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"TRUTH BEFORE FAVOR" — "PRINCIPLES NOT MEN"

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ROCK MILLS

The logs have commenced to come in again.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith, Miss Violet and Wesley Smith attended the memorial service preached at Providence for the late Harold Smith and Mrs. McKenzie.

Martin Phillips is this week moving his family to his residence in Flesherton.

Lillian Park returned home Monday after spending a week with relatives in Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Binnington and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Betts, John Hargrave, wife and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Newell spent New Years Day at Thos. Betts'.

Bertha White has gone to work at Ceylon.

Russell Linton visited the past week with his uncles, Fred and Ern Russell.

Quite a number are hauling lumber to Ceylon for the D.F. Co.

Walter Fisher is moving his family to their farm on the 4th line and Ned Croft and bride are moving into the house vacated by the former. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Croft to our vicinity.

PROTON

The members of Knox Presbyterian church held their annual Congregational meeting on Thursday evening last. Helpful and encouraging reports were read by members of the different branches of the Church work. The officers for Church and Sabbath School and the organist were re-elected for the ensuing year, after which the ladies of the congregation provided a beautiful lunch.

We are pleased to see Mrs. Wilson in the post office again, but sorry to report the serious illness of Mr. Corbett.

Mr. Sam Badgerow has moved his family to Mr. Stinson's house lately vacated by Mr. Wyville.

Miss Clara Binnie has resumed her teacher's duties near Toronto; Miss Ada Acheson returned to her school at Wareham and Miss Marjorie Acheson to North Bay Normal, after spending the holidays at their homes here.

Mr. Weatherall, of Chatsworth, visited his daughter, Mrs. George Brooks.

Mrs. John McConnell, of Dundalk, is visiting her parents here.

CEYLON

Miss Bella Harrow, nurse at Buffalo, is visiting her parents.

Mrs. Maxwell and little son of Caledon spent the past week with Mrs. M. Ferguson.

Mrs. Griffin, Toronto, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. White.

Willie Pattison, Toronto, is visiting his parents here.

Miss Myrtle Hemphill returned to Toronto on Monday.

George Arrowsmith of McGee, Sask., visited at A. McMullen's Friday last. Mr. Arrowsmith moves his household effects from Durhom this week to his property here. We extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Arrowsmith.

Mrs. E. Stone of B. C. and Mrs. Jas. McLean of New Ontario visited their sister, Mrs. James Pattison.

Miss Agnes McPhail returned Saturday to her school at Newmarket.

Miss Mary McMullen, after spending Christmas and New Years holidays with her parents, returned to Toronto on Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Patterson and babe, after spending a week with the latter's parents, returned Monday to their home in Toronto.

Capt. Wells Whittaker of Kingston is holidaying at the parental home.

Miss White of Rock Mills is spending a week at R. Lachlan's.

David Adams and bride arrived home Saturday night. We extend congratulations.

Born—Saturday, Jan. 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laughlin, a daughter.

Mrs. James Sargent received word last week that her brother in Edmonton had died of the influenza after only a few hours' illness.

PORTLAW

A happy New Year to the world.

Mrs. Lewis Sheardown is at the bedside of her father, who is ill.

Miss Viola Cornfield and her brother, Murray, were home from Toronto for Christmas.

Quite a number from this part attended the funeral last Thursday in Flesherton of the late Mrs. McNally, of Toronto. Deceased was for many years a much respected resident here, and the members of her family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

David and John Jamieson spent some days at their father's home in Toronto.

Lewis Sheardown lost a good colt last week through inflammation, and James Hopps lost a horse.

A very interesting and helpful watch-night service was held in Mount Zion church, when the old year passed out to the strains of sweet music, and the new year greeted with songs of praise.

On Tuesday evening last the two junior Sunday School classes and friends met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Lyons, when in the name of the school the superintendent, Mrs Thomas Taylor, presented each pupil with a useful gift as a prize for fidelity in attendance and for number of verses recited.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Robert Hill, who has been ill, is improving.

Miss Mabel Wauchob, of Proton, is visiting with Miss Lizzie Thompson.

Mr. James Beatty and wife, of Orange Valley, visited last week at the home of Thomas Fletcher.

