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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.

For The Advance.

**CHRISTMAS 1895**

A melody sublime and deep  
To-day through all creation rings;  
For happy hearts unite to keep  
The birthday of the King of Kings:  
He brings all precious gifts combined  
And is God's gift to all mankind.

We hail the day that now appears  
And sheds on earth its genial rays;  
It comes to dry the mourner's tears  
And tune all hearts to grateful praise,  
Who gave His son that we might live  
With Him will freely all things give.

The light that shone on Bethlehem  
And filled each watcher's heart with awe,  
While tidings sweet were brought to them  
And they the wondrous vision saw—  
That light doth now all lands enfold  
And men through it the King behold.

Whenever Christmas bells are heard,  
May grateful feelings rise and live;  
May all who hear the Saviour's word  
Like Him delight to freely give,  
So shall this season's welcome voice  
Make all earth's weary ones rejoice.  
Colborne, Dec., 1895. T. WATSON.

A merry Christmas to our readers.

Freshapple cider for sale at R. Pedler's.

Mr. B. Hislop visited the parental home at Thornbury on Sunday last.

Fresh oysters and oranges now on hand for Christmas trade at Barnhouse's.

A sneak thief stripped Mr. Wm. Davis' clothesline on Thursday night of last week.

Our township fathers were eloquent on Monday, as the lengthy minutes in this issue prove.

Rev. S. H. Edwards will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday morning next.

Remember the Sabbath School entertainment at the Station on Friday evening, to-morrow.

In the Findlay manslaughter case at Owen Sound the jury disagreed. The case will come up again in June.

Mr. T. Chislett places his card in this issue. He is ready to do business in conveying, drawing deeds, wills, leases, mortgages, etc.

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

Meaford business men have subscribed the full five hundred dollars towards the proposed Port Perry and Kincardine electric railway.

As Christmas comes on Wednesday of next week The Advance will be printed on Thurs'ay—if the members of the staff should survive the festivities.

We neglected noticing last week the receipt of a new paper which has made its appearance in Chatsworth, called the Banner. It is not overly full of advertising, but presents a neat typographical appearance and the matter is newsy.

Singers, public speakers, actors auctioneers, teachers, preachers, and all who are liable to over-tax and irritate the vocal organs, find, in Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, a safe, certain, and speedy relief. A timely dose of this preparation has prevented many a throat trouble.

The annual tea-meeting of the Methodist Church at Kimberly will be held on New Years Eve., Dec. 31st. This is always an exceptionally pleasant entertainment and should be no exception to the rule this year. See bills for particulars.

The taxes in this township have come in well this fall, notwithstanding the cry of hard times. All the collectors are well advanced with their receipts, and Mr. Blair returned his roll on Saturday as fully paid.

A genuine ghost-story has yet to be attested; but not so a genuine blood-purifier. Over and over again it has been proved that Ayer's Sarsaparilla stands alone among medicines as the most reliable tonic-alternative in pharmacy. It stood alone at the World's Fair.

The Northern Presbyterian is a new church paper just issued in Collingwood by the Rev. D. L. McCrae, Ph. D., at 50 cents per annum. It aims at paying special attention to the church news of this northern district and news of the church in general. It should meet with a hearty reception.

The Meaford Road Sunday school will hold their anniversary on Friday, Dec. 27th. In addition to the usual program we have secured the services of Miss Annie Richardson, elocutionist, of Toronto. Tea served from five to seven. Program commencing at eight o'clock. J. I. Graham, Sup.; W. Verity, Sec.

Flesherton skaters have had ice galore for the past couple of weeks. Mr. Will Howard has made an open air rink on Flesher's pond, with an anteroom containing stove, etc. He keeps this in first class condition, charging only five cents. The rink is well patronized. Mr. C. Mosier started a second rink but has, we believe, abandoned it. There was nothing in it for two.

Mr. Neil McKinnon of Priceville desires us to express his regret at the appearance in these columns last week of a letter signed "Priceville Citizen," believing that it did not benefit Miss Brown's interests. At the same time he acknowledges the kindly motive which prompted it, but believes it to have been ill advised and would, he believes, have been better left out.

We have decided not to copy in full the minutes of County Council on this occasion. There was little business of special interest transacted, simply a winding up of the year's affairs, and our columns can be filled with more interesting matter. The Council sat from Tuesday until Saturday. It was decided to memorialize the Legislature with a view to extending the jurisdiction of division courts. If the council would memorialize themselves with a view to curtailing the numbers of their meetings and to confine themselves to a three days' session the people would rejoice.

The Advance last week inadvertently called Mr. James Elliot of Feversham assessor for the township of Osprey, when the fact of the matter is he is collector for that township. Mr. Elliot dropped in on Thursday last with blood in his eye to deny our charge—not that he considered there was anything derogatory in the duties of assessor, but he naturally feels jealous of his good name in the position he has so ably filled for the past fifteen years. Mr. E. was not, however, hard to pacify, and after an hour's genial chat decided to let the matter drop. We hereby make the amende honorable.

