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EST'D 1873 FLESHERTON BRANCH 236

GEO. MITCHELL, Manager.

C. P. R. Time Table.

Trains leave Flesherton Station as follows:

Going South	Going North
7.53 a. m.	12.01 p.m.
4.27 p.m.	9.18p. m.

The mails are osed at Flesherton as follows: For the north at 10.40 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and the afternoon mail south at 3.40 o'clock. For morning train south mail close at 9 p. m. the previous ev'g.

VICINITY CHIPS

It was the coldest December in nearly fifty years.

Mr. Wes. Breen and family visited with Orillia ralatives over the holidays.

The Red Cross will not hold their usual tea this week.

Mrs, S. Shunk is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. "Bobs" Trimble of the Union bank, Sterling, is home for a few days.

The new year came in smilling. May it continue to smile on all our readers.

Miss Maud McDonald of Toronto spent holidays at her home here.

John Wright, S. Shunk and C. Stewart were elected public school trustees on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Findlay of Fort William are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hanley, 8th line, Artemesia.

Charley and Robert Stewart of Toronto are visiting with relatives here. Both boys are attached to the artillery.

Messrs. Will and Joe Field went to Toronto, Saturday, to visit their mother, who is ill.

A good driving horse for sale, also buggy, cutter and new harness. Apply at the Methodist parsonage, Priceville.

Miss Irene Wilson of the Owen Sound hospital staff, was home for a couple of days last week.

Mrs. C. D. Meldrum of Toronto spent Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pedlar.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Wickins, Kimberley, on Saturday, Dec. 29, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson of Stone's Settlement visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin recently.

Mr. R. Bentham spent Sunday with the family of Rev. James Dudgeon at Tottenham.

Mr. E. Ruckell and wife of Hamilton visited at Fred Mathewso'n over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilburn McGee of Aneroid, Sask., are visiting with relatives here and will also visit at Halifax before returning West.

Mrs. A. McAulay, who has been on an extended visit with her daughters in the West, returned to her home here this week.

The annual meeting of the Loyal Orange district will be held at Ceylon on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 2 p.m. Chas. Moore, D.M., Silas Shunk, Sec.

Rev. Geo. Lowndes of Brantford, who has been visiting here, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

Rev. Ed. Appleyard of Thornbury, who has been chaplain with the forces in France for the past two years, has received the Military Cross, the first chaplain from Grey to be so honored

A number of our lads and their lassies drove to Markdale on New Years day for a skate. The lads had their hands nearly frozen. The lassies were very warm. 'Nuff said.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown and daughter and son of Claret, Sask., are visiting friends in this vicinity. Mr. Brown was at one time a blacksmith at at Kimberley.

Mrs. Jack Cairns and Mrs. Alex. McDonald and children, who have been visiting the latter's parents here for some months past, have returned to their homes at MacTeer.

Mr. Frank Duncan has moved into his handsome new residence on Durham street and Mr. Holland has taken possession of the Strain residence vacated by the former.

A Shelburne chopping man says hydro has not reduced the price of chopping over steam power and is charging one cent more per 100 lbs. It is difficult to believe that electricity is not cheaper than steam, with coal and wood the price they are. We "hae oor doots," as a Scotchman once said.

After Jan. 6 there will only be one train a day each way over the Walkerton branch of the C.P.R. The afternoon train from Walkerton and return train at night will be withdrawn after that date.

Williamson Bros., the horse buyers, will be in Priceville Jan. 8th, Flesherton Jan. 9th and Dundalk Jan. 10th. They want blocky horses 4 years and up, also aged mares and geldings for the West.

Misses Nellie and Cora Martin and Mr. J. Scurrah of Owen Sound, Miss Margaret Caswell, Toronto, Edna of Dresden and Myrtle of Kitchener, attended the Caswell-Martin nuptials last week.

Mr. Alf. Harrison of the Toronto line has a lamb born on May 22 last that now tips the scales at 175 pounds. It was bred by Mr. Wm. Paton's Oxford show ram, and is a remarkably fine animal. We rather fancy it forms a record for its age.

