

MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—12 Horse Power, in first-class shape, at a bargain. P. A. DEVLIN, Downeyville.—w3.

TEACHER WANTED—For S.S. No. 5, Laxton, for 1906. State salary. Apply to E. J. BUTTERWORTH, Sec.-Adm., Uphill, Ont.—w3.

SHEEP STRAYED—From the farm of W. J. Moore, East Ops, in the latter part of October, FIVE SHEEP or LAMBS. Reward to any person locating the animals. W. J. MOORE, Lindsay.—w3.

FARM FOR SALE OR TO RENT—The undersigned is prepared to sell or to rent, the north half lot One, in the Eleventh Con., of the Township of Emily. The soil is a rich clay loam; log house and frame stable, small orchard, good well, and a never failing spring. Forty acres ploughed, twelve acres seeded with clover; no waste land. This is considered one of the best farms in the County and is about five miles east of Lindsay, on a leading road. Terms of sale very reasonable. Address GEO. O'NEILL, Downeyville, Ont. Dec. 21, 1905.—w3m.

HOTEL PROPERTY FOR SALE.—In the Village of Kirkfield, known as the Campbell House. Said property consists of one-third acre, on which is erected a two and one-half story building, having 20 bedrooms, two parlors, three sitting rooms, sample room, modern bar, beautiful large dining-room, halls, clothes closets, etc., and two kitchens, woodshed, cold storage, a good frost proof basement, dry the year round. In part of basement is a bake-shop with good brick oven and all other equipment for trade; also a store at present rented for an office, all is heated by furnace. There are two hard-water wells, two cisterns, driving sheds, ice house and stable to accommodate 20 horses. The house has been recently refitted and is in thorough repair. Inspection invited. Terms reasonable. Apply to ELIAS BOWES, Real Estate Agent, Lindsay.—w3.

The Weekly Post WILSON & WILSON, Proprietors.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, DEC. 22, '05.

DECREASE IN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The Department of Education of the Province of Ontario has just completed an interesting statement of figures that will be presented in the annual report of Hon. Dr. R. A. Pyne, Minister of Education, at the coming session of the Legislature. The statistics for the past year show a falling off of attendance at the Public schools of the Province, and a decrease in the school population. While this is a fact, there has been a slight increase in the salaries as well as an increase in the number of teachers. The attendance at the Public schools is composed of a majority of boys, while in the High and Separate schools there is a predominance of girls.

The total school population of Ontario in 1904 was 576,537, compared with 577,933 in 1903, a decrease last year of 846. The total Public school attendance last year was 406,814, against 408,161 in 1903, showing a decrease for the year 1904 of 847. The school population in counties is given as 346,984, in cities as 128,219, and in towns 101,334. In the Public schools last year there were enrolled 208,417 boys and 193,397 girls as against 206,794 boys and 196,367 girls in 1903, showing a decrease for last year of 3,377 boys and 2,970 girls.

The total number of teachers in 1904 was 8,610, as against 8,560 in 1903, an increase of 50. These received in salaries the sum of \$3,246,574 last year, as against \$3,066,132 in the year previous, making an increase for last year of \$180,441. The average salary last year was \$485 for men and \$333 for women. In 1903 the average was \$465 for men and \$324 for women. In 1904 there were 1,957 men employed as teachers, as against 6,653 women. This is more pronounced than in 1903, when there were 2,062 men and 6,948 women.

The total amount expended in connection with Public schools for the year 1904 was \$4,953,182, as against \$4,653,550 in 1903, making an increase for last year of \$299,632. The total attendance at the Roman Catholic Separate schools last year was 47,507, against 47,117 in 1903. There were 24,179 boys and 23,628 girls. In 1903 there were 23,836 boys and 23,288 girls, showing an increase of 343 boys and 347 girls for last year. There are 947 teachers, against 893 in the previous year.

In 1904 there were 27,703 pupils attending the High Schools of the Province, against 25,722 in 1903, an increase for last year of 1,987. There were 12,718 boys and 14,991 girls last year, compared with 11,983 boys and 13,734 girls in 1903. The amount paid in salaries was \$620,710 last year, and \$571,558 in 1903, an increase for last year of \$49,151. The total expenditure last year on High schools was \$877,087, showing an increase of \$61,005.

COL. SAM TO THE FRONT.

(Toronto Star).

