

## Disastrous Fire at Linwood

A correspondent furnishes us with the particulars of a fire that happened Saturday night last, and which had its origin in the boiler room of John Gregory's grist and flouring mills, Linwood. Owing to the high wind which prevailed, the flames spread rapidly through the main building which was soon consumed in spite of the most strenuous exertions of the villagers to save it. The fire raged for one hour during which time the mill and contents were totally destroyed, with the exception of a few barrels of flour. In addition to this, a store occupied by Mr. Robert Strang, a dwelling house occupied by Mr. A. Orr, and a dwelling and grocery occupied by Mr. John Vogtle were destroyed. Through the efforts of the villagers, aided by a small fire engine, the dwelling of Rev. Geo. Bernhardt, Mr. J. E. Boomer's dwelling and that of Mr. Gregory as well as Woodman's Hotel were saved though not until they suffered much damage. This fire is considered the most disastrous yet experienced by the village. The losses were heavy, that of Mr. Gregory being about \$8,000.00

From: **The Globe** Wednesday April 3, 1872

**Two Bankrupt Stocks  
of  
Dry-Goods &C.,**

**FOR SALE BY TENDER**  
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Tenders will be received by the undersigned up till noon on Thursday the seventh of May next for the two stocks of Dry Goods at the town of Berlin and the village of Linwood respectively, belonging to the estate of

**ALLAN HUBER an insolvent**

The Stock at Berlin consisting almost entirely of Staple Dry Goods, amounts with  
The Shop furniture to about.....\$14,000.00

The Stock at Linwood is partly Groceries and it, with the  
Shop Furniture amounts to about.....\$3500.00

The stocks and inventories may be inspected at the stores in Berlin and Linwood totally occupied by the insolvent and copies of the inventories may be seen and full information obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Tenders will require to be made for the two stocks separately at a dollar rate up on the inventory price; and parties making other than a cash offer will please to name the securities they propose to give.

The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

John Fair, Accountant, Montreal

From: **The Globe** Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1874.  
Repeated Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1874.

## Legal Intelligence

### Division Court Summaries

#### Before Galt, C.J.

**McKay v. Bartlett** – W.H. P. Clement, for the plaintiff, moved for a mandatory injunction to compel the defendant to give up possession of a blacksmith's shop in the village of Linwood and to restrain the defendant from interfering with the premises. King, Q. C. for the defendant, contrn. Reserved.

From: The Globe and Mail Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893.

#### **Wanted – GOOD SECOND-HAND HEARSE**

Quote lowest cash price; Address C. W. Parsill, Linwood, Ontario.

From: The Globe Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1893.

### Wedding Announcement

The Methodist Church at Linwood was the scene of a very fashionable wedding on Thursday of last week when Miss Electa "Jean" Boomer daughter of Mr. Alfred Boomer, Clerk of the Fifth Division Court, County of Waterloo was married to Mr. John B. Musselman of Berlin. The church, which was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion, was filled with guests and interested spectators and as the bridal party entered the building and approached the chancel rail the "Wedding March" from Lohengrin played by Mrs. S. A. Laidmann fell divinely sweet upon the ears of all.

More to come.....

From: **The Globe** Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1895

**From: The Globe August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1896** - From part of an editorial about the practices of R. C. priests swaying the votes of their parishioners comes this interesting bit of information about Macton.

In the Macton parish, partly in North Waterloo and partly in West-Wellington the Catholic priest made a house-to-house canvass on behalf of the Conservative candidates and in his church at Sunday service spoke in their favour, denouncing the Liberal Party and threatening spiritual discomforts on such of his flocks that would dare to vote contrary to his wishes. The result of his influence may be found in the fact that in the Linwood polling subdivision, North Waterloo, where many of his parishioners voted, a majority of 34 in 1891 for the late Reform Member Mr. I. C. Bowman was changed on June 23 1896 to a majority of 38 for Mr. J. E. Seegram, Conservative.

In consequence of the death of the late Mr. John Livingston, of the firm J. & J. Livingston, flax millers of Baden, Listowel and elsewhere and in order to wind up the partnership estate, there will be sold by public auction the following properties on the days and at the times and at the places hereinafter specified.

### **AT THE VILLAGE OF LINWOOD**

On TUESDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at the Flax Mills.

