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THE NEW ASSESSMENT.

The Finance and Assessment committee grappled with the question of equalization at the County Council last week, and managed to make a general reduction of about 30 per cent. all round. The changes in any one township will amount to very little in reduced or increased taxation. Of course Meaford retained the \$50,000 decrease which the Judge granted it last summer. We believe the committee in taking the matter in hand have done as nearly right as it was possible for them to do; at least they have saved the county money by attending to it themselves. Below are given the figures of the new assessment with the corresponding figures of last year:

THE NEW ASSESSMENT.

Artemesia	\$1,140,000
Bentley	1,335,000
Collingwood	1,330,000
Derby	1,270,000
Euphrasia	1,170,000
Egremont	1,345,000
Glenelg	900,000
Holland	960,000
Keppl	584,600
Normanby	1,570,000
Osprey	950,000
Proton	906,000
St. Vincent	1,420,000
Sydenham	1,230,000
Sullivan	1,214,000
Sarawak	523,000
Owen Sound	1,540,000
Meaford	465,000
Durham	200,000
Dundalk	115,000
Thornbury	160,000
Markdale	135,000
	\$19,936,600

THE OLD ASSESSMENT

Artemesia	\$1,604,823
Bentley	1,885,07
Collingwood	1,934,246
Derby	1,041,629
Euphrasia	1,618,350
Egremont	1,927,349
Glenelg	1,290,806
Holland	1,411,358
Keppl	984,741
Normanby	2,225,307
Osprey	1,338,796
Proton	1,346,086
St. Vincent	1,500,000
Sydenham	1,731,094
Sullivan	1,698,459
Sarawak	300,000
Owen Sound	2,300,000
Meaford	721,050
Durham	277,760
Dundalk	141,818
Thornbury	219,155
Markdale	149,131
	\$98,173,032

ANOTHER RAILWAY MEETING.

Another important railway meeting was held at Priceville on Tuesday afternoon, at which about forty ratepayers and delegates were present from along the proposed route, among them being Mayor and Reeve Brown, of Durham, who are both enthusiastically in favor of the road. For a cold day it was a good turnout. Not only was the turnout good, but the unanimity displayed as to the advantages and feasibility of a line from Kincardine to Thornbury and Meaford via Walkerton, Durham, Flesherton and Kimberley, was almost surprising. All of the many speakers united in the belief that this line could be built. The agitation appears to have started simultaneously and spontaneously at Walkerton and Kimberley. The towns to the west are fierce for connection with the C. P. R. and will leave no stone unturned to secure it. To the north they are equally anxious. This line as proposed would be about 70 miles in length. It would open up a section of timbered country which has at present a market for but a portion of its products, and which is not fully developed. Added to this it would be a cross country line which would secure a good passenger traffic, and which has been a crying want for years. Committees have been formed to get in touch with the promoters at the

west, and matters will take a practical shape in a very short time. Affairs are in the hands of men who are energetic and determined to push things to a climax of some kind, and men who feel that, as this is the most practical route yet suggested, their labors will not go unrewarded. Some hope was entertained that Meaford and Durham gentlemen interested in the other scheme proposed would fall in with this plan and support it. It is probable another meeting will be held very shortly in Durham to complete organization.

The County Council last week appointed a committee to gather statistics with a view to submitting the question of building a House of Industry to the ratepayers at next election. That was the proper mode of settling this momentous question.

Hopeville.

From our own Correspondent.
 Judging from the amount of sand, brick, timber etc., that it is being drawn and prepared for building purposes, this vicinity is in a prosperous condition. Among those who are preparing material for the erection of fine barns, are Messrs. Wm. Troop, J. Russell, Jos. Black, R. Goheen. Several others are going to have their barns raised and stone foundations built under them.

Mr. Jno. Scarlett has the brick on the ground for the erection of an hotel.
 Mr. Wm. Glenister, who has been the guest of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dingwell, for the past two weeks has returned to his home in Toronto. He spent the summer months working at the great Chicago building in preparation for the World's Fair. Mr. Glenister says that a view of the buildings alone would well repay a visit to that wonderful exhibition.

Cheese factory meetings are the order of the day. The 15th Concession seems to be the bone of contention between the two factories—Boothville and Ventry. It has not yet been decided which shall win.

Little Florence, second youngest child of Mr. Arch. Ferguson, is sick.

Whooping cough is abroad in the land. Every church and school and almost every house resounds with its vigorous whoop.

The people are beginning to feel the inconvenience of the potatoe rot, as their potatoes are about done and those who have a quantity are holding them at a very high figure.

Rob Roy.

From our own Correspondent.
 Mr. Editor, things are rather dull this week after the concert and other amusements.

The people of this part intend holding prayer meetings once every week, every house taking it in turn. We think this a grand step to take.

Mr. George Williamson, who has been away for the winter, has come back to see his friends once more. Glad to see his smiling face again.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Mrs. Chas. Beatty, who died at her home in Allandale, after a short illness. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. John Freethy, of this vicinity. The remains were brought to Zion church-yard for burial, where a large crowd of friends and acquaintances gathered to pay a last token of respect. The friends have the sympathy of all.

