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NEWSPAPER POSTAGE

A large amount of discussion is going on in the press throughout the country upon the question of the re-imposition of postage on newspapers. Heretofore this paper has not expressed any voice in the matter, but is now prepared to do so. We have decided that it is to the best interests of country publishers, and it certainly is to the exchequer of the country, to have a moderate amount of postage placed on all newspapers. During the twelve years that the free systeem has been tried it has been sadly abused, and country newspapers know to their sorrow that the cheap city dailies have interfered with their business and injured business in their own localities through the departmental store advertising. Mack in last week's Saturday Night points this out in a forcible article which all newspaper men should read. The country press as a whole appears to look on the question from a purely selfish and peculiarly short sighted point of view. A tax of this nature would make the postal service self sustaining, and would in all probability give us a two-cent letter rate; it would tend to prevent loss through bad subscriptions, by making the country publisher more particular to whom he sends the paper "on tick;" it would assist the country merchant by hampering the departmental business (and that which assists the merchant assists the publisher;) it will make an honest press where in certain quarters a great deal of dishonesty is thought to prevail. Added to these considerations it will be a satisfaction to know that the press pays for its mail service the same as other business men. In fact we can see no just reason whatever why newspapers should be franked through the mails. They are merchandise and all merchandise should pay its transportation. Yes, you may put The Advance down as asking no free carriage through the mails. Mack thinks the very commercial life of the country, as it is, hangs for the present on the action of the postal department, and he is right.

There is a little war excitement now in the island of Crete, in the Mediterranean, which is held by Turkey. The population of this large island is 300 000 — eleven-twelfths Christians. Crete wants to belong to Greece and Greece wants her, but the European powers, as usual, have a good deal to say in the matter and will umpire the game. It is thought war between Turkey and Greece is almost inevitable.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen have gone to Tennessee to attend the marriage of the latter's brother to an American beauty. General Montgomery Moore is acting Governor General in their absence. This is a kind of reciprocity that the Americans are only too happy to indulge in. They will not allow our male population to go to them under contract, but when it comes to palming off their matrons on the British aristocracy—well, they like to do it and Britain does not appear to object. Somebody has remarked the imminent danger of Great Britain and Cupid together "annexing the hull union and star spangled banner." But he was a pessimist.

Dr. Rolstin is still after the Huron & Ontario electric railway people for a big sum of money for valuable services rendered in persuading the people of Osprey to go into the scheme. When Dr Rolstin was here he made us all believe that his services were to be paid for in a block of stock in the concern. Can it be that he has decided this stock is not good collateral and repudiates it? Surely not!

Written For The Advance.

Christism vs. Churchism

As Dr. John Watson (MaClaren) remarks in his "Mind of the Master," our Saviour never laid any stress on the subject of churchmanship, but kept constantly before the minds of his hearers the subject of His kingdom. In our day, we as christians, seem to have departed very largely from our Master's form of doctrine in this particular, and, instead of devoting our energies in non-sectarian channels for the salvation of our fellowmen, we devote them in the narrow bigoted channels of some particular church and are sometimes so separated from other churches in our religious efforts, that, instead of helping the work in sister churches, we retard it.

In may cases our efforts are directed towards lengthening the list of names on our church rolls instead of increasing the the number of names in the Lamb's Book of Life, and some of us are so delicate when dealing with our fellow men in regard to religious things, that, if we wish to know what profession they make in regard to christianity, instead of asking them are they the Lord's, we will ask them "do they belong to the church."

Now the fact of any man's "belonging to the church" does not imply his belonging to Christ; for we believe that scores of our church members know very little more about the Christ life experimentally, than do hundreds of those who make no profession. Many members of churches are so religious, that, though they cannot get out to a week night service, nor sometime an early Sunday service, they can manage to come to the church and drowsily listen to the sermon, and sometimes place a trifling collection on the plate, then go home and lay off the large part of their religious fervor until the following Sabbath.

