

**GEO. MITCHELL,
BANKER,
FLESHERTON.**

DRAFTS BOUGHT AND SOLD.

Special Attention paid to the collection of Notes and Accounts, 2nd door North of Richardson & Co's.

Vicinity Chips.

Characteristics of the Past Week Carefully Culled for the Curious.

Mr. Vanzant is now occupying his new shop.

Take your repairs to Russell if you want a perfect job.

Gold watches in abundance at Russell's, Flesherton, at prices away down.

Beautiful fringe Xmas cards for only 10 cents at Russell's, Flesherton.

Cards! cards! Xmas cards. Call at Russell's and see his beautiful stock of cards.

Osprey items and our San Francisco letter are unavoidably crowded out this week.

The cattle fair on Monday was poorly attended, but such animals as were offered brought good prices.

A friend in British Columbia sends us copies of New Westminster and Victoria and Vancouver papers. Thanks.

All parties desiring winter clothing, groceries, or in fact anything in his line, should read R. Trimble's new advertisement in this issue.

Trimble's millinery. Choice styles in the latest designs in hats, bonnets and turbans, at greatly reduced prices. We invite you to call at the new millinery department.

A teaming will be held in the Grange Hall, Feversham, on Friday evening Dec. 20. Tea served from 5 to 7 o'clock. Speeches, recitations, etc. Admission, 25 cts. See bills.

The December Cosmopolitan is to hand. It is brim full of seasonable and delicious reading, and elaborately illustrated. Two dollars and forty cents will pay for The Advance and The Cosmopolitan if paid before Jan. 1.

The High School entrance examination will be held in the school house, Flesherton, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next, the 18th, 19th and 20th, beginning at 9 o'clock a.m. Over fifty candidates have signified their intention to attend.

The Collingwood Bulletin says that we are not alone in our complaint about the mail service to Sault Ste Marie, it having suffered in the same way. There is an inspector who is supposed to look after such things and his attention must be called to the matter.

A grand tea-meeting will be held in the new public hall at Kimberley, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, the entertainment to consist of music, speeches, dialogues and comic performance. Mr. Benson, of Markdale, will be present. Tea from 5 to 7 p.m. Usual admission. See large bills.

The promotion examination to third and fourth classes are being held to-day (Thursday) and to-morrow throughout the whole county of Grey. The county Council has generously agreed to bear the expense of the examinations and it is to be hoped that the enterprise will prove a success.

A gentleman who is about removing to St. Vincent, dropped into The Advance office on Monday last to pay his subscription. While chatting about municipal matters, he remarked emphatically that if opposition were brought out against Dr. Christie, he would walk all the way from St. Vincent to support the Dr.

A Popular Auctioneer.
Mr. R. J. Sproule, Flesherton, is in great demand this season, his services being much sought after to conduct auctions. He has given great satisfaction. Employ him if you wish successful sales.

Concert.
A grand concert will be given in the school house, Flesherton Station, on Friday evening, Dec. 20, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, readings, etc., to commence at 8 o'clock p.m. Admission 10 cents.

Auction Sales.
A credit auction sale of farm stock and implements will be held on the farm of

Duncan W. Muir, lot 24, 2nd con., N.D.R., Artemesia, on Friday, Dec 20, sale to commence at 1 p.m. D. McCormick auctioneer.

A credit auction sale of farm stock and implements will be held on lot 34, con. 11, Artemesia, the property of Mr. W. J. Stuart, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, commencing at 1 p.m., R. J. Sproule, auctioneer.

Durham Stage.
Mr. Jas. H. Stuart will take charge of the Durham stage on Jan. 1 next, leaving Flesherton Station for Durham on arrival of the 5 o'clock a.m. train going south, and returning in the afternoon in time for the 5 p.m. train going south. Mr. Stuart will be in a position to handle all commercial business which may be entrusted to his care.

Almost Fatal.
An accident which might easily have resulted fatally occurred in this village on Friday night last. A number of young "limbs" secured a bob-sleigh and indulged in the old time-honored sport of sleighriding down the street, and in order to do this to the best advantage, one had to sit on a hand-sleigh in front of the bob and steer by the tongue. This is in all cases a most dangerous position, and in this instance proved nearly fatal to the steerer, Master Ted Leitch. When the bob, containing fifteen or twenty howling dervishes, approached the Boyne bridge, it became unmanageable in some way, young Leitch fell off his hand-sleigh, and the bob with its freight ran over him. When picked up he was unable to assist himself, and blood was running from his mouth. He was carried to the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. J.E. Moore, where he lay until Saturday night, when he was conveyed to his father's residence. Fortunately no bones were broken, and he is recovering nicely. But it is safe to infer that he will not again place himself in a similar perilous position, and others would be wise should they refrain from doing ditto.

