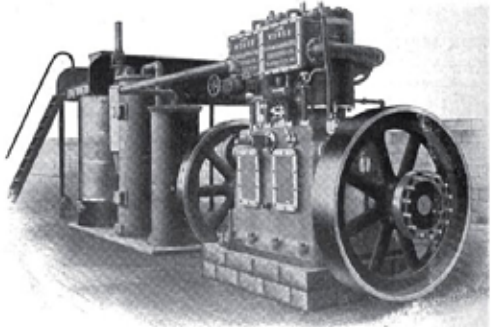
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*William G. Monet's advertisement from July 1908.*

# 1909

## Repairs to Scugog Bridge nearing completion after being rebuilt

*Port Perry Star: January 7, 1909*

One of the best pieces of road building in this section is the Scugog Bridge just completed. It is a solid piece of work and a credit to the men who did it.

The commissioners had difficulty in securing timbers at first, but pushed the job rapidly after these were secured. There are one or two minor points that should receive attention before the work is considered to be finally completed.

There are some holes next to the railing that should be filled, as they might cause considerable damage if a rig was crowded into them. There are also some spikes sticking through the timbers. These ought to be broken off or turned over as they might scratch a cutter quite badly.

The cost of the work was in the neighborhood of \$1,640.00 and the additional work suggested, would not materially increase the expenditure.

## Dr. Berry escapes drowning

*Port Perry Star: February 10, 1909*

Dr. Berry is to be congratulated on having escaped a drowning accident. He had started for the Island and reached the end of the wharf, when his horse broke through the ice.

The doctor managed to unhitch the horse and get the buggy away. As he was alone he was compelled to leave the horse and seek help at the hotel. When the animal was rescued another was secured and the journey resumed.

## Weber Gas company outlines terms

*Port Perry Star: February 10, 1909*

Clerk Harris received a letter from the Weber Gas Engine Co., in which they assumed an oversight by the clerk in the terms of agreement as set out in a draft sent to them recently.

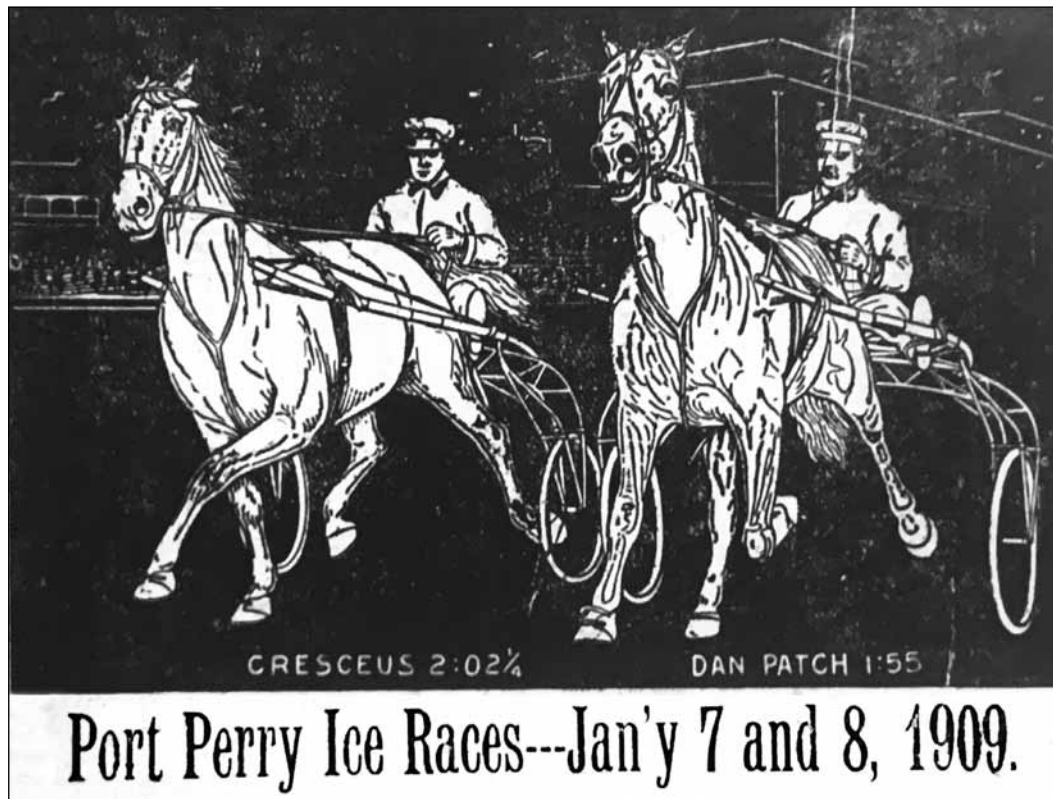
They state their requirements to be \$15,000 bonus, \$15,000 loan without interest for 15 years, free stie (Madison Williams property or other satisfactory site) and the same agreement as before re: taxes, ets.

