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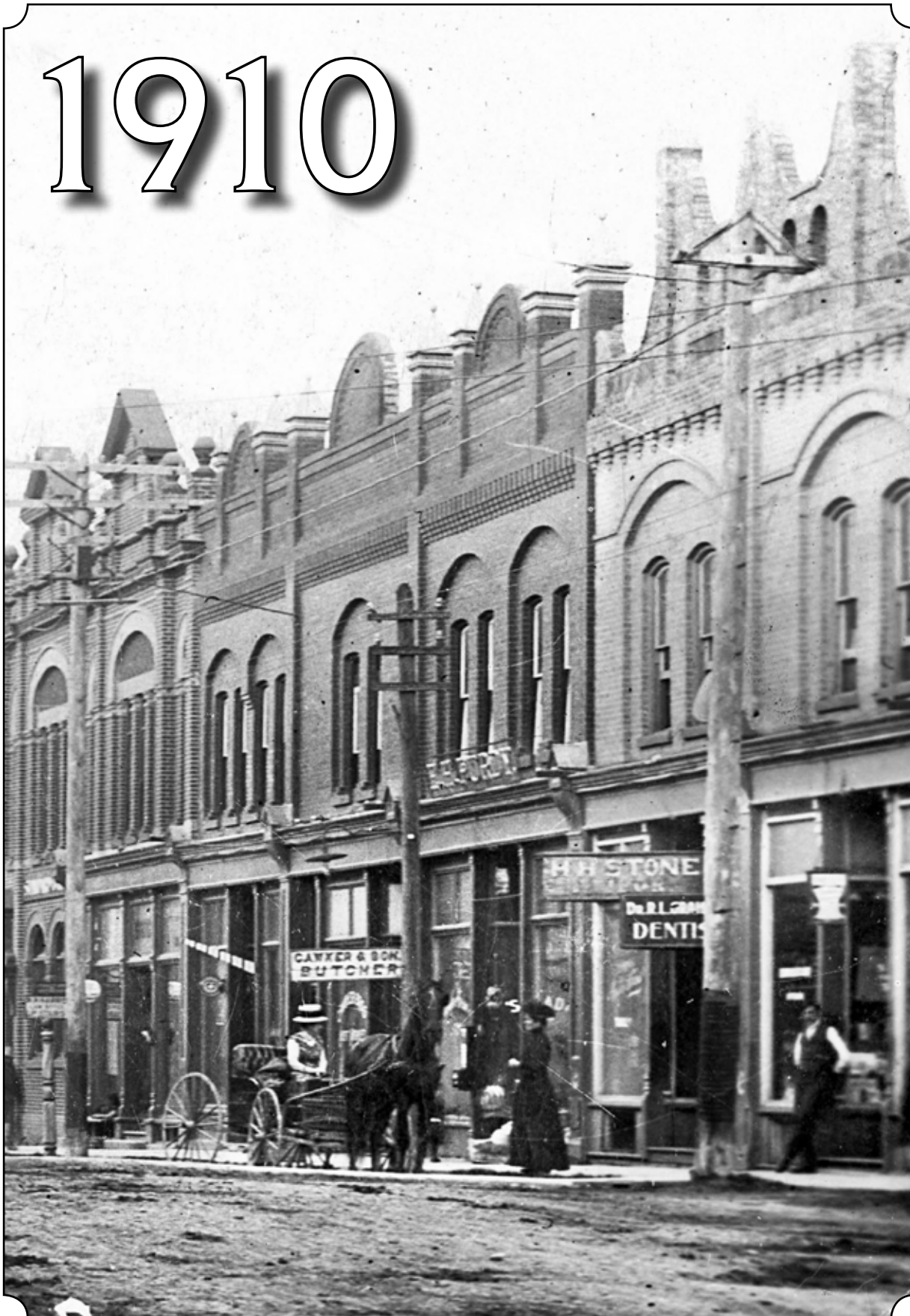
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The section of the south side of Queen Street, circa 1910, shows the signs of Samuel Cawker & Son Butchers, Edward H. Purdy grocery store, Dr. Richard L. Graham, dentist, and H.H. Stone men's wear. At far right is a man standing in front of Allison's Drug Store.

Majority in Ontario against Local Option

Toronto Globe: January 4, 1910

The crusade against the bar-room evil in the Province of Ontario was crowned with further success yesterday, when, as the result of the voting in 161 municipalities, over 200 bars will be wiped out.

Of the 806 municipalities in the Province, 314 were last year under local option, or otherwise without licenses; yesterday's voting added to the no-license column, so far as the returns received up to a late hour last night showed, 61 more municipalities, with about 30 places still to hear from.

Only two villages went back to license, repeal by-laws being defeated in all the others of the ten places where they were introduced.

The three-fifths requirement prevented 48 municipalities from carrying local option, though in many cases large majorities were rolled up in its favour.

Local Option vote biggest ever polled

Port Perry Star: January 5, 1910

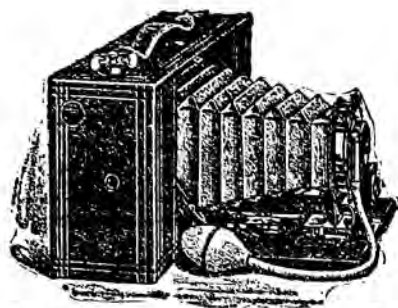
Nobody knew exactly how the local option vote was going to turn out. As voting day drew near, the result became even more uncertain. Stories of all kinds were told, and Port Perry was in a greater state of excitement than has been known for many years.

Both sides worked hard, and voters were brought in from many sources, even the poor house. The result was about the biggest vote ever polled in Port Perry.

The figures are - For Local Option 206; Against Local Option 182

This subject will now be laid on the shelf for three years, and the town will have an opportunity to see what a properly enforced license law will do to boom Port Perry.

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, it will be just as well to face the fact that neither license nor local option can of itself help the town, if the citizens don't take hold.



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January 1910

Port Perry Reeve H.G. Hutcheson; councillors Geo. Gerrow, Hugh Carmichael, Jas. Forman, Jas. Stonehouse. Both Reach Twp. and Scugog Twp. elected their reeve and council by acclamation.

Local Option is defeated with the largest vote ever polled in Port Perry. Votes 'For' 206; 'Against' 182 - just 27 votes short of the required majority.

Mr. A. Orchard has purchased the coal business of Messrs. Flavelle and Clemes.

Howard Tummonds has returned home and is opening an office in his home as Veterinary Surgeon.

The old Madison Williams Foundry building is scheduled to come down at last. Forty years it has stood and years ago was a thriving business.

Cawker Bros. have purchased the Livery Stables of Jamieson and Dennison and are prepared to supply first class Turnouts.

Mr. Currie and Mr. Raymes have resigned from their work at the powerhouse.

Mr. J. Tinsely is the new engineer at the powerhouse with a salary of \$50 per month.

February 1910

Dr. G. Coates, has purchased the bakery and confectionery business of Mr. Chas. Pearn.

Newly decorated Methodist Church, at Woodville was almost completely wrecked by an explosion of gas from the acetylene gas plant, which lighted the church. Mrs. McKee wife of the sexton was seriously burned as she had gone to see what was causing the lights to go dim.

Mr. Tinsley of the Electric Light Department is busy installing meters.

March 1910

Locks at Lindsay are expected to be finished early in the summer.

Council was given notice on behalf of Mr. Madison Williams that he will bring suit against the town re: the Foundry property.

Miss Olga Diesfeld is giving up her business, (jewellery, silverware, china). Capt. Bowerman sold his steamer

Elderly man dies from smoke inhalation from house fire

North Ontario Observer: January 12, 1910

Fire! Clang, clang, clang, and the slumberer awakes from his dream and wonders why.

A hasty look through the frosty pane relieves the merchant of the dread of fire "downtown," but to the north on Cochrane Street is seen smoke and lurid flame which proved to be the residence of Mr. George Real, one of our oldest residents.

Had it not been for the timely and energetic assistance of Mr. Parrish, who saw the fire from his bedroom window, beyond all doubt Mr. Real would have perished in the flames which consumed his home. Mr. Parrish found him unconscious on the floor and, with difficulty brought him out. The firemen responded promptly, and under the severe handicap, did all that could be expected of them.

Mr. Real passed away on Saturday, the result of the smoke from his burning house. If he had lived two days longer he would have been 95 years old.

M. Williams foundry to come down

North Ontario Observer: January 12, 1910

The old Madison Williams foundry building is coming down, and the new one has yet to be built. Well it is to meet the same fate as many other buildings. It has been sold to a farmer named Brown who lives on Scugog Island.

For 40 years that foundry has stood in Port Perry and years ago a thriving business was carried on it by Mr. Thomas Paxton. They used to build reaping machines and 20 men earned their daily bread there. Change after change has taken place, Mr. Paxton took in a partner, Mr. Wm. Tait, and the firm's name became Paxton and Tait, and remained so for the end of the chapter.



Madison Williams

Mr. Dryden, bookkeeper of the concern took over the business but did not succeed financially. Then Mr. Madison Williams came along and for many years successfully operated the plant. The leading feature of his work was the casting of turbine water wheels. Mr. Williams did well and would probably be here today were it not for the fact that the towns folk did not realize that he was going to leave, until it was too late to prevent his removal.

Port Perry purchases the fairgrounds and buildings

North Ontario Observer: March 30, 1910

The Fairgrounds have been purchased by the town under the conditions set forth in the following resolutions:

Moved by Edward H. Purdy, seconded by Wm. Graham, that the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog, Agricultural Society recommends the Council to purchase the grounds known as the Ontario Central Fair Grounds, and that this Society hand over to the Town Council \$750, raised for purchase of same, and that a committee be appointed to present the views of the Society as to conditions, etc., respecting the Agricultural Society.

This resolution was made by the deputation from the Agricultural Society which waited on the Council at a special meeting last week, and it met with the following response:

Mr. Forman moved, seconded by Mr. Carmichael, that the Corporation accept the offer of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society. They to pay \$750., and the Corporation

to pay the same amount to purchase the property known as the Ontario Central Fair Grounds on condition that the Agricultural Society put the grounds in proper condition for fair purposes at their own expense. Also that a satisfactory agreement be entered into between the two parties. The title of the property to be vested in the Corporation of Port Perry.

The Crandell property of 26 acres, sold the other day for \$3,000 or about \$115 per acre. The Fairgrounds property cost the town \$750 for 23 acres, or less than \$33 per acre, considerably lower than current prices for farm lands.

In addition there is on the property a grandstand in fair state of repair, and a half-mile track, which cost about \$3,000 to build.



It's time to bury unsightly garbage at dump site

North Ontario Observer: March 30, 1910

A dump heap is not a pleasant thing to have at your door, and it does not add to the beauty of the landscape to have one on the roadside, such as can be seen on the other side of the railway track as you go to Scugog bridge.

The first thing you see as you cross the track is a motley collection of kettles and pans, old tin cans, clippings of tin, rubbers and boots and bottles and rags, anything we are ashamed to have around the premises, is dumped here in full view.

While one hesitates to remove an ancient landmark, we think the Council should prohibit the dumping of rubbish on the roadside. A spade is the proper thing to use in disposing of rubbish that cannot be burned.

Bylaw carried for purchase of Port Perry Fair Grounds

North Ontario Observer: April 13, 1910

An adjourned meeting of the Council was held at the Town Hall, April 6th, all members present. The By-law to authorize the purchase the old Fair Grounds was read a third time, and carried.

The yeas and nays were: Yeas. Messrs. James Forman, Hugh Carmichael and H.G. Hutcheson. Nays, Messrs. George Gerow and James Stonehouse.

The agreement made the fourth day of April in the year 1910 between: The Municipal Corporation of the Village of Port Perry, hereinafter called the Village and the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society.

Whereas the Village have acquired the old Fair Grounds for the purposes of providing a public park for the citizens of Port Perry, and for the entertainment of visitors to Port Perry, and for the purpose of providing an athletic grounds for the use of the citizens of Port Perry. And whereas the Society are desirous of having a suitable grounds in which to hold their Fairs and Expositions.

I. The Village lease to the Society the said Fair Grounds hereinafter described for 15 years from the date hereof. Provided that this lease may be removed by the Society for a further period of 15 years, on the same terms, on satisfying the Council that they have kept all the terms of this lease and are in active existence.

(Bylaw in April 13, 1910 issue of Port Perry Star)

Call for clean-up of unsanitary conditions at railway station

North Ontario Observer: April 13, 1910

In response to a letter sent by the Port Perry Council to the Railway Commission, regarding the dirty condition of the railway coaches, Mr. Ogilvie of Ottawa was in town on Tuesday morning to look into the matter.

A deputation of business men waited on him and requested that influence be exercised with the Grand Trunk Railway to induce them to put a modern coach on the train that goes to Whitby first in the morning.

The unsanitary condition of the present coaches was described, and it was pointed out that the present newly varnished cars are only "relief" cars.

Mr. Dunk drew attention to the slow delivery of freight from points East, such as Montreal and Kingston. It is expected that as a result of this conference, dirty cars and some other long standing abuses will be removed. The council have been persistent in their efforts to have the railway accommodation improved.



Old boathouses along the railway line on west shore of Lake Scugog.

Union boathouse for boat owners

North Ontario Observer: May 4, 1910

Last year the water and ice on Lake Scugog carried many boathouses from their foundations, and damaged them considerably. Mr. Van Camp has made a suggestion, which if carried out, should remove the possibility of a similar trouble at some future time.

He suggests that all local boat owners club together and put up a union boat house. Provision would be made for anchoring gasoline launches, and a channel kept open to the deep water.

A truck and track would be used to run the boats in and out of the water, the boats would each have a place, and lockers would be provided for the keeping of cushions etc. Such a plan would do much toward tidying up the waterfront, as at the present time the scattered boat houses do not add anything to the beauty of the landscape.

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"Cora" to Carnegie Milling Co. The Alligator "Scugog" has been shipped by train to Kingston. Mr. Bowerman intends to purchase a new gasoline powered launch which will hold about 30 passengers for this season.

R.M. Jewell, photographer, has his studio over T.J. Widden's store.

Mr. Benjamin Smallman has bought the blacksmith business of Mr. S. Graham.

April 1910

The Carnegie Milling Co. have purchased 8,000 acres of oak, gum, cypress, hickory and elm timber in Arkansas.

At a meeting of Council at the Town Hall a by-law was passed authorizing the purchase of the old Fair Grounds for the purpose of providing a public park and athletic grounds for the use of citizens and visitors to Port Perry. (the fairground was located at the south end of what is now known as Carnegie St.)

Dr. Orr Graham's departure from Port Perry will be keenly felt when ice racing time comes again.

A wall in front of the bowling green is being built of cement. Mr. Farmer suggests the corner property next to the bowling green should be secured for a reading room and public library.

The Sinclair lot has been selected as the site for the new Post Office in Port Perry. \$5,000 has been set aside for the work.

The balance of Miss Diesfeld jewelry, etc. has been purchased by Greenberg Bros., who will continue the business here.

May 1910

Mr. VanCamp suggested that all owners of boat houses club together and put up a union boat house with a truck and track to haul boats out of the water.

The Agriculture Society has handed \$750, to council for its share of Fairground Purchase money. The old Fairgrounds are now the property of the town.

His Majesty King Edward VII died, 15 minutes before midnight on May 6, 1910, with Queen Alexandra by his bedside. A special service was held in

Carnegie Milling Co. purchase 8,000 acres of timber in Arkansas, USA

North Ontario Observer: April 6, 1910

The Carnegie Milling Company, together with Mr. Flavelle at Lindsay, have purchased 8,000 acres of timber in Arkansas, USA. The timber includes oak, gum, cypress, hickory and elm. Besides the timber the Company have acquired the land, which in itself is quite valuable.

Mr. James Carnegie will go to look after some business in connection with the property in a few days, and Mr. A. T. Carnegie will follow a little later. The mills here will be in charge of Mr. D. Carnegie.



James Carnegie

Judging by the success achieved by the Carnegie family in their milling operations here, there is a splendid opening in this new venture, for there is plenty of timber and room to grow in that southern land, which is situated on the borders of Texas.

It is interesting to note the growth of this, the leading industry of our town, to see the fine logs now being cut.

Merry-go-round set up on Sinclair lot

North Ontario Observer: June 1, 1910

The merry-go-round was here at the beginning of the week, and every small boy and girl, and a considerable number of the larger ones took advantage of the opportunity to do a little "bronco busting," out on the wild plains of the Sinclair lot.

How time does fly on a merry-go-round. The horses necks are arched, their nostrils dilate, and their manes float out on the breeze with a glory. Then a wild temptation seizes you, and, flinging prudence to the winds, you resolve to mount the noble steed again – if you have five cents. The horses are most wooden looking creatures you have ever did see.

The days of the merry-go round on the Sinclair lot are numbered, Before those gallant chargers come back, we hope to see the "first sod" turned for the new post-office. We understand that the Government have closed the deal for the lot.



The merry-go-round was set up on the Sinclair lot, which was this empty lot on Queen St. The new post office was constructed on it a few years later.

High school principal Dugald McBride honored at his retirement


North Ontario Observer: June 22, 1910

Mr. Dugald McBride is retiring after teaching for 54 years, (nearly 40 in Port Perry), was honoured by teachers and students with a number of presentations, including a handsome Morris chair from the students and a clock from the teachers.

A letter from the high school teachers, expressed their deep regret on learning of his retirement plans.

"You have ever set before us an example of unselfish devotion to the best interests and advancement of the school. It is by your untiring efforts that the school has gained its high reputation, as sending forth pupils who have won distinction in the various spheres to which they have devoted themselves," they wrote.

The letter was signed by teachers, George Stone, R.J. Sinclair, P.L. McLean, E.W. Harris, L.M. Philip, A.E. Garbutt, E.V. Gamble and A.M. Hopper.



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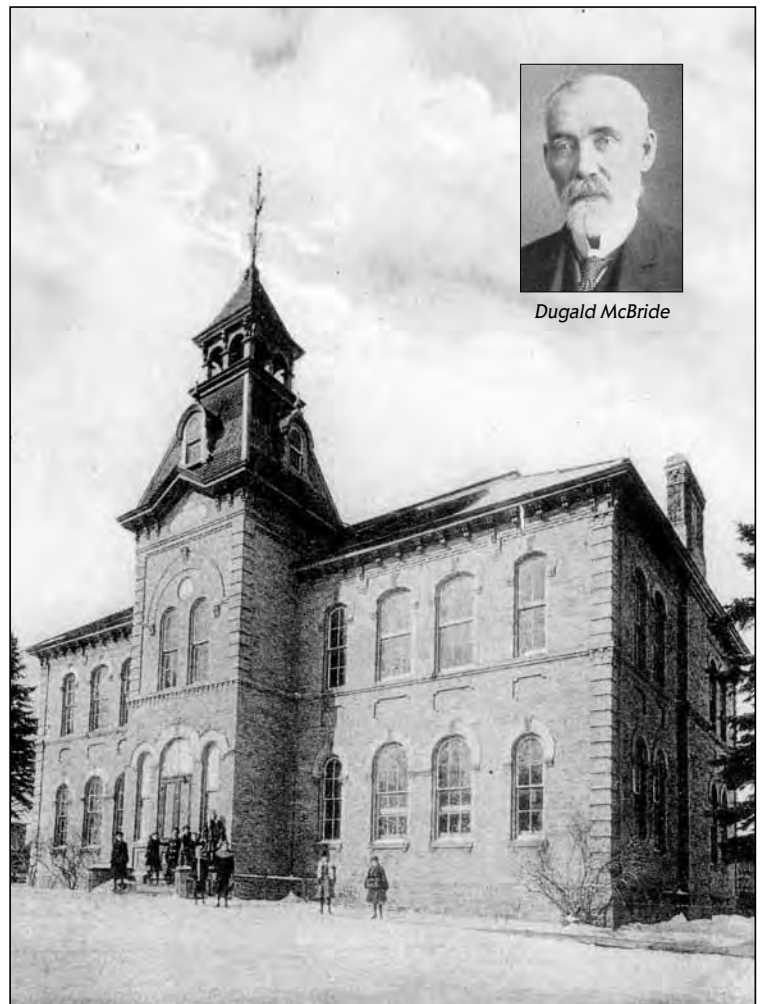
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They range in quality and price from the child's rocker at 50c. to the luxurious, soft and roomy leather upholstered ones at \$50.

Marshall Stonehouse

Automobile passing carriage spooks horse

Port Perry Star: July 27, 1910

On Friday last Dr. Tummonds was driving his auto along the Avenue, and met Mrs. Spencer coming in her rig from south of the ridges.

Mrs. Spencer heard the auto coming, and got out of the carriage to hold the horse by the head. She gave no signal to stop the auto, and the driver naturally supposed that all danger would be over as soon as he passed. The horse knocked Mrs. Spencer down, and her hand was somewhat injured.

If a lady is at all alarmed, that she cannot manage a horse when passing an auto, the best way is to hold up the hand.

In another accident Mr. Jas. Bond, mail carrier was teaming a high load over a bridge at Seagrave. The bridge is very rough and Mr. Bond was jolted off the load. In his fall he broke three ribs and was injured internally in such a way as to give small hope of his recovery.

We understand that a contract for building a cement bridge here has been let. It is evident that work need be hurried.



H. Doubt Tailor shop, was located on the south side of Queen Street, in the former Ackerman block, as seen in this photo.

R.S. Jenkins hired as new high school principal

Port Perry Star: August 17, 1910

The trustees of Port Perry High School have been fortunate in securing the service of Mr. R.S. Jenkins, M. A. as principal, to succeed Mr. McBride, who has resigned after many years of faithful and efficient service.

Mr. Jenkins holds a High School Principal certificate for Ontario, and is a specialist in classics, French, and German, having taken a course in Paris and other European centres to perfect himself in these languages.

The trustees have recently made many improvements in the school building which is now commodious and thoroughly equipped.

With Mr. Stone, Mathematical Master, Mr. Sinclair, Science Master, Miss Philp, teacher in Moderns, and Mr. Jenkins the new Principal, the school has a thorough and efficient staff of thoroughly experienced teachers

Plans to open moving picture theatre in former bowling alley

Port Perry Star: August 31, 1910

Mr. R.S. McQuaid intends opening a moving picture theatre where the bowling alley used to be on September 14.

Mr. McQuaid has been in this business for a number of years, and has learned two important things: first, the kind of pictures that please the public and keep them coming to his theatre; and second, the kind of pictures not to show.

In talking to Mr. McQuaid about this matter he said that every effort would be made to have the pictures of such a character that they can be seen by everybody at any time.

First Port Perry attracts large crowds

Port Perry Star: September 21, 1910

Exhibitors were not very sure what accommodation would be given for exhibits, and there is no use trying to hide the fact that in number the exhibits were small. But there was better accommodation than they thought and it is reasonably certain that, the careful ones will know that proper shelter will be given so whatever they have to show.

It was pleasing to notice such men as James Leask, Alex Lee, and Wm. Graham making exhibits. These men do not need to come to Port Perry to seek glory as their stock is well known and in many cases prizes have become, common to these men. But such a spirit of helpfulness is appreciated and will encourage others to show at their home fair even though they may be able to win much bigger prizes elsewhere.

It was just this feeling of goodwill that was so evident. The general idea appeared to be that the committee had worked hard to secure good results and all who could gave a helping hand.

The biggest attraction was naturally that provided by the Port Perry Trotting Association.

The races were unusually good, and we cannot do better than insert the associated press despatch clipped from the Globe.

The Globe: September 17, 1910

The one-day fair at Port Perry was a success in every particular, over 3,000 people being present.

The grounds were pronounced by competent judges, the best in Canada, barring Toronto, while the \$4,000 track is unsurpassed anywhere, as the time made today fully verified. The races were the best ever witnessed in the county.

The concert tonight was so extensively patronized that hundreds had to be refused admission.



Crowd at the Port Perry Fair during the early 1900s.

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the Methodist Church to mourn the loss of the King.

June 1910

Population of Scugog Island is 416 persons and there are three schools operating on the Island.

Mr. R.L. Borden, leader of the federal Conservative Party visited town.

The bowling green has been put in excellent shape. Mr. Wm. Mills has furnished the dressed fence posts which are used in front of the lawn.

Mr. J. W. Thompson of Toronto purchased the Sebert House from Mr. Louis Bandel, who has owned it for the past 10 year.

Mr. Dugald McBride is retiring after teaching for 54 years, (40 in Port Perry). He was honored by teachers and students with a number of presentations.

Mr. Joseph Bigelow has moved a section of the recently purchased Noxon Evaporator to the rear of the Big Red Apple Evaporator for much needed space.

July 1910

Weeds in the lake are creating problems and Council is looking into have them removed.

At a meeting of the Board of Education a motion put forward by Geo. Rose and seconded by E.H. Purdy named Mr. Geo. Stone Vice Principal of the School with an increase in salary of \$100, effective Sept. 1910.

Grand Trunk Railway tied up with labor troubles. Word has been received that no tickets are to be sold until further notice.

The council is conducting negotiation with the owners of a powerful steamboat to destroy the weeds in the lake.

Jones, Dunk & Co. to become The Dunk, McIntyre Co.

August 1910

Herbert Sweetman, son of the late Wm. Sweetman of Scugog Island, drowned after falling from a canoe while out fishing with friends on Lake Scugog.

Mr. John Nott has retired from furniture business, after 60 years.

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The John Carew Lumber Co. of Lindsay, have contracted with the Corporation to remove the weeds from the waterfront. The work will be done with a drag of timber and boom chains drawn by a strong side wheel steamer.

September 1910

Dr. R.L. Graham has purchased the dental practice of Dr. F.D. McGrattan, who may go west.

Church of the Ascension reopened for services after being thoroughly renovated and redecorated.

The town offered a \$10 reward for information leading to the detection of persons defacing new sidewalks by leaving footprints in the cement.

Local farmers Jas. Leask, Alex Lee and Wm. Graham were among the exhibitors showing cattle at the Port Perry Fair.

The general store at Manchester owned for the past two years by Jas. Munro, has been sold to A.D. Ferguson.

October 1910

Mr. Wales sold the St. Charles Hotel to Mr. Proctor, from Toronto.

Messrs. Hutcheson, Gerrow, Stonehouse, Parrish and Farmer inspected the dangerous Cartwright Hill and came to the decision building a road around the hill would be better than trying to cut it down. The new road would require a right of way through the property of Mr. Thos. Pearce, but he has not yet agreed to the proposal.

A delegation from Port Perry travelled by boat to inspect the new dam at Lindsay. Present were Reeve H.G. Hutcheson, Port Perry councillors, Mr. F.L. Fowke, M.P. for South Ontario, Mr. McLellan, Superintendent of the Trent Valley Canal System and Star editor Samuel Farmer.

A fine cement vault has been completed in Pine Grove Cemetery.

November 1910

Rev. Geo. Robinson of the Methodist Church, is leaving town to live in Toronto.

Council authorized a plebiscite to be taken at the next municipal elections to determine whether or not cows shall be allowed to run the streets of the town next year.

Government fish inspector visits town and patrols Scugog in patrol boat

Port Perry Star: August 24, 1910

The Government Fishing Patrol boat, under Captain W. R. Catsou called at Port Perry for a brief time last Thursday.

Mr. Wm. H. Harris, clerk of the town, met the Captain and impressed him with the necessity of having a fish-slide installed in the new dam at Lindsay. The Captain said that he represented a Government that "gets busy and does things," and that the matter will receive prompt attention.

We sincerely hope some person with common sense and energy will see that this much needed addition is made to the dam. It is difficult to understand how Government officials can talk conservation so boldly and waste fish in the way they are wasted by being shut out of the best feeding grounds to be found.



North side of Queen Street looking east with Jones & Sons store, left and the Star Office Printing halfway along the street.

Dr. R.L. Graham new dentist in village

Port Perry Star: September 21, 1910

Dr. R.L. Graham, of Ingersoll, has purchased the dental practice of Dr. F.D McGrattan. Complete transfer will be made on Monday, October 10th.

Dr. Graham is a son of Mr. S. Graham in town, and will be welcomed among his former townsmen. Dr. McGrattan plans go to the West. He has been practicing in town for the past 12 years, and his decision to sell comes as a great surprise to many who will regret his removal.

Pig pen at railway yard should be moved

Port Perry Star: September 21, 1910

Now that the old freight shed at the railway station has been removed and the ground nicely leveled, the pig pen by the weigh scales has been brought out much more prominently.

Indeed it is about the first thing we see. Doubtless it is very convenient to have the pig pen so close to the weigh scale, but beauty always does cause inconvenience at some time. We should move all such unsightly things as pig pens, and tumble down buildings, to less conspicuous positions.

First competition on new lawn bowling green against Whitby

North Ontario Observer: September 22, 1910

The first game on the new Lawn Bowling Green, which has created so much people interest took place on the afternoon of Saturday last. The green for the occasion was in fairly satisfactory condition.

Representatives of the County Town Club were honored by being the first to meet the Port Perry experts on their fine new bowling green. The result fully demonstrated that the players from the south were either unsophisticated, or the Port Perry team were immeasurably the superior players - 31 to 9 points is certainly not a narrow margin.

New sidewalks are a credit to the town

North Ontario Observer: September 29, 1910

Port Perry the present year has added very materially to its granolithic sidewalk accommodations and walks built by the Council of 1910 will endure forever. The corporation has received full value for every dollar expended and it now possesses walks that would do credit to the largest towns in the Dominion.

The contractor is thoroughly versed in the properties and constituent parts of cement and understands to a demonstration their proper application as well as the result when association with the necessary essentials to produce concrete, the surface of which, as well as the foundation that will endure.

Mr. Jackson has constructed concrete sidewalks in Port Perry this season to the extent of 16,260 feet, requiring 268 barrels of cement and 82,500,000 pounds of gravel.

It required six men 28 days lying at the rate of 580 feet per day to complete the contract. Considering the first-class work accomplished, the expeditious manner in which it was done, certainly speaks well for the contractor as well as his staff.

Port Perry winter ice races on Lake Scugog

Port Perry Star: December 21, 1910

Early snow and frost have put the Scugog ice track in good condition, and if the weather clerk will be good, the races will be better this year than ever before.

Already applications for information have been coming in great numbers, and every day horses are coming in for training. A bunch of four horses from New York state will be here.

An unusually good meet is being held at the Dufferin Park track, and Port Perry is the next meet, and most of the horses now at Dufferin Park will come here.

The track is one mile and kite shape. The races on the first day are the 2:28 pace, \$150.00, and the 2:20 trot, \$150.00. Second day 2:18 pace, \$150.00, and free-for-all, \$200.00.

H. Collacutt is President, and R.J. Thompson is the new Secretary, in the place of Dr. Orr Graham, who went to Winnipeg this last summer

A train engine engaged in helping the evening train over Highpoint ran into a cow and was derailed.

Winter came early, dropping about six inches of snow on the area.

December 1910

Messrs. John Bradley and Dorman Corbman are putting the skating rink in order.

Mr. F. L. Fowke, Ontario South M.P., notified Reeve Hutcheson that plans for the new post office will be ready for inspection in January.

Mr. S.E. VanCamp travelled to Toronto and secured the agency for Ford motor cars for the coming season.

The Standard Bank of Port Perry opened a sub agency in Nestleton.

Port Perry's Chief Constable Robert McKnight dies shovelling snow

Toronto Globe: January 10, 1911

This morning Mr. R. McKnight, Chief Constable of Port Perry, while clearing the snow off the walk in front of the Town Hall, complained that he did not feel well.

The person addressed advised him to go inside the hall, and in attempting to ascend the steps he fell and it was at once ascertained that he was suffering from a paralytic stroke.

Medical aid was at once secured and the sufferer conveyed to his residence, but, notwithstanding the best medical skill, he survived only about 40- minutes.

Mr. McKnight, since coming to this place about 40 years ago, had proved a good citizen, efficient, energetic and reliable in his office. He was an elder of St. John's Presbyterian Church. Besides his widow, he in survived by three sons and two daughters.



Robert McKnight

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Tragic elevator accident at Manchester station

Port Perry Star: January 25, 1911

On Monday afternoon of this week a number of men were engaged in pulling down the grain elevator at Manchester Station. Amongst them was Mr. Leslie Lamb whose home is in Manchester Village.

Mr. Lamb was working on a part of the framework away from the rest of the men, at a point about ten feet above the ground. In some unaccountable way, he must have fallen over backward, striking his head when he reached the ground, but nobody saw him fall.

Just at the moment the attention of the men was occupied, and the unfortunate man was down before anyone realized what had happened. Instantly there were a dozen men ready to assist, but when he was picked up his head was badly fractured.

Medical attendance was secured as quickly as possible, but the doctors found that nothing could be done, Mr. Lamb is a married man of about 47 years of age, with a wife and two children. He is the son of the late Hiram Lamb, and has lived in Reach Township all his life.

At the time of going to press, Mr. Lamb is still living, although he is unconscious and has taken neither food nor drink since the time of the accident. The doctors hold out no hope of recovery for Mr. Lamb.



Home and offices of Dr. Orr Graham, veterinarian, on Queen Street.



Cawker Bros. purchased the Livery Stables of Jamieson and Dennison in January 1910. They also had the Cawker Bros. meat market on Queen Street.

Change of Business.

The undersigned have bought the Livery Stables formerly carried on by Messrs. Jamieson & Dennison, and are prepared to supply all kinds of First-Class Turnouts at Reasonable Figures.

CAWKER BROS.



The grain elevator, left, at the Manchester Station, where a man was seriously injured on January 15, 1911.

Picture show theatre closes

Port Perry Star: January 18, 1911

Mr. R. S. McQuaid has closed his moving picture show until further notice, and as he has disposed of his electric fixtures it is not likely that her will return to Port Perry.

He did say that it was possible that he would return in the Spring. There have been many sources of amusement this year, and the town does not seem to be able to support them all in that state of easy affluence so desirable.

New vault ready for use at Pine Grove Cemetery

Port Perry Star: January 25, 1911

The annual meeting of the Pine Grove Cemetery Co. was held last week. The caretaker's report showed 59 burials during the year, The auditors' report showed total receipts of \$2,025.18 and total expenses of \$812.90, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,212.28.

The vault recently built is now ready for use, but has not been occupied as yet. The work was done by Mr. James Waddell. The board of directors was unanimously re-elected.

At the directors' meeting Mr. J.C. Campbell said that he did not wish to act as president any longer, and Mr. James Carnegie was elected in his place.

The house and grounds committee was instructed to have the old headstones straightened. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution of condolence to Mrs. Robert McKnight expressing esteem of Mr. McKnight recently deceased.

Council gets first look at colour sketch of town's new post office

Port Perry Star: February 15, 1911

Matters are moving along very nicely in connection with the new post office. A sketch in colour of front elevation of the building was sent to Mr. George Rose, who showed it to a number of the business men around town.

We understand that the plan is to receive the approval of the Council and that the construction will proceed as soon as the season opens up. The sketch showed a two-storey brick building, with substantial stone foundation. The frontage of the building will be about 42 feet, its general height about 36 feet, and at one end a tower something over 50 feet in height. The tower has provision made for a clock, and such an addition to the building proposed would be most acceptable.

There are to be two entrances, and the upper storey will contain apartments for the caretaker.

Petition County for funds to build new road to avoid "Ham's Hill"

Port Perry Star: February 1, 1911

A deputation from Port Perry presented a petition to County Council asking that a grant be made to purchase a right of way, and build a new road around Ham's Hill to avoid the big hill at the west end of the Cartwright bridge.

A committee was appointed to meet the Reeve of Port Perry and a deputation from the County Council of Northumberland and Durham, who will look over the site of the proposed new road. The Committee meets February 13.

1911 TIMELINE

January 1911

Elections:- Port Perry Reeve George Gerrow. Council - James Forman, H.G. Hutcheson, Hugh Carmichael, Jas. Waddell. Reach Twp. Reeve Alex Leask. Scugog Twp. Reeve John F. Gerrow.

The fortieth annual ice trotting races took place with smaller than usual crowds and some races being cancelled due to a severe winter storm.

Reeve Gerrow circulated a petition to County Council asking for a grant to buy a right of way around Ham's Hill on the Island to build a road around the hill.

February 1911

Mr. William Ross, of A. Ross and Sons announced his retirement from general retail store business, having sold the entire stock to Mr. Wm. Brock. Mr. Ross will retain the grain and seed business, moving to the Ackerman Block west of the St. Charles Hotel.

February 8, 1911 - Early Days in Reach and Scugog, a historical sketch by Miss E. Yarnold.

Council purchased 100 chairs formerly used in the moving picture show for the basement of the Town Hall.

March 1911

William Ross real estate agent advertises: \$1,700 buys a six room frame house, two large halls, electric lights, small garden, on a large roomy lot in Port Perry.

Greenberg's Jewellery Store and Marshall Stonehouse Furniture Store announced they were selling their stock and giving up business. Mr. Stonehouse is moving to Toronto and Greenbergs to Stratford.

George R. Davey purchased the grocery business of Messrs. Oke and W.E. MacGregor.

Claremont and Ashburn Telephone Co. secure franchise for telephones in Port Perry. The Bell Telephone had an exclusive franchise which was not renewed.

April 1911

Electric light plant to be shut down at 11 p.m. as so few people use it after that hour it is considered a waste.

Old Railroad Hotel to be pulled down

Port Perry Star: April 15, 1911

Mr. Arthur Dowson has purchased the old Railroad Hotel, and plans to pull it down, and probably erect a blacksmith shop on the site.

That old building has long been in a very dangerous condition, besides being an eyesore. The new location will be an excellent one for: Mr. Dowson's business.

The Greenberg auction sale of their entire jewelry stock has caused considerable excitement. Those who were fortunate, enough to be present at the time and bid certainly procured excellent bargains. There is only a little over two weeks left to clear out the entire stock, and this is being sold out rapidly regardless of profits.



Railroad Hotel on Water Street, Port Perry.

Home owner douses room filled with fire

North Ontario Observer: April 20, 1911

On the afternoon of Sunday last about five o'clock, Mr. Frank Rundle of the firm of Rundle Bros., discovered that his residence on Casimir St. was on fire. Although one of the rooms upstairs was literally filled with flames, Mr. Rundle entered the room and commenced applying water with such vigor that in a short time he had the flames subdued, not however, until considerable damage was done.

Extent of the damage was about \$70, including a new suit of clothes that had never been worn.

Few men would have had the courage to encounter such a blazing furnace as the room in question presented, but nothing daunted Mr. Rundle who entered it and by keeping his face close to the floor withstood the flames and smoke until such time as he had the fire under control.

April 1911

Owing to an outbreak of measles, chicken-pox, mumps and whooping cough, the public school was closed until after Easter. A large number of pupils have been sent home over that past three weeks.



Inside of Jones & Sons store on Queen Street, about 1910.

Fatal shooting accident of young boy

Port Perry Star: April 29, 1911

Last Sunday, Gordon Schell, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Schell, of Scugog, went over to visit his chum the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stevenson.

The two little fellows went out to barn to play and before long they found Mr. Stevenson's gun. It had been left at the barn where it had been used to shoot barn rats.

The gun was loaded and somehow while the boys were examining the weapon it went off, the shot entering the smaller boy's head and killing him almost instantly.

Gordon Schell was the only boy, and both families feel terribly about the tragic affair. The sad accident brings home again with pathetic emphasis the great need for care in matters like this.

Proctor's magnificent gelding judged best horse at Toronto horse show

North Ontario Observer: May 4, 1911

At Toronto's Great Horse Show held last week, Mr. S.A. Proctor, proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, captured with his magnificent gelding, Brown Mack, first prize in class for mare of gelding (trotter); with the same animal he also carried off the laurels in the class Champion Roadster (trotter or pacer) any age.

Mr. Proctor refused the offer of a very handsome sum for his prize animal. He is considered on of the most competent judges of light horses anywhere to be found.

He now has the satisfaction of knowing that he also possesses the "best horse" in his class, in Canada, and it is doubtful if Brown Mack can be beaten in the world.



Samuel Stout

May 4, 1911

Port Perry's oldest citizen, Mr. Samuel Stout passed away. He was more than 100 years old and while living here was a barber, musician and the first leader of the Port Perry band.

1911 TIMELINE

The steamer Cora brought in her first tow of logs of the season, despite the water being a full foot lower than last year.

May 1911

The barn and house belonging to Mr. Isaac Rodman, of Scugog was destroyed by fire.

