

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.

A prosperous new year to you, readers. On and after tomorrow write it, 1897.

Do not forget the Methodist Sabbath school entertainment on New Year's Day.

Remember H. Down's sale of farm stock and implements on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Logs wanted—highest cash prices. Chopping 5c a bag. Becroft & Talbot.

Dr. Henderson, dentist, Toronto, will be in Flesherton professionally on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Subscribers to The Advance got good value for their money this year, as there were 53 Thursdays in 1896.

Our January thaw came ahead of time this year. The present week has been very mild. Wheeling is still excellent, however.

The magazines in the public library were sold by auction last week, and brought the snug sum of \$21 to the library funds.

All Taxes unpaid by Jan. 8 in Ward No. 4 (Eugenia) will be placed in other hands for collection. J. B. SLOAN, Collector.

Mr. Jones, a student from McMaster Hall, Toronto, preached very acceptably in the Baptist Chapel last Sunday morning.

The annual meeting of the Liberal Conservative Association of East and Centre Grey will be held in Markdale on Friday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m.

You have only one day more in which to benefit by our liberal offer of The Advance and Sun for \$1.15. The offer is positively withdrawn after Friday.

Married—At Mount Forest, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, Rev. R. Keefer to Miss Carrie Slack, late teacher in Flesherton Public School. Full particulars will probably be to hand next week.

Mr. R. Oliver has sold a block of stock in his Algoma copper mine to a syndicate of Markdale business men, but retains a large personal interest in it. The deal was completed on Monday.

The Weekly Sun gives the Toronto market reports. Fifteen cents gets it for one year in conjunction with our paper up to and including tomorrow, Jan. 1. This is the most liberal offer ever given by a local newspaper. After Jan. 1st the price of the Sun and Advance will be \$1.40, and it is very cheap even at that.

Rev. J. C. Pomeroy, B. A., Durham, preached to the children of the Methodist Sabbath School on Sunday. At the evening service the church was crowded and Mr. Pomeroy's sermon was highly appreciated.

An interesting wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Alex. Madill, north of Eugenia, on Wednesday of last week. The contracting parties were Mr. Alex. Carruthers and Miss Ella Madill. A very large number of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. We tender congratulations.

Mrs. Ann Jane Davis, relict of the late Wm. Davis, residing near this village, passed quietly away on Monday morning at the age of 70 years. She had been somewhat ailing for some time, but it was not thought to be serious. She went to bed Sunday night feeling fairly well, and was found dead at 3 a.m. by her son, who went to see if she required anything. Her face lay on her hand and life had evidently ebbed away as from one sleep into another. Mrs. Davis was, with her husband, one of the very earliest settlers in Ardenesia. The funeral took place to Flesherton cemetery on Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. Deceased leaves one son, unmarried, Mr. John Davis, two married daughters and one unmarried. The memorial service will be held in the Flesherton Methodist Church on Sabbath next at 11 a.m.

The farmers of Canada have received a great treat in the Christmas number of the Farmer's Advocate of London, Ont. It is a unique and valuable production, the splendid articles and illustrations of which give probably the best representation ever published of Canadian agriculture. Able representative writers in every province of Canada, from British Columbia to Nova Scotia, discuss its tendencies, needs and prospects. This number of the Advocate is bound in a beautiful colored cover, and besides nearly a score of choice photo engravings, contains a full page colored plate on special paper of Mr. Crossley's Sandy Bay stock farm in Muskoka, Ont. A fine view is also given of Mr. Simpson Rennie's gold medal farm at Milliken, Ont. The British Columbia, Northwest and Scottish scenes are among the very best. The Advocate has done a distinct service to the country in issuing this fine Christmas number, which goes to every new subscriber for 1897. We notice that the paper continues to be published twice a month in large size, and on and after Jan. 1st will appear in a colored cover (gold tint) together with a largely increased contributing staff of the ablest and most practical writers in Canada.

We Wish all our customers and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. * * * * *

W. CLAYTON

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.

COME ALONG AND SECURE SOME OF THE GREATEST BARGAINS EVER OFFERED

J. E. MOORE

The People's Home Furnisher, Undertaker and Picture Framer

Smothered to Death

A very sad accident occurred at Markdale on Monday forenoon by which a resident of Markdale, named Thos. Z. Watson, lost his life in a peculiarly sad manner. Deceased was a carpenter, and while working in one of the elevators a large bin of peas burst out and buried him. Workmen immediately went to work to save him, and after an hour's labor he was got out but life was extinct. Deceased leaves a wife and seven children. He held a policy in the workmen for \$2000. The funeral took place on Wednesday under the auspices of the body to which he belonged. Deceased was 40 years of age.

