

**RAILWAY EXTENSION.**

The extension of the G. T. R. from Durham, via Markdale to Meaford or some point on the Georgian Bay, is the all important topic in this district at the present time. A largely attended meeting was held at the Markdale House on Friday evening last to discuss the question. The meeting was strongly in favor of the project, and appointed a committee, with W. J. McFarland as chairman and Wm. Brown, Esq., as Secretary, to confer with the manager of the Grand Trunk Railway and the municipalities interested. We expect shortly to be able to state the conditions upon which the extension can be had; in the meantime the great advantages of having competition from the two great Railway companies of Canada will doubtless be looked upon, not only with favor, but with enthusiasm by every ratepayer concerned.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF GLENELG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**

The annual meeting of the above society was held in the Orange Hall, Markdale, on Thursday last. The attendance was good, and the proceedings harmonious. After preliminary opening, C. W. Rutledge read the auditors' report, giving explanations in regard to the various items of receipts and expenditure, the total receipts for the year just closed being \$374.51, and the expenditure \$388.98, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$44.68, besides amount for membership for 1885 of \$60.50. The directors report was also read and adopted, after which the following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Wm. Douglas; Vice-Pres., Thos. Elliott; Directors—Wm. Haskett, Edward Rutledge, Edward Davis, Shepherd Boyce, Wm. Anderson, F. Burton, Jas. Nelson, James Henderson and John Boland. Auditors, Wm. McLoughry and C. W. Rutledge. After the general business of the society was closed, the question of the extension of the G. T. Railway from Durham via Markdale to the Georgian Bay was freely discussed, and the following resolution unanimously carried. Moved by Mr. T. Kells, seconded by Mr. Edward Rutledge, that a committee be formed to communicate with Mr. Hickson, manager of the G. T. R., to ascertain the terms, conditions, &c., on which they will undertake to extend their branch from Durham via Markdale to a point on the Georgian Bay, so as to intersect the Northern Railway, and that it be composed of the following: W. J. McFarland, Wm. Brown, Esq., Wm. Haskett, Thos. Kells, James Elliott, Edward Rutledge, and Alex. Mercer.

**Correspondence.**

NOTICE.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

To the Editor of the Standard.

DEAR SIR,—In reading a communication from an "Outsider" in your issue of Jan. 8, one conversant with the facts of the case cannot but be struck with the thoughts that he would have been very near the truth if he had signed himself a *One-sider*. As some seem to think that I should not have published the minutes of the meeting, I beg leave, before replying to "Outsider," to give my reasons: 1st. The school is in the habit of having the minutes of its annual meetings published by Meaford Road correspondent, or other persons. Some errors were published last winter; so I felt justified in publishing a full report of the school meeting. I was also informed that a full report of what had transpired at the meeting had not even reached Flesherton, and as it is a matter in which the whole neighborhood is interested, I think it is my duty to give the facts of the case to all concerned. I supposed it was the treatment the members of the school received, that caused the "serious impressions." Upon reading the report, many who were there have expressed themselves in that way,

especially from an "aged member." He begins to say that he is not a great admirer of the rev. gentleman, &c., which is merely a blind hung up to conceal, if possible, his identity. He says that the spirit of the report is anything but christian forbearance. As he professes to know a good deal, and I ask who was the ruling spirit in that meeting. If the spiritual guide (by some so called) of a people manifest such a dogmatic, arbitrary spirit in their dealings with an intelligent thinking society, he will learn that church dignitaries nor their bulls are not so much dreaded as they were 800 years ago. Again, "Outsider's" dissertation on the union plea is misleading; because the union did not only include two Methodist bodies, but Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Baptists also, so that the Methodist union has not materially affected the school at all, nor did it necessitate that the plea put forth by Mr. McD., that the school should adopt the whole of the new constitution. But let me say that that was not what caused the disagreement between the school and Mr. McD. It was the manner in which he tried to force it upon the people in defiance to an article in the union school's constitution providing that "no change shall be made in the constitution without one month's notice having been given to all interested parties;" this is what the school asked for that night of the annual meeting. But the rev. gentleman evidently thought that delays were dangerous and pressed the immediate adoption of the new constitution with the success you see. Again, he tries to screen his actions by saying that according "to usage and law all church property belongs to the united church and held by trustees for that purpose, certainly not for union purposes." Now, it was just the same under the Canada Methodist usage and law, and that is why two clauses are in the union constitution, as the Rev. Mr. Johnston explained at the time of the union it could not be held in the church without them being in it. Then Sir "Outsider" comes out stronger still and says that "when a man or woman unites with any branch of the church their fidelity to act in all things tending to promote its interests should be expected." Is it not a great pity that "Outsider" were not a follower of that great body who take St. Peter as their foundation; would he not have made a devout one? Is it not more reasonable to a thinking person to follow men and agree with church polity so far as they follow Christ and the teachings of His Apostles? I prefer not to be such a partisan or bigot as he would have us be. His next step is still worse, for he makes a direct *false* statement, when he says the resolution was carefully drawn and sent to press by a Presbyterian secretary, then says that the old tried Methodists are absent on the list of officers. Why are they absent? Mr. McDowell had the nominating of the Superintendent. Perhaps some of them cared more for Methodism than for the spirit of union. For be it known that although "Outsider" states that after taking out the Methodists the other parties were so insignificant that they could not be called a party to the transaction, by actual count the families represented at the Sabbath school number 42, of those 15 families are Methodists, the insignificant remainder 27 families are not Methodists. And so "Outsider" says the *union cry* has no force. I have carefully enquired to find out who have caused a good deal of trouble and this agitation, and I find there is more than one "Nigger in the fence," or cats' paws as they are sometimes called; there are about three—two in the neighborhood and one about six miles from it; and then he vents his *venom* against those who have sacrificed comfort, time and means to advance the cause of God and for the good of the school and church, while he looks on and finds fault, and then signs himself an Outsider, and now, Sir, from the falseness of his statements it will be easy seen I was justified in making a report for he, who heard so much about the — did not state the truth.