Mr. Wm. B. Galloway held a meeting in Rob Roy school house on the 26th inst. for the purpose of organizing a singing school. Mr. Galloway should be successful, as he is a good vocalist.

McIntyre.

From our own Correspondent
 Mr. Archy McIntyre having disposed of his property held his sale on January 23rd, and on Thursday last left with his family for Oregon. On the eve of their departure a large number of their friends and neighbors gathered at Mr. Donald McIntyre's where the family were staying over night, to spend a social evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntyre and family and to present them with an address and a costly watch and chain to Mr. McIntyre, a costly brooch and ring to Mrs. McIntyre, an alarm clock to Duncan and a Bible to each of the other members of the family. They were taken by surprise, not knowing anything of the affair till that evening. Mr. McIntyre replied in suitable terms, thank-

ing them for their kind remembrance to himself and family, and assured them that their many friends at McIntyre's would always be remembered by him though far away, after which all partook of an oyster supper. Having spent a pleasant evening and bidding Mr. McIntyre and family good-bye with best wishes, all dispersed for home.

In losing Mr. McIntyre and family we lose kind and genial neighbors, who have always been respected. Mr. McIntyre was one of the pioneers of this township, having come here before the township was surveyed. He represented the township at the council board of Osprey for thirty-two years as Deputy Reeve, having been elected several times by acclamation. His son, D. C. McIntyre, preceded the family a few days, but will join them again in Toronto, where he was married on Wednesday to Miss Kate McDonald, formerly of McIntyre.

Miss Maggie Roberts, of Lady Bank, has been spending a few weeks here.

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Proton Station.

From our own Correspondent.
 Since this locality has been without a representative to the Advance for some time, Mr. Editor, I thought I would endeavor to collect a few items of news and send them on probation, and if we prove satisfactory our continuance may be expected. Before we go any further, however, allow me to make an appeal to the readers of the Advance, and that is not to pass a verdict on my first appearance before you, as this is my first attempt at writing since my girl went back on me. But let the young ladies go and proceed to business as I am not the first young man left in the cold.

The amount of traffic at present to Proton in some branches of the timber line far surpasses previous years, while again other branches seem to be diminishing. No opposition is, we believe, the cause of lackage. Telegraph poles seem to be the chief pursuit of timber men this winter. J. D. Morgan, of Dundalk, is the purchaser, while Gib. McKinnel is the man with the rule, and does the culling.

We are a highly favored people, being now in possession of two mails per day. The postmaster, however, is of a different opinion.

The chief topic at present is the advisability of running either Mr. Jackson or Mr. Turner next year for mayor of this town, the popularity or responsibility of either gentleman is sufficient recommendation for them, that is for the present. The party at Mr. John Bridle's on the evening of Jan. the 23rd was a decided success, where the lovers of music could have their heart's desire, and also the lovers of light fantastic could enjoy themselves.

We are pleased to inform the young and also the old ladies of the surrounding country of the arrival of two accomplished young lady dressmakers.

Boyd Bros. are doing an extensive business in the sawmill line and also in poles, ties, posts, cord wood, etc. Boyd Brothers are pushing business men, and deserve the patronage of the whole community.

The Proton Band of Amateur musicians are away up in G., having had an invitation to play at an Orange Soiree, in Eugenia, on the night of Feb. 2nd. They are hard to beat, give them a hearing.

What was that young man's idea in trying to lease a house in town one day recently? We almost fancy we can hear the chime of wedding bells. Echo answers, "Wedding Bells".

The brickyards of this place seem to be doing quite a business. Reports are that there is not enough brick on hand for the demand. Some of the boys will be rich before they know it.

Mr. John Duncan intends moving into his new house shortly.

Mr. P. Quigg was near sustaining a serious upset one day last week by his horse upsetting his cutter. Mrs. Quigg still bears the mark. We are glad nothing serious occurred.

The Patrons of Industry are still swarming like bees in July. They intend holding their weekly business meeting in the future in the town hall, which will be more convenient than walking two miles.

The very severe weather seems to be putting new ideas into some of the boys, as we often hear them saying, I am soon going to stop living alone. Well it's much better to live alone boys, than to have the broom fly round your head.

The lovers of taffy had the opportunity to quench their craving on Thursday eve of last week at the residence of Mr. Wm. Patton. Don't think Jack had a stove-wood stick in the violin case this time.

Mr. Joe Duncan, a lover of beauty and a good thing, has purchased an organ of latest design, the Bell Piano case.

As our budget is now too long we will for the present wipe our pen. If we can come again, say so.
 [Come again, dear boy.—E.]

Rebecca Wilkinson, of Brownsvalley, Ind., says: "I had been in a distressed condition for three years from Nervousness, Weakness of the Stomach, Dyspepsia and Indigestion until my health was gone. I bought one bottle of South American Nervine, which done me more good than any \$50 worth of doctoring I ever did in my life. I would advise every weakly person to use this valuable and lovely remedy. I consider it the grandest medicine in the world." A trial bottle will convince you. Warranted by Richardson & Co.

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