

Notice to Subscribers

We are sending out with this week's issue a number of subscription notices. We trust we will have the usual generous response.

Correspondents' Newsy Letters

VICTORIA ROAD

On the evening of Jan. 20th was quite the nicest social event of the season, when the snow shoe club entertained about fifty guests at a dance in Cavanaugh's hall.

Among those present from Kirkfield were: Mrs. W. Mitchell, in pink embroidered linen; Mrs. Mosgrove, in black, with rose trimmings; Miss Mitchell, in white silk with touches of pink; Miss Irene Mitchell, in dainty white frock with blue; Miss Mosgrove, white muslin with sash of pink.

Receipts— Balance from 1907 \$141.75 Government grant 66.80 Municipal grant, county \$50; village \$75 125.00 Membership tickets 90.00 Sales and other sources 31.60 Civic holiday receipts 31.58 Total \$486.74

Expenditures— Books \$48.30 Periodicals 65.60 Miscellaneous 34.68 Light, heat and rental 176.50 Total \$324.98

Leaving a balance in the treasury of \$161.76. During the year we added 69 volumes to the library, and at present have 4121 volumes on four shelves.

The circulation has been large during the year, viz: Fiction, 1601; History 307; religious, 75; miscellaneous 472; magazines 20; reference 7; biography 27; literature 114; travels 321; poetry 39; science and art 49. Total circulation 3014. Practically a circulation of ten volumes per day during the year.

We hope you will continue to support this institution as faithfully and as liberally during the coming year as you have all the years preceding. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Obituary

JAMES DICK THORNTON

On Wednesday, January 20th, at Omeeme a great concourse of relatives and friends paid their last respects to all that was mortal of the late James Dick Thornton.

The funeral obsequies were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Kamm-win of Strathroy, a former pastor of the deceased assisted by Revs. Teney and McCulloch of the Anglican and Methodist denominations, respectively.

Interment took place at the Family cemetery. The pallbearers were four nephews of the deceased, Messrs. David Belch, D. Thornton, D. H. Corneil, and David Thornton, and two who had been very dear friends, Messrs. John J. Lamb and John Bennett.

Among the floral tributes was a wreath of violets, from Mrs. Hamilton, of Toronto; carnations from Mrs. McNeillie, of Lindsay; an anchor from the Omeeme Presbyterian church, and a floral harp from the choir of the same church.

Some of those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Judge Harding and Mr. J. R. McNeillie, of Lindsay; Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. McNeillie, of Toronto; Mr. Clark, of Port Hope; Miss Kincaid, of Peterboro, and Mr. D. Thornton, of Janerville.

The deceased, who was in his 63rd year, was born in Emily, where his boyhood was spent; his early labors were as a store clerk at Centreville, and at Port Hope, and later as a commercial traveller for a Toronto firm.

After the death of his brother, David, the deceased returned to Omeeme, where he has since resided. In early life he joined the Presbyterian church and labored unflinchingly in church and Sunday school work. About 19 years ago in company with Mr. James McLean of Mount Pleasant, he organized the Presbyterian Sabbath school on an Easter Sunday.

The late Mr. Thornton was a musician of excellent ability, playing many instruments in the services of the church and of the state.

The township of Emily and village of Omeeme secured many improvements by his persistent claims for them, the latest of which was the clearing of Pigeon River of floating logs. In this work the deceased labored unremittingly, and soon after its conclusion, his illness began, brought on, doubtless, by exposure and worry, excessive for his constitution.

The first stroke confined him to his bed for a week in September, but he was able to be about again till the second attack in November again forced him to bed, where, still hoping for recovery, and with patience and resignation he lay till the 18th of January, when the third stroke precluded all hopes of restoration and his spirit passed peacefully away to the Providence he had so willingly followed and worshipped.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Presbyterian church and choir in which he will be greatly missed as well as in social and business circles of our town.

The remaining members of his family are Messrs. John, and William Thornton, Mrs. Kincaid, of Peterboro and Miss Martha Thornton, at home.