Their paid up capital is to be \$25,000, subscribed capital \$50,000 and their authorized capital \$300,000.

They agree to put up a building which, when equipped shall be worth \$30,000. The agree to employ 25 men for nine months during the first year, and 40 men for an average of six months in the year while the loan was in force.



*Madison Williams foundry, above, on Perry Street, was torn down to make way for the Weber Gas Engine Co. building.*



## Work on repairs to Port Perry to Scugog Island roadway are nearing completion

*North Ontario Observer: February 11, 1909*

The workmanship of Mr. George Colton, Commissioner of the Scugog Roadway, is to be attributed to the substantial roadway, for far as completed, that connects Port Perry and Scugog Island.

Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Roads and Bridges Committee of the County of Ontario, after a thorough inspection of the portion finished, pronounced the work the best and most substantial piece of work for the expenditure ever accomplished in this or any other county in Canada.

The following gives an idea of the stability, etc., of the construction. There were 1,050 feet of new wall put in on the north side and 650 feet on the south side. The bottom, or foundation timbers are all first spiked down to cross logs with a large spike 40 inches long.

After the first log was put down the others were fastened with spikes 18 and 20 inches long. The timber being spiked to every post. When the walls were up and all spiked down an iron rod one inch in diameter was placed across the road – one every 20 feet, making five rods to every 100 feet.

An iron stake or post six feet long, three inches wide by one each thick was driven down with a heavy sledge on the outside of the wall; the truss rod ran through a hole in the iron post, a large nut put on and tightened up, keeping both sides of the wall in a good upright position so that the walls cannot possibly get loose or lop over and cave out as they did before.

The culvert hag been raised 18 inches higher. One hundred and twenty-eight loads of gravel were put on the new work. The expenditure being about \$1,640.

## THE FAIR GROUNDS AND SKATING RINK IN PORT PERRY FOR SALE

THE UNDERSIGNED offer for Sale the Fair Grounds and Skating Rink. These properties will be sold at a bargain and on advantageous terms. Further particulars on application to the proprietor,

WM. TUMMONDS.  
Port Perry, Aug 6, 1907.



*Mr. Samuel Jeffrey is seen here in front of his Cochrane Street home sitting in his new 1909 Ford touring car with a few guests.*

## Port Perry clerk learns Weber Gas Engine in parallel negotiations to open their new manufacturing plant in Barrie, Ontario

*Port Perry Star: March 17, 1909*

The Port Perry town clerk received a letter from the town of Barrie stating the Weber Gas Engine Co. were negotiated the that town for inducements to manufacture their engines in that town.

The Barrie clerk said it had been "rumored" that similar negotiates had been carried on with Port Perry.

The following week, the editor of the Barrie Examiner expressed surprise that negotiations had be carried on in Port Perry and stated that the matter was to come before Barrie council on Monday.

The company is asking for a loan of \$40,000 without interest repayable in 20 years, \$2,000 a year – free light without restrictions, free water, exemption for taxation, except for school rates.

Within 90 days from the final passing of the by-law they are to employ a minimum of 20 hands and after six months will employ an average of 50 men.

### Boy threatens mother with revolver

*Port Perry Star: April 7, 1909*

A few days ago William Carnegie, who lived with his mother about three miles north of town, bought a revolver in one of the local stores. He carried it home, and when his mother came in he said, "Are you going to help us now?"

His mother did not quite understand, but saw that he was acting strangely. She talked with him for a short time, and then he pulled out this revolver and said, "We'll see about this," and threatened to shoot her.

Mrs. Carnegie at once left the house and came to town to secure constable McKnight who after securing the revolver from the young man, took him to Whitby where he will remain for a month for safe keeping.

## 1909 TIMELINE

### January 1909

Port Perry elects Reeve Hibbert G. Hutcheson. Councillors – Hugh Carmichael, James Forman, George Gerrow, James Stonehouse.

The 40th annual horse races on Lake Scugog were held, with smaller than usual crowds.

T.J. Widden and Jas. Lucas were appointed auditors for municipal accounts at a salary of \$15 each.

Manager John Roach was praised for the way he operated the skating rink.