The Methodist Sabbath school anniversary Tuesday evening was one of the most successful in the history of the school. The proceeds amounted to over seventy dollars. The program was an excellent one and everyone felt that they had received big value for their money.

Dr. Fred Murray of Toronto, spent Sunday with his brother here. As usual he favored the audience in the Methodist church Sunday evening with a beautifully rendered solo, "Hark! there comes a whisper." It is always a rare treat to have Dr. Fred sing.

The distinction of being the best girl bread maker in the province is enjoyed by Miss Onolee Cathrae of Walter's Falls according to the decision of the Guelph Agricultural College judges who awarded her first prize in the provincial school fair competition. She is 15 years of age and her prize was a cabinet victrola with a dozen double records.

Eighteen below zero the thermometer said on Friday morning last, and we believe it. Several of the Rock Mills teamsters suffered bad frostbites. But all this was only a balmy whiff from the tropics when we remember the little depression of the following morning when the mercury hit 30 below. At 8.30 a.m. it stood at 22 below. It took some fuel to warm things up Saturday morn.

Pte. Fred Stewart, a returned soldier, was visiting with relatives here last week. Pte. Stewart was residing at the Sault but came down and joined up with the 147th Battalion, going overseas with them. He went to France in February of last year and was employed on railway construction work about four miles east of Vimy Ridge. In May last he suffered shell shock and was in England recuperating for several months.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school anniversary was scarcely so successful financially this year as in times past. Whether enhanced prices had anything to do with it we have no means of knowing, but the attendance was not so large as usual. After a bountiful supper speeches were delivered by Revs. Belfry and Dinnick of Flesherton and Conn of Markdale. A pleasing feature of the evening was a couple of solos by Miss Allie Williams of Toronto, also a solo by Miss Baird of Markdale.

Oleo? Oleomargerine? Margarin? What is it? Well to put it in plain English it is simply grease of a special kind, and it has not been placed on sale in Flesherton. The best grade sells at 35 cents, practically the same price here as pure butter. This grade, however, has a considerable percentage of butter in its composition. While prices remain as they are and our butter makers continue making the excellent article that they have been placing on the market, oleo is not likely to be among the methods of conservation observed by the loyal people of this district.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Mrs. James McGee, who departed this life Dec. 30, 1915

Two years have gone and still we miss her,
Never shall her memory fade;
Loving thoughts will always linger
'Round the grave where mother's laid.

—Husband and Family.

Robert Bowman of Sunnidale had a leg broken by a steer falling on him while it was turning around to get out of a stall

An exchange says Germany is much like Holland, because it is a low lying country and damned on all sides.

Who is Pro-German?

The slacker's, profiteer's, wasters' deeds stand already condemned. Are there no other hyphenates? An officer in the army lately receiving promotion said to his subordinate officers "Boys, I did not go with you always over the top, it was not always necessary, but while you did I was in communication by wireless with headquarters higher than the G. H. Q." There is more won that way than is usually supposed." A young officer not particularly noted for his piety said on the departure of his superior, "Comrades, the old man has been in many a hot place but never did I admire his courage as when he said 'when you were going over the top I was praying for you.'" Jesus in his hour of greatest danger urged "Pray ye that ye enter not into temptation." Solomon believed prayer to be of great efficacy when God's people were at war. Nehemiah, Ezra, and others sought the enemy's overthrow on their knees and then struck for victory. His Majesty, our King, believes in prayer and has issued a royal proclamation to his loving subjects, 'Gather yourselves together; pray for repentance, humility, and success in the war." If prayer avails and Christians everywhere believe it does, who will be the slacker, pro-German, or non-believer who will fail to give heed to the royal call?

"Cursed be Meroz who came not to the help of the Lord."

Fellow citizens of Flesherton and Artemesia show our loyalty to our God and our King. We are not slackers in supplying men. Ontario battalions have proven that. "Carry on in prayer" God urges, King George proclaims, democracy commands to-day. We must obey. Are we pro-German and unbelievers if we stay away?