At our annual school meeting Mr. Robert Hannah was elected trustee.

FEVERSHAM

J. C. Little spent the holiday with friends here.

Miss Mary Jamieson visited with Collingwood and Toronto friends last week.

Hugh Davidson has returned after spending some time with John Thompson at Agincourt.

Pte. Will Colquette and wife spent New Years with their friends here. Will returned to Toronto Monday.

Miss Jolley has returned after spending the holidays with friends at Meaford and Owen Sound.

Hugh Osborne of Nottawa spent Sunday with his brother here.

Emerson Osborne has returned after a visit with friends in Collingwood.

A load of young people from here spent Friday at Mr. Sam Osborne's at Maxwell. All report a good time.

We are sorry to report Mr. R. J. Colquett on the sick list at present, but hope for his speedy recovery.

We are also sorry to report Mr. Robt. Henderson on the sick list.

Mark Murk Murphy of the 8th line had the misfortune to lose a valuable colt one day this week.

SHELBURNE

Postmaster McVanel is nursing a sore wrist these days. While coming out of his residence to go to the post office on the morning of Christmas day he had the misfortune to fall on the sidewalk in such a way as to break a bone in his right wrist.

Putting coal oil on a fire has its dangers. Eric Cook, son of Mr. J. Cook on Second Avenue, has been confined to the house for several days with a severely burned face in consequence of an experience with coal oil and the furnace.—Economist.

According to a report in the Toronto papers, the Ontario Government is considering placing a tax on mail order houses in order to protect merchants in the smaller towns and cities against their competition. At a meeting of the Assessment Committee of the Legislature Mr. Proudfoot raised the question and wholesalers present were unanimous in the opinion that the big departmental stores, through their mail order business were driving the small merchants in the country towns out of business. They stated further that the postal service, by carrying parcels at less than cost and paying it out of the carrying of letters, was giving the mail order houses an unfair advantage.

KIMBERLEY

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carruthers, of Stayner, visited with the latter's sister, Mrs. Flood, during the past week.

Miss Thelma Wraggett, of Dundalk, is visiting at present with her aunt, Mrs. G. Hutchinson.

The following were elected by acclamation for police trustees for our village for the ensuing year: Messrs W. Ellis, Hugh Hammond and Wm. Stuart.

Mrs. B. Graham, of Toronto, visited friends in this vicinity during the past week.

We have not heard from Power House and Vicinity for quite a while. We miss the news from that vicinity.

James R. Fawcett spent the New Year holiday with his son, J. H., Collingwood.

Emerson Brown and wife of Clarksburg were pleasant callers in town on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fawcett and family of the Traveller's Home spent New Years Day with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Huggard, Clarksburg.

Oscar Maxwell of Saskatchewan renewed old acquaintances in this part recently.

Miss Addie Wilson of Eugenia visited last week with her mother, Mrs. Wilson of the Valley Road north.

Dr. Ego of Markdale made a professional visit here on Sunday last.

We were pleased to see the genial face of Harry Thompson of East Mountain in our burg on Saturday last. Harry spent the past summer in the West, and is looking hale and hearty.

Fred Stuart of Flesherton was a caller in our burg one day last week.

Victoria Corners

(Too late for last week)

Mrs. Milton Bannon entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bannon and Newton; Mrs. Max Bannon, Mr. and Mrs. Buskin and Miss Lillian Buskin, of Flesherton; Mrs. Robinson and Arthur, of Bethel, for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw visited Shelbourne friends over Christmas.

Mrs. Trotter, of Toronto, is visiting at Mr. Laidlaw's.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodlan, of Smithville, visited their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Moore, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore held their usual Christmas gathering on Friday instead of Wednesday. There were thirty-seven present.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ludlow entertained a jolly crowd at their Ludlow Reunion on Christmas day.

Miss Violet Stevens is home from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gallagher entertained all their family on Christmas day.

Ina Acheson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Acheson, is ill.

The young people of Inisfoge league went to Eugenia (Monday, Dec. 30.) and spent the evening at Mr. Eagle's.

