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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.

Division court will be held here on Friday, 29th inst.

Township council will meet on Monday next to wind up the year's business.

A township meeting of the Patrons of Industry will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday. See advt.

Tenders for cordwood and the annual meeting for Flesherton public school are advertised in this issue.

Patrons home industry. You can get straight grade Manitoba flour at the mill for only \$3.60 per barrel. P. Loucks.

Some one stole about thirty bushels of turnips from Mr. John McGruther's root house on Wednesday night of last week.

All kinds of rubbers, overshoes, men's boots, ladies' Oxfords. Children's shoes, etc., going very cheap at Clayton's. Call and see them.

Horse blanket lost, at Flesherton station, on Dec. 4, stamped W Meads on right shoulder. Finder will kindly leave at Cairns' hotel or this office.

The directors of the public library want 25 more members in order to be eligible for the government grant next year. Have you handed in your name?

Rev. Mr. Mahan exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Bedford of Heathcote on Sabbath. The latter gentleman preached two excellent sermons in the Methodist pulpit here.

The City hotel, Markdale, was sold at mortgage sale on Tuesday. It was purchased by Mr. Wm. Murphy of Glenelg for the sum of \$1520. The property belonged heretofore to a Mrs. M. Sullivan.

Farmers, have you see a copy of Farming, the new magazine? If not call in and examine it. The cheapest thing out for the money. Only \$1.80 for this beautiful magazine and The Advance one year.

The annual tea meeting in connection with the Eugenia Union Sunday School will be held in this Orange Hall at Eugenia on Friday, Dec 20. Usual admission. See bills.

Have you joined the public library? Don't put it off any longer if you have not. Over eight hundred volumes of the best authors, daily and weekly papers and magazines are at your disposal, and all for only 50 cents per annum.

Ayer's Pills, being composed of the essential virtues of the best vegetable aperients, without any of the woody or fibrous material whatever, is the reason why they are so much more effective and valuable than any other cathartics. The best family physic.

A. & A. Neilson's sawmill at Proton Station, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night last. There was an insurance of \$1000 on the building, but this will not nearly cover the loss. This is the third time the Neilson Bros. have suffered the loss of their mill by fire. Cause of fire in this instance unknown.

The Flesherton Baptist Sabbath school will hold their annual services on Sunday next at 11 and 7 o'clock P. M. On the Wednesday following, 18th inst., the usual teaming and entertainment will be held for which an excellent program is being prepared. See bills.

It is often a mystery how a cold has been "caught." The fact is, however, that when the blood is poor and the system depressed, one becomes peculiarly liable to diseases. When the appetite or the strength fails, Ayer's Sarsaparilla should be taken without delay.

Mr. A. Beecroft has bought out Mr. Sloan's share in the sash and door factory business, and has taken into partnership Mr. D. Talbot. These gentlemen will make extensive improvements to the mill and erect a serviceable sawmill in conjunction. A chopping mill has also been

placed in position. See their advertisement for particulars.

Flesherton Station Union Sabbath school will hold its annual anniversary service on Sabbath next, when the Rev. J. Mahan will preach at 3 p.m. Subject—"A talk to boys and girls." On the Friday following, Dec. 20, the annual tea and entertainment will be given. An excellent program is being prepared. See bills for full particulars.

Rev. Mr. McNab, representing the U. C. Bible Society, spoke for a short while before a very small audience in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening. The collection only amounted to \$1.35. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Rev. J. Mahan; Sec., R. Trimble; Treas., W. Henderson; Committee, M. Richardson, J. T. Moore, A. Cairns.

The Shelburne Free Press says that Dr. Rolin of Shelburne, intends to address the electors of Flesherton, Priceville and Hanover in the interest of the electric railway. Meetings at an early date will be called in the above places. The promoters of the road are meeting with great success all along the proposed route.

The Montreal Witness has just closed its 50th year of existence, and during all that time has been well in the front rank of Canadian journalism, if not actually in the lead. It is a paper which has always retained a marvelous purity of tone, and has steadily grown in size as well as in excellence. We like its style. Those of our readers who would like to get the Weekly Witness may have it in conjunction with The Advance for 65 cents, or both papers for \$1.65.

On Friday afternoon last a sneak thief entered the house of Mr. T. R. McKenzie, 3rd line, Artemesia, while the family were attending preparatory service in the Presbyterian church, Flesherton, and stole a small sum of money and some trifling articles, entrance being effected by unlocking a door. Mr. M. has suffered from a succession of petty thefts, and is hard on the culprit's trail, who may yet be "royally" entertained at the Miller mansion at the county capital.

Inspector N. W. Campbell has published a geographical handbook of the County of Grey, for use in the public schools. In his preface Inspector Campbell says: "Heretofore the necessary information concerning the County of Grey was not available to teachers, hence some difficulty was experienced in preparing second class pupils for the wider course in geography as well as for local geography required at promotion examinations." The pamphlet is interestingly written and will admirably fill this want. It is intended as an adjunct to the county map recently published by Mr. Mitchell of Hanover and is furnished free to schools with this map, or sold in the ordinary way for 25 cents.

