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**Characteristics of the Past Week  
Carefully Culled for the  
Curious.**

Business notices among locals will be charged at the rate of 10c per line for each insertion. A reduction will be made on contracts for 100 lines or over.

County Council is in session at Owen Sound this week.

Miss Wilson, of Creemore, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

The annual January thaw has not materialized on this occasion.

Mr. A. Dick, of Alton, was a caller at The Advance office on Monday.

Mrs. B. F. Steward, of Galt, is the guest of Mr. Geo. Stewart.

Miss Lizzie Richardson is attending the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

Miss Maud Richardson and Miss Millie Vandusen are visiting friends in Collingwood.

J. W. Armstrong, Esq., spent a few days during the past week in Lucknow, London and Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Waddell, of Kimberly, and Rev. Mr. Tonge exchanged pulpits on Sabbath last.

Some one has drawn our attention to the fact that Mr. Boland is the first Reform reeve which Artemesia has possessed.

The new Thornbury iron bridge, for which this county pays 55 per cent, is expected to be completed in two weeks' time.

We learn by the Thornbury Standard that a petition is being circulated for the commutation of the sentence passed upon Irwin Fawcett at the late assizes.

Mrs. J. C. Buchanan, of Vandeleur, will give a social at her residence on Tuesday evening 31st inst. in aid of the Meaford Road church funds.

The ladies Aid of the Methodist Church purpose holding an "At Home" in the Town Hall on Feb. 14. Two tickets for a quarter; 15c. for one. Particulars at a later day.

A credit auction sale of farm stock and implements will be held on lot 31, con. 7, Artemesia, on Saturday, Jan. 28. Everything to be sold without reserve. David Whyte, proprietor, R. J. Sproule, auctioneer.

In our report of the Conservative Convention last week the name of Major Rorke was omitted from the list of speakers. We regret this omission, as Mr. Rorke gave a lengthy and very interesting speech, which was listened to with much attention.

The annual business meeting of the Presbyterian congregation in Flesherton was held on Thursday of last week. The financial report revealed a very satisfactory state of affairs. The church is in a flourishing condition.

All who are troubled with Constipation will find a safe, sure, and speedy relief in Ayer's pills. Unlike most other cathartics, these pills strengthen the stomach, liver, and bowels, and restores the organs to normal and regular action.

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A public meeting will be held at Ploverville on Tuesday next, 31st inst., for the purpose of discussing the question of building a line of railway from Kincardine via Durham, to some point on the Georgian Bay. A full attendance of all interested is looked for. The meeting is to be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The January number of the Canadian Horticulturist gives a beautiful colored plate of the Alexander apple, a full page engraving of the editor, a pen and ink sketch of his home, and a view of Maple-

hurst Fruit Farm. Full directions, with illustrations, are given for making a cold-storage house for fruit; seasonable hints for work in fruit and flower garden, the apiary, etc., etc. L. Wolverton, Grimsby, Secretary of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, is the editor.

A peculiar thing was seen in Markdale on Sunday morning last. The service in the Methodist church was rudely interrupted by a Dog and a Steer, which had by some means entered the church, coming in violent contact. The uproar for some time was awful, but Mr. Steer ran the Dog out and the choir proceeded with its music.

Proton Agricultural Society's annual meeting was held in Dundalk Jan. 12th, 1892. Directors reported very good progress during the year. The following officers were elected:—President, C. Graham; Vice-President, S. McDowell; Sec.-Treas., F. Nixon. Directors:—J. Cooper, Thos. Carr, D. Thompson, P. McGregor, S. Stokes, J. Agnew, J. D. Morgan, W. Aldcorn, T. Walton. Auditors—E. G. Lucas, W. T. Rundle. The Fall Fair is to be held Oct. 12th and 13th.—Herald.

In a Farmer's Institute meeting report published by a contemporary occurs the following remarkable piece of composition. "In travelling through the country the cattle reminded him of a woman's remarks who had four daughters married. One married a negro another an Indian, another a dutchman and so on. She said the children were the most speckled looking things she ever saw. They allowed their calves to suck, which perhaps was the best plan, but they done so owing to the want of help." What are we to gather from the above? The woman's remarks had four daughters who married men of different nationalities and allowed their calves to suck! Shades of Shakespeare! Was ever such a beautiful piece of English composition printed?

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**Maxwell.**

From our own Correspondent.  
On Thursday, Jan. 12th, a successful meeting of Centre Grey Farmers' Institute took place at Maxwell. Excellent Addresses were given by the deputation, which consists of Messrs. Hobson, Hunter and Craston. Several local speakers gave important speeches also. The evening meeting, which was presided over by Rev. Ganev, was a success in every particular. The music furnished by the young men with Miss Aggie Ganev as accompanist was simply grand and received great praise from all present. Every farmer should try and attend these meetings as valuable information is to be received from listening to such men as compose these deputations.

Mr. Alex. Clark gave us a call last week. Mr. Andrew Blakely, of Flesherton, spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. J. Little.

The township fathers met in Maxwell on Monday the 16th, for the transaction of business.

The Orange Concert held here on Wednesday evening, the 18th, was a grand success. Proceeds about \$70.

