

Flesherton Happenings

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid was held at Mrs. VanDusen's on Wednesday of last week, when officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Hon. President, Mrs. (Rev.) C. C. Little; Vice President, Mrs. A. S. VanDusen; Secretary, Mrs. Herbert Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Blackburn; Visiting Committee, Mrs. M. Ferguson, Mrs. Archibald Thompson, Mrs. Archie Boyd, Mrs. D. McTavish and Mrs. Wesley Buskin. The annual report of the Secretary showed 88 members on the roll; receipts \$188; expenditure, \$153; deposited in bank, \$31; balance on hand, \$12; total deposits in the bank, \$76. The ladies have had a very successful year and rendered very valuable service in carrying on the work of the church. A box of clothing, etc., is being shipped this week to a charitable institution in Toronto for Christmas distribution.

Messrs. J. & W. Boyd's store was broken into on Thursday night last, but only a few cents in an open till was secured in cash. There was evidence of some goods having been taken, but to what extent it was difficult to tell.

Mr. Leary LeGard's residence had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on Saturday. In some unaccountable way the fire started in a clothes closet and before it was extinguished the best of Mr. and Mrs. LeGard's clothing was destroyed.

Mr. Jake Thompson, of the east back line, had the misfortune to cut his foot severely while chopping in the woods last week. A number of stitches were required in dressing the wound.

Mr. McKenzie Duncan, west back line, is spending a week in Toronto Hospital, where last week he had an abscess successfully removed from his arm.

A surprise party of about two dozen young people spent last Thursday evening very enjoyably at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker.

Mr. Alex. Stewart has been very ill since Saturday with a severe attack of pleurisy.

Anniversary service was conducted in Rockvale Baptist Church on Sunday by the pastor, Rev. L. F. Kipp, and a successful entertainment was held on Monday evening. A number from here assisted in the programme.

Mr. R. Woods, of Corbiston, occupied the Methodist pulpit on Sunday, speaking in the morning on prayer and in the evening on temperance. Mr. Wood is a fluent speaker and his discourses were delivered with much earnestness.

Rev. G. C. Little will preach the anniversary sermon to the Sunday School in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath next. The usual entertainment will fall on Christmas evening.

Horse distemper has been prevalent in this vicinity recently and in some stables, we learn, there have been very sick animals.

At the regular meeting of Prince Arthur Lodge, A.F. & A.M. on Friday evening last, Mr. Joseph Blackburn was elected treasurer in the place of the late A. S. VanDusen. Donations were given by the Lodge to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, and the Sanitarium for Consumptives in Muskoka.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School held their annual meeting on Monday evening and elected officers for 1908 as follows:

Supt., Mr. Chas. Stewart; Asst. Supt., Mr. Frank Chard; Sec., Miss Celia VanDusen; Treas., Miss Loucks; Organists, Miss Mabel Thistlewaite and Miss Nellie Chard; Teachers, Mr. F. Chard (bible class), Miss Nellie Chard, Miss Mabel Thistlewaite, Mrs. Alf. Harrison, Mrs. W. Stewart, Mrs. T. W. Wilson.

The interior of the stores here have been artistically decorated for the holiday season and look very pretty in their new dress.

Mr. John Richardson has returned from Toronto and is assisting his uncle, Mr. W. E. Richardson, in the drug store over the busy season.

Mrs. Jos. Lennon, of Davenport, Wash., visited the Duncan family and other relatives in this vicinity last week.

Mr. Robert Wilcox is home from Buffalo, holidaying with his parents.

Mr. M. K. Richardson spent part of last week and over Sunday with relatives in Toronto.

Mrs. W. H. Thurston has been visiting Kimberley friends for some days.

Mr. Jeff Thistlewaite is home from Toronto for a holiday.

Mr. Thomas Clark, east back line, an old gentleman advanced in years, was seized with a paralytic stroke on Monday evening, which has deprived him of his speech.

KIMBERLEY HAPPENINGS

A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to The Standard and its many readers.