Mr. T. Abbott, recently from Norfolk England, is taking over the work of looking after the Scugog game reserves and club house. Mr. and Mrs. Schell remain at the club house until autumn.

Council receives complaints about the logs now in the water in front of the wharf making it impossible for boats of any size to land.

Mr. Yarnold began surveying the property for the new post office.

Council announced it would lay cement sidewalks this year on the following streets: Perry, Water, Lorne, Lilla, Rosa, Ella, Caleb, John and parts of Queen St.

Mr. Dorman Corbman has bought the skating rink.

The cow is again permitted to roam the streets.

Mr. E. R. Dunk of Dunk-McIntyre has sold his interest in the business to Mr. McIntyre and is moving to Windsor.

June 1911

Barn raising took place at the Isaac Rodman farm, which was burned to the ground about five weeks ago.

Charles Bowerman is pilot of the government steamer "Bob Hall" which is mapping out a channel in Scugog Lake to be buoyed for the summer.

All roads led to Port Perry for Coronation Day Celebration on June 22. Horse races, football, baseball and races at the magnificent park grounds.

Many took advantage of the opening day of fishing season on Lake Scugog. Mr. R. Woodley caught an 18 pound maskinonge and a number of bass.

F.W. McIntyre announces that he has purchased the Dunk-McIntyre business and will continue in the old stand.

St. Charles Hotel sold to F.W. Dunham of Toronto

Port Perry Star: May 5, 1911

Mr. F. W. Dunham, of Toronto who has been manager of the Brunswick House for six years, has bought the St. Charles Hotel business from Mr. Al. Proctor. Mr. Dunham has good experience and comes well recommended.

Mr. Proctor who is considered an excellent hotelkeeper, is thinking of buying a hotel in Toronto, having an option on a property there. It is but fair to say that from all we can learn Mr. Proctor has a "kept hotel" in the best sense of the term since he has been here. We hope the new proprietor will do likewise.

House and barn of Isaac Rodman destroyed by fire

Port Perry Star: May 5, 1911

Last Friday the house and barn situated on what is known on the "back place" belonging to Mr. Isaac Rodman, of Scugog, caught fire and were burned down.

The house was an old one and unoccupied, and the loss in this case was not very great; but the barn was a fine building which it will be difficult to replace except at considerable cost. It was a building about 40 x 90 feet set on stone foundation, and at the time of the fire contained about 700 bushels of grain, and a corn binder, all of which was burnt.

At the time of the fire they were a number of cattle in the yard; but Mr. Harry Webster, a neighbour as soon as he saw the fire ran to the place and let the cattle out. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Plan submitted for new Port Perry post office, tenders ready to let

Port Perry Star: May 10, 1911

Negotiations have been going on for some time between the town council and Mr. F. Fowke, M.P. regarding the proposed new post office.

The original plan sent to the council was a storey and a half building. This was thought to be inadequate, and a better building was asked for. New plans were submitted and now we are to have a building with two storeys and an attic.

The frontage will be about 47 feet. There will be two entrances to the building, which will be well finished throughout.

A few days ago Reeve Gerrow received a communication from Mr. Fowke announcing the acceptance of the changes suggested by the council and stating that the advertisement asking for tenders will be issued in about three weeks. It is understood that as soon as the tenders are let the work of building will be started at once.



Catholic Church, John Street, Port Perry.

Gimby property sold to Frederick Kent of Toronto

Port Perry Star: May 10, 1911

The Gimby property in north Port Perry, has been sold to Mr. Frederick A. Kent, of Toronto, one of the firm of jewellers of that name.

Mr. Kent came to town last week in his auto. He said that he had been looking for a property suitable for a summer residence at a convenient distance from Toronto. By means of the auto the distance by time between Port Perry and Toronto is very short.

We congratulate Mr. Kent on having secured so desirable a property; and the town in securing so excellent a citizen. Port Perry is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful of Ontario towns and would prove a most suitable place for such persons who enjoy the freedom, and quiet of country life.

E. Dunk leaves town for Windsor

North Ontario Observer: June 1, 1911

Mr. E. Dunk, of the Dunk & McIntyre Co. of this place, has withdrawn from the business and disposed of his interest in the firm. Mr. McIntyre will in the future carry on the business. His popularity as a purchaser, salesman and proprietor is unbounded.

All will regret Mr. Dunks departure from our midst. During his career here he proved that he possessed business tact rarely attained. While in Port Perry he has succeeded far beyond his most sanguine expectations and all wish him continued prosperity.

All regret his departure from our midst, but he is to become allied with the extensive company of Applebee Limited, of Windsor.

Port Perry man manufactures first aeroplane in County of Ontario

North Ontario Observer: May 17, 1911

Mr. Ross M. Jewell of Port Perry has the honour of manufacturing the first aeroplane in the County, and lately made a successful test. This young gentleman's skill and inventive genius should doubtless be recognized by the proper authorities.

Why not the Dominion Government make a substantial grant and thus encourage native genius in this important line. Mr. Jewell is to be congratulated on the success that he has already attended in his efforts in aerial navigation. He has almost exhausted his means in endeavouring to benefit mankind, for doubtless, in the near future, aerial navigation will be universal.

Herd of cattle killed when struck by lightning during severe storm

North Ontario Observer: June 1, 1911

On the morning of Tuesday, about one o'clock, the fine herd of cattle, the property of Mr. Elijah Beare was nearly annihilated by lightning, with 13 being killed.

The electrical store which at the time took place was one of the most severe ever witnessed in the locality. The cattle were at the time pasturing on Mr. Bear's ranch, just north of Port Perry. The animals killed were the choicest of the herd and were standing between two trees, and when discovered all seem to have fallen forward.

The popular Maple Leaf Fire Insurance co., which carried the risk on Mr. Bear's cattle, on obtaining information of destruction, at once took action and appointed Messrs. Geo. Jackson and Hugh Jack, vaulters, who fixed the loss at \$750.



Home of J.C. Brown, south east side of Queen Street at Ella Street, Port Perry.

1911 TIMELINE

Dr. Robt. Archer fell from a train near Whitby landing in the ditch beside the track. He was unconscious for an hour before recovering, and walked to Whitby station for help.

July 1911

Tenders were being received for work of constructing the new roadway around Ham's Hill, the same being part of what is known as the Cartwright roadway.

Mr. Hutcheson and Mr. J. Forman moved that a pavilion be built on the wharf.

The Bowling Club has had electric lights installed on the green so that they may bowl in the evening.

Township is progressing on clearing weeds from the lake in front of the town.

Mr. Art. Dowson has cleaned up the lot where the Railway Hotel was located and built a modern, well equipped blacksmith shop. Stables are connected with the blacksmith shop where horses can be purchased or exchanged.

August 1911

Ex-M.P. Mr. Wm. Ross has sold his grain, seed and real estate business to James Lucas and plans to move to Toronto.

Mrs. Scott of Toronto caught a 21 and a half pound muskellunge near Washburn's Island.

Harold Archer was presented a medal by the Royal Humane Assoc. for saving the life of two young people, Miss Dhel Purdy and Mr. Earl Whiteway, who were out skating when the ice gave away in Dec. 1909.

Mr. Thompson has sold his interest in Sebert House to Mr. McKee who now runs it alone.

Fifteen thousand bushels of apples wanted at evaporator.

Mr. R.S. Jenkins resigned as principal of Port Perry High School and will be succeeded by Mr. Neil McEachern.

John Stovin is busy installing a metal ceiling in the Town Hall and the interior is being improved and painted.

Dr. Archer thrown from train near Whitby, and is badly shaken up

Port Perry Star: June 10, 1911

Dr. Robert Archer narrowly escaped serious injury last week. He was travelling home from Toronto, in the train, and felt somewhat faint and in need of fresh air.

He moved to the outside platform and just as he stepped outside the door the brakes were applied to the train, as it was within half a mile of Whitby. This unexpected slackening of speed threw the doctor forward and he stumbled over the little stool used by passengers alighting from the train.

He managed to catch the railing and throw himself clear of the train, landing in the ditch beside the track. Here he remained unconscious for nearly an hour as no person missed him from the train being close to the place where he would change cars in any case.

When the doctor finally recovered he walked to Whitby station pretty badly shaken up but not seriously injured.

Wild tornado sweeps through district causing damage

North Ontario Observer: June 15, 1911

On Sunday last by some means, Port Perry district got into the tornado belt and considerable damage was done to buildings, trees and other property.

Although the storm was of short duration it left many properties far worse than it found them. In the vicinity of Utica, it did considerable damage. Mr. Frank Crozier had the roof torn from his fine dwelling, while the destruction of large trees torn out by the roots was great. His orchard as well as the orchards of Messrs. Arthur Crosier and J. Horn were partially destroyed.

The new barn under course of construction by Mr. Isaac Rodman, Scugog, was also damaged very considerably. The south side of Port Perry, notwithstanding the destruction, was limited to the few minutes the storm was particularly fierce; a large portion of the roof of the large barn of Mr. Curts, Scugog Street, was torn to shreds and liberally distributed over his fields; rafters and boards, etc., being carried over 200 yards. The loss in this instance will reach between \$300 and \$400.

It remained however for the storm to perform a freak of unusual occurrence on the property of Mr. Jesse Ireland. He found in one of his fields, the entire tin roofing off the old Railroad Hotel, which had been rolled nicely up for future use. When the storm was at its height, it unrolled the roofing, lifted it high in the air, and carried it over one 100 yards to a tree on Mr. Curts farm, and pinned it on to a broken limb as neat and complete as if done by an army.

The fine residences of Messrs. George A. Rose and Charles Parish, on Queen Street, were both struck by lightning, but no damage, however, was done

Prior to the commencement of the storm the evolutions and commotions of the clouds in the direction from which the tornado emanated, were a grand exhibition of strategical movements, giving a strange yellowish tinge to the atmosphere. The rain falling in torrents. It is many years since that this vicinity has been visited with so severe a storm.



Orange Parade, with marching band, makes its way through Blackstock, in July 1911.

Loyal Orange Lodge hold large parade, church service in Port Perry

Port Perry Star: June 21, 1911

On Sunday last the local society of the Loyal Orange Lodge attended divine service in the Methodist Church.

The parade was a large one, including, beside a full representation of the local membership, delegates from Uxbridge, Utica, Blackstock and Purple Hill. The Greenbank Brass Band headed the procession.

The church was crowded. Rev. R.H. Leitch gave the address in which he pointed out the work being done by the Orange Order in maintaining the civil and religious freedom of the people against the encroachments of the Roman Catholic authorities.

Port Perry man drowns swimming in Don River

The Globe: June 28, 1911

William Franklin, a youth of 19 years, and a poor swimmer, met death yesterday forenoon at Toronto, in the Don River swimming hole, just back of the C.N.R. Rosedale station.

He ventured into too deep water, and although a number of companions were in the water with him, when he sank it was impossible to recover the body until life was extinct.

Young Franklin was a resident of Port Perry, and had been in the city for the past month visiting his sister, Mrs. Kenneth Bamford. He was a member of the 34th Regiment, and had been in the habit recently of swimming in the Don River.



The Greenbank Brass Band lead the procession at Orange Parade, 1911.

Clean-up underway at lakefront

Port Perry Star: July 5, 1911

Several loads of gravel have been put down at the foot of Queen St, at the water's edge. This is a good move and makes the spot look quite clean. If you look out on the water though and see the weeds. It is about time to get busy on destruction of the weeds on the water front.

Last year the Council had the job all done but started. Then the boat that was to have done the work was unable to get here on account of the bridge across the river. That is all fixed up now and all this council has to do is to put the resolution of last year into effect.

County provides funds for road around Ham's Hill, work to being soon

Port Perry Star: July 5, 1911

Ontario County Council has granted \$600.00 to buy a right of way and build a road around Ham's Hill on Scugog Island. The land has been purchased, and the work will be started shortly.

The credit is due in this matter almost entirely, to Reeve Gerrow, and a deputation of businessmen from Port Perry, who worked hard to gain his point at the County Council, where he did not get a great deal of encouragement from some persons who never have to climb that hill over at the other side of Scugog Island.



The Port Perry Band poses in their new uniforms, early 1900s.

Cora breaks through ice to retrieve scow load of lumber

Port Perry Star: November 22, 1911

At Armstrong's landing near Caesarea a fine summer cottage is being built. It is contracted to be ready at a certain date, and if it is not built, it will not be because any effort was spared by the firm supplying the lumber.

On Wednesday the little steamer Cora started out with a scow-load of lumber. The weather had turned cold, and the lake was freezing over. Necessarily with a big load, progress was slow. By the time the boat and scow had reached Pettett's Point they came to a standstill for the ice had broken the sides of the scow, let in the water and she sank.

The Cora managed to break back through her old channel to Port Perry, and get a second scow. Part of the lumber was removed from the scow, and as the load was lightened she rose to the surface. The two scows were finally brought back to Port Perry with their loads, and the whole unloaded.

The trip occupied two days and two nights and gave the crew the most strenuous and uncomfortable trip one could imagine for the weather was extremely stormy and cold. It requires grit and endurance to carry out the work of saving a cargo of lumber under those trying circumstances.



The "Cora" steamer on Lake Scugog.

Dorman Corbman's Olympia Skating Rink ready to open for winter skating

Port Perry Star: November 22, 1911

Cold weather brings its sports, and this year the rink is in unusually good shape for the winter pastime. The rooms have all been cleaned remodelled, and nicely painted. The rickety stairs have been taken out of the ladies waiting; room, and the gallery is now reached from the floor of the rink proper.

Seats have been provided in the gallery which has also been cleaned up and the dressing rooms removed, new ones taking their place. Lockers have been built for the skates and plenty of hooks put up for the wraps and coats.

The outer part of the rink has been strengthened, and the ice for skating extended. The whole rink will be tastefully decorated. Dorman Corbman is to be congratulated on the result of his work and has rightly earned the support of all skaters, having spent some \$300 to make the place of their recreation comfortable and inviting.

The rink, which will be known as the "Olympia Skating Rink" following the grand opening, will at first be open three nights a week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Good music every night.

1911 TIMELINE

The Bell Telephone office is finished and consists of a waiting room, two public call cabinets and a general office. There are four operators taking six hour shifts.

A contract was let to Messrs. E. Fielding and Dunn of Port Perry to build the new roadway around Ham's Hill on Scugog.

September 1911

Tree growth on the Scugog Bridge has been so rapid, is danger to the travelling public as it hides the view of the road.

After running the telegraph office for the Great Western Telegraph Co. for 28 years, Mr. A.J. Davis is severing connections with the company.

A nine hole golf course has been made at the Fairgrounds.

October 1911

William H. Letcher purchased the furniture and undertaking business of Town and Spears.

Port Perry's chief constable Samuel Graham left for Oshawa for a job as night watchman at the McLaughlin Works.

Work began on a new post office in Uxbridge, while Port Perry has not heard when work will start here.

November 1911

Independent Telephone Co. are installing poles for a line running from Brooklin to Port Perry.

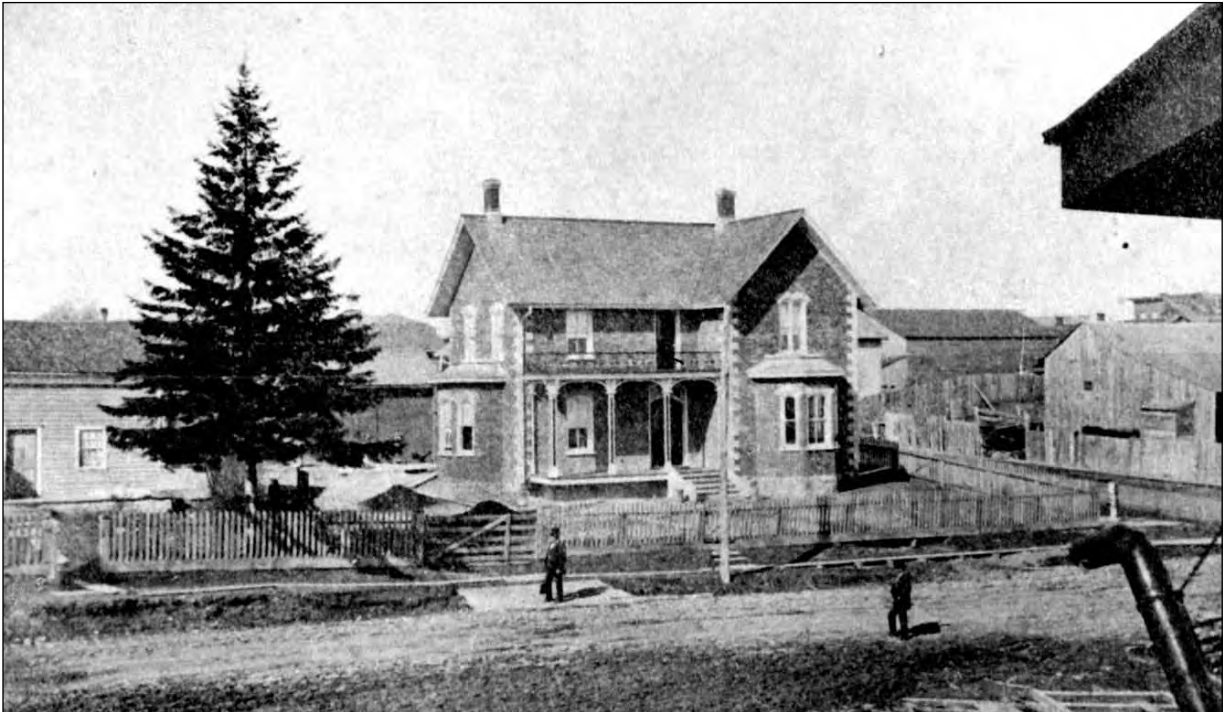
Two game preserves in this locality, The Scugog Game Preserve and the Cartwright Game Preserve. Both have rights to forbid hunting on their property.

Mr. George Cotton has sold the Seven Mile Island to a Toronto man, Mr. Ross Wilson, and his family will occupy it.

December 1911

Contractor Trick of Oshawa has the work of building the Post Office well in hand. It is proposed to work all winter, using a fire to keep the mortar from freezing.

The Dymond Gas and Gasoline Engine Co. wants to locate in Port Perry. They want \$35,000 on usual mortgage conditions, free water and a railway switch.



The Water Street home of former Reeve Joshua Curts, located on the southwest corner of Mary Street.

Duck hunters charged with illegal shooting

Port Perry Star: December 6, 1911

The law regarding duck shooting has been determined.

There was a lawsuit recently about the law. Some of our boys were out shooting on Lake Scugog when the Game Warden arrived on the scene and forbid them shooting in that place any more, on the ground that they were more than 100 yards from a natural rush bed.

The hunters Messrs. Carnegie, Bowerman, and Hodson did not quit shooting, believing that they were doing no wrong and believing that if they could not shoot in that spot, no shooting could be done anywhere on Lake Scugog.

The contention of the Game Warden was, that the cover near which the hunters' boats were located, was not composed of "rushes" but of "rice," and consequently, did not permit shooting under the act.

On these grounds suit was brought at Lindsay. At the trial Mr. Harris, who was representing the defendants produced a handful of the weeds taken from the cover where the hunting was done, and invited the Game Warden to pick out the "rushes or the "rice."

There are some thirty varieties of "rushes" and it is not a wonder that the plaintiff was not successful in selecting the rush family.

In the judgment of the suit, which was decided in favour of the defendants, the magistrate found in effect as follows:— Rush bed does not mean a bed composed exclusively of plants called "rushes," but such parts of the lake where rushes would naturally grow. In other words any bed of weeds or rice affording sufficient cover for a boat.



The English (Anglican) Church, corner of John and North Street, and the church rectory 1911.

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Circa 1915 photograph of Port Perry taken from the causeway, shows heavy concentration of weeds along the busy lakefront.

Examination into death of young woman leads to poisoning

Port Perry Star: January 16, 1911

In order that an examination may be made of the organs of Evelyn Baker, daughter of Elias Baker of Saintfield, who died under strange circumstances Sunday morning, the inquest has been, adjourned until February 5.

Coroner Dr. Samuel Mellow began the inquiry tonight, taking the formal evidence of the parents as to identification at the family home. It was said tonight that all the symptoms pointed to strychnine poisoning.

Behind the death of Miss Baker, who was formerly a school teacher. There is said to be a love affair. A young man with whom she had been keeping company, it is said, had gone back to former sweetheart.

Charles Gordon takes over as Scugog postmaster

Port Perry Star: February 14, 1912

After 21 years of continuous service as a postmaster of Scugog Island, Mr. John Jackson has stepped out and left the office in charge of Mr. Charles Gordon, who has made his initial trip to Port Perry.

Mr. Gordon brought his household goods across the lake, thus being the first to venture there on the ice. It seems paradoxical to say that this is the coldest January in the last half century and yet the ice is not deep enough to be safe.

The explanation given is that because of an early heavy fall of snow, which has never melted, the frost has not penetrated to freeze the lake more than 10 or 12 inches.



Edward H. Purdy

Edward Purdy sells business to William G. Monet

Port Perry Star: January 3, 1912

Mr. William G. Monet has bought the grocery and flour and feed business from Mr. Edward H. Purdy, and will take stock next Monday to taking over the business.

Mr. Purdy will remain in town until spring when he and Mrs. Purdy intend taking a trip Vancouver. Messrs. Cecil and Clarence Purdy are going to the West.

Mr. Purdy has been an active citizen of Port Perry for many years and has held many public offices. His removal from business life is to be regretted in many ways, but was part of his plan as his sons had decided to go to the West. It is gratifying to know that Mr. Purdy is not giving up all his interests in Port Perry.

Mr. Monet is, to be congratulated upon his enterprise and steady progress. He has worked hard and used good judgment, rightfully earning the increased prosperity that has come to him as the years pass.

Hundreds attend first skating carnival of the year

Port Perry Star: January 24, 1912

Hundreds of people attended the first carnival of the season last Friday night, and all were agreed that of every effort had been made by the management, to secure the comfort and pleasure of those who attended. The ice was in splendid condition, the decorations were very pretty, the accommodation for spectators unusually good, and the band gave fine music.

In the costume contest the same trouble was noticeable as was seen in the first carnival last year – the number of costumes was too small. Miss Marion McCaw, dressed as gypsy, took first; Miss Ella Brock as Japanese lady, second; and Miss Lena Hall, as ballet dancer, third.

The gentlemen's side was quite disappointing. Only three boys dressed and there was not the originality there should have, even in the costumes shown. Harvard Bamforth, student, was first; Charlie Boe, clown, second; and James Harrison, darkey, third.

Mr. Merlin Letcher and Miss Marjorie Mellow took first prize as a couple skating; and Mr. McIntyre and Miss Margaret Corrin, second.

Call on Port Perry musicians to form a band for the village

Port Perry Star: February 21, 1912

Over at Utica they are organizing a band, at Greenback they have a band; Myrtle Station has a Minstrel troupe; Port Perry has some fine band instruments, but no band.

Surely enough music lovers can be found in our town to start the band again. There are quite a few good men such as Mr. Roach, Mr. Short, Mr. Powers, Mr. Doubt, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Williams, Mr. M. Letcher, Mr. VanCamp, Mr. Bruton and others, who could do much to give encouragement to young players. It would take time to get things going again as they used to be; but it does not seem right that Port Perry should have to send to neigh-boring villages and hamlets to se cure bands.

Our Councillors might get into touch with all who can play band instruments and all who would be willing to learn. This might not be accomplished by calling a public meeting but would likely require individual invitation. The town does not seem complete without a band, and it is a pity to take it for granted that we cannot have one in Port Perry.

Two attractive homes for sale in Port Perry

Port Perry Star: March 13, 1912

William H. McCaw has placed in our hands for sale his splendid frame residence opposite the church of England, Port Perry. This house is offered at \$1,600., and is in fine condition. Cement cellar, furnace, hard and soft water in the kitchen, hot water connections for range and bathroom, six bedrooms, electric light fixtures and connections.

Large verandahs, a perfectly appointed house for a large family, or for a boarding house. Two more bedrooms could be added by dividing the parlor if necessary. Easy terms of payment.

Mr. William Ross offers for sale his fine brick residence on Casimir Street, Port Perry. This is one of the finest homes in our town, and shall likely be sold for half its value. It is furnished with all modern conveniences, such as electric lights, water works, good hard and soft water, handsome verandahs, spacious lawns, artistically decorated with ornamental trees, and the property is in a very desirable location.

Delmont Cottage under construction on Island

Ontario Observer: March 25, 1912

Mr. Sintzel is rushing building operations with a vengeance, for his new Summer Resort on Seven Mile Island, which he hopes to open on June 1st.

He certainly has been fortunate in selecting one of the most suitable and convenient sites in the Province for the purpose for which it is intended. When Delmont Cottage is completed, it will be one of the most commodious, convenient and cosiest summer resorts to be found.

A number of the rooms have already been engaged for long and short terms. The launch in connecting with the Cottage is built on the rapid transit principle, in fact, it is a beauty and will be grand acquisition to Scugog's fleet.



Home of William Ross, corner of John and Casimir Street, Port Perry.

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January 1912

Port Perry Reeve Geo. Gerrow; councillors Jas. Forman, Hugh Carmichael, H. G. Hutcheson.

Reach Reeve Alex Leask; Dep. Reeve Ralph McIntyre; Councillors Dobson, Johnson and John Stone. Scugog Reeve W. Sweetman.

The Dymond Gas Company which was looking to locate here went into bankruptcy in Toronto.

February 1912

Mr. D. McBride was elected president of the Public Library board and Mr. S. Jeffrey was elected chairman of the Board of Education.

The switchboard of the Independent Telephone Co. is being installed at Flint's Drugstore.

Turner & Robinson coal, (opp. Matthew-Edwards Warehouse).

February 1912

Mr. Jos. Britton intends to start a blacksmith shop in A.W. Allin's shop on Perry St. He will have a wood working department with Mr. Allin in charge.

Last week Port badly needed coal, eight carloads have been sitting at Whitby, some since Feb. 12. It finally arrived on Friday, March 1.

The Bell Telephone Co. have bought Drs. Bascom and McClintock private line, which will be a benefit to Bell subscribers who will not have to pay the private line tariff.

April 1912

Mr. Wm. Cook was appointed Chief of the Fire Brigade of Port Perry.

The Bd. of Education reduced teaching staff at the Port Perry Public School from five teacher to four and increased salaries to \$500, just slightly higher than the average salary of \$484 paid to Ontario teachers.

Mr. Thomas Beare's mill dam, near Manchester, had a close call during the floods, but worked with every man available for four days and four nights, cutting down on repairs to his property.

Work on the post office was being delayed due to the bad conditions of the roads, which made it impossible to haul sand for concrete work.



Courtice & Jeffrey harness company, Queen St., Port Perry, circa 1905

Courtice & Jeffrey harness business has name change to S. Jeffrey & Son

Port Perry Star: March 13, 1912

The wholesale harness and saddlery business carried on by Messrs. Courtice and Jeffrey for the past 25 years, will from this date be known as S. Jeffrey & Son. Since the death of Mr. Courtice in 1901, Mr. S. Jeffrey has been sole proprietor of the above business.

Mr. C.C. Jeffrey, of Montreal, who for the past seven years has been connected with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, now becomes a member of the new firm. He will give added value to this important industry in our town.

Messrs. S. Jeffrey & Son, in making this announcement to the public, wish to say they will be pleased to meet all customers and friends of the old firm.

A good many men now earn their living with this concern, which has been doing a steady increasing business and such healthy growth must prove of a benefit to Port Perry.

Post office building moving along

Ontario Observer: March 28, 1912

Mr. W.J. Trick, contractor for the erection of our new post office building, is certainly taking time by the forelock; already he has an energetic staff sinking extensive and deep drains to the south of the site of the new building to carry off surplus water so that early building operations may be made.

Mr. Trick, has a splendid record as a building contractor, and many magnificent buildings of his erections are standing monuments of his skill as a builder.

Beaver Meadow railway bridge damaged

Port Perry Star: April 12, 1912

Back at the Beaver Meadow Creek the water tore out a great piece of the railway embankment fully 30 ft. deep and 60 ft. wide. It is only a little creek but it became blocked as the small culvert was filled with ice.

Nearly all last week the G.T.R. work train crew were busy putting in a temporary structure. It is evident, however that the work is not yet completed and it is probable that a cement bridge will be built there at a latter date.

Details provided for construction for new post office

Port Perry Star: April 19, 1912

Through the courtesy of Mr. W.J. Lolly, who is superintending the work of building the new post office we have gleaned the following facts regarding the construction of the building.

Work is being delayed somewhat owing to the bad conditions of the roads, making it impossible to haul sand for the concrete work for the footings. The foundation will be of stone, that part of it showing above ground being a white dressed stone. The basement, which will be ten feet high will be under the entire Post Office building, will have stone walls two feet thick.

All the walls of the building will be of red pressed brick, 17 inches thick for the ground floor and the tower, and 13 inches thick for the second and attic floors. There will be about 300,000 bricks used.

The windows will have circle brick arches on the first floor, and stone heads on the second floor. In the tower will be a bullseye window, where the people of Port Perry hope some day to see a clock.

The ground floor or actual post office will be divided into three main sections. 1. The working space, 23 ft. 5 in. by 17 ft. 3 in. 2. The public lobby, 8 ft. 3 in. deep by 23 ft. 5 in. long. 3. A hallway 8 ft. 8 inches running the full length of the building back to the mail entrance. This will be on the west side. The room will be fourteen feet high and well lighted, there being twelve windows on that floor.

Back of the post office will be a one storey building without basement called "The Armoury". This is divided into an Armoury Room 20 by 26 ft., Commissioned Officers rooms, and lavatories. The main entrance to

the Armoury will be from an alley way running along the west side of the post office.

The second floor will have a special office for the Inland Revenue, and three other large general offices. This floor which will be 11 ft. 6 in. high, will be equipped with lavatories. The attic floor will contain complete apartments for the caretaker

The tower is 61 ft. from the ground to the top of the pinnacle, and the window where a clock could be placed is 46 ft. from the ground. The roof will be part gravel and felt, and part galvanized iron on the main building.

It is expected that the building will be completed ready for occupation about a year from now.



This simple Maple Leaf carved into a white stone block became the cornerstone for the new post office.



Construction on the new Port Perry post office got underway during the spring of 1912.

Young man dies after mistakingly drinking lethal drug

Ontario Observer: April 25, 1912

On Saturday morning the people of Port Perry were shocked to hear of the sudden and tragic death of Milton McDermott, a young man well known in the village.

Mr. McDermott had been employed at Forman's store and left home to open the store at the usual hour, feeling well except for a sore throat. At about 8 o'clock he walked across the street to Edward B. Flint's Drug Store intending to get something to relieve his throat of the hoarseness.

Finding Mr. Flint had not yet arrived and no one was there except the telephone boy, he helped himself to what he supposed was a swallow of whiskey.

On Mr. Flint's arrival he discovered that the drink had been taken from a bottle of Tincture of Aconite and at once had the young man rushed to Dr. Archer's medical office.

The symptoms at this time were slight, but in spite of Dr. Collwill's active treatment he rapidly grew worse and became unconscious.

Dr. S.J. Mellow was called in and shortly after Dr. David Archer arrived, but in spite of all that could be done, the young man passed away about 11 am, three hours after taking the poison.

The same afternoon Dr. S.J. Mellow, who is the local coroner, empaneled a jury and an inquest was held on Monday 22nd, when the foregoing facts were brought out. Col. J.E. Farewell represented the Crown and W.H. Harris, was present on behalf of E.B. Flint.

The verdict was to the effect that Milton McDermott came to his death by taking Tincture of Aconite in mistake for whiskey, and recommended that in future Mr. Flint keep a competent druggist in the store in his absence.

The inquest jury composed of: James Wadell, Edward Burton, Samuel Graham, George Rose, John Taylor, James Bongard and Henry Doubt.

Milton McDermott was in his 25th year at the time of his tragic death.

1912 TIMELINE

Jas. McKee, proprietor of the Sebert House increases raises daily rates from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Dead fish lined the shores of Lake Scugog following the ice going out, causing a menace to public health.

Water over the Scugog bridge has risen to a depth of two feet.

The home of Mr. William Ross on Casimir St. was sold to Mr. Charles Richardson Stewart.

May 1912

Mr. Frederick A. Kent is making extensive improvements to his property. Waterworks to be installed, a house to be built for the caretaker and family, lawns leveled and a bowling green built.

Owners of cars in town are listed as: W.L. Parrish, S. Jeffrey, E.H. Purdy, Dr. Mellow, Dr. Archer, S.E. VanCamp, P.G. Graham, H. Parr and Frederick A. Kent.

Burglars entered Mr. W. Willard's store and blew open a safe with explosives causing considerable damage to the store. A few items of clothing and \$15 in cash were taken. In the past few weeks, the Sebert House, and the Utica and Myrtle stores have also been victims of burglars.

Hiawatha summer resort being renovated

Ontario Observer: May 2, 1912

The Hiawatha summer resort at Caesarea is being thoroughly re-fitted and made more commodious and convenient so it will be in a position to cater more effectually and beneficially for its patrons during the coming season.

The popular proprietor, Mr. Pengelly, is determined to leave nothing undone in order to meet the requirements of his patrons. Last season proved a highly successful one and the patronage accorded the Hiawatha Resort was almost unlimited.

Caesarea has been christened "The Eden of Canada" as a summer resort and as regards scenic views, the beautiful shores and waters of Lake Scugog for fishing, boating and bathing, and those who know, declare that is justly entitled to the endearment.



Hiawatha Summer Resort, Caesarea, Ontario, circa 1910.

Nestleton Station is an important shipping locality for grain and cattle

Ontario Observer: May 25, 1912

Nestleton Station in the prosperous and wealthy township of Cartwright is becoming, if it has not already become, an extensive and important shipping station.

Large quantities of grain are purchased there. Mr. George McLaughlin being the estimable and popular buyer of all in that line. To give some idea of the magnitude of commodities shipped from that station, the proceeds of which go directly to the pockets of farmers, we might mention that Mr. T.F. Bruce, livestock buyer, paid out last year no less than \$105,000 for animals.

It is also a grand centre of poultry, butter and eggs, the major portion of which is handled by our esteemed townsman, Mr. James McHoull.



Station and grain elevator at Nestleton Station.

Frederick Kent making big improvements being made on his new property

Ontario Observer: May 8, 1912

Extensive improvements are being made by Mr. Frederick Kent on his property.

New waterworks are to be installed; a house is to be built for the caretaker and his wife; the lawns are being re-shaped, levelled and sown; a bowling green will be made, and a new drive-way built.

It is pleasing to note that Mr. Kent is taking such a thorough interest in his property which will be a credit to himself and the town. The town that is blessed with citizens who take a pride in their property, need not complain about being "dead."

It is the business of the individual citizen to do all he can to boom the town in which he lives and the very best way to do this is to have his particular corner as thrifty and tidy and beautiful as possible.

1912 TIMELINE

May 1912

Shut your gates, the cows will be on the streets soon. Those who require tags for same may obtain them from Mr. Cassidy at the usual fee. Cattle wandering streets without a tag, will be put in the pound.

Port Perry council met with Scugog council to discuss who would be liable for the upkeep of the new road around Ham's Hill. Scugog does not want the additional cost of maintaining another road as it is more benefit to the residents of Cartwright and Port Perry than to Scugog.

June 1912

Edward B. Flint has sold his drug business to Orval Byers.

An accident at the power house left the town without electricity and in darkness for a week.

July 1912

Port Perry and County Council will spend \$200 each to complete work on the Ham's Hill Road. Scugog will be responsible for maintenance of the road.

The cornerstone of the new post office, in which Mr. Airey has carved a simple maple leaf, was set at the northwest corner of the building, under the tower.

Seventeen year old Karl Ross drowned near the dock at the foot of Queen St. when he got stuck in the mud while playing with friends.

Mr. Wm. Donaldson of Markham was appointed the new principal and science master of Port Perry High School.

Scugog council unanimously declined to assume, or maintain the new road around Ham's Hill.

Carnegie Milling Co. is constructing a new wharf and the town has ordered a new weed saw.

July 1912

The new road round Ham's Hill south end of Scugog was opened last week, a lasting monument to the persistent effort of Reeve George Gerrow of Port Perry. The road eliminates the need of climbing the big hill.



Gathering on the porch of the unfinished Delmont Cottage, 1912.

Thomas Sintzel plans to open his new Delmont Cottage on June first

Ontario Observer: May 16, 1912

Mr. Mills who has the contract for the erection of Delmont Cottage, the new building now being constructed on Seven Mile Island for a Summer Resort, is rushing the work to completion, and will have it ready for opening by the 1st of June.

Messrs. Sintzel & Son, the proprietors, are making every preparation to entertain their guests in a right royal manner. They purpose feeding them on the fat of the land, as well as topical delicacies and nothing will be left undone to make Delmont Cottage the most popular summer resort anywhere to be found.



Delmont Cottage
Seven-Mile Island
SCUGOG.

Parties desirous of negotiating for
Camping Lots
on one of the most beautiful Summer Resorts—SEVEN-MILE ISLAND—will kindly send in their applications or apply personally to the proprietors.

THOS. SINTZEL & SON,
Port Perry P. O.
May 15, 1912.

They thoroughly understand the essential requirements and comforts of the coming tourists, and they possess tact and courage to meet every wish of their patrons, so that the fame of Delmont Cottage and the beautiful land on which it is erected will be synonymous with health, wealth, pleasure and comfort.

It is situated in close proximity to the most prolific fishing grounds of the Scugog, and what is still better, tourist will at all times be supplied a launch, row boats and fishing tackle, and, if necessary a guide, who is thoroughly posted as to where the largest and best fish may be secured.

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Mr. W.H. Palmer, who has the contract to lay cement sidewalks has been busy and several blocks are being put down by Jas. Waddell. One of Port Perry's youngest and most progressive businessmen, Douglas Adams, died following an operation to remove his appendix.

Surveys were being taken for construction of a bridge between Cartwright and Mariposa near Janetville, to be submitted to the Dominion Government.

September 1912

New cement sidewalks are being laid on the school property.

Mr. George Stone was formerly invested to act as principal of the High School until a permanent principal is secured.

Brickwork has started on the new post office and it is progressing nicely.

October 1912

Adams and Hutcheson, successors to David J. & Douglas Adams.

Joseph Bigelow is advertising he needs 15,000 bushels of apples for the Big Red Apple Evaporator. Seven Mile Island Hotel is a popular spot for duck shooters this season.

J. Cassidy reports to council the weight of bread sold at bakeries in Port Perry.

November 1912

Local duck hunters complain that the millionaires and other heirs have bought up all the good marshes and there are few good places for locals to shoot ducks.

Speedsters even then; team of horses driven at high speed by young fellows crash head on into Dr. Coates horse. He tried to avoid them by pulling well over. One horse killed, another badly injured.

Mr. Jas. Carnegie was honoured by friends at the Sebert House. Mr. Carnegie is leaving Port Perry after a quarter century as a leading businessman in town.

Council considers banning cows from the street, since dust from automobiles makes the grass along roadsides unpalatable, and the cows do not keep it close cropped as they did before the car came along.

Much damage as thieves blow open safe at Willard's store

Ontario Observer: May 29, 1912

On Thursday night of last week Mr. W. Willard's store, at Port Perry, was entered by burglars, and the safe blown open and robbed of about \$15. That \$15 represented but a very small fraction of the loss caused by the burglars.

The safe door was literally blown to pieces, and those pieces were shot from one end of the store to the other. The ceiling, walls shelves and front door were spattered with wet plaster of paris. Nobody will ever know how the safe door was blown out, for their was not enough left for a clue.

The theory is that the door was drilled, the explosive and fuse placed in the hole, water poured in and then the hole plugged, and the fuse fired. Most safes are packed with plaster of paris and what appears like solid steel or iron is in reality, but a shell.

This safe was of that character, and the water soaked into the plaster of paris making it like mortar. Directly in front of the safe was a large refrigerator which was smashed to pieces by being struck by the safe door.

It is thought that someone may have secreted himself about the store premises before it was closed for the night, or else that a key was used to open the front door.

We understand that Mr. Willard notified the Police Department in Toronto, and we trust provincial authorities will make a determined effort to race the criminals.

Utica and the Myrtle stores, the Sebert House and now the Willard store robbery should give the police plenty of date to work on.



William Willard's store was located in the west unit of this beautiful block, the Willard Block, which he built after the fire of 1884.