We would kindly ask our subscribers to renew their subscriptions for next year at as early a date as possible. Times are stringent and they hit the publisher just as heavily as they do the farmer, merchant or mechanic. We have a few old friends who appear willing to take the paper year in and year out without paying a cent for it. To these we will bid a long and sad farewell on Jan. 1. We cannot afford to keep up that kind of thing, and will be obliged to drop their acquaintance with the first of new year if their consciences do not goad them into paying us what they owe us in the mean time. We have tried hard to collect some of these accounts by direct appeals, and fear we will now have to let the division court clerk try his hand at it. We are loth to do anything of the kind, but some people can only be reached by adding extra costs in this way.

A New Barrister

We understand that to enable him to give more constant attention to his increasing Flesherton business, Mr. Frost has arranged a partnership with Mr. C. A. Batson, a young lawyer of Toronto who recently passed his final examinations at Osgoode Hall in a very creditable manner. Mr. Batson is expected here in about a week and will reside in Flesherton. The new firm's place of business will be as heretofore at Mr. R. J. Sproule's office, adjoining the post office.

A New Potato Given Away

Four years ago we discovered a bunch of ten or a dozen small needlelike sprouts with fine roots in a hill of dirt where potatoes had been stored. Through curiosity these were planted out to see what would come of them. They were

carefully cared for and developed into potatoes. The first year these were like peas, the second year they produced potatoes from the size of marbles to that of hen eggs, and the third year fine large potatoes, while this year those who have seen them pronounce them extra fine. As these tubers undoubtedly grew from a seed ball the product is a new potato. We purpose giving away our entire stock of these tubers for trial purposes. Every subscriber to this paper who pays in advance is entitled to a share of these—sufficient to properly test their qualities. Come and get some.

PERSONALS.

Miss Mable Matthews of Markdale has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y. to enter a training school for nurses.

Mr. J. Elliott of Feversham, one of Osprey's efficient assessors, was in town on Friday last and paid The Advance a friendly call.

Miss Christina Gjerdrum returned on Friday from Norwood, where she has been for some time.

Miss Lizzie Fields has returned from Schouberg, where she has been keeping house for her brother for some time.

Mrs. Dr. Reid of Horning's Mills was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. W. Trimble, for a few days during the past week.

Rev. Thos. Cullen Dead

Rev. Thos. Cullen, pastor of the Askin street Methodist church, London died on Friday night last. The deceased gentleman was a native of this township, and was a brother of Mr. Johnston Cullen of the East Back Line.

The Globe of Saturday last, gives the following facts regarding Mr. Cullen's life: Mr. Cullen was first taken ill with typhoid fever about two months ago, and though skilled medical assistance was secured, a complication of diseases set in, which gradually weakened his constitution. Hope of recovery was not abandoned until a few hours before the end came, and then Mr. Cullen was first notified of the death of his daughter Lily, which occurred from typhoid fever several weeks ago. Deceased was born at Ederney, County of Fernanagh, Ireland. In 1836, and when 10 years of age, he came to Canada with his parents, settling at Flesherton, Ont. After receiving a good education, Mr. Cullen was stationed at Kincairdine, going from there to Victoria College, Montreal. He was ordained in Great St. James Street Methodist Church, Montreal, in 1866, and on Sept. 20th of the same year he married Miss Mary Greene, daughter of the late Rev. Thos. Green, a Bible Christian minister at Lambeth, Ont. His first charge after ordination was Bridge-water, and since then he had been stationed at Demoresville, Sydney, Belleville, Colborne, Brighton, Old Richmond Church, Toronto, Wesley Church, Dundas street, Toronto, Sarnia and Aylmer. From Aylmer he came to the Askin Street Church, London, where his three years' pastorate had been very successful. Mr. Cullen leaves a widow and six children. Dr. Thos. Cullen, a son, is connected with the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. Misses Minnie, Blanche, Rose and Kate, and Master Ernie reside at home.

The premier says the election for West Huron will be held on Jan. 9. George Augustus Sala, the journalist, is dead.

**Mortgage Sale
OF
Valuable Farm Property**

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage made by John McNally and William Henry McNally, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale at public auction by R. J. Sprule, Esq., at

**Muushaw's Hotel
IN THE VILLAGE OF
FLESHERTON
ON**

Tuesday the 17th day of December, 1895

at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following freehold property:—All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the township of Artemesia, in the county of Grey, being composed of the north-east parts of lots numbers 179 and 180 in the second concession north east of the Toronto and Sydenham road in the said township of Artemesia, containing altogether 95 acres more or less.

The property is situate convenient to market, school and church and has farm buildings and an orchard thereon.
TERMS OF SALE:
Twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money will be required in cash on the day of sale, and liberal terms for the payment of balance will be made known at the time of sale.
For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to
BELAMY & HENDERSON,
Flesherton or J. E. HANSFORD,
Solicitor for the Mortgagee,
35 King St. East, Toronto.
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Our Blanket bargains	Our Underclothing bargains

A few mens and boys' Overcoats, also a few ladies' Mantles left, equally as good as those sold. Boys' clothing bargains. Don't miss those goods. A dollar saved is a dollar made.

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Our stock is now fresh. We keep the best selected Raisins, best Currents, best Canned Goods, best Teas, Japan and Black; best Oat and Wheat Meals. Come in and we will give you the best bargains. We wish you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

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