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FLESHERTON HAPPENINGS

(By our own Correspondent.)

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Stewart here received a genuine house-warming on Tuesday evening of last week when the sons and daughters, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law of the esteemed couple invaded their new home to do them honor. Mr. Donald McLeod was appointed chairman, and in a neat speech explained the object of their visit, after which Mr. J. B. Thibaudeau read the following address:

To Mr. and Mrs. A. Stewart.

Dear Father and Mother,—We have taken possession of your home this evening to spend one more of the many pleasant evenings spent under the parental roof, and feel we should not let the present opportune time pass without some tangible token of the loving esteem in which we hold a kind and provident father, a loving and affectionate mother and withal parents whose constant consideration has been the welfare of their family and who have never thought any sacrifice too great for our present or future happiness. For all those years of loving toil and care we frankly confess we can never repay you, but as a slight token of our love to you we ask you to accept these chairs, hoping they may add somewhat to your pleasure in the afternoon of life, and that as you rest in them your thoughts may go pleasantly back to some of the instances of our happy life together in the old home. As we pass on through our lives our thoughts will oftimes be drawn to many kind acts you have performed; to the many loving words of comfort you have spoken and to the good advice you were capable of giving; and then our thoughts are turned to our kind and merciful Father who has given His blessing those many years and we hope it may be the will of Him who rules on high that you may be spared to us for many years yet to come. Our thoughts go to the three absent members of the family, and back to the sad spots in the past when we were called upon to suffer the grief we felt at parting with a loving and much loved brother and sister. May we all so live that when we leave this earth it will be to join those who have gone before to the better land. And yet we cannot close without our minds turning to our prospects for many more pleasant hours together.

Signed on behalf of the family,
Mark Stewart,
Donald McLeod.

Flesherton, April 7, '03.

Mr. Stewart feelingly replied, but was so overcome with the expression of affection towards himself and his wife, that he was unable to give utterance to all that was in his heart to say. The chairman then proceeded with a program which included short speeches from the sons, Mark, John and Charlie; and sons-in-law, J. B. Thibaudeau, Andrew Gilchrist, Alex. McRae and the chairman. Mr. John Stewart, Nebraska, offered a few words and Mrs. J. B. Thibaudeau gave a recitation. A trio was rendered by Mesdames John and Peter Thibaudeau and Mrs. John Stewart, and musical selections on organ and violin were given by Mr. and Mrs. P. Thibaudeau and Mr. D. McLeod; Highland dancing by the little grand-daughters, Zilla and Willa McLeod was a pleasing feature. Refreshments were served and the health of the parents drank, wishing them long to live to enjoy the gifts presented, which consisted of a handsome easy chair to Mr. Stewart and a comfortable and pretty rocker to Mrs. Stewart. God be with you till we meet again, was sung, and the company dispersed.

After an illness of several years there passed away on Monday evening of last week at his home on the 4th line, Artemesia, Mr. Charles Stafford, who had reached the ripe age of 78 years. His remains were interred in the Flesherton cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. G. H. Hurlburt, of this place. Deceased was a native of England, his birthplace being Hayfield, Derbyshire, where in early manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Beard. In 1854 he came to Canada and settled in Uxbridge township, Ontario County, where he resided until 1866 when he came to Artemesia and settled on the farm on which he died. He was a man of inoffensive words and upright character, very highly respected in the community where he has long lived. Along with his mourning widow he has left behind a very esteemed family of sons and daughters as follows: Rev. John Stafford, M. A., Professor in Pomona College, Claremont, Cal.; Joseph, Professor of Biology, McGill College, Montreal; James, farmer, 4th line, and Charles on the homestead; Mrs. J. P. Ottewell, of this place; Mrs. J. Wright, Osprey; and Miss Hannah, teacher at Rockvale. In politics Mr. Stafford was a Liberal and in religion a supporter of the Baptist church here. Mrs. Stafford and family have many neighbors and friends who remember them in their sorrow.