Mr. A. E. Myles visited friends at Orangeville and also attended the Winter Fair at Guelph.

Mrs. Glenday, of Toronto, is spending a few days the guest of her brother Mr. Wm. Walter.

Drilling for oil commenced at 2.45 p.m. Monday of this week and will continue night and day, Sundays excepted, till well is sunk.

Mr. Edward Fawcett, of Heathcote, visited friends here this week.

The annual Sunday School rally day of the Methodist church will be held on Sunday next, December 22nd. Rev. Mr. Kemp, of Walters Falls, and Mr. Huff, P. S. I., of Meaford, will address the pupils of the Sunday School at 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Municipal election matters are quiet in Euphrasia. All the old council will again be candidates for the positions they now hold.

A number from here attended the Christmas Tree at Epping on Friday evening last and report an excellent time.

Mrs. Eva Black spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Epping.

Miss Eva Lawson, of Orangeville, is spending a few weeks the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Myles "Springbrook."

The South African Shadow.

An editorial writer in the Canadian Magazine paints a very dark picture of affairs in British South Africa. In spite of the bloody war which was concluded about six years ago, and despite the magnanimity and generosity of the British Government, to-day Boer and Briton stand in the bitterest opposition to each other. A correspondent in the "Outlook" says:

"Once more one hears that expression which before the war was the stereotyped form in which the fierce racial hatred of the Boer found vent—'Verdommed rooinek!' Nothing could be more sharply significant of the real trend of feeling than this. Or again, you will hear as I have: 'We'll teach you damned rooieks who is going to rule the Transvaal.' It was you English had to ask for peace, not we Boers, and much of the same kind. The country, including the Orange River Colony, is being fast brought back to Boerdom. The South African Constabulary are to be abolished and superseded by the old, pernicious, Boer field-cornet system, which will at once give the Boer his military organization. Also the Boer Government is doing its utmost to get back all the civil servants under the late President Kruger's Government, and if any symbolism is wanting of the trend of affairs, the announced intention of the Botha Ministry to rebuild the pedestal destroyed by the British in Pretoria market square, and thereon set a statue of President Kruger, is sufficient for those who know the Boer."

So far as may be seen at present the British government made a terrible mistake when they gave self-government to the Boers and granted them dual language, instead of giving the control of the country into the hands of the British and insisting upon the English being the official language of the land. The picture drawn by the writer in "The Outlook" is not at all darker than the situation really is. The Brockville Times recently saw a letter from an Englishman in South Africa who had written to Canada with a view of emigrating to this country. He spoke bitterly of the despotism of the Boer government and said, "South Africa is no place for an Englishman."

The Empire of Great Britain may anticipate with apprehension another sanguinary fight with the Boers on account of the suicidal concessions made by the home government to the unappreciative Boers.

HOLLAND CENTRE

Miss M. Downey, who has been attending Model School in Owen Sound, is home again.

Madge and Harold Williscroft, of Massie, spent Sunday at Mr. J. Dixon's.

Mr. Ralph Rolston, of Verden, Man., is at present visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt, of Chesley, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jackson.

Messrs. John and Frank Hamilton, accompanied by their sister, Beatie, attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Maher, of Toronto, last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Williams, of Rocklyn, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Ed. Williams.

The last council meeting of the year was held on Monday. We understand that most of the present council are seeking re-election.

Ma. Ino. McCurry had a successful wood bee on Tuesday of this week.

The box social held under the auspices of the L. O. L. was a great success. The chair was filled by Mr. N. Perdue. After a good program of local talent was rendered, the boxes were disposed of by Mr. Greenaway. The proceeds amounted to \$22.00.

The scholars of the Methodist Sunday school are busy preparing for their entertainment to be held on New Year's Eve.

Instead of the usual tea-meeting a Free-will Offering was asked for by the trustee board of the Methodist church on Sunday last. The offering was very liberal, the proceeds amounted to \$96.00.

