

In commencing a new year with this issue we feel it a duty to express our thanks to all who have in any way assisted us through the difficulties that beset one during his first efforts at local journalism.

To our many readers we feel truly grateful, and particularly to those who have contributed of their means to furnish the wherewith necessary to keep the business running.

To the business men, who have so liberally patronized our columns we give an unqualified expression of gratitude, and while we feel that they have been a benefit to us, we trust that they, on the other hand, may have been benefitted by the publicity our columns have given the respective articles to which they wished to call the attention of the public. Truly we have enjoyed a liberal advertising patronage.

Towards our correspondents too, we have a feeling of deep indebtedness for the many interesting items of news furnished so cheerfully. Many of these items may not have been appreciated by all our readers, yet some heart in a distant land may have been gladdened at the sight of an old friend's name. To those contributing these very important factors of a local paper we must express our thanks, and after a year's experience we rejoice that everything has been conducted so amicably.

Of the citizens of Durham our year's sojourn has strengthened our good opinion, and we trust that as years roll by a growing friendship may manifest itself. Hoping that the year we have just entered may be a prosperous and happy one.

We remain as ever yours
THE EDITOR.

The Humber Piggery Case came up last week before the Public Accounts Committee. The Government challenged the Opposition to prove certain charges made concerning the selling of diseased meat. The challenge was only too gladly accepted, but the Government tried to burke the investigation by refusing to hear important witnesses for the prosecution until after the evidence for the defence had been received.

The outbreak occurred in July '96 and Veterinary Smith's report was dated Dec. 21st. '97 and made without the aid of a memorandum.

The evidence of the butcher showed that every hog killed was diseased and unfit for use.

Ninety-seven were sold for human food.

Dr. Smith said he assumed all the responsibility. He inspected the pigs on Saturday and they were killed on Monday. He found twelve diseased. He ordered them all killed, and those in perfect condition to be sent to the Central Prison, where Inspector Sweetapple was to inspect them. The Government killed some and sent them to the prison when Sweetapple was not there. They were sold without his seeing them. He admitted that hogs apparently all right might be found to be infected when killed.

S. G. Farmers' Institute.

The annual meeting of the South Grey Farmers' Institute was held here on Tuesday last. A delegation consisting of Prof. C. A. Zavitz, Expert in soil at the O. A. C. Guelph, and Mr. Robt. Thompson, of St. Catharines, Farmer and Fruit Grower, addressed one of the largest audiences of farmers ever assembled in Durham.

The president, Mr. Young, occupied the chair. After a few introductory remarks Mr. Zavitz was called upon to show the results of experiments made on roots and potatoes at the experimental station at Guelph. Different varieties had been thoroughly tested and the results extending over a number of years gave a good idea of the best kinds in the different lines. Flat cultivation proved most satisfactory in the raising of potatoes, turnips, carrots and mangels. The largest seed gave the largest yield. Only good seed should be used. The most profitable yield is obtained from planting medium sized whole potatoes. The experiments in potato culture gave yields of 148 to 213 bushels per acre according to variety through a number of years. Similarly the yield of turnips averaged nearly 21 tons per acre. Sow seed about the 20th of June. From 17 to 25 tons of mangels per acre have resulted from experiments; should be sown as early as possible

so as to escape the frost, say about May 1. Mr. Zavitz also referred to other matter and answered a multitude of questions having a practical bearing on the subject.

Mr. W. L. Dixon read what was pronounced an excellent paper on the cultivation of strawberries. His instructions regarding planting, cultivating, manuring and protecting were all to the point, and beneficial to any who should enter strawberry culture.

Mr. Robert Thompson of St. Catharines followed, and after complimenting Mr. Dixon on the practical character of his paper, he entered into a profitable address on the cultivation of small fruits, including strawberries, raspberries, plums etc.

Concluded next week.

Municipal Elections.

Throughout the County a more than usual disposition has been shown to retain the old councils or portions of them.

In Bentinck every member was returned by acclamation without a dissenting voice, a reward for the general satisfaction given during the past year. They are all good men and by retaining their services Bentinck has not only a good council but has saved the expenses of an election.

The contest in Glenelg was over the election of Councillors, the Reeve and Deputy having been returned by acclamation. The candidates for the council were Messrs. Williams, McMillan, Firth, Lamb and Sullivan, the first three gentlemen being elected. The only difference in the personnel of the council being the return of Mr. Firth instead of Mr. Lamb who was defeated by one vote. Mr. Williams headed the poll with 261 votes and was followed by the other gentlemen in the order in which the names appear.

