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C. P. R. TIME TABLE

Trains leave Flesherton Station as follows:

Going South	Going North
8.00 a.m.	11.52 a.m.
4.10 p.m.	9.08 p.m.
8.41 p.m.	4.33 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.

Social and Personal

Merry Christmas!

Two days until Christmas!

Phone 18 and give us the list of your Christmas visitors.

Nomination day is Monday of next week.

Send The Advance to a relative as a Christmas gift. It will certainly be appreciated. Try it this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crossley and daughter of Toronto are holidaying with their relatives in town.

Mrs. Silas Phillips has gone to Palmerston and will spend the winter with her son, Wilfred.

Mrs. Alex. McDonald of Weston, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cairns.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Griffin of Toronto are holidaying with the latter's mother Mrs. W. Wilcock.

Dr. Ern Arwmstrong, M.P. elect of Cobalt and son, David, were the guests of Mrs. F. H. W. Hickling on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Cairns left this week tto spend the winter with their daughter at Weston, and son Jack, at MacTier.

Messrs Kendall Boyd and Jack Karstedt of the Toronto Normal school are holidaying at their home here.

Scientists have never been able to find a perfect vacuum. Perhaps bcause politicians are touchy about having their heads examined.

The high and public schools entered into the Christmas vacation on Tuesday. School will re-ooen on January 4th.

Mr. Wes Ball of Detroit arrived last week to visit his wife, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lever.

Mr. Albert Moore of Detroit is spending Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moore, Springhill.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Jos. Harrower, pastor, at Chalmer's United church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Robt. Watt of Saskatoon, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bentham for a couple of days last week. Mr. Watt was East attending a convention at Toronto.

Mrs. M. Phillips left on Wednesday of this week to spend the winter with her daughter in Detroit. Her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Gibson, of Ceylon acompanied her for a month's visit.

In the last fiscal year only 4,676 farmers paid an income tax, and they passed over to the Federal treasury less than three hundred thousand dollars out of a grand total of some forty-five millions.

An auction sale will be held on Lots 8-9, Con. 2, Artemesia, on Wed, December 30th. Farm stock and implements. See bills for particulars. L. Batterton, proprietor, Geo. Duncan, Auctioneer.

A watch-night service will be held in Chalmer's church, Flesherton, on December 31st, commencing at 11 p. m., and continuing until aftetr the New Year has dawned. Everyone in the community is invited.

The Mission Band took charge of the evening service in St. Joh6n's United Church on Sunday and presented a pageant depicting the work the United Church is doing in their various missionary fields. The evening was very interesting and the church was crowded to view it.

Our Christmas goose was presented to us last week by the Women's Institute of town, and it is a beauty, and our hearty thanks are extended to the W. I. The goose was from the flock of Mrs. Robt Best, and was of good weight and very fat. Without a doubt it will make fine eating on Christmas day.

Santa Claus Welcomed In Town on Saturday

BIB CROWD OF CHILDREN WERE GIVEN BAGS OF CANDIES AND NUTS

25 WON SPECIAL PRIZES

Santa Claus has been to Flesherton on his annual rounds visiting the various towns mapping out his route to follow when distributing his presents on Christmas eve. Saturday afternoon last his visit to Flesherton was witnessed by about one thousand people and over three hundred children were presented with bags of candies and nuts by the jolly old saint.

Promptly at 2.45 Santa Claus made his appearance on his road from Durham riding on a sleigh gaily decorated with evergreens and bunting. After a drive around the block Santa lined the children up and presented each one with a bag of candies and nuts. As each one got their bag the contents were eagerly scanned to see if they were one of the lucky ones to receive one of the twenty-five special prizes which were given by seme of the merchants of town.

The day was a perfect one for Santa's visit and very early in the afternoon children began to gather and by 2.30 the streets were well filled with children and grownups, eagerly watching for the appearance of Santa. It was a big day for the children and many childish hearts will cherish with fond memories the time when they talked to Santa Claus.

