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Flesherton
Baptist Church

R. C. Kerr, Pastor.

Sunday School 10 a. m , Service at 11 a. m.

Subject for Sunday, Dec. 21. "The Virgin birth of Christ."

Flesherton
Methodist Church

Thursday evening—Prayer meeting. The pastor would be pleased to see the basement filled at this, the last prayer meeting of the year,

Sunday—The pastor will preach at both services. 11 a.m., Good Tidings. 7 p.m., If There Was No Christmas. Sabbath School at 2 p.m., Bible Class at 2.45.

Monday—Epworth League at 8 p m. The topic will be, "Woman in the Home." You are invited.

THE MUNICIPAL POT

The remarkable spring like weather up until the present time has made it difficult to realize that the holidays and elections are so near. Perhaps this also has had something to do with the paucity of election rumors. No really definite announcements have yet been made by aspirants to the village council and the surrounding township is pretty nearly on the same plane, although there are a few things that are practically certain. Mr. Jonathan Latimer of Eugenia will be a candidate for councillor. Mr. Alex Cameron's name has also been mentioned to us, but his candidature is not certain. Councillor McLeod is positively out of it for the coming year, his business requiring his whole attention. He wishes us to make this announcement as clear as possible so that any aspirant in the West Ward may have no hesitation in coming forward. We have not got Reeve McKenzie's sanction for the statement that he will ask the people to elect him once more, but believe he will do so, nevertheless. Mr. McKenzie is a careful, conscientious official and we believe the big majority of electors are quite satisfied that he has done his best for the welfare of the township.

Nominations will be held on Monday, Jan. 29, and elections on Monday, Jan. 5.

A STANDARD OPINION, NO LESS

The Markdale Standard still thinks the other villages in the Riding of East Grey are green with envy at Markdale, and calls the little castigation we gave him two weeks ago "childish, idiotic rot." We must have hit pretty hard in order to bring forth such a torrent of opinion from a source where people have ceased to look for editorial opinions of of any kind.

When we said there was no one green with envy around here we spoke for our own municipality. Perhaps Thornbury, Clarksburg, Heathcote and Chatsworth have the envy disease in a virulent form, but there is no sign of it here.

The fact that we find it necessary occasionally to knock the esteemed editor of the Standard over the knuckles just to keep him in his place, should not be interpreted as an evidence that we harbor any animals of the Alice in Wonderland variety. Markdale has a monopoly of all the curios in that line, and the "Jobberwok" who wrote that silly item about envy is not the least of these, by any means. In the words of the little children—well, see Second Kings, second chapter, and twenty-third verse, latter part of the verse, please.

But pshaw ! we don't propose to follow this question beyond legitimate boundaries, or descend to vilification in order to bolster up the argument. If the Standard thinks we are green he is welcome to the misconception. He evidently struggled hard to give birth to his atomic opinion, and he is welcome to feed it and rear it to Standard microscopic proportions on blue vitriol or caustic soda nourishment if he so desires. We have no wish to deprive him of his bran new bauble, no doubt most fascinating—an opinion of his very own, which nobody shares with him.

At the same time, and for his own future guidance, we would recommend Pope's immortal couplet :

"All seems infected that th' infected spy,
As all looks yellow to the jaundiced eye."

W. H. Handy, near Elmvale, lost five horses by poisoning, resulting from the drinking of impure water from the cistern. The loss was nearly one thousand dollars. Mr. Handy's neighbors turned out and finished his fall plowing.

A Newmarket woman is charged with "wilfully and maliciously kicking a chicken." One may censure her cruelty, but must admire her dexterity, in these days of toothpick skirts.—Packet.

Hydro-Electric Banquet

Globe Report

Guelph, December 9.—Two hundred and fifty delegates representing twenty-five municipalities of the counties of Wellington, Grey and Simcoe interested in the proposed electric railway scheme from Hespeler through to various points on the Georgian Bay, held a banquet tonight at which the plan was discussed and heartily approved.

A resolution was adopted amid enthusiastic cheers asking the aid of the Ontario Hydro-electric Commission in the project.

Alderman Hannigan presided. Hon. Adam Beck was given a magnificent reception, when he, with Mr. J. W. Lyon of Guelph, President of the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association, entered the banquet hall of the new Y. M. C. A. building. Mr. Beck frankly informed the delegates that there was no use of raising false hopes about the road. The engineers were going to go over the ground and only on the basis of the feasibility of the line becoming self-sustaining would they consent to the work being proceeded with. The Hydro-electric Commission, from what they knew of the road to be constructed under their auspices out of Toronto to Newmarket and Port Perry, believed that the proposition would be a paying one. They did not anticipate that there would be any need to resort to taxation to make up a shortage. At the same time the municipalities concerned would have to take this risk.

Mr. Beck informed the delegates that he thought they had a wonderful district to put a line through, one that was at present not served by any other line.

The following resolution was passed:—

"Moved by G. B. Ryan, seconded by Geo. J. Thorp, that this meeting, representing some 25 municipalities of the counties of Wellington, Grey and Simcoe and extending from the village of Hespeler through the city of Guelph to various points on the Georgian Bay, which municipalities are vitally interested in an electric railway system through this district and having regard to the great and satisfactory work of the Hydro-electric Commission in the province of Ontario, realizes that no organization in the province is better equipped or has better facilities for carrying out such a project. These municipalities, therefore, having long felt the need of reasonable transportation through this district and now realizing that through the passing of the Hydro-electric act of 1913 their great opportunity of securing said electric railway facilities is in sight, and further believe their interest will be best served by an electric line built and operated by the Hydro-electric Commission, do here and now urge upon the Hon. Adam Beck and his colleagues of said commission that they give these municipalities their kind assistance in compiling all the necessary information as to cost of construction and operation, method of financing and most suitable location of said line, the people of the district. And in return they guarantee them their earnest co-operation and support in the building up of such a hydro-electric radial system as shall bring the greatest development, progress and prosperity of the whole Province of Ontario."