Tenders called for new steel bridges in Reach Township

Port Perry Star: June 19, 1912

Reach Township reeve, Alex Lease called for sealed tenders for "concrete work" required for two new steel bridges to be erected over the Nonquon River. On bridge on the 12th concession, opposite Lot 20; and the other on the 6th concession, opposite Lot 10.

The tender called for cement and gravel to be supplied on the ground, and tender to state the amount for the whole job, with work to be completed by September 1, 1912.

Port Perry Post office cornerstone ready to be laid

Port Perry Star: July 3, 1912

It is expected the cornerstone of the new Post Office will be set one day this week, as it is now ready to go. No time has been set as the Government do not allow public gatherings in connection with these matters.

So there will be no silver trowel, or speeches. The stone, upon which Mr. Airey has carved a simple Maple Leaf, will be set on the northwest corner of the building directly under the tower.

Man thrown when struck by lightning

Ontario Observer: July 19, 1912

On Wednesday last week, Messrs. James McHoull and A. Sweetman of Port Perry, while returning from Sunderland when a sever storm approached and they concluded to drive into the barn of Mr. Anthony Wells and stay until the storm abated. Unhitching the horse the stabled him and the remained in the stable until such times as the electrical part seems to have passed over.

Mr. McHoull and Mr. Wells were standing just outside the stable door talking when a sharp flash of lightning struck both gentlemen, throwing Mr. McHoull quite a distance with great force into the stable, and knocking Mr. Wells down.

Mr. Sweetman, who was in the stables at the time, came to the rescue of Mr. McHoull, who was unconscious and with assistance brought him back to consciousness. Mr. McHoull was placed in the conveyance and with Mr. Sweetman proceeded on their way to port Perry. On arriving home a physician was called, who after examining him, remarked that his magnificent physique had saved him.

That Mr. McHoull's escape from death was doubtless miraculous, his chest and arms were singed. All will be delighted to know that now he is himself again and all congratulated him on his escape.



This aerial photo shows the original road to the Cartwright Causeway, (white outline) which had a very steep hill. In 1912 a new road was constructed at the bottom of Ham's Hill, to avoid the difficult and dangerous road. That road today is called Hwy. 7A.

Scugog council concerned of costs for keeping old road open

Ontario Observer: May 29, 1912

The members of Port Perry Council attended Scugog Council meeting on Saturday last and tried to interest that body in an effort to secure assistance from the County Council for the completion of the new road around Ham's Hill.

The Scugog Council contended that in accepting any funds from the County Council Scugog would render themselves liable to the upkeep of the new road and the old one too.

Naturally Scugog does not wish to burden itself with maintaining any more roads than necessary, and the road across Scugog into Cartwright has not seemed a great necessity to Scugog people. They do not generally travel that way. It was pointed out that the present road ought to be kept in state fit to travel and that is a most difficult thing to do, owing to the big hill at the other side of Scugog Island.

When the liability to expense is being considered it would be well to remember that should an accident occur on the big hill, owing to the fact that it was unfit for travel, some-one would be liable for a bill of damage, and the probability is that the court would order Scugog Council to keep the road in good repair, and pay the damages.

The new road would be very easy to keep in repair, and would facilitate travel. It seems reasonable to expect that by proper process, the old and dangerous road could be closed, and the new road in lieu of it opened and maintained for public use.

The Scugog Council did not think that they had power to close the old road, but if satisfied that this could be done they expressed themselves as willing to do so, and to accept the new one. The big hill is growing more dangerous each year will be more difficult to keep open for travel. The new road will save all danger from accident and will be a cheap road to keep in shape.

The Port Perry delegation said that they hoped that the matter could be settled in a friendly way, without having to call to the services of the Court of Arbitration.

Young man drowns swimming at wharf

Ontario Observer: July 12, 1912

Carl Ross, of Toronto, about 16 years of age, together with a number of other youths, were swimming in the Scugog at the foot of Queen Street. A number of them were diving from a springboard in rotation, but when they were putting on their clothes, it was noticed Carl was missing.

His body, about two hours later, was found at the bottom of the lake. It is surmised that he became imbedded in the mud from which he could not extricate himself, although being a strong swimmer.

Carnegie Milling about to build a new wharf

Port Perry Star: July 31, 1912

Carnegie Milling company are constructing a new wharf north of the sash and door factory. They will dock their scows there in the future, hauling them in by means of a capstan when the water is low.

This wharf will make a big improvement to the property, and greatly facilitates the loading and unloading of scows.

The weed saw, recently ordered by the town council is expected to arrive soon, and another attack will be made on the weeds in the lake.



Delmont Cottage, on Seven Mile Island, in Scugog Township.

Delmont Cottage on Seven Mile Island is a comfortable summer resort

Port Perry Star: July 3, 1912

Delmont Cottage has just been completed, and is pleasingly situated. It faces the lake, and is well lighted and ventilated throughout. There are 15 bedrooms, and the parlor. A comfortable verandah completes the Cottage, and the whole place looks clean and inviting – an ideal place to spend the summer holidays.

Right beside the Cottage is a log house, and it was here that we had our supper. And such a supper. I would have been ashamed to eat so much but for two reasons – everyone else was acting like a small boy at a tea party, and the food was deliciously simple – the kind you eat as a matter of course, there being nothing else you could do. If they made any money on that supper, they're welcome to it.

There is an excellent piano in the parlour, and after we had strolled about the 45 acre Island, we came back and had a good sing, and we found out that the Sintzel family are musical.

There are good possibilities in Delmont cottage and its surroundings and it is very evident that Mr. Sintzel is a man who knows how to use these possibilities well. Go down and see his open fireplace, with its unique stone mantel.

Note: Among the first people to book a holiday at Delmont Cottage, was Mr. Alex Ross Wilson, of Toronto, who in May 1919 purchased Seven Mile Island from Mr. Sintzel.

New Ham's Hill roadway opens for public use, and great reviews

Port Perry Star: August 7, 1912

The new road round Ham's Hill opened last week is greatly pleasing those who have used it. Mr. Nathan Byers who has been busy lately fencing the road, says that he had a great many requests to open the road before it was ready.

Of course those people who have been opposing the opening of this road will be careful not to use it now that it is open. They will need the excitement and exercise of climbing the big hill.

This new roadway will be a lasting monument to the persistent effort of Mr. George Gerrow, Reeve of Port Perry, who succeeded in having the road bought, constructed and opened in spite of much opposition.

1912 TIMELINE

December 1912

Canning factory proposed on the Flavelle property, Water and Casimir St., which would employ 50-60 hands during the running season.

Mr. J.W. Meharry has received an appointment in connection with Immigration Dept. which will make him resident of Ireland for some time.

During 1912 three blocks of piping of a waterworks system was installed along Cochrane St., with many residents hooking up and installing complete bathroom outfits in their houses.

William Brock builds beautiful summer home

Ontario Observer: July 19, 1912

Mr. Wm. Brock, of this place, has had erected for his family, on his spacious and fine lot on the Aldred farm, just north of Pettet's Summer Resort, the most extensive and best appointed Summer Cottage on the shore of Lake Scugog, south of Seven Mile Island.

Mr. Wm. McGregor was contractor for the carpenter work, and Mr. W.F. Nott is responsible for the decorating, and certainly both contractors have done themselves credit.

Mr. Brock, as usual, when he undertakes to accomplish any object he has in view, never counts the cost – price is no object – more particularly when the health, comfort and convenience of his family are at stake.

John Irvin to sell his pump works business

Ontario Observer: August 22, 1912

Mr. John Irvin, owing to health issues, is obliged to relinquish further prosecution of his Port Perry Pump Works business.

Owing to his close application of business, and supplying at all times the best pumps in the market, his successor would have not trouble in making their investment a profitable one.

All regret that Mr. Irvin is compelled to sell, but he must desist from further activity in the pump business if he wishes to enjoy even only partially good health.

Local hunters resent no access to marshes

Port Perry Star: October 9, 1912

This is duck shooting time, and many a business man thought longingly of the pleasure of a day's hunting last Saturday. But it ended in longing, for no matter how lovely the day, when you're in business for yourself you have to stick to the job.

Ducks are thick this season, and so are the signs. The number of places where "Trespassers Will Be Prosecuted" is decidedly on the increase. Of course there is a good deal of resentment against the extension of duck reserves.

Among those who have been accustomed to roam and shoot at pleasure through the marshes, this growth of private ownership seems to be a sort of high treason. But what are we going to do about it? Really, we can do nothing. The law of property holds good, and the men who buy the reserves are simply more fortunate or more far-seeing than we who have not bought them.

Cartwright Game Preserve Company have enclosed the roadways across their marsh property which have not been opened to the public for travel, and have notified Cartwright Council of their intention to defend their action by litigation.

The people will take notice that the public highways now open for travel are not included in this action. It is true that rumour had it had the Cartwright Bridge was closed, but apparently the rumour is without foundation. The only place where duck shooting, is prohibited is where unused roads run through private property.

Propose two options for bridge over Scugog

Port Perry Star: August 28, 1912

Surveys are being made by the Dominion surveyors for a bridge to give the farmers of Mariposa outlet into Cartwright township near Janetville.

The stakes have been planted. Two routes have been proposed – one along the town line between Manvers and Cartwright, across the Scugog into Mariposa, and a second from the first concession north of the town line to a point in Mariposa Township opposite.

This latter route is said to be about 280 feet shorter than the route along the town line into Janetville. The survey is being made preparatory to a report to be submitted to the Dominion Government. If the bridge is built it will likely cost a good many thousand dollars.

Critical of windows in new post office building

Ontario Observer: September 18, 1912

Now that a portion of the brick work as well as number of the window frames have been placed on the foundation of the front of the new Post Office, some idea of the prospect view of its front may be imagined.

The antiquated window frames certainly will not add to its beauty. Why not tear them out before it is everlastingly to late and supplement nice square frames and thus modernize the front appearance of the building.

If it is a church we are getting then probably the front windows would be orthodox, but they are far from being suitable, both as to utility and appearance for the purpose for which they are designed.

Of course the contractor, nor the skilled and efficient staff of builders have not been consulted, they are simply carrying out the provisions of the contract. It would doubtless be some satisfaction to the public to know who is responsible for the prospective unsightly appearance of our new Post Office building.



Construction of the Port Perry post office, in early 1912.



The Ocean House hotel, left and the Seagrave General Store, circa 1910.

Seagrave store broken into and robbed

Port Perry Star: October 16, 1912

A thief, or thieves, broke the plate glass in the front door of the Seagrave store and climbed in. Apparently they did not take much – some three dollars in cash and some jewelry was the extent of their theft so far as could be learned at the time of going to press.

Some cheques and money orders were examined but were not taken. It is time some definite and determined action was taken by the authorities to locate the party or parties who conduct these midnight robberies.

When legal authority is lax or indifferent, it produces two faults – a, reckless violation of the rights of others and a desire on the part of the victims to have their revenge. If an association were formed and the legal authorities were convinced that the people are determined that this kind of thing must end, there would be a proper campaign to end the trouble. There has been altogether too much stealing.

Reach council to replace dangerous bridge, with a cement, steel bridge

Port Perry Star: September 11, 1912

At the regular meeting of Reach Council, on a motion of Mr. Joshua T. Dobson, seconded by Mr. Ralph McIntyre, moved that whereas; the bridge in the Village of Manchester, on the road leading to Port Perry, is considered to be in a dangerous condition, that the same be replaced by one of cement and steel.

That the necessary expenditure towards building the same be taken from the appropriation made toward building a cement and steel bridge on the Centre Road, concession 7, and that said bridge on Centre Road be repaired with cedar. Carried.

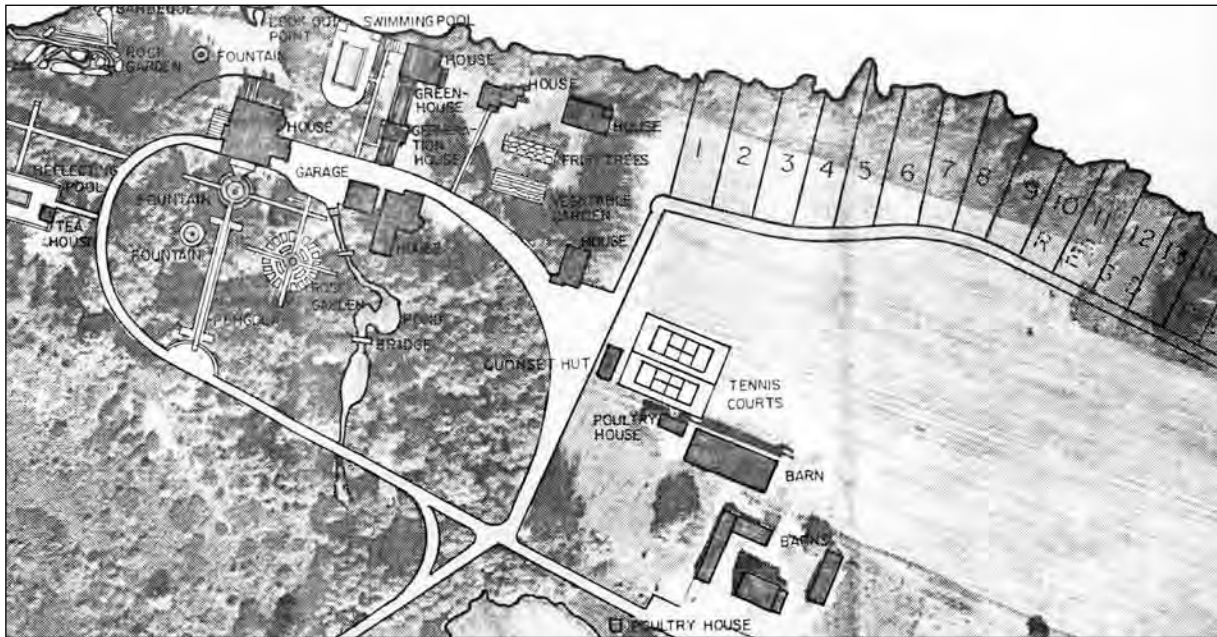
Port Perry Creamery eclipses former season of production

Ontario Observer: October 17, 1912

The output of the Port Perry Creamery for the season of 1912 eclipses all former seasons and although the limit of the season is only of five months duration, few have any idea of the total proceeds. This year's business will exceed \$20,000.

That Mr. Stonehouse is a Past Master as manufacture of butter, all having any knowledge of that gentleman's long experience and his thorough knowledge of everything necessary to produce the pure article, will readily admit that butter on leaving Port Perry Creamery is the best perfection as possible. In fact, every pound emanating from his creamery is in constant demand and demands the top figure in the best markets of the World.

Twenty thousand dollars is no small amount to turn over in so short a space of time, and Mr. Stonehouse being practical, his business pays generously for the product necessary to produce butter and is constantly on the alert to protect the interests of his patrons.



This sketch shows layout of Seven Mile Island, with the lots laid out for sale at the north end of the island in 1912.

Seven Mile Island has lots for sale at their summer resort

Ontario Observer: December 13, 1912

Thos. Sintzel & Son, of Seven-Mile Island, Scugog, are certainly doing their part nobly in transforming that Island into a paradise for summer vacationers.

After a short, but successful season, The Sintzels have decided to reside in Port Perry for the winter and have moved to town. The popularity of Delmont Cottage assures an extensive patronage for 1913.

Delmont Cottage is certainly all that could be desired as a summer resort, and the large numbers that patronized it during the past season have no compunction in stating that they will return early next season. Already the proprietors are in receipt of communications from many others asking to be listed for accommodations for next season.

In order to still further increase the value and popularity of Seven Mile Island, the enterprising firm have already hired land surveyor, W. E. Yarnold, Esq., survey a large number of lots on the lakefront. A plan of which has been registered and all these lots placed on the market, will be sold at reasonable figures.

The prospects are that they will sell like hot cakes. Some have already been picked up by Toronto capitalists; one gentleman in particular, who was a guest of Delmont Cottage, buying one at sight. He remarked at the same time, he had a number of friends in the city who would be delighted at the opportunity of securing so desirable lots, located in so beautiful summer surroundings.

The Township of Scugog will doubtless soon have its revenue considerably increased owing to the improvements on Seven Mile Island. There is a movement on foot, we understand, to greatly improve the highway leading to that ideal and picturesque resort, so that it will be equally accessible by land as well as by water.

Horse killed by speeding rig

Ontario Observer: October 17, 1912

On Sunday evening last as Dr. G. Coates was on his way to respond to a call to attend a sick animal and when a little west of Manchester he met a rig driven by a young man at a rapid rate, the doctor turned out widely in order to avoid trouble, but in doing so he met another rig also being driven fast by a young man, and a collision of course resulted.

A shaft of the doctor's vehicle entered the breast of the animal being driven by the young man killing it almost instantly, at the same time a shaft of the young man's vehicle entered the breast of the Doctor's horse, wounding to such an extent as to make it worthless.

Send-off given to James Carnegie

Ontario Observer: December 11, 1912

It having been ascertained that Mr. James Carnegie was about to leave for Southern climes, a number of his most intimate friends decided to hold an impromptu meeting in order to bid him adieu before he embarked on his journey.

In order to accomplish the object decided upon, a meeting was held on Monday evening last in the parlor of the Sebert House, at which a large representation of the business and solid men of the town were present to do honour to the guest of the evening.

On the assemblage being seated, the Reeve George Gerrow, Esq., was called to the chair. The chairman on taking the chair, returned thanks for the honour conferred by placing him in the chair to preside to over so large and intelligent a company.

Council advertises bylaw to provide incentives for a canning factory

Port Perry Star: February 12, 1913

Port Perry Council publicized the following Bylaw in the local newspapers – To authorize the Village of Port Perry to guarantee the bonds of an incorporated company to be formed by F. H. Simpkins to the extent of \$7,500 for the purpose of buying a site, erecting a factory, plant and machinery in the village of Port Perry for the purpose of canning and packing fruits, vegetables and meats.

WHEREAS, F.H. Simpkins, of Vittoria, Ontario, canner; has agreed with the said Village of Port Perry.

1. To form a company incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario with a capital of not less than \$20,000 of which \$10,000 will be paid up.
2. To purchase the Matthew Edwards storage warehouse and such other lands as may be requisite, and thereon to alter or erect suitable buildings, machinery and plant for operating a canning and packing business.
3. To expend before the 1st July 1913 the sum of \$14,000 according to the valuation of and to the satisfaction of the municipal council of the Village of Port Perry in a suitable, wise and prudent and reasonable manner.
 - (a) In procuring the said before mentioned site.
 - (b) In altering, constructing and erect, the necessary buildings.
 - (c) in the installing and erection of the necessary machinery and plant and equipment for operating the said factory.
4. To obtain sufficient signed contracts from producers of fruits and vegetables and meats by the 1st June, 1913. To operate the factory for at least three months during the season of 1913 with at least 30 hands.
5. To employ at least 30 hands during the canning season after 1st July, 1913.
6. To provide funds for and to repay bonds guaranteed by the Village of Port Perry.

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Sidewalk construction report

Port Perry Star: January 1, 1913

Cement sidewalks laid during the year 1912 amounted to 9,293 feet, at a cost of seven cents per foot. Of this there was 1,494 ft. laid at the High School. The sidewalks required 145 loads or gravel, 152 barrels of cement.

There was also a water main laid on Cochrane St., 1,596 feet long, at a cost of 73 cents per foot. The balance of the street account was expended on streets.

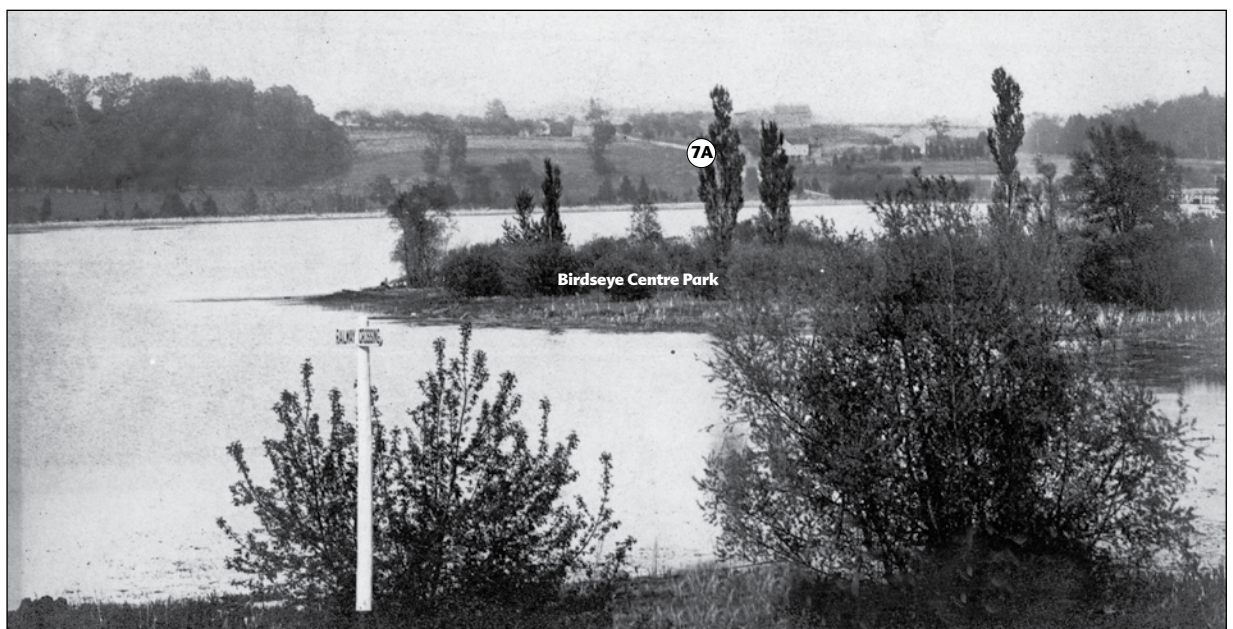
Large crowd attends first carnival at the Olympia

Port Perry Star: February 5, 1913

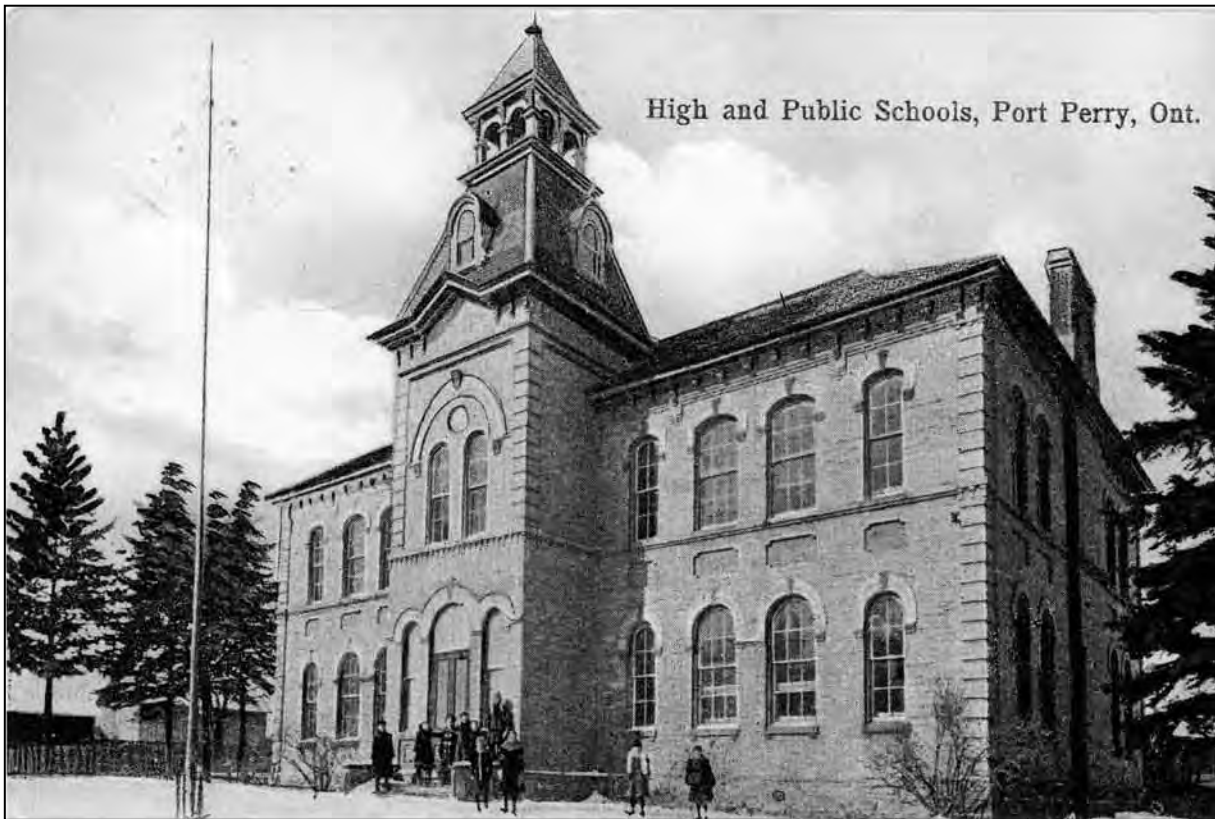
In spite of bad weather, an immense crowd turned out at the Olympia for the first carnival of the year. Mr. Dorman Corbman had every possible convenience for both the skaters and spectators as there was no confusion.

He also procured the Whitby Citizen Band which delighted the skaters.

Several very pretty costumes were exhibited by the following popular ladies' of the town. It is said that there were more out-of-town folk present than our own. Every person reports a good time and no doubt we will see as many outsiders again at the Olympia Skating Rink.



Lake Scugog looking towards Scugog Island with location of Birdseye Centre Park, and Hwy 7A. going up the Island hill, circa 1912.



Port Perry Public and High School, northwest corner of Queen and Rosa St., Port Perry, circa 1910.

Blackstock man dies from gas poisoning in Toronto hotel room

Port Perry Star: February 12, 1913

A short time ago Joseph Hooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hooley, of Blackstock, went to Toronto to work. He had been engaged in the blacksmith shop at Blackstock for about four years, and would he thoroughly well known in and around Cartwright.

While in the city he was staying at the home of his uncle, Mr. F. Williamson. There was a party at that place on Friday night, after which Hooley registered at an hotel for the night.

On Saturday afternoon his uncle wondered why Joseph did not return and went to the hotel to find out. When he reached the room he found the gas turned on and the young man dead. It is thought that the gas had been turned off and then on again by mistake.

The body was brought to Blackstock, and was buried at the Union Cemetery at Cadmus on Tuesday.

The canning factory situation

Port Perry Star: April 2, 1913

Several reports have been circulated regarding the proposed canning factory at Port Perry. The facts are these:

Mr. Simpkins who is at present ill with rheumatism has thought it wise to take in with him Messrs. Allan and Bywater, of Trenton. These gentlemen are now operating canning factories at five different points Frankford, Presqu'ille, Grafton, Foxboro and Consecon. They are now constructing another factory and want to bring the number up to ten.

They were in Port Perry on Monday, and did not consider the egg warehouse site altogether suitable for their purpose as it is not very level and there is not enough land. They looked at the Leonard property which affords good advantages being level and suitable for putting in railroad switches.

Nothing definite was done and no statement was made as to their purposes. They are going to take the matter up immediately and further particulars will likely be forthcoming next week.

Tenders let for daily rural mail service

Port Perry Star: March 12, 1913

Tenders for Daily Rural Mail Service are being asked for the route leaving from Port Perry at 10.30 a.m. and proceed south-west half a mile on given road to line between concessions 5 and 6; to town line between Townships of Reach and Uxbridge; past Epsom post office and return to Port Perry.

The whole is said to be fifteen and a quarter miles long.

Horse drowned, narrow escape for driver

Port Perry Star: March 19, 1913

On Saturday night Mr. Thomas Cook, of Port Perry, found himself in a dangerous position. He was returning along the swamp road from a trip to Sunderland.

When he reached the 11th concession of Reach he found a fence built across the swamp road and knew that driving would be unsafe there. Then he turned east along the 11th concession, intending to cut across to the Seagrave road.

About half way across this stretch of road is a wide culvert covered with loose poles and the team started to cross it. They got across themselves, but when the hind wheels of the wagon struck the poles they rolled up, and the wagon dropped back through the culvert.

This threw the horses off their feet and one of them dropped off the side of the culvert into the water. He was alone, but managed to climb out on to the pole of the wagon and release the horse in the water.

He waded into the creek up to his waist and for an hour worked to rescue the horse, but the animal had fallen in such a position that every time it struggled it forced itself, farther out into the stream. Finally the horse in the water was drowned.

Mr. Cook started for home, which was close to five miles between Port Perry, walking the whole distance dripping wet, and leading his remaining horse behind him. This long tedious walk doubtless saved him from a severe illness, as he was thoroughly chilled through after his long stay in the water. It was nearly midnight before he got home.

Next day a party took a boat back and managed to get the wagon and horse out of the water after considerable hard work.



Dr. W.A. Sangster

Dr. W. A. Sangster, who has practiced dentistry here for 18 years, has entered into a partnership in Toronto and will be leaving town.

February 1913

Bell extends telephone to Blackwater

Port Perry Star: April 21, 1913

The Bell Telephone Co. have extended their Port Perry exchange to include Blackwater Junction.

This bit of information may not seem much to some people; but it has meant a lot of work for Mr. E.D. Wallace, the local manager who is all alive to the interests of Port Perry. This continuous extension of the free service of the Bell Phones has been of great help to our people.

Fourteen months ago there were 218 phones on this exchange - now there are 411, and there is every prospect that the list will reach the 500 mark. Since Mr. Wallace came to town, Yelverton, Lotus, Saintfield and Blackwater, have been put on the free list.

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January 1913

Hot elections for council in both Port Perry and Reach. Mr. George Gerrow was returned as Reeve for Port Perry, and his council consisted of Jas. Lucas, H. Carmichael, Jas. Forman, S. Graham.

Reach elected Mr. Ralph McIntyre as reeve. Mr. J.T. Dobson was elected Deputy Reeve by acclamation.

In Scugog Mr. J.W. Crosier declined a nomination for reeve and J.T. Sweetman was elected. Council members were all elected by acclamation.

Thomas Corrin offers for sale his cartage business, horse, rigs etc., and also his large double frame house.. Work to improve the driveway to Seven Mile Island got underway with residents of the Scugog Island helping out.

Mr. Edwin Hartry has rented his market garden to Mr. Wm. Ettey, who came from Yorkshire, Eng. Mr. Hartry joins the Bell Telephone.

Bylaw to prevent cows running loose on the streets was well supported with 209 voting in favor of the cow on the street and only 93 opposed.

February 1913

A deputation from the village council asked County Council to assume the roadway around Ham's Hill and to make a \$300 grant for gravel.

Reeve Gerrow and Mr. W.H. Harris were in Toronto at a special meeting to look into the proposed radial railway and power line proposal which would link Toronto, Uxbridge and Port Perry.

Dr. W. A. Sangster, who has practiced dentistry here for 18 years, has entered into a partnership in Toronto and will be leaving town.

March 1913

Work has begun on the interior finishing of the post office.

A special meeting was called by the directors of the Agricultural Society to consider erecting buildings for the Agricultural Fair.

Dr. C.W. Moon of Seagrave has sold his veterinary business to Dr. Ernest Woolridge.

Occupants narrowly escape as Seagrave station destroyed by fire

Port Perry Star: April 9, 1913

Some time after midnight Mr. and Mrs. James L. Crooks woke up to find their room, in the Seagrave station, full of smoke. In fact Mrs. Crooks was choking with it.

They soon discovered that the station was on fire, and that if they were going to get out with their lives they would have to move quickly. So they hastily picked up a few articles of clothing and dressed themselves as best they could.

In the meantime they could hear the fire crackling around them. It is not likely that Mr. Crooks could tell today just how he and his wife got out of that burning building, for he has to go on crutches, and his wife in her half smothered condition would need assistance.

It was a narrow escape, for the building was burned right to the ground, and so far as we can learn nothing was saved.

About midnight a freight train had come through

from Lindsay, and it is thought that some sparks from the engine had lodged on the roof of the station and set fire to it. When the alarm was given, and some men appeared on the scene it was easily apparent that the station could not be saved, but it was discovered that the warehouse nearby was on fire.

There were some milk cans on the platform and some men took these and filled them with water, while others climbed on the roof to pour the water on to the fire. In a short time it was put out, and but little damage was done to the building because of the excellent service of this volunteer fire brigade.

Mr. Crooks became station master at Seagrave on April 1st 1878, a little more than thirty-five years ago. His friends will be sorry to hear of his loss, which included an artificial limb valued at \$100. Fortunately there was \$500. Insurance on Mr. Crooks' share of the contents of the building.



Railway station manager, James L. Crooks, is seen here (on crutches) at the Seagrave Station, circa 1910.

Fire levels Wm. Mills planing factory on Port Perry's lakefront

Port Perry Star: June 25, 1913

At noon on Wednesday of last week Mr. Wm. Mills had the misfortune to lose his planing factory by fire. He had been working in the building and had not left for dinner when he heard the roar of flames overhead.

Some sparks had fallen from the smokestack to the roof and set fire to the upper story which was full of flammable material. Almost before anybody could realize what had happened the whole roof and upper story were an immense bonfire.

There was no insurance on the building or contents and everything was done to save the tools and machinery.

When it was evident that the building could not be saved Mr. Mills set the engine going with the force pump working for all it was worth. In a few minutes the tank was overflowing and kept the

engine drenched all the time until the worst of the fire was over.

Because the fly wheel was kept running the heavy axles remained true instead of sagging as they would have done had the engine been idle during all that heat. Some little fixtures were burnt out; but the cost of repair will be comparatively small.

The fire brigade did excellent work in saving the adjoining houses, although in spite of all they could do, some slight blazes were started and at one time things looked serious enough.

Mr. Mills loss will be about two thousand dollars which includes the cost of the building and an excellent kit of tools. He will build in the near future. At time of going to press Mr. Mills expects that his new factory will be built on the site of the Vickery factory opposite Swan's carriage shop.

Famous Scugog Island Indian guide, "Jim" Johnson dies on reservation

Port Perry Star: April 9, 1913

Death has visited the Indian Reserve and claimed possibly the tallest Indian of the band. James Johnson was a very tall, muscular and healthy looking man, and was of a quiet and genial manner.

The following article was published in the *Toronto Telegram* on April 16, 1913:

"Jim" Johnson is dead on the Scugog reservation. Hundreds of Torontonians knew "Jim" as the greatest Indian guide of the whole Iroquois Valley. For years he has guided hunters and fishermen all over the thousand lakes and rivers down there.

He knew the Scugog, Balsam, Rice and Sturgeon lakes and he also knew where the best fish were in the summer and where the best ducks were in the fall.

From his home on the reservation he would paddle to Port Perry to get his parties on one occasion, and at another time would come up the Scugog River to Lindsay to take a large number in a row boat or launch for miles to the sporting grounds of the wonderful district.

"Jim" was an immense big Indian, a giant among men. Standing six feet five, he was built in proportion, was as strong as a horse and exceedingly popular.

He knew no fear and no matter what the sea in the Scugog was, nor whether it was a big boat or his fast canoe he could always bring his parties back dry and fast. He never lost a soul nor did he ever have a serious upset. He was a master canoeist.

Andrew Gluck of the American Watch Case Company has made the Iroquois Lakes his annual fishing trip and each July, for years, he with other friends have gone to Port Perry to be met there by "Jim."

"He was a prince," Mr. Gluck told The Telegram. "You could trust him with anything. As chief guide he was a wonder with the paddle and an oars-man which could not be beaten for strength and skill. If we struck a storm "Jim" would just work a little harder, but we always came out fine. His knowledge of the haunts of fish and game was little short of marvellous and I was sorry to hear of his death as I saw him Good Friday."

"Jim" was in line for chief of the tribe on Scugog, but he always told his white friends - "No want to settle scraps. I go home. I go fish. Have more good time."

He was at Port Perry on Good Friday after provisions and walked to the reservation seven miles away, Friday afternoon down the ice on the river. He got his feet wet and contracted pneumonia, from which he died on Wednesday, March 12th. A special made to order casket had to be brought from Toronto, and was buried in the Indian Cemetery by the natives. He was 70 years of age.

Barn and outbuildings destroyed by fire.

Port Perry Star: June 11, 1913

During the storm on Friday evening of last week, lightning struck the barn of Mr. Dugal McPhail, who lives on the second concession of Brock.

The barn was totally destroyed together with all his outbuildings. He also lost five valuable horses, one thoroughbred cow and calf, twenty two pigs and all of his fowl. Mr. McPhail narrowly escaped with his life while trying to save his animals.

All his farm machinery was destroyed, a manure spreader, binder, mower, hay loader, two steel rakes, corn cultivator; in fact, everything but a plow and harrow which were in the field.

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Mr. Arthur Carnegie, of the Carnegie Milling Company, estimates they have twelve hundred thousand feet of logs ready to cut at the mill.

Percy C. Graham has opened a Ford garage opened in James Swan's carriage shop.

April 1913

Samuel Farmer, publisher of The Port Perry Star began printing his book, *On The Shores of Scugog* in the newspaper as a weekly series.

Bell Telephone says there are 392 phones now in operation in the local branch.

The Agriculture Society have taken an option on the skating rink building. If purchased they will use material to construct buildings on Fairgrounds.

Mr. Jas. Carnegie has purchased the workshop and lot next to the bowling green from Mr. A. Campbell and intends to make a new brick dwelling on same.

F.H. Simpkins of the Canning Factory informed council it would not be in operation this season, and that they need more help in the matter of financing.

May 1913

Council decided to cut off electric power to Prince Albert subscribers during moonlight nights, due to the heavy demand and overloading of machinery in town.

The premises of W.S. Short's liquor store was broken into and robbed of a quantity of sealed liquors, prompting calls for hiring a night watchman in town.

June 1913

Wm. Mills planning factory was destroyed by fire. He intends to build a new factory on the site of the Vickery factory.

It is expected the new post office will be ready for occupation by the beginning of September.

July 1913

The paddle steamer Esturion, from Peterborough, made its first excursion from Lindsay along the muddy, weedy Scugog River to Port Perry and received a grand reception at the Port.



The steamer Esturion with a large group of excursionists setting out for a day on the lake, circa 1912.

Excursion steamer Esturion navigates Scugog River to Port Perry

Lindsay Watchman-Warder: July 16, 1913

History states that Samuel De Champlain navigated the waters of the Scugog in or about the year 1610 A. D., and made many discoveries but Canadian history may later on make mention of Pilot Nicholas Brady navigating the same body of water on July 2nd, 1913, on the steamer Esturion.

How Pilot Brady became a passenger was from the fact that he knows every inch of water between Lindsay and Port Perry and was taken on board the boat at 12.30 p.m. at the Lindsay locks.

The pilot stated last week that the river is full of weeds and the boat, which is a side wheeler, mixed the mud and vegetable matter into a fluid which looked like a thin solution of cement. Mr. Brady thinks the Government would confer a favour on yacht owners if they would bonus a boat to make occasional trips up and down the river between lake Scugog and Lindsay.

The boat never met with a mishap on the trip,

but had some inconvenience at a bend in the river near the "devil's elbow".

On arriving at Port Perry the voyagers were given a grand reception equal to, if not surpassing, the reception to the Woodman on its arrival in Lindsay from Port Perry about the year 1857.

Flags and bunting were in evidence at the Port and the whole town filled with people from the surrounding country evinced a holiday demeanour.

On the return trip Pilot Brady was compelled to take the wheel when the shades of night gathered and he brought his Baptist church friends safe and sound to Lindsay's wharf at 12.30 o'clock midnight.

Mr. Brady states that the scenery up the river is most attractive. Washburn's Island is fast becoming a resort for tourists. Caesarea is also a delightful spot for a short outing, with desirable spots with cooling shades which lend beauty to the southern portion of the Scugog.



Accidents on the Whitby, Port Perry railway system were not uncommon.

Railway accident near Manchester Station.

Port Perry Star: July 16, 1913

Thursday evening of last week the 7:30 train met with what might have been a very serious accident.

As it was approaching Manchester Station, something went wrong with one of the cars, tearing up the track for several rods and derailing four cars and one tender. One of these cars was completely upset.

The passengers were taken to Port Perry on the front engine.



Photos top and bottom of page, show activities on Queen St., during the Orangemen's parade, circa 1910.

Twelvelth of July celebrations

Port Perry Star: July 16, 1913

It seems to be a hard job, to regulate the weather to suit everybody. It certainly did not please the Loyal Orangemen last Saturday morning, for the rain came down in torrents, and there is no doubt that a great many more local people would have been present had the day been fine.