### February 1909

A contract for the construction of a dam and lift lock at Lindsay, which will help improve water levels in Lake Scugog has been executed for \$37,000.

H.G. Hutcheson advertised for tender for 35,000 feet of 8 inch x 8 inch square cedar, 16 feet and upwards in length for use on the Scugog Bridge.

### March 1909

Mr. Samuel Jeffrey has signed a contract to purchase one of the popular Ford touring cars, as did the Bigelow Bros. of Trenton, formerly of Port Perry. Ford is building 25,000 for the coming season.

Some 60 men are at work at the Lindsay locks, tearing away the old structure. The new lock will be a modern structure of large size.

Messers Flavelle & Clemes received an order for 10 tonnes of ice per day from a Rochester firm.

### April 1909

Mr. S.E. VanCamp, of Seven Mile Island, has purchased the Walling foundry.

Greenberg Bros. open jewellery business in Blong Block. (store formerly of Miss Walker, Millinery).

Urge cleaning up lake front so citizens can enjoy nature.

Suggest the band be asked to play concerts at lakefront, as concerts are now given in Town Hall.

### May 1909

St. Charles Hotel loses tavern license. Mr. E. Allward, proprietor, is given three months to sell his business.



## Three day mail delivery to Scugog Island a good start

*Port Perry Star: April 7, 1909*

Scugog Island is to have mail three times a week – Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. This is very good, but there are one or two poor features about mail delivery in this locality which might be improved.

Utica is only about four miles from Port Perry, but before a letter can reach there from here it must go around by Toronto to Uxbridge and then by stage from that town to its destination, Utica. The same thing is true of nearly all the surrounding post offices except those situated on the railroad track.

There is much talk about rural mail delivery but we have scarcely the facilities in this district of the old stage coach days.

In addition to this matter of poor mail service, there is another unfortunate state of affairs arising directly

out of the blunder. The old stage coach used to be a trade bringer. Many little parcels are brought out to the rural hamlets by the stage driver. He used to be the connecting link between town and country in a large measure and promoted trade in no small degree.

It is not Only Utica that is weaned away from its natural market but such places as Blackstock which could be brought into closer touch with this town if proper stage routes were maintained.

We have a fine country surrounding Port Perry and some of our merchants are drawing trade from considerable distances in spite of these disadvantages. There is little doubt that a proper stage service between Port Perry and outlying villages would be of greater benefit than to merely give better mail delivery.

### St. Charles Hotel given three months to sell out

*Oshawa Vindicator: May 5, 1909*

The License Commissioners of South Ontario met at Whitby on Wednesday, April 21st. There were 14 applications for taverns and two for shop licenses from the County of South Ontario as follows:– Whitby 4 tavern, 1 shop license; Oshawa 4 tavern licenses; Port Perry, 2 tavern, 1 shop license., one tavern each at Brooklin, Cedardale, Myrtle Station and Raglan.

The commissioners went into the status and condition of each application very fully and finally granted licenses to all the applicants with the exception of tavern license to the St. Charles Hotel, kept by E. Allward, Port Perry.

Mr. Allward was given three months to sell out, and the owner of the premises was notified that if within the three months the house was repaired and put into a thorough sanitary condition, the house, though not the present lessee, might be granted a license.

The repairs must be to the satisfaction of the commissioners before consideration of reopening will be given.

### Propose new road around steep hill on Scugog Island

*Port Perry Star: May 19, 1909*

Between Port Perry and Cartwright lies a big hill. It is a real hill made of earth and stones that has an uncomfortable steepness and a way of gullyng out that renders it unsafe for travel at almost any time, especially in the spring.

On either side of the roadway are high banks which are continually being washed down on the road. The fact that the hill exists between Cartwright and Port Perry does not promote trade here. Thousand of dollars have been spent on Scugog Bridge and the marsh road in Cartwright, and the road is family good except at this particular point.

It is thought by some that a new roadway should be cut to follow round the south end of the Island. The claim is that in the long run this would be the cheapest method of remedying the trouble.

We hear that the County Council would take this matter up and fix the road if Port Perry would make a determined effort to see that this road is made safe and useful. At the present, time no person in Cartwright can bring a big load of any kind of produce to Port Perry without running serious risk of a breakdown.

### Little boy dies after freak accident

*Port Perry Star: May 28, 1909*

An apparently trivial accident resulted in the death of the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Butt, Manchester, the other day. Stanley was playing among the hens when a rooster flew at him and struck his head causing a slight scalp wound. It was so slight that no notice was taken of it as the child continued its play and made no complaint.

