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A general banking business transacted. Drafts issued and cheques cashed at usual rates. Money always available for legitimate business enterprises. Office two doors north of Richardson & Co's.

**Vicinity Chips.**

**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.

St. Valentine's day to-day (Thursday). Maxwell Orange Lodge held their concert this (Thursday) evening.

This is an off week for most of our correspondents. Their ideas have been snowed under.

The night school, under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute, completed the course last week.

The Markdale Standard calls School Inspector Campbell a "coming Minister of Education."

The past couple of weeks have been the finest kind of weather for stock taking. Merchants have not been overly burdened with customers.

Don't fail to call and get a bargain in the following lines: Overcoats, in men's, boys' and youths' Fur Coats, Fur Sets, Mantles, etc. T. Hill.

Owing to the severe storm the social advertised to take place at Mr. J. Lever's on Friday night last did not materialize. It was postponed until a later date.

Members of the Mechanics' Institute and others desiring catalogues can secure one on the payment of five cents to the librarian, Mr. W. Armstrong.

The Royal Templars of Flesherton Station will give a concert in the school house on Friday evening, Feb. 22. Admission 15 and 10 cents. See bills.

The Eugenia correspondent of the Clarksburg Reflector says that Mr. M. Richardson, of Flesherton, will open a store there. We have Mr. Richardson's denial of the truth of this statement.

Legate's steam saw and planing mills is the place to buy your doors, sash, frames, floorings, sheetings, base, mouldings, casings, and stair material, at prices that cannot be beaten. Good workmanship guaranteed. Estimates given free. Plans furnished when required. All kinds of logs wanted.

Mr. John Brown, merchant of Priceville, was a welcome caller on Monday. Mr. Brown has purchased the bankrupt stock of T. Chislett, at the station, at an exceedingly low rate on the dollar, and will announce in next week's Advance the bargains which may be expected. He is this week getting the stock in shape. Look out for his advertisement.

One day last week Mr. Angus Kennedy's team which was standing in Munshaw's shed took a notion into their heads that their own stable was more comfortable and started at a good quick jog to find it. After running a mile they struck a snag in the shape of a man, who brought them back to town. The only damage done was to the horses' feelings.

Mr. W. B. Campbell, of California, an old Flesherton boy, and at present engaged in Salvation Army work in the Sunset state, called on The Advance on Thursday last. He was accompanied by Miss Campbell, of Thornbury. It is eight years since Mr. Campbell left Flesherton. He likes California and the work in which he is engaged. He says the Army has taken a strong hold on the Pacific coast. He returns to his work this week after a few weeks' visit to friends and relatives here.

Mr. J. Runstadler returned from New York on Monday, after landing a car load of eggs there. He arrived at New York in correct time to catch the market, one day before the blockade. He says the temperature in New York reached 6 below zero, which was lower than the New Yorkers have experienced for fifteen years. Trains in northern New York state were blocked as in Ontario, and Mr. R. was unavoidably detained in Rochester for a day from that cause.

Logs are arriving at the Eugenia Hoop and Veneer mill in grand shape and the

farmers are said to have a very large quantity cut all ready to draw out as soon as the roads improve. The company do not require any more maple, but they are prepared to take in a large quantity of elm, basswood, whitewood and birch. The ready cash now being distributed in this section of the country is being appreciated, and as soon as the weather permits we hope to see the mill running in full swing.

The Springhill Association, Patrons of Industry, will hold an open meeting in the Red Schoolhouse on Friday, 22nd inst. Mr. Wm. Allan, Patron candidate to the House of Commons for South Grey, and Mr. Robt. Jamieson, county organizer, will deliver addresses. The public are cordially invited.

Mr. John Chard, of this township, has a valuable sow which, in four litters, gave birth to forth-eight little porkers, the last litter arriving when the mother was only two and a half years old. Out of this number thirty-nine reached maturity. The Chatsworth News told of a prolific pig up there some weeks ago and asked if any one could beat it. Since then Mr. Chard's animal has been doing her best with the above surprising result. Chatsworth can come off the perch.

We understand that Bro. Wilgress, of Clarksburg, is an admirer of horse-flesh. In last week's issue of his paper he gives an excellent picture of his latest acquisition in that line. He bought it by the square inch at the rate of about one mill per inch, including a small quantity of flesh and skin which accidentally adhered to the bones. Take a trot up this way some day, dear boy; we are a lover of antiquities ourselves, and might make a deal for some old scraps of Indian vertebrae which we have stored away in a paper bag along with other relics. Let us negotiate.