After dinner the storm cleared off, and the procession was formed. It made a good showing as it marched through the streets of the town. They were headed by an excellent band from Whitby, and Oshawa provided a good fife and drum hand. The parade had about 700 members in it.

The following Lodges were represented in the procession: Coboconk, Blackstock, Lotus; Enniskillen, Kirkfield, two lodges from Oshawa, and a Loyal True Blue from the same place, Utica, Purple Hill, Devitt's No. 43, Cartwright, and King Edward Lodge, No. 223, Port Perry.

Efforts undertaken to have Scugog restocked with fish

Port Perry Star: July 30, 1913

The Conservative Association of this riding have undertaken the task of having Lake Scugog restocked with fish and of bettering water conditions. We trust that they will meet with every success in their efforts.

It is too bad that the Lake has been neglected as it has for many years. The work will require persistence and united effort. There are enough good men in that group to get what they want if they go after it with determination.

The lake is being badly neglected and fishing in all the Kawatha Lakes must suffer if Scugog, the spawning and bleeding ground of the Kawartha's is neglected.

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A pole line has been erected the Home Telephone Company from Port Perry to Greenbank, which will connect 50 or 60 independent telephones with Port Perry.

August 1913

Rev. John Harris was honoured on the occasion of his 50 year jubilee in connection with the ministry of the Methodist Church.

Extremely low water grounded the Esturion at the mouth of the Scugog River and an excursion planned for Lindsay had to be cancelled.

September 1913

Port Perry Fair hired the services of Chas. K. Hamilton to entertain with a flight in his airplane over the grounds during the fair, but due to late arrival of the plane, he was not able to fly.

October 1913

Post office to be moved from its present premises into the Armouries, at the rear of the new post office, until the building is completed. The clock for the tower has been shipped from Liverpool, England.

Sgt. Instructor Trainer, R.C.R. has arrived to take charge of the School of Infantry Training.

Samuel Graham becomes the first caretaker of the new Port Perry post office building.

November 1913

The laying of the corner stone of the new Armouries building in Blackstock village took place. Mr. J. H. Devitt with a silver trowel "well and truly laid" the corner stone.

About 30 men are cutting timber in the Christie bush north of Manchester for the Carnegie Milling Co. An estimated two million feet has been cut and ready for skidding as soon as the snow flies.

December 1913

Jas. Leask & Sons have for the fourth time carried off the Grand Championship honors for the best steer at the Toronto Fat Stock Show.

Joseph Bigelow processed 10,000 bushels of apples at his Evaporator this season. They were shipped to the T. Eaton Co, Winnipeg and valued at \$3,500.

Esturion has an excursion in the mud

Port Perry Star: August 27, 1913

The fact that navigation has been impeded by the lack of water in Scugog Lake was brought to our attention in a very decided manner on Friday of last week.

An excursion planned from Port Perry to Lindsay by the Steamer Esturion last Friday was delayed by big rains, but as there was a prospect of fair weather when the time to start came, the boat left the dock and started northward on its journey.

We got along splendidly until we reached the bogs at the north end of Scugog Island. Then they had to crawl along as best they might and it was a pretty slow pace, but we got through safe and sound until we reached the mouth of the Scugog River.

We had not gone very far before we stuck fast almost between two buoys so that the boat was not out of the channel. For about fifteen minutes the engines worked to go ahead but they could not move the boat an inch. So we rested there and had refreshments and enjoyed the scenery.

That was one of the times when the rain let up a bit. The next move was to get off the bank and this was accomplished by getting the people all to go to the back end of the boat, reversing the engines and backing off. After this was done we headed for Washburn's Island and tried to get in there but could not land.

Finally we managed to get in at Seven Mile Island where we were hospitably received by Mr. Sintzell and his family. Here a very pleasant couple of hours were spent for the sun came out and warmed everybody up.

About 6.30 p.m. we headed for home and managed to reach Port Perry in one of the worst rain storms of the year.

It is time the condition of the Scugog receive proper attention. That a dredge could do good service if it was employed for a week at the mouth of the Scugog and at the north end of Scugog Island.

It seems unwise and unfair that the communities of Port Perry and Lindsay should be robbed of the benefit of the beautiful stretch of water that lies right at their door. Not only are they robbed from a pleasure point of view, but in the matter of freight.

Considerable building material is carried back and forth on the lake even now and there is no doubt that the traffic could be increased if the lake were made properly navigable.



The old Post Office, located on the northwest corner of Queen and John Streets, in downtown Port Perry, circa 1900.

Farmers want bridge built across Scugog

Lindsay Watchaman Warder: November 5, 1913

Settlers living contiguous to the Scugog River, on the east and west shores, are still clamouring for the erection of a bridge at a point opposite or adjacent to Janetville station or another suitable point.

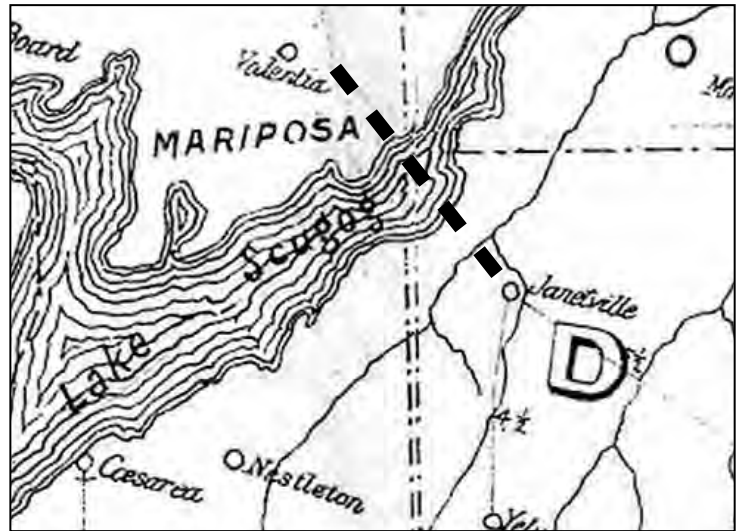
The building of such would form closer relations between the farmers of four townships who reside on either banks of the river. The parties who are interested claim that a roundabout trip is required for social enjoyment between each other, and from a business standpoint, in the shipment of cattle and other products of their farms, it would be an untold convenience when occasion requires them to ship such products via C. P. R. from Janetville station to Toronto and other markets.

Objections have been raised against the building of the structure by parties farther south, who express the opinion that the approaches to the bridge, which would consist of filling, would darn back the water and flood certain lands above high water mark.

But this objection seems to have changed of late, and Port Perry residents would now favour the raising of the Scugog waters and keep the lake at an even depth all the year round.

This being the case, the greatest objection is partly removed, and there is no reason why in the near future that a good substantial structure will not be placed across the river at a point agreeable to all, and give such transportation required for the convenience of the settlers of the four townships.

The raising of the waters will add fresh impetus to the fishing in Scugog lake and river, as the water becomes slightly contaminated from decaying vegetable matter parts of the year.



Map shows the approximate location of a proposed bridge across Scugog.



Janetville and View Lake railway station.

Thief sells horse and wagon in Port Perry

Port Perry Star: November 5, 1913

A few days ago a man drove from Hamilton to Port Perry, with a team and heavy wagon. Upon his arrival here, he attempted to sell the outfit but without success.

Someone told the man that an auction sale was going to be held in Port Perry and suggested that he put the horses and wagon up for sale by public auction. The course was adopted, and outfit sold at a remarkably low figure of \$110. The buy re-sold make \$20 on his bargain.

A few days later word was received by the constables of the town giving description of the property, which it was realized was stolen, and directing that it be seized and held pending the arrival of the owner.

A lesson should be learned that it is unsafe by buy horses from strangers, especially at ridiculously low figures.

Open air rink on bowling green

Port Perry Star: November 19, 1913

Recently a number of the members of the Lawn Bowling Club were discussing the plans and means of amusement for the young people of the town, and it seemed to be the opinion of the most of them that it might be possible to so arrange matters that the bowling green could be used for the months of January and February for an open air rink. Thoughtfulness of this kind for the pleasure of skaters would help make up for the loss of the old rink. We hope the matter may be arranged as suggested.

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Port Perry's high school building requires many improvements and upgrades

Port Perry Star: January 7, 1914

The School Inspector has sent in his report on the condition of our High School, and in it he makes various recommendations that involve the expenditure of a considerable amount of money.

Some of these recommendations have been made every little while during the past thirty years. For instance, there is the installation of a proper closet system, including septic tanks or sewers. Everybody will admit the desirability of such a system; but because of the large amount of money required to do this work, properly, it has never been done.

Then there is a demand for new hardwood floors. This is simply a matter the building in a proper state of repair, and will likely receive attention from the Board of Education.

Next comes a recommendation for the erection of a new wing, or an additional school, building. The idea of this building would be to have a separate structure each for the High and Public School, as at present the first form in the High School is over-crowded.

Failure to comply with these recommendations, means a lower grading of the school and a smaller Government grant; but it would appear to be time to investigate the actual net value of Government grants, if the cash outlay is to be so large.

It is quite possible that the present overcrowded condition of the school may be only temporary; although it may be said (without any attempt at flattery) that the efficiency of the High School teaching staff will guarantee the continued popularity of the school.

At present the only test of success in a school is the standing attained by the pupils in examinations. In this respect Port Perry High School stands well to the front in Ontario Province. Never have we had better standing.

Minister narrowly escapes death

Port Perry Star: January 24, 1914

Rev. Thomas Bates had an extremely narrow escape from death on Monday of last week. As the readers will doubtless remember the morning was bitterly cold.

Mr. Bates put on his fire and went out to shovel the paths. When he came in he sat down on a chair near the stove to rest, after placing his mittens in the oven to dry.

Presently fearing the mittens might burn he walked toward the stove to remove them. He had barley left his seat when a terrific explosion occurred and the chair on which he had been sitting was smashed to splinters and a panel of the door out. The water front on the stove had burst because the water in the pipes was frozen and there was no outlet for the expanding steam.

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January 1914

Port Perry Council - Reeve Geo. Gerrow, councillors Jas. Forman, Jas. Lucas, A.J. Carnegie, F.W. McIntyre. Reach Reeve Ralph McIntyre. Scugog Reeve Mr. Wm. Jackson.

The School Inspector's report on the local High School has recommended the installation of proper water closets, replacement of hardwood floors and consideration to a new wing or additional school building.

Graham's Garage was advertising the Model T Ford touring car for \$650.

The new post office was opened for business on Friday, January 2, 1914.

Mr. Percy Graham purchased Mr. Switzers former building and will make it into an up-to-date garage.

Mr. Isaac Rodman, of Scugog Island, was the first to cross the lake on the ice with a team of horses, the bridge being so bad it is unpleasant to travel.

February 1914

A Retail Merchants' Association was formed in Port Perry with F.W. McIntyre as president. Other committee members are W.G. Monet, Aylmer Cawker, James Lucas and A.J. Carnegie.

Usual procedure for handling fire alarms: The person who notices a fire runs to the Town Hall, breaks the glass in the door and pulls the rope to ring the bell. Firemen and citizens from all parts of town, change and rush to fire dragging the reels unless a horse can be found.

W.S. Short defeated E.H. Purdy for the position of chairman of the Board of Education.

Pressure by the township resulted in a letter from the government agreeing to keep Lake Scugog waters at a proper level; to construct a fishway at Lindsay and to restock the lake with bass fry.

Reports of thirty-five below zero temperature and earthquakes. Not severe.

March 1914

Council approve application for a Carnegie Library grant to build a free Public Library. Sum for purchase of site

Blacksmith shop moves to Allin's shop

Port Perry Star: January 24, 1914

As will be seen by his advertisement Mr. Cyrus Switzer will move into Albert Allin's Blacksmith Shop, on Perry Street, next Monday. He has had a good year and wishes to thank his customers for their patronage, which he trusts will be continued at the new stand.

This move will vacate the blacksmith shop now occupied by Mr. Switzer, and Mr. Percy Graham, who has purchased the building, will at once make preparations to convert it into an up-to-date garage. We understand that Mr. Graham intends to thoroughly renovate the building.



Albert W. Allin's Carriage Shop, Perry St., location of present Scugog Township office.

Graham's Garage receives two carloads of Ford automobiles

Port Perry Star: April 1, 1914

On Saturday last Graham's Garage got in two carloads of Ford Automobiles. Among the gentlemen who are buying these cars are Messrs. W.G. Monet, Port Perry; Alfred Henry, Cartwright, and John Miller, Ashburn.

According to a contract, Graham's Garage must take a specified number of cars from the Ford Company per month. On the other hand they are limited to a specified number of cars. Persons who are desirous of procuring a Ford automobile would do well to apply well ahead of time of delivery.

Businessmen form Merchant's Association

Port Perry Star: February 4, 1914

A Retail Merchants Association has been formed in Port Perry, with the following officers – President F.W. McIntyre; 1st Vice Pres. W. G Monet; 2nd Vice Pres. Aylmer Cawker Secretary James Lucas; Treasurer A.J. Carnegie.

The objects of the Association, are the study of the interests of retail merchants with a view to – First, preventing legislation which shall affect them injuriously. Second, securing a fair taxation on all parties doing business in the town, whether resident or non-resident. Third, strengthening the position of the retail merchant in the collection of slow and bad accounts.

Messrs. Cameron and Marlow, officers of the Association for Canada, were present to put forward the claims and advantages of the institution, and the result was the formation of a local branch.

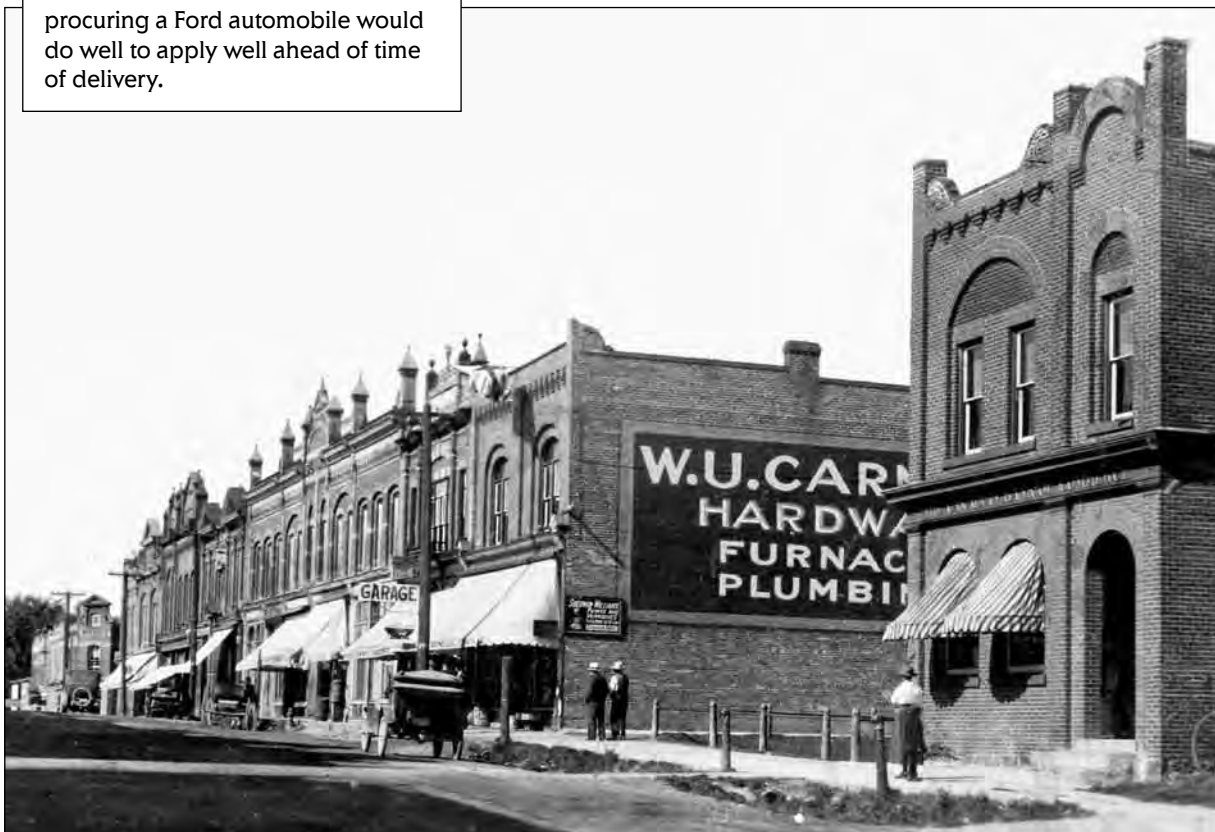


Photo looking west on Queen Street, from in front of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, right, circa 1914.



Percy Graham, owner of Graham's Garage, early 1900s.

Fire Department requires better system for fire alarms

Port Perry Star: February 11, 1914

Our attention has been called to the fact, by Mr. Wallace of the Bell Telephone Co. that there exists in our town no systematic rules for handling fire alarms.

The usual procedure is for the person who notices a fire, to run to the Town Hall, break the glass in the door and pull the rope.

The firemen and citizens run from all parts of the town, change into fireman's uniforms, and rush to the fire, dragging the reels unless a horse can be found, which can be pressed into service.

This arrangement has been handed down from a time when telephones were unknown, but with telephones scattered through out the town we believe a better, quicker and more systematic arrangement could be made.

Mr. Wallace, who has been affiliated with volunteer fire brigades in Belleville and Port Hope, has suggested that an arrangement similar to that which exists in these two places be put into effect here.

That is that the public be advised to give all alarms to central. That central be instructed by the council whom to call. That some person be responsible for the ringing of the bell.

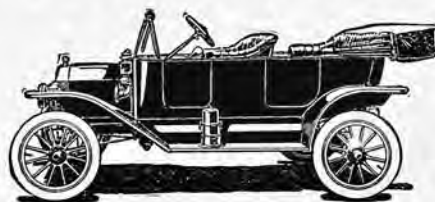
Failing this, an electric alarm should be installed which could be sounded by the Bell Telephone operator. Mr. Wallace has promised the cooperation of the company should the council so, desire.

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Extreme cold weather with temperatures to 35 degrees below zero cause earthquakes

Port Perry Star: February 18, 1914

We are having a strenuous winter.

With the thermometer going down 35 degrees below zero, and actual earthquakes, even the most sensation loving people ought to be satisfied. For ourselves we could manage to get along without either of these uncomfortable conditions.

We never heard of an earthquake doing any good. Only one man we know of likes this bitterly cold weather - we leave you to guess his business. It is time some of our local vocalists began to sing "Spring is co-o-o-o-o-o-ming" so that we may not grow discouraged.

It is to be hoped that our distant readers may not doubt the veracity of his paper when we couple 35 below with earthquakes. Several reputable persons are prepared to give evidence as to the presence of both the earthquake and the cold.

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not to exceed \$500 and annual grant not to exceed \$1,000.

April 1914

Mechanics are busy installing the Post Office Clock. Samuel Graham becomes the first caretaker of the new Port Perry post office building

The local Bell Telephone office was granted \$6,500 for telephone extension in the district.

W.H. Letcher has sold furniture and undertaking business to his son Merlin Letcher.

May 1914

A deputation of citizens appeared before council asking enforcement of Provincial law which prohibits children (under 16 years) from loitering in public places after 9 o'clock in the evening.

The post office clock began to strike, but it is far too quiet and gentle about telling the hours and can not be heard all over town.

Principal T.H. Follick reports Port Perry High School shows 98 students on the roll and the Public School has 188 students.

June 1914

George Nesbitt narrowly escaped death when his horse and wagon were hit by a train at the CPR crossing on the Raglan Road.

Reeve Ralph McIntyre of Reach disposed of 50 acres of his Chalk Lake property to Count Rochereau, who plans to convert it into a summer resort.

A severe storm dropped hailstones as large as hen's eggs on the area. Mr. James Leask lost 158 panes of glass in his house.

Mr. W.J. Quinn has bought the Jessop block and will remodel it for a moving picture show and vaudeville performances.

Merchants decide to make Wednesday afternoons a half-day holiday in Port Perry during July and August.

Work on a new wharf at the lakefront in Port Perry got underway with a \$4000 grant from the Government. The wharf will extend easterly into the lake .

Washington Crandell dies from exhaustion following fire which damages his home

Port Perry Star: February 11, 1914

Fire broke out in the house occupied by Washington Crandell on Friday morning of last week and the structure was badly damaged. For some time Washington has lived alone, and although his sisters made liberal provision for him, he did not care for himself as he should and suffered accordingly.

Nobody knows how the fire was started but it is suspected that in building a fire in his stove, some sparks fell in the litter on the floor. When the people began to arrive Washington had exhausted himself by his efforts to put out the fire alone, and he had to be carried out of the house where he was lying in a semi-stupor.

No other refuge being available he was taken to the town hall and given every care possible. While he was in a weak physical condition it was not thought it would end fatally. But on Saturday morning he suddenly collapsed and in a few minutes was dead.

Washington Crandell was a notable figure in Port Perry 20 years ago; but of late years he had fallen on hard times.

Scugog Game Preserve Co. ask to purchase unopened roadways.

Port Perry Star: March 11, 1914

Reach Council met at Manchester on Monday the 9th, at 11 a.m.

Mr. William H. Harris appeared before the council on behalf of the Scugog Game Preserve Co., and asked the council to consider the proposition of selling the unopened roadways through the marsh viz. the east end of the road allowance between the 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 concessions.

He said the Game Preserve Co. were anxious to secure same so as to develop their preserve, and said that they were willing to pay the sum of \$500 for same and in case they should ever be required for a roadway to revert back to the municipality without any compensation whatever.

The clerk was instructed to advertise as required by law, that the Council at its next sitting intend to consider the advisability of passing a by-law to sell the said road allowances.



Movie theatre opened in Jessop block, left, in 1914.

Proposal to extend C.P.R. line from Myrtle to Port Perry

Port Perry Star: April 8, 1914

A suggestion has been made by Mr. Joseph Bigelow which, if it could be carried into effect, would be of material benefit to Port Perry. Briefly it is this – to have the C.P. Railway build a stub line from Myrtle to Port Perry.

The distance covered by such a line would be five miles, and as the charter held by the C.P.R. permits them to extend their lines for six miles in any direction, it would not be necessary to apply to Parliament for a new charter.

On the proposed route for the extension the grade is very easy, there being only one cut necessary. Both Mr. Bigelow, and land surveyor W.E. Yarnold have been over the route and believe it presents very few if any engineering difficulties.

The right of way of such a road would not be costly, as the whole amount of the land to be used would not exceed forty acres. This at \$100 per acre would be \$4,000. Construction would cost about \$15,000 per mile, using 66 pound rails, and with the erection of a suitable station might bring the total cost of the station to \$100,900.

This is not a large investment for a concern like the C.P.R., and in view of the

country which the extension would permit them to tap, it, would appear that the investment would be a wise one. Not only would they secure business for the local line, but would bring trade for long distance haulage and transcontinental transportation.

This is a rich section of country and is going to increase in material wealth as soon as transportation makes it desirable to have the land better populated and more thoroughly cultivated. Intensive farming will pay as soon as rapid communication is established between consumer and producer.

If the Council would have Mr. Yarnold prepare a survey of this route and submit it to the C.P.R., together with a memorial setting forth the advantages of such extension, it is quite likely, that the Company would give the project favourable consideration.



Railway station at Myrtle Station, south of Port Perry.



Port Perry Star office, on Queen Street, circa 1914.

Man lost on Lake Scugog makes it safely to shore

Port Perry Star: April 1, 1914

A young Englishman who is working for Stanley Bowen on Washburn's Island had a most unpleasant and dangerous experience on Saturday night last.

Early in the evening he went across the ice to the store at Caesarea to buy some tobacco. He did not stay in the village more than 15 minutes and then struck out on to the lake for home.

In some way he took a wrong turn and headed for Scugog Island instead of Washburn's Island. When near the shore he started to shout and roused the farmers who went down to the lake with lanterns but somehow failed to locate the man. They went back home and telephoned to Caesarea to find out if they knew anything there about a man on the ice.

Mr. Fred Harran told them what was known; but it was so dark and the lake was so unsafe that they could do nothing until daylight. In the morning another party went out and managed to find his tracks, which were headed for Scugog Island, but he had evidently been turned about upon coming to a wide crack in the ice. This crack he had followed and it took him safely home.

Residents protest sale of unopened road allowances

Port Perry Star: April 22, 1914

Council met in the township hall, Manchester on Monday, April 13th. The reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Messrs. Turner and Hartry appeared before the council with a document signed by 49 persons as a protest against the sale of the unopened road allowances between the 3rd and 4th and 4th and 5th concessions, to the Scugog. Game Preserve Co.

Mr. Elijah Beare also protested against the sale of same, while Mr. W.H. Harris appeared on behalf of the Game Preserve Co., with legal opinions showing that the said Game Preserve Co. have legal rights to prohibit poaching on the unopened road allowances opposite their property, and they were therefore of no value whatever to any other person.

The council decided to lay the matter over for further consideration until next meeting. The Reeve and Clerk were appointed

Exit the bellringer

Port Perry Star: April 29, 1914

Year after year the town constable has climbed the hill to ring the bell at the town hall. Four times a day he has rung its notes to rouse the sleeping schoolboy, and call the labourer to his task; to spread the news that dinner time had come; to tell us that "noon spell" was over.

And now the bellringer's task will end. A machine will do the work. No more will the "chief" have to cut short his morning ablutions and leave rasher of bacon untouched because time wears on.

No more will he be cursed by the hungry man whose "inward workings" did not tally with those of the chief's watch. Soon we shall have to blame it all on to the clock, for the belfry is being erected, and slowly and surely the chief is being robbed of this his distinctive job.



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July 1914

The town bell will be rung at 9 p.m. warning all children under 16 years to be off the streets by the time the bell ceases ringing.

Mr. T.H. Follick, principal of Port Perry High School is leaving town to take charge of the High School in Athens, Ont. near Brockville.

Mr. A.E. Garbutt, principal of Port Perry Public School has resigned and taken a position in Fort William.

Bell Telephone are erecting 70 more miles of wire and the Port Perry Exchange will have 600 subscribers when completed.

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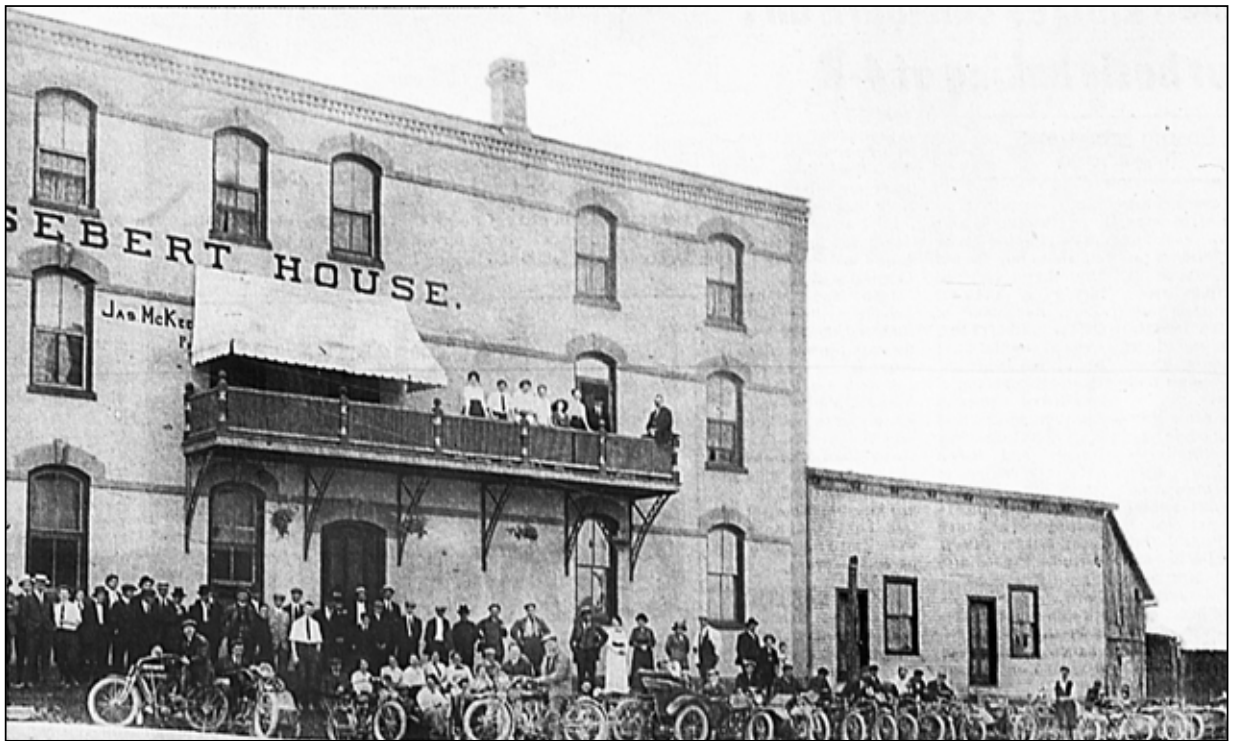
Mr. J. A. Hamilton has been engaged as principal of Port Perry High School and Mr. T.W. McLean as Public School principal.

Dr. Herbert Bruce was elected as vice-president of the Congress of Clinical Surgeons.

Indications are the 'auto' has come to stay. For a time the people of the rural areas opposed the horseless carriages, but now are major purchasers. The Ford is the popular car here, being the only one sold for the past two seasons.

Local men begin enlisting for military service overseas.

Philip Polito, fruit dealer, opens in Diesfeld Block.



A large group of cyclists arrive in Port Perry and have their picture taken beside the Sebert Hotel, 1914.

Early pioneer of Borelia passes away

Port Perry Star: May 20, 1914

There passed away at his residence in Borelia on Saturday, May 16th, Mr. William J. Nott, aged 87 years.



William J. Nott

Deceased came to Prince Albert along with his parents from Cornwall, England, in November, 1842. From 1842 to 1845 William Nott, the father of John, William and James, together cleared up the first 25 acres of bush where now stand the houses of Mrs. George Walling and John McKee.

After that they took up farming on the 7th Concession of Reach for some years. Deceased and John Nott assisted in raising the third building put up in Port Perry in the year 1843.

Reach reeve Ralph McIntyre sells his Chalk Lake property for summer resort

Port Perry Star: May 27, 1914



Ralph McIntyre

Reach's energetic and popular reeve, Mr. Ralph McIntyre, has disposed of 50 acres of the north end of lot 2, concession 1, which includes a large portion of Chalk Lake, to Count Rochereau, a wealthy Torontonion, for which he received a handsome figure.

The gentleman has already erected a find bungalow on lot 2 and purposes reforesting a portion of the land and converting it into a summer resort.

Village shocked on finding body of woman

Port Perry Star: May 14, 1914

The people of the Village of Prince Albert were greatly shocked to hear that the body of a woman had been found who was thought to have been dead six weeks, or perhaps two months. The body was that of Mrs. Robt. Armstrong, widow of the late Robt. Armstrong, ex-soldier and pensioner.

Mrs. Armstrong had been living alone, and did not encourage callers. On more than one occasion Mrs. Armstrong has been known to refuse to admit those who knocked at her door, and at times she would be absent from home without informing the neighbours as to her whereabouts. So it was most natural that her continued absence at this time did not cause the concern it would have caused under ordinary circumstances.

Finally, the neighbours began to talk the matter over, and it was decided to break into the house. The sight that met the eye was horrifying. Mrs. Armstrong had evidently been preparing to retire when death seized her. All that could be done was to wrap the remains in sheets and deposit them in the coffin after the proper authorities had been notified.



The annex of the Kynosha (Kenosha) House, Caesarea's finest summer hotel, circa 1915.

Demand for more sidewalks to be put forward to public

Port Perry Star: June 10, 1914

A special meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday evening with all members present.

A By-Law was passed forbidding children under sixteen from loitering on the street after the hour of nine p.m. Mr. Arthur Thompson was appointed special constable to enforce the provisions of the By-Law, which goes into effect immediately.

The big problem with which the Council had to wrestle was – how to build two thousand dollar's worth of sidewalks with only one thousand dollars or less available for the purpose. It has become the settled policy of the Council to quit drawing on next year's

funds for this year's improvements.

Even now with the larger assessment, there will be no surplus. If the ratepayers want sidewalks and permanent roadways some means will have to be devised to raise the necessary money.

With this idea in view, the Council will clean up the deficit, do such work on sidewalks and streets as the funds will permit, and then prepare a By-Law to be submitted to the ratepayers, to raise money by debentures for the permanent improvement of the streets.

Then the people will decide the matter for themselves.

Port Perry's new band gives first open air concert

Port Perry Star: May 27, 1914

The Port Perry band gave its first open air concert of the season on Friday night last. Many citizens who listened to the music were surprised at the progress made by this young organization. It speaks great praise nor the untiring efforts of the band-master, Mr. John Roach.



John Roach

Too much praise cannot be given Mr. Roach when one considers that until two or three months ago most of the boys had not had an instrument to then lips.

The thanks of our citizens are also due to the gentlemen who organized the band. We refer to Mr. Percy Graham, who was able to overcome the difficulties by his fact and perseverance. It is to be hoped that the council and citizens will back up the boys with both financial and moral support.

Moving picture show in Jessop block

Port Perry Star: June 3, 1914

Mr. W.J. Quinn, of Bowmanville, has bought the Jessop block and will fit it up as a moving picture show. He will thoroughly remodel the building in accordance with the Government requirements, and expects to include vaudeville performances in his attractions as well as music every night that pictures are shown.

It is intended to open next Saturday night if possible.

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W. G. MONET

Old Boys' Reunion held in Port Perry a great success

Port Perry Star: June 10, 1914

Some months ago it was decided to hold an Old Boys' Reunion in Port Perry on June 3rd – the King's Birthday. Since that time the committee that had the matter in hand have had a busy time.

Among the gentlemen who did the work the following should be mentioned – Messrs. James Morrish, H.G. Hutcheson, Leslie Hall, Dr. Murray, W.S. Short, R.B. Smallman, Samuel Graham, Percy Graham, together with a number of Old Boys in Toronto.

Good work was done and many hundreds of people were present to enjoy the day's sport and the pleasure. Many persons came long distances to come

back "home" and take part in the festivities. There were three main attractions – the motorcycle races, the 48th Highlanders, and the sports.

It was the general comment that Port Perry never looked more beautiful than it did on this occasion. Residents had been at considerable pains to beautify their homes, and the streets were well decorated.

There is one form of decoration that had better be discontinued – the evergreen arch. It fills the eye and looks quite imposing, but in these days of automobiles and motorcycles it is extremely dangerous as it obstructs the view.

Work set to begin on new wharf at lakefront

Port Perry Star: June 24, 1914

Work on the new wharf at Port Perry, to be constructed on Scugog Lake at the foot of Queen Street will be commenced in a few days.

A grant of \$4,000 has already been made by the Government, to which a supplemental grant will be added. The wharf is to extend out into the lake in an easterly direction about 300 feet, and is to be built by days' work, so that this large outlay will give employment for a considerable time to a large number of men.



The new wharf at the lakefront after it was completed in 1915.



North side of Queen St., looking east towards the lake, circa 1914.

Village considers two systems for alerting firefighters of fires

Port Perry Star: July 8, 1914

A committee was appointed by Port Perry village council, to investigate the merits of installing an electric fire alarm system. There is an alternative proposal to have the firemen and the pumping station notified by telephone.

Of the two methods we prefer the latter, as we believe it would be efficient, and far less costly. The telephone is in operation 24 hours a day, and must be kept in a proper state of repair as it is in constant use. Any mechanism that is only used occasionally is liable to prove useless when most needed, as inspection and test may be forgotten. The bell at the town hall is all right for a general alarm.

Speaking of bells, Mr. Thompson has been instructed to ring the town bell at 9 p.m., warning all children under 16 years of age to be off the streets by the time the bell ceases ringing.

Automobile is here to stay for pleasure and business

Port Perry Star: August 5, 1914

The indications are that the Auto has come to stay. It is no longer looked upon as merely a source of pleasure, but rather a business necessity, combined with pleasure.

For a time the people of the rural districts opposed the horseless carriages, but now they themselves are in the majority of purchasers, as may be seen by the following list, as sold this season from Graham's Garage.

New car owners are – George A. Rose, Port Perry; W.G. Monet, Port Perry; C. M. Dean, Port Perry; Chas. Dean Sr., Port Perry; H.C. Nasmith, Port Perry; Graham's Garage, two cars, Port Perry; Alex. McDonald, Epsom; David Malcolm, Nestleton; E.C. Hooey, Nestleton; J.J. Bruce, Nestleton Station; Alf Henry, Burketon; Thos. Beare and Son; Manchester; John Miller, Ashburn; Dr. McArthur, Blackstock; Wm. McDonald, Saintfield; Dr. Henders, Saintfield; Jas. Holdershaw, Saintfield; Thos. R. Price, Myrtle; Robt. Walker, Manchester; Henry Samells, Cadmus.

The Ford seems to be the popular car in this section, and the local representative and the Ford Motor Co. are to be congratulated in the fact that no other new cars of any make have been sold in this territory, for the past two seasons.

Graham's Garage, is giving the very best service possible day and night, a full stock of all lines of repairs are kept on hand, and the special sales record, goes to show the people are behind the boys, behind the Ford.



Car driving east along Queen Street towards town, circa 1914.



Mr. Jeffrey in front of his home on Cochrane Street.

Agriculture Society to construct large building at fairgrounds

Port Perry Star: August 19, 1914

An important meeting of the Directors of the Port Perry, Reach and Scugog Agricultural Society was held on Monday evening last.

There was a great deal of business to attend to but everything was put in shape to take immediate action.

In the first place, Messrs. George Gerow and A. Williams were empowered to have erected a metal roofed building about 40 x 80 feet in dimensions, using for its construction the material taken from the old skating rink, so far as possible.

This building to be used for stabling purposes and one end will be fitted up with box stalls for race horses. The local racing associating contributing a good sum toward the erection of the building.

This addition to the Fair Ground equipment should be thoroughly appreciated by exhibitors of live stock, Although the business men of the town contributed liberally to the fund to erect this building, there is still plenty of need for money, and donations should be forwarded to Mr. Jas. McKee, or to the Secretary, Mr. H.G. Hutcheson.

Plan underway to build outdoor skating rink at rear of post office

Port Perry Star: December 2, 1914

When it was learned that the Curling Rink had been sold and was to be torn down, there was considerable disappointment among the young people of the town. The prospects for skating this winter looked poor.

Through the enterprise of Mr. Joseph Goldring, the outlook has been changed. He has obtained permission from the Post Office Department to use the park at the rear of the post office building for the purpose of conducting an open air rink. Immediate arrangements are being made for the erection of suitable waiting rooms. It is expected that the band will be in frequent attendance during the winter.

Port Perry has been in need of a good skating rink for many seasons. The old one on Lilla Street was by many considered unsafe. There was never any accident, but the building did not look safe. The curling rink was too small for pleasurable skating.

It would be a splendid thing if part of the foundation on the Weber property on Perry St. could be enclosed with metallic roofing. Perhaps this matter can be arranged.

Young lady injured parachuting from balloon during Port Perry Fair

Port Perry Star: September 30, 1914

Dorothy DeVonda, the Champion Lady Balloonist of the world was scheduled to come to the Port Perry Fair, but she did not arrive, due to an accident a week earlier.

The balloon was inflated in front of the Grandstand and rose high into the air before she cut loose from the balloon and dropped 160 feet before her parachute opened for her descent back to the ground.

Although the young woman who made the ascent was not Dorothy Devonda, it made not much difference to the crowd – as pretty girls in pink tights look pretty much alike, especially a half a mile in the air.

Yes, the balloon went way up, taking the young lady with it and she dropped back to Port Perry clinging to a parachute landing near the corner of Clark and Caleb street, incidentally knocking a board or two off C.L. Vickery's fence, getting her ankle sprained and her arm black and blue from elbow to wrist.



1914 TIMELINE

September 1914

S. Jeffery & Son have an order for 100 sets of harness to be ready in two weeks for the government.

Mr. Jas. McKee sold Sebert House hotel to Mr. H.A. Sydnie who in turn sold to Mr. Fred. Carr.

Mr. Wesley Collins has finished building his second gasoline launch and has orders for four more. Subscribers of the Port Perry Star received a large War Map free with subscription of \$1.00 per year.