J. I. GRAHAM.

**Osprey Agricultural Society.**

The above society held its annual meeting at Maxwell on the 8th Jan., when the following officers and directors were elected for the year 1885:—President, Wm. Guy; 1st Vice-President, Arch. McIntyre; 2nd Vice-President, R. Y. Burk. Directors—Josiah Gamey, John Kerton, Sanderson Hudson, Neal McLean, W. H. Calcutt, James Winters, John Bell, Wm. Inkster and John McKinnon. Joseph Gamey, Sec.-Treas.-Com.

Clipping from *Flesherton Advance*, Jan. 8th, 1885. **Markdale Market**—Fall Wheat per bush., 68 to 65; Spring Wheat per bush., 69 to 65. From *Markdale Standard*, Jan. 8th, 1885. **Markdale Market**—Fall Wheat per bush., 73 to 75; Spring Wheat per bush., 75 to 77. N. B.—At this rate the *Markdale Paper and Markets* are the best STANDARD and far in *Advance*, with four regular market standard buyers. Well done Markdale. I bow to your STANDARD advance in prices and model paper. Where is your Valley Road? Further comments is useless.

**Flesherton.**

The central Scott Act committee of this township, consisting of some of the active workers in the cause of Temperance who were appointed some weeks ago are vigorously pushing forward the canvas. Mr. J. W. Armstrong was elected chairman Mr. C. Treadgold Sec. of committee. The committee held a meeting in Mr. Armstrong's office on the 2nd of Jan. at which there was a good attendance, and arranged for a series of Scott Act meetings in this township to be held this week. The meetings to be addressed by the Rev. Mr. Patterson, Presbyterian Minister of Meaford and others.

Our new Society, known as "The Flesherton Mutual Improvement and Library Society," held its first regular monthly business meeting in their library room, Hooper's block, on Monday evening, the 12th inst., constitution was framed; By-laws, drafted and accepted; committees appointed for the selection of reading matter and taking charge of the same and final arrangements, for the more complete furnishing of the room which is to be kept open each evening, Sundays excepted, from 6 till 10 o'clock p. m. This matter is receiving hearty support in our village from young and old and we have little doubt, from the basis on which it is started, it will prove a successful enterprise. One dollar a year is charged for membership, and when we take into consideration, for the sum of one dollar, a man can have access to almost all the daily papers, a large number of weeklies, both Canadian, American, and British, as well as magazines and books, all of which must be good wholesome literature. We think it should be a source of good and an attractive place for the young men in the evenings. Mr. J. W. Armstrong was elected first President; Mr. John Gordon, Treasurer, and James Balmer, Sec. The Flesherton Division Sons of Temperance take possession of their New Hall in Dr. Christie's new block on Wednesday evening the 14th inst., a social entertainment is to be held on that evening, of which we may be able to report to you for another issue.

**Standard Sale Register.**

On Tuesday January 20, at twelve o'clock on lot North half of 16, con. 5, Osprey, Farm Stock, Implements, &c.; Twelve months credit. Mr. D. Irvine, proprietor; Mr. John Speers, Auctioneer.

Monday Jan. 26th, on lot 91, con. 2, East T. & S. Road, Glenelg, commencing at 12 o'clock, a large quantity of Farm Stock, Implements, &c.; 18 months credit. Marshal Beard, proprietor; Geo. Noble, Auctioneer.

**Adjourned Assizes.**

THE Assizes for this County were resumed on Wednesday, before Hon. Justice Armour, when the following cases were disposed of:

ANDERSON vs. ALLEN.—This was a municipal squabble in Amabel, the parties to which had been abusing each other through the *Warton Echo*, and then changing the battle-ground to the Court. Anderson sued Allen for libel, and Allen restorted by a counter suit. The jury came to the conclusion that they could each pay their own costs and call it square. Kilbourn & Bishop for plaintiff. Frost & Frost for defendant.

