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Is this open winter a benefit to our farmers or otherwise? The alternate freezing and thawing will pulverize the ground—and will also pulverize such fall wheat as has been sown. The weather has been very favorable for those who have timber to cut—but not for those who have it to draw. There has been a considerable saving in feed and wood. The winter will be much shortened in consequence. Therefore taking all things into consideration we believe the mild weather has been rather more of a boon than a hardship.

The war in Cuba is not by any means ended, and there now appears every reason for believing that Maceo, the insurgent leader, who was reported dead, is still in the land of the living. The war, it is said, will not be vigorously pushed until he recovers from the severe wounds so treacherously given. In the meanwhile the Spaniards are murdering every poor suspected wretch that comes their way—boys, girls, men and women. What a history of crime and deception is that of the Spanish nation! It was always so and appears likely to remain so to the end. Spain and China are synonymous when it comes to downright brutality, but we do not look for so much from China, consequently she stands in an even better light than does Spain.

The fight between church and state appears to be pretty well under way in this country. Because of its political language the bishops of Quebec issued a manifesto ordering all good Catholics to refrain from buying or reading the L'Electeur newspaper. Consequently—the paper suddenly ceased to exist. What is funny about this affair is that the proprietor, instead of appealing to the laws of the land which give him full redress, places his case before the Pope at Rome. In this instance the bishops have actually proven themselves more powerful than the state, which exercises no such power. This is a serious condition of affairs, and from the fact that in many such instances the sufferers actually grovel at the feet of the bishop in abject submission, fearful of the consequences of rebellious actions, it appears to be necessary that those who do not entertain any such terror should interfere by producing such laws as will make impotent the power so imperiously swayed. This can be done and it should be done in the interests of the peace and welfare of Canada. It is only by some drastic treatment that the bishops will learn their proper sphere and the rights guaranteed to British subjects. Mediaeval France in Canada must be replaced by modern Great Britain.

Our columns were so crowded last week that it was impossible to wish our readers editorially a happy and prosperous new year. We trust it is not too late. At any rate we venture it. The past year has not been a particularly bright one to look back upon by very many. It has been difficult in many instances to make both ends meet, and some have been unable to do even that. But white depression has existed and still exists here, there are reasons why we should be thankful that we are no worse off. In our neighboring country to the west many people have been made penniless by the failure of a local bank, their all swept away in an instant. Depression continues all over the States and many large banks in the west are succumbing to the financial stress. We all in this district have enough to eat and enough to wear, and the Christmas trade in town this year would denote that we can even indulge in luxuries as of old at Christmas tide. As for ourselves, although money has not come in as freely as in former years, yet we start the year with strong faith that times will not get worse and that 1897 will be an improvement upon its forerunner. That such may be the case, and that each and all of our many readers may share in the general prosperity, is our hearty wish.

Card of Thanks

To the Electors of Co. Div. No. 5: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I hereby tender you my hearty thanks for your votes on Monday, resulting in my election as your representative. It will be my aim to serve you in that capacity to the best of my ability.

M. RICHARDSON.

THE ELECTIONS

The elections on Monday were held in the mud—mud about a foot deep. This did not prevent a good vote being polled all the same, and a lively interest taken in the result. The Co. Councillors for this division are Messrs. Watson and Richardson, who ran a close race for first position. Mr. Wright's vote was disappointingly small. Mr. Best goes back to the Township Council, and the Artemesia Council is the same for 1897 that it was last year. Below we give the complete figures and returns from other electoral divisions so far as possible:

	MARKDALE		
	Rich'son.	Watson.	Wright.
Markdale	182	6	60
ARTEMESIA			
No. 1 Art.	123	80	100
No. 2	150	5	44
No. 3	241	9	135
No. 4	161	26	49
No. 5	78	24	91
No. 6	56	7	20
DUNDALK			
Dundalk	97	154	12
PROTON			
No. 1	25	135	21
No. 2	12	205	7
No. 3	18	236	11
No. 4	24	152	9
No. 5	78	97	24
No. 6	2	198	0
Totals	1247	1334	583

Majority for Watson above Richardson 87; Richardson over Wright, 664.

DIV. NO. 1

Comprising the town of Owen Sound and township of Sarawak—Messrs. Bishop and Gordon are elected.

DIV. NO. 2

Comprising the townships of Derby, Sullivan and Keppel—Anderson and Pringle.

DIV. NO. 3

Comprising Bentinck, Durham and Glenelg—Geo. Binnie and Chas. McKinnon are elected.