October 1914

Much talk about a hydro-electric radial line to Port from Toronto. Big majority vote for hydro electric bylaw. Pile driving to start for the new wharf this week under the watchful eye of Mr. C.L. Vickery. The structure will be 210 feet long.

November 1914

Mr. L. G. Hall has bought the butcher business of W.A. Boyce.

Carpet Ball League formed among local lodges.

December 1914

Mr. Percy Graham has bought the curling rink and will take it down. The lumber is to be used for the erection of an up-to-date garage 80 feet by 30 feet.

An open air skating rink will be erected at the back of Post Office.

The old arena on Lilla St. is considered unsafe and the curling rink is too small for pleasure skating.

S. Jeffrey & Son shipped 100 sets of transport harness to the Department of Militia and Defence. The shipment weight about three tons.

A monster recruiting meeting

Port Perry Star: December 15, 1914

The Town Hall was packed on Sunday afternoon at the recruiting meeting. Many could not get into the hall, and many more had standing room only, and not much of that.

There is little doubt that hundreds were present to see and hear Charles Crosier, who was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans, and who was recently set free in an exchange of prisoners.

At that time he was known as Private Charles Crosier, but he has since been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

His wounds and the hardships he has undergone have unfitted him for active military service and he will devote his energies in future to recruiting work.

Sergeant Crosier has many friends in town who are greatly pleased to see him home again, and who at one time had given him up for lost.

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1915



Interior view of William Beatty's Harness Shop, located at 158 Queen Street, circa 1915. Mr. Beatty seen serving a customer.

1915

New Years night a success at the skating rink

Port Perry Star: January 6, 1915

New Years Night saw a good crowd at the Central Skating Rink in spite of the stormy weather. The Band gave a good account of themselves. It seemed like old times to see the boys back with their instruments, and they gave plenty of good music.

Good luck doesn't always chase a fellow, and Joe and Ab. are finding that the wind has no favourites, for it blew down their big 500 c.p. lights and smashed them without any more fuss than if they had been 16 c.p. glims.

But the management are prepared for this unfriendly visitor, and have arranged to be able to take down their lights when Mr. Wind comes around. There are three of them now, and that will make a more even distribution of light on the rink.

The Band will be on hand again on Friday night of this week. Every skater is invited to be on hand, too.

Fire discovered in Arthur J. Carnegie's house

Port Perry Star: January 6, 1915

The Fire Brigade had a brisk run on Sunday evening. The curfew had just been rung, when an alarm was sent in that Mr. A.J. Carnegie's house was on fire. The firemen were soon on the spot and found that the trouble was located in the chimney which served the furnace and an open fireplace.

The only way to get at the fire was to hack through the outside wall, and that proved to be a difficult piece of work as the house is built of plank. However, the fire was reached at last, and was soon put out.

It was extremely fortunate that the fire was discovered when it was. Had the family retired without knowing their danger the results might have been very serious. While the work of the Fire Brigade is to be commended, and the hose reel was hurried to the spot as fast as possible, it is time that some sort of sleighs be secured, to be attached to the reel for use in winter.



Arthur J. Carnegie



Beatty's Harness shop on Queen St. William A. Beatty seen to right in front of door.



New gas launches being constructed for Port Perry customers

Port Perry Star: February 24, 1915

There will be a good number of gasoline launches on the waters of Lake Scugog this next season. Four boats of this kind are in course of construction in Port Perry at the present time, and it is possible that two more may be completed before the boating season opens.

Capt. John Bowerman is building a launch 31 feet long for the Carnegie Milling Co.; J. W. Collins has three boats that he is building. One, 30 feet long, is for Mr. Silas E. VanCamp. Another, 25, feet long, is for Mr: Edward H. Purdy. A third is for Mr. H. Nasmith.

Most of the boats are being fitted with powerful engines, and will be able to attain a good speed. The boats show good workmanship and it is gratifying to know that we have men in the town who possess the mechanical required to build boats of this kind.

Patriotic Carnival being held at Port Perry's Central Skating Rink

Port Perry Star: February 24, 1915

This big event is billed for Friday, February 26 at Central Skating Rink, Port Perry. If the weather man will give good weather, everything else has been arranged to make the Carnival a great success.

The merchants of the town have generously contributed many excellent prizes. These are on exhibition in The Star Office window.

The program includes: Grand March. Costumes of Allied Nations - best lady, best gent. Character costume; lady, gent, girl, boy. Comic costume - Tramp, Clown, Tramp, Coon. Best troupe of four. Sports: Boys - Barrel Race, Keg Race. Girls - Coat Race.

Skating all the evening to the music of the band.
General Admission: Adults 25c, Children 15c. Those in Costume: Adults 15 cents, Children 10cents.

1915 TIMELINE

January 1915

Reeve - George Gerrow (accl.).
Council - Hugh Carmichael, F.W. McIntyre, J.L. Forman, Jas. Lucas.
Reach acclaimed J.T. Dobson as reeve.

A band has been hired to play at Central Skating Rink every Friday for the rest of the season.

Ice being stored for summer supply is of good quality this winter, being a full 18 inches thick and thoroughly clear throughout.

February 1915

Mr. Samuel M. Newton, former editor of the Port Perry Standard (Star), was elected mayor of Prince Rupert, B.C. for 1915. He also served as mayor in 1914 and 1912.

Mr. Hugh Lucas appointed inspector of harness for Dominion Government. Mr. Lucas goes to Berlin, Ont. where he will supervise some 350 men.

One of Port Perry's enterprising business men, Percy Graham of Graham's Garage died at 37 years of age from typhoid fever.

March 1915

OAC reports 1914 as the driest growing year on record. From harvest 1913 to harvest 1914 precipitation was 5-3/4" below normal.

Following the death of Percy Graham, the local Ford agency taken over by Wm. Graham and W.U. Carnegie.

Trent canal to be opened in spring from Trenton to Peterboro. It is currently open from Lake Simcoe to Healey Falls. Total length of the waterway is about 200 miles of which only about 20 are actual canal.

Five fish inspectors will patrol waters of Scugog, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls for six weeks to keep poachers out and make sure lakes are not depleted of fish.

Johnathon Blong, a longtime resident of Port Perry and builder of one of the leading business blocks in town (The Blong Block) after the fire of 1884, died in Toronto on March 20, 1915. He also built the commodious house now occupied by Mr. Frederick Kent at Beechcroft.

Hugh Lucas recipient of a government appointment

Port Perry Star: February 24, 1915

Mr. Hugh Lucas has received an appointment by the Dominion Government as instructor in the manufacture of harness. His duties will be to see that the harness being made for the Dominion Government is manufactured according to the specifications set forth in the contracts given.

Mr. Lucas left on Saturday for Berlin, Ontario, where he will have the supervision of the work of the work of some 350 men. We are pleased to hear of the appointment of Mr. Lucas, whose practical experience will stand him in good stead.

Nicolas Ingram sells bakery to the Savis Brothers

Port Perry Star: March 31, 1915

Mr. Nicolas Ingram has sold his bakery and confectionery business to Sarvis Brothers, of Prince Albert. The new proprietors are practical men, with many years' experience in this line of business.

In order that every attention, may be paid to the bakery and confectionery business, Sarvis Bros. have decided to sell their stock of hand painted china and toys at half price. This is a good opportunity to persons wishing this class of goods.

Be sure to place your order early for Hot Cross Buns.

Women's Patriotic Association provide goods for war effort

Port Perry Star: March 31, 1915

The Woman's Patriotic Association, of Port Perry, has now been in existence for six months, and it may of interest to the public to see an exact list of articles made and sent out by the Society during that time.

The list is as follows: Socks, 236 pairs; Wristlets, 173 Paris; Bed Socks, 3 pairs; Cholera Belts, 58; Balaclava Caps, 6; Mufflers, 51; Pyjamas 21; Surgical Shirts 103; Shirts 4; Kerchiefs 262; Bandages 63.

And also one large case of cast off clothing and quilts, and one bale of linen for Hospital use. There are several shirts ready to be sent away, and work will continue to be done as heretofore.

Edward Purdy appointed Police Magistrate

Port Perry Star: April 14, 1915

Mr. Edward H. Purdy has just received an appointment as Police Magistrate for the Village of Port Perry. It is nearly thirty years since Port Perry had a police magistrate, the previous appointee having been Henry Gordon.

This new appointment will facilitate the business of the court considerably as many cases which formerly had to be taken to Whitby for trial, may now be tried here.

Bicycles on sidewalks are a hazard

Port Perry Star: May 5, 1915

In spite of the village by-law dealing therewith and the warnings given, boys, and even men, persist in running their bicycles on the sidewalks of the village. A few days ago, one of these reckless lads who was wheeling along the sidewalk struck a little girl throwing her off the sidewalk and injuring her somewhat.

The con-stantle cannot be expected to be on the streets all the time to watch for infractions of the by-law, but if he is notified of such, he will attend to the matter.



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H.S. Osler sells off 50 acres of land on Pine Point to investment group

Port Perry Star: May 5, 1915

Mr. Henry Smith Osler, of Toronto, has lately sold fifty acres of his Pine Point property to a syndicate composed of a number of Toronto, Oshawa, and Whitby gentlemen. The purchase embraces a fine wooded area and faces Scugog lake both east and south. The object of the purchase is not known, but it is believe the property will be divided up into lots for tourist cottages.

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1915 TIMELINE

March 1915

William Brock, one of Port Perry's staunchest and most respected business men died March 24 at 72 years of age after a lengthy illness.

April 1915

A letter from a local lad, Lieut. E.D. Wallace from England says, "we are already for a German landing. We are only 45 miles from them now, but Britannia rules the waves."

S. Klebanoff of Toronto has leased a store in the Blong Block and will sell men's clothing, boots and shoes.

Advertisement: "Hear and see the singing and talking moving pictures at the Royal Theatre, Port Perry. Adults 25¢, Children 15¢."

Silas E. VanCamp is the Overland automobile dealer

May 1915

Pine Grove Cemetery company purchased the William Luke house and lots. Reuben Bond, the caretaker will move into the house.

The St. Charles Hotel license was transferred from Geo. Cole to Messrs. M. McWaters and S. Mosure.

A Patriotic Meeting was held at the Town Hall with Messrs. J. McE. Murray and H.G. Hutcheson presenting the case of the Allies in the present war.

A memorial service was held in honor of those who have given their lives in battle at the Church of Ascension.

Dr. J. Beldon Lundy has taken over the dental practice of Dr. R.L. Graham.

June 1915

Canada's top professional motorcycle speed fiends demonstrate at the grand "King's Birthday Celebration" held on June 3.

A Port Perry Citizen's Patriotic League was formed to "do its bit" for the great war now raging in Europe.

Mr. Wilmot Walker sold his prize winning Holstein cow for the remarkable sum of \$675.

Port Perry Citizens have raised over \$7,000 for the patriotic fund - \$5,000 asked.

1915 TIMELINE

Dr. W.A. Sangster appointed as dental surgeon to overseas forces.

Mr. S.E. VanCamp sold his splendid property at the north end of town to Mr. Fred. Kent.

Mr. Jas. Staley has been ordered to rigidly enforce the law.

Tax rate for 1915 has been set at 28 mills on the dollar, which includes one mill for a special war tax.

Mr. Harry Willard bought the Beasley property on Perry St. to build a factory to manufacture shells for the British.

The Port Perry Band is very busy, having seven engagements in one week.

July 1915

Port Perry businesses announce they will close each Wednesday at 12 noon for July and August.

A cloudburst caused a washout under railway tracks near Manchester Station delaying traffic for a time while repairs were made

Local men met at Port Perry's lakefront with rakes, forks and scythes to get rid of the heavy growth of weeds in the lake.

Mr. T. H. Follick was re-hired, after a years absence, as principal of Port Perry High School.

Howard White, son of Mrs. White, has received a Victoria Cross for bravery after carrying a wounded soldier to safety from the trenches under heavy fire.

Major Edgar, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie cited for bravery.

A petition was sent to Ottawa asking that provision be made at the new wharf for bathing facilities.

August 1915

Disney Bros. of Oshawa have sold their furniture and undertaking business and intend on opening a similar shop in the Blong Block, Port Perry in September.

C.L. Vickery is tearing down his old factory at the corner of Perry St. and Mary St. for a new house.

Dr. E.A. Totten will continue the dental practice of Dr. W.A. Sangster. Cartwright Township raised \$4,200 for patriotic fund.

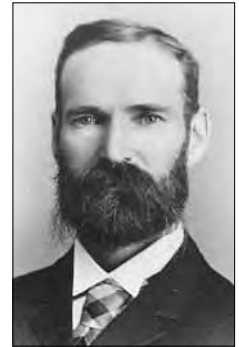
William H. McCaw retires, sells jewellery business to Whitby man

Port Perry Star: May 12, 1915

After some forty years of successful business life in Port Perry, Mr. W. Hugh McCaw has sold his jewelry and stationery business to Mr. Robertson, of Whitby. Mr. McCaw is a practical watch maker and jeweller, having learned his trade with the late John Diesfeld, at Prince Albert, and then having gone to Booston and other cities where he gained a wider experience before starting in business for himself.

In addition to conducting a successful business at home Mr. McCaw has various times bought and sold jewelry stocks in different parts of Ontario. We understand that Mr. McCaw is retaining the G.T.R. ticket agency. Port Perry people will be glad to know that Mr. McCaw and his family will remain in the town.

When the new proprietor has the business in hand, Mr. T.J. Ash will retire from active work. He has been associated with Mr. McCaw for the past thirty-two years, and is respected by all. His kindly smile and courteous manner have won him many friends. Mr. Robertson is a practical man and will do his own bench work.



William H. McCaw



William H. McCaw's store on Queen Street, circa 1910.



The residence of Hugh and Emma (Bigelow) McCaw, at the corner of John and Shanley Street.

Joseph Jessop killed when horses bolted and ran away

Port Perry Star: June 2, 1915

Joseph Jessop met with a terrible death on Saturday last at Greenbank. He had bought some seed potatoes from Mr. Wm. Real, who lives east of Greenbank, and was driving after them. On the way down the big hill the horses ran away. No one will ever really know what started them.

After the horses began to run, Mr. Jessop was apparently jerked from his seat, and fell forward (perhaps head first) being caught in the whiffletrees, the body finally falling to the ground in front of the wagon wheels when the team entered Mr. Real's yard, and was stopped there by Mrs. Real. A number of persons had heard the runaway, and were soon on hand to render such assistance as they could.

At first the body was not noticed, but when it was finally discovered it was in frightful condition. The scalp was almost torn off. The breast-bone, collar-bone, three ribs, and thigh bone were all broken. Coroner Dr. S. J. Mellow of Port Perry said no inquest was required.

Mystery surrounds drowning of young boy at lakefront dock

Port Perry Star: June 16, 1915

On Tuesday night about 10:30 o'clock, the body of Willie Sarvis, aged 7 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sarvis, Port Perry, was found in the lake right close to the front dock. The little fellow was home for supper, and then nothing more was seen of him until the body was found.

He had been in the habit of playing with the boys while the evening papers were distributed, but when he did not come home at the usual hour a search was made, with the result that the body was found.

No particulars have as yet been learned as to how the accident occurred, although careful inquiry is being made. The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Sarvis and family in their bereavement.

Cattle, horses prohibited from running on street of Port Perry

Port Perry Star: June 16, 1915

At the council meeting held on Monday night, a by-law was passed prohibiting cows and other animals from running at large within the municipality of the Village of Port Perry. The law will be rigidly enforced, and owners of cattle and other animals which have been running the streets of Port Perry, are warned that said animals will be impounded if found running at large. Mr. James Staley has been appointed poundkeeper.



View of Queen Street, looking east toward Lake Scugog, from the Lilla (Simcoe) St. corner. United Church at right, 1915.

Orange Lodge features motorcycle racing

Port Perry Star: June 16, 1915

The Third of June Celebration, put on by the local Loyal Orange Lodge, has become a permanent institution in the town. This celebration was well attended, and was very successful, especially during war time.

The management put on a good days program of attractions, and have no reason to complain of the results. The chief events were the professional motorcycle races and the baseball tournament. Morrish and his committee made good their promise to bring the best professional "gasoline jockeys" in the country to their meet, and the racing was of the hairraising variety.

Though the track was very dusty and there was one dangerous turn, no one was hurt, though the boys drove at top speed through the blinding dust.

Port Perry raises more than \$7,000 for Patriotic Fund

Port Perry Star: June 30, 1915

Port Perry has reason to be proud of their record in the organized campaign to raise funds for the Patriotic Fund. The population of the town is only 1,200, and the amount raised was over \$7000.00. an average of nearly \$6 each for every man, woman, and child in the town.

There was a fine spirit shown throughout the campaign, and many of the gifts represented a real sacrifice. While most of the citizens are comfortably situated, there are not many rich men among its people. Port Perry stands right to the front in the average of givings.

Dr. Sangster dental surgeon for overseas forces

Port Perry Star: June 30, 1915

A very sociable evening was spent at the home of the Misses. Sexton, on Friday evening last, when some of Dr. Wm. H. Sangster's friends gathered to congratulate him upon his appointment as Dental Surgeon to the Overseas Forces, with the rank of Captain.



Dr. Wm. A. Sangster

Several toasts were drunk to his health and safe return. At the conclusion of the speech making, the Doctor was presented with a very nice pipe and tobacco pouch.

Dr. W. A. Sangster left on the early train on Monday morning for Valcartier. He is the son of the late Dr. John H. Sangster. He is an ardent sportsman, a good shot, and has had military training. He will make a good officer.

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Steeple of Catholic Church struck by lightning and catches on fire

Port Perry Star: July 7, 1915

In the big electric storm on Friday of last week, the steeple of the Catholic Church was struck by lightning, and the church caught fire. It was some time before fire was discovered although it must have been burning steadily for some time before the alarm was given, for almost immediately after the fire bell was rung, the steeple was enveloped in flames.

The fire brigade did excellent service and many of the men were in dangerous positions at times owing to the fact that the fire was so high up. In spite of the torrents of rain that were falling, and in spite of the best efforts of the fire brigade, the steeple was totally destroyed and about two thousand dollars or more damage was done to the interior of the church.

The loss will be covered by the insurance on the property, which was about \$2,500.



The steeple on the Catholic Church, seen here about 1910, was damaged after being struck by lightning in July 1915.

1915 TIMELINE

September 1915

Major Sam. Sharpe, M.P. presided over a recruiting meeting on Queen St. in front of the post office. Only Harvey Smith of High Point responded to the call.

James Stonehouse bought a new Chevrolet motor car from M.T. Beare, the local agent.

Mr. Arthur J. Carnegie is building a fine new home on Bigelow St. on a hillside well above the street.

Mr. Charles A. Rundle purchased the machine shop and garage of Mr. Silas E. VanCamp.

Mr. Wm. Graham disposes of his interest in the Ford Garage and the firm will now be Messrs. W.U. and H. Carnegie.

October 1915

Local enlistments for overseas service include: Harry Abbots, 27, William Rolph, 43, and William Druean, 43.

Mr. L. Stein & Co. opens a men's furnishing and clothing store in the Leonard Block, recently occupied by Leonard Jeffrey.

November 1915

A Ford Runabout was priced at \$480: A Ford Touring Car at \$530., and a Ford Town Car cost \$780. The Chevrolet was priced at \$660.

Messrs M.T. & E. Beare, Chevrolet dealers, are building a new brick garage beside Mr. F.C. Collacutt's store on Queen Street.

November 1915

A Local Option bylaw was drafted, prohibiting the sale by retail of liquor in the municipality of Port Perry. Bylaw to be submitted to public vote at the annual election.

December 1915

Private Charles Crosier, wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans, was the guest speaker at the Town Hall. The large crowd overflowed into the streets during the recruiting meeting.

Mr. Harold Emmerson and Mr. H.H. Stone take charge of business purchased from H. Doubt and Son.

Washout on railway line between Manchester and Port Perry

Port Perry Star: July 7, 1915

On the same day that the fire broke out in the Catholic Church, a big washout occurred on the railway track between Boynton's crossing and Manchester Station. The rain came down as if there had been a cloudburst, and washed the ties from under the track for many rods. Through traffic was stopped for a time, but the damage is now repaired and trains are running as usual.

Wm. Monet sells his grocery business to Mr. J. F. McClintock

Port Perry Star: July 14, 1915

Mr. J.F. McClintock, of Toronto, has purchased the grocery and provision business from Mr. W.G. Monet of Port Perry. He takes possession of the business about the middle of August.

Mr. McClintock will occupy Mr. Monet's house, and the family will move to town about the beginning of next month. Both Mr. and Mrs. McClintock are well known in this locality, and their many friends will be pleased to know that they are coming to town.

Local men to attack lakefront weeds with rakes, forks and scythes

Port Perry Star: July 14, 1915

Port Perry's front door is at the Lake front, and many of our citizens think that if the weeds were removed from the lake, the entrance to the town could be made more attractive and worthy of the beautiful town we possess. Strangers passing through on the train would never guess how pretty our homes and streets are.

A start has been made towards remedying this matter. A substantial and attractive dock will soon be completed. Arrangements have been made with Mr. Charles L. Vickery to confine the lumber piles to a limited area. But the water weeds are growing thicker all the time.

Something will have to be done, and this is what is proposed – Port Perry men are invited to a bee on Wednesday afternoon, July 28th. Every man that can handle a rake, or a fork or a scythe, is invited to be present. When Port Perry men make up their minds that anything should be done, they are the boys to do it.

Messrs. Hibbert G. Hutcheson and William H. Harris have consented to act as captains, and every man who attends the bee is promised enough work to keep him interested, and enough fun to make him glad to be present.

Petition presented to council against closing Beech Street

Port Perry Star: July 7, 1915

A petition, signed by over 100 ratepayers, against the closing of Beech Street, was presented by Mr. William H Leonard.

The petition was the result of a letter written by Mr. Fred Kent to the council in which he asked them if they would consider deeding over that portion of Beech Street east of the railway track, as he owned the property each side, of the roadway, and he wished to have this approach to his premises improved.

He further stated that if the council thought well of his proposal, he would improve the roadway at his own expense, providing that some grading be done and cinders for a new sidewalk be supplied by the town. No mention was made in the letter of closing the street.

A committee was appointed by the council to confer with Mr. Kent should he desire to communicate further in the matter. The committee did nothing and the matter rested.

Mr. Douglas Davidson, Toronto, who has recently acquired property near Beech Street, was present at the Council meeting, urged that the street be not closed. The Council assured the deputation that nothing had been done or would be done without proper notice.

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Queen Street, looking west with Beare Motors, about 1916.

Finds 1812 coin at Reuben Crandell's cabin

Port Perry Star: August 24, 1915

Mr. Ira Belknap found a cent where the first cabin was built in the Township of Reach by Reuben Crandell. The coin is dated 1812, the year famous for the great war, when the fate of Canada hung in the balance.

On one side of the coin can be seen the head of King George III surrounded by a laurel wreath, and on the reverse side a figure of Justice with her balances.

Ready to open for business

Port Perry Star: August 24, 1915

Disney Bros., who have recently sold their furniture and undertaking business in Oshawa, announce that they intend to open for business along the same lines, in the Blong block, Port Perry, about Sept. 1st.

The keynote of our business will be "good service." No matter what you may wish to buy for us, we shall make it our business to see that you get good value for your money. We shall keep a well selected stock of furniture, and quick service for such goods as we do not carry in stock.

Key to animal pound returned to G.T.R

Port Perry Star: September 15, 1915

At the meeting of the town council held in the Town Hall, Thursday evening of last week, all members were present except Councillor Carmichael.

A discussion arose as to the enforcement of the by-law prohibiting cattle, horses, etc., from running at large on the streets of Port Perry. A letter was received from the G.T.R. authorities complaining that their employees were prevented from impounding animals running at large in contravention of the Railway Act, as the pound was locked, and the key formerly held by them had been taken away.

The council ordered that the key be returned to the G.T.R. employees, and that James Staley be given authority to properly enforce the provisions of the by-law. The Council wish it to be understood that animals found running at large will be impounded, and proper steps will be taken to enforce the law.

Port's new wharf at lakefront completed and ready to use

Port Perry Star: September 29, 1915

Port Perry wharf is now completed and is a most creditable piece of work which has been thoroughly approved by the Government Inspector.

Mr. Charles L. Vickery, who has had supervision of the construction work, gave the following figures as to the materials used in building the wharf - 4,405 bags of cement, 381 loads of gravel, and 958 loads of stone.

Mr. Vickery has not spent all the money appropriated for the work, and the Government engineer will recommend to the Minister of Public Works that the surplus be used to assist in the construction of a public bathing place.

Next Tuesday a number of ladies and others interested in this project will meet at Mr. Vickery's office to look over some plans that are to be submitted. Should this bathing place be built, it would be a matter of prudence to have someone in charge of the wharf. Some such person as Mr. Vickery would be most suitably situated to perform that duty.

Fire brigade saved Sebert House from being destroyed

Port Perry Star: November 10, 1915

Fire at the Sebert • House

About two o'clock on Monday morning fire broke out in the Sebert House basement. It was discovered by Mr W.C. Ingram who smelt smoke.

He at once gave the alarm, and in a very short time the fire brigade was on hand, as well as hundreds of towns people – but some slept.

The fire brigade deserve great praise for their work, as it looked as though the building were doomed, but the splendid work of the firemen and the steady water pressure saved the building. The fire was pretty well confined to the basement and the first floor, and damage was largely due to smoke and water. There was some insurance, but at time of going to press no definite information could be secured as to the amount of the loss.

Local Option bylaw to prohibit retail sale of liquor in Port Perry

Port Perry Star: December 15, 1915

A "Local Option" by-law was passed under the provisions of the Liquor License Act (R.S.O. 1914, Cap 215)

By-law number 715 of the Corporation of the Village of Port Perry, to prohibit the sale by retail of liquor in the Municipality of the Village of Port Perry.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Village of Port Perry hereby enacts as follows; That the sale by retail of liquor is and shall be prohibited in any tavern in the said Municipality, and the sale thereof except by wholesale, is and shall be prohibited in shops and places other than houses of public entertainment in the said Municipality.

And this Bylaw shall come into force and take effect as from, the first day of May next after the passing thereof. Council Chamber, the First day of November, A.D. 1915.

Take notice that the foregoing is a true copy of a proposed By-law of the Corporation of the Village of Port Perry to be submitted to the vote of the electors at the same time and at the same places, as the annual election for the Municipal Council and the deputy returning officers appointed to hold the said election shall take the vote.

AT THE AURA LEE CAFE

Lunches Served

In Oysters we have them fresh from the Coast,
good and thick, not half water. Per Pint 30c

Neilson's Ice Cream and Chocolates

A Pure Delight. We have them.

Dorman Corbman

PHILIP POLITO

The most economical place to buy your fresh fruit.

We carry everything in season.

We have just received a fine stock of Pineapples, Canadian Grapes, California Grapes, Bananas, Oranges, New Brazil

Nuts, Casaba Melons, and a number of other fine fruits.

DIESFELD BLOCK, PORT PERRY

December 15, 1915

Monster recruiting meeting held at the Town Hall

Port Perry Star: December 15, 1915

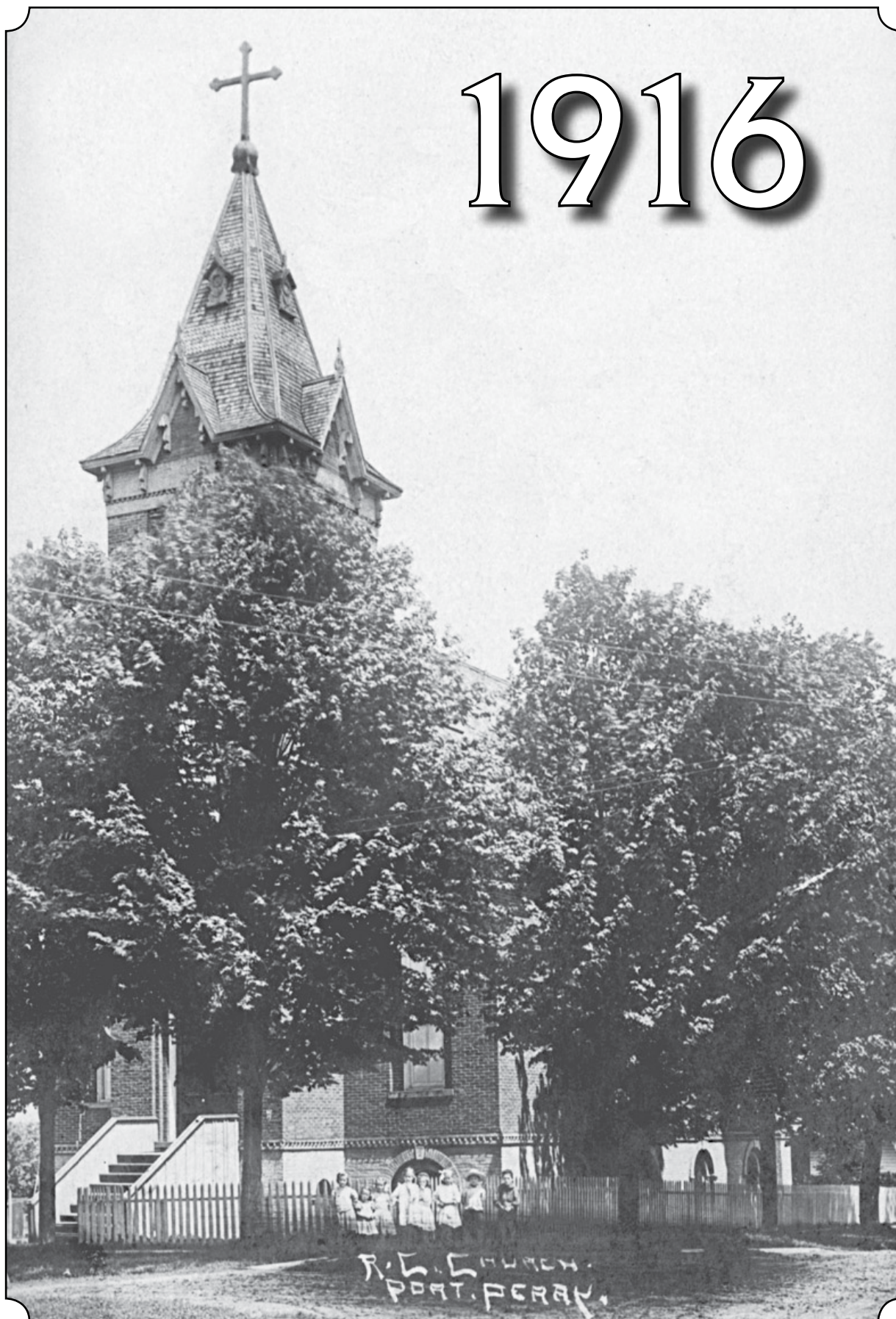
The Town Hall was packed on Sunday afternoon at the recruiting meeting. Many could not get into the hall, and many more had standing room only, and not much of that.

There is little doubt that hundreds were present to see and hear Charles Crosier, who was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans, and who was recently set free in an exchange of prisoners.

At that time he was known as Private Charles Crosier, but he has since been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. His wounds and the hardships he has undergone have unfitted him for active military service and he will devote his energies in future to recruiting work.

Sergeant Crosier has many friends in town who are greatly pleased to see him home again, and who at one time had given him up for lost.

1916



Roman Catholic Church, located on the northeast side of John and Casimir Street, Port Perry - circa 1915.

1916 TIMELINE

January 1916

The Local Option bylaw passed in Port Perry by a vote of 234 in favor and 126 against. Uxbridge also voted for the Local Option making Ont. County almost entirely dry.

Port Perry council Reeve George Gerrow (acclamation); councillors James Lucas, J.L. Forman, Morley Campbell and F.W. McIntyre.

W.J. Jackson, Scugog Reeve named Warden, defeating Mr. J. T. Dobson of Reach by a vote of 13-12.

Henry Doubt and Son sell their Gent's Clothing business to Mr. H.H. Stone, but a few weeks later announce that having been unable to make a satisfactory purchase of a business in Lyndhurst, Mr. W.H. Doubt was resuming his tailoring business.

Reeve William Jackson, of Scugog Township was elected Warden for the County of Ontario. Mr. J.T. Dobson, Reeve of Reach was very close, with the vote 13 for Jackson and 12 for Dobson.

Mr. J. Cowie, our popular band leader, has been appointed leader of the new Muskoka Battalion Band.

The open air rink is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday on Perry St. on Mr. Willard's property.

February 1916

Lieut. Co. Sam. Sharpe makes an appeal to local church ministers to preach a recruiting sermon to bring the Ontario County Battalion up to 250 men.

A.J. Thompson was appointed fire chief and Wm. McGregor a captain of the local fire department. Residents of south Lilla St. petitioned council for the water main to be extended to Scugog St.

Mr. E.H. Purdy was elected chairman of the Board of Education.

There was a record attendance at the Soldier's Concert, given by members of the 116th Battalion at the Town Hall.

March 1916

James Stonehouse of Port Perry Creamery announced he would open for business again in April.

Engineers carry out survey of Port Perry streets for installation of cement roads

Port Perry Star: January 6, 1916

In accordance with your instructions, I visited Port Perry on the 5th. inst., re: Roads, met the Reeve and talked over road matters in general.

During the day I walked over the roads in company with the Reeve and three members of council, pointed out necessary repairs at various points, explained methods of construction as regards road building and drainage and what was required for such.

Under springs at various points have been a source of trouble to council during spring and fall months, method of tapping these were explained on ground, this is of a running sand nature.

There is no sewage system in village, many houses have small septic tanks with outlets to lake or creek. Open ditches take care of all surface water on streets and at various points discharge into lake or creek.

The condition of roads is bad, gravel having been dumped down at various times and unrolled, undrained and surface flat. At numerous places are wooden box culverts crossing roads, these are in a pretty bad state and would have to be replaced.

Gravel is obtained from a pit about 3 miles from village, but is of an inferior nature, and contains about 65% of sand; the sand alone could be used if cement roadway was constructed, with imported crushed stone as large aggregate. The roads in question are the four main arteries form the village.

QUEEN STREET

This is the main artery to village from Toronto, and Whitby, section of street from Water Street, is chief business part of village, a distance of 500 feet. The traffic to and from railway station and wharf uses this street.

(1) The section on hill, from railway tracks to west side of Water St. to be improved water bound macadam roadway, in other words to be resurfaced with a 6 inch (finished) coating of crushed stone, 28 feet in width.

Suitable entrance to be provided to Elevator and railway yard, by means of 15 inch concrete tile placed in ditch, as explained to Reeve Gerow. At a cost of \$500.00 including all necessary grading, ditching, piping and macadamizing.

Surface treatment with oil and sand at a cost of \$20.00, making a total cost of \$520.00. (

2) From Water Street to Perry Street, this being business section, would suggest the construction of a cement concrete pavement, 36 feet wide between curbs, 81/4 inch thick at centre and 6 inches thick at sides, with 1/4 inch transverse expansion joints every 30 feet and 1/2 inch longitudinal expansion joint at curbs. The mixture to be 1 of cement, 1 1/2 of sand, 3 of crushed stone.

In order to reduce grade, the knoll opposite Post Office to be cut away, material going to heighten sub-grade at sides, cobblestone gutters to be removed, and stones to be used on hill between Lilla and Rosa Streets. Pipes at entrances to be removed and suitable cement concrete entrances substituted.

Catch basins to be placed at convenient points and connected to new drains. Vitrified tile be laid about 4 feet from curb on south side of street, 5 feet 6 inches deep. The work to cost \$3,700., including grading, drainage and laying of pavement.



Queen Street, looking west up the hill, with the United Church and Town Hall on the left, circa 1915.

Man smothered under load of hay

Port Perry Star: January 19, 1916

We are sorry to have to report the death of Roy Burr, of Caesarea, this week. He has been working for Wilbert Malcolm for some time, and on Thursday last had to take a load of hay and straw to Nestleton Station.

While coming down a hill east of Nestleton Station, the load upset, and he was buried under it. How it really happened no one knows, for he was not found for an hour afterwards. Strange to say, the team stood there all that time.

The body was taken to his home at Caesarea, where the funeral services were held on Saturday, conducted by Rev. J.J. Mellor, after which the body was taken to Old Nestleton for interment. Roy was a general favourite with all who knew him.

Returns from Prohibition petition

Port Perry Star: February 9, 1916

When the returns for the petition re: prohibition of the liquor traffic in Ontario are all in, it will probably be found that between seventy and eighty per cent of the people have signed the petition.

In Reach Township seventy per cent. signed; in Scugog, all but five or six signed; in Port Perry the results were scarcely as good as expected, about fifty-five or sixty per cent signing.

In some parts of the Province the percentage of signers has been as high as ninety.

Improvements planned for Pine Grove Cemetery

Port Perry Star: January 19, 1916

Pine Grove Cemetery Company is planning extensive improvements in remodelling the house, formerly used by the caretaker, turning it into a chapel and rest room.

The officers were re-elected at the annual meeting. The finances of the Company are in good shape.

SHOE SPECIALS

-- AT --

H. H. STONE'S

Here is an opportunity to share in the wonderful values which we are offering. Forgetting all present market conditions, we are offering this week bargains that should bring every woman to this store who is in need of shoes.

<p>Ladies' Boots for \$2.00</p> <p>Ladies' fine boots in patent, gun metal, and dongola kid, made in a smart dressy style with a flexible sewn sole and smart heel.</p> <p>Regular \$3.00 & \$3.00</p>	<p>Ladies' Pumps and Oxfords for \$1.00</p> <p>We are offering you this week a number of pairs of ladies' shoes and strap pumps in black, tan and chocolate, which regularly sell at from \$2.50 to \$3.50</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For \$1.00</p>	<p>Ladies' Oxfords for \$2.00</p> <p>Ladies' gun metal and tan oxfords, made of choice calf-skin with a medium weight sewn sole and suitable heel.</p> <p>Regular \$3.50 & \$4.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For \$2.00</p>
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Mens Furnishings **H. H. STONE** **Boots and Shoes**
 Clothing Merchant Tailor and
 Hats and Caps Rubbers

1916 TIMELINE

March 1916

Disney Brothers are expanding, moving into the store being vacated by Mr. A. Klebanoff.

Fire broke out in the engine room of the James Lucas Grain Elevator, but damage was slight.

The old Post Office building at Queen and John St., owned by the late Alex Palmer was slated for sale by auction on March 30.

April 1916

Wm. Nesbitt was appointed Constable of the Village of Port Perry. In addition to his police duties, he is the tax collector, caretaker of the Town Hall, poundkeeper, special constable under the Curfew Act, road commissioner and bread inspector. A delegation to council suggested the town take over the old Post Office site to build a public library when conditions become suitable. Longtime Port Perry businessman James L. Forman owner of T.C. Forman and Son, died. Mr. W.S. Short, purchases the grocery business of the late J.L. Forman.

May 1916

Local Option became law May 1, 1916. Fines for non-compliance were \$100 or more.

Pte. Edward Hooey killed in action.

Bicycle riders are warned not to ride on the sidewalks, or they will be summoned before the magistrate.

The 116th Battalion will spend the whole of the 24th of May in Port Perry.

Messrs. S. Graham, T. Stewart, and Cyrus Crozier were appointed constables for Port Perry by the County Judge.

John Brimble was struck by a Ford auto on Queen St. and killed when the car ran over him.

Mr. Jas. Waddell was elected to council to take the place of deceased councillor J.L. Forman.

Port Perry Creamers ready to open

Port Perry Star: March 15, 1916

The Port Perry Creamery will open again for business some time in April says J. Stonehouse. The waggons will probably start on some of the routes on April 1st and most of the routes will be covered during that week.

It is quite evident that a big effort is again being put forth to induce farmers to send cream to the Toronto creameries. Dozens of farmers were lured, last spring by promises of big prices to send their cream to Toronto, but the big prices never materialized.

A large majority of those who started for Toronto last spring got thoroughly disgusted and quit long before the season was over for they found out that instead of getting more money for their cream, they hauled it to the station and got from 1 to 1 1/2 cents less per pound for fat every month than they could have had got from the Port Perry Creamery and have had the cream taken from their door.

With the greater scarcity of help this year it will be more than ever advisable to have the cream taken from the farmer's door and thus conserve all the labor possible for the farm.

Seagrave station needs a freight shed

Port Perry Star: March 22, 1916

A stranger passing the Seagrave railway station could not help noticing its neat attractive appearance. If he met Stationmaster Mr. Dance, he would find courteous treatment and proper service.

