Flesherton Advance.

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

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The Great Record Of Osprey Milling Co.

From the Weekly Sun

25c. saved on 100 lbs. Bran.
20c on 100 lbs. Shorts.
20c on 100 lbs. Low Grade Flour.

This is the saving made to the farmers of Osprey by their flour mill, run at Feversham, in Grey County, which was referred to by the Sun several weeks ago. This substantial showing is merely the result of a comparison between the prices charged at the mill and the prices paid by a retailer at Flesherton, the nearest railway station to Feversham.

The showing is typical of the value of the mill to the locality, and the financial value of the mill is shown by the fact that shares in the stock of the joint stock concern which owns the mill sell for as high as $40 with a par value of only $25. Another index of the value of the mill to the locality is that no flour manufactured in any other mill is handled by the merchants of Feversham.

At the mill Ontario and Manitoba blended flour sells for $5 per barrel, and the straight Ontario flour for $4. Bran is sold at $1 25 per 100 lbs.; shorts $1.30, low grade flour $1.50, and chop from $1.25 to $1.60. Chopping is done at 5c per 100 pounds.

At these prices, which are substantially below that charged in any of the neighboring villages, the mill is unable to supply the demand for feeds. The flour that is sold locally is made from a blend of Manitoba and Ontario wheat. This wheat is teamed in from the railway station at Flesherton, about thirteen miles distant.

It is a costly proposition, that teaming. Only one trip can be made a day, and the company is called upon to pay $40 for each car of wheat for hauling from the station alone. This is no small handicap but in spite of it numbers of cars are bought annually and the wheat made into flour for local mixture. The mill also ships flour to Toronto and other points, but the flour so made is only made from local fall wheat, as it would be too expensive to use the Manitoba wheat for export flour and team it over the rough roads twice. The Ontario wheat flour is sold through the Toronto Board of Trade and is purchased by the larger mills to blend with Manitoba flour, and give the patent required.

In the previous article the explanation was made that the farmers of Osprey township had gathered together to run the mill as a joint stock concern, under the name of the Osprey Farmers' Milling Company, with a capitalization of $8000. Of this only about $6000 has been sold, as there was no need for further capital.

The stock, with a par value of $25, had returned dividends to the extent of $20 per share before the destruction of the mill by fire in 1904, and since then the surplus of each year has been devoted to reducing the mortgage debt incurred by building the new mill, which last year was freed from debt entirely.

The mill originated as a private concern away back near the "early sixties," and was built by a man named Edward Horton. It was continued by a long succession of owners with varying fortunes until about 1889, when the ill-luck which had been dogging the various owners seemed bound to remain with the mill and it was closed with due honors as a sort of "white elephant."

However, a postmortem was held and the last owner put a proposition to the local farmers, offering to run the mill with a certain bonus, or to sell it outright. The latter course was adopted and the owner left the country shortly after with a sigh of relief, and but little else, for he had sunk a considerable sum in it.

The following year the company was organized, a new line of machinery was installed, and the mill started off with flying colors, which have never been lowered. Whether it is due to excellent business management, in which the mill has been fortunate, or the loyal support in which it has been doubly fortunate, the mill has always since proved a financial success, and as stated, has paid 80 per cent. in dividends since it was taken over.

When the mill was burned in 1904 its real value to the community was shown, for immediately the price of flour sold in Feversham jumped 50 cents a barrel. This was enough to show the stockholders of the mill, who are all farmers of the township, that they were on the right tack with their mill, and there was little hesitation in deciding to rebuild. On the completion of the mill the price of flour dropped again.

Complete satisfaction is found in general with the business of the mill. In the fall or later, when the farmer has fall wheat to market, he brings it to the mill and receives full market price for it. If the mill were not there he would have to take it to the nearest railway station, and take his chance on getting a proper price for it when he got there—after the thirteen mile haul over Grey County roads—which is synonymous with hills.

When the mill was first started at Feversham there was not a great deal of fall wheat grown in the country. It was at the time when wheat was being introduced, and many declared that it could not be grown; that it would all die out in the winter; that the storms of winter were too severe; and that it was no good when it was grown. But the mill made it popular, and increased the growth rapidly. It is the general thing now for farms to have fields of from 5 to 15 acres of fall wheat every year, most of which finds a ready market at the home village. The Osprey Farmers' Milling Company's mill is the one in the entire township, and the opinion was expressed by its secretary that the mill had a tendency to keep the price lower than the "one-man mill." When farmers deliver low-grade wheat, not fit for flour, it is purchased for feed at a proper price. The result of this co-operation on the part of the farmers, under the guise of a joint stock company, is that they sell the grain readily and have a splendid supply of feed at a better price than farmers in adjoining townships have to pay.