February 14th is St. Valentine's day. Consulting Webster for information on the subject, we find he says:—"St. Valentine's day, a day sacred to St. Valentine; the 14th of February. It was a very old notion, alluded to by Shakespeare, that on this day birds begin to couple. Hence, perhaps, arose the custom of sending on this day letters containing professions of love and affection." A valentine is defined as:—"A letter containing professions of love or affection, sent by one young person to another on St. Valentine's day. That being the case, if you happen to get a valentine libelling your good looks just remember that it is merely "a profession of love and affection" from some warm-hearted admirer.

During the early part of the spring many people are induced to purchase seeds, and which, on account of poor quality, always bring great disappointment and loss. Probably a few words to our readers at this season of the year might not be amiss. The question is: "How can a planter guard against receiving bad or inferior seeds, as often in appearance, size, etc., the good and bad seeds are alike?" The only answer to our question, that we know of, is: Buy from a good reliable seed merchant, who looks to the planter's interest as well as his own. One seed firm in Toronto makes a point of testing all varieties of seeds at their trial grounds before being sent out to their customers; this is the place we would recommend (Wm. Renzie, of Toronto, Can.) There may be others just as good, but we know all about this firm. You will get just what you want every time.

**A Big Bargain.**

Here is a hard-times offer for sure: Thirty pounds of granulated sugar and five pounds of tea for two dollars. M. Richardson & Co.

**PERSONALS.**

The Misses Hoopy, of Cartwright, Ont., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Neil, this week.

Miss Neil returned home this week after a few days' visit with Miss Buskin, Markdale.

Mrs. Rutledge and daughter, Miss Maggie, returned home some days ago from an extended visit with her brother, Mr. G. Christmas and family, Waltham Centre.

Mr. Vandusen, sr., who has been making his home with his son, Mr. Henry Vandusen, near Owen Sound, for the past few years, is at present enjoying a visit with his son, Mr. A. S. Vandusen, of this place. Although 85 years of age the old gentleman is quite smart on foot and in the enjoyment of excellent health.

**The Great Storm.**

The weather of the past week has been nothing to joke about. The poor long-suffering people of this town were without any mail from Toronto or Owen Sound from Friday until Monday noon. The trains could not get through. Added to this the said citizens have been almost frozen up with a regular Manitoba freezer, the thermometer ranging for two days from 18° to 32° below zero, and during the two nights it is supposed to have been where the turtle puts its head. The Faversham mail did not make its usual twelve-mile trip on Friday and Saturday, but turned up on Monday. Frank White, the Epping mail man, will get through no matter what breaks. He only missed one day. The Durham stage was completely knocked out, and it was even impossible to drive from Priceville to the station, a distance of 2½ miles, on Friday and Saturday. This storm has even silenced the "oldest inhabitant." It appears, however, that in 1865 the people of New England had something similar in the way of a storm, which we find described as follows in that beautiful poem of Whittier's, Snow Bound:

So all night long the storm roared on:  
The morning broke without a sun;  
In tiny spherule traced with lines  
Of Nature's geometric signs,  
In starry flake, and pellicle,  
All day the hoary meteor fell;  
And, when the second morning shone,  
We looked upon a world unknown,  
On nothing we could call our own.  
Around the glistening wonder bent  
The blue walls of the firmament,  
No cloud above, no earth below,—  
A universe of sky and snow!  
The old familiar sights of ours  
Took marvellous shapes: strange domes and  
towers  
Rose up where sty or corn crib stood,  
Or garden wall, or belt of wood;  
A smooth white mound the brush-pile showed,  
A fenceless drift what once was road;  
The bridge-post an old man sat  
With loose slung coat and high cocked hat;  
The well-curb had a Chinese roof;  
And even the long sweep, high aloof,  
In its slant splendour, seemed to tell  
Of Pisa's leaning miracle.

The temperature taken at the Toronto Hoop and Veneer Co's mill at Eugenia on Wednesday morning between 2 and 3 o'clock was 34 below zero. For over 24 hours it never went higher than 23 below zero.

**The 'Bus Busted.**

Tuesday morning Crossley's 'bus made the quickest trip on record from the station to this village since the palmy days of Campaign's flyer. Will Thompson drove the vehicle as usual, and left the horses standing by the platform as usual, and also, as usual, went in to warm himself by the C. P. R. coal stove. But something unusual happened about that time. Mr. John Warling loomed upon the scene, and he brought his boots along with him. These boots were the cause of all the trouble. They are large—very large—and when John stamped his foot on the platform there was a terrific report. The horses evidently thought that Jove was somewhere near busily engaged hurling thunder bolts at them, and their only safety was to hunt for shelter. At all events when the driver heard the racket he rushed out just in time to see the hind bob disappear around the corner. Billy pursued them. He found the box and hind bob at Adams' gate and the team standing calmly, attached to the front bob in Munshaw's shed. The pieces were gathered up and taken to Whitten's general hospital for repairs. Mr. Crossley is now seriously debating within himself as to whether Mr. Warling would consider it a fighting matter if he, Mr. Crossley, were to present Mr. Warling with a pair of moccasins to prevent any further mishaps when John "puts his foot down."