In Egremont the elections were as follows:—Reeve, Mr. P. Dickson, 1st deputy, Mr. C. McInnes 2nd deputy, Mr. B. Hunter, Councillors, Messrs. Ferguson and McQueen.

Artemesia elected Dr. Christie for Reeve, and Messrs. McMillan, Kells, McTavish and Thompson as councillors. The chief interest centred in the election of the Reeve. Dr. Christie the invincible war horse of sixteen years, and more recently the historiographer of the township was opposed by Mr. McArthur, Priceville a plain man without any literary embellishments yet the Dr. was returned by a miserable tantalizing majority thirty-three votes. His election was no surprise but the measly majority was little better than a defeat. Mr. McArthur is a gentleman of sterling character, and had been better known and a resident of a more central part of the municipality his election would have been certain. While we sympathize with Mr. McArthur in his defeat we congratulate him on his noble and almost winning fight against the great 'apostle of economy' and the architect of the Boyne bridge.

The Township fathers elected in Normanby are:—R. Morice, Reeve, Mr. Forbes, 1st deputy, Mr. O'Reilly 2nd deputy, (aecl), Councillors, Messrs. Dreier and Black.

TRAVERSTON.

Miss Handbury, of Owen Sound, was the guest of Miss Ella Cook during the last week. She returned home on Monday.

Miss Mary Robson left for Owen Sound on Monday to attend the Col. Inst. She has taught the past two years very successfully at Louise and brought home a handsome memento as a farewell gift. Asa took the 7:00 a. m. train the same morning for Galt.

Master John Cook has bid farewell to farming to enter mercantile life in Mr. Hill's store, Markdale. John is handsome, bright and courteous and is sure to please and succeed.

The following is the record of the manner in which some of our bachelors spent the nights of last week—Monday a Methodist party; Tuesday, a Baptist Soiree; Wednesday, a big dance; Thursday, a hop; Friday, a rest, and Saturday, courting night.

Honors are beginning to pour in on Charlie McClockin since he became a dad. Last Wednesday, he was elected trustee in No. 5.

Mr. Wm. Pelton and Miss Lottie McNally arrived from Grand Rapids last Friday night.

Sam Jack is enjoying his holidays in great shape.

The Peart family had their number enlarged on the New Year. Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson and baby, Mr. Hudson's brother and sister and John Peart came over from South Bentinck—a merry sleigh load.

Zionites had an immense time over at the 10th Baptist Soiree. It was a grand success. Crowded full, lots to eat, a splendid program, a host of witty and yet sage speakers and the popular Gr hrm in the chair. Proceeds \$52.

FLESHERTON.

The Methodist Sabbath School encountered inclement weather for their entertainment on New Year's evening, but notwithstanding this the old time enthusiasm prevailed and the church was well filled with an appreciative audience. The children were out in full force and were first served tea, after which all comers were bountifully served. The pastor Rev. Mr. Mahan presided and after the opening song called upon Rev. Mr. Thom to lead in prayer. Then came the children's turn to entertain their parents and friends, which they did with a large number of recitations, dialogues and songs, which for the most part were well rendered, and pleasing to the audience. We cannot enumerate, but among the little folks Mabel Boyd, Ella Barnhouse and Ruby Trimble sang pretty songs, and Edna and Laura Pedlar a pretty daet. Miss Ida Gjerdrum gave a recitation with good effect, and Miss Clara Strain sang a pleasing solo with violin obligato. A Ribbon Drill, by fifteen girls, looked pretty, but the best and crowning number was "The May Queen," which was very well given, and showed that great pains had been bestowed in its preparation. The reports presented showed activity and progress in the school. Proceeds \$65.

The following are the officers elected in the Methodist Ladies Aid Society for the current year; Hon Pres Mrs J W Armstrong, Pres Mrs W H Flesher, Sec Mrs W A Armstrong Treas Mrs Pedlar, Parsonage Comm Mrs J W Armstrong, Mrs Flesher, and Mrs Lawrence.

The officers elected in Dufferin Lodge I O G F for the current year are: J Whitten, N G, J Adams V G R N Henderson, R S, W Moore, P S, D McTavish Treas.