The early settlers of Artemesia township are rapidly passing away, the last called from this locality being Mr. Henry Mathewson, who, after eight weeks' prostration with paralysis, died at his home, 1½ miles west of this village on Wednesday morning of last week, aged 76 years. On Friday afternoon a large cortege followed his remains to the Irwin cemetery where they were laid at rest, his four sons and two sons-in-law acting as pall bearers. Rev. Ivison Wilson, of this place, conducted the burial services. The deceased was born near Toronto, in York county, in 1827. In 1859 he was married to Miss Ann McLeery, of Innisfield township, Simcoe county, where he had been living and continued to reside until 1864 when he moved to Artemesia and settled on the farm where he died. To Mr. and Mrs. Mathewson were born eight children, six of whom with Mrs. Mathewson survive him, viz: William, Markdale, Mrs. Wilson of Manitoba, Robert, of Maple, David, Fred and Maggie at home. Mrs. Thos. Wyville and Mrs. Jacob Lever died a few years ago. Mr. Mathewson was a hard-working, honest and industrious man, highly respected in the community where he has long lived. In religion he was a Methodist and in politics a staunch Conservative. Before the days of the railroad here Mr. Mathewson spent much time on the road teaming to and from Collingwood. He delivered the first load of merchandise for Mr. M. K. Richardson, who commenced business here in the fall of 1865. In those days it cost sometimes as high as $12.00 to bring a hogshead of sugar from Collingwood and sometimes with bad roads and break downs, as once with Mr. Mathewson, there wasn't much profit for the teamster at that. The widow and respected family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Mathewson's brothers and sister, James and Robert McLeery, and Mrs. Nixon, of Barrie; a niece, Mrs. Reid, of Barrie; Messrs. John and Alex. Marshall, Innisfil; and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Fred Wilson and Miss Maggie Wilson, of Arthur.

Mr. T. J. Sheppard's millinery opening took place last week, and was, we were informed, the most successful they have yet had. Mrs. Sheppard, who attended the wholesale millinery openings, was not only diligent in her search after new and nobby goods, but made a careful study of the fashions and latest styles many of which she reproduced in a manner which elicted praise from her numerous visitors. Among the trimmed goods one exhibit most admired was a rose hat with entire crown of crushed roses and foliage with a rolling brim of the new chiffon and straw trimming in pale blue. Another very becoming hat was a fancy straw in castor shade, trimmed with tulle and ribbon of same colors and a large cluster of cherries. Another was a large turban shape in fine white straw with a white lace drape falling over the brim, which was gracefully caught up at one side with bunches of roses.

Business was suspended on Friday last and the day was quiet here. Many of our citizens entertained visitors, and many others went abroad. In the evening Miss Ethel Trimble entertained her S.S. class and a few friends and the Misses Joy also gave a party to a few friends. On Sunday the music and sermons in the churches were appropriate to Easter. In the Methodist church the annual offering in behalf of the choir fund was taken up in the evening when a programme of excellent music was rendered. Mr. R. E. Osborn, of Courtice, an old friend of the pastor, addressed the S. School in the afternoon.

Mr. Ashdown's son, Thomas, Ceylon, sustained severe bruises in an accident on Friday last when he was upset from a rig and run over.

A prayer meeting and baptismal service conducted by Rev. L. W. Thom was held at the home of Mr. Jacob Lever, Toronto line, on Friday evening last.

Among the Easter holiday visitors in town were: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Osborne, Courtice, and Miss Ethel McKay, Port Hope, at the parsonage; Mrs. J. E. Hansford and daughter Blossom at Miss Bellamy's and the manse; Mr. M. K. Richardson, M. P. at home from Ottawa; Messrs. Leslie Bacus, of Shelburne, and Milt Tipp, of Collingwood, at Mr. A. Munshaw's; Mrs. E. White, of Markdale, at Mrs. McTavish's; Mr. J. McRae, of Woodbridge, at Mr. W. H. Bunt's; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. VanDusen, of Dundalk, at the former's home; Miss Flossie Thurston at home from Owen Sound with a friend, Miss Bolo, teacher, of Derby; Mr. Robt. Wright accompanied his mother from Hagarsville, where she had paid him an extended visit; Miss Corrina Frost, of Owen Sound, is the guest of Miss Christine Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. McPhatter, of Owen Sound, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. W. Wright, back line; Mrs. Dr. Rosborough is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Armstrong; Miss Nellie Frost, of Owen Sound, paid Mrs. Thom a short visit at the manse last week; Mr. Eddie Elder, of Owen Sound, is a guest at Mr. A. Munshaw's. Out of town:—Editor Thurston, Mrs. Fred Hickling, Miss Cole, Miss Ethel Crossley, T. Clayton, Bert Barnhouse, T. S. Daw to Toronto; Mr. John Bannon to his son's at Norwich: Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Murray to Wareham; our school staff at their respective homes, Principal Fawcett at Forest, Miss Phillips at Seaforth and Miss Martin at Preston; Mr. W. A. Armstrong and F. W. Hickling went to Toronto on Monday to attend the funeral of the late James Aikenhead, one of Toronto's oldest business men. He frequently visited at the Armstrong home here.