In his pursuit of deeds of derring-do Colonel Sam Hughes finds himself in England, campaigning for Chamberlain and the Empire. Wherever there is distress to succor, wherever a sword is to be drawn on behalf of baffled virtue, there will Col. Sam be seen, championing for the fray. Colonel Sam is no oblique and subtle tactician. He believes in the over-mastering quality of personal valor. He speaks straight from the shoulder. As a strategist he must remind the British public of their great hero Lord Nelson, whose idea of manœuvring was always to get at them and "lay 'em close." No doubt our dashing fellow countryman will lose no time in engaging the enemy, and

covering himself with glory. As he contemplates the desperate nature of the conflict before him we can well imagine him saying "For me a peerage or Westminster Abbey." At any rate he will be well up in the firing line and if he falls in battle, why, how can man die better than facing fearful odds? If anybody else is able to play Horatius at the bridge and turn back Campbell-Bannerman's serried hosts, it will be Colonel Sam Hughes, M. P., the honorable and gallant member for Victoria and Haliburton in the Canadian House of Commons.

Colonel Sam brings to this struggle the prestige of an illustrious reputation. Already he has routed Major-General Hutton, smitten him hip and thigh. Already he has beaten the Boer army in mass and in detail, and what the sword left undone he has cleaned up with his pen. British statesmen have heard of his fame before now. The bravery of the colonials is proverbial. Colonel Sam is the very cream and quintessence of that courage. The British Empire has heard what Colonel Sam thinks of the capacity of the British officers he met in South Africa. Everybody knows that it was only when Colonel Sam arrived on the spot that the Empire had any chance to be saved. If Colonel Sam can save an Empire it should be easy for him to rescue that small integral part of it known as the Balfour Government. What more natural than that the eyes of Chamberlain and Balfour and Lansdowne, and all the rest of them, should turn toward Canada seeking Colonel Sam, who had already approved himself the man of destiny? Such were the reasons that prompted the invitation to Colonel Sam to come over and help. That he was invited goes without saying. Col. Sam is not the man to butt in. A great honor, you will say. Yes, but no greater than Colonel Sam deserves. Why didn't they choose George Eulas Foster? Alas, they had heard him speak, and they knew that there was no magnetism, no hope-inspiring force in that desiccated personality! Colonel Sam it had to be, and Col. Sam it is. He is the ray of sunshine that pierces the dark cloud. He is the Ajax who will defy the lightning. Colonel Sam would sooner fight than eat. Let Chamberlain go back to his orchards and Balfour to his golf links. If it is in mortal man to pluck the flower victory from the nettle defeat, Colonel Sam will do it.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Brookville Recorder: At last Premier Whitney has acknowledged, and that at Guelph, too, that Hon. John Dryden did much for agriculture in Ontario. Hon. Nelson Monteith also was respected. Mr. Dryden's ability, and possibly he has given his colleagues some light on the subject. Peterboro Examiner: Premier Whitney is fond of big, round periods. He spoke of the winter fair at Guelph as "the pandulum which represents to agriculture the great heart throb of the province of Ontario." What a nice sentence he could turn by declaring that Dr. Beattie Nesbitt represents the great heart throb of the Conservative great element of the Province of Ontario.

Hamilton Times: The members of an English concert company refused last week to go on the programme at St. Catharines with two comic singers from Toronto. It seems that that some sort of etiquette in vogue in the old country kept them from appearing with Toronto singers. Without touching on the merits of the case, if it has any merits, we believe the rule is a good one. How often do we see talent of rare merit received coldly, and almost with impatience, when a funny man is on the programme? He receives encores after encores, although he may have neither voice nor music, yet with the antics of a clown he makes the people laugh, and that is what they went to do.

Writing to the New York Sun a correspondent protests against the proposal to collect money for the parading poor of London. He declares that "the English poor need no help from this country. Poverty there is not exceptional. The country was never more prosperous than to-day and is well able to attend to its own affairs." He does not think that all poverty will be prevented by furnishing these people land. He says "they don't want to live on the land, and they won't." He concludes his letter with the following significant remarks, showing that he agrees with the views of Marie Correll:

Some of the poverty pervading London recently is the product of poverty in England, and the result of a noted dislike of work; 50 per cent. is the direct result of vicious habits; some small amount of regrettable and inevitable misfortune. Under no possible system of government can you banish poverty from England unless you first make the people sober. Climatic equities alone produce unemployment every year in every country, and this should be provided against. The unemployed will not emigrate, at least that section which hates work won't. They could not live by parading the streets in New York, Melbourne or Ottawa, and they can't all be walking delegates.

King of all Cough Remedies. Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Centre, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon ever time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects. We are never without it in the house." For sale by all druggists.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.

AT THE CHURCHES SUNDAY.

SERMON ON "TEMPTATION" AT QUEEN-ST. METHODIST.

Feeling Reference to the Late Judge Dean by Rev. Dr. Bishop. From Monday's Daily.

