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The Redistribution Bill which was vetoed by the Senate last year was re-introduced this session and met the same fate. As only another year must elapse before the regular decennial distribution must be made, it is evident that the present bill was only forced in this way in order to make the upper house unpopular. The scheme will scarcely succeed.

Lord Roberts has not yet started his advance on the Transvaal, and the Boers appear to be taking the aggressive in a measure. On Sunday a troop of British were ambushed near Bloemfontein. There was a sharp engagement wherein about 300 English were either killed, wounded or captured, and six guns appear also to have been taken by the Boers. It is thought, however, that these guns have been recaptured, but the reports received have been meagre and it is not known exactly how important the engagement was.

The latest absurdity in the religious world is Sheldon's attempt to show the people of this continent how Jesus would edit a newspaper if he were on earth. The world is full of people who think they are qualified to set up a standard of christian perfection whereby their fellowmen should govern themselves, and these rules are as varied as they are numberless. Stead "came" to Chicago and Sheldon "came" to hundreds of thousands (at 25c per week) and there are some who have "come" to Flesherton with the same resolve to revolutionize prevailing ideas, and all have succeeded in raising for the time being a little flurry on the sea of life; but the waters shortly calm down and present the same silvery surface that they did before the storm, because the teachings are not accepted as justifiable and those who advocate them are obliged to move on and give place to the normal. Yet some will always be found who are susceptible to any doctrine and there are many who love to be led. While the world wags there will always be found people who are anxious to adopt new theories and champion the expounders thereof.

The Ontario Legislature has introduced a measure dealing with election frauds which is aimed in the right direction. The bill is a drastic one, and among other things provides that a bribe taker may be imprisoned six months or be fined $200 or both. The person unduly influencing a voter must be imprisoned one year and fined $200. Personation carries a fine of $400 and jail for one year. Returning officers who falsify returns will be liable to a fine of $2000 and twelve months' imprisonment. These reforms are all very well, but will the result be all that is expected? When under the old law, such men as Duncan Bole and others of that stamp are allowed to "see their friends" on the other side after arrest without any guarantee that they will return, how much more under the new law will the partisan officers favor the ticket of leave system and thus defeat the aims of justice?

The Duke of York has accepted from a resident of Cork a thousand packets of Shamrock seed, which will be sown upon the graves of Irish soldiers in South Africa.

The Queen has cabled to Lord Roberts, asking him to convey to Mrs. Joubert, widow of General Joubert, her sympathy at the loss of her husband, and to tell her that the British people always regarded the dead General as a gallant soldier and honorable foeman.

Miss Minnie M. Hodgson, eldest daughter of John W. Hodgson, was married on Wednesday evening to James McKee, only son of Geo McKee, of Whitfield. Rev. R. J. Husband performed the ceremony in the presence of about 80 invited guests. The bride was the recipient of a large number of beautiful presents. The young couple have the best wishes of a large circle of friends for their future happiness and success.—Free Press

Mr. A. H. Bruce of Ottawa has received a letter from relatives in Quebec telling an interesting story of the adventures of a young cousin of his who was prevented from joining the first contingent on account of his tender years and the interference of his parents. Nevertheless, the boy was determined to go to South Africa, and when the second contingent left he was missed from his home. His family were greatly excited about him until a few days ago when they received a letter from him in South Africa, stating that he was well and on the field of battle with the Canadian soldiers. Just previous to the departure of the ship he hurried past the sentry on the gangway, stating that he had a note for one of the officers. He thereupon ensconced himself in a secluded nook in the hold of the ship, where he remained for two days and two nights, and on making his appearance was admitted as a member of the contingent. Young Hill is sixteen years of age. He comes of a fighting family. An older brother is with the first contingent.

NEW GROCERY

I have opened out a full line of new groceries in Wrights old store, opposite Armstrong's jewellery, and will keep in stock everything usually kept in an up-to-date grocery. Specialties in their season. Tobaccos, Cigars, candies, spices, canned goods of every discription, smoked finan haddies, soaps—including the celebrated Sapolio. I have a prime soap at six bars for 25c. Pickles, toothpicks, and, as the auctioneers say, many other articles too numerous to mention—all fresh and choice.

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Loer—A note given in favor of Wm. Phillips, &c., by James Maunders, for the sum of $35, due in Feb. last. All parties are hereby cautioned against negotiatiating the same.

WM. PHILLIPS

Maxwell, March 12, 1900.

