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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

The revised Act respecting births marriages and deaths, passed last year, does not appear to be so thoroughly understood by the pudlic as it should be. We have been requested to lay the important points before our readers so that they may avoid prosecution. The Act, after defining the duties of Registrar General, goes on to give the duties of Division Registrars, who are the Clerks of each municipality. The clerks, or Division Registrars, are supplied with blanks for filling out births, marriages and deaths. These returns are entered in a book kept for the purpose. In the case of registration of deaths the Act reads as follows:

The occupier of a house or tenement in which a death takes place, or, if the occupier be the person who has died, then some one of the persons residing in the house in which the death took place, or if the death has not taken place within a house, then any person present at the death or having any knowledge of the circumstances attending the same, or the coroner who attended any inquest held on such person, shall before the interment of the body supply to the division registrar of the division in which the death took place, according to his or her knowledge or belief, all particulars required to be registered touching such deaths, in the form provided under this Act. R. S. O. 1887, c. 40, s. 14.

Sec. 23 sets forth that "No removal for burial of the dead body of any person shall take place, and no undertaker, clergyman, sexton, householder or other person shall engage in the burial of the dead body of any person, unless a certificate of registration has been previously obtained.

Sec. 24 provides that no caretaker or owner of any burial ground shall allow a body to be buried unless he has received the Division Registrar's (clerk's) certificate. Failure to comply with these regulations carries with it severe penalties, and everyone should thoroughly understand this in order to prevent delay or friction at funerals. The caretaker of a cemetery is liable to a fine of ten dollars and costs if he allows an interment without the necessary accompanying certificate.

Scenes in Gotham

Mr. Editor, as my last letter left me at the door of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and as some of my friends have been wondering whether or not I got out alive, I shall endeavor to set their minds at rest on this point, and also to give an imperfect account of what I saw there

The museum is contained in a magnificent building of brick and stone of large dimensions, situated about central in Central Park, N. Y., belongs to the city, and is controlled by a commission, partly elective and partly appointed by the city council. It comprises an immense collection of specimens, representing the various arts, ancient and modern. On Saturday, Sunday and Monday of each week a fee of 25c is charged for admission. During the rest of the week it is open free from ten a. m. till 4 p. m. It is carefully kept and efficiently managed by courteous and obliging officials.

On entering the main hall from the south, we find ourselves in a lofty apartment, separated from the exhibits by a brass railing. Turning to the right we pass a turn stile, the click of which registers the entrance of another visitor. Here we are met by a polite young man, and informed that canes, umbrellas and parcels are to be left in his care, for which checks are given free. This matter settled we have the option of purchasing a catalogue or viewing on our own hook. On looking around we find ourselves in the statuary department, where the first objects to catch the eye are a group representing the Babes in the Wood, calmly sleeping folded in each others arms, and watched over by the famous robin, and as we look and catch something of inspiration of the artist we obtain a deeper and more pathetic understanding of the story than ever before.

The next figure is to us the most wonderful triumph of the artist's chisel, the Veiled Lady. This is a statute of a beautiful women. Over the head and face is drawn a veil of finest lace which is held in the left hand near the throat. The lace is drawn over the outlines of the features, all of which are plainly visible beneath its fine texture though the whole is carved from one solid block of marble.

Another prominent object is Lincoln in his Death Chair, and is very suggestive and touching. Near it stands our own lady Queen, taken from a painting of her in her prime, and alongside is a group which cannot fail to call up the tenderest feelings, this is the finding of the body of Abel. Mother Eve in primitive dress bends on one knee while upon the other she endeavors to raise the limp and lifeless body of her son. Over her classic features spreads a look of wondering sorrow which seems to ask, What ails my boy. In the background stands the guilty Cain with downcast look while a bludgeon, the presumable instrument of death, lies at his feet.

But I must hasten on and pass a score of other interesting and beautiful pieces of sculpture, as my program only allows me two hours to view this collection, two to the museum of natural history and two in the zoological gardens, so I pass to the scenes from ancient Egypt There are mummies by the score in their ghastly wrappings. mummies of queens and princesses, kings and princes, lords and nobles, judging from the inscriptions on each. The foremost thought that comes up is the question, where is the line where the work of the ghoul ends and that of the scientist begins, followed by the consoling remembrance that the loss of the art of embalming secures our graves from the ravages of the curiosity seeker of the future.