"The Story of the Star" is the title of a beautiful cantata, which has pleased many audiences. This cantata will be presented at Queen-st. Methodist church on Christmas eve, by the scholars of the Sunday School, who are hard at work rehearsing their parts. It consists of good music, recitations, etc., and is beautifully costumed.

AT HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Some thirty-five or more of the young people of Cambridge-st. Methodist church walked out to the new House of Refuge yesterday afternoon after Sunday school, and held the first of the winter meetings at the request of the old people. A large meeting was held, conducted by Mr. Wellesley Staples, and old and young enjoyed the singing of good old hymns. The meetings will be continued during the winter, and all interested in the comfort of the old people are cordially invited to attend.

AT Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Jas. Boxall addressed the young men yesterday, speaking on "Excuses." Mr. Boxall explained that although the surroundings had considerable to do with the man's character, yet a young man should not make an excuse for going to the bad because his companions were evil, for a man can choose to be good or bad just as he sees it. Many men have arisen from the most adverse surroundings to lives of fame while many others, who have been reared under the most favorable circumstances and conditions have failed to attain a large measure of success. Each man was responsible to his maker for his own conduct.

CAMBRIDGE-ST. METHODIST.

At Cambridge-st. Methodist church yesterday morning the pastor, Rev. Geo. J. Bishop, referred feelingly to the passing away of the late Judge Dean. He spoke of the serious illness sustained in the home, in the community at large, and in the church. The Judge had been for years an esteemed member of the church, occupying official relation as member of the Trustees and Quarterly Board. He was also a most successful Bible class teacher in the Sunday school, and was interested in all the service and work of the church. His worth had been recognized in his frequent election as lay representative to the annual and general conferences, and also in his high position on the Board and Senate of Victoria University. The loss is great, but, the speaker said, there ought to be thankful recognition of the life-long service rendered the church, and the influence of an honorable career in the general community. The hope was expressed that the lessons of such a life would not be lost upon the congregation, but that all would be stimulated thereby to faithfully serve their generation according to the will of God. In the evening Rev. Dr. Bishop delivered a very careful and effective sermon from the prophecy by Ezekiel, 36th chapter, 25th verse. His remarks were very helpful. A prayer meeting was held at the close of the service.

QUEEN-ST. METHODIST.

"Lead us not into temptation," was the subject which Rev. Mr. Phelps spoke on yesterday morning at Queen-st. Methodist church, his text being taken from Matthew, 6th chap., 13th verse.

In his remarks Rev. Mr. Phelps said that the gospel as Jesus Christ was a very legal thing, dealing with spiritual rights. True religion consists in appreciating the love of God, and things in human life, and the prayer of the text covered all the vital interests in human life and deals with the things of the present, and relates to our purposes for the future. As a person goes his ordinary way in business and no one knows his real character of God. The proving of the temper of the soul may be God's own work. God must prove us, and the trial must develop our faith. Mr. Phelps spoke of temptation as an allurements and on temptation to do evil. For each one of us there was an exploration of temptation to find out a weak spot in our lives and to glorification and search would be made until the weak spot was found. There was a personal spirit of evil in the world, whose one purpose is to destroy. The world about us is turned by the evil spirit of Satan. Mr. Phelps spoke of temptation as a use of the world and enjoy its good and get our living out of it, and this enemy comes to turn us all into a spell and turn our way from God. There was wisdom in the words of Jesus Christ when he said, "Lead us not into temptation." All knew of some personal evil and Mr. Phelps condemned the motive of benefitting at somebody else's expense and of business men using just a little crookedness so as to uphold their own. Temptation may approach us as a partner and spring upon us and we find ourselves helpless. Is there a way of escape? Is it possible to meet temptation in every form. If we who play with temptation is a lost man or woman. If we look upon temptation with any sort of love, it means that we are negotiating with it, and the best way to fight it is by flight; the scripture says, avoid and turn from it, and if we would escape from it we must pray against it. Trust not ourselves, but trust God. The way of escape was in the heartfelt utterance of this prayer.

Notice to the Public.

We are selling first-class beef by the carcase, side or quarter. Hind quarter, \$6.00; fore quarter, \$5.00. M. O'Halloran, Meat Market, adjoining McLennan & Co. phone 103.dwt.

A Sensible Horse.

"Would you mind walking the other way and not passing the horse?" said a London cabman, with exaggerated politeness, to the fat lady who had just paid the minimum fare. "Why?" she inquired. "Because if 'e sees what's been carrying for a philling 'oll 'ave a fit," was the freening answer.

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HINTS ON SHOPPING.

Note These and Save Yourself and the Merchant Trouble.

