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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

The days are lengthening at both ends. The winter is diminishing at a remarkable rate for a mild winter.

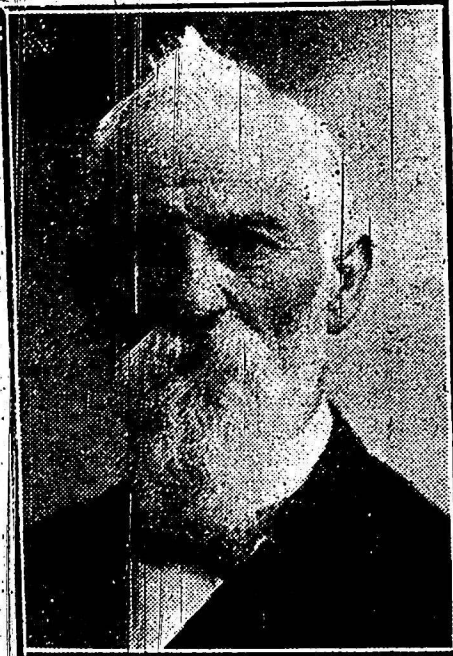
A severe snow storm from the east on Sunday gave Mother Earth a generous winter coat.

The ice harvest is in full swing. The quality is superior, though not up to average in thickness.

The Methodist League gave a very enjoyable Valentine social in the church on Monday evening.

The Standard is \$1.00 a year when paid in advance, or five cents added for each month when not so paid.

The Markdale junior hockey team defeated Kimberley on their own ice on Monday evening by the score of 16-1.



ROBERT AGNEW, of Meaford, Warden of Grey County.

Red Anchor Cough Remedy is the best our skill and experience can produce. 25c a bottle at Turner's drug store.

Rev. J. S. Corcoran, a retired Methodist minister, well known here and elsewhere, died at his home in Toronto last week.

Mr. H. H. Mockler, general merchant of Durham, has made an assignment. His creditors will receive 50 cents on the dollar.

Longboat is going to take a rest and aims at being his own manager in the future. Since he got married he has evidently been over-managed.

About twenty-five members of the August Lodge I.O.O.F. will go to Milton this Thursday evening to attend the Lodge of Instruction.

Dog tags for 1909 must be prepared before the 1st March. They can be had from Treasurer Lucas, Alex. McCutcheon.

Notice—I will be in my millinery parlor up to Wednesday next, Feb. 18th, when I will expect all outstanding accounts to be paid. M. Fullford.

If you've never been to a Big Social Supper you'll wish you'd been there if you miss the one in the Methodist Church on Feb. 26th.

Mr. J. E. Richards, of Dundalk was married this Wednesday morning to Miss Lily Dean, of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Richards left on the early morning train for Toronto and other points.

Mr. J. R. Mathews will move this week to Mrs. Elliott's house on Main street, and Mr. P. L. Thompson to the house beside it, owned by Wm. Heath. Mr. Harry Wall will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Thompson.

Messrs. M. and C. E. Armstrong have purchased from the Durham Furniture Co. the Rockvale veneer plant and will move it to Markdale forthwith, and re-establish here the veneer industry, thus creating a market for soft elm timber.

All those who are indebted to me by note or book account are requested to call at my residence, Toronto street, and settle same before the 1st March, as after that date my books will positively be placed in other hands for collection. W. J. Stephens.

The young people of Berkeley Presbyterian Church intend having a Flower Social on Friday evening, Feb. 26th in Foresters' Hall. The young ladies will provide the flowers and luncheon, and a good program is being prepared. Admission 15 cents. Everybody come and have a good time.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church was held on Feb. 10th, and a very prosperous report was given by all the departments. Each treasurer reported a surplus. The totals from all sources amounted to over \$1350.00. There is no debt of any kind, and everything is working in harmony.

The Sydenham Mutual Fire Insurance Company contracts to pay market value for ordinary farm stock—implements, hay, grain, etc. It also has the largest cash surplus of any farmers' mutual doing business in Ontario and the lowest premium note. Before renewing your insurance get rates from their agent, W. J. Bowes, Markdale.

PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Laddelle Watson was home from Dundalk over Sunday.