DIV. NO. 4

Comprising the townships of Normanby and Egremont—Schenk and Allan are elected.

DIV. NO. 6

Comprising Thornbury, Collingwood and Osprey—N. McColman and D. K. Preston are elected.

DIV. NO. 7

Comprising Meaford, St. Vincent and Ephrasia—C. R. Sing and G. A. Brown, both Meaford men, are elected.

DIV. NO. 8

Comprising the townships of Sydenham and Holland—McDonald and Quance are elected.

Other Elections

ELECTION FOR COUNCILLOR IN WARD 3

ARTEMESIA		
	Best	Swanton
P. D. No. 3	88	111
P. D. No. 5	79	26
Totals	167	137

Majority for Best, 30.

PROTON—Reeve, Shaw; Dep. Reeve, Wilson; Councillors, Corbet, Anderson, Wright.

OSPREY—Reeve, Monaghan (accl.); 1st Dep. Reeve, Clark (accl.); 2nd Dep., Speers; Councillors, Guy and Morrison.

DUNDALK—Reeve, J. W. Morrow; Councillors, Geo. Sharp, J. D. Wilson, A. Henderson, J. Anderson, all by accl. School Trustees—W. J. Symington, S. Edgerton, I. Trainor.

GLENELG—Reeve, Staples; Dep. Reeve, McFayden. Councillors, J. Williams, J. A. McMillan, Geo. Lamb.

DURHAM—Mayor, Calder; Reeve, Spurling.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. F. Sproule of Winnipeg was the guest of friends here during the past week. Mrs. Sproule was visiting the scenes of her childhood, her father, Mr. F. G. Hamilton, having been one of the early residents on the back line. Mrs. Sproule at one time taught school in this township, and was also in the postoffice here some years ago.

Dr. R. Henderson, dentist, of Toronto Junction, visited friends in town on New Year's Day and called on The Advance.

Mr. R. Oliver left on Tuesday for his Algoma mine, where he will immediately commence active development work. He was accompanied by Mr. John Vause.

Miss Dot Boardman, of Markdale, spent Sunday with Mrs. W. Armstrong.

Mr. Will McFarland, Master Geo. Pickell and Miss Emma Bell, of Markdale, visited friends in town on Sunday.

Mr. A. D. Thurston, of the Toronto Junction Leader and Recorder, and Mr. Victor Kester, of Woodbridge, spent New Year's holidays with friends here.

Mrs. E. VanDusen, of Detroit, spent Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mitchell and family spent New Year's days with the former's parents in Alliston.

Mr. Arch. Gibson, with M. Richardson & Co., spent New Year's holiday with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Robt. Stinson, who was very successful at the last model examination, is teaching this year in No. 12, Brant.

Mr. W. Moore, of Owen Sound, was in town this week. Mr. Moore is interested in an Algoma gold mine and got three or four citizens to take an interest in it with him. A company is being formed consisting of eight individuals.

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Fenwick of the Township of Artemesia, in the County of Grey, Farmer, Insolvent.

Notice is hereby given that the above named insolvent has made an assignment to me of all his estate and effects for the general benefit of his creditors, under R.S.O. 1897, Chapter 124, and amending Acts thereto. A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of Frost & Batson, Sproule's Block, Flesherton, on Thursday, the 7th day of January, A. D. 1897, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of appointing inspectors, fixing their remuneration, and for the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally. Creditors are requested to file their claims with me duly proven, as required by statute, with vouchers attached, on or before the first day of February, 1897, after which date I shall proceed to distribute the assets of the estate, having regard only to those claims of which I shall then have received notice.

MATTHEW RICHARDSON, Merchant, Flesherton, Ont. Assignee

Dated this 31st day of December, 1896.

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of Boyer McDonald, of the Village of Flesherton, in the County of Grey, Merchant.

NOTICE is hereby given that the above named Boyer McDonald has made an assignment to me of all his estate and effects for the general benefit of his creditors, under the provisions of R. S. O. 1897, cap. 124 and amending acts.

A meeting of the creditors of the said assignor will be held at my office in the Village of Flesherton, in the County of Grey, on Wednesday, the 13th day of January, A. D. 1897, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, for the appointment of inspectors and the giving of directions with reference to the said estate.

All creditors of the said estate are hereby required to file their claims, verified by affidavit, as required by said acts, with me on or before the 30th day of February, A. D. 1897, after which last mentioned date I shall proceed to distribute the said estate, having regard only to such claims as I then shall have notice of, and I shall not be responsible for the assets of the said estate or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim shall not have been filed.