All come, make Jan. 6 and all the Sabbaths of 1918 "Come to church Sabbaths."

—A. McVICAR.

Golden Wedding

Fifty years ago on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. John Bellamy were married and took up their residence in Flesherton where they have continued to reside ever since. This interesting anniversary was celebrated this year by a gathering of the family with the exception of two sons—one in the West and one in France. Handsome presents in gold and pearls were accompanied by the following address:

Our Dear Father and Mother,—We your sons and dtughters have gathered here today to honor you and to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of your marriage. Although the family is not complete through the absence of your sons, still we know their hearts and minds are with you this day of all days, and we pray the Giver of all Good may grant them safe return someday. Dear Father and Mother, we ask you to accept these gifts of gold and pearls, and may the golden links be strengthened on this your golden wedding day, and may our Home ties last.

Till the sun grows cold,
And the stars are old,
And the Leaves of the Judgment-Book unfolds. — Edith, Carlton, George, Mamie, Percy, Florence, Fred on active service.

The Nominations

The nominations held here on Monday did not attract any great enthusiasm and resulted in the return of a council without an election. There was a fair turnout and the afternoon meeting was presided by Mr. Robert Best. The nominees were T. R. McKenzie for Reeve, A. Cameron for Deputy-Reeve and R. Allen, S. Batchelor, F. Mathewson and W. Burnett for councillors. Mr. Allen retired, leaving the requisite number to constitute the council for 1918.

Like the township, there will be no election in the village this year, the council going in by acclamation. The compositions is as follows: D. McTavish, Reeve; W. Henry, A. Hawken, and J. O. Patton, Councillors.

Three More Years of War

Lieut.-Col. J. E. Davey, M.D., of Hamilton, Ont., arrived home from the front with a large party of returned officers and men on Friday. He had been at the front with the Army Medical Corps for nearly three years, and in an interview made the statement that he thought the people could look for three years more of war. He regards the allies as now being on the defensive because of the Russians and the Italian defeat, but says they can win if they will put every ounce of energy and resourse into the fight. Col. Davey says the Canadian people do not realize the pinch of war as do the people of England and France, and that they should save every particle of food and leave as much as possible for the allies' use overseas.

A Happy
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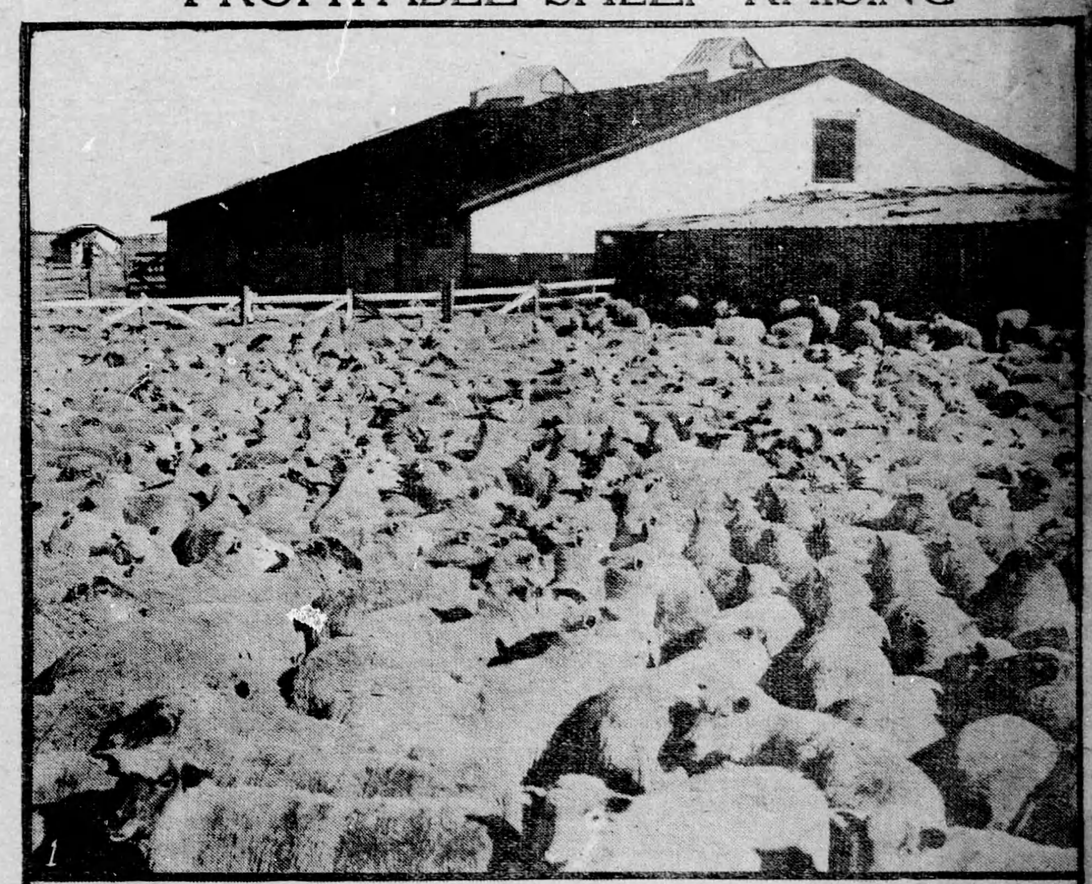

