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Vicinity Chips.

Characteristics of the Past Week Carefully Culled for the Curious.

Read W. A. Brown's change of advt. Old timers say they never saw our roads in a worse condition.

The regular Easter song service was held in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening.

Horsemen should call in and see our stock of chromatic horse bills. Beautiful and cheap—something new.

Mrs. John Porteous, living near Flesherton, had her leg broken one day last week by a kick from a horse.

At the cattle fair on Monday about a dozen animals were offered, but all being of poor quality they did not find a ready sale.

W. J. Bellamy entered upon his tenth year this week as clerk of the Township of Artemesia. W. J. is an efficient clerk and honors his position.

The distance from Durham to Walkerton via the Saugeen river is said to be 73 miles, while it is only eighteen by the road. The river itself is a staunch exponent of the Crooks Act.

I. B. Lucas, barrister, of the firm Bishop & Lucas, Owen Sound, is at the office of Wm. Lucas, & Co., in Markdale, every Friday, and in Dundalk every Saturday.

South Grey Teachers' convention will be held in Durham on Thursday and Friday, May 22 and 23. Programs will be out in a few days.

Mr. Sullivan, Flesherton's well known tinsmith, met with a painful accident the other day. His thumb came in forcible contact with a piece of tin, producing a bad cut.

Mr. S. Damude's steam whistle is now heard awakening echoes over the frog pond to the east. Staves and shingles are the product of that whistle and those echoes. Cash paid for hides.

Our Instioge package of two weeks ago was returned three days after publication with the address label torn off. That is why our numerous readers in that vicinity did not get their papers until Monday.

Mr. Wm. Clark, who has been living in Toronto since last fall, returned to Flesherton with his family on Thursday last. Mrs. Clark, whose health has not been good, will remain here for the present, while Mr. Clark returns to his duties in the city.

A subscription list is in circulation with the object of defraying a portion of the expenses in connection with the late trial of Adam Holley. We believe it to be a worthy object and commend it to those to whom it may be presented. It (the trial) has been a great hardship upon the young man, and now that his skirts are cleared he should be assisted.

The Methodist choir was complete on Sunday last. Members who had been attending Collegiate Institute at Owen Sound were home, and there were tenors to right of them, tenors to left of them, volleys, etc. Rev. Mr. Shilton paid the choir a high compliment when he remarked that they were a credit to Flesherton, and that many a place of larger proportions could not produce as good. We heartily endorse his remarks. The collection at evening service was in aid of the choir.

"The biggest fool on earth, says the Chetopa Advance, is unquestionably the editor who blows about the growth, enterprise and business of his town while his paper fails to show a good advertising patronage. Why? Because the people can see at a glance that he lies." We may add a conclusion. If you expect your newspaper to blow about the "growth, enterprise and business" of your town, stuff it with advertisement.

A friend remitting from Dakota says: "I am always glad to get The Advance. People are getting rather quiet. They need stirring up in and about Flesherton." Now we are anxious to know just

exactly what the writer means. Surely he doesn't mean to say that we have any old sleepy dough-heads around, Flesherton! The idea is absurd. Our people here are enterprising—every one of them—with get-up-and-get about them. They advertise in The Advance, therefore they cannot be asleep. Of course there may be a few who are actually dead and still are too lazy to take a "tumble," but they don't count in. No, friend, we would be sorry to have you think we were dozing in and around this village.

Builders' Hardware can be had at lowest rates at M. Richardson & Co's.

Personal. Miss Aggie Leitch is visiting friends in Owen Sound.

Mr. John Wilkerson, of Welland is in town. He looks staving and shingles.

Mrs. Hansford, nee Miss Franke Henderson, and Mrs. J. W. Henderson, are visiting friends in Flesherton.

Mr. R. H. Henderson, of the Travelers' Insurance, paid us a short visit on Wednesday last.

Master George Menzie and Brad. Powell have secured situations with T. Eaton & Co. Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Ayers, of Gorrie, surprised his friends here by dropping in upon them last Monday. He is the guest of Jos. Blackburn, Esq., his son-in-law.

Millinery. Hats, bonnets, ribbons, feathers, flowers, laces and endless variety of new pretty things. M. Richardson & Co.

No Spring Show.

At the late annual meeting of East Grey Agricultural society it was decided to hold no spring show in Flesherton this year. It was after due deliberation and thoroughly weighing the advantages and disadvantages that this decision was arrived at.

Spring Hats. An immense stock opened at M. Richardson & Co's. Everybody wanting a hat should see them.

Social. The ladies of the Methodist church will give a social in the lecture room of the church on Friday evening, April 11th. A good program will be supplied by the young people. Refreshments will be served. Admission 15cts. Come all and enjoy a social evening together.

Dress Gingham. A fine line of 7 1/2 cents Brocade Dress Goods in all the new shades, only 15cts. per yard. See them. M. Richardson & Co.