Inquiry among those in the neighborhood of Feversham would leave no doubt as to the financial and economic success of the financial venture entered into after the mill had proven a failure as a private concern. Expenses are kept down by the 60-horsepower waterwheel, fed by the large volume of the Beaver river, which has cut out a deep gully behind the mill with the erosive power of the long unharnessed turbulent rush of water. It is a convenience and a source of revenue to the farmers of the community, and would not be done without for a great deal.

Heathcote

Seeding is the order of the day.

The banquet and vestry meeting held in Heathcote Orange Hall by the Anglican church on Monday evening last was largely attended.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hutchinson of Markdale to our village.

Miss Irene Gardner who has been visiting with her sister, Florence, of Toronto, for the past few days has returned home.

Master Leslie Snell is visiting with friends at Meaford this week.

Mr. Fred Hutchinson is employed with Mr. George Reekie and son for the coming season.

Miss Margaret Wilkinson of Ravenna is visiting with her grandfather, Mr. George Turner, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd of Epping visited with their daughter, Mrs. Fleghen.

Rev. Mr. Hawsford of Walters Falls visited with Rev. Mr. Young the latter part of the week.

Miss Clarke of B. C. is visiting with her friend, Mrs. Flynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vickers visited with the latter's aunt, Mrs. J. H. Gardner, on Sunday.

Mr. Ross Hutchinson and Miss Fiddis visited at the home of Mr. Fred Hutchinson on Sunday.

Fingers Blown Off

An unfortunate accident occurred on Wednesday afternoon when Mr. William Sheldon of Owen Sound, had several of his fingers blown off by the explosion of a dynamite cap. Mr. Sheldon happened to be in the vicinity of the quarries where he picked up a dynamite cap. He put it in his pocket and when he got to the house began to pick at it with a hat pin. The cap exploded with the result that the thumb and first and second fingers of his left hand and the first finger of his right hand were torn off. He was rushed to the hospital where Drs. Howey and Frizzell dressed the injuries.

Kimberley Budget

Intended for Last Week

Mr. John Wickens commenced ploughing one day last week.

Mr. John Fawcett of the Traveller's Home, had a wood-bee on Thursday last, which was largely attended, about thirty cords of wood being sawed. In the evening a party was held at which the young people of the neighborhood tripped the light fantastic till the wee small hours.

Mr. J. E. Hammond, commercial Specialist of the Meaford High School, is spending the Easter holidays at his parental home here.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Colley, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday morning last.

Mr. Stanley Wallace, an accountant of the Collingwood shipyard office, spent Easter with friends in our vicinty.

Mr. Joseph Ferris made a business trip to Meaford on Thursday last.

Mr. I. McLaren, of Meaford, delivered a load of Moore Bros.' best flour to Mr. W. S. Bishop, our miller, on Monday.

We are sorry to report Miss Pearl Lawrence on the sick list at present.

Mr. Jas. Radley, of Ceylon, was a caller in our burg on Monday.

Miss Mina Fawcett, of Markdale, visited at her parental home recently.

Mr. Wm. Hammond, Misses Elsie Ferris and Maud Plewes, of the Meaford High School, are holidaying at their respective homes.

Talk about big Irish lemons! Mr. John Manarey, of Beaverdale, sent thirteen down to our burg last week which tipped the scales at 20 pounds. Mr. Manarey, as a potato grower, is in a class by himself.

Mr. and Mrs Wm. Plewes, also Mrs. Jas. Cox and Elsie Plewes, all of Collingwood, visited at Mr. John Plewes' recently.

Mr John Smith, of Rob Roy, was a caller in our burg on Monday.

Miss Mae Hutchinson, of the Dundalk public school staff, is holidaying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson.

Mrs. Ezra Cook of Rocklyn visited friends in this vicinity on Monday.

Mr. Victor Ellis, of Hamilton, is visiting at his parental home at present.

Miss Della Abercrombie, of McMurchy's school, Collingwood, is holidaying in our vicinity.

Mr. Parks, of Heathcote, was a caller in our burg recently.

