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The great fire last week at Hull and Ottawa ranks second among the destructive fires that have taken place in Canada. Latest estimates place the loss in this instance at $20,000,000. The great fire at St. Johns, Newfoundland, three years ago, where $22,000,000 worth of property was destroyed, stands at the head of the list. In 1835 New York had a fifteen million fire, and the great fire of Chicago distroyed $195,000,000 worth of property.

An editorial writer on the Toronto Star (which, by the way, is now being run as a champion of the departmental store and is owned by departmental store men, no doubt inadvertently allowed the following item to appear in its columns on Saturday last. Coming from such a source it ought to open the eyes of the shopping-by-mail people. The Star says :—"School children will send a thousand or more miles for their pads and pencils, pay postage and expressage, just as their parents do for shoes and dress goods and think they are saving something because they may get an extra pencil or an additional shoelace by so doing. They lose every time but no one can convince them of the fact, for have they not a sixth pencil, even if the other five are all shorter than the legal length they could buy in their home stores ?"

Combines appear to be the fashionable thing in our commercial world to-day, and the recent advance in prices on all commodities is direct result of these. The farming community is hit hard, but there is an alleviating feature in their case in the fact that prices for much farm produce have also advanced. The newspaper man is probably hit harder than anyone, in that he has no means of raising prices to correspond with the advance in his raw material. Merchants merely raise the price of their goods and purchaser has to pay, while the profit is not affected. In every case it comes out of the consumer. To bring it down to a point and show how the publisher is affected we may state that the rise in paper alone will cause us this year an actual extra outlay of over one hundred dollars. Added to this, the government reimposed postage last year. For these additional outlays there is no means whereby newspaper men can reimburse themselves except by preventing as far as possible loss on their subscription lists and trimming these lists to actual paid-in-advance subscribers. With profits cut down as they have been all leakage must be promptly stopped or the struggling country weekly will go to the wall.

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Told To Sue For Peace.

London, April 29.—The Dresden Neueste Nachrichten learns from the very best source that at the conference held between members of the Boer mission and Dr. de Beaufort, the Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, the latter did his best to convince the Transvaal delegates of the hopelessness of their mission. At the pressing request of the mission, Dr. de Beaufort put himself in communication with the Cabinets in Berlin, Vienna, St. Petersburg and Paris, and naturally received from all of them the answer that any intervention was impossible. All the powers, without exception, advised the Boers to make overtures of peace to England. Even if their independence should be sacrificed, the conclusion of peace would at least put an end to useless bloodshed.

Notwithstanding this good advice the delegation has sailed for the United States, where they hope to enlist the sympathies of President McKinley. They will fail there too. Sympathy is a cheap commodity among politicians, and the delegation will be surfeited with this, but practical sympathy is another thing and of this they will get no taste.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. John Moran, head sawyer of Biette & Co's. saw mill, Tara, was fixing some machinery while the saw was in motion. The carriers caught him and he was drawn up against the large circular saw, and before the machinery could be stopped his left leg was cut off above the knee. He was removed quickly to his home, medical aid summoned, and fair hopes are entertained of his surviving the shock.—Advertiser.

Billy Falls familiar figure has been missed from the streets for the past week. The poor old man is very ill, with no prospects of a speedy recovery. The neighbors have ministered to his comfort, and Reeve Campbell has interested himself in his wellfare. The council have made arrangements for his present comforts, and will probably send him to the Collingwood hospital for treatment.—Reflector.

NOTICE to CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of James H. Allen, late of the Township of Artemesia in the County of Grey, farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the revised statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chapter 129, Section 36, that all Creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said James H. Allen, who died on or about the third day of November, A D. 1899, are required on or before the 21st day of of May, 1900, to send by post prepaid to R. J. Sproule and Richard Allen, Flesherton, the executors of the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased, their full christian and address and particulars of their claims, if any, held by them; and further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets or of any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them of such distribution.

Robt. J. Sproule and Richard Allen,
Executors

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Jersey heifer calf for sale. Apply to F. A. Bunt, Flesherton.

Quarterly services will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday next.

FOR SALE—Good, sound, young, mare. Apply to R. P. Legate & Co., Ceylon.

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

If you want your carpet done in a workmanlike manner call at Henderson's, opposite the Presbyterian church.

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

For a neat account of the wedding of Miss Mary Jamieson of Artemesia to Mr. Robert McMaster of Osprey, see Portlaw correspondence.

Ladies, have you seen Mrs. Trimble's line of cheap and pretty hats from $1.75 to $2.50? It will pay you to call and look at them.

Mr. John Nuhn has re leased the woollen factory and is busy preparing for a busy wool season. Remember him when you have wool to sell, or rolls to card.

An auction sale of implements, store stock, etc., will be held in Priceville on Friday, May 4, the property of E. L. Hogarth, who is removing to Collingwood. D. McCormack, auctioneer.

The wool season is opening at somewhat of an advance over last year, the quotation at present being 16 to 18 cents, with a prospect that it may go a little above this price.