A High Degree. J. P. Marshall, L. D. S., at the late examinations held at the Royal College of Dental Surgery, Toronto, secured the degree of M. D. S. This extremely honorable distinction will be thoroughly understood when it is known that Mr. Marshall is one out of only five in Ontario who had secured the degree of Master of Dental Surgery. Mr. Marshall visits Flesherton every two weeks. See his card elsewhere.

The Special Inducements offered by M. Richardson & Co. this spring are: 1st. A large and well assorted stock. 2nd. Fresh goods in every department. 3rd. The best values, quality considered.

An Honest Man. We have one strictly honest man in Flesherton. A year ago this spring he borrowed an umbrella from one of our prominent merchants. Last week he called in and said he wanted to pay for that umbrella, as the blamed thing was worn out. The merchant took fifty cents more than the original price and immediately placed a detective on the honest man's track. For why? We cannot say.

Noteworthy. The visible progress made by the pupils in school section No. 6 during the past three months is most gratifying, and reflects great credit on their able and painstaking teacher, Miss Thompson. Although young in her profession, Miss Thompson labors with an untiring zeal for the advancement of her pupils, which would be a credit to an older and more experienced teacher. Strict in discipline, unassuming in manners and amiable in disposition, she cannot fail to gain the approbation and esteem of both pupils and parents, and we feel convinced that at the end of the year the ratepayers of S. S. No. 6 will have good reason to congratulate the trustees for the sound

judgement displayed in their choice of a teacher.

A special line of styish striped panting at M. Richardson & Co's. Pants made to order from them at \$3.50 a pair.

Crockery. A special line of white stone ware clearing at less than half usual cost at M. Richardson & Co's.

Another Presentation. Before leaving Flesherton Mr. Russell was presented by the Glee Club with a nicely filled purse and the following address:

To James Russell, Esq.
DEAR SIR,—We, the members of the Glee Club, of which you have been the most active member upon the eve of your departure from among us, beg to present to you as a token of respect this small sum, not as payment for your great interest and patience, but rather as a remembrance for those kind acts. And we sincerely pray that your future may consist of pleasant activities and happy days in any place Providence may guide you.
WM. BARNHOUSE,
In behalf of the Club.
Flesherton, March 23, 1890.

Mr. Russell was taken wholly by surprise, but managed to thank the other members of the club in a few and appropriate words.

Wall Paper. Ceiling decorations, borders and blinds. Richardson & Co's spring stock in this department is superb.

Station Dottings. Railway business is brisk. Mr. Woods opens up his new store this week.

Mr. Andrew Beattie shipped from here on Tuesday for New Westminster, B. C. Mr. Malcolm McKinnon ships on Tuesday next, a second carload of horses to the Northwest. The C. P. R. furnish "palace" cars for these shipments.

Mr. Johnston Little, who was blacksmith here for a long time, has sold out to Mr. Saugster Hemphill, and removed to Maxwell. Mr. Hemphill will no doubt continue the business with success.

Mr. Johnston, our late night operator at the station, has been promoted to the agency at Kleinburg. The family left here on Tuesday. They will be much missed, as they had made many friends.

A meeting was held in the Orange Hall on Friday evening last to discuss emigration to Alberta. Mr. Monroe and Mr. McInnis, of Calgary, were the speakers, and gave some very interesting information about the far west. T. Granger, Esq., occupied the chair.

Unto the Lord.

If a man shall be judged by his good deeds, so surely must a village or neighborhood be judged by its moral and christian atmosphere. In glancing over the last annual missionary report of the Methodist church certain figures struck us as being particularly gratifying to friends of the Methodist church in this vicinity. These figures show that the following missionary monies were collected from the three circuits named:

Flesherton (two appointments)	\$100.04
Dundalk (three appointments)	104.17
Markdale (three appointments)	85.94

Thus it will be seen that the Flesherton circuit lacked only \$30.07 of providing as much money for missionary purposes as both the other circuits mentioned when combined. But looking at it from another point of view the towns of Markdale and Dundalk ought actually to hide their heads in shame. Flesherton gave \$27.46 more than both her sister towns combined. Here are the figures.

Dundalk town	\$ 37.37
Markdale town	56.50
Flesherton village	127.92

The little village of Maxwell gave \$63.65, or \$7.15 more than the town of Markdale, and \$26.09 more than Dundalk! These figures tell a story which may be read between the lines.

The Convivial Protest. The Clark Bros. of Pickering and Jake Keefer of Stouffville are very near neighbors now—so near that they can keep a watchful eye upon each other's doings, and occasionally meet and exchange cigars. The News criticizes one of Mr. Keefer's acts in the following fatherly manner: "With lively regret we notice that our old school-mate, Bro. Keefer, of the Stouffville Tribune, parts his name in the middle. He writes it Mr. J. George Keefer. If he thinks that is any improvement on the plain but honest Jake Keefer of the old days, we don't. When he rubbed the name 'Tead' from his name, we did not blame him. It was no elegant name. But when he deliberately turns his back on Jake, we enter a protest, feeling that we have the sympathy of a hundred of Jake's admiring school-mates and early friends. Besides it is

a superstition hereabouts that the man who splits his name in the middle is generally more ready to split honesty up the back than to split wood. This feeling was caused by a dead-beat writing master who gulled the country from Kingston to Windsor—and he was named Prof. J. Washington Bell. Jake, do not, we beseech you, discard the fine virtues and the honest name worn in your childhood. This advice is offered in the spirit in which it is given." We suppose the "spirit" would pan out at least 50 per cent. of the simon pure, eh?

