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## CANADIAN PACIFIC

**C. P. R. TIME TABLE**

Trains leave Flesherton Station as follows:

| Ging South | Going North |
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| 8.00 a.m. | 11.58a.m. |
| 4.30 p.m. | 9.30 p.m. |

The mails close at Flesherton as follows: For the north at 11.00 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and the afternoon mail south at 3.30. For morning train south at mail closes at 9.00 p.m. the previous evening.

## Local Chaff

Merry Christmas to our three thousand readers.

Presbyterian concert on Thursday night.

Mr. George White has installed a telephone.

Have your skates sharpened at McTavish's garage.

Come to the New Years entertainment in the Methodist church. The usual good supper and program.

Miss Gladys Pinder is spending Christmas with her friend, Miss Dorothy Thompson, of Stouffeville.

Miss Rhoda Best of Toronto is visiting over the holiday at her parental home.

Mr. Ross Alcox is at present under the doctor's care with an attack of quinsy.

Miss Rene Cargoe, Toronto, is visiting over the holiday at her home here.

Mr. Alex. Hogarth of Barrie is visiting over the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hogarth.

Miss Irene Wilson of Detroit is spending the holiday at her parental home here.

Mrs. O. W. Clipperton of Toronto is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell.

Mrs. W. A. Armstrong has returned home after spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. Hyland, Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Semple of Islington are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. S. Sutton in town.

The rink was used on Saturday evening for the first time for hockey practice. Skating has been going on this week, and skating Christmas afternoon.

Mr. Alfred Harrison, Toronto Line, was very ill for several days with kidney trouble, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McTavish of Oshawa are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. McTavish of town.

Miss Beatrice Thistlethwaite, teacher in Toronto, is spending the vacation with her mother here.

The L.O.L. of Maxwell will hold a box social and dance in the Orange Hall on Monday, December 29th.

Mr. Fred Mathewson is spending Christmas with his daughters in Owen Sound.

Miss E. Sandiland of Dundalk was the guest of Mrs. Thos. Fisher this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Griffin of Toronto are spending the holidays with the latter's mother, Mrs. W. Wilcock, in town.

The dance advertised last week by the 4th line L.O.L. has been postponed on account of a death in the community and other illnesses.

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Eaton are spending Christmas in Toronto with the latter's parents, Hon. and Mrs. Thos. Crawford in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Patton and Mr. and Mrs. A. Harpell and little daughter of Toronto are spending Christmas at the former's home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie G. Wells and family of Dresden are spending Christmas with Mrs. Wells' mother, Mrs. W. J. Caswell. Mr. Wells is editor of the Dresden Times.

## Geo. Brackenbury Badly Burned By Gasoline

### Quick Work Prevented Fire At McTavish's Garage

An accident occurred at McTavish's garage in town on Monday morning a little after nine o'clock that might have amounted to a serious conflagration and a death.

Mr. Geo. Brackenbury and W. Turney were in the work room at the time. There was a pail of dirty gasoline standing near the stove, when an iron rod fell, struck the pail and in a moment the pail of gasoline caught fire. Mr. Brackenbury undertook to carry the burning pail out through the welding room but had to drop it before getting to the door. Instantly the whole welding room was filled with flame. George was overcome and fell in a corner. Mr. Turney grabbed a small chemical engine and turned the contents into the burning room, and also opened up the village chemical engine which was stored in the workroom and had been newly recharged last Saturday. The chemicals soon deadened the flames and Mr. Brackenbury was pulled out into fresh air. His face and arms were badly burned and one leg of his pants burned to the knee. He was taken to his boarding place and Dr. Turnblll summoned. He will be confined to his room for some time. It is not yet known whether the accident will result in permanent disfigurement, but George's many friends sincerely hope that it will not.

The little welding room where the fire occurred is badly scorched and charred and some lights of glass cracked, but little real damage was done, thanks to the chemicals and to the fact that Mr. Turney was close by when the acicdent occurred. The excitement for a few moments was intense and Mr. Turney says that he does not want any more like it.

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Add to the entertainment of your Christmas visitors by attending the dance in the hall at Kimberley on Friday evening of this week, put on by the Eugenia boys. Large Bros. orchestra.

A credit sale of household furniture will be held at the home of Mr. Fred Mathewson in town on Tuesday next, December 30th. The terms are ten dollars and under cash, over that amount six months credit or 5 per cent. straight off for cash. The brick residence and lot will be offered at the same time subject to reserve bid. Wm. Kaitting, auctioneer.

The Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. F. H. W. Hickling on Wednesday, January 7th at 3 o'clock p.m. "Some Rural Problems," by Mrs. Robt. Best; music; roll call — resolutions for the new year; social half hour. Baking Com. cake, Mrs. (Rev.) Eaton, Mrs. (Dr.) Turnbull; sandwich, Mrs. Cargoe, Mrs. Inkster, Mrs. F. Pinder. Visitors welcome.