The loving sympathy of all is extended to them in their sorrow, and bereavement, and more especially to the home and administered comfort beyond her strength to her beloved brother.

Attention is directed to Mr. J. McCulloch's advertisement in another column. Mr. McCulloch is making a specialty of solid leather boots and shoes, and his advertisement is well worth reading.

MARKET REPORTS

Liverpool Wheat Futures Close High, Chicago Lower—Live Stock—Latest Quotations.

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Winnipeg Options. Wheat—January, 97c bid, July 110 1/2 bid, May 110 1/2 bid.

Toronto Grain Market. Wheat, fall, bush, 95 1/2 to 96 1/2; Wheat, red, bush, 95 1/2 to 96 1/2; Rye, bush, 80 to 81; Barley, bush, 80 to 81; Oats, bush, 45 to 46.

Toronto Dairy Market. Butter, separator, 22 to 23; Butter, store lots, 22 to 23; Butter, creamery, solids, 22 to 23; Eggs, new-laid, dozen, 22 to 23; Peas, bushel, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4; Cheese, large, lb, 12 1/2 to 13; Cheese, twin, lb, 11 to 12; Honey, extract, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4.

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Great Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

Radical Reductions on Ladies' Coats and Skirts. To effect a speedy clearance previous to inventory we offer our entire stock of Ladies' Coats and Skirts at one-third less than regular prices. The following quotations will illustrate the values offered.

Important Announcement to Women: 6 Days Sale of Coats, Waists, Furs and Petticoats.

Correct Coats for Women. Exquisite new Waists on sale at 25 per cent. off. Beautiful Fur-lined Coats, Neck Pieces and Muffs or Sets. Ladies' Cloth Coats. Black and navy, semi-fitted coats, 50 ins. long, made of all wool Kersey, reg. \$75, sale \$49.50.

E. E. W. MCGAFFEY

Farming Discussed by Two Experts

Deputy Minister James and Prof. Day Address a Large Meeting. The addresses in the Academy of Music on Tuesday evening, in connection with the short course in stock and seed judging held this week were largely attended.

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A confirmation service was held in St. James church on Sunday morning January 24th, when about thirty

stanced the splendid work being done in Essex county in the cause of agriculture. When we can say to the boys and girls from the country at the collegiate institutes that we are interested in them and we think as much of them as of the other pupils, they will feel like working—they will become more energetic, and will be encouraged to take a pride in their vocations. The key to success is in the hands of the farming community. Go back twelve months and ask yourself if you benefited by the instruction received. The success of the agricultural industry depends on the interest displayed in the meetings and instructions. In Ontario there are 175,000 farms. We are trying to increase their output, so that the owners can get more out of life and go on with their work more contented. That work can be done when the farmers say they will do their share. We are trying to further the agricultural uplift along rational lines. To do this we must sit down and develop the industry. Do it rationally and scientifically. Then the question of crops comes in. Discard poor seed and sow nothing but the best. If we could get farmers to do this, the crop output would increase by the million bushels. If the farmers will take the principle enunciated by Prof. Zavitz, there would be a tremendous uplift in this country. What we are trying to bring about is to bring the farmer to feel towards his business as the man in the town who is making a success of his calling, and is gradually improving his condition. The soil was next referred to and the necessity of the study of its conditions were strongly emphasized together with its relation to the seed sown. Mr. James then proceeded to explain the great benefits of the agricultural college to the boys of the province, and urged that they be given every encouragement to improve their knowledge of the agriculture.

During the evening a number of interesting moving pictures were thrown on the canvas.

Zimo, boat and gold have been discovered near Rossport, Man.

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FOUND—A fur ruff. Owner has same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Apply at The Post Printing Office.

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From good milking dams. Will be priced right if taken at once. Shipped by imported and Canadian bred sires. Apply to J. CASEY, lot 20, con. 1, Mariposa, Valentinia P. O.

SALE REGISTER

MONDAY, FEB. 22—By Elias Bowers, auctioneer, credit sale of valuable farm stock and implements, the property of Donald Imrie, lot 20, con. 1, Feneon. Sale commences at one o'clock.—w3.