Glancing, across the track he would naturally suppose that the big buildings there would be used for a freight shed. But there he would be mistaken, because that is Mr. James Lucas' grain elevator.

The freight shed is behind the station and is poorly suited to the growing business of our little village. We hope, the G.T.R. will be able to accommodate the neighbourhood with a freight shed in keeping with the pretty little station. The volume of business done here warrants a good freight shed.



Fire broke out in the engine room of the James Lucas Grain Elevator, in March 1916, but damage was slight.



Seagrave railway station, circa 1915.

Soldier volunteers plant 8,000 young pine trees in one day

Port Perry Star: May 10, 1916

Mr. George Coulton, of Scugog, found himself in an awkward fix the other day and the soldiers helped him out of his trouble splendidly. On very short notice, Mr Coulton received a consignment of 8,000 young pine trees that had to be planted immediately over at Pine Point.

Men are scarce, and Mr Coulton went to Lt. Wimperly to see if a number of soldiers could be secured to do the work. He was received most courteously and some twenty-five men volunteered to assist.

Seventeen men were chosen from this group, and in one day they planted the whole 8,000 trees, and the job was properly done. Mr. Coulton is well pleased at the treatment received from Lt. Wimperly and the soldiers from Port Perry, and wishes to express his thanks for their courteous action.

Construction boom in Port Perry

Port Perry Star: May 10, 1916

There is quite a lot of building operations in our town these days – Mr John Leask has started on two new houses. Mr. William Doubt and Mr. John F. McClintock are each building a new house.

Mr. Charles L. Vickery is building a new house. Mr. Jos. Britton is building a new stable. Mr. H. Frise is building an addition to his house. Mrs. D. Campbell is building a new verandah. Mr. R.U. Irwin is completing his new house started last fall. Who said Port Perry was dead?

Barn destroyed by lightning

Port Perry Star: June 28, 1916

Mr. Wm. Tummonds' barn the 6th Concession was destroyed by lightning Tuesday morning. The building was well equipped for dairying purposes. Fortunately there was no stock in it, and very little machinery – a fanning mill, and hayfork, with ropes, etc.

One of the worst features of the loss was the loss of a large quantity of straw, which Mr. Tummonds had hoped do use for feed next winter. This loss will be felt more keenly because Mr. Tummonds has been unable to sow a very large acreage of crop owing to wet weather.

SEE THE NEW
FORD
STREAM LINE
FRONT
AT
CARNEGIE'S GARAGE
Port Perry Ontario

Man killed after being struck down by car in downtown Port Perry

Port Perry Star: May 17, 1916

On Saturday afternoon, May 13th, Mr. John Brimble was struck by an auto and killed. The circumstances, so far as could be learned were as follows:

Mr. Philip Polito was driving his Ford auto truck westward along Queen St., past the Bank of Commerce. As he neared the crossing that leads into Cawker's livery stable, he noticed three men talking by the railing in front of the Bank of Commerce lawn, one of whom was Mr. John Brimble.

Just as the auto turned into the driveway, Mr. Brimble moved toward the car, but continued talking to the men. Mr. Polito shouted to him, but was unable either, to attract Mr. Brimble's attention or to stop the car in time to avoid striking the unfortunate man.

When the car struck him, Mr. Brimble caught hold of it, and was dragged a short distance. The injuries inflicted were severe as the car which passed over Mr. Brimble, was loaded with bananas. The neck was broken and the chest badly crushed.

An inquest was held before Coroner Dr. S.J. Mellow, Col. J.E. Farewell appearing for the Crown. After a thorough inquiry into the accident, the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that deceased came to his death "by being struck by a Ford auto truck driven by Philip Polito. According to the evidence, no blame could be attached to Mr. Polito."

Mr. John Brimble has been a resident of Port Perry for many years. He was employed by the Bank of Commerce, and was a County Constable for a number of years.

Merchants agree to closing stores at noon Wednesdays

Port Perry Star: June 7, 1916

We the undersigned merchants and businessmen of Port Perry do agree to close our places of business Wednesday afternoon, at twelve o'clock, commencing June 21st, until September 13th, 1916

Hebert H. Stone
Orval Byer
William S. Short
Arthur Prentice
J. D. Robertson
William H. Doubt
Brock Bros & Co
Philip Polito
Albert J. Davis
Thomas J. Widden
Willard & Co.
Sarvis Bros
Rose & Co
L. Stein & Co.
William M. Letcher
Disney Bros.
John F. McClintock
Samuel Farmer
Frederick W. McIntyre

Percy Hooley
Leslie G. Hall
Dorman Corbrnan
Adams & Hutcheson
William U. Carnegie
Standard Bank of Canada
Canadian Bank of Commerce
William L. Parrish
Herbert L. Ebbels
Hall Duck
James A. Murray
John B. Lundy
Albert B. Cawker
J.W. Collins
William H. Harris
Thos. C. Collacutt
E. A. Totten

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W. S. SHORT

Successor to T. C. Forman & Son
"Lifebuoy" Rubber Running shoes

Women's White, 2½ to 6, \$1.10	Child's White, 7 to 10, 75c
Women's Black Sole, 2½ to 6, per pair 90c	Boy's Blue, 1 to 5, 90c
Women's Tango, 3 to 5½, \$1.50	Boys' White, 1 to 5, \$1.10
Misses White, 11 to 2, \$1.00	Men's White, 5½ to 9, \$1.25
	Men's Blue, 6 to 9, \$1.00

Women's Canvas Shoes, in both strap and lace, in black, brown, white. Special per pair \$1.00

Ladies' Classic Shoe, patent vamp, kid top, sizes 3½ to 5, Regular \$4.50 Special Sale Price \$3.50 per pr.

Men's Tan Oxfords, rubber sole and heel, all sizes, Per pair \$4.50

Boys Need New Clothes For School

We're Ready to Supply Them

Boys' Blue Serge Suits

Boys' Suits made of fine twill blue serge in a nobby norfolk style. Coat is tailored with yoke and box pleats back and front. Bloomers are cut roomy and lined.

Sizes 26 to 29 price \$5.00
Sizes 30 to 33 price \$5.50
Sizes 34 to 35 price \$6.50

Odd Pants

Boys' Odd Pants, in navy blue, brown and grey mixed patterns. Sizes 25 to 35.

Prices \$1.00 to \$2.00

Boys' Tweed Suits

Boys' Tweed Suits in a fancy stripe design, made in single breasted norfolk style with loose fitting back, and belt sewn at waist, bloomer pants.

Sizes 26 to 29 price \$4.50
Sizes 30 to 33 price \$5.00
Sizes 34 to 35 price \$5.50



All Wool Navy Blue Serge Suit for Boys

Boys' Suit made of an all wool navy serge with a smooth soft finish, full style bloomer pants.

Sizes 30 to 35
Price \$7.50

Boys' All Wool Yoked Norfolk Suit

Boys' All Wool Norfolk Suit, made with yoke, in grey small check, neat fitting bloomer pants.

Sizes 30 to 35.
Price \$6.50

Mens Furnishings
Clothing
Hats and Caps

H. H. STONE
Merchant Tailor

Boots and Shoes
and
Rubbers



In August 1916, the Scugog Bridge was to be repaired with \$800 spent on improvements, including 500 loads of crushed stone.

Youth enjoy picnic at Seven Mile Island

Port Perry Star: July 9, 1916

Wednesday afternoon being a half holiday, a number of the young people of the town took advantage of the fine weather and journeyed down the lake to the Seven Mile Island, being conveyed by three launches and a number of skiffs.

The party consisted of about 40 people all young and eager for a day's outing. Shortly after the party arrived at their destination a number of the fair and brave ventured into the cool and refreshing waters of Lake Scugog, when a couple of hours were spent – the braves giving the fair their first lesson in the art of swimming.

One fair maid found "smutt" a very useful contrivance in the art of swim – while others found it a nuisance. About 5:30 after Dr. Luudy and his party arrived, the guests sat down to a very appetizing feast spread on the beautiful lawn in front of the Hotel where ginger ale and lemonade were very much, in evidence served to the guests very "Mellow"

The evening was spent very enjoy, ably, dancing, a few found boating more attractive, about 9:30 the party decided to embark for Port, when it was found that a young couple were missing. After a short delay a canoe was seen to appear around a distant point. The anxious party were soon relieved by seeing that it.

Everyone landed safely at Port Perry.

Pitch fork pierces man hip

Port Perry Star: August 12, 1916

Mr. James Staley suffered a painful injury two weeks ago. He threw a pitch fork from a load of hay, and it alighted tines up, unobserved by him. He then slid from the load and came upon the fork which caught him on the hip and held him there, the flesh being pierced to the bone.

When he was released the jar of the fall to the floor hurt him considerably He has been confined to his home, suffering severely for nearly two weeks but is now on the road to recovery.

1916 TIMELINE

June 1916

Assessment of the St. Charles Hotel and the Sebert House were reduced because the value of the hotels is less under Local Option. The Sebert House was reduced from \$6,000 to \$4,500 and the St. Charles from \$4,900 to \$4,000.

R.B. Smallman's brother was lost when his ship it went down at sea.

Howard E. White, son of Mr. George White was killed in action.

July 1916

About 40 young people of town enjoyed a journey to Seven Mile Island where they enjoyed swimming, boating and an appetizing feast in front of the hotel.

Mr. Joseph Stone has purchased the furnishing of the Sebert House and rented the business. He will be open on July 20, with rates at \$2.00 per day.

August 1916

A successful barn raising took place on the farm of Mr. Thomas Midgley. Neighbours turned out and erected the frame work for a barn of 46 x 60 feet.

Headway with Radial Railways seems to be grinding to a halt.

Improvements at Port Perry High School include new hardwood floors, new desks, pictures for the walls, new books for the library and a new apparatus for the laboratory.

Town Hall meeting to discuss road improvements

Port Perry Star: August 12, 1916

A meeting was held in the Town Hall last Wednesday evening to outline the proposed road improvement to be undertaken by the Council.

Briefly it is this: To construct cement roadway sixteen feet wide.

1. From the railway crossing west along Queen Street to the creamery at Borelia;
2. From Widden's corner to the northern limit of the Corporation at Beare's farm;
3. From Beare Bros.' Garage, south past the Catholic Church, then along - the Avenue to the Corporation limit.

The total cost of this road construction will be about \$25,000, and the work will likely be completed within four years or less. The work is to be financed as follows:

Forty per cent of the cost of construction is to be paid by the ratepayers whose property faces the improved roadway - 20 per cent by the property owner on each side of the road. This cost to the interested ratepayer is estimated to be \$4.33 per 100 feet of frontage, for a period of 20 years, which would make the cost to the holder of the ordinary 66 ft. lot, \$2.90 per year, said amount to include interest.

The other 60 per cent is to be paid by the Corporation, together with the cost of drainage and crossings. The money is to be raised by issuing debentures to cover a period of 20 years.

The first amount to be expended will be about \$5,000, and it is expected that this expenditure will be made on the road from Widden's corner to Beare's farm. The work is to be started as soon as the contracts can be let.

At the meeting, it was explained by Mr. Harris, the Town Clerk, that the work could be undertaken by the Council without petition, under the authority of the Highway Laws.

Freak accident while cutting hay injures man

Port Perry Star: August 12, 1916

Mr. Jabes Crosier had a most unpleasant experience last Saturday, which might easily have proved fatal. He was cutting a bit of very heavy hay on a lot on Lilla St

The horses had to go at a pretty smart rate on the first round to be able to cut the hay at all. Suddenly the knives ran into an old tin can that had been thrown on the lot. The knives were blocked, the tongue broke, and Mr Crosier was jerked from his seat to the ground.

He was somewhat dazed by the fall at first, and when he realized what had happened, he found himself stretched out flat on the ground under the mower, and he was still hanging on to the lines.

He began to take stock of his situation, and found that the mower wheel held him pinned fast to the ground by his overalls. He had to lift the mower wheel sufficiently to loosen his clothing. This he managed to do and then found that he was scraped and bruised in several places and that his ankle was in bad shape.

On examination it was found that the tendons of the ankle had been strained badly, but that his other injuries were not serious. Mr. Crosier is thankful that matters were not worse.



Carnegie Milling Company was located along Port Perry's lakefront, just north of the government wharf.

Council releases local improvement notice

Port Perry Star: August 19, 1916

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Port Perry intends to construct as Local improvement, Cement Concrete Pavement on the following streets between the points mentioned:

Streets – Lilla Street, Perry Street – from North boundary of Village along Lilla St. to Perry, along Perry to Queen. Estimated cost – \$9,000, payable by Corporation – \$5,400.

Special rate per foot frontage - 50 cents each side.

AND intends to especially assess a part of the cost upon the land abutting directly upon the work. The special Assessment is to be paid in 20 annual instalments.

A petition against any of the work will not avail.

WM. H. HARRIS, Clerk.

Dated at Port Perry, August 14, 1916

Nominations held to replace councillors who resigned.

Port Perry Star: September 27, 1916

Messrs. James Waddell, Fred W. McIntyre, James Lucas and Morley Campbell tendered their resignation as councillors due to ongoing criticism regarding the new cement roads being proposed for the town.

The following gentlemen were nominated, last Friday evening, to take the places of the councillors who resigned: – Messrs. H.G. Hutcheson, C.L. Vickery, James Stonehouse, James Carnegie, Samuel Jeffrey, W.L. Parrish, Wm. H. Leonard, Geo. Rose, Hugh Carmichael, James Lucas, F.W. McIntyre, Morley Campbell, James Waddell.

Before 9 p.m on Saturday, the following candidates had qualified: Messrs James Stonehouse. H.G. Hutcheson, James Carnegie, W.L. Parrish, Samuel Jeffrey, James Waddell.

After the nominations, a number of the. nominees spoke. Dr. S.J Mellow was called upon to act as chairman. Mr Gerrow spoke briefly, urging that whoever should be elected, every effort ought to be made to work harmoniously for the interests of the town. Mr. Lucas also spoke briefly, dwelling upon the record of the council. Others members of the Council declined to speak.

Mr. Hutcheson said that this was hardly the time to lay down a platform, as the rate had been struck and the money was practically spent. Referring to the legislation under which the Council had intended to carry out the road plan, he said that the section of the Local Improvement Act had been the cause of much discussion and trouble, and had been twice amended. The amendments follow:

In The Statute Law Amendment Act of 1914, the following occurs under Section 42 – Section 9 of The Local Improvement Act is amended by adding thereto the following subsection

(2) Where the Council proceeds with any local improvement under subsection 1, a majority of the owners representing at least one-half the value of the lots which are to be specially assessed therefor, being dissatisfied with such local improvement, or with the manner in which it has been undertaken, may by petition apply to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for relief, and the Board may thereupon investigate the complaint and make such order with respect to the local improvement as may seem proper, and after notice to the Clerk of the Municipality of the application and pending its determination by the Board the Council shall not proceed with the local improvement work.

1916 TIMELINE

September 1916

News from the war front reports Pte. Wm Andrus recovering from wounds inflicted by 13 pieces of shrapnel in his neck and arm.

Constable Nesbitt was appointed weed inspector. His salary has been set at \$12 per week from May to November and \$9.50 per week the remainder of the year.

October 1916

Lt. Col. Jas. McBrien, was promoted to the rank of General, in command of the 4th Division.

Recruiting will be renewed at a Patriotic Meeting followed by a military dance at the Town Hall.

Extensive repairs to the Power House are required. The roof and brick have to be fixed and, the settling feels have to be concreted, and the pumping engine thoroughly overhauled.

I.R. Bentley, opens jewellery business next to Byers Drug Store.

November 1916

Complaints of speeding automobiles on town streets.

Port Perry Star begins to use an extra page for local news and advertising.

Local hunters Joseph Hood, Mr. Orchard and John Leask all report deer plentiful this season. Mr. Orchard's part of seven secured seven deer. Mr. John Leask's part secured one deer.

December 1916

Reach council presented a cane to retiring Reeve, Mr. J. T. Dobson.

The town mourned the death of William E. Yarnold (surveyor), a resident and businessman in Port Perry for more than sixty years.

George Gerrow was returned by acclamation for the seventh term as Reeve.

The Public Library has moved to comfortable quarters on the ground floor of old Post Office beside the bowling green.

Death and injuries during violet electrical storm

Port Perry Star: December 6, 1916

A dangerous storm, with high wind, on Wednesday, caused considerable damage. There were a number of mishaps of which we know. Mr. Jos. Town was driving along in his mail wagon near Prospect when the lines were whipped out of his hands and the rig was overturned. The result was some broken ribs for Mr. Town.

Mr. Jas. H. Leask's barn windmill was blown down. A long load of hay was lifted bodily from the wagon and down into the fence at the roadside near Casker's bridge.

Mr. Wm. Anderson met with an accident during the wind storm. He went out to fix a high board fence at the rear of Mr. Parrish's store when the whole thing was blown over, and Mr. Anderson was thrown to the ground. The result was a broken ankle.

At near Beaverton, in Rama, Charles Heavener was instantly killed on his farm by lightning during the violent electrical storm.

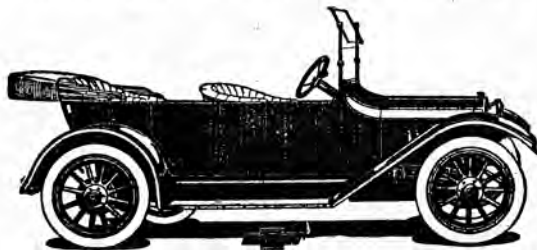
Shortage of coal supply

Port Perry Star: November 16, 1916

The coal situation in connection with the powerhouse warrants care on the part of the citizens, to be as saving as possible in the use of electric light. The Council has a contract with a coal company to supply coal until next spring, but the shortage of cars renders delivery difficult.

Consequently it is possible that a shorter service and higher rate may become necessary. The situation does not seem so acute during the past few days, but the fact remains that at the time of writing the town has only a little over two weeks supply on hand.

Nine Thousand per Month



THE CHEVROLET

Price \$675. f. o. b. Oshawa

The output of Chevrolet Cars has reached the record breaking total of nine thousand cars per month.

The output for this year is estimated at nine-five thousand, compared with less than twenty thousand produced last year.

What do these figures mean?
Investigate the advantages of the Chevrolet.

BEARE BROS. Dealers, Port Perry
Bell Telephone No. 130

Thursday, October 19, will be the Opening Day for the new Jewelry Store, to be conducted by I. R. Bentley
JEWELER,
and experienced
Watchmaker

You are cordially invited to come and inspect our complete and attractive stock. Next to Byer's Drugstore, Port Perry.

Special attention given to
Repair Work.

Mantle Clocks

We have a few mantle clocks left that we will sell at the old price and you would be doing the wise thing to come in and make a selection before it was too late as they are bound to go at the prices we are offering them at.

A clock bought from us is guaranteed for a year—that is worth more to you than a guarantee from a city house, for should anything go wrong it would cost you not only the express, but the chance you take in packing it which would bring the cost of your clock up 10 per cent. more than it is worth. Buy at home and save money.

J. D. Robertson

Optometrist, Jeweler, Stationer, Port Perry



New Model 1917
FORD
TOURING CAR
\$495.00

F. O. B. FORD, ONTARIO.

Carnegie's Garage
Port Perry Ontario

Firefighters save Carnegie Bros. building from total destruction

Port Perry Star: December 29, 1916

Friday afternoon about four o'clock the hardware store of Carnegie Bros, caught fire accidentally in the cellar. The fire caught in some oil and spread with great rapidity. At the same time a dense smoke filled the store, completely obscuring every-thing.

The Fire Brigade did splendid work and the water pressure. Had it not been for these facts the results of the fire would have been most disastrous. Ten minutes later and it would have been beyond control, and there is but little doubt, that the building would have been totally destroyed.

But the fireman were soon on hand and and continued their effective work in spite of the reported danger of explosion and the suffocating smoke.

In point- of fact there was but little danger of explosion because there was no gasoline in the building, and the gunpowder in the cartridge boxes

was rendered harmless as soon as the water reached it. The stock was very badly damaged.

Mr. William Clark, who was working in the tinshop, was in a precarious position for a little while. The smoke drove him out on to the ledge in front of the second storey of the building, and there he had to remain until a ladder was secured so that he could get down.

Philip Polito's residence and fruit store were somewhat damaged by smoke and water, and some window frames were burned at the rear of this building, which belongs to Mr. Wm. Leonard.

The insurance was all with Adams Hutcheson, except \$1,500. This progressive firm had their companies notified before the fire was half extinguished, and the adjusters arrived on the 9:11 train the morning after the fire.

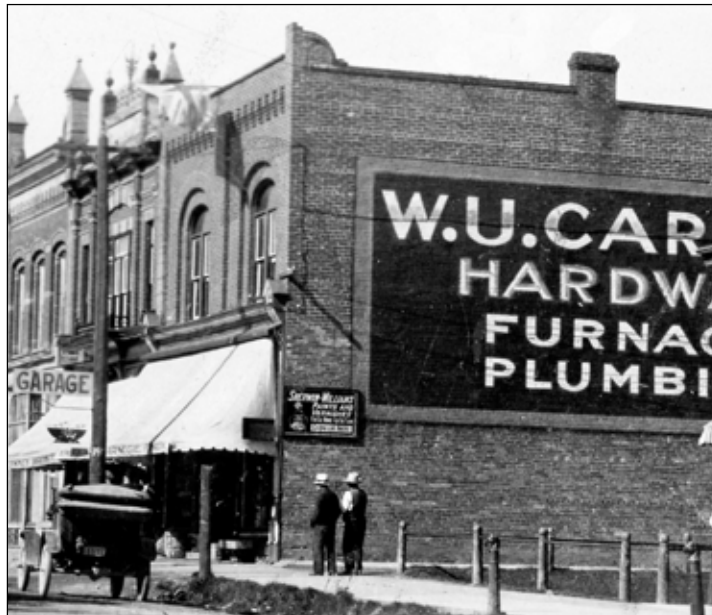
James Lucas sells grain elevators at Port Perry and Seagrave

Port Perry Star: October 25, 1916

James Lucas, Grain and Seed Merchant, has sold to Hogg & Lytle Limited, Toronto, his grain elevators at Port Perry and Seagrave station.

Mr Lucas has had a very active business life. For 15 years he was manager for Wm. Ross from whom he purchased the business some years ago, and succeeded in working up a large trade in many lines he carried, having enjoyed a generous patronage from this whole district.

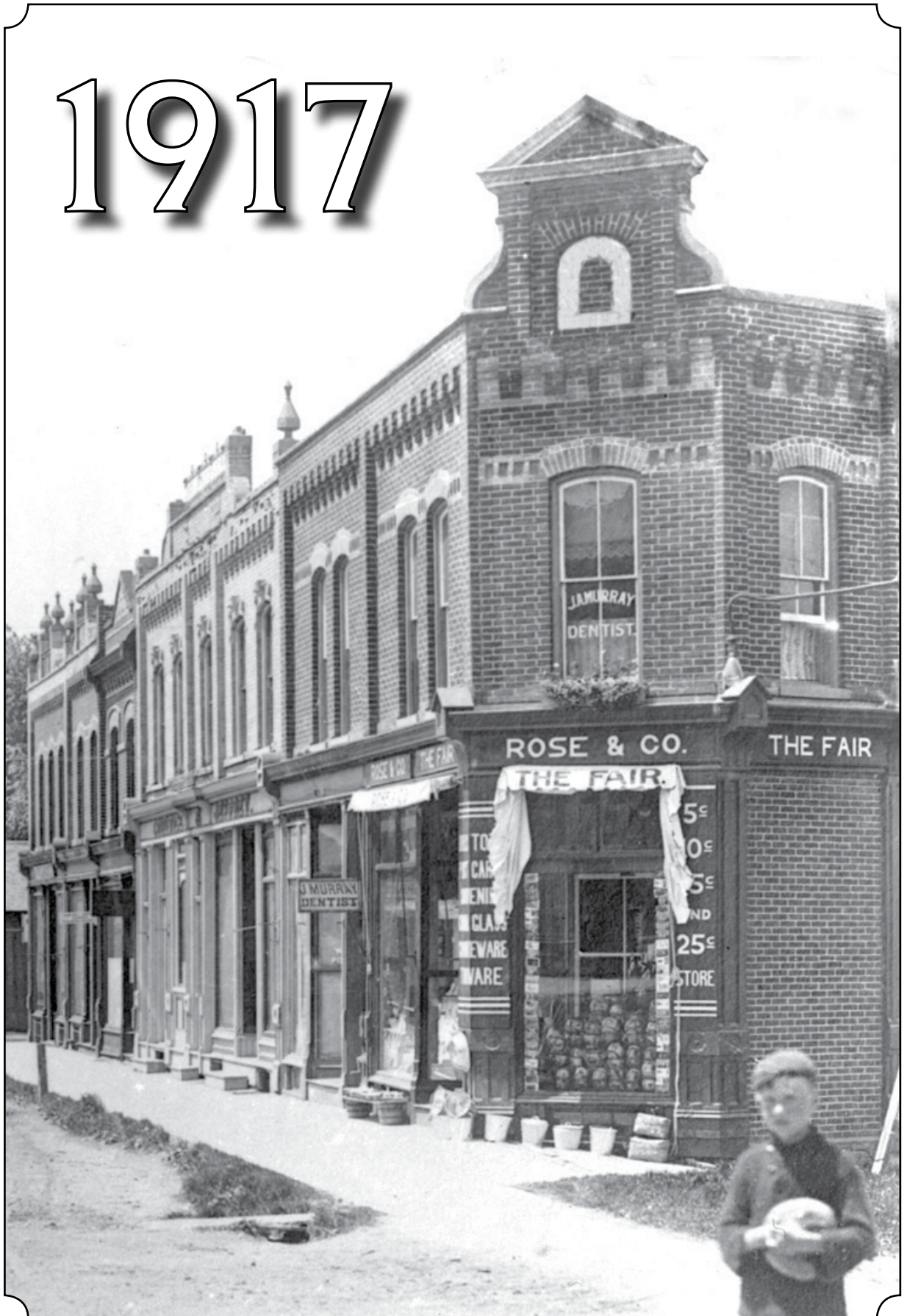
Messrs. Hogg & Lytle Ltd., we are pleased to know, is a firm of wide reputation and shall, no doubt be much appreciated by this whole community. Mr. Lucas wishes for them the generous patronage accorded to him.



The upper storey of the Carnegie Hardware building, seen above circa 1905, was destroyed by fire in December 1916.

DON'T MISS
W. U. CARNEGIE'S
FIRE SALE OF HARDWARE
\$10,000.00 Stock Must be Sold
FOR CASH OR NOTE
Sale Opens Thursday, Jan'y 4

1917



In April 1916, Mr. A.H. Rose sold his business on the northwest corner of Queen and Perry Street, Port Perry.

New Public Library opens in former post office building

Port Perry Star: January 10, 1917

This week the Port Perry Public Library opens to the public, the doors of its new home in the building at Collacutt's corner, next the bowling green.

The Library Board having in mind the best interests of the library and its patrons decided that more convenient accommodation should be found, with the result we are now situated on the ground floor of a completely renovated building of which the freshly decorated rooms are bright, clean and easy of access.

The two thousand or more books are now catalogued alphabetically according to the names of the authors. This makes a convenient system for selection. This cataloguing requiring many hours of toil has been done by a few friends. and the efficient librarian.

The library is financially sustained by the yearly subscriptions of its members aided by grants from the Town and County Councils, and the Provincial Government grant which amounts we proportion each year, to the books issued, also the number of new books, partly history, science etc. partly fiction, purchased.

Also the Choral Union have every year very kindly

donated a substantial cheque from their funds which shows the members of that society to be public spirited.

Many patrons also subscribe to the current magazines. There is an abundance of free reading in the reading room, consisting of local and city news papers, a large table full of journals and magazines. The use of the Encyclopedia Britannica, a Gazatteer, and many other features are in what is called the reference library. On the shelves of the library are to be found books on history, religion, science, fiction, etc, and books especially for the young, by all the best authors.

All books and works are carefully selected before being put in the library. To these, new books and works are constantly being added. We believe that a well equipped library is of great educational value if it is used.

The officers are a board of directors and are elected annually. The following directors were elected at the annual meeting on Monday evening; Dr. Samuel J. Mellow, Dr. Douglas Berry, Dr. Lundy, W. McLean, Samuel Farmer, James Stonehouse, Hibbert G. Hutcheson, Rev. W. P. Rogers, Rev. W. J. West, Rev. J. Ford Thomas H. Follick. A number of ladies were also elected to the Board as follows: Mrs. Anne Lundy, Mrs. Grace Farmer, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Byer, Miss. Taggart, Miss. McPhail.

For this year the officers are: President, Samuel Farmer; Secretary T. W. McLean; Treasurer, Dr. John B. Lundy; Librarian, Miss Sexton.

To make the library the success we feel it should be, the Board ask the citizens of Port Perry and surrounding Townships for their support in the way of subscriptions, and patronage, and the donation of any book or books they may feel disposed to make.

The subscription rates are \$ 1.00 per year; \$1.50 for two in one family, and for six months subscription 50c. All fees to be paid in advance. In conclusion we would say to the citizens: "Your Library is a good one, use it."

New Parish for English Church

Port Perry Star: January 3, 1917

The new Parish House in connection with the English Church was formally dedicated on Friday evening last by Bishop Sweeny. The ceremony consisted of a religious service followed by an address from the Bishop and Rev. Mr. Muirhead.

The building is of white brick on a cement foundation and was designed by Messrs. Gordon and Helliwell who are probably the best church architects in Canada.

Viewed from the south it is two-storeys, as the basement opens on a terrace, and the full depth of the foundation shows; from the north it is a one-story structure with the floor on the same level as the church. It adjoins the church on the southwest end and opens into the vestry.

The entrance to the Hall is through a very attractive porch on the northeast parallel with the church. The foundation was built by Mr. David Jackson, and is much admired as an excellent piece of cement work. Mr. Wm. P. Spence did the brickwork and is a job that he may well be proud of.

The wall are 11 inches with a two inch air space in the centre, the brick is exposed in the interior precisely as on the outer walls, thus saving plastering and interior decoration from time to time, and at the same time has a very attractive appearance, while the air space makes the building very warm. It is the only hollow wall in town.



Former Post Office to house new public library.

Church brethren, town council honour John H. Brown

Port Perry Star: February 23, 1917

To Bro. John H. Brown:

In the year 1874 the Canada Methodist Church was established in Port Perry, and among the number



John H. Brown

who felt that a Methodist Church in this town would serve a good purpose was Brother J. H. Brown.

At that time it required more than ordinary activity and zeal to undertake the erection of a church, but the work was commenced and carried to a successful conclusion.

Some fourteen years later you, Brother Brown, stood in your place with a larger circle of brethren, and erected the splendid edifice in which we now worship, and of which you are still an honoured member. For many years you assisted in the Sunday School, and there are men and women scattered throughout our Dominion and elsewhere, who doubtless remember with grateful hearts, the many valuable lessons learned from your teaching.

For some thirty-five years you have held the office of Recording Steward, and in a very general way you and your family have done

your share in helping forward the interests of the church.

Some of the present members of the Board have had the pleasure of working along with you for a number of years, and we can testify to the faithfulness to duty which we know always actuated you in your work for the best interests of the Church of your choice, as well as for those of the community in general.

In the light of these facts the membership and adherents of our church have learned with sincerest regret that you are so soon to sever your connection with our Church and Town: and it is our sincere prayer that God's blessing may follow you wherever your lot in future may be cast.

Signed on behalf of the member and adherents of Port Perry Methodist Church: Rev. W. P. Rogers, B.A., Pastor George Stone, Recording Steward

SENSATIONAL MID-SEASON SALE OF FURNITURE

HAVING PURCHASED the Stock of
MESSRS. DISNEY BROS.

I am obliged, owing to want of space, to dispose of their entire stock of Furniture, Window Shades, Curtain Poles, Verandah Furniture, and Sewing Machines at

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES!

The Selections include some of the Best Makers' Productions and of the Latest Designs.

As you are aware, prices have and are advancing but we are prepared to give you

WONDERFUL BARGAINS

and the opportunity to Save Money will surprise you by paying us a visit at once. We state positively we can save you from 20 to 30 per cent. during this Sale.

P.S.—We have only eight **SEWING MACHINES** and the price asked will make them move quickly; if in need of one do not fail to get busy.

Come prepared to take goods with you, as we cannot promise delivery during this Sale.

W. Merlin Letcher,

Undertaker and Embalmer. (Phone 52a.) Furniture Dealer.
PORT PERRY, ONT.

Buys the moving picture theatre

Port Perry Star: February 28, , 1917

Mr. Albert Roberts has purchased the moving picture theatre at Port Perry from Mr. Quinn. The latter gentleman and his family intend moving to Bowmanville.

Mr. Roberts, who has bought the whole property, intends making some improvements. The theatre will be open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The big feature next week will be that great picture — "The Battle Cry of Peace," to be given on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 9 and 10. Don't miss these splendid pictures.

Council offer reward for fast response hauling fire hose reels to fires

Port Perry Star: March 17, 1917

Port Perry council is offering two rewards to the persons who upon the ringing of the fire alarm are first at the Town Hall with horse or motor vehicle to haul the hose reel to the fire.

The first person who succeeds in reaching the hall and taking the reel to the fire will receive \$5.00, and the second person, with suitable vehicle for the work, who arrives at the hall will be awarded \$3.00.

Both these persons and their vehicles must remain at the service of the Fire Brigade for at least an hour. The object of this reward is, of course, to get the hose reel to the fire as rapidly as possible.

Lawn Bowling Club prepares for season

Port Perry Star: March 17, 1917

On Wednesday evening, the annual meeting of the Bowling Club was held in the Market Hall. The president and vice president being absent the chair was taken by Mr. Edward H. Purdy.

A considerable amount of miscellaneous business was transacted. There was a large and representative attendance. The club finds itself in better financial condition than ever. Prospects are blight for the coming season – a clubhouse is to be erected; the rinks improved, schedule of games to be inaugurated, a possible tournament and the donation of a trophy for competition among the club's rinks.

Members fees were handed to the treasurer with a vivacious smile that was commendable – considering this to be the crucial year of the war.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Reeve Gerrow; Vice-Pres. James Carnegie; Treasurer – W.S. Short; Secretary – E.H. Purdy; Ground Committee:- W. Graham, H. Carmichael, F. W. McLean.

An enjoyable and profitable season is anticipated. As some have applied for membership, the ranks are almost as full as accommodation will permit.

Royal Theatre get improvements

Port Perry Star: March 28, 1917

Mr. Roberts has made the promised improvements at the Royal Theatre the hall has been lengthened, the platform rearranged upon modern lines, the picture space enlarged, and the seats raised thus, enabling every person in the hall to have a thoroughly good view of the pictures.

These improvements are being appreciated by the patrons of the "Royal" and many people who seldom or ever attended before, are now spending enjoyable evenings there.



Royal Theatre located in Jessop Block, 235 Queen St.

1917 TIMELINE

January 1917

Mr. John Stone is Reeve of Reach Twp and Mr. Allan Goode Deputy Reeve.

Oshawa says it wants to withdraw from the County of Ontario.

Mr. McCaw becomes manager of the local Bell Telephone office.

Port Perry Public Library officially opened to public in its new home, in the renovated old post office building, next to the bowling green at Collacutt's corner.

After a brief illness, Mr. Joseph Bigelow died Jan. 28 in his 89th year. He was a prominent Port Perry businessman for more than 60 years, held the position of postmaster for 17 years was appointed Justice of the Peace and held the position of Reeve on four occasions.

February 1917

The electric light plant was almost forced to close due to lack of fuel, but a load of slabs were secured and tided over the difficulty.

The Board of Education re-elected E.H. Purdy as chairman.

Mr. J.H. Brown resigned as treasurer from the municipality after serving more than 30 years in the town's finance office. Rev. John Ford assumed his duties.

March 1917

Council offered a \$5.00 reward to the first person to the fire hall with a horse or motor vehicle to haul the hose reel to the fire. The person and vehicle must remain at the fire for at least one hour.

One of Port Perry's most familiar figures, Mr. John Nott, 92, died. He was a well-known furniture dealer and undertaker and held the position of Justice of the Peace for a time.

The fuel crisis at the Electric light plant has passed. Cars of coal ordered last fall have finally arrived.

1917 TIMELINE**April 1917**

Council intends to spend about \$5000 on the streets and sidewalks this year.

Mr. A.H. Rose sold his business, known as "The Fair" to Mr. E.C. Taylor of Sunderland.

Brock Bros. & Co., grocery and dry goods.

Prices for men's furnishings - Suits \$15.00; Shirts \$1.50; Socks 20¢; Ties 75¢ and Hats \$1.25.

May 1917

Local automobile dealers are: W.U. & H. Carnegie (Fords); A.F. Carnegie (Overland cars); Beare Motors (Chevrolet and McLaughlin cars).

William Letcher has bought furniture & undertaking business of Disney Bros. Mr. Archie McDermott who has worked with Disney Bros. is going to Toronto. J.D. Robertson, jeweller, has made an assignment to W.H. McCaw.

June 1917

Butcher shops in town began closing Monday and Wednesday afternoons, due to a scarcity of help.

Sgt. Wm. Andrus won Distinguished Conduct Medal.

Council decides on 24 feet as the width of Port Perry streets when being constructed.

The Port Perry Star changes publication dates from Wednesday to Thursday.

County recommends taking over of road from Manchester to Lilla St and north to Seagrave. Also road from Port Perry to Scugog Island.

Mr. A.C. Taylor of the 'Corner Store, formerly "The Fair," bought the grocery business of F.C. Collacutt. This stock will be moved to the Rose & Co. premises for quick sale.

July 1917

The Farmer's Union Milling Co. of Port Perry buys The Carnegie Milling Co. for the sum of \$27,000. The company is made up John Watson, R.M. Holtby, C.A. Honey,

Memorial Service for local boys killed in war

Port Perry Star: April 18, 1917

Port Perry honoured the soldiers from this locality who have given their lives "for their country's sake." A Memorial service was held in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening. The building was filled to its almost capacity. There has not been such, an audience at the church for many years.

Three addresses were delivered.

The first was by Rev. W. P. Rogers, who gave an eloquent and patriotic discourse. Mr. Rogers paid tribute to the dead and to those who are still fighting our battles.

Mr. H.G. Hutcheson dealt with the value of a supreme sense of duty in the life of a man, picturing the enthusiasm of the thousands of young men who responded to the call when the war broke out in August 1914. At that time it took greater courage to enlist, for the public did not believe that there was any great cause for alarm.

Mr. Samuel Farmer spoke of the number who had fallen who had enlisted from this locality, reading the list of the men that follows in the Honour Roll:

LIEUT. E. D. WALLACE, Port Perry.
2nd Battalion,
Killed while flying.

PTE. HOWARD WHITE,
Port Perry.
2nd Battalion,
Second Canadian Contingent,
Killed in Action

PTE. LESTER LEASK, Sonya.
116th Battalion.
Died in France.

PTE. MARTIN KING, Sonya.
116th Battalion.
Killed in Action.

PTE. E. HOOEY, Port Perry.
19th Battalion,
Second Contingent.
Killed in Action

PTE. R. WILSON, Sonya.
116th Battalion.
Killed in Action.

PTE. H. CLARKE, Scugog Island.
116th Battalion.
Killed in Action.

PTE. I. TAYLOR, Scugog Island.
93rd Battalion.
Died of wounds.

PTE. HARRY KIDDLE, Sonya.
116th Battalion.
Died in France

PTE. GEORGE FINES, Scugog.
3rd Contingent,
Killed in Action.

PTE. E. GRAY,
Scugog Killed in Action

CANADA'S VICTORY BONDS

It is a National duty to subscribe for Canada's Victory Bonds.

This Bank will accept Victory Bonds to the amount of \$1,000 from any one person for safe-keeping for one year without charge.

Loans will be made to wage earners on favorable terms for the purchase of Victory Bonds.

THE CANADIAN BANK
OF COMMERCE

PORT PERRY BRANCH

H. J. White

Manager



Hogg & Lytle's elevator in Oshawa, 1917.

Hogg & Lytle purchase Oshawa grain business

Port Perry Star: May 9, 1917

Messrs Hogg and Lytle, who have a branch at Port Perry, have bought Fowke Bros. elevator and grain business at Oshawa. These progressive business men are doing a very large home and export trade, and the farmers are likely to get the best possible prices and values because of their large marketing and buying facilities.