## STATUTE LABOR MUST GO NOW!

### Otherwise There Will be No Government Grant For Artemesia Twp. Highways

### THE NEW SCHEME WAS EXPLAINED

Despite the stormy weather there was a representative meeting of taxpayers of the Township of Atremesia in the town hall, Flesherton, on Monday afternoon to listen to an address on the subject of township roads and the proposed abolition of statute labor.

Reeve T. R. McKenzie was called to the chair, and in a few pawky remarks, introduced Mr. Squire, Provincial Deputy-Minister of Highways, who had been requested to come here to explain the government policy on the subject prior to the proposed vote on the subject at the ensuing municipal elections.

Mr. Squire's address was lucid and comprehensive. He explained the genesis of road-making in Canada from the time the early French government in 1689 introduced its system of statute labor on the basis of each settler building and maintaining such roads as were required for his property. 80 years ago toll roads were legalized, the first of these being in the vicinity of Toronto. Then after Confederation the roads were placed in the hands of the municipalities. One of the first through roads was that which ran from Port Credit, through this district to Owen Sound. It was noteworthy that wherever these thoroughfares were constructed the value of farm property was enhanced. There had been a "passing of the buck" in looking after the highways—firstly by the Federal government, afterwards by the Provincial authorities and they unloaded on the pathmasters! As time went on, the necessity for improved highways was given greater attention and one of the first to take the matter up as one calling for provincial aid was a well known resident of this district—the late Mr. Matthew Richardson. Mr. Squire recited the various steps which had been taken to secure government assistance, mentioning the Canadian government grant of twenty million dollars for good roads, spread over five years, and the large sums voted by the Legistlature, on a per cent. basis, for the same purpose. Taking up the question of the statute labor maintainance of roads, he asked if it had been a success, and proceeded to argue that it had not been, though no doubt at the time it was inauguraetd it was the wisest course. It was not a failure when it was honestly performed, but there were many instances where work had not been properly done. Incidentally Mr. Squire volunteered the information that the Provincial government intended to place a tax on gasoline, so that those who used the roads—and especially the truck owners—might bear their full share of the maintanance of the highways.

**The System Should Be Changed**

The time has now come, Mr. Squire continued, when it is necessary to have an improved system of maintaining the township roads, as well as the county and provincial highways. He recommended the passage of the by-law by Artemesia Township for the replacing of the statute labor system by that suggested by the administrataion. Under the new system if the township expenditure on roads was, say $10,000 the government would pay $3,000 or 30 per cent. That amount, of course, need not be expended in one year,. He called particular attention to the fact that the government aid proposed was 30 per cent. of the township expenditure, in place of 20 per cent. at present. Moreover, the government would be prepared to pay one-half the salary of a superintendent.

**Superintendent Reports To Council**

If the scheme were adopted the township council would sit down and map out their roads, showing their relative importance for traffic purposes, and the superintendent would carry out the decisions arrived at, he having full control over such workmen as he might find necessary to carry on the work. The superintendent need not be an engineer or an expensive official, but he ought to be a man of knowledge of the subject of road management and of discretion. He would be responsible to the council and report to the Department, who would not interfere, but might act as referee.

In answer to questions, Mr. Squire said the taxpayers were free to adopt the new system or to carry on under statute labor. If, however, they continued statute labor, there would be no government grant. In 165 townships where statute labor had been abolished, they had found that work which cost $1.06 to put gravel 30 cents. A very large proportion of the townships of the province have already abolished statute labor, the number being 165 and 80 others have already passed the necessary by-law, leaving only a small proportion of the 350 townships who have not taken action.

At the close Mr. Squire was asked if under the new arrangement the government would contribute to the expense of keeping the roads free from blocking by snow in winter. He replied that no decision had yet been arrived at, but that expenditures so necessitated would be recognized under the new arrangement.

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Send The Advance as a Christmas present.

Mrs. W. Boyd is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Crossley, in Toronto.

Miss D. Thurston of Toronto is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. Jack Karstedt of Toronto University is spending the vacation with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cairns of town are spending Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. McDonald, at Weston and will visit for a couple of months.

Providence church, Osprey, will hold its annual meat supper and concert on New Years night, when the

Mr. Claude Akins of Flesherton last week purchased from Henry Arkell & Son of Teeswater five fine Oxford Down sheep at a fancy price. Mr. Akins is building up a creditable flock of these popular sheep.

The high school teachers, Misses Cameron, Dunham and Stewart have gone to spend the Christmas holidays at Ottawa, Toronto and Stratford respectively.

Providence church, Osprey, will hold its annual meat supper and concert on New Years night, when the Sunbeam Trio of London, graduates of the Ontario School for the Blind, will assist. Admission—Adults 60c., Children 25c. Tea served from 6 to 8 o'clock. Rev. A. E. Duffield, pastor.


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December Twenty-fourth, Nineteen Twenty-Four.

**F. H. W. HICKLING,**
**Flesherton, Ont.**