TO RENT

Lot No. 10, north of the Durham Road, near Priceville, also a large house and two large gardens, in the village, known as the Scott property. Will be rented together, on reasonable terms. For further particulars apply to Mrs. C. Scott, Arthur, Ont.

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Flesherton, Feb. 9, 1900.

M. Richardson & Co.

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MILLINERY OPENING

Tuesday & Wednesday
April 10th and 11th.

We are making special preparations for our Spring Millinery Opening on the above dates and shall display an elegant collection of Seasonable Millinery Novelties to lovers of the beautiful and artistic.

Miss Rankin of Barrie will again take charge of this department for the coming season and Ladies entrusting their orders to her capable execution are assured of the best satisfaction.

New Straws, New Shapes. New Veilings. New Laces. New Chiffons. New Ribbons. New Flowers, New Feathers and the Latest Millinery Novelties of every description.

Black Dress Fabrics.

This season we display an unusually comprehensive range of Black Dress Goods, believing there is no more deservedly popular color in Dress Fabrics at all times and seasons.

Our selections for direct import were booked at old prices and we mark their selling prices on the same basis—purchasers therefore have a two-fold advantage in the combination of variety and value we offer.

Prices from 20c. to
$2.00 per yard.

Our ranges include:—Black Cashmeres, Black Henriettas, Black Poplins, Black Soliels, Black Reps Black Grenadines, Black Twills, Black Serges, Black Figures, Black French Figures, Black Silk and Wool Mixtures, Black Lustres, Black Figured Lustres, Black Suitings.

Our assortment of Black and White Shepherd's Plaids and Checks at 20, 40 and 50c. per yard is worthy of Special Inspection.

Specialities in Skirt Lengths

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Wool Homespun in Plaids and Stripes. Black Figured Novelties.

Hardware Depart.

NEW WALL PAPERS.

NEARLY 6000 ROLLS TO SELECT FROM

IT'S EASY to talk up our wall Papers this season—they really speak for them selves in quality, variety and design—in fact they have all the points of excellence the decorator and buyer like.

New and artistic effects at very moderate price in our special features. Prices from 4c. per Roll.

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Vicinity Chips

Characteristics of the Past Week Carefully Culled for the Curious

A. S. VanDusen is still lending money at 4½ per cent straight.

Head Sawyer Wanted—first class man. Apply to J. & W. Boyd, Proton.

Housekeeper wanted. Apply at Methodist Parsonage, Flesherton.

The spring break up has been with us during the past week.

Of 34 prisoners in Owen Sound jail 30 are vagrants, according to an exchange.

Good second hand parlor heating stove for sale cheap at this office.

The robins and blackbirds have arrived in numbers, and the grub execution will soon begin.

Old newspapers for sale at this office—any quantity up to one ton—at 1c per lb.

FOR SALE—Three good working horses, one Jersey heifer calf, 1 year old. W. W. Trimble

To rent—Lots 68-69, Con. 3, N. D. R., Artemesia, large clearing, good buildings. Apply to W. J. Bellamy, Flesherton.

A gentleman was in town last week attempting to organize a circle of Chosen Friends. We have not heard that he was successful.

The evangelistic services held in the Methodist church for some weeks past by Mr. Goff, were brought to a close on Monday evening of this week.

Milliners busy trimming and preparing for openings, which will be held next Wednesday and Thursday, April 11 and 12, at Mrs Trimble's millinery rooms.

Dr Alexander Purdy and family, who have been visiting with friends here for the past winter, left on Saturday for the long journey to their home on the Pacific coast.

The Advance desires reliable correspondents at Maxwell and Feversham. These two important points should be represented in our columns. For particulars please apply at once.

4½ per cent private money loaned on easy terms of repayment by Geo. Rutherford, Shelburne. Expenses low. Communications receive prompt attention.

R. J. Sproule has a few cheap farms to dispose of before spring opens, also a comfortable house and lot in Flesherton Any contemplating purchasing would do well to call.

Mr. A. Cairns will leave on Tuesday next for the Northwest Territory, where he has taken up land. Among other effects Mr. Cairns will take a house ready framed. His sale on Tuesday last was very successful, good prices being realized.

R. J. Sproule has just conducted two successful auction sales this and last week, for P. K. Burns of Osprey and A. Cairns, Artemesia. Those contemplating having a sale will consult their interest by calling on him before engaging an auctioneer.

Sproule & Crossley have received another consignment of best Manitoba flour which they are selling at lowest prices. Their grocery, confectionery and stationery departments are also complete in all the latest novelties of the season. Those wanting anything in their line will consult their interest by calling and inspecting our stock.

