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LOCAL NEWS.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

ORGAN FOR SALE.—Second hand, in first class condition. Apply to Jas. H. Carson, Durham.

ON Monday last Mr. Philp Eva left us an old country honey suckle in full leaf and ready to bloom.

Mr. W. E. Hunt, of Vickers, delivered to Hewson Bros 868 bushels of wheat during the past few weeks.

Mr. Wm Lawrence made a final return of a fully paid up tax roll for the North Division of Egremont. Total amount collected, \$5505.30.

THE Annual meeting of the Egremont Agricultural Society will be held in their new Hall on Wednesday January 11th next. W. T. Petrie, Secretary, Holstein.

THE Farmers' Institute meeting will be held in Durham on Tuesday next when practical addresses will be delivered by Mr. Zavitz, of Guelph, Mr. Thompson, of St. Catharines, and a number of local agriculturists.

Mr. Robt Morice, an aspirant for the Normanby Reeveship, is looked upon as a competent and likely candidate. A municipal experience of 5 years, an honest life and a genial off hand disposition should go a long way in winning public favor.

Prominent amongst the events of the year passing away is the enormous achievement made by the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal. This great weekly paper surprises the whole world by its success. The Family Herald and Weekly Star now gladdens the homes of five hundred thousand people. Well may Canadians be proud of it.

One of the greatest monuments to the year 1897 is the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, which during the past year has made a record. Its strides in usefulness and popularity are recognized by the press everywhere. All Canadians will wish the Family Herald and Weekly Star a continuance and increase of that world wide support to which it is truly entitled.

Mr. P. S. Matthews of Gladwyn, Michigan, son of Mrs Matthews in town here, who has been visiting friends the past week returned home on Tuesday. Mr Matthews was born in Durham, got his early education in the old Orange Hall and left here about twenty-five years ago. Since leaving he has been home only four times but never remained over night on previous occasions. As an old typo he felt an interest in THE CHRONICLE where he learned the case.

Rev. A. G. Jansen, Presbyterian clergyman of Durham will deliver his popular lecture on "Holland and the Hollanders" in the School-house S.S. No. 1 Glenelg, on Thursday evening the 6th of January. All are cordially invited. A liberal collection will be taken upon behalf of the leper Mission, for the lepers in India and China. Mr. Jansen has delivered this lecture in many towns and cities throughout Western Ontario, and judging from the various press reports that have come under our notice, we are confident a rare treat is in store.

HONOR ROLL of Durham School for December:—Sr Jv: Cassie McDonald, Annie Lawrence, Ella Laidlaw, Eva Mockler, Phoebe Wolf and Ada Brown aeq. Jr Iv: Jessie Laidlaw, Annie Colville, Emma McCaul, Mag. Hutton, Mabel Cameron. Sr Ii: Vina Kress and Grace Barclay aeq, Nellie Watt, Flossie Limin, Edith Grant, Mary Vollet. Jr Ii: Mary Ferguson, Homar Hind, Archie Thompson, Duncan McKenzie, Susie McClocklin. Sr Ii: Florence Saunders, Violet Willis, Fred Kelly, Willie Lavelle and Murray Smith aeq, Willie Saunders, Jr Ii: Maggie Grant, (Alice Ramage, John Lloyd and Arthur Allan aeq.) Grace Willis, Daisy Blackburn, Wm. Laidlaw and Mamie Munroe aeq. Sr Pt Ii: Amy Kelly, Arthur Knisely, Everard McKinnon, Robert Vollet and Ed Kilmer aeq. John Fox. Jr Pt Ii A: Frossard Benton, Essie Laidlaw, Carman Aljoe, John Darling, Islay Gordon. Jr Pt Ii B: Jewel Little, Rita Irwin, Nellie Smith, Effie Barclay and Percy Vollet aeq, Hazel Caldwell and Pearl Warner aeq. Sr I: Carl Brown, George Lloyd. Intern't: Kate Nester, Bert Caldwell. Jr A: Archie Gray, Jemima Saunders and Effie Hunter aeq. Jr B: Eva Burnet, James McLachlan and Irene Leavens aeq.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Lt. Col. F. Hunter is in town. Miss Meenagh of Ropeville is visiting at Mr. S. Scott's.