In about three days, the little fellow was taken ill. Lockjaw had resulted from the wound. Three doctors were secured, but no help could be given.

The doctors agreed that no one could have foreseen the terrible results, nor have been able to do anything unless they had immediately known what was the matter. When the wound was examined a small piece of the roosters claw was found in it. Little Stane!y was only 5 years old, at the time of his death on Saturday May 2, 1909.



Port Perry railway station, looking south past the station house and water tower early 1900s.

## Large amount of cattle, horses and pigs being shipped from Port Perry station

Port Perry Star: June 2, 1909

Twenty one carloads of stock were shipped from Port Perry during the month of May. This included cattle, horses and pigs. The total value of these would be about \$25,000.

Horses were shipped mainly by McMillan Bros. and Mr. Darcy. Messrs. Jack and Boy shipped six carloads of cattle in one day. During the month they shipped ten carloads, 225 head. Mr. Aaron Williams and Mr. Vanstone have also sent, good shipments.

These figures show that we are not dead in this particular. It is true that this is a record month, but Mr. Rennie, who courteously gave these particulars, says, that every month there is considerable stock shipped from Port Perry.

## Well respect merchant, I.J. Wheeler relocates from town, to Edmonton

Port Perry Star: June 16, 1909

Last week Mr. I. J. Wheeler left for Edmonton. For about 15 years he has conducted a butcher business in Port Perry, and he has done it in an honourable fashion that has commanded the respect of the entire community. He was courteous and obliging and the townspeople will be the losers now that he is leaving. He was a prominent figure in the local Conservative Association, and did good work for his party.

One man in town who will miss Mr. Wheeler a great deal is Mr. Leslie Hall who has been his assistant in the butcher business for about 13 years. He has been so long there that he seems to have become part of the business. Now that Mr. Boyce has taken over matters, Leslie remains in the shop and carries on business in the same genial way.

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**I. J. WHEELER**

**1909 TIMELINE****May 1909**

C. Percy Rolph opened cleaning and pressing shop and W.A. Boyce purchases the butcher business of Mr. I.J. Wheeler.

Sealed tenders were called for the decorating, and installation of a metallic ceiling and walls, of the Township Hall, Manchester

A by-law was passed to restrain the use of tobacco by young persons.

County Council was asked to consider a new roadway to be cut to follow the south end of the Island. The large hill between Port Perry and Cartwright (Ham's Hill) is unsafe for travel, especially in the Spring and it does not promote trade between the areas.

The Currie Block is being renovated. The brick facing is being removed, as it is defective, and a new facing is being built in its place.

Steamer Cora brought in a tow of logs consisting of some 20,000 pieces for Carnegie's new mill. Their new boat the "Scugog" is also giving good service.

**June 1909**

Twenty-one carloads of stock were shipped from Port Perry during month of May. Total value about \$25,000.

Mr. Allward's license in the St. Charles Hotel is to be renewed.

Citizens Band holds moonlight cruise on Lake Scugog.

**July 1909**

Mr. Sam. Graham caught a large perch and upon inspection found 5 inch long bass inside the fish.

A large crowd gathered on the street to watch the Orange Parade in Port Perry. Worshipful Master Bro. Wm Kennedy, who has been a member of the Order for 51 years, called the meeting to order.

**August 1909**

The Hon. John Dryden died at the age of 69.

A new cement culvert was built across Queen Street just east of the Methodist Church by Mr. Gerrow at a cost of about \$340. The road was closed for some time while the cement dried and there were many complaints by residents.

**Three hundred attend barn raising**

*Port Perry Star: June 16, 1909*

Last week Mr. John Bright raised his barn. A carload of his friends came down from Toronto to celebrate and the County Council adjourned its sittings in order that they might be present. And no wonder, for barns like that are not built every day.

The barn is 50 x 116 feet with a 40 foot addition at one end. The wall is 10 feet high and built entirely of cement. The flooring is cement and the barn yard has a cement paving. The building will cost about \$40,000.

There were about 300 persons present at the raising, some of them useful, some ornamental, but all hungry.

The contractor in this case was Mr. Worden of Prince Albert, and that fact speaks well for Mr. Worden's reputation as a carpenter. Mr. J. Waddell of Port Perry did the cement work.

**Young lads fined for fishing for bass from Lake Scugog out of season**

*Port Perry Star: June 9, 1909*

Several of our boys have been fined lately for fishing for bass out of season. Some of them have been very young offenders, in one case only nine years of age.