Mr. W. H. Heard has again this year secured the agency for the renowned Cleveland bicycle, and will also handle the National line of 52 different wheels, including the E. and D. and Columbia. Anyone intending to purchase a wheel this spring or summer should inspect our stock and get terms before making any engagement for purchase.

Thursday evening last while the band boys were returning from the Ceylon Patriotic concert the livery team ran away at Adams' hill, throwing them all down the embankment. Some had bruises of various kinds and a number of the horns were badly damaged, and are now in hospital for repair. The horses ran into town before being stopped. Considerable damage was done to the sleighs, and it is a marvel that the horses escaped as they did.

Mr. Mark Wilson found a skunk caught in a steel trap at his slaughter house one day last week. Mark was somewhat puzzled as to the most advisable mode of procedure to capture the enemy, but being a good strategist he skirmished in such a way as to make it possible to rush the animal after the style of the Canadians at Paardeberg. The rush took place and the captured animal was thrown from the building by the back of the neck, but not before the beast had fired a deadly volley at the attacking force the result of which is said to have been worse than the bursting of a lyddite shell, and for a couple of days anyone driving out towards the station would have no difficulty in locating the slaughter house.

Several of our esteemed subscribers have written us during the past week that they did not think their labels were correct. In each case the parties were paid up until Jan. of next year. To make the matter plain we desire to point out that a label marked "31st Dec. 00" means that it is paid until the 31st Dec. next (between the two centuries), or if marked "1 Jan. 01" it means the first of Jan. of the year one of the next century, the same thing almost as the first instance given, there being only one day's difference. See that your label has 00 or 01 after it and you are all right. If not, you are in arrears.

Now that the birds are once more arriving it would be wise to draw attention to the benefits they confer by the destruction of vermin. Last year the cater pillar pest threatened to destroy our forests, fruit and shade trees, and there is fear that the scourge will be even worse this season. When the young worms have just hatched they are a dainty morsel for the birds and hosts of them are thus destroyed by the feathered tribe. Later on they are too coarse and few are killed. Protect the birds should be the watchword of all. Even the much-maligned sparrow is one of the most useful in this sphere of action. The law against the destruction of insectivorous birds should be strictly enforced, and parents should teach their children to protect and appreciate our feathered friends and assistants.

Patriotic Concert

Another very successful patriotic concert was held over at the Station on Thursday evening of last week. Mr. A. McGill filled the chair very ably. The program was long but choice, and its extreme length precludes the possibility of mentioning all. There was some similarity, too, between it and other programs given in this vicinity, but among the new things we might mention the following: Rev. Mr. Humphreys of Priceville gave a very interesting address in his usual vigorous and entertaining style. He always has something important to say and knows how to say it. Mr. M. Richardson was the only other speaker, and did himself justice. An instrumental trio by Mrs. Wright and Messrs. Yirs and Smith was very fine, as also was the singing of Masters Robbie and Ottie Tucker, who sang "Comrades" very nicely indeed. Mr. Jas. Ashdown sang the "Red, White and Blue." A burlesque gramophone imitation gave much amusement. Mr. W. Smith, night operator at the station, is somewhat of a character artist and sang "Tommy Atkins," "The Toolan," and "Tell them that I have gone," in a manner highly pleasing to the audience. Miss Allie Ashdown sang sweetly the popular "Soldiers of the Queen." A nice number on the program was a Soldier of the Queen drill splendidly gotten up. Added to these were the choice pieces by our Flesherton talent which have been referred to in the reports of other concerts. The decorations were fine. A piano was generously loaned for the occasion by Mr. James Ashdown. The committee are to be congratulated upon the success of this concert, as it netted over sixty dollars. They desire us to thank the Flesherton business men and others who so largely assisted in the success of the entertainment.

Go Thou and Do Likewise.

There are those who say they cannot "afford" to raise large families, but a couple of instances that have recently come under our notice would have a tendency to make one ask how we can afford not to raise large families. The fecundity of the French people is well known, but here is an extraordinary example from the Russel Leader. It says:

"Mr. and Mrs. T. Lachapelle, of Embrun village, township of Russel, holds the distinction of being the parents of twenty-one children the eldest of whom is now twenty-two and the youngest one month old. Mr. Lachapelle and Madam Lachapell are 43 and 40 years old respectively and have been married twenty-three years. Mr. Lachapelle expects a still larger family. He at present holds the the second record for this township, the first being held by the late Mr. and Mrs. Potvin who were the parents of 29 children. Mr. Lachapell's family consists of thirteen girls and eight boys. Once more Russell is to the fore, and it will yet be the banner county of Ontario."

