

Local Matters.

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A large assortment of Valentines at Gunn Bros.

We have had a remarkably steady winter. During the entire season it has been unbroken by a thaw. January is now past and even its proverbial thaw has failed to put in an appearance.

The Oshawa *Vindicator* says:—"The Missionary collection taken up at Dr. McKay's lecture at Uxbridge amounted to \$77.60 and an 18-carat gold ring, but the little village of Woodville beat this, giving a collection of \$230 on the occasion of Dr. McKay's visit there. These collections are exclusive of the amounts given by private subscription.

The Parlor Social held by the Ladies of the Presbyterian church at the residence of Dr. McKay, last Friday evening was not so well attended as it deserved. The programme was splendid. It is intended to repeat the entertainment every two weeks. The next will be held at the residence of Mrs. Jas. Armstrong, on Friday evening, February 18th, when we hope to see a much larger gathering.

A LITTLE girl in Peterborough while "hauling" to a sleigh loaded with wood, Thursday, was run over, her feet being so much injured that three toes had to be amputated.—We have frequently called the attention of parents in this village to this very dangerous habit but it seems without effect. Every sleigh is attacked as soon as making its appearance, and is something wonderful we have not had some bad accidents from this source to chronicle.

The township of Reach has a foundation on hand. On the morning of the 7th inst., two men brought a child to the store of J. Fox, Seagrave saying they had found it freezing on the road side, and then drove away. Fox did not know the parties, but afterwards found out the name of one of them and of the reputed parents of the child. The Council refused to have anything to do with the stray until Fox threatened to lay it on the Council table and leave it, and that stirred them up to look after it.—*Vindicator*.—The men referred to were Messrs. A. J. McCorquodale, of Woodville, and D. Davis of Argyle, who were on their way to Port Perry.

SHOCKING MURDER.

A most terrible case of murder and suicide occurred in the village of Whitevale last Friday. Whitevale is a thriving village in the township of Pickering, Ontario County, about five miles from Markham on the Toronto and Nipissing Railway. Some time early in the morning Mrs. Shephard, a resident of the village murdered her two children and then inflicted such injuries upon herself that she cannot possibly survive. Mr. Shephard, husband of the murderess, is an Englishman by birth, having been born in Middlesex and is about thirty years of age. He emigrated to Canada some twelve years ago and has resided in the vicinity of Whitevale nearly six years. Mrs. Shephard is a daughter of Mr. Wm. Steeper, a well-to-do farmer in Markham township. They have been married about five years, but it is supposed did not live very happily together. They have frequently had very serious quarrels, but these never went beyond words. They are both considered by the neighbors to be somewhat simple, or, as it is more commonly called, "not quite right in their minds." They have had three children, one of whom died shortly after its birth, the other two being the victims of yesterday morning's terrible tragedy. As far as can be ascertained Mr. Shephard arose in the morning and got his own breakfast as his wife had been ill for some time past, and went to work sawing wood about a mile distant from his house. Before he left the house, however, Mrs. Shephard had risen and dressed the eldest child. The next that was seen of her was about 8 o'clock, when some of the neighbors' children passing the house on their way to school saw her standing at the door with the baby in her arms. About half-past nine Mrs. Reesor, a neighbor, who was in the habit of calling upon her when she was sick, went to the house to see if Mrs. Shephard was in need of anything. Upon entering the house a most terrible and heart-sickening spectacle presented itself to her gaze. Upon the floor lay the children, one shot, the other with its throat cut, quite dead, while Mrs. Shephard lay on the floor near the door covered with blood and unconscious. Mrs. Reesor immediately informed the neighbors, who upon coming in found that Mrs. Shephard was still alive but that both the children were dead and she was quite cold.

North-Victoria Agricultural Society.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the North Victoria E. D. agricultural society was held at Victoria Road on the 19th inst. The meeting was not so well attended as the former meetings of the society, but there was a fair attendance. On motion of Mr. Thos. Winter, seconded by Mr. E. Lytle, Mr. R. Armstrong was called to the chair. After a few appropriate remarks by the chairman the secretary read the director's and treasurer's reports, the latter as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance on hand as per last annual report	\$237 05
" Members' subscriptions	92 00
" Admission fees to exhibition	43 40
" Legislative grant	70 00
" Municipal grant	200 00
" Special subscriptions	59 00
" Miscellaneous	1 00
Total	\$1,322 45
By prizes paid for horses, \$44; cattle, \$37.75; sheep, \$35.75; pigs, \$26.50; poultry, \$5.25	\$149 25
" for grains and seeds, \$41; roots, \$17.50	58 50
" for dairy products, \$10; fruits, \$6.50	16 50
" for plants and flowers, \$1.50; vegetables, \$13.75	15 25
" for agricultural implements, \$6.50; gen. manufactures, \$24.50	31 00
" for fine arts, \$2.50; ladies' work, \$15.50	18 00
Total	\$228 50
" for previous years paid	\$27 50
Portion of legislative grant paid township societies	420 00
Exhibition buildings and grounds, rent, fitting up, etc	68 40
Paid on re-erection of buildings	251 46
Paid on printing and advertising	29 25
Paid to Port Hope central exhibition for 1880	50 00
Paid to Peterboro central exhibition for 1879	10 54
Miscellaneous incidental expenses	31 40
Working expenses, including services of secretary, treasurer, etc	112 36
Total	\$1,289 41
To balance on hand	\$33 40
A. H. CARL, 1st Vice-president.	
JOHN McTAGGART, Secretary.	
W. J. COWAN, } Auditors.	
THOS. SHIELDS, }	

