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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.

Dr. Shclair, specialist, Toronto, will be at White's hotel, Flesherton Station, on Thursday May 2nd, from 7 o'clock in the morning until noon of the same day. Lung diseases, heart, kidneys and bladder diseases and diseases of women and private diseases treated with great success. Consultation free.

Cow in calf for sale. Apply to T.Hill.

Fine kalsomining done. F. Defoe, Flesherton.

A nice lot of visiting cards for the ladies at this office.

Artemesia township council will meet on Tuesday next, April 30.

Messrs. Beecroft & Sloan's planing factory is now in running order.

Get private postal cards at this office. Good stock, neat printing, low price.

Mr. Thorp Wright expects to start operations at the stove factory this week.

Wanted immediately—smart girl to learn tailoring, special inducements will be given. C. J. Leitch.

Mr. W. P. Crossley is once more piloting the bus to and from the station after a winter off.

Mr. B. Coleman, of Markdale, was the guest of Mr. Wm. Strain on Sunday and Monday.

Hay for sale—Several tons of good hay for sale. Apply to Claudie Ekins, Flesherton.

Warm weather, high winds, cold rain and hail have been the prevailing features during the past week.

The librarian of the Mechanic's Institute requests that all books shall be brought in on or before Saturday, Apr. 27.

Veterinary Surgeon Ottewell has been laid off work for a week or so with something like blood poisoning in both hands.

There has been great mortality among early lambs in this district. Mr. John Adams lost eighteen out of twenty-one.

The trout fishing season opens on Wednesday next, May 1. Trespassers before that date will be prosecuted according to law.

We will print 1000 good white envelopes for \$1.50 while the present stock lasts. This is a snap for business men. Only a few thousand left.

The annual meeting of Flesherton Mechanics' Institute will be held on Monday evening, May 6. A full attendance of members is requested.

Miss Edith Rupert's Sunday school class of boys presented her with a gold brooch as a token of their regard on Monday evening.

Many of our regular correspondents are too busy making sugar to send in their budgets for this issue. We expect they will be rather sweet on our readers next week.

Sugar making has been very poor this spring. Good "runs" were few. It is thought the maple trees have pronounced a boycott on the sugar refiners. Sugar is too cheap for acer saccharinum to compete.

The band boys began last week a serenade of the town with the object of discovering how much encouragement they would receive towards furnishing music during the summer. Their "evensongs" will be continued this week.

Gospel meetings will be conducted in the Baptist church, Flesherton, every evening next week, Saturday excepted. Rev. W. H. Palmer, evangelist, will preach on Sunday the 28th inst., morning and evening, and will conduct the meetings throughout the week.

Mr. Wm. Sproule and family, of Osprey, left on Tuesday morning for Winnipeg, where they intend to reside. Mr. Sproule has rented his Osprey farm. He

is a gentleman very widely esteemed and his very many friends wish that prosperity may attend himself and family in their prairie home.

The agent of the C. P. R. states that the firm of M. Richardson & Co. receives more goods at their station than all the other stores in Flesherton, Pricerville and Flesherton Station combined. This is an evidence of the volume of business done by this firm.

Mr. Fish has sold his butter and egg business at Flesherton to Messrs. Loyd & Scully, of Owen Sound. Mr. Runstadler remains with the new firm and will be on the road most of the time. The new firm do s not purpose pickling eggs, but will ship fresh every day.

Messrs. W. & J. Brocklebank went to Flesherton to purchase their hardware required for their barn and house in the course of erection. They report a big cut in prices and are well satisfied they dealt with M. Richardson & Co.—Duncan cor., Clarksburg Reflector.

Mr. Will Clayton, who has been spending the winter at home since his confinement in the Montreal hospital, has secured a position as jeweller in Thessalon, and will leave for that town on Monday next. The well-wishes of this town will accompany Mr. Clayton to his new place of business.

Two full-grown bemustached villagers were observed sunning themselves Monday afternoon on the bank of Flesher's mill pond. They manipulated bamboo poles and bobbed for suckers. It is said that an occasional trout is caught in this spot in the early spring, but of course none were captured on this occasion.

Hay for Sale.

A quantity of hay for sale on my farm. Apply to Andrew Carr, on the premises, at Flesherton, or W. G. Pickell, Markdale.

The Advance has received an invitation to be present at the commencement exercises of the dental department of the North Western University, Chicago, on Wednesday, April 24. Among the graduating class we notice the name of Mr. F. A. Thurston, whose name stands fifth in a class of thirty. Fred. is a brother of the editor of this paper. Of course our felicitations are extended on this happy outcome of an arduous course of study.

Chatham town council voted each of the newspapers of that town \$100 for reporting their proceedings during the past year. The majority of councils are not so generous, in fact we know of one that gets foreign estimates of printing and then obliges their local printer to come down to foreign figures. In one instance we know of a council that saved the enormous sum of nine dollars in a year's printing by picayune business of this kind. And yet if their work in council was not faithfully reported there would be a howl around the local editor's ears. Councilors have very much to thank the local press for, but at certain times of mental aberration they are apt to forget the fact.

The Egotist Sings!