The merchants of town as a whole acted very generously in giving candies and nuts and special prizes, also many citizens with cash donations, to help make the day the big success it was. Santa Claus wishes to publicly thank all those who so public spiritedly helped with their donations, and promises that he surely will not forget Flesherton next year. Below are the names, as far as we can learn, of the winners of the special prizes:—

Jack Welton, Flesherton.
Dora Stewart, Ceylon.
Florence Down, Flesherton.
Everett Talbot, Flesherton R. R.
Iva English, Rock Mills.
Master Burke, Feversham.
Sadie McKee, Flesherton R. R.
Doris Kerton, Flesherton.
Elgin Waller, Proton R. R.
Alma Lever, Flesherton R. R.
Milford Piper, Ceylon.
Bert Wright, Maxwell.
Willie Meads, Priceville R. R.
Dorothy Bemrose, Maxwell.
Doris Pedlar, Rock Mills.
Master Shiers, Flesherton R. R.
Velma Fisher, Flesherton R. R.
Lulu Russell, Rock Mills.
Delbert Smith, Rock Mills.
Geo. Bemrose, Maxwell.
Master Duckett, Proton R. R.

Helium has been discovered at Inglewood, Ont., and contains the only important supplies of helium yet discovered in the British Empire. Inglewood will no doubt prosper from this discovery.

A 20-pound goose ,with its neck partially severed, lying dead at the edge of a pond on the farm of Louis Dahms, Con. 6, Carrick, told a tale of a savage duel which had taken place during the night. Suspecting that an owl had been the perpetrator of the crime, Mr. Dahms set a trap and was rewarded by the capture of a large owl, which stands 20 ins. high with wings measuring five feet from tip to tip.

Chalmers' Sunday School Concert Held Friday

MISB JOY FAWCETT AND MISS A. SHEPPARD SUPPLIED THE MAIN PROGRAM

SANTA DISTRIBUTED GIFTS

Chalmer's United Church Sunday School presented a unique but fetching form of entertainment in the church on Friday evening, December 18th.

Instead of the regular programme, entirely made up of the Sunday school talent, Misses Joy Fawcett, pianist and dramatic soprana, and Alice Sheppard of Toronto filled the greater portion of the programme with pleasing effect.

The supper in the basement was up to the usual good standard, and the crowd had no fault to find with the way they were "fed."

Rev. Jos. Harrower was chairman of the evening, while Mr. Chas. Stewart made a short address, in which he reviewed the work of the Sunday school since its formation just fifty years ago.

The Sunday school interspersed the program with several very well rendered choruses which were much appreciated.

Miss Alice Sheppad lived up to all the advance notices, her expression and manner being much appreciated by all. Her interpretations varied from "Peekin'" to that most touching of all, "Lasca."

Miss Joy Fawcett, the young pianist and dramatic soprana, presented a most ambitious programme, in a most finished manner before an appreciative audience. Her interpretation was finishd, the rendition perfect, and the programme was enjoyable, varying from,"Woof," and "Sing Sweet Bird, to "Break o' Day,"and "Silent Night," with accompaniments by Mrs. Blackburn. She also sang "Annie Laurie" very sweetly accompanying herself with variations on the piano.

Everyone was delighted with these talented entertainers, and we hope they may be heard again at a later date.

Santa Claus completed the program, and distributed his gifts from the Christmas tree to the Sundayt school.

The proceeds of the evening amounted to eighty-six dollars.

FLESHERTON SHCOOL REPORT

4th Class—A. Heard, J. McFadden, M. Fenwick, M. Bibby and E. Fenwick equal, E. McMullen, G. Sled, L. Batty, A. Irwin, A. Lever, B. Phillips, B. Patton.

Sr. 3—E. Fisher, S. Preston, G. Stuart, G. McMaster, A. Clements, W. Colgan.

Jr. 3—H. Best, F. Welton, E. Ferris J. Gibson, B. Sled, B. Patton, E. McKillop, E. Freeman, B. Castle.

