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QUESTIONS ANSWERED

'Anxious Inquirer' writes: What causes the blotches of red on the new 2c postage stamp? Were they intentionally placed there, and if so for what purpose?

The above query has been sent us by a lady, and we are happy to be in a position to answer her question: When Mr. Mulock undertook to run off the first edition of these stamps the handle of the old hoe press flew back and struck him in the nose, with the result that several drops of gore fell upon the page before him.

Well, we have come out of the snow safe and sound and will endeavour to write a few items for your valuable paper.

'Querist,' Eugenia - Yes, Mr. Laurier is still in Washington. He will hang up his sock in the White House on Christmas eve and expects to get a big fat 'treaty' stuffed into the toe by President McKinley.

What is Shiloh's? A grand old remedy for Cough, Colds and Consumption; used throughout the world for half a century, has cured innumerable cases of incipient consumption and relieved many in advanced stages.

Important Resolution.

At a recent meeting of the Owen Sound Ministerial Association it was resolved to call a convention of all the ministers of Owen Sound and vicinity, for the purpose of arranging a series of meetings in view of the coming plebiscite on the question of a House of Refuge for the County of Grey.

(1) That the number of homeless poor in our county is sufficiently large to demand that some concerted action should be taken to secure their comfortable maintenance.

attaches to being 'herded with criminals.'

(4) That according to the most careful estimates, it is clear that in general, the indigents in any county may be more comfortably and economically supported by a well conducted House of Refuge than by any other system.

(5) That such House of Refuge can be built and maintained at a very small cost per ratepayer, thus removing the objection so often heard, that a House of Refuge will be a perpetual and heavy drain upon the resources of the county.

There are 22,000 municipal ratepayers in the county of Grey, as shown by the last voters' list. 5 1/2 cents per ratepayer would produce the sum of \$1,210—sufficient for paying the interest and providing for a sinking fund to meet the debentures to be issued for the establishment of a House of Refuge.

(6) And lastly we are convinced that the Christian and humanitarian sentiment of the county will no longer permit its deserving poor to be compelled either to suffer actual want or to submit to the humiliation of repeated appeals to the municipal councils for aid, or worse still, as heretofore expressed to be 'herded with criminals in the county jail.'

The convention would respectfully request all newspapers in the county to publish the foregoing resolution and all ministers of the gospel to read the resolution to their congregations and to press upon them the moral obligations under which all Christian communities are laid to provide for their deserving poor in a worthy way.

JAMES LEDIARD, President. JAMES ARDILL, Secretary.

Kimberley

From Our Own Correspondent

Well, we have come out of the snow safe and sound and will endeavour to write a few items for your valuable paper.

On Saturday morning, Dec. 3rd, the sad intelligence was borne through our village that Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Hammond, had passed peacefully away that morning, a victim to that dread disease, consumption.

The entertainment held under the auspices of the Kimberley Methodist Sabbath school, on Dec. 14, was a decided success financially and otherwise.

Some of our townspeople visited the capital to-day and we understand that there will be four candidates in our division to aspire for county honors—Messrs. Brown and Acnew, of Meaford; Mr. Gilray, Euphrasia; and Mr. Bowes, St. Vincent.

Mr. J. Carruthers of North Dakota is visiting friends in this neighborhood, looking hale and hearty after ten year's absence from our village.

Mr. Geo. Bath is home again from the shanties, near Warton. We understand that the Kimberley Court C. O. F. purpose holding an entertainment Christmas week.

The Board of management of Kimberley Methodist Sabbath School met in the Methodist church on Friday evening, Dec. 16th. Business was transacted, and the following officers were elected: J. D. Watson, superintendent; Miss M. A. Thurston, Treasurer; Mr. G. Burritt, Secretary; Mr. A. E. Armstrong, Mr. R. D. Carruthers, Miss H. Walton, Miss L. Walton, Mr. J. R. Bradbury, Miss L. Soule and Miss M. A. Thurston were elected teachers for the different classes.