MERCHANTS BANK vs. SUTHERLAND.—Action to recover \$9000 from Mrs. Sutherland, which her husband had given her at the time of making his assignment. Settled by consent of both parties—by judgment for defendant without costs. S. Platt for plaintiff. Cressor & Morrison for defendant.

HAYES vs. INKSTER.—Adjourned till next Assizes.

McFARLAND vs. McLEOD.—Action on promissory notes. Verdict for plaintiff, Jas. Mason for plaintiff. E. Meyers for defendant. The Court is sitting.—O. S. Times.

**Composition.**  
 SUBJECT—VILLAGE INCORPORATION: AND CON.  
 The following is a composition by one of the pupils of our public school on the now interesting subject of Incorporation which is well worthy of publication. It would be well if some of the older citizens were to take these thoughts into consideration and at once set to work, and the village would soon be basking in the sunshine of a Municipal Council:  
 "On the above subject much may be said, both for and against, at least in the majority of cases. Markdale, I think, would be far better incorporated. It would not be subject to the township councils. They are much to be praised for the care they exhibit in that way, and if half of what goes out of the village were spent in the village it would greatly improve it. Being remote from the centres of the municipalities adjoining, all the councils care about is the taxes. I do not think that any of the council members live in or close to Markdale. It would thrive better. The money collected in the village would be spent in the village, which needs it bad enough. The citizens would then know that their taxes would go to improve the village, and not be spent somewhere else. Why, the Reeve of Glenelg once drove through the creek near the railroad, rather than trust himself on the rotten structure which spans it. For the improvements made, we need not thank the township councils much. It was the Village Police Trustees who have done so. Better order would prevail. Markdale is near the corners of four townships, viz., Glenelg, Artemesia, Euphrasia and Holland, and all the roughs from the four corners gather themselves together, and after swallowing a goodly quantity of the ardent, practice pugilism extensively. Frequently gangs of roughs have been known to parade the streets and disgust peaceable and law-abiding citizens by their foul language and frequent brawls. One constable is insufficient for a place like this, and yet that is all we have. A good lock-up in which to place offenders when caught, a court room to try them in, and several policemen, would benefit the place greatly. Against incorporation, I know of no argument except the size of the place. But Markdale does a great deal more business than many a larger place. The population too is increasing. Why, in the last five weeks many more residents have arrived."

**Artemesia Agricultural Society.**  
 The annual meeting of the above society for the election of officers and other business, was held in the Town Hall Flesherton, on Thursday, the 8th inst. The Auditors Report was laid before the members for their consideration was as follows: Total receipts from all sources, \$315.85; John McArthur and John Gordon, Auditors. James Brown, Secretary Treasurer.  
 It was decided to hold the fall exhibition on Tuesday, October the 6th. Disbursements, \$250.20; leaving a balance on hand to the credit of the society of \$65.18.  
 The officers elected for 1885 are Robert Oliver, President; John Brown, Vice-President. Directors—James Brodie, John Latimer, Richard Whitaker, Joseph Assum, David Harrow, James Stewart, William Trimble, John McArthur, Alexander Stewart.

**Notices of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, twenty five cents.**  
**MARRIAGES.**  
 MARSH—RUTLEDGE.—By Rev. Wesley Casson, at the Markdale House, Markdale, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., Mr. J. E. Marsh to Mrs. A. J. M. Rutledge.  
 SHORE—MATHERS.—On the 7th inst., at the bride's parents, by the Rev. Mr. McLaren, Mr. J. W. Shore of Euphrasia, to Miss S., daughter of Mr. Robt. Mathers of Euphrasia 49 couple dined with the happy couple at the residence of the bride's father on the evening of the above happy affair.

**DEATHS.**  
 McKee.—In Woodbridge, on the 11th inst., Mr. James McKee, brother of Hugh McKee Glenelg, aged 47 years.

**Market Reports.**  
**MARKDALE.**  
 Fall Wheat.....\$0 78 to \$0 75  
 Spring Wheat..... 0 75 to 0 77  
 Barley ..... 68 to 0 70  
 Peas ..... 52 to 0 00  
 Oat ..... 26 to 0 00  
 Butter ..... 15 to 17  
 Eggs ..... 20 to 00  
 Apples ..... 50 to 75  
 Potatoes ..... 18 to 20  
 Hay ..... 7 00 to 8 00  
 Pork ..... 5 00 to 5 25  
 Flour ..... 3 75 to 4 25

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 " " 59 " 37 " "  
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 with offal in proportion to amount of flour.  
 I find the average weight of new wheat to be 60 lbs. to the bushel, and the most of it, if properly cleaned, would weigh 61 or 62 to the bushel.  
**John W. Ford.**

**SUBSCRIPTIONS.**  
 Subscriptions received at this office for any of the following papers to the end of 1885 for one dollar in advance each, viz: Markdale STANDARD, Toronto Weekly Mail, Weekly Globe, Montreal Star, Montreal Witness, or the Farmers, Advocate. Now is the time to subscribe and get the balance of this year free.

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