Passing this we enter a large apartment dedicated to specimens of ancient sculpture. Here we find a statue of a warrior who has lost an arm, there another minus a leg or both; yonder a woman in flowing robes in an attitude of hasty flight, but the story that the face might tell is beyond our ken, for the head is lost.

Next we enter the architectural department, where we find relics from Greece and Rome, from Babylon and Ninevah, from the Euphrates and the Nile specimens of all the various orders and some of the finest examples of the artists' skill, and taking a comfortable seat become veritably lost for the time being in contemplation of column and arch, of cornice and plinth and groove, in a measure ashamed of the products of our own time.

Feeling the promptings of the inner man, we look at the time and are surprised to find that our two hours are gone and also the two alloted to the visit to the natural history building. We make a flying run through musical instruments, machinery, iron work, etc., etc., snatch a hasty lunch and off to see the elephants. Yours,

W. M. CLARK.

Osprey Council

The members elected to the council board of Osprey for 1897 met in Maxwell on Jan. 11th last and severally made the statuary oath as follows: Wm. Monaghan, reeve; John Clark, 1st deputy reeve; John Speers, 2nd deputy reeve; Irwin Morrison and W. H. Guy, councillors. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Communications were read from W. H. Thurston, bill $19.75, printing and stationery. From Bulletin office, Collingwood, tender for printing. From J. R. Sing, J. P., bill $3, bails used for magistrate's courts. From clerk, certificate of election accounts. Applications for the appointment for assessor were received from C. M. Brownridge, John Ross and Samuel Taylor. From James Potts, application for appointment as auditor.

Guy—Speers—That Thos. Scott be paid $1.32, carriage on stationery and sundry items re election expenses. Carried.

Speers—Guy—That the reeve issue his order in favor of W. H. Thurston for $19.75, printing and stationery. Carried.

Morrison—Speers—That the reeve issue his order in favor of the following parties for use of halls as polling booths: Gus Robinson, $3; Dr. Scott, $2; Hy. Heitman $2; R. Weir, $2; Ed. Potts, $2; Thos. Bristow, $2; Dr. Scott, $2 for nomination, $2. Carried.

Clark—Morrison—That the reeve issue his order in favor of the following parties for service as deputy returning officers and poll clerks: D. Winters, Josiah Gamey, Ira Perigo, John Lindsay, Thos. Scott and Thos. Freethy for $3 as deputy returning officers, and B. Stewart, J. W. Gamey, A. McGirr, J. D. Christie, S. S. Scott and A. Cameron for $2 each as poll clerks. Carried.

Morrison—Clark—That Robert Beatty be granted $3 as charity and that W. J. Monaghan expend the amount. Carried.

Speers—Morrison—That Wm. Elliott be paid $5 for gravel supplied on road in Div. No. 5 for 1895. Carried.

Clark—Morrison—That the standing committees for the current year be composed as follows: Road and bridges—Clark, Speers and Morrison. On Treasurer's security—Monaghan, Guy and Speers. On printing—Guy, Speers and Morrison. On finance and assessment—Monaghan, Clark, Speers and Guy. Carried.

Speers—Guy—That the taxes of Chas. Stewart on lots 45 and 46, con. 3, N. D. R., for 1896 amounting to $3 be exempted. Carried.

Guy—Morrison—That the communication from J. R. Sing re magistrate' courts be laid over for further consideration. Carried.

Clark—Morrison—That the reeve issue his order in favor of Mrs. Stocks for $5 as charity and that Dr. Scott expend the amount for her. Carried.

Bylaw No. 345 appointing Samuel Taylor assessor at a salary of $75. Bylaw No. 346 appointing Robt. Heron and James Potts auditors and bylaw No. 347 appointing W. J. Monaghan, Thos. Scott, John Clark, Irwin Morrison and John Speers members of board of health were each read the necessary number of times and passed in committee.

Council adjourned to meet at Feversham on Monday, February 22nd next.

THOMAS SCOTT, clerk.

Clubbing List

Advance and daily World	$2 80
" " News	1 80
" Montreal Herald	1 80
" " Witness	1.80
" Youths' Companion	2.35
" Weekly Globe	1.55
" Sun	1.40

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTIES

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ARTEMESIA IN THE COUNTY OF GREY

THERE WILL BE SOLD ON

Monday, Feb. 23rd, '97

AT 11 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON AT

MUNSHAW'S Hotel, in the Town of FLESHERTON

By virtue of Powers of Sale contained in certain Mortgages which will be produced at the sale, the following Properties:

PARCEL 1—Lots 189 and 190 in the first concession, north east of the Toronto and Sydenham Road, in the said township of Artemesia, containing 100 acres more or less, save and except one acre sold for school purposes.