Mrs. Thos. Brownridge and son, Mrs. Guy sr. and Mrs. Weller have returned after a prolonged visit with friends near Hanover.

Mr. Wm. Bemrose has been in Collingwood for a time.

Mr. W. W. Triable, of Flesherton, has rented the store recently occupied by Mr. C. M. Field and has opened out his stock. We would wish all our merchants success, but are very much afraid of the great success of any when we have so many in such a small place as Maxwell. If "opposition be the life of trade" however the former reasoning is of no avail.

A free lecture on the "Orange question" will be given in the Hall here on this Thursday evening.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Rev. F. Woodger united Mr. C. M. Field and Miss Alma Scott so firmly that they are supposed to remain so till death separate. The former is a very fine young man, and the latter is an example of the excellent young women that are to be found in Osprey. We wish them every success.

Barkwell's Bronchial Balm will cure coughs, colds, bronchitis and asthma.

**E. G. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

**Annual Meeting—Its History from inception—Some Interesting Figures.**

The Annual meeting of the East Grey Agricultural Society was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon of last week, for the appointment of officers and other business. The representation was rather small. Mr. Stewart expressed a wish to retire from the presidency owing to delicate health, and his wishes were respected, but not without sorrow, as he has proved himself to be a very efficient president, and in losing his services in that capacity the society is losing a good man. However, Mr. Stewart will no doubt still feel deeply interested in the society's welfare and will be able to assist it still in many ways. Following are the officers elected for the current year: President, R. J. Sproule; 1st Vice-President, Dr. Scott; 2nd Vice-President, Jas. Brodie. Directors—S. Damude, W. J. Caswell, J. Hickling, R. Ruthvan, W. Clinton, J. Gamey, J. Abbott, Jas. Stewart, J. I. Graham. Sec.-Treas., S. Damude. Delegate to Agricultural and Art Association, S. Damude.

The auditors' report as submitted gave the following interesting figures relating to last year's business.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance in hand from previous year	\$ 94.73
" Legislative grant	800.00
" Municipal grant	250.00
" Subscriptions	107.50
" Admission fees	160.35
" Rent of ground and stalls	18.00
" Concert and other receipts	94.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1592.51</b>
EXPENDITURE.	
Portion of Leg. Grant paid townships	\$422.00
" Municipal grant	130.00
Paid out for prizes	400.00
Paid on grounds	67.89
Rental, lighting, fitting up, etc.	28.65
Working expenses, Sec., Treas., and assistants	70.00
Miscellaneous	139.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1371.60</b>
<b>Balance on hand</b>	<b>\$160.91</b>
ASSETS.	
Cash on hand or in bank	\$160.91
Value of land	600.00
Value of buildings	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1060.91</b>
Liabilities	Nothing.

The total amount offered for prizes last year was \$676.50, and the amount awarded and paid \$496.

The above figures will prove very interesting reading to those who held that the East Grey Agricultural Society was not a successful institution. Figures speak louder than words. The society is entirely free from debt and has a handsome surplus on hand. A few words of history may not be out of place here. The society was organized in 1875, and in the following year purchased eight acres of land and erected a hall in 1878. The cost of this hall was \$375, fencing \$248, grounds \$275. The Association borrowed \$500, and there were private subscriptions of \$221.50. In 1882 three extra acres of land were purchased at \$300. Fencing cost \$156.50. Six hundred dollars were borrowed and the former loan of \$500 paid off. The last cent of indebtedness was wiped out last year. To summarize:

Original cost of property	\$1374.20
Principal and interest paid	1428.13
Paid by private subscription	221.50
<b>Total paid since organization</b>	<b>\$1679.65</b>

During this period there was paid out in prizes the large sum of \$7,732.05. The indebtedness was promptly met each year with one exception, when bad weather made it necessary to have the loan carried over.

Surely no society can boast of a more successful early life than the East Grey, and its prosperity for the future is now practically assured. Its finances have been ably managed.

OUR TOWNSHIP SOCIETIES.  
A few figures with regard to the township societies in this riding will no doubt be interesting to very many of our readers. The Legislative and municipal grants paid to these societies are paid according to membership, and the following comparative table will enable one to approximately the strength of the several societies:

Paid to Artemesia township	\$ 73.40
" to Euphrasia "	111.98
" to Proton "	119.86
" to Collingwood "	118.46
" to Osprey "	33.74
" to Holland "	119.86

The date of the next fall fair was set for Sept. 28th and 29th.

**Rob Roy.**  
From our own Correspondent.  
Mr. Editor, it seems that some of our Advance readers were a little disappointed because our correspondence did not appear one week sooner. We think there must be something wrong.

The Patrons of Industry held their Concert last Friday night. We were glad to see so many of our friends from a distance out, the weather being favorable and roads in accordance made everything prosperous. Taking everything into consideration this is the place to come if you want to enjoy yourself. We think that the people were satisfied both with the programme and with everything else, excepting an address which some of our grown up generation could hardly swallow.

Miss Sarah Brown is visiting friends in this part. Some of Mr. Donay's friends are visiting with him this week.

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Flesherton, Jan. 24, 1893.

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