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THE MARKDALE STANDARD

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14th, 1914.

**Peril of a Love
of Pleasure**

At a meeting of teachers in London recently in connection with the Duty and Discipline movement, the Earl of Meath again sounded a note of warning with regard to our Imperial destiny. He said that the movement now had over 2,000 members, and it was an effort to create good citizens.

Nations rise or fall, not on account of wealth, trade, situation or opportunity, but as the result of character. The British Empire for the future was likely to be ruled by women—not because they might get the vote, but because they exercise influence. Women should therefore be brought up to face Imperial responsibilities.

Former Empires had fallen through wealth, selfishness, love of pleasure, neglect of duty, and absence of discipline. Was any exception going to be made in the case of the British Empire? It was not the statesmen who governed the Empire, but the majority of the nation. If the growth was permitted of a self-indulgent and hysterical sentimentalism, which condoned evil-doing and evil-doers, encouraged the criminal and the slacker, and discouraged the honest hard worker, no miracle would be performed to save the British Empire from the fate which had overtaken all previous nations which had yielded to the seductions of wealth and luxury.

Sir James' Illness.

In the present great battle for life which Sir James Whitney, Premier of Ontario, is experiencing in New York, it is pleasing to read the heartfelt messages of sympathy which leading papers in the Dominion, irrespective of political distinction, have extended to him. The Globe (Liberal) says:

"To people all over Canada, irrespective of party affiliation, the news that Sir James Whitney is very seriously ill in New York, whether he went for medical treatment, will bring the deepest sorrow. In the presence of such a condition all lines of cleavage are obliterated, and people think only of the distinguished sufferer and his stricken domestic circle."

The Telegram (Ind.) says:

"Ontario, irrespective of party, race or creed, is unanimously a watcher at the bedside of Sir James Whitney."

The World (Con.) says:

"Under the circumstances, silence and sympathy must be the tribute of everyone. The people of Ontario will await the issue, conscious of the inner kinship that men feel with a strong, true man, and with tender regard for those he may so soon leave behind."

Nearly all our local exchanges paid complimentary references to Sir James in the hour of trial and suffering which he is experiencing, but it remained for our nearest hometown, the Flesherton Advance, to

make the most discourteous and ill-bred remark which has come under our notice. The Advance says:

"Prayers were offered in Toronto churches for Premier Whitney's health. We had the impression that on the eve of so many local option contests the churches would be praying the other way."

That we have in Grey County a newspaper that would stoop to such a coarse and uncharitable remark is to be regretted. It is a reflection on our churches to suggest that in the hour when the respected Premier was lying on his bed of affliction, that the religious institutions of the Province would be praying for his death in order, perchance, that the local option cause might in some way known only to the Advance, be aided.

We are glad that we are living in an age of chivalry, when such as this true men can lay aside all political or religious differences and think only of the welfare of the illustrious citizen who is hovering between life and death. May such tawdry sentiments as expressed above by the Flesherton Advance never enter the hearts and minds of the people of Ontario. Such shuns on our common humanity certainly have no place in journalism, and the churches and all right-thinking people will readily refute such an ill-mannered remark.

Notes.

Yes, 18 below zero is cold, but a Prairie Province lawyer says "You don't feel it."

The Markdale Standard nominates Hon. T. B. Lucas for the Premiership. Should Sir James Whitney retire. That is the right spirit of loyalty to fellow-citizen. — Collingwood Bulletin.

If a greater percentage of people would make it a point to do their shopping in the forenoon they would find it a decided advantage, besides greatly aiding the shopkeeper, who is perplexed greatly by the throng of shoppers during the afternoon. Give it a trial and be convinced.

The Dominion Grange at its meeting recently urged co-operation and agitation throughout the Dominion, to eliminate the middlemen in agricultural and orchard products between the farmers in the East and those of the West. One speaker declared that farmers of the West were paying three or four times as much for fruit as the Ontario farmers received.

The Attorney General of Ontario has sent out instructions to the effect that the law regarding the punishment of railway trespassers must be rigidly enforced.

The letter points out that during the past year there have been no less than 132 people killed and 62 injured as the direct result of the trespassing on the railroads, and that every legitimate effort must be made to stop it.

Any prosecution which may be made by the railroad companies are in the interest of the public and should be treated as such.

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NEWS FROM SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS

BY STAFF REPORTERS

CEYLON

(Special to The Standard.) Mr. S. E. Chisholt, of Toronto, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chisholt.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodk, McLeod and children left on Thursday morning for their home in Calgary, after spending the past month with Mrs. A. McLeod.

Miss Marie McMullen was the hostess on Tuesday evening of last week at a very enjoyable Euchre party given in her home.

Mr. J. Collinson, of Durham, spent a few days last week with his brother, G. Collinson.

Mrs. Wilson, McMullen, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Kendrick, of Lindhurst, are visiting Cremona friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Woods, of Toronto, were callers in town on Friday.

