

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.

Boy wanted—to learn roller mulling. Address G. H. Walter, Hornings Mills.

A limited quantity of dry wood will be taken for new subscriptions to the Flesherton public library.

Public school opened on Monday under the new teaching staff, Mr. Tomlinson and Miss Irwin.

Our Eugenia correspondent sends us a couple of dandelion blooms. These are curiosities for this season of year.

There will be a reception service in the Methodist church after the regular service on Sunday evening next.

Last week's Durham Chronicle contained the farewell of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Irwin's salutatory. The latter is now at the helm.

Kimberley Methodist church will hold its anniversary on Wednesday, Jan. 13. A good tea and platform meeting, music, etc., will be given.

The annual meeting of the Osprey Agricultural Society will be held in Feversham on Wednesday, Jan. 13, '97, at 1 o'clock p. m.

The anniversary of the Meaford Road Methodist church Sabbath School will be held on Jan. 13, 1897. An excellent program is being prepared for the occasion.

Artemesia L. O. L. District Lodge will meet in the hall of 244, at Proton station on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 2 p. m. All members are requested to be present. Wm. McLaughry, W. D. M; J. A. Dodds, Dist. Sec.

Chas. Sheridan of Wareham, who has lived in Toronto for some time, committed suicide there last week at the age of 30. He had been troubled with dementia for some time. The body was brought home and interred in Mt. Zion burial ground on Saturday.

The Advance condoles with Bro. A. R. Fawcett, of the Toronto Junction Leader, who got defeated in his candidature for school trustee. Keep up your spirits, dear boy, few men are successful in their first essay towards a public position.

The annual meeting of East Grey Agricultural Society will be held in the Town Hall, Flesherton, on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1897, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of receiving the directors' and treasurer's report, election of officers, etc. R. J. SPROULE, Secretary.

Mrs. W. and Miss Florie Richardson entertained their Sabbath school classes on Wednesday evening of last week. One of the prominent features of the evening consisted of selections by the gramophone, which was a means of much additional pleasure to the little people, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Mt. Forest Confederate says: "Rev. Robt. Keefer of the Linwood Methodist church, was married on Wednesday to Miss Carrie Slack, late of the Flesherton public school staff, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, who reside about five miles from town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. Tonge, of Arthur, assisted by the Rev. Mr. McKellar, Mt. Forest. The assistants were Rev. Mr. Zeilar and Miss Proud. A large company witnessed the ceremony and extended hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Keefer. Many valuable presents were received."

Court Flesherton, I. O. F. No. 905, have elected the following officers for the coming year: Court Deputy, J. P. Ottewell; P. C. R., W. Buskin; C. R., T. Henry; V. C. R., M. Wilson; Rec. Sec., A. Cullens; Fin. Sec., R. Waller; Treas., F. Cairns; Chp., J. Adams; S. W., F. Kerstedt; J. W., J. W. Talbot; S. B., Fred Bunt; J. B., W. Armstrong. The Independent Foresters are becoming a strong fraternal society, having on the first of January over 100,000 members, with a reserve fund of \$2,000,000, after paying \$4,000,000 in beneficiaries.

-GOING OUT OF- BUSINESS



THREE weeks ago we advertised as above. We cut off all profits and in many lines a part of first cost. Results: large quantities of goods have been sold and customers well pleased with the BARGAINS they have received.

We have yet a large quantity of goods to run off, just as good and good value as those already sold. We have kept our word with our customers and have sold the goods at prices advertised and we shall continue to do so until our whole stock is run off. Don't fail to get some of the bargains before all is sold. Auction Sales will be started latter end of this month.

BUTTER, EGGS, HIDES and SHEEPSKINS
... will be taken as cash ...

**ALL ACCOUNTS must
be paid by 20th JAN.**

T. HILL

The Bolton Enterprise says it is rumored that the C. P. R. will take off one train a day on the Owen Sound branch. If the C. P. R. would take off one third of their overgrown express rates they would get more business in that line, at least. As it now is it costs 35 cents to get a pound parcel from Owen Sound. Both express and freight rates have been advanced during the past year (they are Siamese twins, one travels when other does) and still it is a matter of wonder to the company that business is getting less. The company should try another tack and give us cheap rates as an experiment.

Fruit growers and gardeners should have the Canadian Horticulturist, published by the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. It contains pictures of fruits and flowers every month; instructions about cultivation, pruning, harvesting, packing, shipping of fruits, etc., etc., and is in charge of a practical fruit grower. This is a monthly journal of 48 pages, and contains numerous illustrations; it will be enlarged with January number, to contain a floral department. Each subscriber will also receive the Annual Report with report Fruit Experiment Stations, bound in cloth, all for \$1 per annum. Sample copy free. Address: L. WOOLVERTON, Secretary O. F. G. A., Grimsby, Ont.