PERSONALS

Mr. W. Irwin and family removed to Durham last week.

Miss Olive McCallum of Owen Sound is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. A. S. Vandusen.

Miss McMillan, assistant in the post-office, is spending New Years at her home in Ayr.

Mr. A. McDougall, of The Advance staff, spent Christmas at the parental home, Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth, of Stouffville are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wright.

Miss Maud Harnden of Brighton is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. N. Henderson.

Miss Maggie Paul, of Owen Sound, spent Christmas holidays at her home near Eugenia.

Messrs. Chas. and Jas. Sled, accompanied by their sister, Miss Mamie, were guests of Mr. Geo. and Miss Allie Wickens.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wright, the former of whom has been attending Normal school in Toronto, are the guests of Mr. Wright's parents.

The residence of Mr. John Boyd was merry on Christmas Day with a happy family gathering. The party consisted of Mr. Boyd's father, mother, three sisters and four brothers with their families.

Many of our readers will be glad to learn that Mr. W. Elder, who recently removed to Arnot, is a little stronger and in good spirits. Mr. E. informs us in a note that "lots of company and a weekly visit from The Advance goes a long way to cheer the winter's day."

Following are some of the Flesherton young people who are home for Christmas holidays: Miss Sarah Strain, Alma Ladies' College; Miss Edith and Maud Richardson, who have been making an extended visit in Toronto; Mr. Fred Sproule, Parkdale High School; Mr. Chas. Munshaw, Owen Sound Business College; Mr. Allan Gibson, Toronto; Mr. Ernest Armstrong, Toronto; Mr. Chas. Richardson, Woodstock College; Miss Lou Armstrong, Alma Ladies' College.

A Remarkable Offer

To New Subscribers and Those Who Pay in Advance for Next Year.

As an inducement for new subscribers,

we have decided to give during the month of December only, the Toronto Weekly Sun and Advance one year for only one dollar and fifteen cents. And in order that old subscribers may have no complaint to make, those who pay their subscription for next year on or before the first day of January, 1897, will receive the same terms.

The Sun is a 7 col. 8-page paper devoted to the farm and home. It is independent in tone and just what every farmer and business man, too, should have in his home. The weekly articles by "Bystander" (Goldwin Smith) are very valuable contributions to current topics.

You cannot afford to miss this offer. It will be withdrawn after the present month, and possibly before if we think sufficient subscribers will not take advantage of it to pay us. We want to get 400 paid up subscribers before the first day of January. If you owe for the past year send two dollars and fifteen cents. This is a cash offer only, and you have only three weeks at the outside in which to take advantage of it. Do not delay.

Election Card

To the Electors of Ward 3: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I have again decided to offer myself as a councillor for Ward 3, feeling that my past three years experience places me in a better position to render you better service as a councillor and commissioner for '97, and if my actions in the past would merit your support I would again ask you to again return me at the coming election. I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient servant, JAMES BEST.

Election Card

To the Electors of Ward No. 3, Ardenesia.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—At the earnest request of a large number of the electors of above ward, to allow my name to come before you for councillor for next year for the coming year, I have consented to run for such and if elected I can only say I shall feel and consider it my duty to serve your interests to the best of my ability. Knowing that whilst looking closely after your interests, I am also furthering my own as a ratepayer of said ward. Respectfully soliciting your vote and influence during the campaign.

I remain, your obedient servant, GEO. SWANTON. Dated at Flesherton Dec. 14, '96.

Election Card

To the Electors of the County Council, Division No. 5, County of Grey.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, In accordance with the expressed wishes of a number of ratepayers I have decided to run as a candidate for the County Council for this division for the year '97 and '98. My long residence in the county of over 46 years, together with ten years of municipal experience, including three years in the County Council places me in a position to comprehend the matter fully. Should you honor me with your confidence, I shall discharge my duty to the best of my ability. Your vote and interest respectfully solicited, Yours truly, THORP WRIGHT. Flesherton, No. 23, '96.