Streamers have been issued for the Flesherton Presbyterian Sabbath school anniversary. Rev. John Wells, M. A., the pastor, will preach the anniversary sermon on Sabbath morning next. The annual entertainment will be held on Christmas evening when a more than usually entertaining time is expected. The children are putting forth great efforts in the practices in order to supply good music, recitations, etc. Miss Annie A. Richardson, teacher of elocution in the Toronto College of Music, has been engaged for the occasion. Do not neglect to attend this entertainment. See bills for particulars.

One of the largest funerals ever held at Salem was that of Sunday afternoon last, when the remains of the late Mrs. John Jamieson were laid at rest after a long and painful illness from that dread disease, cancer. She was called to her rest Saturday morning. Her affliction was borne with christian fortitude. Her pastor, the Rev. Mr. Balfour, says that for the last five months he visited her every week, yet she still welcomed him with a smile. Although it was a sore trial to her to part from a kind and devoted husband and leave an aged mother, and seven small children without a mother's care, yet she meekly said, Father, thy will be done. Unto thy heavenly care I leave my little ones, knowing that thou wilt care for them, as thy promises never fail. She died at the early age of 36 years. Mrs. Jamieson was of a kind and loving disposition, a loving wife, a devoted mother, and a true and faithful friend. Her bereaved family has the sincere sympathy of all the community in their sore bereavement.—COM.

**A Great Production.**

A marvellously great paper is the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. It is a newspaper, a magazine, a stockbreeders' journal, a farmers' en-

cyclopaedia, a dairyman's guide, a house-companion. Too much cannot be said in praise of the Family Herald and Weekly Star. It is a great paper, a great national enterprise, creditable to the Dominion and highly satisfactory to the subscribers, who find it one of the few investments that returns immense dividends to the subscriber.

**PERSONALS.**

Mr. John Hudson, treasurer of the Osprey Farmers' Milling Company, was a welcome caller on Saturday. Mr. Hudson says the mill is doing well this winter.

Mr. Duncan McInnes of McIntyre, tax collector for Osprey township, was a caller at this office on Monday. Mr. McInnes is a jolly Scotchman and welcome wherever he goes.

Mr. Ed Strain has returned home from Collingwood collegiate institute.

Miss Beecroft returned last week from Cookstown, where she has been engaged as milliner.

Mr. Bert Armstrong returned this week from model school at Toronto Junction.

We are glad to learn that Miss Lizzie Park is recovering from a severe illness of seven weeks duration.

Miss Louise Nicholson of Toronto is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nicholson, of the 4th line.

**Millinery.**

Something special for the hard times. Mrs. Trimble has a large table of stylishly rimmed felt hats in assorted colors, and for this and next week she will sell them at 50c apiece. Just think of it! 50c for a nice hat! No one need go bareheaded. Next door to R. Trimble's store.

**The Spence Case Again.**

To the Editor of The Advance.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to answer Wm. Petch's letter which appeared in the 5th issue? W. Petch said he would tell the readers of The Advance the truth in this matter. Now he did not tell the truth or anything in particular, as far as I can see. All his letter aimed at was to wound the mother's feelings. There is no principal in any man who would wilfully and maliciously wound any mother's heart as he did. Now W. Petch seems to think when a boy is 18 years old he is nobody's child. I think that if he was 40 years old he was her child all the same. I never encouraged the boy in any way nor yet backed him up in any wrongdoing, and I said so in my letter. W. Petch said that I must be ignorant of the facts or else deliberately told a falsehood about the fine and costs. I told the truth in my letter and I defy W. Petch or any one to say that it was not true, for that was the amount the mother paid to the magistrate. W. Petch said it was false, but he did not say what the amount was I will tell you what he meant by that. He wanted \$1.50 more for witness fees, but the magistrate would not give it to him. I did not intend to mention that part of the costs if he had not contradicted me. He speaks about christianity. I do not profess to be a christian, but I never was taught to use the Sabbath as W. Petch says he did. I never earned five dollars on the Sabbath day. He thought he would do that when he would not be allowed to work. And I never was a snake in the grass, and I never set traps and watched my victims go into them. Now, W. Petch, you said I was dishonest. I am not writing for credit for myself as W. Petch is doing, I am writing in behalf of those little children who cannot help themselves. I want you to take that back before there is any more said about it. I have not got to sign my name in full because Detective Petch says so. S. E. B.

Jermiah McCarthy was sent to penitentiary for eight years by Judge Snider at Hamilton for highway robbery. His three pals got six years each.

T. CHISLETT  
Flesherton Station

Postmaster, Commissioner in H. C. J. Conveyancer; deeds, mortgages, leases and wills drawn. Charges moderate. Business letters written. dcl9

**To the Electors**

To the Electors of the Township of Artemesia.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I have now represented you as reeve to the best of my ability, for the past three years. If I have given satisfaction in that capacity (and I have yet to hear of any complaint) I would ask your support for the coming year. Trusting you will see your way clear to a continued confidence, I remain, ladies and gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant  
JOHN BOLAND

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with the request of a number of ratepayers I have decided to run for the office of Reeve of the Township of Artemesia for the year 1896. Should you see fit to elect me I will attend to your business to the best of my ability. Your vote and influence respectfully solicited.  
Yours truly,  
THOMAS WATSON.