Mr. H. Bennett, C.P.R. Section Foreman here, are sorry to report, has been confined to his house for the past three weeks with a severe attack of Rheumatism.

Mrs. H. Holmes, of Owen Sound, who has spent the past week with her mother, Mrs. I. Chisholt, who has been ill, returned to Owen Sound Saturday evening.

Miss L. Sargent, who recently returned from the Owen Sound Hospital, is slowly regaining strength. We hope to soon see her able to be around again.

Mr. G. Collinson spent the week end in Durham.

Miss Lena Legate, who has spent the past summer in Cadogan, Alberta, returned home last week to resume her studies in Flesherton High School.

Mr. Geo. Arrowsmith, of Durham, called on Mr. Arch McMillen on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright left on Friday for Wingham.

HARKAWAY

(Special to The Standard.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard and Misses Howard, of Markdale, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Binns over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Crutchley, of Durham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rusk last week.

Misses Mary B. Halbert and Minnie Williamson are visiting with friends in the County Capital.

We are pleased to be able to report Miss Annie Johnston on the road to recovery, after her illness.

The Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. G. E. Kinney last week.

We regret to have to report Mr. G. Taylor under the weather; but hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Rev. J. R. and Mrs. Wilkinson had tea with Mr. and Mrs. Will Wiley Sunday evening.

J. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Kinney spent a social evening recently as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Denison, of Lily Oak.

Miss Campbell, of Milton, arrived on Saturday and will visit the baton in Harkaway academy for learning, for Mr. and Mrs. Patton make an excellent host and hostess.

Miss Robinson, of Bethel, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Bannon, during part of the day.

Messrs. Harkens, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Warner, drove home on Monday last. Mr. Harkens had purchased a fine team of heavy horses from Mr. N. Nichol and he had a long drive with them to near Hamilton.

Mrs. Montgomery, of Dundalk, Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, of Orange Valley.

Mrs. Albert Stinson returned home from a few days visit with friends in Toronto.

PRICEVILLE

(Special to The Standard.) The mild weather last week came to an end on Saturday. Considerable snow fell on Sunday afternoon and Monday, with wind and low temperature.

Sawlogs were coming into the station yards quite nicely last week. A great deal of timber was thrown down by the wind storm on Good Friday last year, and now it is being hurried onto the market.

Stove wood is more plentiful and somewhat cheaper this winter.

The Collegiate pupils have returned to Owen Sound again for their next term, and the several teachers who were home for the holidays have returned to their work again in various places.

J. L. McKinnon, Theologian, has returned to Queen's College, Kingston. J. L. McDonald has secured a school at a good salary in Alton.

Miss F. McMillan returned to her school in Toronto suburbs. Miss Luckie McMillan, who modeled last season, is teaching in a school at Atwood.

The chief topic of conversation this week is the Shredded Wheat Banquet on Friday evening of this week. Supper from 6 to 8 p.m. Program after.

LILY OAK

(Crowded out last week.) Miss Hazel Steer, of Owen Sound is holidaying at the parental home here.

Mr. Gordon Fraser, who has spent some two years in Manitoba, is visiting with his sister, Mrs. T. Young.

Master Percy Gray and Miss Arleen Clarke, also Mrs. M. Madill and Miss Katie spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. Clarke at Griesville, the latter remaining for a couple of weeks.

Miss Hannah Clarke, of Owen Sound, is visiting at the parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Shear and Misses Jessie and Ethel, of Corbettton visited with Mrs. M. Madill the latter part of the week.

Mr. Fred Madill, of Indian Head, Sask., has returned home for the winter.

Our school meeting here passed off quietly. Mr. Jos. Dennis was elected trustee.

VICTORIA CORNERS

(Special to The Standard.)

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Patton celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Monday last, the 5th January. A goodly number of their old and new neighbors were present. The presents consisted of crystal and were very pretty. The orchestra from Swinton Park and Proton Station were present and the music was delightful, so much so that a number forgot to go home until morning, for Mr. and Mrs. Patton make an excellent host and hostess.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nicol visited their friend, Mr. Montgomery, of Orange Valley.

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UNION HILL

(Crowded out last week.)

Mr. Fred Brown of Flesherton, visited recently with his uncle, Mr. Jas. Brown (Springbrook Farm.)

Mr. R. E. English, of Glascott, spent the weekend the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hanrahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowler, of Walters Falls, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fawcett last week.

Mr. Tebbutt, sr., who has been visiting in Owen Sound, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson and daughter, Miss Mary, of Cheesewold, Sunday with their parents.

Mr. Jas. McFadden this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Irving, of Cherry Grove, visited friends in our burg on the first of the week.

Mrs. J. A. Fawcett spent New Years with friends at Goring.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McFadden and son, Dixon, spent New Years with the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. English, (Deer Park Farm) Glascott.

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