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"TRUTH BEFORE FAVOR."—"PRINCIPLES NOT MEN."

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Good Goods.

In commencing the year we have a good showing of all stock and it means but a careful examination of our stock to convince you of the fact. We are prepared to do business with an intelligent public and we offer GOOD GOODS at reasonable prices to all our customers.

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GOLD WATCHES, SILVER WATCHES, LADIES WATCHES
MEN'S WATCHES, MANTAL CLOCKS ALARM CLOCKS
SILVERWARE, BROOCHES, WEDDING RINGS
ENGAGEMENT RINGS, WATCH CHAINS

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We do a large business in repairing and if your watch or clock won't keep good time bring it here.

W. A. ARMSTRONG - FLESHERTON

Thirty-five Years Ago and Now.

For The Advance

What then, and who then controlled the destinies of Artemesia? Then there was no drill shed, no township hall, no railroad, nothing but log built school houses, no permanent newspaper, no finished churches, with municipal debts, money scarce and lots of whiskey.

There were perhaps two or three general stores, crimped in size and stock. Taverns were numerous, one in every two or three miles of the Toronto Gravel Road.

W. K. Flesher, Esq., was the chief magistrate and had been for several years. Many of the other participants in municipal management are gone over to the great majority. Stone, McMullen, Campbell, Armstrong, Rutledge, Leckie, Elliott, Sullivan, Henderson, Ghent and others I cannot recall, have served the township in their day and have passed over the border.

The others then in service more or less, if living, are gone to points unknown. If nothing more, this affords food for reflection.

There is a marked change in the management of municipal matters. Previous to this period the collector of taxes was permitted to hold uncollected rolls for two or maybe three years, causing inextricable confusion. So much was this the case that the time of the council was chiefly occupied by passing resolutions, ad infinitum, regarding those derelict rolls. Not so now; it was changed when Thos. Kells was appointed collector and perfected at the inauguration of ward collectors. This acted promptly and satisfactorily. Punctuality is now the rule. Municipal officers now know exactly, by a moment's examination, the financial status of the corporation. The change in the municipal law dispensing with reeves and deputy reeves deprives ambitious men from an interest which previously existed, and certainly deprives the county representatives of much knowledge they should possess to successfully fill their office. The idea is rapidly gaining ground that in a very short time a change in the system must be had. In regard to collectors and treasurers for the past twenty-five years or more their bondsmen have never been troubled to pay shortages or collect balances. A record to be much appreciated.

Then it was the people worshipped in school houses with the light of tallow candle in many places. The pastors' residences partook very much of the characteristics of the schoolhouses built of logs and joints, chinked with rails and mud plaster. Then there were only Presbyterian services at Priceville, later in Orange Valley. Then the Methodists had no finished churches and, like other denominations, they preached in schoolhouses. The Methodists being the pioneers to the township, had naturally, more points to furnish and hence their circuit was a very large one. If I remember it was comprised of Flesherton, as the head, Markdale, Eugenia, Priceville, Inistioge, Dundalk, Proton, Meaford Road and I think Zion (I don't mean Alexander Dowie's Zion) two minister's for the whole grounds with salaries of $500 per annum or less. Then it was that the Spirit of God rested on the preacher and people and many flocked to the standard. But a contrast reveals that increased riches meant increase of churches and that meant increase of ministerial supply and very naturally increase on financial lines with an increase of church embelishments, and what is strange these things have witnessed decrease in spiritual influence all along the churches. Some declare the cause to be that the functions of the pulpit seem to be performed in a semi-perfunctory manner. The preaching mostly is to the head and the heart is neglected. The people mourn because they do not feel as they used to do and therefore Ichabod is written on her tabernacles. Ministers' labors are limited to two or at most three appointments with increased salaries and with no corresponding results. But are there not faults elsewhere? Since those days a change has come over the people themselves and they have become wealthy, they have become less spiritual; more worldly independence they are less careful about salvation; more absorbed in worldly pursuits and have less time and less desire for godliness. These things, no doubt, emphasize the cause of excessive spiritual barrenness now existing. Where is the line to be drawn? It seems only an earthquake will startle preacher and people into spiritual activities. Then too, the places for worship were unadorned and true worshippers were unaffected by it. The contrast is very noticeable, paints, flourishes and decorations without end seem to have had a share in the depletion. All such garnishing, minus the necessary garnishing of the heart, is vanity and vexation of spirit. It is said the City Tabernacle occupied by the non-academic yet well stored and spiritually minded Parker, recently deceased, was large and exceedingly plain with exposed brick walls on the interior yet thousands were drawn thither by the exceptional ability, tact and hunger for souls of this great and good man. Go ye and do likewise. This meditation of mine is merely thrown in.