WANTED.—Servant girl, before first of May. Apply to Mrs. J. H. Hoard, Flesherton.

BOY WANTED AT ONCE.—To learn carpentering and cabinet making. Must be of good habits. Apply at the Flesherton Furniture Warerooms.

Our Awards.

We are happy to be able to announce this week the complete results of our story competition. Standing at the head of the list is a story entitled "Lost," by a lady of Markdale, who requests her name to be reserved. The scene of this story is laid near Flesherton, and was an actual occurrence. Second in order of merit is a story by "G. W. L.," Toronto, called "Chased by a Wildcat," a true story of early pioneer life on the town line between Collingwood and Euphrasia. We think we are betraying no confidence by saying that "G. W. L." stands for George W. Legard, who is a clever young writer and has written a true story in an entertaining manner. Next comes a tale of thrilling interest, told in an amusing manner, entitled "A Sugar Bush Tragedy," by Fred A. Thurston, Kimberley. A short sketch entitled "Our Little Rebellion," by Mr. Horace Hurlbert, of Caron, N. W. T., deals with the late rising in our Northwest, and is very pleasantly told, indeed. Then, lastly, "A Reminiscence of '66" in Artemesia, written by Squire Stewart, of Kimberley, will, we are sure, give great satisfaction to our readers. These five accepted stories will find a place in our columns during the coming summer. The writers of the above who can do so will please call in and receive their prizes. Those who were not successful can have their manuscripts returned if they so desire. Some unsuccessful ones were not sufficiently original, some did not sustain their interest to the end, and others again would not be interesting to our readers. To those who did not succeed we would say try again. It is profitable practice, and it is only by practice perfection can be attained. The gentleman to whom these stories were submitted for adjudication upon has dealt perfectly fair to all, and his judgment is good. If the reader is not a subscriber to The Advance it will pay him to become one. The balance of this year, which will include the publication of all these stories of local interest, will be given for only sixty cents. Beta's story, "Lost," will appear in The Advance of date May 1. Subscribe for your friends if you get the paper yourself.

Grey Assizes

Continued From Last Week.

OWEN SOUND, April 3.—The Grey Spring Assizes, before Mr. Justice Robertson, concluded to-day.

Campbell v. Vail.—An action of ejectment. The plaintiff claims title from the crown under a patent dated 2nd November, 1838, and a deed of same date from the patentee, Joshua Birdsall. The land is the north part of lot 29, con. 12, township of St. Vincent. The defendant sets up title by length of possession, that the lands were in possession of defendant's father in 1878 and prior, who assigned his interest to defendant, and that he has been in occupation of it since. The case was partially heard and adjourned til Chancery sittings on 30 inst. Mr. Masson, Q. C., for plaintiff; Mr. A. Frost Q. C. for defendant.

Michael Smith, who was found guilty on the two charges of abduction and seduction of a girl fourteen years old, was sentenced on the former to 23 months in the Central prison. His Lordship reserved the case on the latter charge, as the prisoner was tried and convicted in both cases on the same statement of facts.

Rutherford v. Price.—An action to recover possession of part of lot 74, east side Bay street, Owen Sound. The defence is that there was a mistake, that it was never intended to sell same to plaintiff, and that possession never followed the deed. The case was partly heard and adjourned to Chancery sittings on the 30th inst.

General News.

Farmers in many parts of Manitoba are seeding.

It is reported that 2,500 Mormons will emigrate to the Canadian Northwest from Utah during the coming summer.

Rev. Dr. Stone will enter an action for libel against the Toronto Telegram in connection with the Jennings scandal.

The new C. P. R. transfer steamer lately completed at Owen Sound has been taken to Windsor where it will go into immediate service.

There were only 17 business failures in Canada last week against 35 in the corresponding week a year ago.

A Liverpool Company is making arrangements to ship 640 tons of frozen beef fortnightly from Galveston, Texas.

Col. Gillmor, Clerk of the Ontario Legislature, was presented with a complimentary address and a handsome bronze piece.

The strike in the building trades in Toronto is growing and it threatens to seriously interfere with building operations in the city.

A pension of \$80 has been recommended by the U. S. House of Committee on Pensions to the mother of Mr. Charles Stuart Parnell.

Advices from Newfoundland show that the English speaking inhabitants of that island are enraged beyond measure by the English speaking modus vivendi recognizing the French claims, and recourse to arms is not improbable.



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