Woman found by roadside not dead

Port Perry Star: May 9, 1917

There was a bit of excitement in the vicinity on Monday evening when a report was received by the Coroner, Dr. Samuel J. Mellow, that there was a dead woman under some bushes on the roadside at Manchester.

He went out to the scene of the supposed tragedy, but found that the woman was considerably alive. Evidently the case did not come within his jurisdiction.

Next Constable Nesbitt was called, and he brought the woman to town. So far as we can learn she is a woman of about forty years who stated that her name was O'Leary, that she came from Toronto, and that she was looking for work. She was provided with a ticket and allowed to return to Toronto.

Fire in Utica destroys stable

Port Perry Star: May 23, 1917

Considerable excitement prevailed in our peaceful hamlet of Utica last Saturday morning.

Mr. James Buck's stable had caught fire, and as there was a gale blowing at the time it was evident that considerable damage might be done if the fire was not checked.

Just about this time we discovered the value of the telephone and the automobile. We discovered, too, that there are a lot of decent neighbours living in Port Perry who are willing to, help us out when need arises.

We sent out the S.O.S. call (Save Our Stable), and in a short time the Port Perry fire fighters were on hand and rendered excellent service.

True, the stable and a chicken house were destroyed, and Mr Buck lost his horse and a sleigh, but the fire was prevented from spreading, and for this we owe many thanks to the Port Perry friends and other neighbours who assisted.

Citizens welcome home soldier from the front

Port Perry Star: June 20, 1917

When it was learned that Pte. Gordon Pargeter was coming home on Saturday, the citizens turned out to greet him and bid him welcome.

The Port Perry Band enlivened the proceedings with music. Quite a procession of autos was formed and Gordon was escorted with due ceremony to the Post Office steps where he was presented with the following address which was read by Mr S. Jeffrey.

"On behalf of your friends and the citizens of Port Perry, we have met to convey to you our sincere feeling of gladness to greet you on your return to your home and native town. Some two and a half years ago when the call came, you at once manifested true courage of manhood and loyalty to your King and country, with the other brave boys of our town, and joined the colours.

Since that time you have been discharging the duties which were placed before you in the spirit of a true patriot. Some months after your company had gone overseas, we received a letter from the late Capt. E. D. Wallace and in re-ferring to his company he said, "As our men were called out today for special examination, I was proud of Gordon Pargeter. He is a fine sol-ier."

Some of our boys will not return. They, too, went cheerfully and have done all they could even to the giving of their lives. While the marks and scars of battle have twice come your way, yet your life has been spared, for which we here gathered to-day thank God.

Again, on behalf of our citizens, we thank you for the noble services you have rendered your King and Country, and we believe you will still have continued courage to meet any further duties you may be called upon to perform Signed on behalf of the citizens of Port Perry.

George Gerow, Reeve

W.L. Parrish, Pres. Patriotic League

Farmers to buy out Carnegie Milling Co.

Port Perry Star: July 26, 1917

The farmers of Port Perry and vicinity have decided to do their own milling business, and negotiations are under way for the purchase of the Carnegie Milling Co. property. An option on the property has been secured, and the purchase price is to be \$27,000, including everything.

A Limited Stock Company is being formed, and application is made to the Provincial Legislature for a Charter. The Provisional Committee of the Company, styled "The Farmers' Co-operative Milling Co., Limited," is made up as follows: John Watson, Seagrave; R. M. Holtby, Manchester; C. A. Honey, E. Tummonds, Allan Goode, John Cawker, John W. Crozier, William Bowles, all of Port Perry; Joseph Baird, Manchester.

The Company will continue the same lines of business now carried on - flour milling, feed chopping, sash and door factory, builders' supplies, etc. Special facilities will be afforded the farmers for securing feed for their stock. For this purpose it is intended to erect a large warehouse on the railway track. This building is to be put up as soon as possible. The new Company has arranged to take possession on the 1st of September.

There is one regrettable part of this transaction the probable removal of Messrs. A. J. and D. Carnegie. The Carnegies have shown great business enterprise, and evidences of their work can be seen in many parts of the town in thriving business and beautiful homes.

The names of Port Perry and Carnegie go together. They are leading men in our business circle. But seeing that they had decided to sell, it is well that the farmers should be able to step in. Their interest in Port Perry will be vital and growing. Our prosperity and theirs will be bound up together.



Overland

TRADE MARK REG.

Motor Cars

Light Four

\$975

Roadster - - \$950

Country Club \$1110

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Canada's Greatest Car Value

Better materials go into this Light Four than any other car of such comfortable size sold for such a low price. The Willys-Overland factory buys materials in greater quantities and get high quality at low price.

This Light Four is priced lower than any other car so good looking, so easy riding, so complete, so economical, so dependable.

It is value unequalled. Compare its specifications—ride in it—and you'll quickly see.

A. F. CARNEGIE
LOCAL DEALER PORT PERRY



Willys-Overland Limited, • Toronto, Ont.
Willys-Knight and Overland Automobiles, Commercial Cars

1917 TIMELINE

W.E. Tummonds, Allan Goode, John Casker, John W. Crozier, William Bowles and Jos. Baird. Change of ownership to take place Sept. 1, 1917.

A large crowd attended the Royal Theatre to see the famous "Battle of the Somme."

August 1917

Co. Sam. Sharpe, Commanding Officer of the 116th Battalion was reported missing, but found safe later.

A channel has been cut through heavy weeds to the wharf for an excursion from Lindsay.

A fire in the boiler room of the Carnegie Mill caused little damage as it was put out promptly by the Fire Brigade.

September 1917

A young aviator of an airship, heading for Toronto from Camp Borden, lost his way and came down in a field just north of the village. Large numbers of town folk flocked out to see the mechanical bird.

Reports of casualties and deaths from the war continue to find space in the newspaper.

Mr. Harold Emmerson has bought the Fire Insurance business of Pearse and Ward on John St., north of Catholic Church. The business has been established for 40 years.

Arthur J. & David Carnegie purchased J.D. Robertson Jewellery stock and offer it for sale at 25 per cent discount.

F.W. McIntyre's store advertises a formal showing of fall fashions.

October 1917

Mr. H.W. Linke was recognized for 25 years with the Bell Telephone, mostly in Uxbridge and Port. Port has now 650 subscribers..

Pte. Randolph Switzer and Sergt. Harry Abbots awarded Military Medals.

Mrs. Geo. Jackson was elected president of the Women's Patriotic Association.

A plea goes out for more



Interior view of F.W. McIntyre's store on Queen St., Port Perry, about 1914.

High school preparing for September opening

Port Perry Star: August 23, 1917

The Port Perry High School will re-open on Tuesday, September 4th, 1917, at 9 o'clock a.m. The School has just closed one of the most successful years in its history, as 85 per cent of all candidates passed their respective examinations.

Out of 15 candidates for the Lower School examinations 13 were successful, out of nine for the Middle School Normal Entrance six were successful; out of seven for Faculty Entrance, six were successful, one candidate taking both parts.

At Junior Matriculation there were eight candidates, and five passed completely, and three partially. At the Honour Matriculation there was only one candidate, and she took honours in seven departments.

Young people of education will be of greater demand than ever in all walks of life after the war' is over. To obtain the best results students should be present on the opening day and should not lose even a half-day in the whole school year.

A.C. Taylor buys Collacutt stock

Port Perry Star: June 27, 1917

Mr. A.C. Taylor has purchased the grocery stock of F.C. Collacutt and will move this stock to the Rose & Co. premises. This stock is in good condition and was bought on a much lower market than today's prices.

We would be pleased to have you inspect this stock as we can offer you many special values. As we have had a quick turnover of our summer millinery the balance of our summer stock will be cleared out at unheard of prices.

Watch our windows and display counters for the new low prices. A new stock of drygoods at rock bottom prices.

SPLENDID SHOWING OF AUTUMN APPAREL AT MODERATE PRICES



New Dressgood for Suits or Frocks

Scrape is of course the leading material for Fall costumes. We are showing a splendid line, 44 inches wide, with a hard smooth twill. This line is all wool and comes in black, navy, grey and cardinal. Price per yard \$1.09

In building Serges we are showing a heavy weight 50 inches wide in Green, Brown, Grey, Navy and Black. Price per yard \$1.75

In Velvet Cord we have a line 27 inches wide in Brown, Red, Navy, Green and White. Price per yard 75c

**WOMEN'S COATS
Shown in Many Styles**

To the casual observer the is very little difference in this year's coats from last year's styles. The difference is principally in the collars and belts. The attractive and new pockets also give distinctive touches.

The materials used are Tweeds, Velours, Plush and Kerseys while the colors are more subdued.

One attractive coat is made of high grade plush made with wide collar and deep cuffs of self and satin finished lining. Price \$27.50



Dainty Styles in Ladies' Waists

We are showing many pretty styles in waist for Fall and Winter wear. The materials are Habitu Silk, Georgette Crepe, and Crepe de Chene. Some pretty waists made of Habitu Silk in black or ivory in good styles with hemstitching and button trimming are priced from \$3.25 to \$4.00.

In Crepe de Chene we have several styles to choose from. They are made of good quality material and sell from \$4.50 to \$5.50. A waist made of Georgette crepe in a dainty style with pleated front comes in maize or flesh colors. The price is \$6.00

BUTTRICK PATTERNS
Our 1917 Book \$1.00

SILKS AND VELVETEENS

Fine Velveteen 75c yard

Velveteen is again in high favor for dresses and suits. At the moment we are showing many shades of fast pile fabrics. Width 21 inches.

At \$1.00 we have retail tank quality which gives splendid wear. In black and colors.

We are showing better quality in black only at \$1.25 and \$1.50

Taffeta Silk \$1.75

Splendid quality of Taffeta Silk. French and Swiss manufacture, 38 to 38 inches wide, in Black, Navy, Sapphire Blue, and Raspberry. Price per yard \$1.75

Beside the Taffeta Silks our Silk Department is stocked with a splendid range of Duchesse Satin, Faille, in black and colors, lacy Tulle and Mousseline, also Shantung.

Butterick Quarterly
Autumn Number, 25c

F. W. McINTYRE

October Delinquent
15c copy

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money for the war cause saying "the war goes on; men are suffering ; the need is great; we must pay again." More than \$4000 was raised in Port Perry.

Registration for war service is slow in town. All men 20-34 years must report by Nov. 10th or are liable to arrest.

November 1917

Mr. J.C. Browne, retires as the Massey Harris dealer, after 34 years in business.

With purchase of 50¢ of candies, the Aura Lee Candy store was giving a free suitable box for sending overseas.

A family reunion at the home of Mr. Charles A. Honey brought together nine brothers and one sister for the first time in 36 years.

The Port Perry Star offers a combined subscription with the Toronto Daily Star for \$4.00 per year.

December 1917

The public library is in need of funds to keep operating.

Port Perry citizens, who were asked to purchase \$80,000 in Victory Bonds, far surpassed their objective buying over \$200,000 worth of the bonds.

The Citizen's Union Committee ran a large ad saying they would "Never" vote for Pro-Germans, Suppressors of Free Speech and Slackers.

Santa Claus arrives for a visit with the children in town on Dec. 24.

Arthur J. & David Carnegie sold the jewellery stock of J.D. Robertson to W.H. McCaw. The business is bought by James McKee of Scugog.

Healthy recreation on Lake Scugog

Port Perry Star: August 16, 1917

Scugog lake and Scugog shores are providing healthy recreation and rest to many people this summer. Pettit's Point, Delmont Cottage, Caesarea, and Scugog Landing all have their quota of guests. Caesarea being particularly "full up."

Fishing reports are very good the other side of Scugog Island. Mr James Lucas who has been holidaying with his family at Scugog Landing, near Janetville, reports good bass fishing in that locality.



Delmont Cottage, Seven Mile Island.

Evidence of business enterprise

Port Perry Star: September 11, 1917

The value of advertising was amply illustrated on Saturday evening at F. W. McIntyre's store. A double attraction was advertised to take place – a band concert and a formal showing of Fall Fashions.

The ladies turned out in large numbers to enjoy this feast of music and the charming beauty and graceful design of the artistic creations of the modiste. Mr. McIntyre is to be congratulated on the success of his effort in combining business and pleasure so happily.

Aeroplane lands a Port Perry fairgrounds

Port Perry Star: September 27, 1917

It will be some time yet before an aeroplane ceases to attract, and when one alighted in the Fair Grounds in Port Perry, on Sunday afternoon, a very short time passed before a large crowd had collected, in spite of the fact that everyone had to crawl under the gate to get there.

Apparently the aviator came down largely to practice alighting and to make some little adjustments to the machinery. He did not stay long but in a few minutes rose into the air, circled around, and came back to wave the people goodbye, and in a few minutes was out of sight. The gracefulness and wonderfulness of these machines only increases as we learn more of them.

Barn near Seagrave burned to ground

Port Perry Star: October 18, 1917

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. William Pollock had the misfortune to have his barn and pig pens destroyed by fire. They were filling the silo and a spark is supposed to have been blown from the engine and caught in some straw around the barn and was soon fanned on by a very strong wind which was blowing.

Every assistance was given to save the barn which contained the season's crop of grain and hay. There was also destroyed with the barn and contents two head of cattle.

The neighbors, together with many from Port Perry turned out to help fight the fire. A barn across the road belonging to Mr. John Watson caught on fire but was soon put out.



The Carnegie Milling Company, at lakefront Port Perry, circa 1914.

Over \$4,000 raised for Red Cross and patriotic purposes

Port Perry Star: October 18, 1917

Considering the fact that death and removals have made considerable sprinkage in the giving ability of the town, Port Perry did well in collection for Red Cross and other patriotic funds.

From what can be seen now, it is expected that when all the returns are in, the collection will be well over \$4,000, probably forty-two or forty-three hundred dollars. A pleasing feature of the canvass was that almost everybody who was asked to give gave freely. The list of contributors will be published next week.

The Aura Lee Store moved to new store

Port Perry Star: October 25, 1917

Dorman Corban, of the Aura Lee Store, announces this week that on July 19th last they moved into a new store opposite the Post Office.

In three years he had outgrown the facilities at the old store. The new store is much larger and better suited for a growing business. As success and growth has been due to the loyalty of their customers they wish to inform their customers that they will do all in their power to merit its continuance.

Announcement

On July 19th last we moved into our new store opposite the Post Office. In three years we had outgrown our facilities at the old store. The new store is much larger and better suited for our growing business.

As our success and growth has been due to the loyalty of our customers we wish at this time to tell you we will do all in our power to merit its continuance.

NOTICE

We start to-day (Thursday) with a full line of

Bread, Cakes and Pastry
Bread will be 10c a small loaf.

AURA LEE STORE

D. CORBMAN, Proprietor

HAROLD W EMMERSON

SUCCESSOR TO

PEARSE & WARD

FIRE INSURANCE

Stock Insurance Motor Insurance

Plate Glass Insurance

Life Insurance

OFFICE ON JOHN STREET
(One House North of the Catholic Church)

Port Perry, Ontario

Bell Phone 151

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January 1918

Reach: John Stone re-elected Reeve by acclamation. Scugog: Reeve Peter Hood.

Mr. John Roach purchased the St. Charles Hotel.

Mr. James McKee, formerly of Scugog, purchased the stock and business of the estate of J.D. Robertson.

Lt.-Col. Sam. Sharpe awarded D.S.O.

Brigadier General James MacBrien made Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

An axle broke and two freight cars were thrown from the track in front of the Port Perry train station.

The winter snow storm created the biggest blockade on record. Seven trains held up at Burketon, Mr. McPhail had 150 people to feed and at Myrtle Mr. Williams had 70 people to feed. There is said to be 12 ft. of snow on the Port-Lindsay line in the McConnell cut. The mail came through Whitby by stage.

Samuel Farmer was elected president of the Public Library board.

February 1918

Ft. Lieut. George Howsam won the Military Cross for bravery

All places of business ordered closed Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, even if they burn wood. Grocers, butcher and bakers may remain open till noon Saturday.

Drenching storm with high winds damaged and ripped roof off a number of area barns.

A.F. Carnegie takes Overland Dealership.

March 1918

President of the Port Perry Bowling Club is George Gerrow.

All boys between 13 and 19 are asked to register for farm labor as their contribution to the war effort.

W.R. Murray has become the local dealer for Gray Dort cars on Queen St.

Two more sections were added to the Bell Telephone switchboard

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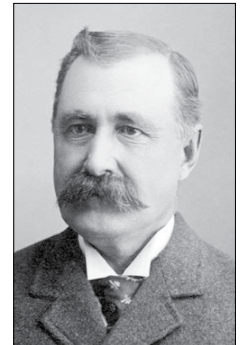
Port Perry Council elected by acclamation

North Ontario Observer: January 2, 1918

The Port Perry council of 1917 proved an exceptionally competent one in ever respect, it being composed of gentlemen of rare ability on municipal affairs.

A Reeve of many years and large experience in Pickering as well as Port Perry and two ex-Reeves, one being an ex-Warden and a councillor of considerable experience and practical knowledge of the duties of the office.

The Council of 1918, elected by acclamation, retains a very large percentage of the excellent qualities of that of 1917, with the addition of Mr. William H. Leonard who fills the shortage, owing to the retirement of the Reeve, who had held the office with credit to all concerned for the past six years.



Reeve James Stonehouse

The Reeve elect, Mr. James Stonehouse, possesses every qualification required for the fulfillment of the duties of the office to which he will do honor. Unassuming, practical and energetic he will leaving nothing undone that may prove beneficial to the best interests of this corporation. He also possesses the requisite abilities to make Port Perry's influence felt at the County Council while not neglecting the interests of the County as a whole

The gentleman is entitled to the office, there is no question, and he is to be congratulated on his election to so important a trust by acclamation. Having retired from business and being possessed of considerable means, he will be in a position to devote all necessary attention to the office.

Family barely escape from burning home

North Ontario Observer: January 16, 1918

Early on Monday morning last, fire was discovered in the home of F.T. Brimacombe, lot 23, con. 14, Reach, and there being a terrific storm raging at the time, soon the dwelling, together with the contents, were consumed.

The occupants barely escaped with their lives, their night clothes being partly burned while making their escape from the burning building. Mrs. Brimacombe afterwards had her feet badly frozen.

The loss is a severe one and all sympathize with the family in their misfortune.

The great storm, the Sunday before the fire, had the effect to make it next to impossible to create sufficient warmth to hold services in the Presbyterian Church, so Union Services were held in the Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Elliott preached in the morning and Rev. Mr. Black in the evening.



Lakeside Beach, Scugog Island, circa 1920.

W.U. Carnegie erects new garage for Ford agency

North Ontario Observer: March 7, 1918

The new Ford garage now being erected by Mr. W.U. Carnegie, on Queen St., is nearly completed and is highly creditable to all concerned. Mr. Wm. McGregor is the contractor which is sufficient guarantee for the workmanship.

The Fords is a long way in the lead and intends staying there.

Good roads system in Port Perry

North Ontario Observer: May 9, 1918

The County Council have approved two roads in Port Perry to connect with the Good Roads System, namely:-

From the Western limit of Port Perry on the Manchester road; thence East on Queen Street to Perry Street; thence North to the North limit of Port Perry on Perry and Lilla Streets.

2nd. A road commencing on the south limit of Port Perry, on Ontario Street on the Nonquon Road; then north past the Catholic Church to Queen Street, where it joins the other road.

The County is this year putting on a levy of 1 1/2 mills for good roads. The villages and towns have to pay this levy although they are not included in the Good Roads Scheme.



The "Made in Canada" Car

It gives its owners unequalled motor car satisfaction because of its low cost, durability, power and ease of upkeep.

The Ford is dependable and seldom needs repairs, but when they are required there is a Ford Service Station near at hand to give assistance.

Ford Service is as much a part of the Ford car as the engine itself—it is inseparable.

There are over 700 of these Ford Service Stations scattered throughout Canada alone.

If you buy a car that is simply assembled in Canada—has no branches and no Service Station, what service and satisfaction can you expect?

The Ford car is made entirely in Canada by Canadians and with Canadian capital.

The Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited, Ford, Ontario, is the largest automobile plant in the British Empire.

Let us show you the 1917 Ford Models. If you buy you get courteous Ford Service wherever you travel.

CHASSIS, \$480; TOURING, \$498; TOWN CAR, \$700; RUNABOUT, \$478; COUPELET, \$608; SEDAN, \$690

F. O. B. FORD, ONTARIO

W. U. & H. CARNEGIE, - Local Dealers, - Port Perry

Col. Sharpe recovering from nervous breakdown

The Toronto Globe: May 22, 1918

Lieut. Col. Sam Sharpe, M.P., D.S.O., the member of the Dominion House for North Ontario has arrived in Halifax and is expect in Toronto by the end of the week.

He was mentioned in despatches, and as Commanding Officer of the 116th Battalion earned the respect and affection of officers and men of his unit. His battalion went overseas in early 1916 and has seen much heaving fighting since that time.

Mr. Sharpe, who went to England two years ago and took up her residence, has returned with her husband. Lieut. Col. Sharpe is home on convalescent leave after suffering a nervous breakdown and spending several months in an English hospital.



Co. Samuel Sharpe's funeral procession in downtown Uxbridge, Ontario.

Col. Sam Sharpe dies in Montreal

The Toronto Globe: May 30, 1918

Col. Sam Sharpe of Uxbridge, Ont., recently returned from England, met his death yesterday morning at the Ross Pavilion of the Royal Victoria Hospital, but jumping from a second story window and fall to the concrete pavement below.



Col. Samuel Sharpe

The nurse, who left his room a few minutes previous, report he showed no signs of mental aberration, and talked quite intelligently to her. He was dressing to go out for a drive which had been arranged by the nurse.

A special despatch said that the body of Col. Sharpe would arrive in Whitby at 6:45 this morning by the G.T.R. and would be immediately taken to

the County Council chamber, to lie in state until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when a public service will be held on the steps.

This evening the remains will be taken to Uxbridge for interment by six men from the Whitby Military Hospital, and these, if possible, will be men from Co. Sharpe's battalion.

Col. Sharpe commanded the 116th battalion at Vimy Ridge, and in the fighting around Lens, and was invalided to England last December. A nervous breakdown kept Col. Sharpe in England until the middle of April.

Three weeks ago he sailed to Canada, but was forced to leave the train and go into hospital at Montreal. Relative believed that Col. Sharpe was progressing toward recovery and the news of his death was unexpected.

Crowds line Uxbridge streets as procession accompanies Col. Sam Sharpe's funeral

North Ontario Observer: June 6, 1918

A private funeral service was held at Col. Sam Sharpe's late residence for the immediate family at 1:30 p.m. and the public service taking place on the lawn at 2 o'clock, the speakers delivering their addresses from the verandah.

The street was crowded from end to end so that traffic was impossible. The body lay in state in the verandah, where a seemingly endless process of people view it. Addresser were given by Capt. Garbutt and Col. Dr. S. Chown.

At the close of the service the body was placed on a gun carriage, six officers of the 116th Battalion acting as pall bearers. The order of the procession to the cemetery was first the firing squad, the band, the Chaplains, the gun carriage, the late Col. Sharpe's steed, the two brothers of the deceased, the returned soldiers of the town, then the staff and officers.

The streets for a mile and a half to the cemetery were lined with people, where a large crowd of people also awaited the procession who wished to pay their last respects to the late popular member for North Ontario. After the service, the firing party fired three shots and the last post was sounded.

Jeffrey & Sons fire loss nearly \$10,000

North Ontario Observer: June 13, 1918

About 8:40 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, the wholesale harness establishment of Messrs. Samuel Jeffrey & Son was discovered to be on fire. Smoke was noticed issuing from the wholesale collar manufacturing department when alarm was given and the Port Perry Fire Brigade responded sharp on time, and did excellent work and saved the building, not however before immense damage was done to the large stock in the building.

The estimated loss on stock is \$8,000 and on the building from \$1,000 to \$1,200, besides the great loss the firm sustains by being thrown out of business for some time.

Sixty set of single harness were in course of manufacture, and during the progress of the fire, the firm received an order for 100 set of heavy team harness. The products of Messrs. S. Jeffrey and Son's establishment for celebrity and immensity have an enviable reputation.

Electrical storm damages telephone lines

North Ontario Observer: June 13, 1918

During the electrical storm on the weekend of June 8 that visited Scugog, considerable damage was done to the multiplicity of Bell telephone wires that prevail everywhere throughout the wire-bound, prosperous and wealthy township.

In many instances the wires were completely melted. Strange to say not a cents damage was done to the patrons of the wonderfully prosperous company. It protects its patrons in the most scientific manner from damage by storms. Mr. Linke and his staff are busy in making the necessary repairs and they are executing the work scientifically.

Returned soldier gets caught in weeds, and drowns in Lake Scugog

North Ontario Observer: August 1, 1918

On Saturday morning last, a sad drowning accident occurred in Lake Scugog by which Mr. W. Joseph Chantler, a returned soldier lost his life.

The young man and a friend had gone to the beach on Mr. Beare's farm to bathe. Finding a canoe there, Chantler went out into the lake leaving his friend on shore. In a few minutes he called for help, saying "the weeds had got him."

His friend immediately went back to Mr. Kent's and secured help and a boat, but on their arrival at the place of the accident, could not see Chantler. His body was recovered about an hour later, but life was extinct.

In efforts at restoring life, some scratches on the face were caused which gave rise to rumours that there had been trouble between the two men. Under the circumstances, the Coroner, Dr. S. Mello, thought best to hold an inquest.

The evidence established the accidental nature of the drowning and the jury brought in a verdict of "accidental drowning" with a recommendation that the village council take steps to supply a bathing place which would be safe and could be properly supervised.

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to accommodate the growing number of subscribers.

One of Port Perry's earliest postmasters, Henry Gordon passed away. He also held positions of magistrate, Reeve and Warden of the Cty. of Ontario at one time.

Reports from the War: Lieut. Clarence Vickery badly gassed and Lieut. Frank Spence seriously wounded

April 1918

Area residents and farmers are asked to eat less bread and grow more wheat to send overseas to the Allies who are greatly in need of food.

The breakup of heavy ice on Lake Scugog has damaged many boathouses.

W.U. Carnegie erected new Ford garage at rear of Bank of Commerce and put in a new gas bowser in front of his hardware store.

Mr. Allan Goode, who purchased the Port Perry Creamery from Jas. Stonehouse, has opened in a fine new building with new machinery and a first-class pasteurizer.

May 1918

A.J. Carnegie to be manager of Farmer's Union Milling Co. taking over from Mr. Watson.

An order-in-council was passed imposing severe censorship upon the press regarding criticism of Canada or her Allies.

A 27' boat driven by a 25 h.p. motor, built by Capt. Bowerman and his son George was launched in the lake.

Col. Sam. Sharpe, jumped to his death from the second storey window of the Victoria Hospital, Montreal. He commanded the 116th Battalion at Vimy Ridge before having a nervous breakdown and being hospitalized in England in April.

June 1918

Fire broke out in the basement of S. Jeffrey & Son harness shop. Most of the damage (\$8,000) was from the water poured on the fire.

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Dorman Corbman opens grocery department, has also phonographs and records.

July 1918

J.W. Platten, Port boy honored. Long list of corporations he has served as director, most recent International Mercantile Marine Co., New York.

Reeve Samuel Jeffrey was appointed to buy and distribute coal for the Village of Port Perry.

The Port Perry Anglican Church was vandalized. Broken were two windows and a valuable offering plate.

August 1918

A barn operated by Mr. Luther Smith at the Head, Scugog Island was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Maintenance of the building on the wharf has been neglected and it is being gradually destroyed by vandals.

Salaries of teacher at Port Perry High School are now \$1000 per year.

Mr. Ralph Fitchett of Manchester has bought the Cawker Bros. butcher business.

Mr. Lakey's barn, west of Manchester, was struck by lightning, destroying the barn and contents. The livestock was saved.

September 1918

Mr. S. Jeffrey, Reeve of Port Perry was married Sept. 2 to Miss Ada Ellena Broad of Little Britain.

A good turnout for the Port Perry Fair which was held on Sept. 26, 27.

Graham Limited bought the Big Red Evaporator will use it for drying turnips. They will employ about 30 men and 15 women and run day and night.

October 1918

Former Reeve, Mr. George Gerrow and his wife have sold their residence to Mr. Allan Goode and are moving to Toronto.

Fire destroys barn, hay and implements

North Ontario Observer: August 1, 1918

During an electrical storm which took place in this vicinity on the afternoon of Monday last, the fine barn at the head of Scugog, the property of Mrs. Margaret Brown, Port Perry, was struck by lightning and the building and contents destroyed.

So rapid was the conflagration that Mr. Luther Smith, the tenant of the farm, had a close call to save the horses hitch hi did by cutting the halters. He is a severe loser, over 40 tons of hay, his farm implements, together with a number of calves and pigs were consumed.

High school establishing agriculture and household courses for students

North Ontario Observer: August 15, 1918

The Board of Education is establishing Departments of Agriculture and Household Science in our high school. This is one of the greatest steps in advance in this school for many years and is one of the greatest boons to the people of Port Perry and surrounding country that could possibly be given.

To properly carry on this work, Mr. Follick has taken the courses in Agriculture and Horticulture at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

The services of Miss Irene Glasgow, an experienced, successful and highly recommended teacher, have be secured to take charge of the department and the refitting of several additional rooms and purchased of large supplies of apparatus for both departments are being conducted at the present.

Along with the practical subjects referred to, a thorough training will be given by the various teachers of the school in gramma, literature, composition, spelling, arithmetic, bookkeeping, history geography, science, reading and writing, of the same grade of advancement as in Forms I and II or the ordinary high school work.

Apple Elevator sold to Belleville company

North Ontario Observer: September 26, 1918

We have it on thoroughly reliable authority that negotiations have been closed for the purchase of the evaporating buildings, the property of the estate of the late Joseph Bigelow. The Graham's Limited of Belleville are now the owners.

Mr. Wm. McCaw although having a number of offers for this property prior to its sale, declined all, he being on the alert to have it transferred to parties that would produce a marketable product that would prove beneficial to the town and this community at large, and be succeeded to perfection.

The Graham Company is to be congratulated on securing so desirable property in so suitable location in which to still further extend the magnitude of their already extensive operations which are of international proportions.

Grahams take immediate possession and operations commence at once, and it is expected that it require thirty operatives (men and women) to run it to its capacity. The evaporating of vegetables and roots being the object of the company, which they carry on extensively in British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and United Slatas – their building pants being of concrete and brick, of immense proportions.

Port Perry is certainly fortunate in securing so important an industry, and much credit is due to Mr. McCaw for accomplishing his worthy object, in securing for Port Perry and its surroundings so grand an acquisition to our manufacturing interests.

Former Reeve George Gerow leaves Port Perry to relocate in the "Queen City"

North Ontario Observer: October 17, 1918

George Gerow, Esq., who for the past 15 years has been one of Port Perry's most estimable, active, energetic and public spirited citizens is leaving Port Perry.

Some idea may be had of the magnitude of municipal honours of which Mr. Gerow has been the recipient. He first entered the council of his native township, Pickering in 1887, and held office until 1901. He filled the Warden's chair in 1901, and won encomiums for his fellow councillors for his efficiency of residing.

He served as Reeve of Port Perry for seven years and had only on contest. He was Chairman of the Road and Bridge Committees in the County Council for eight years.

It was Mr. Gerow who engineered and built, without a cent of cost to the corporation, the large concrete sewer across Port Perry' main thoroughfare. For the accomplishment of this improvement along, Port Perry owes Mr. Gerow a debt of gratitude it never can repay.

That he had great faith in the prospects of the town is evidenced by his construction of a magnificent home and investing largely in real estate, but the Queen City has given him a call and he could not refuse to respond.



George Gerow

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Dr. J.D. Berry has sold his house and is leaving Port Perry.

The Orchard Coal business was bought by the Farmers' Union Milling Co.

Samuel Graham giving up caretaking of Post Office.

Schools, Churches and lodges are also closed because of "Spanish" flu, but no serious cases reported here and no deaths in spite of rumor.

November 1918

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. S. Jeffrey and Mr. C.C. Jeffrey, the Post Office announced improved mail service adding an outgoing and incoming route. It will necessitate running a stage route between Port Perry and Myrtle.

The official record of Victory Funds purchased by residents of Port Perry, Reach and Scugog was \$325,200.

Milk prices rise to 12¢ per quart.

Port Perry celebrated end of the war

North Ontario Observer: November 14, 1918

The intelligence of an Armistice was celebrated with great vigor in Port Perry on Monday last. Proceedings started at two o'clock when religious services were held in the Methodist Church, at which our four ministers of the town participated, the services being sublime and strictly in keeping with the importance of the occasion, the assemblage being a large and highly intelligent one.

The Choir was a united one, and the musical program rendered was grand and highly appropriate to the occasion.

In the evening a Procession preceded along our principal thoroughfares, enrol taking in Manchester.

The Pageant being grand beyond description and highly creditable to all participating in it. Afterwards it finally halted neat the Esplanade at the rear of the Post Office where an immense multitude of celebrators congregated to give vent to their joyfulness at the glad tidings of Peace.

It was here that that the Chief instigator and principal criminal of the war was "burnt in effigy," and the application of the torch by a gentleman representing Uncle Sam was perfection personified as regard model, dress, and personal appearance.

The two Harlequins – Messrs. Bert Sarvis and Stewart Ford – delighted all all with their appropriate jests and original gestures.

William M. Real's great auction a success

North Ontario Observer: December 19, 1918

Mr. W.M. Real's great auction sale at Greenbank on Tuesday of this week, has proved a grand success. The attendance was very large, the bidding active, the Auctioneer, Mr. Jackson, at his best.

The prices realized, were the best possible and the result being the stock and implements realized over six thousand dollars, the grain, hay and roots bring over three thousand five hundred dollars.

The buyers, as well as the seller, are to be congratulation on so magnificent a result, for Mr. Real's farming belonging were all superfine, money-makers and as good as gold, and the fact of their changing hands may mean still greater value.

Son of Scugog Chief Johnson dies from influenza

North Ontario Observer: November 14, 1918

Isaac Edward Johnson, only son of Chief Johnson of the Indian Band, Scugog, while on a visit to the Indian Reserve, Rama, had the misfortune to be stricken with the prevailing influenza, and died on Monday, 4th November, in his 34th year.

He was active and industrious and was a general favourite with the members of the Band, and was acknowledged to be the best farmer upon the Reservation, and displayed his loyalty and great love of country by voluntarily becoming a member of the 182 Battalion for overseas duties but when about to start, the Chief met with a serious accident which incapacitated him from farming duties and obviated the fulfillment of the young man's greatest ambition and desire, by being relieved of military duties in order that their farms might not become neglected.

Mr. J. W. Crosier, the popular and indefatigable Agent of the Band, ever on the alert in looking after the best interests of the Band, on hearing of the sad event immediately took action regarding the condition of affairs on the homestead. After consulting a number of neighbours, all turned in and harvested the buckwheat and threshed it together with the other grain.

Plans continue for celebrations for the return of local soldiers

North Ontario Observer: December 19, 1918

At an adjourned meeting of the citizens of Port Perry held on Friday evening last, Mr. C.R. Stewart was appointed a member of the Welcoming Committee.

On behalf of his committee the Reeve reported fifty-five soldiers were eligible for gifts and that suitable ones were procurable at reasonable prices.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. W.L. Parrish, it was decided to present each returned soldier with an inscribed ring, and the committee were authorized to make the purchase.

On motion of Mr. Purdy, seconded by Mr. Linke, it was resolved to obtain the required amount for presentations by popular subscriptions.

On motion of Mr. Parrish, seconded by Mr. Purdy, it was agreed to open a subscription list on Dec. 20, payable to the President or Treasurer, and that said list remain open until January 20, 1919.

On motion of Mr. Purdy, seconded by Mr. Stonehouse, a committee consisting of the President, Secretary and Rev. J. Ford was appointed to execute other business not already incorporated in the transactions of former committees.

It is estimated that it will acquire \$400 to cover the necessary expenditure for gifts.

Village make reception plans for returning war veterans

North Ontario Observer: December 12, 1918

In response to the announcement of a meeting at the Port Perry Armouries on Friday, Dec. 6th, at 8 p. m., a number of citizens assembled to consider the question of fittingly welcoming the soldiers returning to the town.

Mr. Samuel Farmer was elected chairman and directed the business of the meeting. Rev. W. H. Black who was elected secretary inscribed the minutes.

The following motions were moved, duly seconded, fully discussed, and unanimously agreed upon:-

Mr. W. L. Parrish - Mr. C. R. Stewart - "That an Arch be erected in the vicinity of the G.T. R. Depot and the following gentlemen be a committee to have the work immediately executed." Arch Committee: - Messrs. A.M. Roberts, J. Ward, G.R. Davey, Wm. Cook, J. Hood.

Mr. William L. Parrish - Mr. C.R. Stewart - "That a committee be appointed to visit the homes of returning soldiers and, in the name of the citizens of Port Perry, extend a fitting welcome." - Welcoming Committee: - Mrs. Stent, Mrs. R R. Murray, Mrs. J. Ward, Rev. J. Ford, Rev. C. F. Stent, Mr. J. Stonehouse.

Mr. James Stonehouse - Rev. J. Ford - "That, in addition to the formal welcome, each soldier, who at the time of enlistment or discharge had his home within the bounds of Port Perry, be presented with a suitable gift.

C. F. Stent - Mr. W. L. Parrish - "That only soldiers in regular military standing at the close of the war and those having previously received their honourable discharge be the recipients of the Citizens' Gift."

Mr. Geo. A. Rose - Mr. C. R. Stawart - "That Messrs. Samuel Jeffrey, Edward H. Purdy, Samuel Farmer, and George A. Rose be a committee to ascertain a complete list of the soldiers whom the town should honour, make enquiry regarding the cost of suitable gifts, and report at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned to meet again, at the Armouries, Friday, December 13th, at 8 p.m.

Dr. J. D. McMaster, V.S. arrives

North Ontario Observer: December 26, 1918

Mr. J. D. McMaster, comes from Cornwall to reside in our town for the purpose of practising his profession as a Veterinary Surgeon. Cornwall's most prominent and influential official, Mayor P.J. Lally introduces him in the following letter:

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. J.D. McMaster, V.S ever since he commenced practice in Cornwall about five years ago. He has proved himself a most worthy citizen, and it is with extreme regret that I learn of his intended departure from our town.

I wish him every success in his new surroundings and sincerely hope he will make as many, if not more friends as he leaves behind him in Cornwall."

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Superintendent answers request for lighting on station platform

Port Perry Star: January 16, 1919

The following letter from J.L. McMillan, superintendent of railways to Reeve Samuel Jeffrey, speaks for itself:

Dear Sir: Referring to your favor of December 13th, relative to lighting of our platform at Port Perry.

I agree we cannot see this matter in the same light. I do not consider it from a business standpoint that the town of Port Perry should ask us to keep up two systems of lighting our station and platform, and as before stated, just as soon as we can get continuous service, we will be glad to take up the matter of installing electric lights.

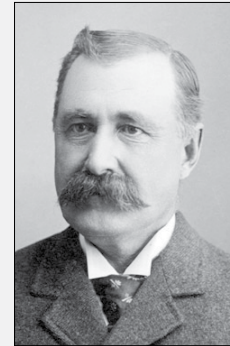
For your information I might say that I have arranged with the train-master at Lindsay to place at least two more large lamps on the platform at Port Perry and if any more are required, to give sufficient light, that he is to instal as many as may be required to give sufficient light.

Reeve requests G.T.R. to put train No. 379 into service on the tracks

Port Perry Star: March 6, 1919

Mr. James Stonehouse and Mr. Hood put through a resolution at the County Council demanding that the G.T.R. replace train No. 379 running from Whitby to Manilla Junction.

The resolution was passed on the ground that the removal of the train had been a serious inconvenience to shippers and the traveling public, especially to High School students and others who wish to make the round trip within reasonable hours on the same day.



Reeve James Stonehouse



Port Perry railway station, 1919.

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January 1919

Reeve - J. Stonehouse. Council - G.R. Davey, Jas. Ward, Jas. Swan, Allan Goode.

Arthur Bond takes over duties of caretaker at Pine Grove Cemetery from his father Reuben Bond.

Mr. H.L. Ebbels sold his law practice to Mr. W.H. Harris, after 40 years in Port Perry.