W.S.C.

To be continued.

A Popular Teacher.

Mr. A. Reid, teacher in No. 3, Artemesia, has been on duty at that school for fourteen years and has commenced upon his fifteenth. His services are highly appreciated and on Friday afternoon last the trustees and ratepayers assembl d at the school for a sort of jollification. The children were treated to candies and oranges, after which Mr. Alfred Harrison was invited to take the chair. The program was varied, including speeches, (everybody felt like making a speech), music and songs by the children, etc. The most interesting number on this program (to Dominie Reid, at least) was when Miss Lily Thistlewaite came forward and read an address to their beloved teacher, while Master Wes Orr presented a big bundle which proved to be a fine fur overcoat. Mr. Reid replied in grateful terms. We append the address :

DEAR TEACHER,—We, the scholars and ratepayers of S. S. No. 3. in the township of Artemesia, the county of Grey, take much pleasure in assembling here today and presenting to you this fur overcoat, as a slight token of their appreciation of your lengthy services as teacher of this section, and also as a further mark of their good will and wishes towards you. As a teacher you have always shown a lively interest in your school duties and in the welfare of your scholars. You have by your punctuality and regularity at school, by your willingness at all times to forego your personal pleasures for the advancement of your pupils, proved yourself to be a true teacher. Knowing this, we felt it was only right we should acknowledge your services in some way. We ask you to accept this coat, (apart from its intrinsic value) as an evidence of the good will of the scholars and ratepayers of this section and of the high regard in which you are universally held as a teacher of the young. Your courtesy, co-operation and kindness to the scholars under your charge have always inspired us with confidence which we value more than we can express in words.

May you be spared many years to wear this coat and may the sunshine of the Divine Presence ever rest with you and yours is the wish of your many friends.

Signed on behalf of the scholars and ratepayers of S. S. No. 3, Artemesia.

Trustees { GEO JOHNSON, WM. WYATT, M. A. STEWART.

Riddell-Cleland

The bride, who is a niece and nearly as possible namesake, of Mr. Joseph Blackburn of this place, and having numerous relatives in Artemesia township, the following notice of her marriage taken from the Owen Sound Times of last week, will be of interest to a goodly number of our readers :—A very pretty wedding of considerable interest to Owen Sounders, because of the popularity of one of the contracting parties, was solemnized at Balmoral, Man., on New Year's Day, 1903, by Rev. Mr. Bell, pastor of Presbyterian church, when Allen C. Rodwell, son of Mr. A. M. Riddell of this town, was wedded to Miss Josephine Cleland. The wedding took place at the beautiful country home of her parents, where she has always resided, at seven o'clock in the evening, to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Robert Rutherford. The bride who was given away by her father, was daintly attired in white organdie, trimmed with silk applique, and appeared as usual the type of loveliness. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Ada Cleland, while Mr. Bert Thompson, a personal friend of the groom, performed the duties of best man. After the customary congratulations were extended, the guests numbering over fifty, repaired to the dining room, where tables were spread with a delightful wedding repast. The bride was one of several very accomplished sisters, who were all present. The usual phrase that "the presents were numerous, costly and beautiful" can well be applied in referring to the gifts to the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Ridell will reside at Rainy River for some time at least, where Mr. Cleland is about to begin operations in his timber mills.

Nervous, Sleepless and Exhausted

Not sick enough to lay up, but you are out of sorts, blood is weak, nerves unstrung, kidneys deranged, vitality is low. You should take Ferrozone at once; it will enrich, strengthen and purify the blood, invigorate and pacify the nerves, and increase your energy, vitality and power. Ferrozone will renew your appetite and indigestion, make you sleep soundly—in fact will make you well. Try Ferrozone. Price 50c. per box, or six boxes for $2.50 ; at druggists or N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont. Sold by W. E. Richardson.

A very sad and fatal accident occurred when the house of George Thompson, just east of Lockerby, was burned to the ground with all its contents, and an infant about twenty months old, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond, was suffocated by the smoke. It seems that Mr. and Mrs Hammond were attending a schoolhouse entertainment a short distance away, and had left their child in charge of Mrs. Thompson, its aunt. In the course of the evening the house took fire, and Mrs. Thompson, who was alone at the time, placing the child in a place of safety as she thought, climbed to the roof and attempted to extinguish the flames, but in vain, and the little one, when taken from its place of supposed safety, was found dead.--Hanover Post.