With regard to the Potvin family, referred to above Mr P. Loucks of this place gives us the following facts: Mr. and Mrs. Potvin were the parents of 29 children, all boys and single births. The boys are all now married and have families of their own. Mr. Potvin, when he was married was not worth anything, but he raised his family and presented each of his twenty nine boys with a hundred acre farm. Mr. Loucks, who was thoroughly well acquainted with both the Lachapelle and Potvin families, having gone to school with the former, vouches for these facts. He says that one winter Mr. Potvin had seventeen of his boys with him in the bush getting out square timber. These people evidently believe that it pays to raise large families.

The Jolly Pulls

The Jolly Pulls! The famous German hypnotist and mind reader are to be here on April 9,10 and 11. Sensitives will be made to do anything Prof. Pull suggests, frequently producing dramatic, operatic sketches and impersonations from the great orators and poets of ancient and modern times. Hypnotism is endorsed by the leading musical societies of the world. The French Academy formally recognized Hypnotism as a science in 1827. The British Medical Association in 1890 passed a resolution giving hypnotism a standing amongst the medical sciences. The German Society of Naturalists and Physicians endorsed Hypnotism as a positive science in 1888. The American Medical association recognized hypnotism as a successful factor in the treatment of diseases in 1890. Don't miss it but come and enjoy a hearty laugh.

Liquid air can now be produced at a cost of 5 cents a gallon, and will, no doubt, in many instances, take the place of coal. Thirty gallons will furnish the same amount of power as a ton of coal, and will therefore reduce the cost of running machinery on land and sea fully fifty per cent. It will also afford much valuable space which is now required for storing coal. For refrigerating purposes, 55 gallons of liquid air will do the work five tons of ice. When air is reduced to 312 degrees below zero it can be dipped up and poured out like water. Manufacturers are becoming interested in the new agent and perhaps the day is not far distant when it will be generally used.

Mr. Duncan Marshal has bought the Union Standard newspaper in Thornbury, Grey County, and will enter on his new duties next week. Mr. Marshall is no novice in journalism, and we may expect to see the Union Standard under its new management, become one of the most ably edited papers in North-Western Ontario.—Chesley Enterprise.

"Yes, mum, my 'usband's got killed fightin' Kruger. But, then I've 'ad £5 from the Patriotic Fund, and £11 from the Imperial War Fund; and the Daily Telegraph Fund gives me £15 a year for life, and invested £50 for my child. Then the Patriotic Fund gives me 5s. a week until I marries again, and 1s. 6d. a week for the child. So I ain't lost anything." (A fact.)

NOTICE to CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of John Osburn, late of the village of Flesherton, Township of Artemesia, in the County of Grey, Farmer Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, chapter 128, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said John Osburn, who died on or about the second day of February, 1900, are required, on or before the first day of May, 1900, to send by post prepaid or deliver to W. J. Bellamy, one of the executors of the estate of the said deceased, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said administrators will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1900.

W. J. BELLAMY.

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A New Department

This spring we shall open a new Department and shall keep in stock a complete assostment of Ladies Trimmed and Untrimmed Sailor Hats which shall be to your advansage to see before purchasing.

GENTLEMEN!

We have just opened up our new spring hats and have the latest shapes in all colors. Order your new spring suit. Never had we such a good assortment of black worsteds. Fancy worsteds in all the new shades and the finest goods that can be bought, new shirts in white and colored.

New Wall Papers—We have been showing new wall papers this last week and everybody says they never saw such nice patterns, such good quality at the prices. The quality, variety, design and prices are unsurpassed. Prices from 4c a roll up to 20c. Highest price paid for Butter and Eggs. Bring us your Maple Syrup.

T. J. SHEPPARD

Flesherton, Ont.

The New Store

Our Spring Dress Good, Silks, Prints, Linens, Lace Curtains, Shirtings, Tickings, Cottonade are ready for inspection. Now we arg living in a progressive time, and never before was there such a stock shown in this part of the country. The goods being bought months ago, and expences are nothing comared with other places so it is a sure gurantee that we can save you money.

500 yards of fance cheque Print in diffrent color per yard 5c.

250 cards of Prints in pink strips and Blue with polka a regular 10c. 7½cts.

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