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.

Great quantities of wood and timber are being marketed.

Mrs. Reid of Winnipeg is the the guest of Mrs. W. K. Flesher.

Mr. Bert Field of Schomberg, is spending a couple of weeks at the parental home.

Just received—A large quantity of Turkish dyes—70 shades—also a full stock of Diamond Dyes. W. RICHARDSON.

Money—good money—and plenty of it to loan at five, five and a half and six per cent. Apply to A S. VANDUSEN, Flesherton.

Lost, a Brown Paisley shawl, on Tuesday night, between Beattie's corner and Flesherton. Finder will oblige by leaving it at this office.

About fifty members of the Linwood Methodist church greeted the Rev. R Keefer and bride on their return from the wedding trip, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. John T. Wallace of Thessalon is visiting friends in this vicinity. Mr. Wallace tells us that the mining boom has again struck Thessalon, and that the old Ophir gold mine, which has lain idle for years, is again being operated.

A concert will be held at Wareham on the evening of Jan. 27, Maxwell on the 28th and Feversham on the 29th, under the auspices of St. Mary's church, Maxwell. The program will be an entertaining one, embracing the services of Mr. R. C. Pearce, a most successful ventriloquist. Admission only 15 cents See bills for further particulars.

Mr. Alfred Ward, an old and well known resident of this township, died on Wednesday morning of last week at the age of 63, after a prolonged illness. A few months ago he moved to Dundalk to be near his physician, but never rallied. The funeral took place to Flesherton cemetery on Friday last and was largely attended.

We have received a letter signed "Tenant," purporting to be a reply to Landlord's letter in last issue, but as no name accompanies it as a guarantee we will not undertake to publish it. It might be from the tenant or it might be from anybody and nobody responsible. The name of the writer must accompany any manuscript before it can find a place in these columns. With regard to this particular case, we do not think any good can result from these personal recriminations in the public press. That is our private opinion. Of course if the tenant thinks otherwise and will supply us with evidence of his identity, we will print his article next week.

One of the most successful entertainments of the season was that which was held in the Baptist church Monday last. Considering the inclemency of the weather the attendence on this occasion was very good, and everybody, young and old, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After doing justice to the good things prepared by the ladies, the chair was taken by Rev. Mr. Darroch, B. A., who presided in his usual cheering manner, the school singing the opening piece. Misses Kent and Wickens sang sweetly, Miss Wickens playing on the autoharp, which was followed by a storm of encore and promptly responded to. Mr. H. McLean, of Priceville, and Miss Cook, of Flesherton Station, each gave a recitation which was well received Canada some day may look for a great orator in the person of Master Genoe, who is a reciter of great talent. He gave two recitations which were listened to with pleasure. Miss Cook, of Flesherton Station, sang very acceptably. One of the special features of the evening was the framing of letters into the words, "God is love," by nine little girls, each singing representing the letter they carried. A handsome Bible was presented to Miss Millie Crossley, for regularity of attendance, she not having missed Sunday School for four years. The program was brought to a close with singing by the school.

County Council is in session at Owen Sound this week.

Our first sleighing arrived on Thursday last and since then we have had a genuine taste of wild weather.

Shelburne had a very bad baptism by fire early on Tuesday morning. The conflagration started in Hannah's hardware store about 3.30 a. m. and spread to the large dry goods store of Berwick & Co., Sawyer's boot and shoe store and Fenwick & Galbrath's jewelry store. A number of offices were in these buildings, also the Masonic hall. The town hall caught fire but was extinguished. The total loss is estimated at $100,000. It was thought at one time that the whole town would go, as there was a very high wind blowing, but three streames of water from the efficient waterworks succeeded in staying the flames, which were extinguished about 8.30 a. m. The alleged firebugs now on trial in Shelburne seem to carry flames with them, as an attempt was made last week to fire one of the hotels. In this case the origin of the fire is a mystery.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Osprey Agricultural Society was held in Feversham on Wednesday, the 13th Jan. The financial report presented to the society showed all liabilities paid up in full with a balance in the treasurer's hands of $109.50 The following officers were elected for the year 1897: President, S Ottewell, V. S.; Vice president, J. Hickling. Directors: W. Duncan, Jas. Buckingham, G. A. Miller, R. Hawton, J. Gamey, J. A. Kernahan, J. Douglas, F. Irish, R. Y. Burk.

