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Characteristics of the Past Week Carefully Culled for the Curious.

County Council is in session at Owen Sound this week.

The last shipment of cheese was made from the Flesherton factory on Tuesday.

X-cut saws, cutlery, coal oil, salt, teas. M. Richardson & Co.

There was skating galore on Flesher's mill pond during most of last week, but the snow of Monday gently knocked it on the head.

You know where, but may not feel satisfied where to get your ordered clothing. Just try C. J. Leitch in his new department.

Joe. T. Clark was banqueted by his Pickering friends on Saturday evening. Among those present was the Hon. John Dryden.

The only merchant tailoring establishment in town is at cor. Collingwood and Peter st., opposite Medical Hall.

Dickens' complete works, twelve volumes, when taken with The Advance, for only 75 cents. Enough reading matter to last you a year. Order early as they are going, going.

Cross cut saws. A large range of styles and prices at M. Richardson & Co's. Prices right.

Rev. T. Watson has accepted a call to the Cramahe and Fenella churches and goes on the field next week. His new field will be about 15 miles from Coburg, in Northumberland county.

For Christmas trade. Just in, the finest line of pure tea for 35 cents, a special line at M. Richardson & Co's. Get trial sample.

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.

Mr. F. W. E. Tottenham has purchased Mr. Lever's old mill at the station and is putting in a sawmill in connection therewith. He will do chopping and sawing. See bills for his announcement.

Cutlery.

A new stock of pocket and table cutlery, full range of prices and fine assortment. M. Richardson & Co.

No. 1, vol. 1 of The Congregationalist, published at Whiting, Ind., by Rev. D. A. Holman, has been received. It is a neatly printed little twelve page monthly.

We direct attention to the article published elsewhere on Dr. Withrow's History. The work is the only really standard history of our country, and should be in the hands of every Canadian. Mr. Will Heard is the agent here.

The game in this section of country is protected as follows: Deer must not be shot between 20th November and 15th October of the following year; partridge, from 1st Jan. to 1st September; hare, 15th March to 1st September.

We have not heard a solitary hint with reference to municipal matters in this township, with the exception of Mr. McArthur's retirement. Do our ratepayers imagine that the little bit of fun which we were treated to last January was sufficient to last a couple of years? Yea, verily it looks like it.

That 35 cent tea.

Now don't forget it, for it's worth looking after. We are talking about it now but the whole country will be talking about it before Christmas. Get trial sample at M. Richardson & Co's.

Next Tuesday evening! Well, what of it? Why that new-fangled entertainment will take place in the Town Hall on that evening. It promises to be an interesting affair. The readers have had ample time to get up their pieces and will no doubt give them with credit to themselves. Music of a high order will be sandwiched in between so that there will be nothing tedious. Oh it is going to be the affair of the season, and the admission is only ten and fifteen cents. Won't you go?

Have you seen the Christmas Number of Toronto Saturday Night? It is the most beautiful and attractive holiday number ever published in Canada. For sale by all the newsdealers or can be had postpaid from The Sheppard publishing company, (limited), Toronto, for 50 cts.

Salt, Salt.

Arrived at last, no mistake this time, and going fast at M. Richardson & Co's.

A new postoffice will be opened at Wiley's corner, 7th con., Euphrasia, on the 1st of Jan. next, to be called Wodehouse. Mr. W. Carruthers, who is erecting a store there, will be the postmaster. The people of that vicinity were badly in need of postoffice accommodation, as for many years they have been obliged to travel down and climb the big mountain for all their mail matter, and they will no doubt be duly grateful to Dr. Sproule for his efforts in their behalf. A more appropriate name might have been attached to the new office, however. New England, for instance.

At a funeral held lately, not many miles from Flesherton, there was a theft committed of a peculiarly disgusting nature. To tell all the facts, it was at Mr. Stamborskie's funeral. The family had stored a small quantity of Indian corn—their whole stock—in the barn, and expected to have a nice little grist of cornmeal as a luxury. On the day of the funeral this little stock of corn was stolen by some miserable wretch. For downright dirty, sneaking meanness commend us to the apology for a man who did that act. This paper last week had occasion to remark that we were not heathens in this country, but we will now have to amend that by admitting that some of us are.

It's an Eye Opener.

And you'll admit if you once taste Richardson & Co's new brand of 35 cent tea.