Here is a bit of interesting news from the Duluth News Tribune of the 31st inst: The engagement of Miss Clara Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Palmer, to R. J. Baskerville, is announced. Both young people are well known in Duluth and have many friends in the city who will extend their congratulations. Miss Palmer is one of the most accomplished violinists in Duluth and is prominent both in musical and social circles. Mr. Baskerville was formerly connected with the faculty of high school, but left Duluth last fall to take charge of the Grand Rapids schools. In his work there he has been most successful, and is attaining a high position as one of the prominent educators of this section.

Struck it Rich

Mr. Andrew Meldrum, a native of this township, has been in Colorado for the

past twelve years, prospecting and mining. He acquired several mineral claims and in the fall of 1895 went to Scotland with the purpose of interesting capitalists in a tunnel and mining scheme which he had on foot. In this he succeeded. A joint stock company was formed, with Mr. Coatts of Paisley, the great thread man, as one of the syndicate. An expert was sent out to examine the property, who reported very favorably on the scheme. The outcome has been that Mr. Meldrum receives \$175,000 in cash and paid up stock to the amount of \$300,000, or one-tenth of the total amount of \$3,000,000. We have been favored with a glance at the confidential report of the expert sent to investigate, and from it we gather that the scheme involves the boring of a tunnel under a mountain some 22,400 feet in length, to connect two lines of railway. The tunnel will cut a number of veins of gold quartz which have been located, and the mining privileges extend 1500 feet on any vein which may be struck and which has not been taken up. Mr. Andrew Meldrum is a son of the postmaster of Eugenia and brother of Mr. R. Meldrum, the popular Feversham stage driver. This is a pretty slick thing, and The Advance extends its felicitations.

Sunday School Entertainment

The opening of a new year to the average individual is generally considered a time for a reconsideration of one's past year of existence—a sort of stock-taking time—and the successes or disasters as they may have occurred are used as beacon lights of experience to guide the individual over the shoals and billows. For 34 years the Flesherton Methodist Sabbath school has adopted the individual plan, and every New Year's evening the scholars, teachers and officers, gather for a review of the past twelve months of hard labor, to get encouragement for the coming year, and, incidentally, to entertain their parents and friends with their gladness. The anniversary last Friday evening was given under slightly altered conditions from other years, conditions, however, which rather added to the attractiveness and pleasure of former years. In place of the long ropes of evergreens which usually served to decorate the arch and

*A Christmas OR
Wedding Present*

IS ALWAYS BETTER APPRECIATED—if the article presented be of real use as well as ornamental—no more appropriate GIFT could be made than a nice

**Easy Chair or
Fancy Table**

We have a large assortment of these goods which we are selling at lower prices than ever heard of before. Our sales of cheap BEDROOM SUITES, BEDDING and SIDEBOARDS still continue till Xmas if present stock lasts until then.

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The People's Home Furnisher, Undertaker and Picture Framer

windows was the artistic work of the painter, and instead of the alcove being fitted with benches and children the new and beautiful organ alone stood sole proprietor of the recess. The entire absence, too, of anything like cantata or fandril, was another notable feature of this year's anniversary, which was perhaps congenial to many, especially to those who always have to bear the brunt of the toil in preparing such things. The extra time devoted to the singing of the children in consequence, more than atoned for the lack of any such performances. This year the little folk surprised themselves. Their singing of the choruses would have done credit to a choir composed of much larger pupils, producing as they did a good round full tone, and taking the high notes with an accuracy that was unexpected from such little ones. The youthful songsters under the direction of Mr. Barnhouse and Miss Christoe may be said to have given the best part of the entertainment. The lengthy program, of which Rev. Mr. Mahan had charge, consisted mainly of the usual "recitations, dialogues, etc." If clear and distinct enunciation counts for anything, the children said their

"pieces" well and to this school we may look for our orators and elocutionists. The Rev. Mr. Balfour was unexpectedly called upon to give an address, and gave the youngsters some valuable pointers for future meditation. The most important part of the entertainment to be given, however, was reserved for Mr. Thos. Bulmer, who was called upon for the secretary's report. His paper showed the school to be in a most flourishing condition. At this anniversary, as in former years, the attendance was good, both in numbers and quality, and can again be styled a success. The net proceeds were about fifty-eight dollars.

Died

McMILLAN—In Artemesia, on Thursday, 31st inst., of cancer, Mary A., beloved wife of Chas. McMillan, aged —

The members of the new Groy County Council, according to returns received from Monday's election, will be as follows: Messrs. Bishop, Gordon, Anderson, Pringle, Binnis, McKinnon, Schenk, Allan, Richardson, Watson, McColman, Preston, Sing, Brown, McDonald and Quance—16.