L. O. L., No. 244.
The brethren of L.O.L., No. 244, Victoria Hall, met on Tuesday week to celebrate their fortieth annual meeting, when the following business was transacted. It was resolved that this Orange Lodge, No. 244, desire to express their disapprobation of asking incorporation of the loyal Orange institution by the present Dominion Government, as they believe it would be contaminated with Jesuitism if given by them. The officers elected for the ensuing year were, W.M., James Best; D.M., James E. Moore; Chap., Samuel Sheardown; Rec. Sec., James Stinson; Fin. Sec., Thomas Blakely; Treas., Joseph Blakely; D. of C. John Hales; Lecturer, Wesley Breen; Committee, W. G. Blakely, W. J. Henderson, John Lyons, William Bellamy, Thomas Wauchob; Inside Tyler, James Love; Outside Tyler, William Sharp. When the brethren elect were duly installed, James Moore, James Love and Joseph Watson gave speeches on the topics of the times, after which all brethren present partook of a grand supper furnished by the lodge.

JAMES STINSON, R. S.
"Ten Nights."
That touching and well-known drama, "Ten Nights in a Barroom," as given in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, was a most pronounced success in every way. The very bad roads and inclement weather prevented large numbers from being present who had signified their intention of attending, but that did not prevent the hall from being filled, and had the weather been pleasant it is certain that the hall would not have held the audience. The drama was presented by the following strong cast of local artists:

- Sample Swichel, J. G. Russell.
- Simon Slade, J. Williams.
- Joe Morgan, D. Blair.
- Frank Slade, F. Sullivan.
- Harvey Green, W. H. Thurston.
- Mr. Romaine, A. M. Gibson.
- Willie Hammond, Cal. Hawk.
- Ned Hargrave, J. Parker.
- Tom Peters, G. Smith.
- Judge Lyman, Mr. Joe Smith.
- Mrs. Slade, Miss A. Anderson.
- Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Gjerdrum.
- Mary Morgan, Mrs. Gjerdrum.
- Mehitable Cartwright, Miss Ganton.

These characters were all well sustained throughout the whole drama, in fact the large amount of drill taken had made each individual almost perfect in his or her part. J. G. Russell, as the good hearted, jolly Sample Swichel, kept the audience in an uproar, and Miss Ganton, as pretty Mehitable Cartwright was a good second. We have a word of special praise for the acting of little Chris. Gjerdrum as Mary, which we think every person will endorse. This little girl

CHRISTMAS - GREETING!

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

IN ORDER TO HELP YOU TO HAVE THIS WE HAVE DECIDED TO HOLD A GENUINE

30 days' Christmas Discount Sale.

During which time Great Bargains will be given to the Cash Buyer in all kinds of Furniture. You want these goods, we want your money and in order to meet these two wants we shall sell in some cases, during December, for actual cost, and in a few lines for less than cost. Remember, these are new, well bought goods, and are to be sold in order to clear out a large part of present stock and at the same time help us to meet our obligations. To advertise prices is needless. Come in if you are needing Furniture, and we guarantee prices will please you. Our stock is complete in all lines, comprising Bedroom, Parlor, Dining, Sitting Room and Kitchen Furniture. We are giving special attention to Pictures and picture framing. In this our stock is large, new and varied, but prices are low. If you are needing a Sewing Machine, be not led away by any agent telling you they have a machine as good as the New Raymond. They have not, there is none. We sell you a genuine New Raymond Sewing Machine for \$30.00.

J. E. MOORE,

Furniture Dealer & Undertaker.

FLESHERTON FURNITURE WAREROOMS.

has talent of a superior order, and delivered her part on Tuesday evening in a manner which we have never seen excelled in what was called first class melodrama. Her rendition of the dying scene was wonderfully touching, and many in the audience were melted to tears. Mrs. Gjerdrum as Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Blair as the degenerate and afterwards reclaimed Joe Morgan, both did their parts most creditably. Of the other characters we have not space to particularize further, but will simply say that all did well. The two tableaux were very pretty. The orchestra, under the able management of Mr. Vanzant, with Miss Damude assisting at the organ, contributed largely towards the general pleasure.