Dr. Oldham, of Chatsworth, was in town Wednesday professionally.

Mr. I. W. McArdle was in Toronto for a couple of days this week.

Miss Sime, of Corbetton, is visiting in town, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Rutledge.

Mr. J. B. Lucas, M.L.A., is in Toronto this week attending parliamentary duties.

Mr. J. Beattie, of Chesley, was in town over Sunday, a guest at Mr. J. W. Rutledge's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. McFarland left on Monday for Toronto where they will spend a week.

Misses Gertie Burnside, Bert Bowers and Della King are attending the millinery openings in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Armstrong arrived from Fort William on Saturday and will remain about a month.

Mr. A. T. Hutchinson, merchant and postmaster at Feversham, gave The Standard a friendly call Tuesday.

Mr. Shields, of Beausville, has returned home after a pleasant two weeks visit with his son and uncle of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFarland left Toronto last Thursday for Pasadena, Cal., where they will spend a month.

Mr. W. W. Guest, of Henderson, Maine, and Mr. R. Richardson, of Flesherston, gave The Standard a call on Monday.

Mr. Roy Noble, who has been with Mr. S. J. Halbert, here, for about three years, left on Monday to take a position in Dundalk.

Mr. John Hannan, of Regina, Sask., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. M. F. Norris, of the suburbs, the past week, and also called on other relatives before returning.

LENTEN SERVICES.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Ash Wednesday—11 a.m., Matins and Communion Service. 8 p.m., Evensong, Subject, "Godly Sorrow."

Thursday, March 18th, 8 p.m.—Subject, "Sons of God."

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Thursday, March 25th, 8 p.m.—Subject, "Address to Church Workers."

Thursday, April 1st—Subject, "Humility."

Holy Week, Monday to Thursday, 8 p.m., Readings on the "Seven Words from the Cross."

Good Friday: 11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion. Short Address and Sermon. At 8 p.m., Evensong, Collection for the Jews. Sermon.

ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, BERKELBY.

Friday, March 19th, 8 p.m., Shortened Evensong and concluding part of Communion Service. Subject—"Godly Sorrow."

Friday, March 19th, 8 p.m., Evensong, Subject, "Sons of God."

Friday, Apr. 2nd, 8 p.m., Evensong, Subject, "Humility."

Good Friday, Service 3 p.m. Collection for the Jews.

Easter Day—Evensong and Holy Communion. Sermon, "The Resurrection Body."

BORN

STODDART—In Glenelg, the 13th Feb. 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Wes Stoddart, a son.

BOWES—At Strathmairn, St. Vincent's Feb. 12th, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Bowes, a son.

SHEARS—In Owen Sound, Feb. 10, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shears, a daughter, (Vera Dorcen.)

THOMPSON—At Lockwood, Sask., Jan. 21st, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Godfrey Thompson, formerly of Wodehouse, a son.

Glover Gets Clear.

Luther Glover, of Owen Sound, who was charged with wounding Mike Kelly, of the Markdale hockey team, by hitting him on the mouth with a stone, was acquitted on Friday. A number of witnesses were called, who were in the crowd the night the assault took place; but their evidence was very weak. Some of them swore positively that Glover was in the crowd, in the middle of the road opposite the hotel, while others were just as sure that he was not. Glover denied taking part in or knowing of any stone-throwing. Under the circumstances, His Worship could do nothing but dismiss the case—Owen Sound Sun.

ST. VALENTINE'S GLORY GONE?

Youths No Longer Cluster Around the Post Office Waiting for Valentine Messages.