Mr. Thos. Lauder, of Peoria, Ill., is visiting his mother.

Miss M. Wallace will spend New Years at home.

Misses Collier and Kress spent Xmas in Toronto.

Mrs. Boynton, of Toronto, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lauder.

Mr. Thos. Farr returned Monday to Huron College, London.

Miss Maggie Buchan left for Milverton last week.

Miss Gertie Meredith begins teaching at Orchardville next week.

Miss Hattie Moffat, of Owen Sound, is visiting at Mr. Laidlaw's.

Mr. J. Castles spent Xmas at his home in Fergus.

Miss Allie Grant returns Monday to the O. S. Coll. Inst.

Mr. Will Moore of Flesherton passed through on his way to Normanby.

Dr. and Mrs. Culbertson, and family are visiting friends in town.

Mr. W. D. Staples is spending a few weeks with Glenelg friends.

Dr. Gun, of Woodstock, spent Xmas with his parents and friends in town.

Miss McKenzie, teacher of Neustadt is spending her holidays in town.

Mr. H. A. Hunter, of Minneapolis, spent a few days in town since last issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbett, of Toronto, visited at Mr. Geo. Whitmore's over Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Davis, of Portage la Prairie, is visiting her parents at Edge Hill.

Mr. Arthur and Miss Lizzie Laidlaw return Monday to Harriston High School.

Mr. Wallace, of Harriston, spent Sunday in town visiting his sister, Miss Maggie.

Mr. John Whelan, of Warton, is holidaying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Whelan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Warren and niece of Kewatin are visiting at Mr. H. W. Mockler's.

Mr. George Wright, Markdale, son of Mr. John Wright, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. W. Swallow, who spent the summer sailing between Buffalo and Chicago, is home for the winter.

Mr. George Grant, of Elmstead, is visiting his mother and other relatives in the vicinity.

Miss Bull, of the Orangeville teaching staff is spending the holidays with her parents and friends in Durham.

Mr. Malcolm McInnes returned lately from Kamloops B. C., Nicola Valley, to continue farming near Priceville.

Miss Bessie Hughes of Warton and Miss F. Hughes, of Owen Sound Collegiate Institute are spending a few days at home.

Miss Mearns and Miss Nellie of Hanover, sister and daughter respectively of Dr. Mearns were visiting at Mr. W. D. Mills' lately.

Mr. Patterson, of Fordwich, and two sisters, the Misses Patterson, of the same place are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. H. Bean of the Big 4.

Mr. W. J. Mitchell, of Clinton, ex-editor of THE CHRONICLE, spent Christmas in Hanover where we had the pleasure of an interview with him.

Mr. Thomas Matthews, of Portage la Prairie, son of Mr. George Matthews, of Glenelg, is home on a visit after an absence of five years in the Prairie province.

Mr. Dugald McArthur, of Scotland, a former partner of Mr. Neil McArthur in Klondyke mining stock, is visiting his cousin, Mr. Charles McArthur, merchant of Durham.

—All persons indebted to me are requested to call and settle by cash on or before the 15th of January. If not so paid, the accounts will be placed in other hands for collection. Alex Beggs, Allan Park.

ONE of our citizens is troubled over a dinner he got from a Walkerton Firm for a 10c plug of smoking tobacco. Dot vosh peesiness. The messenger who cheated the government by delivering the account is billing the merchant for 15c. Dot vosh peesiness too.

NOMINATIONS.