It is said pretty freely about town that the real offenders are not fined and that the town should appoint one of their number to see that "justice" is impartial.

Fishing out season is wrong, particularly in a lake like Scugog, where the government have been at pains to promote the development of fishing under difficult circumstances. The season will soon be open, and it is well to obey the law. This year it is expected that the fish will be more plentiful.

**Port Perry angler catches season's largest maskinonge**

*Port Perry Star: July 7, 1909*

Mr. James Lucas, of A. Ross & Sons, on the evening of the 1st inst. was successful in landing the largest maskinonge caught this season in the waters on this side of the Island. It weighted 17.5 lbs. Mr. Lucas has always been fond of recreation and takes much pleasure with the rod and gun.

Mr. Sam Grsham caught a large perch, and as it looked to be well fed, he thought he would find out how the fish dined. Fifty little bas, about an inch long were found in that perch. It would be well to catch and call all the perch possible.

Some say that Maskinonge are good fish to have in the lake as they feed on the perch and do not harm the bass.

## Orange Parade attracts lodges and crowds to Port Perry.

*Port Perry Star: July 14, 1909*

It is nearly 30 years since the Orangemen walked in Port Perry, and for a time it looked as though the loyal men would have a wet time of it. The rain was most welcome and had the people known how decently the weather was going to act, it is likely the crowd would have been much larger than it was.

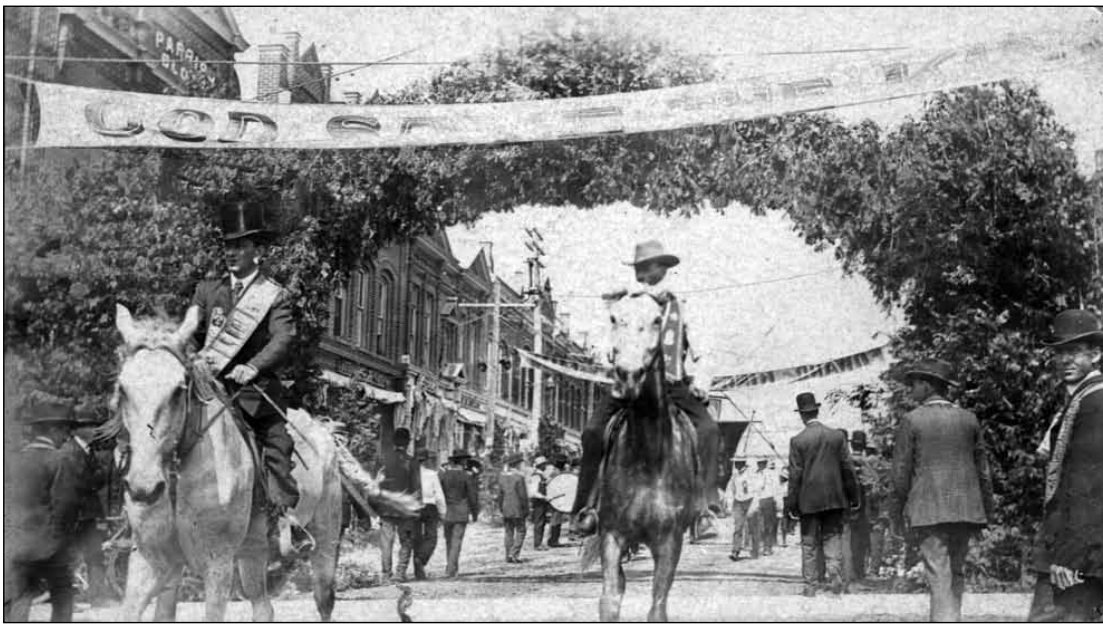
The crowd was not small by any means, with six lodges marched in the parade headed by the 34th Regimental Band of Whitby. Marching were Devitt's Lodge, and lodges from Blackstock, Enniskellen, Purple Hill, Lotus, Port Perry and the local Loyal True Blues in carriages.

All along the route of the procession, the streets were lined with people, and as many as could be

accommodated were present to hear speeches.

The main street was decorated with two arches, one at the foot of Queen St., between the two hotels and the other between Willard's and Davis' stores. Ever elephant pole between was decorated with cedars, and flags were everywhere. Many mottoes were strung across the street, such as "Long Live our guests"; "May the Present Meeting be oft repeated", and "Remember the deeds of your forefathers".

The 34th Regiment Band gave a good service, and sporting events were held throughout the day - including baseball, sailing and canoe races; five mile and two miles races; fat man race (over 200 lbs).