This Week's Items

Great Caesar's ghost! What a heterogenous conglomeration of unintelligible gibberish was hurled at me by the Feversham cor. last week. I thought at first that I had proven Darwin's theory in having located the missing link, but on second thought concluded that it was so low in the scale as to even shame the ape. His article on the deputation to Ottawa might well be styled a comedy of errors. In the first place he says that Hon. Adam Beck introduced the deputation. This is not so, as Mr. Wiehel, M.P. for North Waterloo, introduced it. He also says that Dr. Sproule represents Centre Grey. Ye gods and little fishes! Could any mortal conceive of any one so hopelessly ignorant? I wonder does he know what township he is living in? He says that I must have been behind the door when brains were given out. Well, I would much rather have been there than get the sample he possesses. Why, if his gigantic brain was put in a chestnut shell it would be rattling around singing "There's room for millions more." The Feversham cor. started this mud-slinging by his allusions to the Kimberley delegate, who has not interfered with him. I would advise the correspondent to bury the hatchet or he will hear something he does not want to hear re the deputation.

Miss Maud Smith of Rob Roy visited with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Lewis, a few days the past week.

Mr. W. H. Carruthers of Wodehouse was a caller in our burg on Monday. He contemplates leaving for the West in a few days.

Mr. David Weber made a busines strip to Feversham on Monday.

Miss Violet McLean is on an extended visit with friends in Hamilton.

Messrs. Leslie and Patterson, our public school teachers, are back in the harness again after spending the Easter week at their respective homes in Guelph and Blantyre.

Rev. Scott of Meaford occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday evening last and gave an excellent address on home and foreign missions.

Mr. Johnston and Miss Abercrombie of Victoria, Collingwood townsbip, visited with Thomas Abercrombie one day last week.

Mr. E. Hammond and sister, Edith, visited friends in Toronto a few days the past week.

Mrs. John Fawcett and son, Cecil, of the Traveller's Home, visited at Mr. Chas. Huggard's, Clarksburg, recently.

Mr. Harold Proctor is on a business trip to Toronto.

Feversham Items

Born—On Sunday, April 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Laughy McLean, a son.

Mr. Sam Sanderson is able to move around again after a severe attack of appendicitis.

Mr. John Douglas has returned to the village after spending the winter with his son, James, on the twelfth line.

Mr. Thos. Suggit of Toronto is renewing old acquaintances in this vicinity. Mr. Suggit is an old Osprey boy, and left here some years ago to try his fortune in the Queen city.

Mr. Ern Hawton sowed five acres of oats on Saturday last, the first on record in this section this season.

Our teachers, Miss Brunkard and Miss MacFarland, have returned from their homes in Alma and Hockley, and have taken up their duties in our schools. The school board had the pleasure of assisting them in hanging eight beautiful pictures in the school rooms on Monday morning, the pictures having been a gift to the schools from the teachers.

Miss Davis, teacher at No. 6, has again taken up her duties after the holidays.

Miss Queenie Kaitting is visiting her friends, the Misses English, at Singhampton.

Mr Guy Kaitting is visiting his sister, Mrs. Irwin McKeon, at Duncan.

Ceylon

Miss Kate McLeod, Toronto, is visiting with her mother.

Mr. Will Buchanan very acceptably filled the pulpit here Sabbath afternoon in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Kerr.

Mrs. Wm. Wilcock paid her daughter at Markdale a visit last week.

Mr. Victor Ellis, teacher at Hamilton, spent a day at Mr. Geo. Stuart's on his return to duty.

Mr. John and Misses Maud and Myrtle Hemphill visited their uncle on the 4th line the first of the week.

Master Norval Stuart spent Easter holidays with his grandparents at Kimberley.

Mr. G. Collinson is spending a few days with Durham friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmedendorf of Paisley visited the latter's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Whittaker, over the holidays.

Mrs. Arthur Whittaker left Thursday last on an extended visit with her son at West Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Thibadeau of Markdale visited at Mr. A. Gilchrist's.

Durham

Collingwood's oldest citizen, Mr. James Macdonald, celebrated his 104th birthday on the 7th of this month. He was born in 1810, and remembered as a youngster the first news received of the Battle of Waterloo.

A sad telegram reached Mrs. Dunsmoor, upper town, on Monday last, that her son Neil had been drowned in Calgary. No particulars, except that the body had been recovered. Mrs. Dunsmoor has the sympathy of many friends in the painful circumstances.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. And. Ritchie while riding in a buggy, was run into at the top of Jackson's hill, in the darkness, by another buggy guided by a Mr. Trafford. The collision frightened Mr. Ritchie's horse, pulling his driver out of the buggy, striking his head on the wheel and landing him on the road. He received an ugly scalp cut ten inches long and a half inch deep. The scalp was laid bare, requiring seven or eight stitches to repair it. He is getting along well.—Review.

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