J A. Kernahan, Sec.

E. G. Ag'l Society.

The annual meeting of East Grey Agricultural society was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday of last week, with the president, M. Richardson, in the chair. The secretary's report showed the finances to be in a better condition than those of most of the societies last year. While many paid their prizes at 50 cents on the dollar the prizes here were all paid in full, as was all indebtedness, and a balance left on hand of $123.39, and this notwithstanding the fact that a large outlay had been made in improvements to grounds and buildings. The actual balance on hand, after some payments since the report was closed, will be about $90. The total expenditure for the year was $1221.72, and the receipts, including balance carried over from last year, $1345 11. There is also a larger membership than ever before, and altogether the society is on a most satisfactory footing. Officers were appointed for the current year as follows: President, T. Kells, Vandeleur; 1st Vice Pres., John Boland; 2nd Vice Pres, Robt. Ruthvan; Sec.-Treas, R J. Sproule, Flesherton; Directors, R. J Sproule, A. Muir, Geo. Mitchell, A. Munshaw, W. J. Meads, Jas. Stuart, W. J. Shepherdson, D. W. Clinton, John Abbot. Auditors—C. J. Leitch, W. J. Bellamy.

Diamond in a Tooth

Dr. F. A. Thurston, of Chicago, and formerly of Kimberley, is winning a name for himself in the Windy City. Two of the Chicago papers have been received giving lenthy accounts of an operation performed by him on a young man's bicuspid, in which the dentist inserted a diamond by way of filling and in order to preserve it, it being a heirloom handed down from the young man's great-great great-grandmother. When the owner smiles the little gem sparkles, and his friends have considerable fun out of him trying to make him smile. They have had so much fun with him that his smile is now said to resemble nothing but a grin. The Chicago Tribune describes the process of setting the gem as follows: "A hole was drilled in the front of the first upper bicuspid tooth in such a position that when the diamond was set it would sparkle in plain sight whenever the young man smiled. Yesterday the setting was completed. The cavity was drilled round, but the stone had been cut with one large facet and many small ones. The hole was only deep enough to admit a part of the stone, the remainder being allowed to project from the tooth like the setting of a ring. The cavity was finally filled full of tooth cement, and the diamond was pressed into it. The large facet was left on the outside. Then the dentist took a small mallet and a bit of wood and pounded the diamond into place, just as is customary in filling teeth with gold. When the pounding was complete the setting of the stone was ended, with the exception of scraping away the cement from the edges of the diamond, which will be done later. It required the most careful handling to keep the diamond from getting lost. Whenever it dropped out of the cavity during the fitting process the sparkle was all that enabled the dentist to find it. Once or twice it dropped to the floor and the owner of the diamond and the dentist had a long search for it. It is said this is the first case of a diamond being used in Chicago as a tooth filling. The experiment has been tried in New York in one or two instances, and in Europe, but there is no known instance where a gem with the historical interest of this one has been set in such a queer place to preserve the stone and not the tooth."