Mr. W. Petch was obliged through illness to give up his seat on the egg-wagon last Thursday, and is still under the weather, but we hope soon to see him on his perch.

Mrs. Trimble informs The Advance that her opening hats have never gone off so fast as they have this season. She is overflowing with orders, but still there's room for more.

Our township fathers will take an outing next Saturday to the most picturesque spot in Grey County. At last meeting of council a resolution was passed to meet at Eugenia, on that date.

Division Court was held before Judge Morrison in the town hall on Wednesday of last week. There were fifteen cases on the docket, none of which were of special interest and no important legal points were brought out in any of them.

Mr. Duncan Marshall, late organizer of the Dominion Alliance, has purchased the plant of the defunct Thornbury Standard and re-vitalized that paper. The receipt of the first number under the new management should have been noted last week.

Cleveland, E. & D., Crescent, Scotsman, and other bicycles for sale, The man whom I cannot please is hard to please indeed. All styles, all prices. Your old wheel taken in exchange. W. H. Heard, Flesherton.

There will be an eclipse of the sun on May 28, visible in Ontario, between 8 and 10 a m., when about two thirds of the sun's disc will be obscured. Farther south, in the gulf states, the eclipse will be total, and extensive preparations are being made by scientists to observe the phenomena attaching thereto.

The Mission Band of the Methodist church will give one of their interesting entertainments on Friday, 11th inst., commencing at 8 o'clock, consisting of readings, dialogues, recitations and music by the talent of Flesherton. A collection will be taken up in aid of Band funds. All welcome.

The annual South Grey teachers' convention will be held in the school house, Flesherton, on Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26. On the evening of Friday the usual public entertainment will be given, when, among other talent, Mr. A. S. Embury, P.S.I., Peel Co., will deliver an address on "Educational Forces." Programs for evening entertainment will be issued this week.

Born—In Flesherton, on Monday, 30th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lawrence, a son.

New advertisements this week: M. Richardson & Co., McFarland & Co., F. T. Hill & Co., F. A. Bunt.

Sproule, Crossley & Co. have just opened a consignment of nice fresh lemons, selling at 20c doz., and oranges accordingly. Also a fresh lot of new bananas, dutch sett onions and Foglish multipliers very cheap.

The Advance is sorry to learn that Mr. Thos. Scott, township clerk of Osprey, was burned out on Saturday last. The fire originated in the roof near the chimney and was caused by a defect therein. Mr. Scott observed the fire in time to save all the township papers and books and some of his household goods. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Rev. J. Buchanan of Markdale preached a sermon to the Markdale I. O. O. F. on Sunday last, this being the occasion of the 81st anniversary of the order. Messrs. T. Gilchrist, Jas. Dyce, W. Lawrence, D. McTavish, John Whitten, W. Boyd, W. E. White, Jacob A. Williams and W. Moore represented the Flesherton lodge. They all speak highly of the service.

M. Jas. Patton is always endeavoring to improve the stock, and his latest move in that direction is the purchase of a fine imported clydesdale stallion from Colquhoun & Brooks, the veteran importers of Waterloo, Ont. The animal is a fine one weighing 2100 lbs, and Mr. Patton purposes travelling him in this vicinity this season.

Mr. W. Trimble has, we understand, sold his Durham stage and livery business to D. J. McNally of Holland, at least, such sale was announced last week in the Durham papers. On Monday evening last week The Advance asked Mr. Trimble if the sale had been consummated and were informed that it had not. So just where the matter stands is hard to say. We believe, however, that Mr. McNally has possession.

A Euphrasia councillor in conversation with The Advance on Saturday last expressed a desire that Artemesia would take up the matter of placing the valley road in good shape for travel and said that the Euphrasia Council was prepared to look after their end of the road. We draw the attention of our councillors to this fact and trust they can see their way clear to meet the desires of Euphrasia. That township wishes a better outlet for their produce and would get it in this direction as the hill question would be practically done away with.

On account of not having a sufficient number of dailies in the reading room our library grant was much cut down last year. From a list of grants made public libraries in this section we quote the following figures by way of comparison: Shelburne got $18.50, Dundalk $160, Owen Sound $182, Mt. Forest $157.80, Stayner $80, Bolton $126.25, Claude $110.20, Durham $189.75, Grand Valley $109.10, Creemore $88.10, Orangeville $191.60, Rosemont $160, Melanthon, $87.10, Flesherton $56.25, Mesford $83.40, and Arthur $33.50.

A circular is being forwarded to the various Public Schools Inspectors throughout Ontario, from the Minister of Education, suggesting plans for the celebration of Empire Day, May 23rd. It is suggested in the circular that the morning part of the time be devoted to a general dissertation on the British Empire, its extent and resourses, its glorious history, distinguishnd statesmen, authors and with special reference to Canada. It is also recommended that a suitable programme of patriotic recitations and songs by the pupils, and addresses from Trustees or others should be arranged for the afternoon. The Canadian ensign or the British flag should also be hoisted on the school buildings.