**Clayton, Boot and Shoe Dealer**

HAS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
Rubbers, : Overshoes, : Boots, : Slippers : and : Seasonable : Goods.

Selling Very Cheap Custom Work to Order  
Repairing Promptly Attended to

**LIQUIDATION OR Still Continues**

You can save from 10% to 33 1/2% by purchasing your supplies from me. I am not offering a few odds and ends at special prices, but my whole stock of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, etc. Call and see

Our gray Flannel bargains	Our Dress Goods bargains
Our gray Cotton bargains	Our Tweed bargains
Our Blanket bargains	Our Underclothing bargains

A few men's 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.

**GROCERIES**

Our stock is now fresh. We keep the best selected Raisins, best Currants, 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.

T. HILL

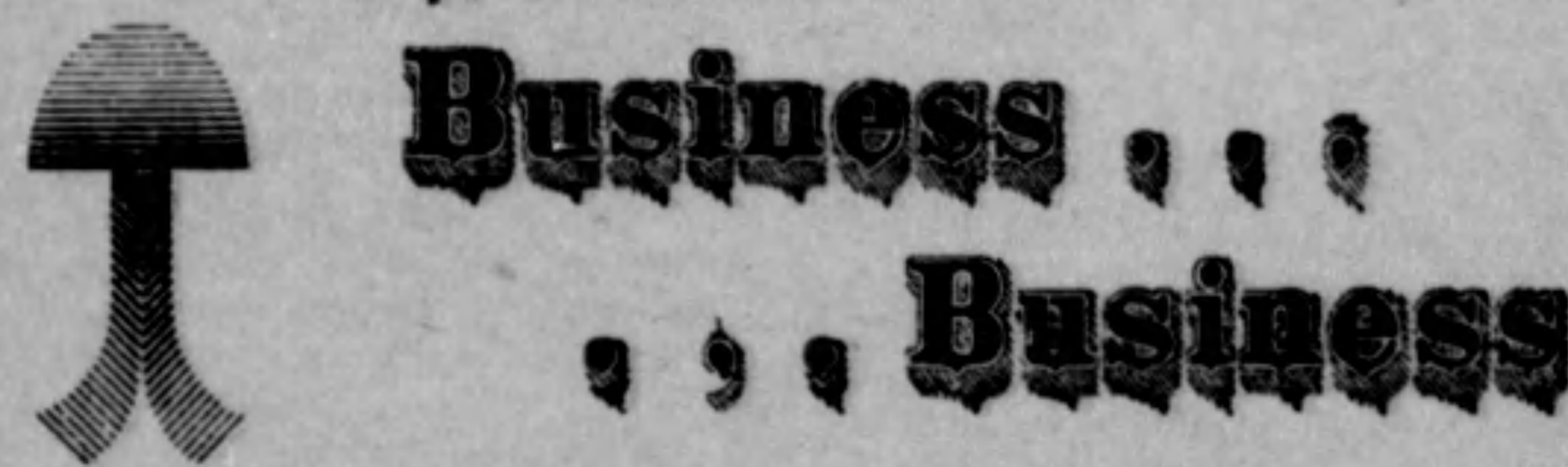
**The Snow Season**

Now that the season of snow is here we wish the public to know that we have a stock of Cutters and Sleighs on hand that for quality, style and price defy competition. Great bargains for cash at the first prize carriage works.

D. Blair Carriage Maker

**Don't Read This**

If you do not wish to read of



We are all business. When you come to our store to do your buying and do not find it necessary to wait several hours before getting that which you wish, owing to the rush, you may congratulate yourself. Customers are coming for many miles and go home with the determination to again return. Why do they come from or about the Falls, Priceville, Flesherton to Dundalk? Because they learn to know that they must look after their own interests or be the one who pays 40 to 100 per cent. on every \$ worth of goods they buy. The day is past when such profit can be had. Would you not rather drive a few miles further and get goods at prices that will surprise you, than to go to the store near to you and pay old time profit? If you would not, then you are an exception. We have not space to give you prices and we doubt you would believe them did we do so, for so many times have you been deceived through advertisements. Seeing is believing, come and see.

Calhoun's - The Patron Store

**THE FLESHERTON FURNITURE WAREHOUSES**

Are not only looking gay but every one who patronizes it and every one connected with it are gay this month. The merry, merry Christmas month. Everything special. The largest, best assorted stock of

FURNITURE AND FANCY NIC NACKS

We have ever been able to show—and don't you forget it, we are cutting special prices on a very special stock. This is the month for Bedroom Furniture and we have it in great variety. Newest designs in oak and walnut finish suites, come in and see them—very pretty—and not expensive. Our lines of Bedsteads, Springs, Mattresses, Cotts, Cradles, Cribs, Bed Lounges, Washstands, Dressing Cases, Clothes Presses, Chairs, in fact every necessity, convenience or luxury for the bedroom is here at ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

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J. E. MOORE