The following improvements are said to be on the premises: About 65 acres cleared having erected thereon a frame concrete dwelling and frame barn. The lands are watered by small spring creek.

TERMS: 15 per cent. of the purchase money to be paid down on the day of sale. For balance terms will be made known at the sale.

For further particulars apply to

JONES, MACKENZIE & LEONARD Solicitors, Toronto St., Toronto

or R. J. SPROULE, Flesherton

Came Astray

Came to the premises of the undersigned lot 138, E. T. S. R., Artemesia, on or about Nov. 5, one spring calf. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take the same away.

W. STEWART

Flesherton P. O.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Sydenham Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held in the council chamber, Owen Sound, Jan. 26, '97, at 10 a. m.

HUGH REID, Secretary.

FLESHERTON SKATING RINK

Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening.

Open to ticketholders and learners on Friday from 2 to 4 p. m.

W. J. HOWARD, Prop.

M. Richardson & Co

J-A-N-U-A-R-Y

- BARGAINS -

This month cuts deeply into prices and the shrewd buyer who has waited for a good opportunity now takes advantage of it. Any person who will look at our pile of O-V-E-R-C-O-A-T-S prices from $5.00 to $8.00 all cut down to one figure

$3.75

Will See we Mean Business

Come and look at our table of Ladies' MANTLES and JACKETS Figures cut right down. Your choice of the lot for $2.95 indicates what January prices will be.

Mantle Cloths and Golf Cloakings

We have a nice assortment in these lines and are offering them at cut prices.

FURS BARGAINS IN FURS

FURS are quite seasonable yet as the genuine winter weather is only just commencing, but we will refuse no reasonable offer for anything in this line. Our fur sales have been encouraging—we have only one Fur Mantle and six Fur Capes left. These are elegant goods—all new, selected skins. Come and make us an offer for them.

Men's Underwear

Notwithstanding our large sales in this line we have still a splendid assortment of heavy weights ☞ Bargain prices during JANUARY.

The Millinery Season

Is over, yet we have some nice goods left—we offer them at half prices during JANUARY.

Bargains in Staple Dry Goods

40 dozen Bleached Towels, 2c each or 20c dozen.

10 dozen Linen Towels (red border) 7c each or 75c dozen.

20 White Bed Quilts, large sizes, 95c.

38-inch White Cotton, 6c yard.

34-inch Grey Cotton, 3c yard.

Job Line Grey Flannels, 8c yard.

Heavy Crash Towelling, extra wide, 5c yard.

Women's Wool Hose, full sizes, 15c pr.

January Bargains in Footwear

Felt Boots, 4 buckle, regular $2.50, selling for $1.75.
Felt Boots, 4 buckle, No. 1 quality, regular $2.75, selling for $2 25.
Moccassins, No. 1, hair lined oil tanned, regular $1.60, selling for $1.20.
Moccassins, No. 1, oil tanned, regular $1.35, selling for $1.10.
Men's Genuine Gum Rubbers, $1.15 pair.
Men's Long Manitoba Overshoes, regular $2 85, selling for $2 25.
Men's Lined Overshoes, $1.25. Women's Felt Lined Overshoes, $1 20
Child's Gum Rubbers, buckled, 85c.

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

SHE IS A CORKER

I don't mean my NEW YORK GIRL but the

Cold Blast Lantern . . .

I got at RICHARDSON'S. It won't blow out. It won't flicker, but it gives a dandy light.

The above is the usual expression used about the L-A-N-T-E-R-N-S. They are simply the very best. ☞ TRY ONE!!

GOLD MINES

Are good paying investments just now, any one getting a GOOD CHEER or CROWN PEARL Cook Stove have a gold mine of their own as they are very saving on the wood, yet they BAKE well They HEAT well and they LOOK well.

GOT TO GO!

Only 5 7-pieced Water Setts of the Celebrated Wild Rose Pattern for 98c a sett, regular price, $1 40.——5 Lovely Vase Lamps at $1.40 each, regular price, $1.75.——Only 2 String Bells with 40 bells at $1.25, regular price, $1 60.——Only 5 String Team Bells with 10 bells at 60c, regular price, 75c.

TIMES ARE HARD! We want your trade. It will pay you to deal with us Lowest Prices. BEST GOODS!

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