Parcel 1 – One flax mill with the lands and premises connected therewith, being lots no. 16 and 17 and the south half of lot 18, on the south side of King Street in the village of Linwood, in the County of Waterloo and lots 23, 24 and 25 in Wright's part of the survey of the village of Linwood as shown on map filed in the Registry office and also lots 21 and 22 in the same survey with the other buildings situated thereon and the engine, boiler, scotching knives, brakes and other machinery on the premises, including the shovels, forks and other like implements found in the premises.

From: **The Globe** Saturday February 20, 1897.  
(also listed, Stratford, Tavistock, Palmerston, Seaforth, Wellesley, Blyth, Brussels, Listowel, and Baden.)

**WANTED – LOCUM TENIS** – To take charge of practice for five or six weeks; commencing first week in April. D. McEachern, M. D., Linwood, Ontario

From: **The Globe** Thursday March 28, 1901

**WANTED – TEACHER FOR SCHOOL** – Section Number 18, Wellesley Township, male or female; duties to commence on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1904, Apply to or correspond with Jacob Ertel, Secretary Trustee Board, Linwood. P.O.

From: **The Globe** Friday October 9, 1903

**UNDERTAKING BUSINESS – COMPLETE OUTFIT**; good locality; with or without property; for sale. Apply R. J. Kerr, Linwood.

From: **The Globe** March 23, 1904.

**SHOEMAKER WANTED – IMMEDIATELY** Must be first-class hand. Schnurr Bros. Linwood.

From: **The Globe** Saturday April 9, 1904

### **Notice to Creditors**

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**In the Matter of David R. Pollock, General Merchant, Linwood, Insolvent.**

Notice is hereby given that the above named insolvent has made an assignment of his estate to me for the benefit of his creditors, by deed, dated May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1904.....

E.R.C. Clarkson, Trustee, Scott Street Toronto, June 3, 1904.

From: **The Globe** Wednesday June 8, 1904

## A LINWOOD ASSIGNMENT

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### Liabilities will be from \$12,000 to \$15,000

T. Ruggle & Co. of Linwood, general merchants, made an assignment on Saturday to Mr. Osler Wade. The liabilities will be from \$12,000 to \$15,000 and there will be a slight surplus. The firm went into business about two years ago.

From: **The Globe** Thursday November 6, 1906

### Block Burned at Linwood

Bank, Hardware Store and Blacksmith Shop Gone

Linwood, February 19 – Fire caused by an overheated furnace about 11:50 tonight burned out the principal block in the village. Seip's Hardware Store, the Metropolitan Bank in the same building (a two story brick structure 38 x80 feet valued at \$3,000) and a blacksmith shop next door were destroyed. The hardware stock, valued at \$10,000 was entirely destroyed and the fire made a clean sweep of the bank premises and the smithy also.

From: **The Globe** February 20, 1914

Blacksmith wanted at once to do general work – bandsman preferred. Nelson Merrick, Linwood, Ontario.

From: **The Globe** Wednesday November 18, 1914.

### Blaze at Linwood

**Linwood, Ont.** – Fire started in W.O. Bundy's general store here on Saturday evening doing considerable damage, partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown but some suppose it to have started in the cellar and it got a good headway before it was noticed.

From: **The Globe** May 18, 1915

### **Linwood Merchant Dead**

Berlin, Ontario Aug. 16 – (Special) The death of Albert A. Schnurr, for many years general storekeeper in Linwood took place at the Berlin and Waterloo Hospital.

From: **The Globe** August 17, 1916.

### **Young and Old Turn Out in Downpour of Rain to Participate in Community Receptions – New Experience for Liberal Leader at Linwood.**

Drenching rain which fell practically the entire day, did not dampen the enthusiasm of the citizens of the countryside as they turned out to welcome “Billie” King. Old and young alike participated in the reception, the school children being out in every place. . . . . The tour wound up in Linwood, where, in the presence of 500 people, in a downpour, Mr. King officially declared the new pavement on the main street of the village, open for traffic. During the ceremony Mr. King said: “I have opened doors, bottles and envelopes but never have I opened a street, so I hardly know how to go about it. I am pleased to have the privilege and I think the most fitting way is that we should gather around as Canadians and promise to seek and serve our country.”

From: **The Globe** September 15, 1922.

### **Waterloo County Constables**

Confirmation of the appointment of five new county constables was given in County Court here today by Judge Herron. The new Waterloo County Constables are Thomas Farrell of Linwood, Morley Battler of Waterloo Township, Chief Bromley of Elmira, Edward Tyack of Elmira and Sergeant R. Carson of Galt.

From: **The Globe** June 13, 1928.