On Monday evening last the Council Chamber of the Town Hall was well filled with anxious ratepayers, who assembled to hear the Council for 1898 give an account of their stewardship, and particularly to see how Mayor Calder would handle his case in the face of a growing opposition to him in the discharge of his duties as the Chief Magistrate of the town. Our statement in a recent issue, that no serious charges were to be preferred against the individual members of the Council was confirmed, by the action of the meeting, in allowing them to be returned by acclamation, as well as Reeve Sparling, whose nomination was included in that made by Mr. R. Macfarlane Sr. The chief interest centred in the election for Mayor and in opposition to Mr. Calder, the name of Mr. Wm. Laidlaw was proposed amidst considerable enthusiasm. The time having expired, and the time for receiving nominations being declared over, Mr. Laidlaw raised an objection to the proceedings, which he characterized as illegal owing to the whole list of Councillors being nominated by a ratepayer who had no property in one of the wards. On the other hand it was contended that since no objection had been made until after the hour had expired, it was prima facie evidence of satisfaction on the part of the ratepayers.

Mr. Calder in speaking, reviewed the past year's work, pointed out wherein efforts were made to establish industries, explained his action in connection with the electric light Co., and in soliciting the support of the ratepayers he showed a pardonable pride in his ambition to hold the mayoralty a second term, and that if re-elected would retire at the end of 1898.

Mr. Laidlaw followed, in a vigorous criticism of the Calder administration, and challenged the Council and Ratepayers for a precedent in justification of the illegal proceedings of the nomination. The address was spirited, and the rounds of applause showed that Mr. Laidlaw had a good following. At the close however he expressed his desire to withdraw from the contest, rather than run for an office created by an illegal nomination.

But the fun continued and at one time it seemed as if there was more to follow. The jangling became general, but settled down after a time without the aspirants getting into a "scrap."

Over and above the general jarring the stentorian voice of a well known citizen was heard to tell a member of the Council that he was "crazy." This diverted the general attention and for a few minutes the war of words ran high. Both gentlemen, however, left the hall as soon as the wind had passed over, and no calamity has since been reported.

DURHAM—Mayor—Wm. Calder, W. Laidlaw. Reeve—Geo. Sparling, elected by acclamation. Councillors—North Ward, Parker, Hunter, Elvidge, West Ward, George MeKechnie, Robt. Bull and D. Kinnee. East Ward, Jas. Brown, George Moore and Wm. Whitmore.

BENTINCK—S. Dickson, Reeve; J. Brown, 1st deputy; J. Devlin, 2nd deputy; R. Leslie 3rd deputy, Geo. Adam, councillor. All re-elected by acclamation.

GLENELG—Reeve, Staples 2nd deputy Reeve, McFadden were elected by acclamation, George Lamb, J. Williams, J. McMillan, J. Firth, and T. Sullivan, are nominees for the position of councillors.

EGREMONT—Reeve, P. Dickson, J. Swanston. 1st Deputy, John Philp, D. Hunter. 2nd Deputy, C. McInnes, Wm. McFadden. Councillors—C. Robb, Thos. Ferguson, D. McQueen, F. Rusnell.

NORMANBY—Reeve, Koenig, and Morice. 1st Deputy, Forbes, Haipel, 2nd Deputy, O'Reilly, and Ellis. Councillors—Drier, Black, Kreller, and Brusco.

DURHAM, Nov. 24th 1897. T. P. SMITH Esq., Elora, Ontario.

DEAR SIR:—The glasses you fitted for me some two months ago, I have been using ever since, and although I have been compelled to use glasses for the past fifteen years, and in that time have spent a large amount of money buying unsuitable articles—for my eyes you said were not alike but the glasses I got from you give entire satisfaction.

I would not give 25c for the best pair of glasses in Durham unless it was only to look at. Yours are A 1.

Yours truly, WM. JOHNSTON. Manager, Glenrodden Mills, Durham. Mr. Smith will beat MacFarlane's Drug Store. Only, W. C., Jan. 12th, '98.