Mrs. Stewart, sr., accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Albert Stewart, has gone to Toronto to consult a specialist on a chronic trouble in one of her limbs.

Mrs. W. A. Armstrong and Mrs. Thurston have been appointed delegates from the Woman's Missionary Society and Mission Band here to the annual convention in Toronto.

Mr. Herb Smith, window dresser in Boyd, Hickling & Co.'s, made an artistic display last week. The windows were prettily and very appropriately dressed for the Easter season.

Born,—To Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Buskin, on Thursday last, a daughter. We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Buskin, who was very dangerously ill on Friday and Saturday, is now progressing favourably.

Kimberley

Mrs. Wm. Scott and her father, Mr. Snell, have gone to visit her uncle at Caledon East.

Mr. John Hammond, of Toronto, spent a few days at the parental home.

Mr. C. Knott has finished burning his lime kiln.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bradbury, on Wed. April 1st., a daughter.

We are pleased to hear that Miss Emma Hunter is improving.

Seeding has commenced.

Miss Johnson is visiting her parental home near Thornbury.

Mr. Charley Stuart is spending Easter Holidays at his parental home.

Mr. George Proctor and gang have commenced stone work out at Rockvale.

Victoria Corners

Building operations will be exceedingly brisk around the Corners this summer. Mr. Ab. Stinson intends erecting a large frame barn 45 by 70 feet, this summer, Mr. John Whitten has the contract; Mr. John Warner is preparing to put a stone foundation under his barn and also an addition to it, Mr. Matthew Gillespie has the contract for the stone work; Mr. Jas. Best is also preparing to build an addition to his barn, this season; and Ed. Patton intends erecting a fine barn this summer.

Mr. Joseph Strain is about to move his shoe last factory to Maxwell where he has purchased a good business.

Mr. Jas. Rath has made a large quantity of maple syrup this spring. This is a very scarce article around here.

Miss Zina Warner is visiting friends near Shelburne this week.

Mr. J. W. Tucker, of Markdale, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tucker.

Dr. and Mrs. Little, of Owen Sound are spending Easter with Mr. and Mrs. George Moore.

Mrs. Hunter, teacher in S. S. No. 2, Egremont, near Dromore, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stevens are spending a week with friends at Hornings Mills. Mr. Stevens is getting things in readiness to commence operations in his cheese factory. We hope he may have a successful season.

Miss C. Strain is spending Easter with friends in Toronto. She was accompanied to the City by her sister Mrs. Garton.

Mrs. Ed. Wellwood is spending Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Patton, of "Rosemont Cottage."

Seeding operations have fairly commenced in this neighborhood.

Kimberley

W. Rutledge of Ceylon and T. Fawcett, of Dundalk returned to G. Stuart to the valley last week.

John Brown, of Flesherton purchased a quantity of H. Hurd's oats.

John Magee was on a journey to Midland friends recently.

We hear that John Onie will work the Daly farm this season.

R. Steward had a letter from Walton, jr., who is in Krugersdorp, South Africa. Hugh will start for his Canadian home soon, via the American route.

We had a visit from Albert McNeil of Rocklyn, who also went to South Africa with Hugh., He was invalided home some months ago. He said this country was like South Africa in many respects.

Miss Clara Hurd and Charlie Stewart came from Meaford for Easter Eggs.

J. E. Hammond came from the City to spend Easter vacation at the parental home.

Miss Norma McMullen, of Toronto, had a short visit with friends here.

Albert McConnell left here on short notice for the far West.

Miss Maggie Fawcett, of Heathcote, is on a visit at the home of R. and G. Stuart here.

Reeve Erskine and councillor Irwin passed through Kimberly, to inspect some water courses and poor roads.

S. S. Burrit, school trustee has forbid the kicking of footballs on the school grounds and G. Curry, who is the sweeper and caretaker, has forbid the boys from putting the football through the windows. What will happen next?

J. R. Fawcett was unwell, but some conservative medicine from Dr. Sproule cured the same, we are glad to say.

Herb Fawcett of Collingwood arrived at Kimberley to spend the Easter term. Herb has a good position in the pork packing plant of Collingwood Meat Co.

Many tourists drove through the village on Good Friday en route to Eugenia and other places.

A lime kiln was burned last week by S. Thompson and Peter and S. Knott.

John Shaw and wife of Kalapore were on a visit here with C. Barthers, Bros.

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