## PROPERTY FOR SALE

The administrators of the estate of Robert Y. Fish, late of the village of Linwood, Ontario is offering for sale the business block of the deceased, located on the main street of the village of Linwood.

The property has frontage of approximately 72 feet on King Street, Linwood with a depth of approximately 247 feet along a side street; the property being on the corner; the main building is a two-story brick and office building and residence attached; the residence facing the side street; the other buildings on the property consist of a two-story frame warehouse, approximately 20 ft x 32 feet and stable and garage combined of about 24 ft x 30 feet, the buildings are in very fair state of repair and are at present occupied; the store has been in used for years as a large general store business.

Linwood is located in Waterloo County, approximately 18 miles northwest of Kitchener in a splendid farming district; it is on the Canadian Pacific Toronto-Goderich Line.

The administrator desires to sell in order to wind up the estate and will sell at quite a reasonable price. For further particulars apply to the Waterloo Trust and Savings Company, Kitchener, Ontario, the administrator.

From: **The Globe** Saturday March 16, 1929

## SIAMESE TWINS BORN

**Kitchener, Jan. 29.** - One of the rarest freaks of obstetrical science, Siamese twins, were delivered to a young couple at Linwood, 18 miles from here, by the stork yesterday. The twin babies, both boys, were dead when born.

From: **The Globe** Friday January 30, 1931.

## HUNGRY AND WET, FOUR ARRESTED

### ----- Quartet gave Stratford Posse Wild Chase -----

Hungry and soaked to the skin after allegedly eluding a posse of farmers and police since early Monday morning, four Toronto youths were arrested late today at Linwood on burglary and theft charges.

Provincial Constable J. M Douglas and County Constable George Canning arrested the youths in a weigh scale shed on railway property at Linwood north west of here.

The youths were Frank Walker, 19, Stanley Morris, 17, Elmer Hudgins, 17, and Stanley Hudgins, 19,

From: **The Globe**, August 7, 1935



## **9c – Early Chicks – 10c**

Sound values without free premiums. Production-bred Tom Barron Leghorns (until May 1) 9c: Barred Rocks, 10c: Also White Rocks, Black Giants, Five Week Pullets, 35c.  
Complete Catalogue upon Request

### **LINWOOD HATCHERY**

Linwood, Ontario

From: **The Globe** March 9, 1936

### **500 POUNDS OF RABBITS SHOT FOR CANADIAN UNITS**

Ninety two hunters, including four women, took part in the annual Rabbit Hunt held Saturday by the Skinner's Rabbit Hunt club when 108 jackrabbits and four foxes were shot in the Linwood area. As a result of the rabbit drive and fox hunt...some 500 pounds of rabbits will be frozen and shipped to Canadian troops in England.

The drive, the first and last of club this season was slowed up considerably by because the sideroads were blocked by snow and the gunners could not maintain a thorough patrol. In spite of this, 108 rabbits averaging 10lbs in weight, four foxes, the largest tipping the scales at 25 pounds and two giant owls fell before the combined guns of eighty-eight men and four women.

Toronto members of the party arrived by special train and were joined at Linwood by hunters from London, Kitchener, Stratford, Cooksville and Orono. Breakfast was served in the basement of the United Church by twenty-five members of the Ladies Aid Society and then the various hunting areas were mapped out.....to districts in which the foxes were doing the most damage.....

From: **The Globe** February 3, 1941

### **ONTARIO HISTORIAN DIRECTS LIBRARY**

Kitchener, Ont. - Dr. J. E. Wallace Sterling, a native of Linwood Ontario and a graduate of University of Toronto in 1927 has been appointed director of the Huntington Library and Art Gallery. The directorship has been vacant since the retirement of the late Dr. Max Farrand several years ago.

An instructor in history at the University of Albert 1928-1930, Dr. Sterling received his MA degree from that University. He is a member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, the Canadian Political Science Association and the Canadian Historical Association.

Dr. Sterling received his PhD degree from Stanford University in 1938. He has been a member of the faculty of the California Institute of Technology is now Edward S. Harkness, professor of history and government there.

From: **The Globe** March 8, 1948.

### **Suspected Burglar dies of injuries**

John Patrick Short, 47, of nearby Linwood Village, who was to appear today on a charge of breaking and entering, died in hospital yesterday of an infected leg injury, said by police to have been sustained when he jumped from a second story window Nov. 5 to avoid capture.

Police said he suffered a compound leg fracture and crawled under a freight loading ramp. Hospital authorities said the death was caused by gangrene.

From: **The Globe** March 16, 1948.