At the school meeting on Thursday Mr. W. Gallagher was appointed new trustee

This Week's Items

Mr. and Mrs. John Corbett celebrated New Years Day at home, there being present Mr. and Mrs. Weatherall of Dundalk, Mrs. Corbett's mother and father; Mr. and Mrs. Gassol of Toronto, Mrs. Corqett's sister and husband, Mr. Corbett's mother and father and brother Ed., also brother Will, his wife and family.

Baby Ina Acheson is improving nicely at present.

George Ludlow has been visiting the past week at Clinton.

Mrs. Haines of Kimberlay is visiting her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ludlow.

Mr. Wm. Little of Owen Sound, when attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Ekins, visited also with his brotherinlaw Mr. George Moore.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank the people of Priceville for assistance and sympathy during our late serious bereavement, in the illness of our beloved wife and mother and illness of other members of the family, also for kind and sympathetic letters from many friends.

—Geo. Watson and Family.

A Cheery Letter From Dr. Richardson

The Advance has received an interesting letter from Dr. E. K. Rishardson of Toronto, most of which is of sufficient interest to warrant the passing of it on to our readers. The Dr. writes in reply to Christmas greetings sent him:

"It is indeed pleasant to be so remembered by any of our friends in dear old Flesherton, some of whom it was my custom to greet at Christmastide for many years. Many of them have, during the past four years, had to meet Christmas with the great query, 'How can it be merry Christmas for me, when it lacks the cheery greeting, the merry laughter and the light hearted whistle of him who sat in yonder chair while savory turkey and steaming pudding enhanced the joy and made all happy and content at Christmas?' Some of you have risen above the cloud that shrouded our Christmas. This I know from your replies to the letters I have sent to you while under the cloud. There are many others to whom I would like to have written to assure them that He whose advent we celebrate at this season and who taught, 'greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' and who gave his life for all mankind, will surely greet as their elder brother all those heroes who have gone from Flesherton and other dear old home towns to do their duty in defence of their homes, their mothers and sisters and wives, and human freedom from the worst outburst of evil on earth that history records. Many of them will some day be able to say, like yourself, 'I would not have had my boy do otherwise.' When I think of the Bellamys, the Benthams, the Buchanan's, the Cargoes, the Fishers, the Jamiesons, the Phillips and others who were at one time members of old No. 6 Co., 31st Battalion, and whose sons have made the supreme sacrifice, and when I recall the Mitchells, Thurstons, and others who were not of that Company but whose sons have done similarly, I may be pardoned for being proud that I commanded that Company, and to have been brought up in Flesherton. Who can repay the debt the neighborhood owes to those gallant boys and their honored families?

My own disappointment at not being able to go overseas with my own overseas battery, after having endurance test of the course at the R S C, Kingston, in 1915, I will not attempt to describe. It simply shattered all my military ambitions. But now these things are of the past, and let us all look forward to welcoming home our gallant defenders, though our hearts yearn for one whose glad, free, heroic spirit soared from scenes of strife on Flanders fields.

Yours cordially,
—E. K. RICHARDSON.

Clever Bit of Work

Colin Cashore was in town over the holiday and returned to Toronto yesterday. For some months he has been at Kapuskasing prison camp, guarding prisoners, and on returning from there he brought some interesting mementoes of the time spent there with the interned aliens. One was a model of a steamer set up complete in a six ounce bottle, the boat being about five inches over all, and about 2½ inches from keel to mast. The neck of the bottle is not half an inch in diameter. The boat was made in sections and assembled inside the bottle. A lighthouse is also erected on land, where trees are shown and houses built on land. The whole is a novel bit of ingenuity and where shown has attracted much attention—Owen Sound Sun Times.

Money Makes Money

Postmaster Thompson had an interesting experience a few days ago when a farmer living near Jarrett, called with a savings bank book which his father, who died three or four years ago, had left and desired to draw the amount to his credit. Examination disclosed the fact that the year of the Franco-Prussian war, away back in 1870, the father made a deposit of $50 which for the intervening 48 years had lain at Ottawa undisturbed so far as the depositor was concerned. The book was sent to Ottawa and a computation of the interest showed something over $237 to the credit of the depositor. This, after certain necessary formalities had been complied with, was paid over. The experience is a good illustration of how money makes money, even at the low interest rate.

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