Miss Annie Scott, who has been taking a course in the Meaford Model School returned home last week, the term being closed for 1898.



Election of County Councillors of the Fifth County Council Division of the County of Grey.

Public Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Fifth County Council Division of the County of Grey, that a meeting of said Electors will be held in Victoria Hall in the Village of Dundalk on

Monday, the 19th day of December, A.D. 1898, between the hours of one and two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of nominating Candidates for the offices of two County Councillors for said Fifth Division of the County of Grey.

W. J. WARDELL Nominating Officer of the fifth County Council Division. Dated at Dundalk, Dec. 2nd, 1898.

County Council Election

To the Electors of District No. 5, Co. of Grey.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—At the solicitation of a large number of ratepayers, I have again consented to become a candidate for county councillor. During the past two years during which I have had the honor of being one of your representatives at the county board, I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully to the best of my ability.

GEO. WATSON Swinton Park, Dec. 20, '98.

Notice to Electors !!

To The Electors of Division No. 5.

GENTLEMEN,—The period for which your representatives to County Council were elected having nearly expired, I beg to tender you my best services for another term. If my record for the past two years has merited a continuance of your confidence, I ask for your support at the coming municipal election, and if returned again as your representative will give my best efforts to serve you during another term.

M. RICHARDSON. Flesherton, Dec. 13th, 1898.

NOTICE TO ELECTORS

To the Electors of the Township of Artemesia:

Having consented to be a candidate for the office of councillor for the township of Artemesia for the year 1899, I venture to solicit your vote and influence at the coming election. My record as a councillor is well known. As in the past, so in the future my best efforts shall be put forth in the general interest of old Artemesia.

THOS. KELLS.

Notice to Electors

To the Electors of Artemesia

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Having been requested by many of the ratepayers of the township to allow my name to go before the electors as a candidate for councillor, I have decided to do so and hereby request your vote and influence in my behalf.

ALEX MUIR

Notice to Electors

To The Ratepayers of Artemesia:

GENTLEMEN.—It is my intention to become a candidate for the Council of Artemesia for the year 1899. Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited.

S. SHEARD OWN Proton Station, Dec. 13, 1898

Notice to Electors

To the Electors of the Township of Artemesia.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—I have been requested by many of the ratepayers of the township for the Municipality of Artemesia for the year 1899. Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited.

D. McTAVISH. Flesherton, Dec. 21st, '98.

Came ASTRAY

Came to the premises of the undersigned, lot 2 and 3, con. 5, Osprey, some time ago, one yearling bull (owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take it away).

JACOB LOUGHEAD Maxwell, Dec. 1, 1898.

Logs Wanted

All kinds of sawlogs wanted for which the highest prices will be paid in cash, at the Rockvale Mills (Porteous Corner), Artemesia, and at Flesherton Station. For full particulars apply at mill or head office, Markdale.

ARMSTRONG BROS.

Logs Wanted !!

At Boyd's Mills, Maple, Basswood, Birch, Black Ash, Rock and Soft Elm, Spruce and all kinds of logs wanted in any quantity. Cedar ties, 8 feet long 9 inch top, cedar logs, from 10 to 16 feet long, and cedar piles from 20 to 45 feet long especially wanted. Cedar and Rock Elm may be delivered at Flesherton Station. Highest cash prices paid. For further particulars apply to

J. & W. BOYD

M. Richardson & Co. Thinking of Christmas Presents? A FEW SUGGESTIONS EVERY LINE APPROPRIATE TO THE SEASON

Anything in this line makes a most acceptable present. Our stock comprises Capes, Muffs, Ruffs, Storm Collars, Capelines, Gauntlets, etc., all new goods at special holiday prices. Some very special lines in Fur Gauntlets.

Furs for Ladies ..

Ladies Gloves and Handkerchiefs

Neck-wear for Men ...