A. T. Wilgress, editor of the Clarksburg Reflector, expert horse jockey, banker, humorist, and billy goat philosopher, has taken to singing! He sang at an audience in Meaford last week. The Mirror says "A Mistake" was capitally rendered by him. This is not the first mistake the Egotist has rendered in good time to the music. His life has been full of them of late, and his recent attack of "language, drugs and drinks," appears to have left him in a sad state, mentally, leaving with him the strange illusion that he was made to captivate humanity with the dulcet tones of his capacious throat. Dr. Large, of Clarksburg, solemnly asserts in the Thornbury Standard that the Egotist came into his office the other day and wanted to sing, and, notwithstanding all protests did sing. The office cat suddenly bristled up its back, and with an awful, bloodcurdling howl, sprang, through a fifty-dollar plate glass window and started up the tenth concession, for Paradise. When the Egotist's cachinations are not appreciated by the lower order of animals he surely cannot expect enlightened humanity to extend its ears and feel tickled all over when he starts his singing machine buzzing. We wish solemnly and with paternal care to warn the Egotist against lugging the Mirror's taffy too close to his vest. It is sticky. That Mirror man don't know music from a horse's dulle, anyway.

Died.

BARNBODEN—In Flesherton, on Friday, 19th inst., Uri, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Barnhouse, aged 15 days.

To Start a Balking Horse.

An officer of the police detail said recently: "When I was a mounted policeman I learned of a most humane and kind method of curing a balking horse. It not only never fails, but it does not give the slightest pain to the animal. When the horse refuses to go take the front foot at the fetlock, and bend the leg at the knee joint. Hold it thus for three minutes, and let it down, and the horse will go. The only way in which I can account for this effective mastery of the horse is that he can think of only one thing at a time, and having made up his mind not to go my theory is that the bending of the leg takes his mind from the original thought.—Farm and Field.

Flossie is six years old. "Mamma," she called one day, "if I get married will I have to have a husband like pa?"

"Yes," replied the mother, with an amused smile.

"And if I don't get married will I have to be an old maid like Aunt Kate?"

"Yes."

"Mamma,"—after a pause—"it's a tough world for us women, ain't it?"

The Ontario estimates make provisions for a new departure of the Agricultural Department, which will be hailed with great satisfaction by fruit growers. It is a fruit spraying expedition, designed to visit various parts of the country and by practical example show fruit growers how to prepare and apply the preparations used to destroy the fungus growth. There are, it is understood, to be three of these expeditions sent out as soon as possible under experienced and thoroughly competent men, and these will cover as much of the province as possible, giving practical exhibitions of their work.

On Saturday morning when the train from Toronto to Owen Sound reached Orangeville Junction the dead body of a man was seen lying on the platform, having just been brought into the station from about half a mile distant, where it was found lying on the track. There were several cuts visible on the face of the corpse, and it is thought that the man had been walking on the track the night before and been struck by the train coming south. His age would seem to be about 32, and he appeared to be of medium height and build, and rather dark complexion. Late on Saturday night the body had not been recognized. An inquest will probably be held at Orangeville.

Wildcats have been creating havoc for some months past in the vicinity of the great marsh in East Luther. The depredations of two of them were very suddenly stopped on Wednesday night of last week, when a neighboring farmer placed a couple of traps on the carcass of a dead horse, and some hours later found them occupied by two wildcats, a male and a female. The male was of extraordinary size, measuring about 5½ feet from tip to tip, but was so ferocious that he could not be taken alive. The other was secured in a box, and was uninjured, except where the jaws of the trap had closed on her leg.—Orangeville Advertiser.

The Markets.

Carefully Corrected Each Week

Flour.....	\$ 3.70 to	\$ 4.40
Fall Wheat.....	55 to	55
Spring Wheat.....	55 to	55
Barley.....	31 to	31
Oats.....	32 to	32
Poss.....	54 to	54
Butter.....	12 to	12
Eggs, fresh.....	9 to	9
Potatoes bag.....	50 to	50
Pork.....	5.00 to	5.15
Hay per ton.....	9.00 to	10.00
Hides.....	3.00 to	3.00
Sheepskins.....	25 to	25
Geese.....	6 to	6
Turkeys.....	8 to	8
Chickens per pair.....	25 to	40
Ducks per pair.....	40 to	50
Wool.....	15 to	16

SMALL FARM FOR SALE.

Containing forty-two acres of good land—part maple bush, with a comfortable brick house and good large frame barn, situated ½ of a mile south of Flesherton. Terms reasonable. Apply at this office or at

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A thoroughbred Berkshire bear, bred by J. C. Snel, of Edmonston, for service on lot 166-167, T. & S. B. A magnificent animal. Terms \$1. Pedigree can be seen on application.

Bull for Service.

A well bred Durham bull for service, on the premises of the undersigned, lot 153-154, T. & S. B., Artemesia. Terms 75 cents, payable 1st Jan. next.

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Spring cleaning suggests changes and improvements in the household arrangements, we have adapted the up to date method of banding furniture which enables you to buy from us at a saving of from 10 o/o to 25 o/o better than ever before. Our present cash system means no more bad debts for good buyers to pay. For any odd piece or set of pieces you may fancy come in and see how cheap we can supply you. It is really surprising how close business can be done on the cash basis. Our specialty for April—Bedroom Suites, in elm, ash and oak, in great variety of designs; mattresses and woven wire springs of good quality and low price. Picture framing and repairing promptly attended to. Undertaking as usual.

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READY MADE AND ORDERED.

Knowing our spring trade to be large in the above lines all precautions have been taken to have an assortment that will stand inspection in quality, quantity and price.

You will but do yourselves justice as well as us to call and see these goods before buying. No line of goods take so much money from you, therefore, you should be careful and get your wants supplied from the best market.

LADIES:

We would be pleased to give you some idea of what we have been doing for you in Dress Goods, Prints, etc., but time will not permit. We will be pleased to have you call at any time, knowing you will be surprised and satisfied with the goods shown you.

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