

Flesherton Happenings

PRINCE ARTHUR'S OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of Prince Arthur Lodge A. F. & A. M. held on Friday evening last election of officers took place as follows: W. M. T. A. Blakely, S.W., C. H. Munshaw, J.W., J. P. Ottewell; Chaplain, T. Henry; Treasurer, Bellamy; Secretary, W. J. Joseph; Blackburn; Auditor, D. McTavish and H. Smith.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

The following building improvements are at present under way.

Norris Bros. are erecting a work-

shop at the rear of their hardware

store, and have increased their

shelf-room by the removal of a

partition in the building. Mr. W.

H. Thurston is having erected at

the front of his residence a neat

glass enclosed porch with balcony

and door leading thereto. Mr. W.

J. Wright is having a partition re-

moved and other improvements in

the interior of his residence.

AUTOIST STALLED HERE.

A gentleman from Barrie driving

a neat auto carriage met with the

inconvenience of being stalled here

over Friday night and Saturday

last by a perplexing mishap to his

carriage. Within half a mile of the

village his machine went dead and

he was compelled to have it towed

in by a horse. New batteries were

procured from Owen Sound, but it

was Saturday evening before the

trouble was discovered by Dr. Mur-

phy whose genius solved the diffi-

culty, and the belated traveller

passed on his way rejoicing.

SPRING STALLION SHOW.

East Grey Spring Stallion Show

held on the agricultural grounds

here on Wednesday of last week

was quite successful. There was a

good attendance of representative

farmers who viewed with interest

the well-groomed and splendid ani-

mals shown. There were thirteen

horses on the field, and prizes were

awarded by the Government Judge

Mr. Fitzsimmons, of St. Mary's,

as follows:

Imported Clydesdale, aged, Merry

Mason, owned by James Patton

1st; Dumfries Mac, Wm. Burnett,

2nd; Balmedie, Jos. Cairns, 3rd;

Clydesdale, 4 years and under —

King's County, owned by Thomas

Mercer, 1st.

Canadian Bred Draught — McLellan

owned by Alex. McDonald, 1st;

Prince Robert, Donald Campbell,

2nd; Royal Mason, Samuel Bach-

ler, 3rd.

Belgians — Marne, Wm. Lever,

1st; Coach Horse — Kentucky Wilkes,

by Thorne Teeter, 1st;

Hackneys — Diamond City, Thos.

Mercer, 1st.

Standard Bred — Demott, Rudd

Matthews, 1st; Walter T., Samuel

Thompson, 2nd; Lord Ross, John

Findlay, 3rd.

Sweepstakes, heavy horses —

Merry Mason, James Patton, silver

medal.

Sweepstakes, light horses — Dig-

mond City, T. Mercer, silver med-

al.

The cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and

3rd were \$6.00, \$4.00 and \$2.00.

DEATH OF MRS. MOSIER.

On Thursday evening of last

week death removed another old

and well known resident of Flesh-

erton in the person of Mrs. Cath-

arine Mosier, who had reached the

ripe age of 85 years. Six weeks

ago the esteemed old lady had the

misfortune to fall in her own home

and sustained a fracture of the

thigh bone which resulted in her

death after much suffering patient-

ly borne. The funeral took place

to the public cemetery on Thurs-

day afternoon, service being con-

ducted at the house by Revs. L. F.

Kipp and G. C. Little. The de-

ceased had been for many years a

member of the Methodist church

and until infirmities increased was

faithful in attendance at the ser-

vices. The deceased, who was born

at Springhill, York Co., on Dec. 27,

1835, was married at the same

place on Dec. 20, 1843, to Mr. Jas.

Mosier, with whom she afterwards

moved to Wisconsin, and was there

bereft of her husband and one son

Henry, both of whom enlisted in

the American army during the Civil

War and lost their lives. The son

was a drummer boy. For the loss

sustained she has been for many

years drawing a pension from the

United States treasury. Soon after

the war, or about 43 years ago,

she returned with her children to

Canada and came to Flesherton,

WHITNEY CUTS OFF AN EDITOR'S HEAD

And the Editor Gives an Unparallelled Illustration of His Philosophical Training. Revenue of \$3.60 Gone.

(From the Chesley Enterprise. Toronto, Apr. 23d, 1909.)

I have the honor to inform you that his Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to remove you from office as an Issuer of Marriage Licenses.

Any marriage forms which you may have on hand should be returned at once to the department with a statement of account in duplicate, when a refund will be made to you of their value.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Thos. Mulvey,
Assist. Prov. Secy.

Dear reader, do you catch the full significance of the foregoing? It means that as an official under the Whitney Government with emoluments ranging from \$3.60 to \$5.40 per year we have been guillotined.

In simpler Anglo-Saxon our unworthy head has rolled into the basket, and it has been proclaimed throughout the province by means of the official Ontario Gazette that Wm. McDonald, of the town of Chesley no longer holds the commission to take the first step in making lovers happy.

It was in 1907 that we were recommended by Dr. Stewart, who had the patronage of this riding to succeed the late D. M. Halliday as an issuer of marriage licenses. Dr. Crow was also an official issuer.

In 1905 the Ross Government was

turned out of office, and two other

issuers of marriage licenses were

appointed. Chesley had no more

need of four issuers than a pig has

for a hip pocket, and we expected

every mail to bring our doom when

the new Government began to use

the axe with telling effect. How-

ever, it appears the death warrant was

signed, but the execution was de-

ferred for five years. Beside the

block the sullen headsman stood to

smite us where the domesticated

towl got the tomahawk.

And the man who takes the credit of decapitating us is none other than Lt.-Col. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario. What a signal honor to have such a distinguished

gentleman preside at the execution!

He doesn't get extra pay either for

being public executioner. Radcliffe

gets \$100 for every hanging job,

and we have no doubt the work is

distasteful enough to him, but the

Hon. J. M. Gibson professes to be

"pleased" with his function. All

we have to say is that it takes

mighty little to keep him in good

humor.

However, there is no accounting

for what will tickle some people's

fancy. It made us die easier to

recollect that even Mary Queen of

Scots, King Charles I. of England,

and that beautiful Queen Marie

Antoinette of France, as they bared

their necks to receive the blow

could not boast of a lieutenant-

governor wielding the broadaxe or

tripping the guillotine. How splen-

did we are in our death!

There must have been a mistake

in the order, because Hon. J. M.

Gibson was a member of the cabi-

nent that appointed us, and with

out asking for an explanation he

proceeds joyfully with the grue-

some job. Oh! cruel Johnnie Gib-

son, how could you be "pleased"

with such awful work? A brave

soldier like you condemning an in-

offensive civilian without even a

drumhead trial is something un-

heard of in trials of political af-

fairs. It is too late for you to ex-