Silk Mufflers and Handkerchiefs ...

Fancy Glass and Silverware .....

M. Richardson & Co.

Our Christmas purchases of Puffs, Ascots, strings and Derbys are of special merit, and we show a special range of 25c Ties. Our special line of 50c goods put up in boxes takes in all the latest colors and shapes.

We are showing all kinds of Neck Mufflers in Wool, Silk and wool and pure silk, in light, medium and dark colors from 25c. All colors in Silk Handkerchiefs, plain, shot and brocaded. An extra special line of white silk hemstitched Handkerchiefs, large size at 50c.

You should see our display in this section at popular prices. Lamps, Fancy Glassware, Cutlery, Silverware, Fancy China, etc., etc. Our special line of Holiday Goods at 25c is wonderful value in Glass and Silverware.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY

M. Richardson & Co. ... RICHARDSON'S SONG ...

Once upon a week night dreary, As I pondered, somewhat weary, O'er some curious toys and puzzles that I have in store,

Says I to myself, I'll advertise them in the Advance, and then they'll go bejabbers, and so they will, if I know anything, for I've got the right things for the right people for old and young, rich and well off; as for poor people, we don't have any, but if we have I can suit them in price entirely.

I have tin toys, wooden toys, iron toys, trains, engines, common pistols, guns, boats, balloons, bagatelle boards, brooms, baskets, bodkins, A. B. C. blocks, sad irons, hair brushes, carpenter's tools, whips, whisks, furniture, chairs, bureaus, sideboards, stoves and fittings, tea sets in tin and china, water sprinklers, carpet sweepers, whisk holders, cups and saucers in tin and china, knife, fork and spoons, pocket knives from 5 cents up, clocks that will go and keep time.

Musical Instruments:

Harp, jewsharps, auto harps, vocal harps, David's harps, organs for the mouth, mouth organs, violins, fiddles, tin whistles, bicycle whistles, mouth accordians, Swiss reeds, hurdy gurdy's, musical rolling pins, (not that kind that the good woman taps the old man and the kids on the nut with, to extract the vocal chords,) trombones, drums, horns, harmonics, (the biggest double breasted mouth organs ever sold, for tea cents (see it,) flutes, piccoloes, fiddle strings, tails, bridges and keys.

Carts, waggons, carriages, skyes, cutters, sleighs, horses, dogs, cows, sheep, lions, elephants, birds and birds that can fly. Dogs that will bark. Dogs with tails and dogs without.

DOLLS

Big dolls, and little dolls, Indian dolls, nigger dolls, talking dolls, nankin dolls, kid dolls, china dolls, rubber dolls, rag dolls, iron dolls, nearly all kinds of dolls.

Gents' dressing companions, leather cases, collar and cuff boxes, necktie cases, shaving cases.

Ladies' dressing cases, writing cases, work boxes, handkerchief and glove cases. Jewell cases. Perfume cases, card cases, also a great stock of perfumes in bulk and in bottle. Hair brushes, nail brushes, tooth brushes, paint brushes and other kinds of brushes and combs, side combs, front combs, back combs, dressing combs, barbers' combs. Small tooth combs, fine tooth combs, hair curlers in kid and iron. Waver's cosmetic moustache wax, parses for ladies and gentlemen, bill books, cigar cases and cigars, pipes and tobacco. Corks and bottles, pills and powder. Hold on, getting mixed again.

Books and Stationery

Hymn books, Methodist, fine Indian paper, soft backs, leather lined, round corners, etc. Hymn books, Presbyterian, from 10c up. A beautiful stock of bibles, just imported, direct from England, with soft pliable limp bindings and clear print. I have bibles from 25 cents to \$1.50, just what you want for presents. A nice assortment of the poets from Poe to Shakespeare in beautiful bindings and new styles. But the editor says he has no room for more. Come and see the rest.

Richardson's - - Drug - - Store

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