Sr. 2—M. Ferris, B. McEachnie, D. McFadden, A. Warling, D. McMullen, M. Stuart, A. Laughlin, W. Preston, J. Gibson, V. McMaster, W. Laughlin, E. Kerton.

Jr. 2—E. Warling, H. Bibby, G. Boyd, E. Patton, E. Talbot, W. Welton, H. Croft, C. Gibson.

1st—H. McKillop, L. McEachnie, P. Gibson, A. Turney, W. Littlejohns, B. Bellamy absent.

1st B.—A. Lawrence, C. Talbot, E. Brown, E. Clements, H. Laughlin, E. Burnett absent.

Pr. A—F. Lawrence, E. Talbot, D. Stuart, R. Semple, F. Patton, H. DeCudmore, B. Murray, G. Bibson.

Pr. C—D. Kerton, A. McKillop, J. Poole, D. Kerton.

News of His Brother

Mr. Richard Allen received an interesting letter from a wandering brother on Thursday of last week. His brother, George,, has not been heard from for the past twenty-five years, which puts him in the class with mising relatives. About thirty-eight years ago, in company with others, he went to Vancouver. From there he drifted to Everett, Wash., where he located when the town plot was still being surveyed, and where he remained for a number of years. He is now residing at Munroe, Wash; from where the family was delighted to hear from him.

NICOL—LUDLOW

At the parsonage, Flesherton, on Monday, December 21st, 1925, Susanna Ludlow, only daughter of Mr. George Ludlow, Victoria Corners, to Mr. Franklin Nicol, son of Mr. M. Nichol, Rev. W. R. Clements officiating. After the ceremony the young couple left for a short honeymoon in residence in Pontiac, Mich.

The Why of Xmas Trees

In the forests of the north, woodsmen have been engaged in cutting hundreds of beautifully shaped cedars and balsams, which will be in every city throughout the Dominion, to be sold as Christmas trees. On Christmas morning they will be dazzling and glowing with light and color and beauty, and ladened with gifts. Little children will gaze in adoration, clap their hands for joy, and laugh and shout as they behold them, while grown-ups looking on will recapture some of the happiness of their own lost childhood and feel that truly Christmas is the gladdest, merriest time in all the year.

This practice of decorating and hanging gifts on a Christmas tree is well established, and one of the most delightful of our Christmas customs. But just how it all originated is somewhat uncertain. Certainly there is no mention of the Wise Men of old hanging their gifts on a tree. It is of course well known that the Chirstmas tree custom was first introduced into England from Germany, about a hundred years ago, and was rapidly adopted by all English speaking countries. In Germany the Christmas tree seems to be a very ancient custom, probably a remnant of the fanciful pageants of the middle ages, or may have been introduced into Europe by the ancient pagans, as were so many of our Christmas customs.

There is a legend about the Christmas tree, which tells how one, Ansgarius, went forth as a missionary to the Vikings of the North. Three Messengers were sent along with him —Fai,th Hope and Love—to find the light—the first Christmas tree. They searched for one that should be as high as Hope, as wide as Love and should have thet sign of the Cross on every bough. The balsam fir seemed best suited to meet these requirements and so was chosen, and to this day the balsam fir is the favorite Christmas tree.

And, is not this symbolism one of the most beautiful things about a Christmas tree? For a Christmas tree is always connected with childhood and home, both of which enshrine these qualities,—Love, Faith and Hope. Indeed, there is no other season of the year when Home lures to itself young and old alike, so strongly and so tenderly, as at Christmastide. The Christmas season finds people travelling north, south, east and west to be home for Christmas.

Two United States airmen were killed when their machines collided 3,000 feet over San Diego Bay, California.

SANTA CLAUS TALK

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Phone 37

to our Friends and Customers:

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

Although our relations and transactions during the past year have always carried a spirit of good-will, the fact remains that they have all been permeated with business.

Wb would take the opportunity offered by the Christmas Season to forget business and greet you purely on the basis oe good-will.

We therefore eqtend to yon our sincere wish for your happiness at this joyous season and for your prosperity in the future.

F. H. W. HICKLING

FLESHERTON, ONT.