Mayor Carter welcomed Mr. Beck. Other speakers, and they were all heartily in favor of the railway scheme and promised to stand behind it were : G. B. Ryan, G. J. Thorp, Guelph ; George D. Forbes, Hespeler . W. S. Middlebro, M. P , Owen Sound ; Joseph Roach, Arthur ; John Birnie, Collingwood ; A. A. Armstrong, Fergus ; J. M. Kilbourne Owen Sound ; J. E. Bissell, Elora ; J. W. Lyon, Guelph ; Udney Richardson, M P. P., Elora ; H. W. Ironsides, Puslinch ; C. W. Hartman, Clarksburg ; Reeve McNiven, Mount Forest ; W. C. Chambers, Harriston ; S. Bell, Dundalk; R. J. Ball, Hanover.

A list of officers was read by Mr. Middlebro and elected on a ballot, which the meeting ordered the Chairman to cast, as follows : Hon. President, Hon. Adam Beck ; President, J. W. Lyon ; Vice-President, Mayor Carter ; Second Vice-President, G. B. Ryan ; Third Vice-President, T. G. Hannigan ; Secretary, G. P. Hamilton, Guelph.

Executive : H. W. Ironsides, George D. Forbes, Joseph Roach, Adam Armstrong, W. S. Middlebro, M.P., John Birnie, K. C., M. K. Richardson, Flesherton, S. Bell, Dundalk, G. J. Thorpe, Alex. Simmers, G. J. Ball, M.P., and U. Richardson, M.P.P , together with the Mayor or Reeve of each municipality. The officers hold office for a year.

Mr. Beck reviewed briefly some of the hydro commission's work. Nothing was left to combat. The last nail had been driven in the opposition coffin when Walkerville, notwithstanding unique conditions, voted for hydro The minister gave interesting details for the Toronto-Whitby radial, "I hope," he said, "this movement will make life less burdensome on the farm so that young men and women will be attracted to and not from it. We can carry power twenty miles on each side of the line at 13,000 voltage or as your mayor has said eight miles at the 4,400 voltage. You may build the line or the commission might do so, you may operate or we may. You have the machinery and it is not make believe legislation. It is not legislation to jolly you along while the corporation out distances you. There has been a question as to the principle and policy embodied in the power commission Act, so you must have a good foundation. We have an instance not far from London, where farmers gave a right of way and subscribed thousands of dollars of stock in cash just to have a company go into liquidation and another come along and take it up at less than value. Where is the benefit the farmer is to get from cheap transportation? I believe a bond with the security we can offer should sell at $100 instead of $83. If we have honest and decent and effective administration—and that is your affair—the benefit will go to the people. We placed a route before the municipalities to-day of a road which can be maintained for $74,000 per annum. I am not saying this is a better district but you intend traversing a district not nearly as well served with railways and you have a ual justification. This report is as valuable to you as if made for you. We have passed the pioneer stage. What we propose is to issue 40-year gold debentures to be placed in the hands of the commission in trust, to guarantee the bonds of the municipalities. You go into the matter with your eyes open. In case of a deficit you must raise by taxation yourselves just as the city of Guelph undertook to do if there was a shortage on hydro electric. As it is you are piling up a big asset; there has never been a thought that we would ever directly tax anybody. We appoint engineers to survey the best routes considering economy of construction and the municipalities requiring it. If you think it too large a venture, do not venture. If several sections so feel, you must drop these sections."

Chas. Parker of Chesley was unfortunate to lose a valuable horse for which he paid $235 a few years ago. The horse got loose in the stable, pushed over an oat box that covered a 40 foot well in the stable and fell into the well.

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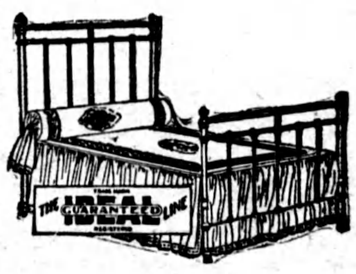

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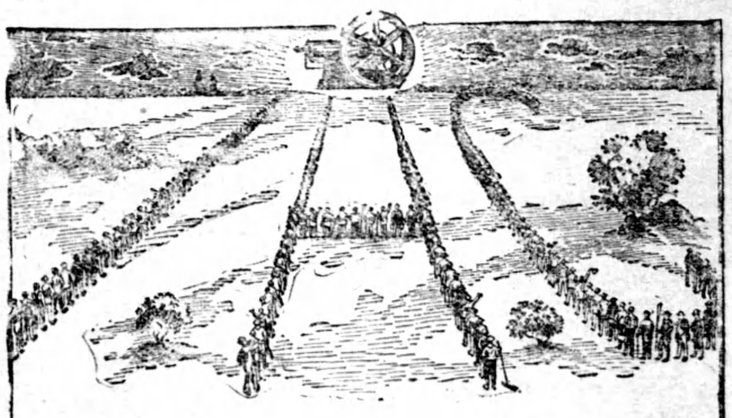

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