## St. Charles hotel sold and ready to re-open under new owner

*Port Perry Star: August 11, 1909*

Mr. Arthur Wales, former proprietor of the Black Horse Hotel, Toronto, has purchased the St. Charles Hotel business lately owned by Mr. E. Alward.

The liquor license of the Allward House, was discontinued in May, and the doors have been closed since that time. The new owner circulated a petition among the citizens last week for the renewal of the liquor license. Sufficient signatures have been secured and it is probable that a permit will be issued immediately so that Mr. Wales will be able to start business next Monday morning.

So far as we can learn Mr. Wales has a record for good hotel keeping and it is to be hoped that he will keep it up remembering that Indians, minors and intoxicated persons should not be served with liquor. The law is the hotel keepers protection and should be respected as such.

## New culvert construction keeps road closed to street traffic

*Port Perry Star: August 11, 1909*

All being well, the main street just below the Town hall will be reopened on Friday, August 20th. There has been some criticism of the action of Mr. Gerow in keeping the road closed where the new culvert has been built.

In explanation of this action Mr. Gerow says that after building a good culvert it would not be wise to endanger its stability by covering it up before it was thoroughly dry.

While he was sure of his position, he took the trouble to write to the Government Engineer, Mr. A.W.Campbell regarding the matter, who replied as follows: "Timber centres are not to be removed in less than 21 days from the date of completion of the arch ring, nor is traffic to pass over the arch."



*A new water tank was erected at the Port Perry railway station.*

## G.T. R. building construct new water tank at station

*Port Perry Star: August 18, 1909*

The old water tank has been looking rather rickety for some time, and a new tank is now being rebuilt. It will rest on cedar posts, driven some 15 feet into the ground. The railway pile driver, with a weight of some 2,700 lbs., has been at work and did some heavy pounding.

The tank will be about 30 feet nearer the lake and will be set higher above the ground than the old one. It will be broader and shorter and will have a capacity of some 75,000 gallons of water. The work will be completed in about three weeks.

## Town's water tank for fire protection is repaired

*Port Perry Star: September 15, 1909*

Six years ago Mr. Wm. Mills built the tank used by the town for fire protection and a most creditable piece of work it has been. There had not been five cents spent on it until a few days ago, and there would not have need of expense now had it not been for the fact that sometimes the tank was not kept full.

This caused the woodwork to shrink and the five top hoops had to be removed and shortened about eight inches. In order to save this trouble in the future a float will be put in the tank so that it will be easy to see when it is filled. The repairing was a somewhat ticklish job, but was skilfully and cheaply done.

## Big Red Apple Evaporator good business for town, jobs for 15 men

*Port Perry Star: September 1, 1909*

There are a number of people who would lead one to believe that Port Perry had no business enterprise, and some to talk of the town as being "dead". Well there's one business in town that is growing and the reason is simply the business enterprise of the proprietor.

The Big Red Apple Evaporator is situated on Lilla St. It has a capacity of 300 bushels per day and as it runs about three months, it turns out during the season some 25,000 bushels of apples, and all this season's output is bargained for now.

What the apple packers leave the evaporator takes, and they are first peeled by four power parers, then conveyed and elevated to the bleacher where they remain for about half an hour. After bleaching the power slicer gets them and the apples are ready to go to the kilns where they are spread about 6 inches deep and remain there eight hours in a temperature 150° Fahrenheit.

Next they are elevated to the floor above where they are again spread out and left to dry for five days, being turned each day. The kilns are well protected from possible fire and there are a number of barrels of water in convenient places. After the drying is complete, the apples are packed in 25 lb. boxes and shipped to the T. Eaton Co. who buy the lot whatever it is.

Small apples are chopped and dried and the peelings also dried. These by products are shipped to Germany, where we understand that they are made into jelly. Some 15 hands are employed by Mr. Joseph Bigelow the proprietor of the Big Red Apple Evaporator. He only has one trouble on hand and that is, he needs more room and it is likely that next year he will have it.

## Queen St. site picked for bowling

*Port Perry Star: September 15, 1909*

A couple of season's play has only served to convince the members of the Bowling Club that bowling is a good sport and that it would be wise to own a green to be devoted to this purpose.

The courtesy of Dr. Berry is allowing his lawn to be used has been much appreciated, but some things that are required for successful play are inconvenient to place on private grounds.

With this idea in view, a committee was appointed to select a suitable site, and find out what the cost of preparation would be. The report favoured leasing the lot east of Campbell's Carpenter Shop and their recommendation was adopted. The old Powers Carpenter Shop will be removed when necessary and the work of levelling will likely be begun at once so that the land may be seeded this fall.