The religion of the nineteenth century must be more aggressive than that just described. Its devotees are called upon to be holy men and women, to be constantly doing something for the salvation of others. The Bible, in the latter part of the Old Testament, pronounces a "Woe" on all of God's people who are at ease in his service, and when a christian gets into such an easy going state as that described above, it is very hard to say whether he himself any longer belongs to the Lord or not.

Our every day work should afford us constant opportunities of doing good. There are times when a warning word or a helpful one spoken by a humble christian may do more good to some poor wanderer than a sermon from a minister might at another time. There are times when a tract or a religious paper judiciously placed may bring a soul into submission to its Lord. There are times when the prayer of a righteous man may lead to magnificent results in God's cause.

How then are we as christians to be led to a live, devoted state of service for the Master? The only answer is, by our living close to our Master, and having the continuous guidance of His Holy Spirit. Let us then, as followers of the Lord and as the salt of the earth, seek for the clear guidance of that great motive force in christian life, the spirit of God, that we may see our neighbors and friends brought to the knowledge of Him, "whom to know aright is life everlasting", and that we, ourselves, may not be afraid of that last great duty of giving account of our stewardship to our Lord.

J. C.

Town Line A and E.

From our own Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ellis left on the 6th inst. for their future home in British Columbia. They have the good wishes of their many friends for success

Came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Richardson on the 12th, a daughter.

The revival services closed here on last Friday evening.

Mr. John Blain has been on the sick list for some time.

Mr. J. Brodie was in Flesherton last week attending to the auditing of the Artemesia township accounts.

A Kansas man has discovered that brandy can be made out of wet sawdust. Now, a discouraged prohibitionist asks, what chance can a good cause have when a man can go forth with a rip saw and get drunk on a fence rail.

Open Air Rink!

BEST OPEN AIR RINK in the county—50x130 ft.

Skating—Monday, Wednesday, Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Admission only 5c.

Wednesday evenings—Ladies and children free.

Rink back of D. McTavish's blacksmith shop.

F. DEFOE, Proprietor.

"QUEEN VICTORIA, HER LIFE AND REIGN"

Great historic work, sells on sight to thousands. Lord Dufferin introduces it to Canadians in glowing words. Easy to make $20.00 a week, some twice that. Many make more in spare time than during day at regular employment. This year's Great Sexagenary Celebration are booming it. Books on time, prospectus free to canvassers. Territory going fas. The Bradley Garretson Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

WE CAN GIVE POSITIONS

To persons of all grades of ability. Agents, book-keepers, clerks, farmers' sons, lawyers, mechanics, Physicians, preachers, students, married and single women, widows. Positions are worth from $400 to $2,500 per annum. We have paid several canvassers $50 weekly for years. Many have started poor and become rich with us. Particulars upon application, and if satisfactory and necessary, a personal interview may be arranged. This is an honest advertisement, and if you want to better your position, write before you sleep. State salary expected. Neither loafers nor tramps need apply. The Bradley-Garretson Co., Ltd., Toronto, Ontario

WE WANT AGENTS to handle established trade in this county. Canadian stock guaranteed to live. Permanent position, whole or part time. Liberal terms. You can make ten dollars a week or better with us, for every week you work. No experience necessary.

Brown Brothers Company,
Continental Nurseries, TORONTO, ONT
15 Mch.

Tenders Wanted

Sealed tenders for the erection of a school house for section 15, Artemesia. Plans and specifications may be seen at R. & A. Neilson's store, Proton, after the 9th of Feb. and up to 12 o'clock a. m. on Feb. 20th. Lowest tenders or no tender necessarily accepted. Address

Secretary School Board,
Proton Station.

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.

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 a certain Mortgage which will be produced at the sale, the following Property:

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

Remember the Date! Feb. 20th

Those who have Catarrh and who call on the above date, will be given a Germicide Inhaler, and medicine, for the cure of that disease, without having to pay one cent in advance. After a fair trial at your own home, and the remedy proves successful $3 can be remitted us to pay the same. If not satisfactory in every respect, the Inhaler can be returned at our expense, and no charge will be made. We have thousands of letters from all sorts and conditions of men and women, telling of cures, not only remarkable, but in many cases miraculous. Bring no money with you, just leave your name and address, and our representative will give you the remedy on above liberal terms by calling at

RICHARDSON'S Durgstore,
Flesherton, Dec. 19th.