The License commissioners of Centre Grey held a meeting in Boyd's hotel, Rocklyn, on April 20, to consider applications for licenses for 1900-1. Licenses were granted to the following:—Aaron Munshaw, Flesherton; Arch Butters, Priceville; Joseph Cairns, Ceylon; O'Neil Bros., Ceylon; Patrick Bulger, Priceville; Peter Munshaw, Eugenia; Mrs. S. Alleo, Berkley; Geo. Leich, Holland Centre; Allan McDougall, Williamsford; Joan Compbell, Chatsworth; Elisha Hanbury, Walters Falls; Eliza Blackstock, Singhampton; G. R. Glassford, Maxwell; Jacob Schumaker, James Kelly, and Andrew Fogartay, Markdale; Thos Lowe and Leah Issac, Thornbury; W. H. McLean, Clarksburg; Jos. Boyd, Rocklyn; A. F. Schumaker, Desboro. The case of John Matheson, applicant for license for Chatsworth, was laid over for consideration at a meeting to be held at Clarksburg on May 8th.—Reflector.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Flesherton Cemetery Trust will be held on Wednesday, the 9th of May, at 8 P. M., in the Town Hall, to receive the treasurer's report. A full attendance is requested.

Wm. Clayton, Sec.

Articles Just Arrived At Medical Hall

Corn—Longfellow, Compton's Early, Minnesota Early, Red Cob ensilage corn, Giant Prolific and Leaming (the earliest of the large variety) and Tares. Plant food for house and garden plants, makes a sturdy and luxurious foliage. Also a fresh supply of Clover and Buckwheat.

Laborers on the C. P. R. docks at Owen Sound will this year be 15 cents per hour.

Honor Rolls

Vandeleur Public school honor roll for April:

4th—Mary Pritchard and Katie Davis (equal,) Gracie Graham.

Sr. 3rd—Rosie Gilbert, Wilfred Cullis.

Jr. 3rd—Howard Graham, M. Weber.

Sr. 2nd—Ethel Warling, Annie Hislop, Eva Gilbert, Violet Warling.

Jr. 2nd—Edward Kennedy, Maggie Davis, Letitia Warling, Bell Buchanan.

Sr. Pt. 2—Stuart Hislop, Charlie Buchanan, Annie Wyville, Wilford Graham.

Sr. Pt. 1—Frank Davis and Bertha Fadden (equal) Johnny Kennedy and Villroy Summers (equal)

Jr. Pt. 1—Ella Warling, Sadie Warling, Harry Wyville, George Hislop.

Average attendance for the month 38.

L. C. HAWKEN, Teacher.

The village of Brookville, a few miles west of Milton, was about wiped out by fire Friday afternoon.

The first boats of the season passed through the Welland Canal Friday afternoon. The canal is now open.

M. Jas. McLaughlin of Owen Sound, who has been doing a tour of the world, returned home last week.

Two Owen Sound hotelkeepers died last week—Mr. S. A. Cameron of the Ross House and Mr. Thomas Grimes of the Pacific hotel.

A resident of our town has drawn our attention to the usefulness of our little friend, the sparrow, whom he has been watching for the last few days, and from observations he found that they were destroying the caterpillar nests which are now making their appearance on the fruit trees. Many evils have been laid to their charge, but this one good trait ought to cover the whole multitude of evils.—Hanover Post.

Fish stories are in season. A small boy engaged in fishing near the swing bridge a few days ago was accosted by a gentleman passing by and asked if he was meeting with success, to which the precocious youngster replied in the negative. "How is that ?" said his interlocutor. "Well," said Johnnie, "only just a moment ago I pulled a nineteen pound sucker above water and it slipped off the hook." "How do you know it weighed nineteen pounds ?" queried the gentleman. "That's easy said the kid, "you see, sir, it had the scales on its back !"—O. S. Sun.

NOTE LOST

LOST—A note given in favor of Wm. Phillips Sr., by James Maunders, for the sum of $375 due in Feb. last. All parties are hereby cautioned against negotiatiating the same.

WM. PHILLIPS

Maxwell, March 12, 1900.

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Ladies, we have this week opened our New Spring Shirt Waists. We are carrying this Spring a much larger stock and our prices are low. These goods we bought at a bargain and we are selling at a bargain, prices from 50c to $2.00.

Silk and Satin Department—In this department we have now the finest assortment we ever showed, a beautiful variety for Ladies' Waists.

We also opened this week a lot of Ladies' ready to wear skirts in all colors. The prices range from $1 to $5.

Don't forget that this season we have added Millinery to our store and shall carry a full stock of Ladies Trimmed Hats. We cordially invite every lady to call and view our selection.

Wall Papers—Bear in mind that we are carrying a very large stock of wall papers. We never carried such a variety and the pattern, quality and price are the best and lowest.

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Flesherton, Ont.

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