PRESENTATION

On Wednesday afternoon the pupils and teacher of S. S. No. 1, Normanby had their closing exercises, and after passing an hour or so in social intercourse after which Mr. Kerr the teacher, was presented with a beautiful Easy Chair, The Presbyterian Book of Praise, with music and a handsome copy of Mrs. Heman's Poems. Mr. Kerr made a suitable reply expressing his thankfulness to the pupils and rate payers generally for their kindness during five and a half years. All were treated to a bountiful supply of cakes, apples, candies etc., after which all returned to their homes feeling that a pleasant evening was spent.

ADDRESS. TO MR. KERR, OUR TEACHER:—

We your pupils when on this occasion our relations as teacher and pupils are about to sever, desire to express in words of kindness and respect our appreciation of your efforts, interest and teaching ability on our behalf. Many of us will have made creditable advancement in school learning and those of us who may not have done so will have ourselves largely to blame. We desire to assure you of the respect and esteem in which you are held by the school and beg you to accept of this chair and these books, as a further token of our respect, which you have so richly merited as our teacher and friend. We hope you will receive these simple presents as indicating our love and kindness towards you, and that their value may be exceeded by the pleasure of giving and receiving, is the wish of your pupils.

Signed on behalf of the school
LYDIA GADD,
MAGGIE MEARNS,
JOHN BACKUS,
ARCHIE WATSON.

Interesting Discovery

Walkerton Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special)—A party of Hunters from Walkerton came across a curious archaeological "find" at the "Blue Springs," three miles east of here, while out hunting for game some time ago. These Blue Springs are a small stream emptying into the Saugeen at Maple Hill, and consist mainly of a pool of water of unknown depth, the overflow of which, on its way to the river, has worn into the ground a number of holes not much larger than puddle holes, but all of which have the remarkable quality of turning

ing into stone and substance that is thrown into them. Away down in the unknown depths of the main spring can be seen on a clear day the branches, limbs, and trunks of trees of the primeval forest, all of which have long since turned into adamantine-rock.

Whilst stooping to get a drink on the day in question one of the hunters suddenly gave an unearthly yell, and springing up excitedly declared that he had seen a ghost in the spring. Mr. J. P. Klempp, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Walkerton, courageously declared that he was not afraid of ghosts, and turning back unearthed the object that had alarmed his companion. It proved to be a human face turned to stone. The back part of the head is gone and inside the skull is a considerable growth of roots and plants. Mr. Klempp brought it to town where it has since formed an item of interest to the curious. Dr. J. J. Wisser, D. L. S., purchased it from Mr. Klempp for a considerable sum, and is taking it to Buffalo this week, for examination by the Archeological Society of that city. The features are those of a squaw, and the most tenable theory of those who examined it here is that in ages long gone by the owner fell on her face in the pool, and died there. The body of course decayed, and the back of the head was soon worn away by the action of the atmosphere, whilst the face remained preserved in the living water of the pool. All manner of curious speculations are hazarded as to the possible personality of the original. Like Belzoni's mummy, who presumably walked the streets of Thebes three thousand years ago, the owner of this skull was once a human being who in all probability tramped through the forests of Bruce, ages before the white man appeared on the scene.

MARRIED.

SMITH—WEIR—In Glenelg at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. A. G. Jansen. Mr. William Smith to Miss Janet Weir, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Weir.

DIED.

MCGIRR—In Glenelg on Dec. 19th, William George, infant son of Thos. and Elizabeth McGirr, aged 9 months and 17 days.

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We never had such a Stock of them!
The Quality never was so high!
The Prices never were so low!

If you wish to send that distant friend of yours a Xmas Reminder, this is one of the things that will be appreciated.

Children's Handkerchiefs, fancy border, 1c. each.
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Ladies' fancy white Hdk's, inlaid corners, 2 for 25c.
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Gentlemen's Neck Scarfs, spec'l value at 25, 30, 35, 40c.

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Five lbs. Choice Mixed Candies for 25c.
Fine Chocolates 15c. a lb.
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