FARM FOR SALE

Lots 148, 149 and 150, con. 3, E. of Toronto and Bydenham Road, 100 acres, 80 cleared, good orchard and well watered. Will be sold on easy terms. For further particulars apply to Flesherton, July 19, 1896.

BECROFT & TALBOT.

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BUSINESS



AND WE MEAN IT

In order to show you our earnestness we cut off all profits on our entire stock. This means Dollars Saved to the Purchaser. This is no Fake or Catch game. Come along and see what we are offering.

WE CAN ONLY GIVE YOU A FEW QUOTATIONS:

Dress Goods

42-inch Serge, price 50c for 35c
42-inch Colored Cashmeres, 50c for 35c
40-inch Diagonal, 40c for 27c
40-inch Heavy Serge, 25c for 18c
40-inch Meltons, 22c for 17c
42-inch Black Henriettas, 25c for 20c
42-inch Black Henrietta, 35c for 27c
42-inch Black Henrietta, 50c for 35c
44-inch Black Henrietta, 70c for 50c
46-inch Black Henrietta, \$1.10 for 80c
42-inch Figured Henrietta, 55c for 35c

25 per cent. off PRINTS

Yatini Corsets, \$1.25 for \$1.00
Quebec Corsets, \$1.00 for 80c
May Corsets, 50c for 38c
Ladies' Vests, long sleeves, 25c for 15c
Ladies' Vests, long sleeves, 55c for 37c
Ladies' Vests, long sleeves, 70c for 50c

40 per cent. off RIBBONS

Silk Spools, all colors 3c

Ready-made Clothing

Men's Tweed Suits, double breast, \$11.00 for \$8.50
Men's Tweed Suits, double breast, \$6.50 for \$5.00
Boys' Tweed Suits, \$5.75 for \$4.00
Men's Tweed Pants, \$1.50 for \$1.00
Men's Tweed Pants, \$1.75 for \$1.25
Men's Tweed Pants, \$2.00 for \$1.50
Men's Heavy Full Cloth Pants, \$1.75 for \$1.25
Men's Fine Black Worsted Coating, \$2.75 for \$2.00
Men's Worsted Panting, \$1.25 for 98c
Men's Overcoats, \$4.50 for \$3.50
Men's Overcoats, \$7.00 for \$5.00
Boys' Overcoats at your own prices, but don't get too low.

Men's and Boys' Tweed Caps, 25c going at 15c. 2 Sett Ladies' Furs below cost. Towelling, 11c for 8c. Towelling, 10c for 7c. 32-inch Flannellettes, 5c. Twill Flannellettes, 8c. Grey Half Wool Sheeting, 2 yards wide, 70c for 55c. Druggets, 25c for 18c. Men's Underwear, 45c for 35c. Men's Underwear, \$1.00 for 75c.

Boots & Shoes

Rubbers and Overshoes

Rubbers and Stockings combined. We can't give you all the prices, but you will find them 20 to 30 per cent. lower than regular prices. Lots of Small-ware, Tooth Brushes, Hair Brushes, Purses, Collar and Cuff Buttons, Perfumery, Combs, Curling Tonges, Nail Brushes, Silver Tea Spoons (warranted same all through). 1 Sett China, \$7.00 for \$4.50. Crockery, Plain Stoneware (Meakins), Cups and Saucers, 40c doz. Plates, 40c to 65c doz. Pitchers, Platters, Vegetable Dishes and other lines.

PRICES : AWAY : DOWN

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3 bottles Pickles, 25c. Sulphur, 3c. Soda, 3c. Sunlight Soap, 5c bar. Tobacco, 35c lb. Baking Molasses, 2c lb. Bright Sugar Syrup, 2 1/2 lb. Cloth Pins, 1c doz. 6 lbs. 20c Japan Tea, \$1.00. 5 lbs. 25c Ceylon Tea, \$1.00. 5 lbs. 25c Japan Tea, \$1.00. 45c Ceylon Tea reduced to 35c lb. 14 lbs. Corn Meal, 25c. Matches 7c box. Figs, 5c lb. Raisins Currants, Spices, 7c tin. Slates, 3c and 5c.

My Books are Closed

The present SALE is for CASH or its equivalent. Butter, Eggs, Hides, Sheepskins, Etc. taken at CASH PRICES. All Accounts must be paid by January 1st, 1897.

T. HILL