YORKSHIRE BOAR FOR SERVICE

The undersigned has a fine thoroughbred Yorkshire boar for service on lot 34, fifth concession, Artemesia. Terms $1.

W. R. DYSON.

McFARLAND, STAFFORD & CO.

MARKDALE, ONT.

Grey County's Biggest and Cheapst Store.

Interesting Values

For January.

At this store January is a month of money-saving for buyers of Dry Goods, and we are anxious to make a general cleaning up in the different departments, making it advisable for us to Cut Deeply into prices. The following list is but a few of the many bargains that await you for this month:—

$7.00 Ladies' Mantles for $1.98

6 Ladies' Mantles in green and black, with velvet and braid trimming, close-fitting styles, former price 5.00, 6.00 and 7.00, to clear the lot we have marked them at 1.98

$10.50 Mantles for $3.98

8 Ladies' short Mantles, close-fitting, in black and fawn beavers, some with fancy braid trimming, others silk lined, regular price 9.50, 10.00, 10.50. These are suitable for any season of the year and our price now is only 3.98

$3.50 Child's Reefer for $1.75

14 Children's Reefers in colors blue, garnet and fawn, some are frieze, others beavers, trimmed with braid and pearl buttons, Former price from 2.00 to 3.50 you can fit any child from 6 to 10 years, only 1.75

$1.50 Ladies' Felt Hats 25c.

Ladies' Felt Hats including this season's sailors, walking hats, turbans. To clear the lot we have placed them on a table in the millinery show room and mark one price 25

$12.50 Ladies' Fur Capes for 7.90

4 only Ladies' Fur Capes, two of them are American Seal Fur, with high storm collar and lined throughout with best quality (satin quilted.) The others are Bear Skin Fur with Black Opposum Collar—lined with fancy farmers satin—all on sale at one price, reg. 12.00 for 7.90

60c. Table Linen for 47c.

Half bleached Table Linen, full 60 inches wide, pure linen, beautifully finished, double damask and worth in regular way 60c. yard, on sale at 47

$7.50 Men's Overcoats $5 50

10 Men's Dress Overcoats in Oxford Grey Cheviot cloth, with velvet collar and farmers satin lining, well made and this season's style, on sale at 5.50

$4.50 Dress Lengths for $2.50

We put on sale Thursday morning 20 Dress and skirt Lengths, of handsome wool and mohair Mantelessa and Crepons, large, medium and small designs, handsome silk-finished goods and worth in regular way 4.00, and 4.50 each length, your choice for 2 50

50c. Eiderdown Cloth for 32c.

Eiderdown Cloth in plain, pink, blue and cream and some fancy stripes. This cloth is very suitable for Ladies' Dressing Sacques or Infants' Cloaks, on sale this week at per yd 32

40c. Ladies' Worsted Horse for 25c

Another lot of Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Worsted Hose (made of pure worsted yarn) and sold in many places at 40c., sizes 8½, 9 and 9½, our price 25

Specials in Horseblankets.

Horse Blankets, size 72x72 inches, full shaped and half lined with jute, fancy striped hemp covering, special at each 95

Horse blankets, size 72x72 inches, shaped neck and lined throughout with Union flannel, extra value at each 1 25

$6.00 Fur Muffs for $1.98

Only eight Ladies' Fur Muffs left, but this is eight more than we want to see next Monday morning. The regular values were $4.00, 5.00 and 6.00 each. You can take your choice on Thursday morning of Grey Lamb, Black Opposum, Astrachan or Greenland Seal, for 1.98

Goods and price described accurately. We tell you plainly what to expect, and when you come you find things exactly as we say. There are many other lines reduced, but space will not allow everything to be mentioned. When in town our salespeople will be pleased to show you the bargains.

McFarland, Stafford & Co.

Starting The Year

With good resolutions is the proper caper, and while you are about it just resolve that you cannot possibly do better with your money in any store in this county than you can right here. Our stock is made up of all kinds of merchandise, hardware, harness goods, stoves and nearly everything

Required by the Farmer and Housekeeper.

These Goods

We profess to sell at the lowest living profit and invite a test. Just now we are drawing trade from an immense distance and purpose to continue such

Fair Dealing

As will insure for us a still greater patronage than that enjoyed during the past year. Get your ready-made clothing, boots, shoes, groceries, gents' furnishing

Hardware and Tinware

Where your money go farthest, and that will be from

F. G. Karstedt, Flesherton.