**A Railway Collision.**

Among the many railway accidents occasioned by the late storm the most serious was that on the Grand Trunk near Weston on Friday last, by which one man was killed and several others perhaps fatally injured. The Chicago flyer got stuck in a snow drift about two miles west of Weston and in the blinding storm a local train from Guelph crashed into the rear end of the former. Considering the circumstances the loss of life and personal injury was small. Frank J. Joseph, assistant law clerk, Legislative Assembly, was killed, and John A. Monahan, court stenographer, it is thought will die. Others who were wounded more or less were: Charles Mannering, Stratford, engineer on local train; Mr. Hesson, Stratford, fireman on local; Joa. E. Atkinson, Globe reporter; Judge Burton, Toronto; Expressman Turner, of the Chicago train, and a porter, name unknown.

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DRY AND WARM BY BUYING YOUR FOOTWEAR AT  
**CLAYTON'S.**  
—A LOT OF—  
**WINTER GOODS**  
**SELLING OFF CHEAP.**  
Custom Work and Repairing Promptly Done.

**We Lead in**  
**Style, Quality and Prices.**  
Now that the cutter and sleigh season has arrived, we wish to draw the attention of the public to the fact that we have on hand a large stock which we are offering very cheap. We do not believe in boasting but we believe that we can give you a better article at less money than you can get anywhere else. We have no drones in our hive, we are all workers. Then again our large experience and thorough knowledge of the business enables us to give you a better article at less money than those of less experience can do. A hint to the wise is sufficient. Remember we took first prize for the best exhibit of carriages at the East Grey Exhibition. Shop opposite J. Smith's shoe shop.  
**D. BLAIR** - The Leading Carriage Builder.

**A New Year  
A New Stock  
New Prices.**

Prices such as have never been heard of in this section of country before. Just think of it.

**Bedroom Suits**  
As low in price as **\$8.50.**

A new lot of fine goods which we alone can handle in this district. Beat this if you can. Also bear in mind that we make no pretensions of selling at cost, but intend to stay here and do business in the faraway future. All other lines of Furniture and undertaking goods at equally low prices remembering our motto "Small Profits Quick Returns." Come and examine our stock, your looks won't hurt the goods and we may do you or your pocket some good.

**UNDERTAKING.**

In the undertaking line we stand ahead and guarantee first class work in all its branches. The leading furniture and undertaking warerooms, Flesherton.

**J. E. Baskerville & Co.**

**1895**  
**New Year's Greetings**  
—FROM THE—  
**Flesherton Furniture Warerooms.**

We wish to tender thanks for the very liberal share of patronage given us during 1894. We shall strive to merit a continuance of the same by strictly adhering to our old policy of

**"Small Profits and Low Prices"**  
in every department. We shall from time to time through the columns of this paper keep you posted on our ability to supply your needs in our line.

Remember we are always pleased to show goods and quote prices, which, we believe, will commend themselves to your consideration.  
**J. E. MOORE - PROP.**  
Our Undertaking, as usual, good hearse, good attention, low charges.

**CLEARING SALE**  
**OF WINTER STOCK**

Although having two large stores but not having room for our large spring consignments we now offer reasonable goods at prices that must clear them out. Come while the assortment is complete.

<b>LADIES' MANTLES</b>	worth \$15.00, now for \$8.00.
"	" " \$12.00, " \$7.00.
"	" " \$9.00, " \$6.50.
"	" " \$7.50, " \$5.00.
"	" " \$7.00, " \$4.50.
"	" " \$5.00, " \$3.00.
<b>Ladies' Mantle Cloth</b>	Worth \$3.50 per yard, now \$2.00.
"	" " \$2.50 " " \$1.50.
"	" " \$1.75 " " \$1.15.
"	" " \$1.25 " " 75.
Beautiful silk sealette, old price \$7.00, now for \$3.50 per yard	
<b>MEN'S OVERCOATS</b>	worth \$14.00, now for \$8.00.
"	" " \$11.00, " \$7.00.
"	" " \$9.00, " \$5.00.
"	" " \$7.50, " \$4.00.
"	" " \$5.50, " \$3.50.

A full stock of boys overcoats on hand. Remember the above goods are sold at cost. Many other lines have we that you are wanting.

**Calhoun's Patron Store, Dundalk.**