This move will add greatly to the main street and will do a good deal toward establishing bowling in the town. When the property has been put into good condition it will be a credit to the town.

## 1909 TIMELINE

### August 1909

Fire destroyed 10 buildings at Little Britain. Special train with two hose sections sent from Toronto responds.

William Parrott, of Utica won \$10 from Mr. W.E. Vanstone who said he couldn't swim across Lake Scugog. Buy young William swam the distance in 37 minutes, earning the \$10 pretty easily.

### September 1909

Port Perry's water tank was repaired and new float installed. The tank was built six years ago and this is first repair.

Mr. W.H. Letcher is busy erecting a large, new stable and driving shed at the rear of his furniture rooms.

James MacBrein, former Inspector of Public Schools in Ontario County for nearly 40 years, passed away.

Mr. Jackson completed work on sidewalks being laid in town for this year, but some people spoil the work by walking on the new cement.

### October 1909

A deputation headed by Rev. John Harris, attended council with a petition bearing 183 signatures, requesting Council submit a Local Option bylaw to the people of Port Perry.

The Noxon evaporator was sold to Mr. Joseph Bigelow, who plans to move part of the building over to his Big Red Apple Evaporator which is too small for his business.

### November 1909

Mr. Currie suggested the necessity of introducing meters for the electric light system because the town loses money on flat rate light charges.

Town purchases 33 ft frontage on Queen St. to help in the construction of a bowling green and park.

A severe ice storm cut off telephone and telegraph connections, destroyed telephone poles, trees and put electric lights out of operation.

### December 1909

Jas. Stonehouse suggested flooding the new bowling green to provide skating for the children in the afternoons.

Port Perry enacts a by-law to prohibit the sale by retail of spirituous fermented or other manufactured liquors in the municipality.

Four persons plunged through the thin ice on the lake while out skating, with nothing serious resulting from the incident.

The high expectation of the Weber Gas Engine Co. have all but vanished, with only a huge foundation to remind residents of the company.

## Caesarea residents take marsh owner to court for access

*Port Perry Star: November 3, 1909*

Mr. Coulton owns or controls 1,200 acres of land on Scugog lake covered by marsh and water.

He is authorized under the game act to put up notices against trespassers and may take away boats and guns and fine those who violate his warnings.

The people of Caesara have used this land reserved for shooting for years, and have brought a test case into the courts. The contention being that the waters on the Coulton property are navigable and that no restraint can be placed on the public for shooting. Judge Britton heard the case and has reserved his decision.

## Old landmark round house removed from station

*Port Perry Star: December 15, 1909*

An old landmark has been removed from the vicinity of the station. Years ago an engine used to remain in Port Perry overnight and a round house was built for it. Then the railway authorities removed the engine to Lindsay and the building was used as a pump house int a contract was made with the town to do the pumping and the building became useless.

It was removed by mr. Martin, a farmer living south of Prince Albert. Now that the round house is gone, the cattle pens stick out like a sore thumb. The railway would do well to move them east of the track where they would give the yard a much neater appearance.

## Editor critical of cost for County Council meetings

*Port Perry Star: December 15, 1909*

The year has come to an end for the County of Ontario Council, and about \$2,000 has been spent by the council for travelling expenses and daily allowances to councillors. To be exact, the Council held three sessions – one in January, one in June and one in December. These three sessions totalled twenty-five days.

Each County Councillor gets \$3 per day. There are 21 councillors, so that the cost per day is \$63. Twenty-five times \$63 is \$1,575. To this must be added the mileage 696 miles at 10 cents per mile or \$69.60 per journey. There were five trips so that the travelling expenses amounted to \$348, bringing the total expenses to \$1,923.00.

What did the County Council do for all this? Certainly, no more than the council of the year before when the budiness was done in 18 days. The business of the joint counties of Northumberland and Durham is transacted in two sessions of one week each. This could be done in Ontario County, if the councillors attended strictly to business and did not begin their sessions so close to noon that the smell of dinner renders an immediate motion to adjourn necessary.

The business of the county could be done in much less time and at much less cost, if there was not so much discussion about trivial matters. Last year the cost of County Council meetings was \$1,388; this year \$1,923, a difference of over \$500, and no more done for the money that we could see.