W. Dixon moved, seconded by E. Lytle, that the reports be accepted.—Carried. The following office-bearers were then chosen: President, Thomas Smithson; 1st vice-president, A. H. Carl; 2nd do, James Mumberon; directors, Robt. Armstrong, Tobias Hodgson, and Thos. Greenway, Eldon; Hugh Reid, Thos. Winter and Dr. Wood, Bexley; John Bailey, Laxton; Charles Bowins, Somerville; and John Holland, Carden. Auditors, W. J. Cowan and Thos. Shields. Delegate to central exhibition committee; Thos. Winter. Delegates to the annual meeting of the Agricultural and Arts Association, John McTaggart and E. Lytle. The meeting then adjourned.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

Immediately after the close of the annual meeting the officers-elect, were called together. Mr. A. H. Carl, 1st vice-pres., presiding. James Mumberon moved, seconded by Jas. Holland, that John McTaggart be appointed secretary and Nelson Heaslip treasurer for the current year.—Carried. The treasurer was ordered to pay Jas. Riden first prize for a two-year old colt, Class A, from which he was deprived owing to an oversight of the judges. Mr. Heaslip gave notice of a proposal made by Mr. George Laidlaw through him of offering a prize of \$11 for the best field of root crops in the riding. The proposal was well received and it was agreed that the society would offer a second and third prize for the same of \$7 and \$4 respectively. It was then moved by N. Heaslip, seconded by Charles Bowins, that said prizes be offered for the best two acres of turnips and one acre of carrots and mangolds. It was moved in amendment by John Bailey, seconded by John Mumberon, that said prizes be offered for the best four acres of turnips. John Holland moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by R. Armstrong, that said prizes be offered for the best two acres of turnips. On the motions being put to the meeting the last amendment was declared carried. John Bailey moved, seconded by Hugh Reid, that competitors be required to pay an entrance fee of fifty cents, payable on day of show, and that none but members of this society be allowed to compete.—Carried. The meeting then adjourned.

JOHN McTAGGART, Secretary.

Our Neighbours.

Mrs. Trotter, of Otonabee, while drawing water from a hole in the ice slipped in and was drowned.

A MAN named Stevenson was found frozen to death some nights ago at the Percy farm, south of Campbellford. He was of intemperate habits.

Mr. A. WASHINGTON is building a steam saw-mill at Victoria Road Station which is giving employment to a number of farmers north of that villa, e.

Of the 560 prisoners who were in the Central Prison during the past year, 407 could read and write, 53 could read only, and 95 could neither read nor write.

JAMES C. GRACE, of Lindsay, has been fined \$20 and costs for his recent assault on Mr. Barr, of the Post, and that it serves him right will be the general verdict.

A CHILD of Mr. J. Curtis, 3rd con. Ops, fell down two steps and in doing so ran a needle which he had in her hand into her finger. In a fraction set in and amputation was found necessary.

Two of the newly elected members of the Port Perry Council, who were elected in their absence refused to make the declaration of office and a new election has been ordered.

NUMEROUS signed petitions have been presented to the Local Legislature praying to take into consideration the expediency of lowering the waters of Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching. It is claimed that 75,000 acres of waste land might be recovered.

A DEBT of \$11,000 on the Peterborough Methodist church, has been completely wiped out. The sum required was subscribed in two hours, Mr. Geo. A. Cox, of the Midland Railway giving \$2,000. Rev. W. J. Hunter, of Toronto, is credited with using the "persuasion" necessary.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE partnership heretofore existing between Jas. A. Mitchell, Kenneth Campbell, and Angus Campbell under the name and style of Jas. A. Mitchell & Co., Merchants, Woodville, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Kenneth Campbell and Angus Campbell are fully authorized to collect all outstanding claims, and on payment grant the necessary receipts therefor.

JAS. A. MITCHELL, KENNETH CAMPBELL, ANGUS CAMPBELL.
G. W. MILLAR, Witness.
Dated at Woodville, this 19th day of January, A. D. 1881.

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KENNETH CAMPBELL, ANGUS CAMPBELL.

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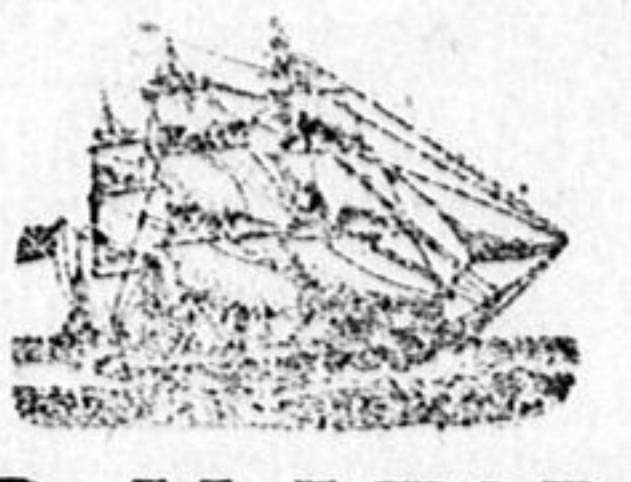
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