Owing to the fact that many from outside points were debarred from attending owing to bad roads, it has been decided to repeat the drama on Wednesday evening next, Dec. 18, when there will no doubt be an equally successful entertainment. We can assure those who live at a distance that they will not regret it should they attend.

Down By the Sounding Sea.
Dr. S. McDonald, Mabou, C.S. writes:—Nasal Balm has helped my Catarrh very much. It is the best remedy I ever used.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

A despatch from Lion's Head on Wednesday morning brought the news that Hiram Lymburner, son of Mr. Hoiace Lymburner, lumber merchant of this town, had been shot by Mr. Wm. Kennedy, who mistook him for a deer, and expired in a few minutes. The scene of the tragedy was near Dyer's Bay, where the young man resided. The affair took place on Tuesday afternoon. No definite word has been received as yet, but the operator at the Head says that one of the gentlemen was hunting and the other was going through the bush to the post office. Kennedy fired and the ball hit Lymburner in the back and he died almost instantly. The tug-Douglas took Mr. Lymburner and his wife and daughters up to Dyer's Bay on Wednesday afternoon, and the details of the affair will not be known until the return of the vessel.—[O. S. Times.

Honor Rolls.
The following report for S.S. No. 9, Artemesia, for November:
Fourth class—Louisa Akitt 153.
Third class—James English 103, Emma Magee 95, Alex. English 94, Fred Hicking 86, John Whitby 46, John Hargrave 45.
Second class, sr.—Fanny Whitby 99, Wm. Benson 52, Geo. Russell 34, Ida Benson 32, David J. Jamison 32.
Second class, jr.—Magie White 45, Charles Hopper 36, Willie English 32, Mary E. Russell 33, W.J. Osborne 2.
A man named Johnston, of Owen Sound, was killed in Detroit by jumping from the window of a burning building.

Pointers for the Public.

The cold weather is with us now and we are reminded by it of the necessity of providing good warm clothing. Consequently we have laid in a very large stock of goods, suitable for the occasion.

Dry Goods Department.

Our stock of goods in this dept is very large, consisting of Dress Goods in all the latest shades of patterns. Wool Squares, Wool Dresses, Clouds, Fascinators, Hoods, Jerseys, Underwear, Fancy Goods, Mantle Clothes, Ulsterings, Flannels, Lace Curtains, Shirts, Ties, etc.

Tweed department.

We are making it hot for competition in this department. We buy only the best lines of Canadian Scotch and Irish tweeds in pantsings, suitings and overcoats. A nice range of Canadian all-wool tweeds at 35, 37, 40, 45 and 50 cents, genuine bargains.

Clothing department.

We still lead the trade in this department, standing high above all competition. Just received this week 5 cases fine French worsted Suits and Overcoats in browns, blues and blacks. A job lot of overcoats at \$4.70 and \$5.00.

Boot & Shoe department.

The rush still continues, for our stock of Cheap Boots and Shoes is complete in man's Felt Boots, Socks and Rubbers, Long Boots, Rubbers, Overshoes, etc.

Grocery and Provision Department.

This Department is chock full of choice new Sugars, Teas, Candies, Peels, Spices, Currants, Dry Apples, Syrup, Raisins, Lard, Figs, Nuts, Oatmeal, Cornmeal, Fresh Water Herrings, Salmon Trout, Etc.

The highest price paid in cash or trade for Turkeys, Geese, Chickens, Ducks, Butter, Eggs, Etc.

Thanking our old customers for their past patronage we kindly solicit a continuance of the same by having them call to see us, and we will endeavor to please them.

R. Trimble.

HOW TO MAKE HAPPY HOMES.

GO TO Wm. Richardson's AND PURCHASE

- Christmas Cards, Booklets, Books, Bibles, Purses, Pipes,
- Albums, Ladie's Satchels, Dressing Cases,
- Ladie's and Gent's Musical boxes,
- Vases, Mouthorgans,
- Games, Toys.

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FROM 1 CENT TO \$1.75, IN FACT ANYTHING YOU CAN WANT.