February 1919

J. Bowerman & Sons, open a auto, marine and stationary engine repair shop opposite Farmer's Union Mill Co.

Graham's Limited closed all their factories, including the Port Perry turnip evaporator.

March 1919

A resolution by Reeve Stonehouse at County Council, demands GTR replace train No. 379 running from Whitby to Manilla Junction.

Sarvis Bros. Bakery was sold to Harry and Bert White, former residents of Port Perry.

Mr. A.E. Rogerson, Toronto has bought the St. Charles Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Fielding to manage. The house will be remodelled and will re-opened in April.

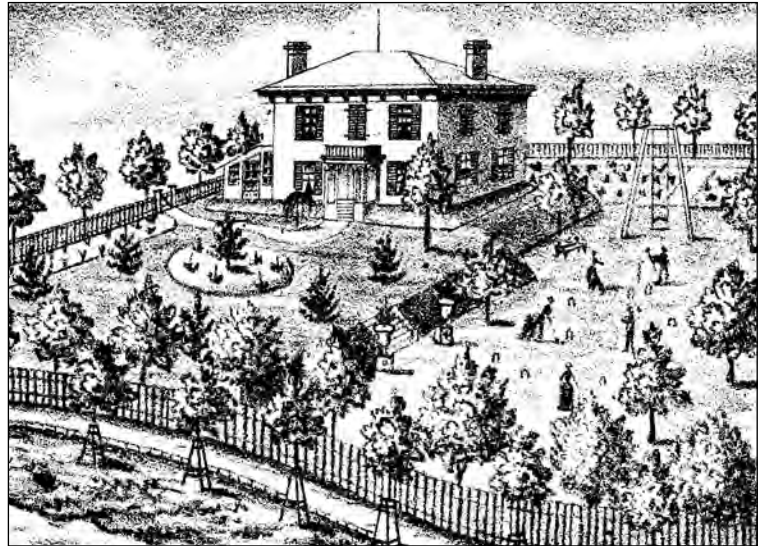
Union Church services, which were started because of the fuel shortage ended.

April 1919

Reeve Stonehouse received word the 1:30 and 5:30 trains will be back on service starting in May.

Cpl. A. W. Allin has been discharged and accepted the position of caretaker of the schools.

A reception and presentation was accorded to Port Perry soldiers returning from the war at the Town Hall. S. Farmer read a list of those killed in action: Lt. E.D. Wallace, Lt. A.B. Doubt, Lt. R. Soper, Sgt. Gord Hood, Pte. H. White, Pte. E. Hooey, Pte. Thos. Raines, Pte. Art. Clark, Pte. J. Dobbin, Pte. A. Jeffrey, and "The Last Post" was played. A presentation of a gold band ring was made to returning soldiers.



Residence of Hubert L. Ebbels, Cochrane Street, Port Perry.

H.L. Ebbels retires from law practice

Port Perry Star: January 16, 1919

Mr. Hubert L. Ebbels has sold his law practice to Mr. William H. Harris, after forty years of legal work in Port Perry. The painstaking work of Mr. Ebbels has given him an enviable standing in public life, and among his fellow practitioners.

He has taken a worthy place in the town life and his judgment in matters of public concern has been most valuable. With the many years of good service, the circle of friends has grown, and a great many will hear with keen regret that Mr. Ebbels is retiring from active life.

To many he has been a trusted adviser, and to such the task of forming new business relations is not a simple matter of change.

In announcing his retirement to his clients, Mr. Ebbels said: "In arranging with Mr. Harris to take over my practice, I was particularly fortunate, as his eighteen years of legal practice in Port Perry have thoroughly earned and retained unlimited public confidence, and I feel satisfied that my clients will be safe in Mr. Harris care."

We are pleased to know that the change will not rob us of Mr. Ebbels as a citizen, and trust that his health and that of Mrs. Ebbels may be improved, so that they may enjoy well merited leisure after many years of excellent work.

Town Council passes Bylaw to change into standard time on April 4

Port Perry Star: April 10, 1919

In conforming to the resolution passed at the public meeting held, on Friday evening, April 4, the Town Council passed a by-law changing standard time to conform to the new time adopted by the Railroads and the Post Office Department.

Citizens are hereby requested to put their clocks one hour in advance on the night of April 27th. This order to remain in force until midnight September 28th, 1919.

Town holds reception and presentations to the soldiers who returned from the war

Port Perry Star: April 24, 1919

A reception and presentation were accorded to Port Perry returned soldiers on Wednesday evening, April 16th.

The ladies of the town had made bountiful provision for the soldiers and their parents in the basement of the Methodist Church. There a most appetizing supper had been spread.

The whole room that was unusually attractive. An arbor was formed on the platform, enclosed in a lattice of pale blue. The supporting pillars were draped in delicate shades of blue and pink. A profusion of branches of cherry blossoms gave the appearance of Spring gladness, which spring flowers and numerous ferns served to heighten. All who saw these decorations were charmed with them.

The soldiers and their friends fully appreciated the kindly feeling which had actuated the ladies of the town in their unstinted efforts to make this part, of the program a success.

After supper, the guests retired to the Town Hall, which had been fittingly decorated for the patriotic occasion. Here a pleasing program was rendered and the presentation made.

Proceedings were opened by selections by the Port Perry Band, which gave excellent service throughout the program, followed the National Anthem.

While the audience was standing, the chairman, Mr. Samuel Farmer, read the list of those killed in action. Mr. Ross Roach gave "The Last Post," and the Band played the soldier's hymn - "Abide with Me." There were nine names in the list of those to whom this tribute of respect was given.

Addresses of welcome were made by the chairman, and Messrs. Rev. W. Elliott, Rev. W. H. Black, Samuel Jeffrey, and James Stonehouse.

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Dr. W.A. Sangster resumed his dental practice having returned from overseas.

May 1919

Dr. E.A. Totten, who occupied Dr. Sangster's dental office during the war period, is leaving town for Port Hope.

Port Perry's electric light plant was shut down for about two weeks while repairs were undertaken by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

A delegations of townsmen met with Sir Adam Beck to request Port Perry be placed permanently on the Hydro System.

A long distance telephone circuit is being built between Port Perry and Toronto at a cost of \$20,000.

P.G. Morrison has purchased the drug business of Mr. Orval Byer.

John Roach becomes the dealer for Briscoe Cars in Port Perry.



Harness Shop on the south side of Queen St., circa 1914.

1919 TIMELINE**June 1919**

The Farmer's Union Milling Co. offers to investors \$30,000 in first mortgage debentures with interest bearing at 6 1/2 per cent.

The town applied a coat of oil over Queen St. to reduce dust.

An increase in long-distance phone calls brought the price of a call to Toronto up to 30¢ from 25¢.

Mr. Ed. Griffen is remodeling Mr. Wilson's Seven Mile Island house, with a 16 foot double deck verandah around the house.

July 1919

The refurbished and redecorated St. Charles Hotel has re-opened and everyone is singing its praise.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches announced Union Services during July and August.

Fishing is reported to be great with many muskellunge weighing between 12 and 16 lbs. being caught.

Council received permission to clean and repair the damage at the wharfhouse, but with no financial help from the federal government.

Port Perry Creamery is churning out 11,000 lbs. of butter each week.

Saturday night is a busy shopping night in Port Perry, but often happy, social gatherings of people on the street forget about shopping until quite late, sometimes keeping the shopkeepers open until midnight.

August 1919

A large crowd gathered in Port Perry for the Civic Holiday. The day was celebrated with a Peace procession, aquatic sports, baseball, basketball and track and field events and a fireworks display in the evening.

Jas. McKee takes over the Ford business, gas oil and auto accessories of W. U. & H. Carnegie.

A serious fire broke out in an implement shed and spread to the office of Hogg & Lytle, gutting the entire front end of the building.

E.R. Gibson killed in accident while working on a gasoline engine

Port Perry Star: April 3, 1919

Last Tuesday afternoon Mr. E.B. Gibson, of Utica, was operating a gasoline engine near Stephen's sawmill, southwest of Utica. While the engine was running his clothing was caught by the clutch, and he was whirled around backwards by the wheel, being brought in contact with the frozen ground and the machinery with terrific force.

The clutch was out of order and was tied to hold it in position, so that it was very difficult to stop the engine quickly. As long as the wheel revolved, the body of the unfortunate man was whirled around with it.

Mr. Gibson's clothes were torn from him. His skull was fractured. One leg was broken at the hip and the knee, and the other was scraped so that the muscles were badly torn.

No one saw the beginning of the accident, but it would seem as though the man had been leaning over the wheel to oil or fix the engine when his clothes caught. Everything was done that could be done to help, but it all happened so quickly that the whole tragedy was ended before anything could be done prevent it.

Mr. Gibson died on Tuesday evening between nine and ten o'clock, but never regained consciousness. He leaves a wife and five young children to mourn his tragic death.

Horse brings home paralyzed mailman

Port Perry Star: May 1, 1919

On Thursday of last week, Mr. David Steele, mail carrier for R.R. No. 3., Port Perry, (the Scugog route) was struck with partial paralysis while returning home from his daily trip. The horse brought him safely to the Post Office here, evidently without much guidance from his master.

It is said that autos passing the rig could get no response to the tooting of their horns. Faithfully the horse kept the road and jogged along until the post office was reached. Here the animal stopped, and Mr. Steele managed to get out and drag his box part way to the mail room, when he collapsed entirely.

Medical assistance was brought, and it was found that one side was paralyzed and speech was gone. The patient was taken home as quickly as possible, and at time of writing he had recovered the use of his lower limb, and he could speak a few words.

New schedule for trains at Port Perry

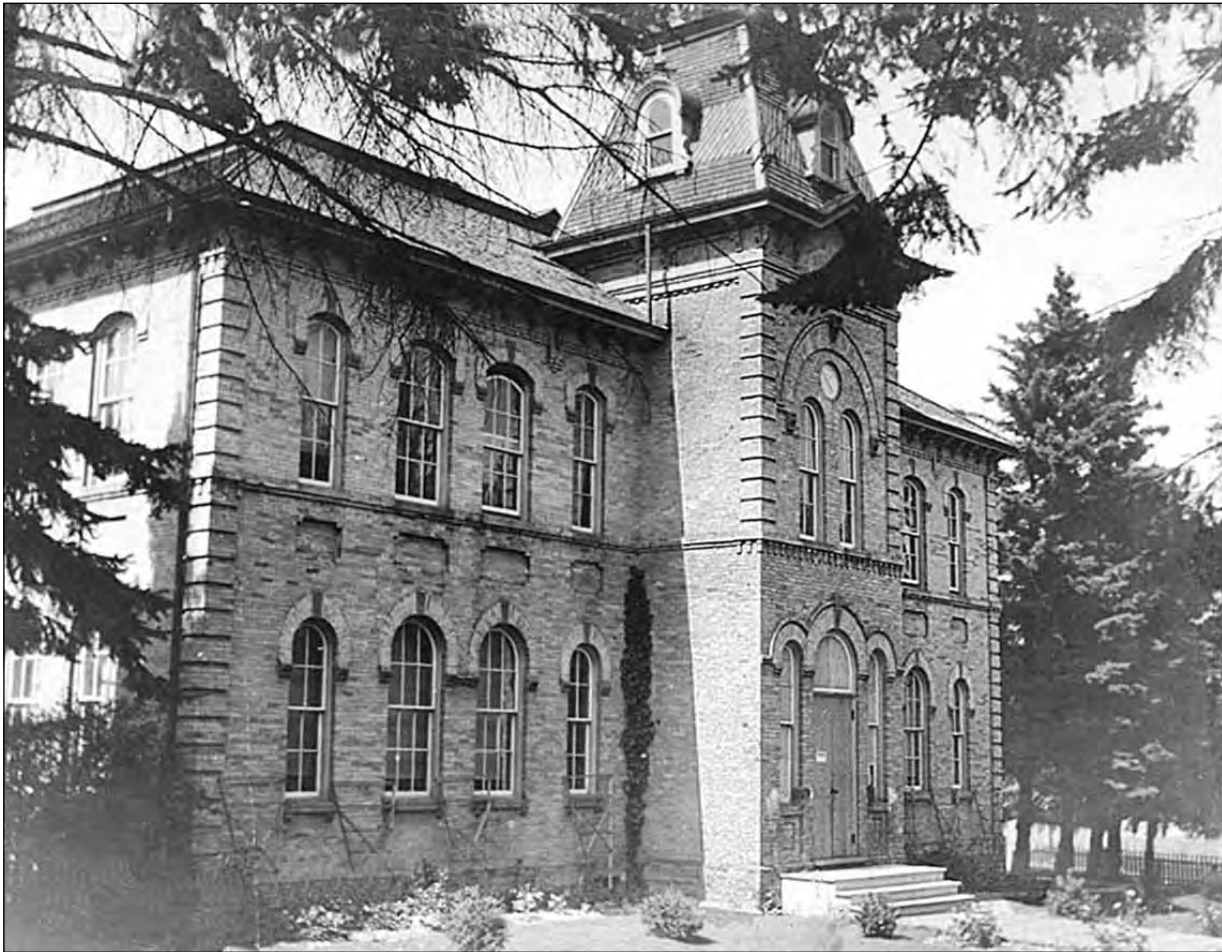
Port Perry Star: May 1, 1919

You'll have to get up before breakfast if you want to go Toronto on the morning train beginning Monday morning of next week. On that date the train will commence to run at 6:40 a.m. – NEW TIME.

But there's one comfort. We are told that we shall not be compelled to wait so long at Whitby, and we shall likely be able to reach Toronto about 8.30 a.m.

The return trip will be made at the usual hour.

The afternoon train also starts operations again on Monday. This is the train that meanders down to Whitby sometime during the afternoon, and gets back here "about" six o'clock. In this age of hurry, this leisurely, sociable train should be welcomed like an old friend of other days. It's too bad it was discontinued, for with its disappearance we lost a number of good high school students from the north.



Port Perry High School, Queen St., Port Perry, circa 1915.

Memorial at high school

Port Perry Star: May 1, 1919

The staff and students of Port Perry High School are proceeding with the erection of a suitable memorial to all ex-students of the school who have fallen in the recent war.

It is proposed to erect, on the school grounds, a steel flagstaff 50 feet high, bearing a bronze plate on which the names of the brave boys will be engraved in such a manner that they may easily be read from the street.

High School Principal, Thomas H. Follick wishes the relatives or friends of those whose names should be inscribed on the tablet, to send to him by letter or postcard, the full name of each soldier, his rank in the army, and as nearly as possible, the dates of attendance at Port Perry High School.

The names should be reported not later than Saturday, May 10th, and no one would regret the omission of any eligible name more than those erecting the memorial.

Students constructing Farm Mechanics building met with kind remarks

Port Perry Star: May 15, 1919

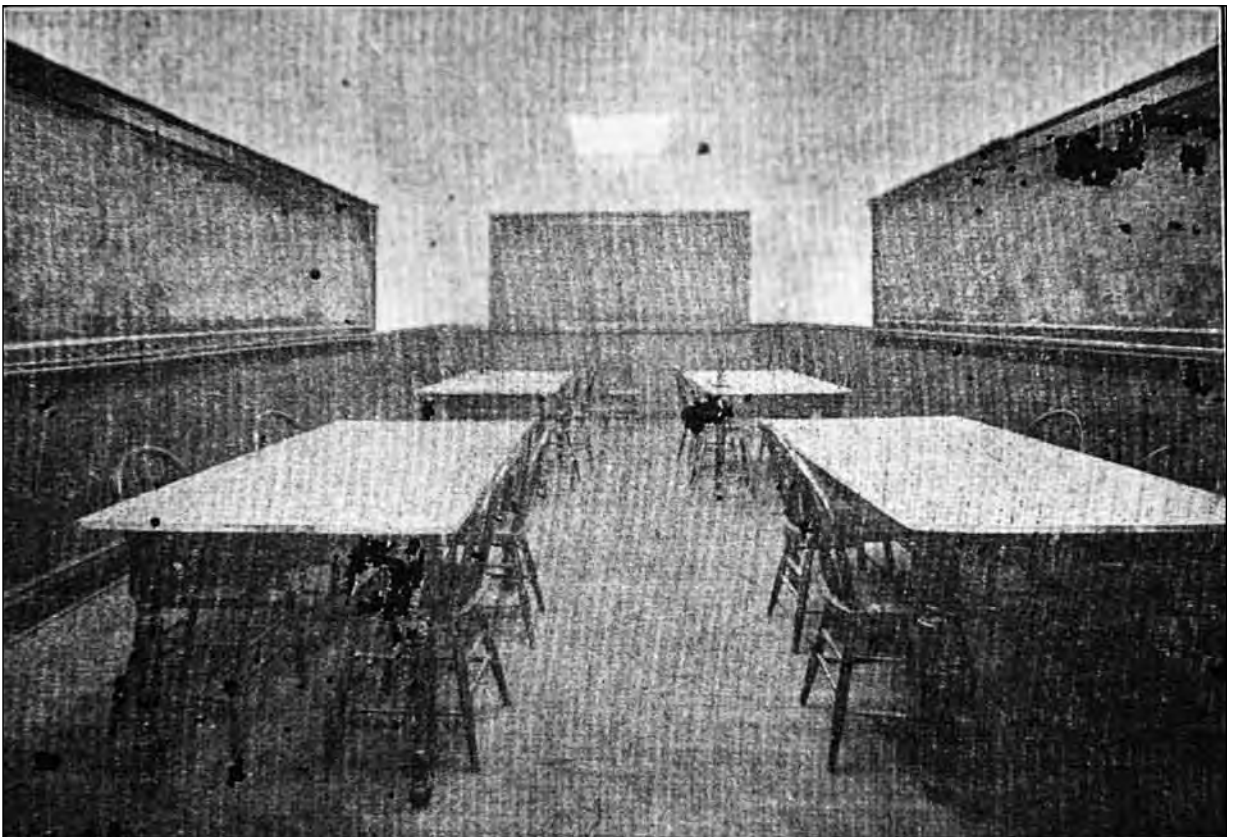
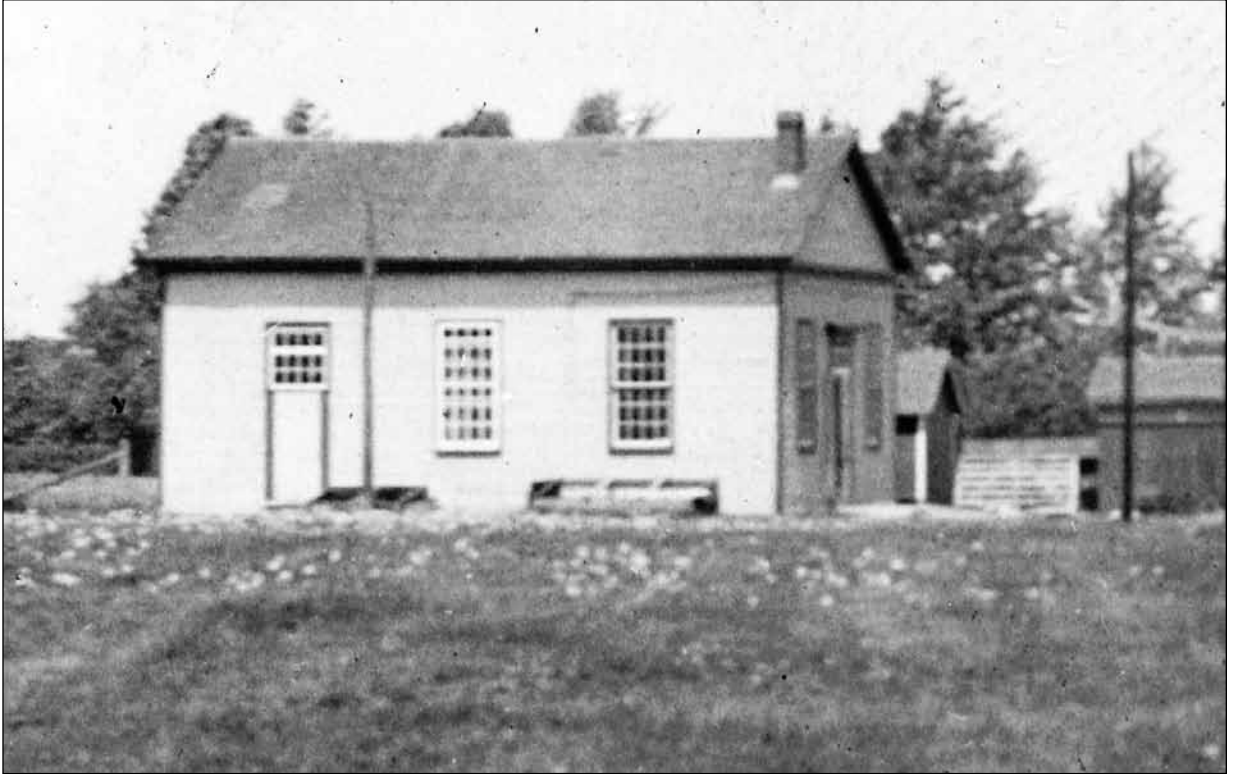
In the report of the Minister of Education recently issued, some remarks upon the Farm Mechanics work in Port Perry High School are quite complimentary. They are as follows:

"The method of procedure at Port Perry is interesting and instructive. The only accommodation available was an old woodshed, and it was decided to adopt this for the purpose.

For several weeks the boys were divided into two classes of four each and they worked with the expert carpenters and cement men, and under their direction did a large portion of the work on what is to be the Farm Mechanics building. They jacked up the woodshed, cleaned it out, prepared the foundation, and the whole floor space, and put in a cement foundation and floor.

The boys repaired and adjusted several pieces of furniture about the school, repaired a cupboard for the Household Science department and the tables and chairs in the Agricultural class room. Home projects received considerable attention, and among these, after due care and deliberation, some of the boys have decided to construct small outbuildings at home, one a woodshed, one a chicken house, and one a pig pen. Another boy is preparing to lay a cement floor in one of his home farm buildings."

Agricultural building and classroom at Port Perry High School





Seagrave United Church, circa 1915.

Electric lights installed at Seagrave United Church

Port Perry Star: June 19, 1919

The trustees of the Church are having their electric light plant installed this week, and are expecting to have it in full operation next Sunday and Monday, June 22 and 23, the dates of the Sunday School anniversary. The public will have an opportunity to hear Ruthven McDonald, the famous and humorous Toronto baritone, on Monday evening. Get your car ready, or hitch up the colt, and arrive at Seagrave in time for supper.

Union church service for Methodists and Presyberians during July and August

Port Perry Star: July 3, 1919

Union church services between the Methodist and the Presbyterian churches will be held during the months of July and August.

In July the services will be held in the Methodist church each Sunday morning and in the Presbyterian church at night.

The Methodist choir will be responsible for the music at both services during this month. Union prayer meeting will be held in Methodist church.

During August the order will be reversed. Moving service will be held at the Presbyterian church and the evening service in the Methodist church. The Presbyterian choirs will be responsible for the musical program. Union prayer meeting Weill be held in the Presbyterian church during August.

Fishing is good in Lake Scugog

Port Perry Star: July 10, 1919

Every day brings fresh news of good fishing in Lake Scugog. You should have seen the smiles on H. J. White's face after hauling in two beauties – one 15 and the other 13 lbs.

But Lou Scholes, a champion sculler, beat him by catching a 16 pounder, and, a nice little fellow weighing 12 lbs. We hear, too, that one man caught three scales, but no fish to weigh on them.

Ed. Balfour got a 16 pounder, and George White and his friends caught four beautiful maskinonge, and a nice trimming of bass. It remained for a visitor at Caesarea to cap the climax with a twenty pounder.

You Port Perry people who have left the old town, come back and give yourselves a holiday and some good sport on Lake Scugog Tell your friends the fishing is good!

Talk about building a new high school

Port Perry Star: July 10, 1919

For many years the Department of Education have been urging that a new High School be built in Port Perry, and according to the way matters are shaping, it is probable that the matter will be brought before the people for their Consideration at an early date.

A High School is a very valuable feature in a residential town. The question which the electorate must settle is whether they are willing to pay the price which will be demanded for a High School. Of this we shall hear more "anon," as the books say.

Thieves steal tires and animal hides

Port Perry Star: July 10, 1919

A couple of barefaced robberies have been committed in Port Perry recently. On Monday night a patent demountable tire was stolen from an auto driven by Mr. White, traveller, for Flavelles, Limited, of Lindsay. The tire was valued at \$60. The car was standing in a public shed at the time of the theft.

On Friday night of last week three hundred dollars worth of hides were stolen from Mr. L.G. Hall's slaughter house. Rumour has it that 60 hides were stolen at Oshawa on the same night, and that three sets of chains and five spare tires were stolen at Sonya Garden Party on July 12. Better not leave anything around loose.

Shopping Saturday night a busy time

Port Perry Star: July 17, 1919

One of the pleasing features of our town life is to watch the prosperous crowd that comes here on Saturday evening to shop. A more sociable, happy gathering it would be hard to find. Indeed the pleasures of conversation often render the people oblivious to the passage of time, and the business of buying is put off till such a late hour that it is extremely difficult for the storekeepers to render the service they would like to give.

Out of town shoppers are not the only ones who forget to do their buying until between 11 and 12 p.m. Of course, daylight saving time has not helped matters any in this respect. Shop as early you can.

Grain elevator saved by prompt action

Port Perry Star: August 7, 1919

What might have been a very serious and dangerous fire was averted by the prompt action and efficient service of the Fire Brigade. About 6 o'clock on Monday afternoon, fire broke out in John C. Brown's implement shop, and quickly spread to that part of the building occupied as an office by Hogg & Lytle.

The whole front end of the structure was gutted, and will have to be rebuilt. This building is situated close to the big grain elevator, and it, in only a matter of a few minutes, would have been on fire, but prompt work, and good water pressure saved it.

Ferguson Munro's horse had to be shot as its leg was broken by a colliding automobile.

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John Roach takes on dealership for Briscoe cars in 1919.

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September 1919

Port Perry council petitioned the government for a share of suitable German guns and trophies, taken during the war, to be allotted to the Village of Port Perry for display in front of the Post Office.

Reeve Stonehouse continues his efforts to have the Hydro-Electric Commission bring power to Port Perry.

October 1919

Booze is put out of business as prohibitionists voted to retain Ontario Temperance Act by a large majority.

Mr. George Stone unveiled a memorial tablet to the high school students who died during the war. A flag staff, 79 feet high and the bronze tablet were erected at the south-east corner of the school grounds.

November 1919

Public meeting is held to discuss the possibility of building a rink for Port Perry.

Mr. Fred. Brock was selected chairman of a committee to investigate a permanent rink.

The Hydro-Electric Commission is preparing an estimate, in time for the municipal election, on the cost of rewiring the town for electricity.

The local branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce purchased, from Jas. Carnegie, the building in which they have been located for a number of years.

Jas. McKee Garage becomes McKee & Hood.

December 1919

A terrible storm, with winds up to 80 mph brings front wall of Beare's garage down on three people, Augustus Raines, his wife and sister-in-law Miss Hazel Griffin. Mr. Hugh Lucas, a few steps behind escaped without injury. Immediate help removed the debris and found that Gus. Raines had suffered a fractured skull and other severe injury resulting in death. Mrs. Raines and Miss Griffin were severely burned.

Port Perry celebrates wars end with Peace Procession

Port Perry Star: August 7, 1919

Commencing shortly after the arrival of the morning train, the fun began, the aquatic sports being first on the program. Thanks are due to Mr. Arthur Carnegie for having lent the Cora to remove the weeds in front of the wharf, and to Charlie Bowerman for his able assistance in this matter.

As was expected, the Peace Procession was a very pleasing part of the day's proceedings, About 75 young ladies and girls dressed in white, carrying doves, formed the chief feature in the procession. In the forefront a banner was carried, inscribed with the single word "Peace" in large gold letters. In the centre of the procession of girls came a daintily decorated float in white and gold upon which was seated the Queen of Peace (Miss Vera Miller) carrying as her sceptre a golden wand and dove. The float was surrounded by a guard of honour (cadets),

Next came the veterans bearing a banner - "Victory" and followed by cadets carrying a banner "Honour to Our Boys". Then came Port Perry Band under the leadership of Mr. John Roach And it may be said right here that the Band gave excellent service throughout the entire day.

The horse race was a most interesting event. Five horses

competed. Much of the success of the racing event was due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Jas. McKee, who not only looked after the horses, but supervised the fixing of the track, the baseball diamond, and the basketball grounds.

There were two big features in the evening performance the presentation to the soldiers, and, the fireworks display. Some 25 returned soldiers were presented with gold rings from the citizens of Port Perry The presentation, which took place in front of the grand stand, was made by Reeve Stonehouse, chairman for the occasion, who made an appropriate address.

The Fireworks Display was a great success. The work of looking after this display was in the hands of Messrs. Albert Roberts, H. W. Linke, and Stewart Ford, and they are to be complimented upon the successful way in which they accomplished their task.

Some idea of the size of the crowd that attended the Demonstration may be gathered from the fact that gate receipts were about \$750. A very large number who attended were children. Soldiers and their lady friends were admitted free.

The total gross receipts were over \$900. The amount to be given to the rink fund will be over \$400, bringing the fund up to about \$750.



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Town fortunate to have a great fairground and grandstand

Port Perry Star: August 14, 1919

Considerable pleasure has been expressed at the success of the celebrations held at Port Perry on August 4, but that success would have been impossible had there been no fairgrounds or had we lacked a commodious grandstand.

These possessions of the town have not been valued as highly as they should have been. No other town of the size of Port Perry has anything to equal our racetrack, grounds, and grandstand. And for the continued possession of these, we owe much to the Port Perry, Reach, and Scugog Agricultural Society. It was through the efforts of this Society that the money was collected to buy the grounds from the late Wm. Tummonds, who was about to tear down the fence, and put the property into such a shape that it would have been unfit for Fair or Athletic purposes.

Since that time the Agricultural Society has struggled

along with very imperfect support from either our towns people or from the farmers for whom the Fair was held year by year.

Many more people have offered criticisms of the conduct of the Fair, than have offered to assist to make the Fair a success. Yet the Agricultural society has continued its work hoping for and believing that the day would come when our people would realize what a fine asset we have in the Fair Grounds.

It is evident that, as an amusement centre, it is immensely better than the High School campus, and would seem wise that in some way it should be more permanently retained for that purpose. The past four or five years have proved that the town can accomplish seemingly impossible things if we are united, and there is plenty of room for united effort in rendering successful what might be made one of the chief attractions of Port Perry – the Fall Fair.



Manchester fire destroys house

Port Perry Star: August 14, 1919

Last Sunday afternoon, the barns and house belonging to Mr. Charles Lamb at Manchester, were burned to the ground. The origin of the fire is unknown. Two factors worked against such efforts as were made to save the property.

In the first place a steady breeze fanned the flames, which had plenty of dry material to feed upon. And then it was not possible to get sufficient water from the well to be of any real service.

Members of Port Perry Fire Brigade went out to assist in putting out the fire, but beyond helping to save some furniture, they could do nothing. The fire destroyed the house and barns together with the hay and such of the grain crop as had been harvested, and three horses. There was some insurance, but not nearly sufficient to cover the loss.

Reeve petitions for German war trophies for Port Perry

Port Perry Star: September 18, 1919

The following resolution, issued by Reeve James Stonehouse, was passed at the last meeting of the local council.

That whereas a large number of war trophies were taken from the German armies by our gallant Canadian soldiers and brought to Canada.

And whereas many of these trophies were taken by the 116th Battalion, a number of whom were Port Perry boys.

And whereas this Council has been led to believe that it the intention of the Dominion Government and the Military authorities to distribute these war trophies throughout Canada.

And whereas Port Perry according to Dr. Abbott, chairman of the Patriotic Fund, set the pace in the early part of the war for contributions to the Patriotic Fund in small municipalities and thereby incited other like places to measure up to Port Perry in their givings to the Fund;

And whereas, Port Perry has a very suitable site in front of the Post Office for the placing of such trophies;

Therefore, be it resolved that this Council memorialize the Hon. Minister of Militia to use his influence to have suitable trophies allotted to the Village of Port Perry, when such allotment takes place.

Little girl has miraculous escape from drowning near wharf

Port Perry Star: September 25, 1919

That little Myra Bulkley, of Port Perry, is alive- today is nothing-short of miraculous.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week two little children - Myra Bulkley and Marjory Real wandered down to the wharf at the foot of Queen Street, and Myra, venturing to near the edge, fell into the water.

Marjory Real's first thought was that mother would know what to do, and off she ran to her home fully a third of a mile distance. As soon as Mrs. Real found out what had happened, she telephoned the elevator. Frank Shepherd rushed down to the water front, and saw the body of the child floating on the water, within a short distance from the wharf. Climbing down on the outeredge of the wharf, Frank found a ring, and by grasping this with one hand and reaching to his utmost limit with the other, he managed to reach a foot and draw the child in.

Mr. Jarnes Lucas was close at hand, and together, he and Frank worked at the body until consciousness was restored. The prompt, efficient assistance of these gentlemen saved the child's life. But how the child retained life until assistance arrived is a marvel.

The nearest to a reasonable solution is a statement made by the child herself when asked if she was frightened. Her answer was, no, I just went down to the bottom, and came up again." This lack of fright and struggle must be the reason for the wonderful escape.

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The farmers and the "Drys" win in Ontario, booze is put out of business in Port Perry

Port Perry Star: October 23 1919

The farmers and the prohibitionists had their innings on Monday, and there is general rejoicing that booze is put out of business. Of the political situation nothing can be said with certainty except this - no part has sufficient majority to be able to swing the Government for the good of the whole Province with the active support of one of the other group.

There is one feature of the Prohibition campaign which should not be overlooked. The Referendum Committee spent nearly half a million dollars in the campaign for dry Ontario, and the result shows that the money was well spent. If you feel glad, make a small contribution to the fund. and leave it with Mr. I. R. Bentley, jeweller, or mail it to Mr. H. C. Na-smith,

The ladies of Port Perry deserve credit for the whole-hearted way in which they turned out to vote "dry." Nearly every possible vote was polled. The educational work done by the ladies of the W.C.T.U. and others was first-class. There were almost no spoiled ballots. The women have amply proved their fitness to vote.

Those who have been accustomed to regard the Ontario Temperance Act lightly would be wise to consider the fact that the overwhelming endorsement of the law by the people, will mean a much more rigid enforcement of the law.

High School honours former students killed in the war

Port Perry Star: October 30 1919

A lasting memorial to the High School students who died in the service of their country, has been erected in the south-east corner of the school grounds. It is a steel flagpole bearing a tablet with the names of the high school's soldiers who died.

Mr. George Stone unveiled the table on Friday afternoon in the presence of a large number of spectators. The people then adjourned to the town hall where appropriate addresses were derived by Reeve Stonhouse, Mr. T.H. Follick, Dr. J.D. berry, Rev. Mr. Stent and Dr. James Moore.

The High School staff and all who assisted with this work are to be commended for the spirit which actuated them in planning, buying and carrying out

the erection of this lasting memorial. The flagstaff, which is 79 ft. high. was erected by Mr. J. H. Brown, of Seagrave. The bronze tablet was supplied by Mr. I.R. Bentley, jeweller.

A record of the main events in connection with the lives of those whose names appear on the tablet will be kept on the books of the High School, and the flag is to be raised on the anniversary of the death of each of the young men. The information at hand concerning these men is not yet complete, and it is requested that those who are able to give further particulars, communicate with Mr. T. H. Follick, or Mr. George Stone.



Port Perry Star office at east end of Queen Street.

Star newspaper office will move to Jessop Block early next year

Port Perry Star: November 27 1919

The paper is to have a home of its own in the Jessop Block, where the picture show has been for a few years back. Already the front has been remodelled, and a large window has been put in the west side of the building to let in more light.

The new premises are ideal for business and few rural newspapers will be better housed than The Star when we move. The moving will not take place until after Christmas. When we move, we shall be pleased to have you visit us, and see how well we shall be able to serve your printing needs.

Our type is all new and well selected, and our experience is practical and includes a good city training. Our prices have always been as reasonable as we could make them, and have not the slightest intention of raising them unduly at any time.

The Star will move into a home of its own at the beginning of next year; and then we shall be even better able to serve you in the future than we have in the past.

Port Perry main streets have been upgraded with crushed stone

Port Perry Star: November 20 1919

A good piece of crushed stone road has been constructed from the corner of Casimir and John Streets, along John Street to Union Avenue, and along Union Avenue to Ontario St. The reason the road is not being further improved is because the money ran out.

The steam roller has been here about a week, and the work has progressed favourably under the supervision of Mr. Wm. Real in spite of the catchy weather.

Some sixteen cars of various grades of crushed stone have been used so far. Two more carloads of foundation stone are to be placed on an extension to be made at the south end on the Oshawa Road.

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Winter storm causes death and destruction

Port Perry Star: December 4, 1919

When the storm raged in Port Perry on Saturday evening we did not realize how widespread was the havoc it was working. For a time our own tragedy had swallowed up any thought of the outside world. But while the wind brought death and destruction, Port Perry was not the only sufferer.

The wind, which travelled from the south at the terrific rate of 78 miles an hour, did unfold damage throughout the Province, although but two fatalities are reported.

The greatest and most sorrowful misfortune was, that which took place on the the front street when the upper half of the front wall of Beare's garage was blown down, burying beneath it three persons – Augustus Raines, his wife, and his wife's sister, Miss Hazel Griffen.

They had been down town and were on their way back to the Town Hall. Following right behind them was Mr. Hugh Lucas, who slowed up just a moment before he reached the garage thinking he would not try to pass the group as he was going to turn at the next corner. Indeed the three persons ahead were within a couple of steps of being out of danger when the wall fell on them.

Mr Lucas escaped with nothing but a few splatters of mud; but Gus Raines, his wife, and sister-in-law, were pinned under the mass of brick. Ready hands were soon at the work of rescue. Messrs. James Boe, Biggs, and Dr. Mellow, together with Mr. Lucas, being among the first to assist.

Gus Raines, being the tallest and the farthest from the building, received the greatest weight of the blow, and doubtless broke the blow to some extent for his companions. He was badly crushed, his skull being fractured at the base, causing compression of the brain, his shoulder was broken, and his foot was ground to a pulp. His boot and rubber looked as though they had been through a threshing machine. He was completely covered with the debris. His companions were badly bruised, particularly his wife.

All were immediately given medical attention by Dr. Samuel Mellow and Dr. Robert Archer. At 10.30 a.m., Sunday, Gus Raines died of his injuries. His wife is doing well, but is suffering considerable pain. Miss Hazel Griffen was not badly hurt, and is doing nicely.

The circumstances of the tragedy are felt to be particularly sad, as Gus Raines, who was a returned soldier who saw active service in France, was only married a little over two weeks ago. The funeral, which took place on Wednesday afternoon was largely attended. The places of business throughout the town were closed. Military honours were accorded to the deceased, and the Loyal Orange Lodge took part in the funeral ceremony.

A coroner's inquest recommended that a competent building inspector be appointed by the Municipal Council at once, and that the work of inspection of buildings be undertaken.



Beare Motors garage, before storm in December 1919.

Storm causes severe damage throughout the entire area

Port Perry Star: December 4, 1919

Two metal barns were destroyed. One of them was that erected by Mr. Jas. H. Lakey, west of Manchester, not more an eleven months ago. It is now a total wreck. The other as that in course of erection by Mr. Brabazon near Blackwater. Both these men had lost their former barns by fire, id this double disaster will be very hard to bear.

Near Mr. Lakey lives Mr. Johns whose barn was damaged. At Utica, the Methodist Church sheds are in pretty bad shape, one part being completely carried away.

Not long ago Henry Giebner bought the property of Mr. Lakey, Sr. That barn roof is off. Fred Ballard had just settled on the farm he bought from right Crosier, and his barn roof damaged, while the barn Wright Crosier's, west place had its roof torn off. Mr. Adam Cumming's silo was shifted about a foot on e foundation wall.

The roofs on all the implement sheds belonging to Miles Crosier were blown off. Charles Gourley's garage was flattened to the ground. Thomas Boynton's barn near Prince Albert was partly unroofed, as was also Frank Sonley's barn on the 6th concession.

Russell Sutcliff's barn had the gable end blown out. The flag pole at Mr W. L. Parrish's house was snapped off and fell against the house, doing some damage there.

Of fences down, trees uprooted, telephone poles broken, there seems to have been no end. Telephone and telegraph service was badly disorganized. The Hydro was put out of business at Oshawa and Brooklin, and there was considerable danger from live wires that wereblown across the streets.

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