There are a lot of extremely funny people in connection with Markdale English church. We are informed that they got up a farce the other day at the rectory, depicting the troubles of certain young people, and claimed that these trials referred to some of Flesherton's young ladies. Those who know say the thing was chuck full of farce—all farce and no fun. No doubt those taking part in it thought they were very clever and uproariously funny and all that, but we doubt if the most refined portion of the audience assembled would appreciate the intended humor. We notice that the affair was not reported in the Markdale paper. Was it neglected from a sense of shame?

Salt Your Pork.

A car of fine salt just arrived for R. Trimbles'.

Poor "Bones" is dead. Bones was a floor walker employed by McDonald & Evans, of this place. He was very diligent in his line of business and evidenced great acumen and thoughtfulness in scenting out customers. He was cute. He could tell a customer from a loafer as soon as they entered the door, and resented the latter in an emphatic way, sometimes even going so far as to take them by the "scruff" of the neck and lead them out. He was fooling around Mr. Whitten's wagon on Friday last, and in some way got his head between the wheel spokes. When he got out of the fix his nose pointed toward the north star and his ears dragged on the ground. After a half-hour's contemplation of nature from this standpoint the dog concluded that life was not worth living and resigned his tenure. Pool old Bones!

Girl Wanted.

To do general house work. Apply to Mrs. John Boyd, Proton P.O.

Markdale's School.

Markdale's new public school was opened on Monday with appropriate honors. Speeches were delivered by Dr. Sproule, Rev. Mr. Bray, Rev. Mr. Davey, Rev. Father Maloney and W. J. McFarland, Esq. Miss Henry, whose essay won the Empire prize flag for this county, had the honor of hoisting the flag. The building has cost $7,000 and is a handsome structure.

No Use Talking,

No amount of it will convince you about tea, you must taste it, try it. Richardson & Co. challenge the Dominion with their new 35 cent tea.

Church News.

Miss Mary Pearson, who has for the past two years been studying in Chicago for a missionary, is now at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Pearson, near Flesherton. Miss Pearson will leave for the China mission field in January, where she goes under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, and will receive a farewell from the Erskine church, Toronto.

Mr. Davidson, of Mt. Forest, a clever young student of the Presbyterian church, occupied the pulpit in Flesherton on Sunday afternoon last.

At a congregational meeting of the presbyterian church on Friday last Mr. S. Damude was appointed a delegate to the meeting of Presbytery, which meets at Orangeville on Tuesday next, to confer with reference to Mr. Emes' resignation.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen

From Flesherton about three weeks ago, one pair dark brown turkeys. To any person returning them suitable reward. W. W. Trimble.

That Case of Hardship.

The disclosures which came to light in The Advance last week with reference to the boy Wright have created a decided sensation, and we have had many individual enquiries as to whether anything is likely to be done in the matter. So far as The Advance is concerned we wish it distinctly understood that it has made no charges against the man Best, his wife or any one else connected with the affair. It simply gave the boy's story as taken from his lips by a magistrate on Sunday of last week. That story the boy still adheres to. The magistrate in question, after hearing this story, communicated with the home authorities in Toronto, and they immediately sent a gentleman up to investigate. This gentleman went out to see the boy on Friday last, and returned with the apparent conviction that the story was somewhat exaggerated. However, a number of gentlemen from that neighborhood waited upon The Advance on Monday and complained that the representative of the home had not conducted the investigation in a proper and thorough manner, alleging that Mr. Wavell—the gentleman referred to—had partaken of Mr. Best's hospitality, and at the outside had only spent forty minutes with the boy and had not even thoroughly examined him. This committee, composed of Mr. Irwin Fawcett, Mr. Joe Sherwood and Mr. John Bailey, all respectable farmers of the neighborhood, fear that Mr. Wavell's report will not be favorable to a thorough investigation, and on Monday last attempted to enter the case before a bench of magistrates in Flesherton, but were unable to do so from reasons unexplained to us. No doubt it was thought well to await the result of Mr. Wavell's report. The gentlemen who waited upon us on Monday said the story was correct in every particular with the exception that it was Best, not Payne, who threatened to murder the boy on the occasion when it was supposed he took the money. On this occasion, too, it is alleged a clothesline was put around the boy's neck and he was drawn up to a beam with the object of making him confess. During the summer the boy claims to have been used fairly well and up until harvest time. Neighbors then saw the lad pulling thistles from the grain with bare hands and in his bare feet, and on Nov. 15 he was seen going about in his bare feet. Mr. Sherwood informed us that he himself heard the boy being thrashed one day from a distance of thirty rods away and told his wife at the time that if something was not done the boy would be killed. These details are harrowing in the extreme to relate, and if the boy's own evidence were all there was to rely upon this paper would not make the details public, but when a number of gentlemen residing in the vicinity combine in believing the lad to have been badly used, and desire an investigation, we feel justified in believing that the matter should be thoroughly sifted. We have taken great pains to procure the facts, so far as known, and have indulged in nothing of a hearsay character, only such evidence as the boy gave to the magistrate and what the neighbors actually saw and will swear to. The boy is slowly improving and is now out of bed. On Friday, when seen by Mr. Wavell, his pulse stood at 126, (this is Mr. Wavell's own statement to us), which was a remarkably high point, even for a boy, and indicated a high fever. It was in this state that he was interviewed by the representive, and it is doubtful to our mind if he was then in a fit condition to be interviewed by a stranger. Mr. Wavell informed The Advance that the boy's story to him conflicted in several points with that given to the magistrate, but if so could it not be accounted for in the low state to which we refer? Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Sherwood agree that after the legal gentleman had left, the boy remembered that he had not told some things correctly and cried lamentably about it. We think ourselves, that Mr. Wavell should have had more time at his disposal to investigate this matter. He should have secured more evidence than he did. We understand that he spent a couple of hours at Mr. Best's residence and took exhaustive evidence from him, and the few notes taken in a few minutes' conversation with the invalid was all the evidence he secured. He should also have secured statements from outsiders who were competent to give them. It is feared that the boy's evidence will not have the value that it should have placed upon it by his guardians when brought to weigh against that of Mr. and Mrs. Best and Payne. It is also claimed by the gentlemen who waited on us that Mr. Best secured the services of a couple of strangers to the neighborhood to give evidence before the representative as to the boy's bad character.