(1) On an Alberta sheep ranch.
(2) A shepherd can mind hundreds of sheep.
(3) Sheep raised on irrigated land.

THERE is not the least doubt that Western Canada is steadily building a reputation as a wool-producing country. The opportunities it affords for the profitable breeding and rearing of sheep are unsurpassed in any part of the world. An abundance of suitable food of all kinds is available all over the country, while climatic and other conditions are exceedingly favorable. Almost any line of sheep husbandry may be followed successfully in the Prairie Provinces of Canada. On the range sheep breeding and rearing is an extremely profitable industry, especially in those districts where conditions are not well suited to ordinary agriculture.

That the farmer is more and more realizing the value of a small flock of sheep on his farm is shown by the increasing number of participants at the co-operative wool sales each year. Throughout the west this has been noticed at practicallly all the sales. In some cases, notably at Calgary, Alberta, there has been a greater number of participants, and less wool offering than last year, but this is due to the fact that the larger breeders have been induced to sell their wool independently, so that practically all the wool offered for sale came from small farmers, who are obtaining as big returns in this line as in any other. At other places there has been an increase, both in the number of participants and in the quality of the wool offered.

It seems safe to say that within a few years the whole world will be looking to Western Canada, and especially to Alberta, for high class sheep. The prices now being obtained for wool by those who were foresighted enough to go in for sheep rearing, either on a large or a small scale, has opened the eyes of farmers all over the west to its possibilities. Those who have small flocks are using every effort to improve the quality of their wool, and larger breeders are leaving nothing undone in their endeavors to improve their stock, and are sparing no expense to this end. One of the leading breeders after trying all over Canada and the United States, and failing also to get what he required in Australia, recently purchased 250 full blooded ewes and 10 full blooded rams of the Ramney Marsh breed from England paying $125 each for the ewes and $600 each for the rams. A few years ago this same breeder brought in several hundred Ramboullet ewes, and later purchased at the Panama-Pacific Exposition some prize winning Romneys. The crossing of these two breeds has produced a strain which, it is claimed, is admirably suited to Western Canada in every way. Altogether, this breeder has spent $100,000 in full blooded stock, which is evidence of his faith in the possibilities of this industry in Western Canada. As to his returns, he had this year 500 ram lambs of the Romney-Ramboullet cross, estimated to be worth between $40 and $50 each, and for which there is a great demand; he has also sent [illegible] pounds of wool to the Government warehouse at Toronto.

Already there is talk about dollar wool. Whether or not this price will be attained is difficult to say at the present time, but it seems certain that the present prices will obtain for some time in the future, and when it is considered that sheep can be raised very profitably with wool at half its present price, to say nothing about the price of mutton, it is easy to understand that those who were far-sighted enough to go into the business some years ago are now literally making their fortunes.