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Opening of New St. James Church.

Churches stand for all that is good. Their presence in any community is marked, for they are the means of making better men and women. A new church must therefore gladden the hearts of all right-thinking people.

The new church at Fairmount, known as St. James Church, Euphrasia, had its formal opening on Sunday, Dec 8, and the services were attended by hundreds of well-wishers from neighboring towns and townships.

The services, which included Holy Communion at 10 a.m., Morning Prayer at 10.45 a.m., Monster Service at 3 p.m., and Evening Prayer at 7 p.m., were all well attended, standing room being at a premium. Rev. A. T. Watt, of Bond Head, and Rev. E. A. Wright, of Walkerton, were present and took part in the various services. Rev. T. H. Brown, of Meaford, and Rev. E. Appleyard, of Clarksburg, were expected, but were unavoidably absent.

The services throughout were very successful and the attendants contributed freely to the maintenance of the new edifice. \$50 was realized as a result of the opening.

On Monday evening a lecture and entertainment were given, the Rev. E. A. Wright making a good hit with his popular lecture "The Prayer Book." Speeches and instrumental and vocal music were rendered, after which refreshments were served by the ladies. \$10 was added to the church as a result of this entertainment.—Meaford Express.

ROCKLYN.

Messrs J. W. Patton and T. Sewell, of Rocklyn, and Mr. S. J. McKnight, Epping, attended the Winter Fair at Guelph recently.

Many from our burg attended the annual tea-meeting and Xmas Tree at Epping on Friday evening. All report a very pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Clugston very kindly gave their home to the entertaining of the R. T. S. members one evening last week. The ladies of the lodge had prepared an excellent dinner, after which the evening was most enjoyably spent in games etc. Such gatherings brighten very much the long winter evenings and we think the Temperance Lodge sets a good example to those outside from a social as well as a moral standpoint.

Messrs. Geo. Armstrong and John Yeadell have returned from attending the jury in Owen Sound.

Dr. and Mrs. Williams spent Sunday at the home of Mr. E. M. Williams, Holland Centre.

Owing to unfavorable weather on Monday evening the concert in the Township Hall was not a success financially. The committee of St. James church went to a good deal of trouble and expense to give our burg a treat, but those who have heard Mr. Fax in larger places did not feel at all complimented with his entertainment that evening. We feel, although we were not a full house in a small village, we were deserving of his best efforts. Mr. Naggs, violinist, of Meaford, played in his usual good style and was most generous in his encores.

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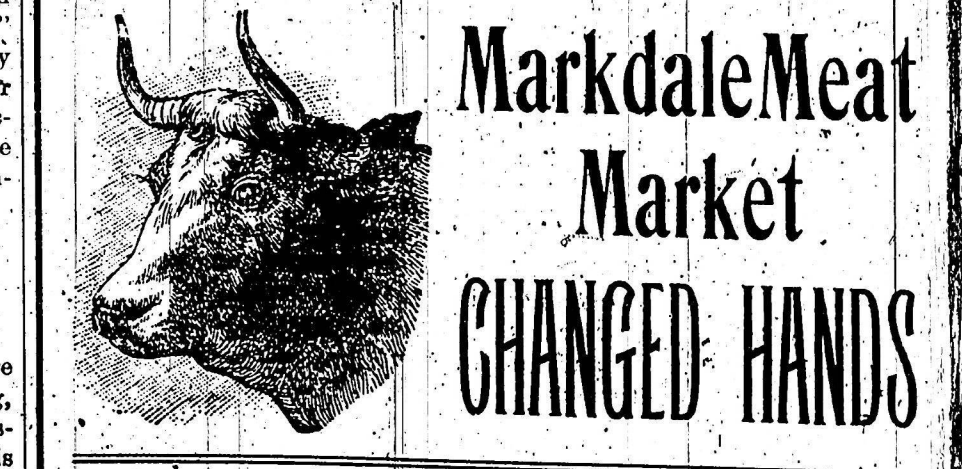
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