Lindsay merchants have laid in many novelties for the holiday trade and very large stocks of staple goods to meet the increased demand consequent of good times and abundance of money. Being naturally of a practical turn of mind we offer a few more hints on Christmas shopping. Our first advice is, "Come to Lindsay to buy—you are sure of a better selection than you can find at Toronto and other places, and our merchants have for years had the reputation of selling cheap—even cheaper than the departmental stores in the city, quality considered.

Then it is a great advantage to buy in a crowd. Those who choose early have the best selection. In the morning there is less hurry in the stores, and the salesmen and saleswomen are less weary and the better prepared to wait customers. The longer the time till Christmas, the less crowded the stores will be, and the greater the probabilities of having careful attention. Come to town at once and buy—merchants will hold the goods till you want them.

Progressive merchants in these days advertise their wares and let the people know what they have to dispose of. The exceptions to this rule are few. If the readers of The Post wish to know where to do the best with their money they will read the advertisements in its columns carefully. It is a saving of time to do this before buying. If you run across what you need in reading, you at once know where to get it. Then again, you may obtain a suggestion as to something which would be a suitable purchase either for your own use or as a gift though it was not on your mind before you read the ad. In conclusion, buy from merchants who advertise, and shop early for best chance.

See our ad. in another column and don't forget we keep open every evening until Christmas till 9 o'clock. W. E. BAKER.

MR. HUGHES DEAD.

Father of Col. Sam Hughes and the Well Known School Inspector. Toronto News, Saturday: Mr. John Hughes passed away yesterday in his eighty-second year, at the home of his son, Chief Inspector Hughes. Mr. Hughes was born near Fintona, County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1823. He came to Canada and settled in Darlington township, Durham, in 1846, and resided there until three years ago. He was trained as a surveyor in Ireland, but became a teacher soon after coming out here. As a teacher Mr. Hughes was very successful, and was one of the promoters of the first Teachers' Association. He was an active temperance worker, had been a District and County Master of the L. O. L., and for many years was a License Inspector for West Durham.

Mr. Hughes married Miss Caroline Laughlin just before leaving Ireland, and of the eleven children nine are living. They are: James L. Hughes, Col. Sam Hughes, M. P., Col. John Hughes, Newtonville; Captain Wm. Hughes, Kingston; Mrs. Scott, wife of Principal Scott, of the Toronto Normal School; Mrs. (Dr.) McAlpine, Lindsay; Mrs. Jobb, Cartwright; Mrs. Bencock, Manchester, and Mrs. McDonald, Davenport, Iowa. Interment at Nestleton, Durham county, on Monday.

Oil on Manitoulin Island. Mr. H. R. Herriman has just returned from Manitoulin Island, where he has been since last April. He says that no exaggeration has been made in the Toronto papers in regard to the oil wells on the Island. They have been getting good pumping wells ever since last spring, the oil being mixed with salt water, and just before cold weather set in they struck two "gushers" of pure oil with no water, the oil being of the very highest grade. These wells had to be plugged at once, as there were no facilities at hand to receive the flow, and operations cannot now be resumed until next spring, when there will be big things done. At present the oil is shipped to the Standard Oil Co's refinery at Sarnia, but it is expected there will be sufficient output next year to warrant building a refinery on the Island, which the Standard Oil Company have agreed to do.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This preparation is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza and has become famous for its cures of these diseases over a large part of the civilized world. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. It not only cures colds and influenza, (grip) but counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given to a baby as confidently as to an adult.

LIFT LOCKS INVESTIGATION.

The Enquiry is Taking More Time Than Was Anticipated.

Examiner: The investigation into the causes contributory to the defective conditions that have developed in connection with the Kirkfield and Peterboro lift locks is taking more time than the public expected, the department being evidently determined that it shall be thorough. The taking of evidence in connection with the Kirkfield lift lock is not yet completed, the contractors and others having yet to be examined, and it is doubtful if this part of the investigation will be completed this week. This will be followed by the investigation in connection with the Peterboro lift lock, and those in a position to know, say that good progress will be made if the evidence will be taken complete before Christmas.

It seems justifiable that the necessary time and attention should be given the matter, both in the interests of the superintendent engineer, who has requested the investigation, as well as in the interests of the public, who are concerned in discovering the causes of the conditions of leakage, whether due to structural defects or other causes of most important parts of a great public work of course, the public cannot expect to be informed of developments arising in the course of the investigation. They will have to be satisfied with the assurance that the investigation will be thorough, and will have to wait for results till the report of the investigating authorities is made to the Department, and the resulting information made public in the ordinary course.

A pair of Japanese Vases make a very acceptable Christmas gift. You can buy at 20 per cent discount this week at BAKER'S.

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