The Advance is not given to promulgating sensational stories, and had it not believed there was too much truth in this matter to allow of the case being dropped it would never have made it public; and the more we hear about it the more we believe our act to have been a proper one. The affair has created intense indignation in the immediate neighborhood where the affair occurred. Best is himself an English orphan. We await the result of Mr. Wavell's report before commenting any further upon the case.

Salt, salt, salt.

Just received, one hundred barrels fine salt. R. Trimble.

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—Twenty-five years ago to-day I opened a small store at the county crossroads on the same site on which my present business premises are built. My first stock consisted of one cask of sugar, nothing more. But sugar was scarce. For several weeks there had been none in the neighborhood, so the first stock was in demand. I had neither scales, scoop, paper or twine, so with a borrowed axe I knocked in the head of the cask and began trading Indian fashion. Henry Matthewson hauled the first load—this cask—from Collingwood. Robert Clarke, blacksmith, made the first purchase. All faces met were new and strange to me then, but many of the acquaintanceships made then ripened into friendships unbroken ever since. Some have gone to other scenes and other lands, and some to that bourne from which no traveller returns nor mail brings tidings of how they fare. The retrospect is full of interesting incidents to me, not interesting to general readers. To all those early acquaintances and friends I tender thanks for support in business, kind cheer and encouragement, and their manifold expressions of friendship and goodwill. I shall never pass this mile stone in life's history again and therefore embrace the opportunity of expressing my gratitude for the warmth of friendship found among those early settlers in Artemesia, and continued to me by them and their families ever since.

M. RICHARDSON.

Flesherton Nov. 29, 1890.

A C. P. R. engineer went crazy last week while coming up the Caledon mountain and deserted his engine.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of John Radley late of the township of Osprey in the county of Grey, farmer, deceased.

The creditors of John Radley late of the township of Osprey deceased, who died on or about the seventh day of August, A. D., 1890, and all others having claims against his estate are hereby notified to send by post, prepaid, or otherwise deliver to the undersigned executors of the estate and effects of the said deceased with W. J. Bellamy at his office in Flesherton, on or before the 10th day of December, their christian and surnames, addresses and description, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any), held by them; and in default thereof and immediately after the said 10th day of December, the assets of the said John Radley, deceased, will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which notice shall have been given as above required. And this notice being given under the provision of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, chapter 110, sec. 36, 1887, the executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person of whose claim or claims notice shall not have been received by them or their said solicitor at the time of distribution.

JOS. LEGARD
CHAS. CROFT } EXECUTORS.
ELIZABETH RADLEY

Flesherton, Nov. 10th, 1890.

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