This offer good on above date only.

M. Richardson & Co

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES for - - -

FEBRUARY BUYERS ! ! ! !

Stock-Taking Stock-Taking

Before our annual Stock-Taking we have decided to reduce our winter stock to the lowest possible limit, and to this end have CUT PRICES right down on all winter goods to clear. We don't intend to carry these lines over to next season —THEY MUST GO, and at these figures will go quickly.

SEASONABLE GOODS AT BARGAIN PRICES

MEN'S WEAR . .

Full Cloth Pants, regular $1.75 selling	$1.25
Corduroy Vest, regular $1 75 selling (fashionable goods)	1.25
Astrakhan Caps, regular 55c selling	.39
Hare Seal Caps, regular $1.50 selling	1 10
Beaver Oppossum Caps, regular $3.00 selling	2.25
Lined Overshoes, regular $1.50 selling	1.25
Heavy All-wool Drawers (a special drive) regular 75c selling	.49
Heavy Flannelettes Shirts, regular 65c selling	.50
Unlaundered White Shirts, regular 55c selling	.35
Heavy Suspenders, regular 15c selling	.10
Heavy All-wool Arctic Sox	.20
Heavy All-wool Sox	.15
Lined Kid Driving Gloves, regular 75c selling	.45

WOMEN'S WEAR

Felt Overshoes, regular $1.50 selling	$ .95
Felt Boots (foxed) regular $1 75 selling	1.50
Lined Rubbers, regular 55c selling	.40
Cardigan Rubbers, regular $1.50 selling	1.20
Misses' Cardigan Rubbers, regular $1 25 selling	1.00
Lined Kid Gloves, regular $1.25 selling	.63
Lined Kid Mitts, regular $1.00 selling	.50

☞ WOOL SHAWLS. All colors, different sizes, at bargain prices to clear.

WINTER Dress Goods

36-inch Double Fold Dress Goods, regular 16c selling	$ .12½
40-inch Double Fold Dress Goods, regular 20c selling	.15
42-inch Double Fold Dress Goods, regular 30c selling	.22

☞ All WINTER DRESS GOODS at clearing prices.

MANTLES

We have sold Winter Mantles this week as low as $1.00 each.

We have some yet that cost us $5, $6 and $7 each, all selling at one price now

. . $2.95

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

STOCK-TAKING SALE

This is genuine sale. We have too many goods. We want the room for our spring stock. No trouble to show you the articles.

COME - ALONG AND LOOK THROUGH - COME

Patty Pans, regular 10c dozen for	$ .7	Clothes Brushes, regular 15c for	$ .10
Window Shades, regular 50c for	.39	Gravy Pitchers, regular 25c for	.10
Pint Tin Cups, regular 5c for	.3	Slate Pencils, regular 10c box for	.7
1 gal. Milk Crocks, regular 13c for	.10	Granite Pudding Dishes, regular 20c for	.14
White Granite Wash Basins, regular 30c for	.20	Black Prince Razors, regular 50c for	.35
Bedroom Hand Lamps, regular 25c for	.19	Cuspidores, regular 20 for	.12
Large Rockingham Tea-Pots, regular 25c for	.20	Sad Iron Handles, regular 20c for	.13
Tin Wash Basins, regular 10c for	.5	Fancy Black Tea-Pots regular 30c for	.19
52-pieced Dinner Sett, regular $10 for	6.75	Improved Champion X-Cut-Saws, complete with Handles and File, regular $3 for	2.00
Fire Shovels, regular 10c for	.4		

Rats! Bats!

HOW ARE YOU OFF FOR MICE? We have the best traps for them made. It is not sure death at forty rods, but it KILLS when they come in sight. IT IS CALLED THE

Out-o-Sight!

We include STOVES in our Stock-Sale so if you need one COME ALONG and we will give you a bargain.

M. Richardson & Co