The Municipal elections in Artemesia resulted as follows: Reeve, Dr Christie, Councillors, McMillan, Kells, and McTavish.

Mr. W. W. Trimble has a complete outfit, and made his first trip with the Flesherston and Durham mail on Saturday last.

While running a circular saw on Tuesday of last week, Andrew Bentham had the index finger of his right hand severed at the second joint.

Mr. A. M. Gibson lost a highly prized dog last week. The wounds in the side indicated having been stabbed with a hay fork. The perpetrator of the cruel deed is likely yet to be found out and deserves severe punishment.

At the annual School meeting last week, Dr. Christie and Banker Mitchell were nominated for the office and the latter was elected.

Flesherton narrowly escaped a blaze on New Years. Upon awakening, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, who reside over Mitchell's bank were awakened by a glare of light in an adjoining room, where it was discovered that a lounge, the floor, and lace curtains were on fire, and in a few minutes more would have been beyond control.

Mr. D. W. Thompson was storm stayed here on Sunday evening, and preached for Mr. Thom in the Presbyterian church. He leaves this week to enter the Missionary Institute at Nyack, N. Y.

The New Years visitors here were Mr. Geo. Bruce barrister, Collingwood, and Mr. Little dentist Colburne, the guests of M. Richardson and family.

Mr. W. Neil is visiting his sister at Wm. Neil's.

Miss Watt of Stratford is visiting her uncle Rev. Thom. Mr. R. Wright the parental home. Mr. and Mrs. W. Armstrong of Lucknow, accompanied by Miss Arnold of Rat Portage were the guests of Mrs. J. W. Armstrong. Rev. and Mrs. R. Keefer of Linwood visited the former's parents.

Miss Boyd of Conn is visiting her brother Mr. John Boyd.

Mr. Dr. Reid of Shelburne is visiting her sister Mrs. W. Trimble.

Miss Emma Wright of Weston is visiting old friends.

Miss Ila Crane of Owen Sound is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Trimble.

Mr. Geo. Mitchell spent New Year at Allison, T. W. Keby at Guelph, Archie Gibson and Mrs. VanZant at Toronto. Dr. Richardson of Toronto Junction spent part of his holidays with his parents here. Miss Zilla Trimble is visiting with her aunt at Shelburne.

CARD OF THANKS.

DESIRE TO SINCERELY THANK the Electors of Glenelg for the hearty support accorded me at the recent election, and for the handsome majority by which they have again returned me to represent them. Although strong words may have been used by some during the canvass, we can all shake hands now with the best of good feeling. Wishing all a prosperous New Year, and again thanking you, I hope I still remain Yours as ever,
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LAKE VIEW.

Mr. John Allan returned from Galt on Xmas eve to help eat the big fat turkey. John has spent nine long months in that part and returned home as hale and hearty as ever.

Mr. George Henry left a couple of weeks ago for Hepworth, where he will remain for the winter if employment can be found.

One of our Greensiders went to Hopville for a cheese. On his return home a friendly dog devoured it while he was enjoying the company of an acquaintance on whom he had called.

Mr. Andrew and Miss Agnes Hunter spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. James Mathers of Normanby.

Mr. G. W. Wilson has been making great preparations around the saw mill. Mr. Wm. Ritchie has been engaged to build the brickwork for the boiler, which he has raised. We will see the smoke next year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Moffat and Mr. and Mrs. John Collier of Edge Hill were the guests of W. McMeeken one day last week.

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Fall Wheat.....	80 to 82
Spring Wheat.....	80 to 82
Oats.....	22 to 24
Peas.....	42 to 44
Barley.....	25 to 30
Hay.....	5 00 to 8 00
Butter.....	14 to 14
Eggs per doz.....	13 to 14
Apples..... per bag.....	50 to 1 00
Potatoes..... per bag.....	40 to 5 0
Flour per cwt.....	1 60 to 2 40
Oatmeal per sack.....	1 75 to 1 90
Chop per cwt.....	75 to 75
Turkeys per lb.....	7 to 8
Geese per lb.....	4 to 5
Ducks per pair.....	40 to 50
Chickens per pair.....	20 to 30
Dressed Hogs per cwt.....	5 00 to 5 25
Hides..... per lb.....	6 to 7
Sheepskins.....	50 to 75
Wool.....	17 to 20

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