Postmaster Plewes, smiling through the wicket at the query, informs us that the Valentine fever has lost its potency and that the boxes no longer bulge out with the animated monstrosities deemed heretofore so appropriate to that day. The two drug stores, also, which not so many years ago had their counters covered with the pictorial perversities, this year failed to put in a stock of Valentines, and the one or two lonely, love-sick youths who desired to express their feelings towards their best girl in this manner, had to be content with a picture post-card. Why this decay of manners? Why such a universal decline in the sentimentalities of the poets and artists who made St. Valentine the inspiration of their themes? That hard times have really struck the valentine manufacturers cannot be denied even by the rosy-spectacled. In some rural districts, to be sure, the lovelorn and the spiteful still leave the expressing of their sentiments to professional thrummers of heartstrings and caricaturists. A generation ago the youth at the maudlin age thought only of "blowing" five dollars on a huge piece of paper loveliness ornate with ribbons, vistas, water colors, and gilt stanzas from the poets. To-day, when the young man wishes to present his fair one with a remembrance he will probably invest the same sum in something useful and substantial, of something with which to adorn her person. Were his lady love to receive in lieu of this unsel exhibition to "Remember me when this you see" her irate reply by return messenger would be "Forget it!"

Why this change of heart? Is it merely that women have lost the fine lustre of sentiment in their mad desire for personal attractiveness? By no means. The still small voice of the sly valentine has merely been drowned by the booming bass of the twentieth century youth as he shouts: "You certainly are a peach, Mammie!" In brief, the sentimental message is out of a job because shyness is a lost art. The modern swain, talking "straight" to Phyllis as easily as he would say "Boo!" to a goose, sees in the valentine a mere pleasantry to be indulged in only when Phyllis can be amused in no better way. But if the valentine is still a pleasantry, somebody asks, why have the cheap comic ones lost their vogue? Surely there is just as much humor as ever in the somewhat "idealized" colored portrait with the appended twelve-line ode beginning:

You silly gawk with bleary eyes And teeth that look like rail-road ties.

Why, then, are the mails on February 13 and 14 no longer congested with such pleasantries? The answer is easy. Let the inquirer note that the decline of the comic valentine was contemporaneous with the rise of journalism's ludicrous cartoons. This tells the

whole, sad tale. Humor, to be forceful, must have a touch of unexpectedness and novelty in it. It needs contrast effects, too. Naturally, then, a public which gazes every day on new valentinized pictures of celebrities, real and imaginary, and hears at each fresh dawn offensive personalities set to rhyme and rhythm, cannot be prodded to laughter by the annual comic valentine. Strictly speaking, of course, the comic valentine has not been vanquished; it has merely passed on to a higher plane of existence. It has ceased to be an event. It has become a national habit, a language with picture writing. Instead of waiting for February 14th, to come, the civilized world now insists upon having the deeds of every day dotted down in cartoon and caricature. There must be a daily comic valentine about Ottawa politics, another about Toronto politics, half a dozen about Buster Brown and his dog, Tige, and a whole series of "Bengough's Original Drawings." This supreme triumph of the milk-lily insane valentines should console and compensate us for the passing of the rose-leaves-and-lavender sort.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

The annual meeting of the Markdale Public Library Board was held in the Library Room on Thursday evening, February 11th. Members present, Miss Mann, Miss Leonie Mathews, Mr. J. S. Rowe and Mr. J. G. Matthews.

The following officers for the ensuing year were duly elected:

Chairman—J. S. Rowe.
Sec. Treas.—J. G. Matthews.
Librarian—Miss Mann.
Purchasing Committee—Miss Mann, Miss Mathews and Messrs. J. B. Rowe, W. Turner and J. G. Matthews.

The librarian was instructed to notify members who have books out longer than the specified time to return the same at once, and also to enforce the rules with respect to fines and suspension of members who do not comply with library regulations.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Irwin, of Meaford, were in town visiting friends this week.

AN EXTENSIVE REAL ESTATE DEAL

Valuable Property at Once Disposed Of. To Durham Furniture Company.

One of the largest real estate deals in the history of this district was completed last week when Dr. J. J. Ross, M.P.P., the President of the Durham Furniture Company, purchased for the estate of the late W. A. Armstrong, what is known as the Millers property and interests connected therewith. The estate consisted of five miles of land in the neighborhood of Flesherston Station on the C.W. Gravel Road. There were about a dozen buildings in all, which are substantially built. The land is powerful, and every acre of it is in the hands of a very fair landowner. The mill, 700 acres of the choice, uncultured bush, being hardwood, and well understood the price paid for the neighborhood of twenty-five dollars, and it is estimated that men who ought to know the value of the property are to be congratulated on the acquisition of probably the finest property of the kind in this part of Canada.

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