Presentation and Address

A number of teachers and officers of the Methodist Sabbath school gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clayton on Thursday evening of last week and presented Mr. Clayton with a valuable easy chair, and Mrs Clayton with a handsome rocker. The presentation was caused by the fact of Mr. Clayton's resignation of the office of librarian of the school after a faithful service of 25 years, during which time he made a record for himself such as few librarians have made in punctuality of attendance and preservation of the books under his charge. It was also the 36th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton His record was, seventeen times absent during 25 years, and of the books under his charge only ten volumes have been unaccounted for. The address, which we give below, was read by Mr. M. Richardson and the presentation made by Mr. Barnhouse, superintendent. Mr. Clayton thanked them kindly in a neat little reminiscent speech, and Mrs. Clayton also expressed her thanks. Messrs. Richardson and Barnhouse each expressed the high esteem in which Mr. Clayton was held and their appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered the school. Rev. Mr. Mahan was also present and addressed a few words to the gathering. After this the gathering proceeded to enjoy themselves with games, and later on a sumptuous repast was served by the ladies, who had brought their baskets. The gathering broke up about 12 o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Following is the address:

To Mr. William Clayton

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—We have taken the liberty to invade your home to-night, but with no hostile intent. Our mission is one of friendship and goodwill. We have long been your debtors for your unwearying services as librarian of our Sabbath school. For the past twenty five years you have freely and ungrudgingly served the school and the community at large in that capacity, and during that time have rarely been absent from your post In all the duties pertaining to the office we have noticed your kindness, patience and courtesy, and your diligent care in endeavouring to meet the wants of both teachers and scholars. We regret your inability to retain the office of librarian longer, but feel assured we will still have a share of your continued interest in our school's prosperity. Believing you deserve a well earned rest, we present you with this easy chair as a memento of our regard and esteem. Also to your wife we present this chair on this anniversary of your wedding day. Wishing you both many happy days and years in which to enjoy them.

On behalf of the scholars, teachers and officers of the Flesherton Methodist Sabbath School.

Hog for Service

The undersigned has a thoroughbred Berkshire Boar for service on lot 2, con. 5, township of Osprey. Terms, 75 cents at time of service. C. W. CROFT, Prop.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Owen Sound Work," will be received at this office until Friday, the 5th day of February next, inclusively, for the construction of sheet piling at Owen Sound, Grey County, Ontario, according to a plan and specification to be seen at the office of the Town Clerk, Owen Sound, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, for one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500.00), must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
E. F. E. ROY,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 31st Dec., 1896.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

Our Stock is Going Fast!

But our Great Bargains are Still with us.

Our Genuine Clearing Sale is giving the people of this section such opportunities as they seldom get. It will not be wise to forget this point. We still take TRADE or CASH and have put prices away down.

Come in and Participate in the Good Things Going

It is useless to quote prices as everything is so far below usual selling prices that everybody is more than surprised. We beg to thank the many customers who have called upon us and would respectfully invite others to come in and share the bounties.

T. HILL, FLESHERTON

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.

STOCK-TAKING - - -
Sale of Furniture

SIXTEEN (16) DAYS' SLAUGHTERING OF PRICES previous to STOCK-TAKING. During this sale we have cut off all profits. Think what this means to you. EVERYTHING in our large and well assorted stock of

Furniture . . .

PICTURES, BLINDS, CURTAIN POLES. In fact everything needed in the home of rich or poor, from the kitchen to the most artistic drawing-room requisites, at absolute cost for 16 days or till February 1st when we commence to take stock.

J. E. MOORE

The People's House Furnisher, Picture Framer and Undertaker

Public Notice!

NOTICE is hereby given forbidding any person or persons trespassing on or cutting, interfering with or removing any timber off lots 23, on the 9th and 10th concession, Artemesia, and lots 143, 144 and 145 as any and all persons doing so will be prosecuted according to law.

R. J. SPROULE,
Agent, Flesherton.

December, 15, '96.

Logs Wanted

Real Rock elm logs are as follows: 15 inch in small end and cut 11 feet, 13 feet, 14 feet, 15 feet and 16 feet. Price, $5 per 1000 feet. Maple logs 21 inches and upwards. Small end [illegible] in. feet plump. Price of maple, $6 per [illegible] Cash paid for logs. Logs must be [illegible]RGENT.

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Flesherton Station.