Dated this 30th day of December, A. D. 1896. LUCAS & WRIGHT, A. S. VANDUSEN, Assignees, Flesherton, Ont. Solicitors for Assignee, Owen Sound, Ont.

M. Richardson & Co

WE WISH ALL THE READERS OF THE ADVANCE

A Happy New Year

And thank our friends and patrons for their support during the year just closing. In spite of the general complaint of hard times and low prices we have enjoyed a steadily increasing trade, and it will be our constant aim and endeavor to meet every reasonable requirement of our customers and thus merit a continuance of their confidence and patronage in the year 1897.

NOW FOR BUSINESS

Mantles Mantles Mantles

EXCEPTIONAL BARGAINS

We are clearing out the balance of our Mantle stock at prices utterly regardless of cost. This is an opportunity that you cannot afford to miss.

Black Cloth Mantle	.....regular price, \$4.00	selling for \$1.00
Heavy Cloth Mantle	.....regular price, \$6.75	selling for \$2.00
Ladies' Cloth Jackets	.....regular price, \$6.00	selling for \$2.00
Cloth Jacket, trimmed Astrachan	.....regular price, \$3.00	selling for \$2.50
Heavy Blue Cloth Jackets	.....regular price, \$4.50	selling for \$2.50
Black Cloth Mantle	.....regular price, \$1.50	selling for \$2.75
Braided Tweed Mantle	.....regular price, \$7.50	selling for \$2.95
Heavy Navy Serge Mantle	.....regular price, \$7.50	selling for \$3.95
Black Cloth Mantle, beaded	.....regular price, \$5.85	selling for \$3.85
Black Braided Beaver Mantle	.....regular price, \$7.25	selling for \$5.25

FURS FURS

We are offering some splendid values in Ladies' Furs. Read our prices—think over them—come out and see the goods and you'll repeat with us that they ARE splendid value.

Ladies' Astrachan Mantle, 38-in bust	.....regular \$35.00	selling for \$39.00
Greenland Seal Cape, 30-in long	.....regular \$32.00	selling for \$25.00
Greenland Seal Cape, 32-in long	.....regular \$25.00	selling for \$28.00
Black Oppossum Cape	.....regular \$18.50	selling for \$13.00
Black Hare Seal Cape	.....regular \$ 8.75	selling for \$ 6.00
Black Hare Seal Cape	.....regular \$ 7.75	selling for \$ 5.50

Ladies' Furs, Muffs, Boas, Storm Collars, Ruffs, &c., &c. at correspondingly low prices.

Overcoats . .

Great inducements offering in this department. Prices made to insure quick selling. Every line quoted is very special. A limited number only available. Come before they go.

Men's Tweed Overcoats--Tweed Lined

Regular \$ 5.25 line	selling for \$4.50
Regular \$ 5.75 line	selling for \$4.50
Regular \$ 8.25 line	selling for \$5.50
Regular \$ 8.75 line	selling for \$5.75
Regular \$ 7.25 line	selling for \$5.75
Regular \$ 8.00 line	selling for \$5.85
Regular \$ 7.75 line	selling for \$6.00
Regular \$ 7.25 line	selling for \$6.00
Regular \$ 8.25 line	selling for \$6.50
Regular \$10.60 line	selling for \$8.25



HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

A BIG MISTAKE . . .

Was made last week in our advertisement about TEA KETTLES. The editor neglected putting in the \$ before 25c, thus leaving the price at 25c. We are sorry such a thing happened, but everyone enquiring for them were perfectly satisfied that they were cheap at \$1.25. They have a seamless body and are of heavy copper, nickel plated. A few of them are still left. Come and get one!

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PITCHERS in glass and stoneware to go before stock-taking.
1/2 gallon Glass Pictures, a bargain at 25c for 15c
Fine large White Iron Stone China Pitchers, worth 30c for 20c
Beautiful Fancy Glass Pitchers, cheap at 35c for 24c
Blue Dresden Iron Stone China Pitchers, snaps at 40c for 29c

IN PURCHASING

A COOKING STOVE don't look for silly fads just for the sake of a change, but look for perfection in construction, design and finish. These you will find in the GOOD CHEER and CROWN PEARL. They are built to bake and are good heaters. A few of those dandy X-Cut-Saws and Axes. See them!

M. Richardson & Co