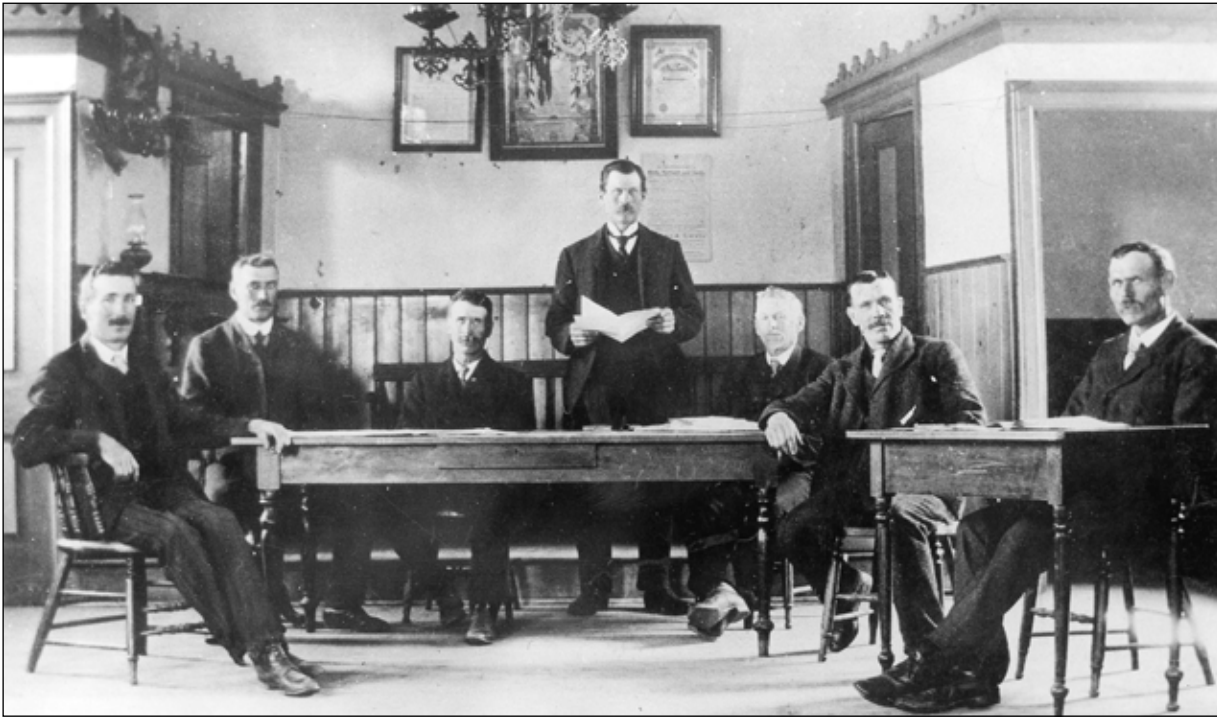


## Suggest Railroad Hotel be torn down

*Port Perry Star: December 8, 1909*

An old building on Water Street, a the back of the St. Charles Hotel, called the Railroad Hotel is in dangerous condition and should be torn down as there is danger of it falling. If it should catch on fire it would be menace to the whole east end of the town.

It would be wise for council to take a hand in this matter and see that his dangerous building is removed. It is an eyesore and of no particular value to anybody in its present condition.



*Township of Scugog Council 1909: (from left) George Sweetman, Wellington Sweetman, John Gerrow, William Jackson, (Reeve), Thomas Graham (clerk), John Ploughman, John Jackson.*

## Looking for Port Perry's best looking babies

*North Ontario Observer: December 2, 1909*

The Port Perry, Reach & Scugog Agricultural Society propose at their Christmas Fair on December 21st, awarding \$60 in prizes for babies. Secretary Mr. Brown is prepared to register entries at his office for their exhibition.

There is no locality in the world that possesses so many beautiful babies as Port Perry and vicinity. There will be four prizes of \$10, \$8, \$6 and \$4 for the "Best Looking Child" in mother's arms one year and under and the same amounts for Twin Babies one year and under.



*A parade during the summer of 1909 is seen here marching past the old buildings which would be torn down to make room for the Port Perry Lawn Bowling club, on the north side of Queen St. Brick building, near the right of photo, is the old Post Office building.*

## Man deserves recognition for bravery in saving skaters

*North Ontario Observer: December 9, 1909*

The skill, tact and determination displayed by Mr. Harold Archer, of this place, on Saturday last in extracting from the waters of the Scugog, a couple of skaters who had the misfortune to break through the ice, certainly justly entitles him to the Royal Humane Society medal, as well as the Carnegie Medal.

It only requires that the facts regarding his brave act be made known to the proper authorities to secure for him the honour to which he is so justly entitled.





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